

SAINT ISABEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Mass Intentions

Wednesday January 5

8:30 AM **†Bernard McGuckin**

By Joseph & Mary Ann Brady

Thursday January 6

8:30 AM †Theresa Hoffman

By Joseph & Mary Ann Brady

Friday January 7 8:30 AM †William Mark

By Joseph & Mary Ann Brady

Saturday January 8
10:30 AM †Mary Sheppard

By Lilian & Henry Bradley

Sunday January 9

8:30 AM **†Robert Aufderheide**

By Kim & Khristy

10:30 AM **†Eddy Augustyn**

By Karen & Dave Paulin

Need a Mass Intention?

Our 2022 Mass Book is open. If you would like to get a Mass Intention for either 2021 or 2022 please call or stop by the parish office 239.472.2763.

Sacraments

Baptism - For registered and active parishioners: must be arranged with the pastor 6 months before the date desired. **Confessions** – Saturdays 4 PM – 4:45 PM in Church Confessional.

Communal Anointing of the Sick: By appointment when facing serious illness or surgery.

Weddings - For <u>registered and active</u> parishioners: must be arranged with the pastor at least 12 months before the date desired.

A priest is on call 24/7 for each of the following hospitals: Gulf Coast - St. John XXIII Parish 561-2245; Lee Memorial - St. Francis Xavier Parish 334-216; Health Park & Hospice at Health Park - St. Columbkille Parish 489-3973.

The prayer list is updated weekly. Names will remain on the list for one calendar month and may be removed sooner by request. Please call the parish office each month to continue to keep a name on the list.



GOD IN HEAVEN, GRANT COMFORT TO OUR SICK:

Chris Dalton, Charlotte Davenport, Jean Dedouvre, Lucille Hanselman, Rocco Johanson, Bettina Larson, Joanne & Andy McKelvey, Charleen Ostrowski, George Sanker, & Annie Schreck.

> The flowers on the altar are for the living and deceased members of the Jason and Oberhill families given by Donna Oberhill

Today's Scripture Readings

First Reading: Is 60:1-6 Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Gospel Reading: Mt 2:1-12 (20)

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

PASTOR

Fr. Edward Martin

Business Manager Khristy Scheer

Director of Faith Formation

Dr. Sue Ellen Nolan

Cantor Maria Zoltek

Contact us

LET'S STAY CONNECTED!







Website: www.SAINTISABEL.org Email: parishoffice@saintisabl.org

Parish Membership is maintained by registration in the Parish, active participation in the Sunday Eucharistic Worship, living a positive Christian moral life, Stewardship, and Support of the Parish, the Diocese, and Universal Church. Through baptism we become God's sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters to each other in Christ. Every family in the parish is encouraged to properly register and receive numbered offertory envelopes. Registration forms for permanent members can be obtained by visiting or calling the Parish Office during regular office hours.

Registered Parishioners: Changes in your household - Move, email change, Births, Deaths, Marriage? Please email us parishoffice@saintisabel.org or call the office at 239-472-2763.



A special welcome to our new parishioners who have recently joined our faith family!

Laurie & Philip Jansen Gabrielle & George Jathas



Thursday, January 13 at 6pm Saint Isabel Parish Hall

Please call the parish office at 472.2763 to RSVP and let us know the entrée, side dish, or dessert you would like to bring.



Wishing you and all those close to you a joyous holiday season, a new year of happiness, and hope for a world at peace.

Father Ed & the St. Isabel Staff

St. Isabel's Christmas Flowers are in Honor and Memory of

Clement F. King, Sr., Mary E. King, Thomas Fitzgerald, Wayne L. Clevenger, Frank J. Saoda, William Mowbray, Domenic & Donna Santine, Harry Wasmund, Jack & Anna DiMarco, Elinor Stewart, Patricia Kelly, William P. Kelly, Robert Aufderheide, Richard Aufderheide, Deceased Members of the Cocca & Aufderheide Families, Bradley Family, Harvey Family, Deceased Members of the Kiley Family, Deceased Members of the Johnson Families, Dick Beston, Laurence Ostrowski, Kimberley Steele, Sr. Anna Cutcher, Sr. Marie Anne Ostrowski, Barbara Ostrowski, Alice & Neil Ostrowski, Rodney Holtcamp, Phyllis & Bill Scheer, Eleanor Holtcamp, Charles Holtcamp, Geri Podlin, Margie & Jack Harrington, Frank Fallert, P.J. McNamara, The Mckenney Family, Summer Scimecca, Jack Sadd, Patrick Hanley, Rick, Lucille, Pat Musa, Beanna Minnie, Matthew Ritchie, Kay & Lucie, Lissette Goas, Carmen Puchades, Michael Detommaso, Sr., Lucille DeTommaso, The Schoenher Family, The DiNicola Family, The Nelson Family, The Reyes Family, The Bruser Family, The Federico Family, Father Walter Bratus, Monsignor Scheifen

The Rosary



The Rosary begins after the 8:30 AM Daily Mass (Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday) and is open to everyone, so please come and spend precious time with Jesus.

