

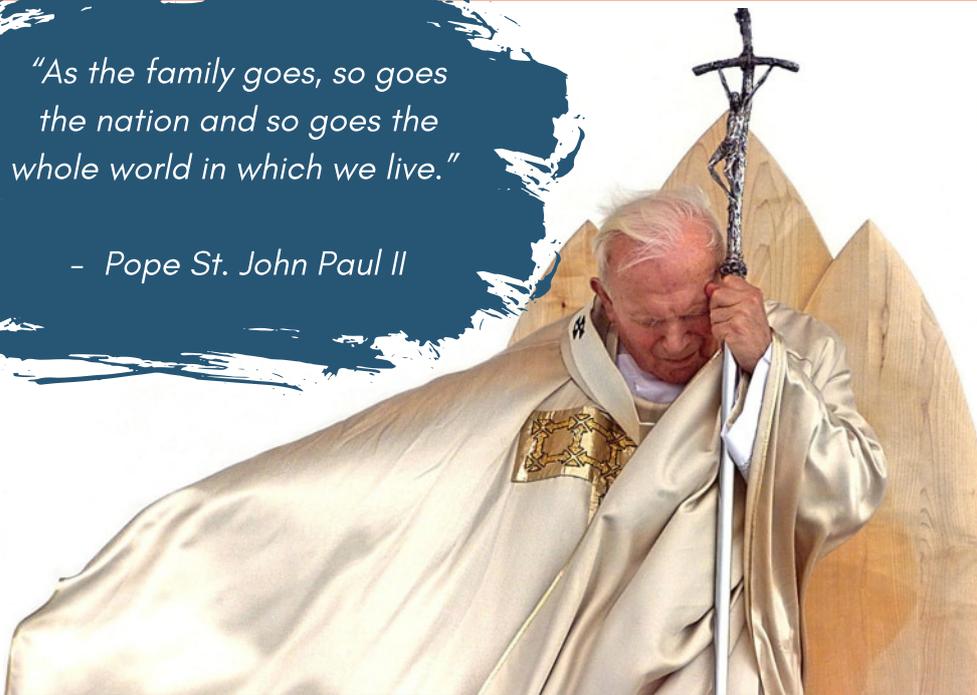
Growing with God

Our Weekly Marian Star Herald



"As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live."

- Pope St. John Paul II



November is our month of reflection

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This week we're asking your family the questions that make you go, "hmmm".

Thanksgiving Dinner & Food Drive

We're growing and welcoming new families and members into our Parish, who need our support this season.

Share our gratitude with your neighbors and Christ.

Saint of the week & more

This week we are honoring the first American Saint | -St. Francis Xavier

Reminders & Opportunities for Parents

Lot's of opportunities to learn, grow and serve. See what's happening in our diocese.



We honor all who serve(d) our great nation. Thank you for your unwavering dedication to our country.



ALEX'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

From our Director of Faith Formation

Last week, I mentioned I like to refer to November as the "Month of Reflection." Continuing with that theme, here's a great list to unpack while gathered as a family. Over the course of this month, create opportunities to share together the myriad aspects of our lives we feel grateful for. These could be people, places, things, feelings, experiences – the list is virtually endless. Especially during our struggles, pain, and difficult times, naming our gratitude and expressing it in thanksgiving seems to provide all of us with a way to see the bigger picture – God holding you, name inscribed, in the palm of His hand (Isaiah 49:16). Indeed, all of us have much to be grateful for!

You know, I bet there are more things on your gratitude list than you realize, so check out the prompts below! Use whichever of these might help focus you and your family on the many blessings in your lives!

You can also use this as a "question a day" in November or create a few "family time" opportunities this month where everyone can pick a prompt to respond to. Feel free to print the next page and leave it on your dinner table for "family time" or dinner discussion.



Did you know?

