



## SAINT ISABEL CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

January 16, 2022

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Wednesday January 19

8:30 AM †**Judy Ingersoll**  
By Edna Mae Beston

### Thursday January 20

8:30 AM †**Mary Washington**  
By Edna Mae Beston

### Friday January 21

8:30 AM †**Karen Donna Humphries**  
By Jill & Mickey Maita

### Saturday January 22

5:00 PM †**C.A. McInerney**  
By Family

### Sunday January 23

8:30 AM †**Deceased Members of St. Isabel**  
10:30 AM †**Carol Regan**  
By Douglas (husband), Paul (friend)

### 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 registered and active 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.

*Please Pray For...*

### GOD IN HEAVEN, GRANT COMFORT TO OUR SICK:

Lucille Hanselman, Rocco Johanson, Celestine Luke, Andy & Joanne McKelvey, Charleen Ostrowski, George Sanker, Annie Schreck, MaryJo Williams.

### 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.

### Today's Scripture Readings

First Reading: Is 62:1-5  
Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:4-11  
Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11 (66)

### *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](http://www.SAINTISABEL.org)

Email: [parishoffice@saintisabl.org](mailto: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](mailto:parishoffice@saintisabel.org) or call the office at 239-472-2763.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2022, and will resume regular operating hours on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.



*Alexis Parks & Mettale Schneider*

# PARISH EVENTS COMING!

SAVE THE DATES!



SAINT ISABEL HAS ORGANIZED A WONDERFUL YEAR OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS FOR THE ISLAND SEASON! WE HAVE BEEN PLANNING AND HAVE SCHEDULED THE FOLLOWING DATES OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS. PLEASE JOIN US AT ONE OR ALL THE EVENTS.

## OTHER PARISH EVENTS

### JANUARY THRU FEBRUARY

ST. ISABEL UN-GALA CFA  
RAFFLE SALES



### JANUARY 20TH

- ◆ 10:30 AM CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION LIFE PLANNING SEMINAR
- ◆ 6:00 PM MEN'S SOCIETY MEETING 6:00 PM

### JANUARY 23RD-26TH

ST. ISABEL'S MEN'S RETREAT @ OLPH CENTER

### JANUARY 27TH

9:30 AM THE SOCIETY OF  
BREAD & ROSES MEETING  
AND BABY SHOWER

### FEBRUARY 1ST-5 TH

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY  
PLEASE MAKE YOUR  
APPOINTMENT



### FEBRUARY 25TH THRU APRIL 1

FAITH FRIDAY'S WITH FATHER ED @ 9:20 AM IN THE  
PARISH HALL SERIES-THE CREED

### FEBRUARY 26TH-28TH

COUPLES RETREAT @ OLPH CENTER

### APRIL 2, 2022

UN-GALA ANNUAL CFA FUNDRAISER DRAWING



## ALL PARISH POTLUCK DINNERS

MARK THESE DATES IN YOUR CALENDAR ENJOY THE  
FANTASTIC FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN.

**FEBRUARY 10, 2022**

VALENTINE-BE MINE

**MARCH 10, 2020**

ST. JOSEPH/ST. PATRICK POTLUCK

**APRIL 7, 2022**

SPRING IN FRANCE

**MAY 12, 2022**

MAD HATTER!

January 16, 2022

## Father Ed's Stewardship Corner

### DEDICATED DISCIPLESHIP:

*"Let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."* 1 Peter 4:8-11

*"He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27)*

Dedicated disciples have made a conscious and firm commitment to Christ and exemplify that commitment in concrete actions. Their love of God is made visible in a commitment to both personal and communal prayer. Their love of neighbor is made evident in the regular practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. They live with a sense of gratitude and are intentional in graciously and sacrificially giving of their time, talent and treasure.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it." As challenging as this may be, it is a call to action, a call to engage our brothers and sisters in real conversations about Jesus, who is alive and dwells within us. This call involves far more than merely attending Sunday Mass.

In the Gospel of Matthew, we hear these strong words of Jesus: "So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 10:32-33)

Dedicated Discipleship is about becoming intentional with our relationship with the Lord and one another. A dedicated disciple strives to give witness to and accompany all people, including: (1) those who have never heard the Gospel, (2) those who have fervent and mature faith, and (3) those who are baptized but have 'lost a living sense of the faith, or even no longer consider themselves members of the Church, and live a life far removed from Christ and his Gospel.'

For a dedicated disciple who is rooted in Christ, this ministry of the Lord does not feel like a burdensome task but brings joy to the heart. They feel compelled to live generous lives in service to God and others.

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 6, 2022.

Thank you and may God bless you.

*Father Ed*

**SAINT ISABEL CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Presents:  
**Planning for Tomorrow**  
Thursday, January 20, 2022  
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM in the Parish Hall  
Followed Immediately by Lunch  
A COMPLIMENTARY LIFE PLANNING SEMINAR

St. Isabel Catholic Church has partnered with the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida and local estate planning experts to host a complimentary seminar and luncheon, which will provide participants with the knowledge they need to make critical health, legal and financial decisions for themselves and/or a loved one.