Anniversary Masses - All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Masses will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on February 12 at St. Leo the Great Parish, 28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs and at 11:00 a.m. on February 19 at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Avenue, Venice. Please contact your local parish office for reservations no later than a week prior to the event you choose to attend.

Altar flowers can be offered by anyone and provide a meaningful way to remember loved ones through memorials, offer thanksgivings, or recognize a birthday, baptism, wedding, anniversary, or special event. The fee is \$100. All flower offerings are recognized each Sunday in the worship bulletins. For more information contact the parish office at 239.472.2763.

A Prayer for Peace for the New Year

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. R/. Amen.

—Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi



Father Ed's Stewardship Corner

Prayer

A stewardship parish seeks God's will in all things, understanding that prayer is essential to discovering and following His will. The parish must be seen as a "School of Prayer" where regular opportunities for parishioners to learn how to pray well are offered, opportunities for parishioners to pray together as well as individually are planned, and the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus is emphasized.

Key Characteristics of a Prayerful Parish:

- Our parish offers generous access to the sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Penance.
- Our parish fosters regular devotions outside of Mass (Exposition and Adoration, Rosary etc.)
- Our pastor leads people to intimacy with the Trinity, parishioners pray daily for at least fifteen minutes and faithfully participate in the sacraments, where parents teach their children how to pray daily.
- Our parish prays daily for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
- Our parish fosters increasing attendance at both daily and Sunday Mass consistent with the demographics of the community we serve.
- Our parish is deeply in touch with the general needs of the parish community and includes them in the Prayers of the Faithful.

Life Planning Seminar

My Dear Friends in Christ,

On far too many occasions we have parishioners wondering and worrying about some very important questions regarding their futures. Questions like:

- Who will make my healthcare and financial decisions when I cannot speak for myself?
- How do I make healthcare and financial decisions for a loved one?
- Who will care for my children if something happens to me?
- What will happen to my assets after I die?
- Who will manage my estate and my affairs when I am gone?
- Do I want the government making these decisions for me?

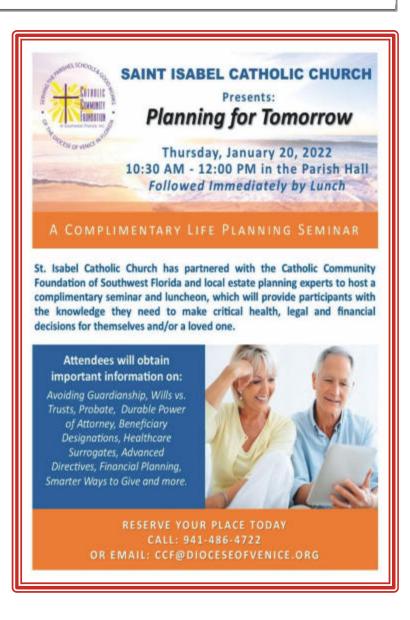
If you and your family members do not know the answers to these questions, I encourage you to attend the free Life Planning Seminar and luncheon entitled "Planning for Tomorrow," on Thursday, Jan. 20th at 10:30 AM in the Parish Hall.

Saint Isabel has partnered with the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida and local estate planning experts to provide you with the crucial information you need to make critical health, legal and financial decisions for yourself and/or a loved one.

Please know that this seminar is completely free and is not intended to sell you anything or to ask you to make a donation. It is only intended to provide you with important information and to help answer your questions. Please RSVP to the Parish Office by January 15, 2022.

Thank you and may God bless you.





The Society of Bread & Roses

The next meeting of the Society of Bread and Roses will be on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 9:30am in the Parish Hall. We will be hosting a baby shower for the Community Pregnancy Clinic. All women of the Parish are invited to attend and to participate, even if you are unable to attend the meeting. We'll be collecting baby

items such diapers, baby wipes, formula, baby wash and shampoo as well as clothing and supplies for infants. Please bring your shower gifts meeting or place them in the Church Narthex to the prior January meeting.