- ✦ The Catholic Church consists of more than just the Roman Catholic Church. There are 22 Eastern Rites that are in full communion with Rome and although they go by different names, they are every bit as much a part of the Catholic Church.
- ✦ Johannes Gutenberg, the inventor of the printing press, was Catholic and the first book ever printed was the Catholic Bible.
- ✦ About 15 percent of all hospitals in the United States are Catholic hospitals. In some parts of the world, the Catholic Church provides the only healthcare, education and social services available to people.

Daily with your 30 Fun Little One QUESTIONS

1. Recall a memory that makes you smile.
2. Describe an event you're looking forward to.
3. Describe a place you feel safe.
4. Who are you glad to have in your life today and why?
5. What is the best part of your day?
6. Which song always lifts your mood?
7. Describe something about yourself that others seem to enjoy.
8. What about your home are you grateful for?
9. What made you smile this week?
10. Describe how you felt after you assisted someone in need.
11. What is something positive in your life that you didn't have a year ago?
12. Describe an opportunity you have been grateful for.
13. Describe something beautiful you saw today.
14. What is a skill you are glad you have?
15. Share about something you find fulfilling.
16. What activities brings you peace and joy?
17. Describe something about your faith that makes you smile.
18. What are you grateful to know?
19. Describe something in nature you are grateful for.
20. Write down a compliment you were grateful to receive.
21. What is something that has made your life easier?
22. Share about a teacher or mentor you're grateful for.
23. Reflect on how your favorite hobby is a gift from God.
24. Share about something good that happened to someone you care about recently.
25. At Thanksgiving dinner today, thank God for one blessing He's given you.
26. Share one thing you like about Ponte Vedra.
27. Share about a time a stranger was kind to you.
28. Share with the family about something you have that money can't buy.
29. How does being grateful make you feel?
30. How do you show your gratitude to others?



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“Those who trouble their family will inherit the wind. The fool will be servant to the wise.”

— Proverbs 11:29

The Good News: If you bring trouble and harm to your family, you will gain absolutely nothing. But if you care and bring love to your home, you will only gain the same in return.

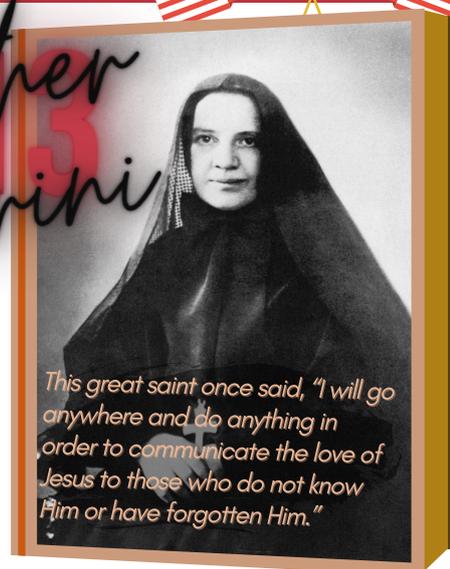
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SAINT OF THE WEEK

LEARN ABOUT WEDNESDAY'S SAINT OF THE DAY EACH WEEK!

The Church celebrates the feast day of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini on November 13th. She was the first United States citizen to ever become a canonized saint! How cool is that?!

Francesca Cabrini was born in Italy in the year 1850. She had always wanted to be a missionary, but her sights had always been set on China and the Far East. She studied with the Daughters of the Sacred Heart and became a primary school teacher. Her desire for religious life led her to request entrance to two different communities, but both refused her due to her poor health.



Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

Her pastor then suggested her to become the director of an orphanage for girls called the House of Providence. She did her best as the director, but the orphanage closed a few years later due to circumstances beyond her control.

Francesca had not given up on her dream of becoming a missionary. She began to make plans for her own missionary community, which she called the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. It was a revolutionary idea. Up until that time, Catholic missionaries had always been men. After some resistance, she was allowed to found this new community of missionary women, and in 1880 her Rule of Life was approved.

She began in Italy and then, in 1887, went to Rome to explore the possibilities of mission work abroad. In an audience with Pope Leo XIII, she explained her desire to do mission work in the Far East. After listening carefully and weighing what he already knew about the terrible conditions of Italian immigrants in the United States, the Pope gave his decision. He asked her to minister to the Italians who had emigrated to the United States and were living in "Little Italy," an Italian immigrant neighborhood in New York City. Mother Cabrini accepted the challenge. With six of her sisters, she became an immigrant to the United States herself, and later a citizen.

The Archbishop of New York had asked for Italian priests to minister to the new immigrants. When the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart arrived, he did not welcome them. There was no house ready for them and no one to meet them or to help them adjust to the chaos of New York City. Instead, Archbishop Corrigan told them to take the same ship back again to Italy! However, Mother Cabrini was not to be dissuaded. "I have letters from the Pope," she said. She found accommodations among the immigrants in Little Italy, begged door-to-door for money to help her start her mission, and began teaching the children, visiting the sick, and feeding the hungry. Other religious women helped them, and soon the shopkeepers in Little Italy were saving food for them to eat and to distribute to those in need.

Mother Cabrini's work in New York was only the beginning. She and her sisters soon spread out over the entire country—wherever Italian immigrants could be found. She went to Cincinnati, Pittsburg, Buffalo, Chicago, Saint Louis, Denver, San Francisco, Seattle, and New Orleans. She even started a prison ministry, visiting prisoners on death row and caring for their relatives. She expanded her work to Central America and Argentina as well. She traveled often to Italy to oversee her houses there, where the Sisters were trained for their missionary work. On December 22, 1917, in one of her own hospitals in Chicago, she died. Working until the end, she had been wrapping little packages of candy to be given to parochial school children as Christmas treats.

As a founder of schools, orphanages, child-care centers, and hospitals, Mother Cabrini influenced the lives of countless Italian-Americans. Through her active and courageous witness to God's love for the poor, she strengthened the Church in America and won the loyalty and gratitude of generations of Italian Catholics. Mother Cabrini was very clear that her mission was to Italian immigrants. She knew them, she knew their language, she knew what they needed. They were "her own." This strong sense of mission gave her courage and strength as she spent herself, day after day, in service to those in need.

In "taking care of her own" Mother Cabrini became the first naturalized citizen of the United States to be declared a saint. She became the patron of immigrants of all nationalities. She never lost sight of her dreams, and her life is a reminder that, when something ends, it may simply mean that something else is beginning.

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THANKS GIVING DINNER

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 25, 2021

*You're
Invited*
11.25

FELLOWSHIP BEGINS AT
12PM WITH APPETIZERS
DINNER SERVED AT 1PM

OLSS CULTURAL CENTER

RSVP BY MONDAY 11/15 TO
OFFICE@OLSSPVB.ORG



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE



Suggested Non Perishable Items

FOOD DONATIONS MAY
BE LEFT AT THE
GATHERING AREA OF THE
CHURCH

NOVEMBER 6TH & 7TH
DECEMBER 4TH & 5TH

OLSS HOLIDAY FOOD
DRIVE FOR



IT IS THROUGH YOUR KINDNESS AND
GENEROSITY THAT BEAM AND MISSION
HOUSE ARE ABLE TO OFFER BOUNTIFUL
HOLIDAY MEALS TO FAMILIES IN NEED
AT THE BEACHES.

ATTENTION: ARE YOU BETWEEN 18-35 YEARS OLD?

OLSS Youth & Young Adult Ministry



Introducing... our new Youth Director!

My name is Alison Benton, and I am writing to introduce myself as well as to get to know you! Before taking time off to stay home with our girls, I worked at Bishop Kenny High School for six years teaching English and Journalism and working as Yearbook Adviser. I have always been drawn to working with teenagers and am excited to serve and support the youth ministry program in this new role!

Join us 18-35

More Events Coming Soon!