Gifts do not need to be wrapped. Sarah Kozak from the Community Pregnancy Clinic will be our speaker. Hope you'll be able to attend this informative meeting. Of course, there will be oohing and aahing over adorable baby clothes along with our usual light refreshments, fun and fellowship. For more information, please contact Mary Aufderheide at 239-395-2975 or email mauf86o@gmail.com.

Women's Prayer Ministry

Prayer is the power behind all good that happens.

For this reason, we would like to resume the St. Isabel Women's Prayer Group. The purpose of the group is to join together as a community of women in prayer and to come before God and ask for mercy, forgiveness and peace. Beginning January 2022, this group will meet the first Thursday of each month to spend time before God in prayer. We will gather at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall. We will share our personal intentions for the month and any special prayers that we may say each day and maybe talk about experiences that we had during the month that brought us closer to God. Our personal intentions can include prayers for members of our family and friends or for anything else that is weighing heavy on our mind. We will then end with a group prayer.

Our time together will be from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. and all women in the parish are invited. Please pray about it and ask God if this is something that He would like you to do. There are no sign-up sheets or dues or requirements. You just show up to pray. We know that there is power in prayer and Jesus told us in the Gospel of Matthew, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Mt 18:20).



St. Isabel's Men's Society

OUR MISSION: To offer a men's ministry that provides opportunities for spiritual growth, Christian fellowship, community service, and parish leadership.

The Board of St Isabel's Men's Society has set their meeting schedule for the coming year. All meetings will be held on Thursday evenings. They are scheduled for January 20th, February 17th and March 17th at 6:00p.m. in the Parish Hall. Father Ed will show a video series related to Fellowship in the Catholic Faith and lead us in discussion. Pizza and beverages will be provided. This promises to be a great time of gathering and focusing on our faith as Catholics and developing deeper friendships within our Church. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Membership dues are \$25.00 again this year. You may send your check to Ed Kocourek, 644 Pyrula Ave, Sanibel.

Catholic Charities food pantry needs our help!



Some of the basic food commodities needed: rice, dry beans, pasta, cereal, macaroni and cheese, canned meats and fish, tomato sauce, cooking oil and corn flour.

Baskets have been placed in the Narthex for canned goods and non-perishable food donations.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated in honor of the Magi visiting the infant Jesus in Bethlehem. The Epiphany proves that all, including gentiles, were called to honor the Son of God.

2022 Boxed Offertory envelopes are available in the church narthex.

Please check your name off and take your boxed envelopes. Your boxed number



may have changed so check the book. If you do not have envelopes, please call the parish office at (239) 472-2763. Having offertory envelopes is a good idea, with only an account number (no name and address), so you can give anonymously. They allow our office to prepare an annual statement for tax purposes. As your donation at Mass is a "gift" to the community, your envelope serves as your donation's "gift wrap." To receive envelopes for adults, simply contact the parish office. Please help us save on the cost of postage by stopping by the church during normal operating hours, or after Mass, to pick up your envelopes. Thank you.

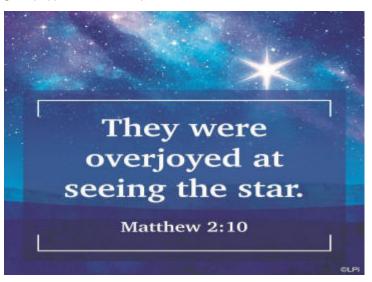
Bulletin article Submission Guidelines

Preferred Content: Recent Parish News, Upcoming Parish Events, Photos etc.

The parish bulletin is our primary means of written communication with our parishioners. There is limited space and not all submissions can be included, (your request will be considered for entry, please know that requests will be reviewed for alignment with Diocesan and Parish priorities and are not guaranteed placement). Priority will be given to St. Isabel Church ministries and groups first.

Please submit copy digitally in a **text or Word format**. (In the body of an email is fine.) If there is artwork to be included, please attach a **jpeg** file. All copyrighted photos and images must be licensed for use in any print or online usage. Submissions are subject to edits, review and approval. Identical content may run for up to two weeks if space permits. If additional time is requested, new content may be required to be provided.

DEADLINE: Bulletin content must be received in the parish office no later than Wednesday at Noon, eleven (11) days prior to publication. Please email: parishoffice@saintisabel.org Your cooperation is greatly appreciated! Thank you!



St. Isabel's Men's Retreat



Our Men's Retreat is open to all Men of the Parish and our greater faith community.