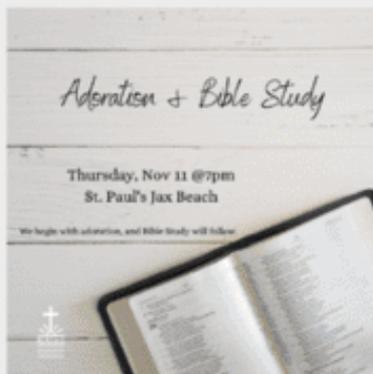
Youth & Young Adults, subscribe to our newsletter for event info, service opportunities, inspiration, and resources for living a Catholic Life!



Our Lady Star of the Sea
YOUTH MINISTRY



Young Adult Events

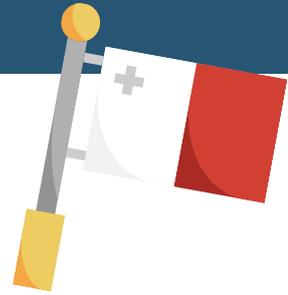


Our young adult group is for ages 18-35, and serves both Our Lady Star of the Sea & St. Paul's! Like their page on Facebook (Beaches Catholic Young Adults), or subscribe above to the newsletter to stay in the loop about meetings/events!



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DECEMBER 10 - 12, 2021

A beach-walking pilgrimage from Jacksonville Beach to the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre de Dios in St. Augustine, Florida.

Join us for a whole day, some days, or all!

All activities are free!

An Advent journey to foster personal spiritual growth

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Mass
Adoration
Confession
Pilgrim Socials
Guided Walking
Daily Activities Are
Perfect for All Abilities!

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PRESENTATION EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY IN ACTION

THURSDAY, NOV. 18TH AT 7PM

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PRESENTATION BY RUBY PETERS, SOCIAL JUSTICE LIAISON, NE FL, HUMAN TRAFFICKING COALITION AMBASSADOR

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QUESTIONS? CONTACT MAY OLIVER AT 904.262.3200 EXT 159

DID YOU KNOW?

EVERY 30 SECONDS ANOTHER PERSON BECOMES A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IT AFFECTS ALL AGES FROM YOUNG CHILDREN TO ADULTS.



ADVENT

A SEASON OF HOPE

REGISTER NOW!



All are invited to the Advent Presentation by the
MARIAN SERVANTS® of the Blessed Sacrament

An Advent Day of Reflection - "Hope Finds A Way"

INFORMATION

- **Date:** Saturday, December 11th, 2021
- **Time:** 8:30 am – 12:30 pm
[begin this day at OLSS with 8:30 am mass]
- **Where:** OLSS Church and Cultural Center

REGISTRATION

As food and materials have to be ordered in advanced the deadline for registration is

Friday, November 26th

Winnie Walsh
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This Day of Advent Reflection is sponsored by the OLSS ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE and the MARIAN SERVANTS® of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Augustine.

Link: <https://marianservantsstaugustine.org/>



CALLING ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN 5-10 YEARS OLD: EXCITING CHANGES COMING!

You've asked and we've listened!

As part of our Wave of Rejuvenation campaign, we created various opportunities for our parishioners to provide us feedback as to the direction they dream our parish take. After surveying you and listening to you throughout our listening sessions earlier this year, it has been recommended and approved by Monsignor Brennan that we establish a weekly **Children's Liturgy of the Word** for our parish.

We will launch this new program for children in grades K-4 during the 9:00 am Mass beginning the first day of the Church's new liturgical year, Sunday, November 28, 2021.

After the Collect at the beginning of Mass and before the Lector begins the First Reading, Monsignor will welcome all children in grades K-4 to come forward with Dr. Alex, our Faith Formation Director. Monsignor will then pray a short blessing over the group and Dr. Alex will process the children to the Browning Center Classroom 1 for their own special Liturgy of the Word with meaningful activities. After the homily and during the Creed, the children will return with Dr. Alex to the Church to rejoin their families.