The retreat is at Our Lady of

Perpetual Help Retreat Center, Venice, Florida. Retreat Date: Jan 23 – 26, 2022, Sunday Noon thru Wednesday 1PM. Costs: \$360 Private Room and Bathroom

Questions: John Temporiti 314.409.3568 or email temporiticonsulting@gmail.com

Additional details will be provided to confirmed candidates. Fr. Ed Martin, our Pastor, plans to attend. Transportation provided if needed. Partial Retreat option possible if rooms available. Please send payment: By check to: St. Isabel Church (Memo) "Men's Retreat 2022" Mail check to: John Temporiti, 680 Gopher Walk Way, Sanibel, FL 33957.

YOU ASKED FOR IT!

Couples Retreat

Several parishioners have asked about the availability of a couples retreat. A couples retreat is now available on Friday to Sunday February 26, 27,28, 2022 at our Lady of Perpetual Help retreat where our parish men

have their annual retreat. The cost is \$315 which includes a private room and all meals. The retreat will be preached by Deacon Scott Little of Epiphany



Parish in Venice, Florida. He is an experienced retreat master for couples retreats. There will also be two priest available for spiritual direction and confession. For more information or to register, call Denise Riley at the retreat center at 941-486-0233. Mention to her that you are from Saint Isabel's parish. Any additional information you might need just call John Temporiti at 314-409-3568.



Join a St. Isabel Ministry today! Be the Difference That Makes a Difference - There are many ways to share your time and talent at St. Isabel Parish. We have great

opportunities for volunteers from all walks of life and all age groups. Most of our ministries require no special expertise — just willing hands, a big heart, and a few hours each week or each month.

Extraordinary things happen when ordinary people do a little extra Choose one or more of the many ministries shown below to respond to God's call to you in the Gospel to Stewardship. Don't worry that you might be signing away all your free time. We'll match your interests and available time with St. Isabel Parish ministry needs. Many volunteers are snowbirds, others have full-time, demanding careers.

Please contact the Parish Office (239) 472-2763 or parishoffice@saintisabel.org

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

ALTAR SERVERS - Parishioners from the third grade through adult may assist in the preparation and celebration of Masses.

ART AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - The Environment team decorates and enhances our Church. Tasks may include putting up and taking down of decorations and arrangements for the Liturgical church year.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - Distribute the Body of Christ during Mass. Rotating schedule.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD (LECTOR)-This ministry is for those who have a good speaking voice and are called to proclaim the Word of God in a meaningful and alive manner at Mass. Adequate preparation of the Scriptures is required. Training and coaching provided.

SACRISTANS - Prepare for the celebration of liturgies. If interested in learning about this ministry, consider being an apprentice first to learn the duties. A prayerful attitude is needed.

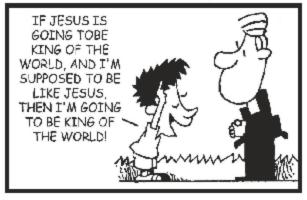
USHERS AND GREETERS - Greet and welcome all who come to celebrate Mass. Offer assistance and direction to any newcomers. Assist with seating people, taking up the collection, keeping good order during the Communion procession, handing out bulletins, offering aid to the disabled and the elderly, or with any emergencies that might occur.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CATECISTS – Teachers of the faith to children, youth, families, young adults, and adults

FAITH FORMATION – Family Formation, Adult Formation, Children's Liturgy of the Word, RCIA, and Sacramental Prep

EPIPHANY





Safe Environment for Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults

The Diocese of Venice is committed to protecting children, youth and vulnerable adults. Together, and with God's help, we can continue to promote a culture of openness and awareness, and a commitment to safety within our Church and in the larger community.

As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and trained in Safe Environment. For further information, visit the Diocesan website at: https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/programs/safeenvironment/

An allegation of sexual abuse of a minor by anyone should be reported immediately to: Florida Department of Children and Families Child Abuse Hotline – 1-800-96abuse (1-800-962-2873) or visit https://reportabuse.dcf.state.fl.us. If the alleged abuser is a diocesan employee or volunteer, including clergy, also notify Victim Assistance Coordinator Susan Benton at 941-416-6114.

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS

HAVE YOU RETURNED FOR THE WINTER?

All Volunteer Ministries – if you will be away or have returned for season, please call the office 239.472.2763 or email parishoffice@saintisabel.org so we can schedule accordingly.

Thank you.

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Family Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Please join us and help celebrate faith and family with our new church family directory.