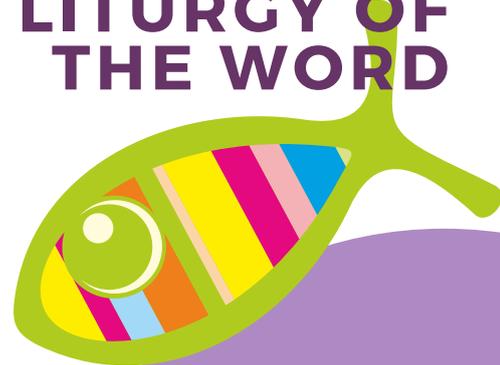
Volunteers Needed



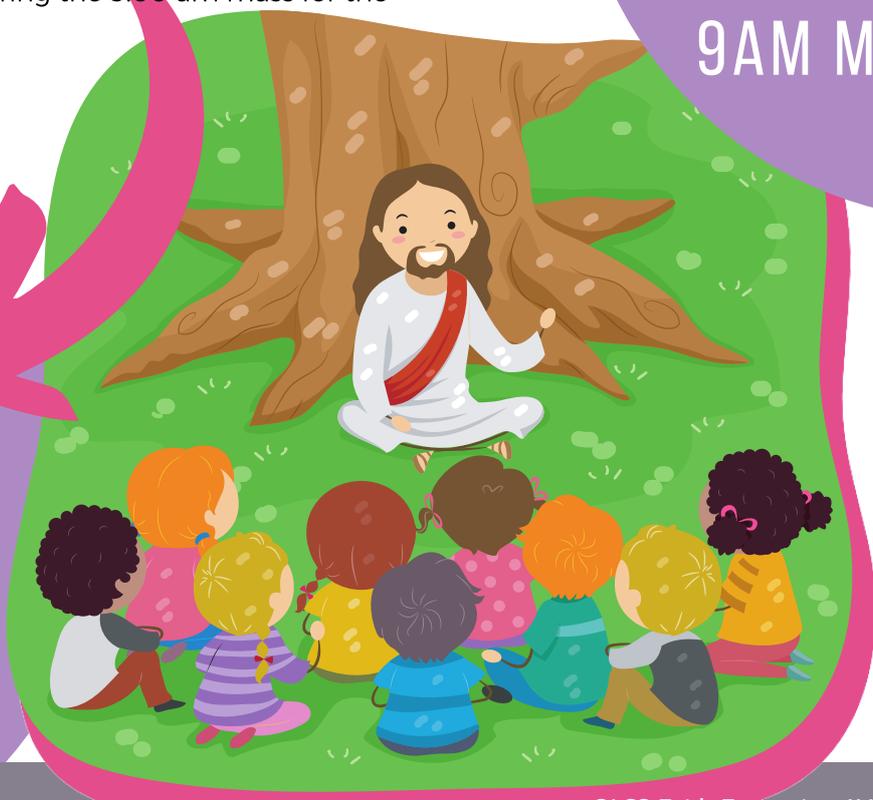
This is a delightful way to share your faith with the future leaders of our Church. Sunday mornings during the 9:00 am mass for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Any adults interested in assisting in this program and for any other questions, please contact Dr. Alex Groppe @ 904 567-1960 or email him @ dre@olsspvb.org.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



BEGINNING
SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER
28TH AT
9AM MASS



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! UPCOMING EVENTS

November

- Wednesday, November 10th No Classes - Veteran's Day
- Wednesday, November 17th Week 10 CLASSES in SESSION & Family Faith Challenge #2 issued
- Sunday, November 21, 2021 12:15pm-1pm Second Option for Mandatory Confirmation Parent Meeting in the Cultural Center after the 11AM Mass(choose this or 11/3).
- Wednesday, November 24th No Classes - Thanksgiving



Featuring:

- For Children - An encounter with the tradition of St. Nicholas sponsored by our Family Life Ministry
- For Adults and Teens a free blood pressure screening sponsored by our Health Care Ministry
- For Everyone the music of Christmas performed by the acapella singing group The Bridges of Harmony, punch and cookies, and gifts in every price range
- Divine Treasures from our very own gift shop.
- Vendors of every type from authors representing their work to sea shell crafts and handcrafted gifts for toddlers.

December

- Wednesday, December 1st Week 11 CLASSES in SESSION & Family Faith Challenge #2 due