Sign up now at www.ucdir.com (Click the box on the right side of the homepage entitled "photography appointment scheduling login" Then, enter our church code FL749 and enter your church password: photos or call the church office at (239) 472-2763 on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9AM to Noon to make your appointment reservation.

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Directory Committee

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Directory Committee

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY! Photography sessions will be held

Tuesday, February 1 (1PM to 7:30 PM) Wed., February 2 (1PM to 7:30 PM) Thursday, February 3 (1PM to 7:30 PM) Friday, February 4 (1PM to 7:30 PM) Saturday, February 5 (10 AM-4PM)

ONLINE SCHEDULING St. Isabel Pictorial Directory

Online Scheduling option is available Monday through Friday.

For online Scheduling go to www.ucdir.com

Church Code: FL749

Password: photos



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now with your mortgage, household bills, and other monthly payments. To get started, visit our website at www.saintisabel.org

Leaving a legacy of Faith Remember St. Isabel in your Will

A bequest is a wonderful way to express gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings! The gift you give establishes a lasting legacy of love for others by helping the Church to continue our Catholic heritage through its many ministries. PLEASE NOTE: Leaving money to the Parish in your will is not assessed and 100% goes to the parish. The following is possible wording for including a bequest in your will: "I bequeath the greater of \$_____ or _____% of the residue of my estate to Saint Isabel Parish in Sanibel, Inc., 3559 Sanibel Captiva Rd. Sanibel, FL 33957." The actual wording in your will should be determined by you and your attorney.

MAKING A STOCK TRANSFER When making a stock transfer to the Diocese of Venice on behalf of St. please Parish, khristy.scheer@saintisabel.org to let us know you made the request. Sometimes a transfer comes to the Diocese with no name or no parish name. This will help us track the transaction.

To Bank Electronic Giving To set up Saint Isabel Church as a recurring donation through online banking: At your bank or bank website, set up Saint Isabel Catholic Church under "add a bill/payee". You will be asked to include the following: a. CHURCH NAME AND ADDRESS: St. Isabel Church, 3559 Sanibel Captiva Road, Sanibel, FL 33957. b. ACCOUNT NUMBER: Your envelope number or leave blank.

Thank you for your generosity to the mission of St. Isabel Catholic Church
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Make a Tax-Free Gift with an IRA

Did you know that you may be able to give to St. Isabel Catholic Church and save money at the same time? There are different options depending on your age.

Age 70.5 or Older

If you are 70.5 years or older, you may be able to give an amount (up to \$100,000) each year from your IRA directly to St. Isabel Catholic Church without having to pay taxes on the money. This is a popular form of giving that is sometimes referred to as the IRA charitable rollover, or the qualified charitable distribution

Additional Benefits for Those 72 or Older

When you turn 72, the transferred funds may begin counting toward your required minimum distribution (RMD) so you do not pay income taxes on the gift.

The funds transferred to charity do not qualify for a charitable deduction, but they may become exempted from taxable income whether or not you itemize deductions.

Lowering your taxable annual income level could also result in lower Medicare premiums and the amount of Social Security subject to taxes.

Your disbursement must come directly from the administrator of your IRA to the parish. You cannot receive the funds first. Please contact the administrator of your IRA with any tax or accountspecific questions.

Additional ways to use your IRA to make a gift:

Did you know that leaving your qualified retirement account may be the most expensive asset to leave your children? Unlike individuals, St. Isabel Parish does not have to pay income taxes on inherited IRA's, so the full amount that you direct to us through a beneficiary designation would further the mission of your church family. This is often a very easy way to make a substantial gift as it only takes the completion of a form that your account administrator may provide for you.

Important Step: It is critically important that you contact the parish and let us know of your gift. This is because many retirement plans do not notify the charity of a gift designation. We will monitor the situation to be sure that your plans for giving are indeed followed. Plus, we want to be able to thank you for your generous gift.

To make a gift from your IRA, please follow these steps:

- Seek the advice of your financial or legal adviser if
- Determine the gift you would like to give.
- Contact Khristy Scheer in the business office of St. Isabel Catholic Church. 239-472-2763 khristy.scheer@saintisabel.org to inform the parish of your intended gift.
- Ask your IRA administrator about making a direct transfer to the parish or have the administrator send a check from your account to the parish directly. Remember, to be tax free the donation must be made directly from your IRA account to the parish and not pass through your hands.

Your IRA Administrator will need this information:*

Legal name: St. Isabel Parish in Sanibel, Inc.

Legal address: 3559 Sanibel Captiva Road, Sanibel, FL 33957 Federal Tax ID Number: 59-2336842

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