Attendees will obtain important information on:  
Avoiding Guardianship, Wills vs. Trusts, Probate, Durable Power of Attorney, Beneficiary Designations, Healthcare Surrogates, Advanced Directives, Financial Planning, Smarter Ways to Give and more.

RESERVE YOUR PLACE TODAY  
CALL: 941-486-4722  
OR EMAIL: CCF@DIOCESEOFVENICE.ORG

# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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 as diapers, baby wipes, formula, baby wash and shampoo as well as clothing and supplies for infants. Please bring your shower gifts to the meeting or place them in the Church Narthex prior to the 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 [mauf860@gmail.com](mailto:mauf860@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 20<sup>th</sup>, February 17<sup>th</sup> and March 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Orchid UN-Gala

## Fundraiser

All proceeds to benefit St. Isabel's 2022  
Catholic Faith Appeal goal

Sponsorships available

Please call the Parish Office for more information



UN-Gala  
Raffle  
Drawing  
4.2.22  
**\$5,000**  
prize

Ticket Price  
\$100 each

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

You do not need to be present  
to win, but you do need to buy  
a ticket to win!

**YOU could win \$5,000**  
Raffle tickets will be sold after  
all St. Isabel's Weekend Masses

Tickets available through the  
Parish Office  
**(239) 472-2763**

Drawing will take place on  
**April 2, 2022**

January 16, 2022



Dear Parishioners, Visitors, and Friends,

New variants challenge us once again. The success of last year's UnGala event was unprecedented, and with YOUR help we hope to repeat that success again this year! Your support will help to ensure St. Isabel Parish success in reaching its 2022 Catholic Faith Appeal obligation.

Our island parish continues to offer Mass in person and live-streaming services.

This year, we all continue to face fears caused by Covid19. As we face the challenges that the pandemic and its variants carry, we will continue forward in our faith and support for our beloved St. Isabel Parish. Our Parish needs the UNGala effort; it helps us to meet and sometimes exceed our goal! For 2022, we are having our Second Annual **Orchid UN-GALA**.

The success of the Orchid Un-Gala will rely on the **generosity of our sponsors and the success of our cash raffle** which is a highlight of the Orchid UN-Gala. One member or visitor of the St. Isabel Faith Community will win a **\$5,000 cash grand Prize!** Entering the raffle is a wonderful, easy way to support our celebration, particularly because those near and far can participate!

The Sponsorship opportunities and this raffle are two ways to help us meet our financial obligation to the Diocese of Venice. Your participation in this fund raiser will help us pay our 2022 CFA assessment of \$158,000.00. Tickets are \$100.00 each and only 500 tickets will be sold, which makes your chances of winning very favorable! With this limited number of tickets, time is of the essence so don't delay in buying yours.

Please take a moment to look at the various giving levels of Sponsorship on the next page. We ask that each of you prayerfully consider how you can help our Parish. At a minimum, please consider what you may have spent on the tickets to attend the Orchid Ball previously, along with the dressy clothing and accessories you do not have to purchase, and purchases from the silent auction that you will not purchase this year, when considering your sponsorship options.

A gift of any size can go a long way to support the work of The Orchid Un-Gala. Thank you for your continued and faithful support of St. Isabel's CFA Fundraising event. You. Are. A. Blessing.

With faith and Gratitude

*Fr. Ed*

Pastor

*Colleen Bauer*

*Pamela Murray*

*Khristy Scheer*

Orchid UN-Gala Co-Chairs

# Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

## Show your ORCHID UN-Gala Support in a Powerful Way

### **Seraphim Angel \$25,000**

Premier display in the Narthex of the church  
Premier Website Recognition on UN-Gala information Page and Recap page  
Special feature in our weekly bulletin  
One Un-Gala Raffle Ticket  
Special Appreciation Gift

### **Cherubim Angel \$10,000**

Prominent display in the Narthex of the church  
Prominent Website Recognition on UN-Gala information Page and Recap page  
Special feature in our weekly bulletin  
One Un-Gala Raffle Ticket  
Special Appreciation Gift

### **Guardian Angel \$5,000**

Choice display in the Narthex of the church  
Choice Website Recognition on UN-Gala information Page and Recap page  
Special feature in our weekly bulletin  
One Un-Gala Raffle Ticket  
Special Appreciation Gift

### **Platinum Sponsor \$2,500**

Recognition display in the Narthex of the church  
Website Recognition on UN-Gala information Page and Recap page  
Special feature in our weekly bulletin  
One Un-Gala Raffle Ticket  
Special Appreciation Gift

### **Gold Sponsor \$1,000**

Recognition on display in the Narthex of the church  
Website Recognition on UN-Gala information Page and Recap page  
Recognition in our weekly bulletin  
Special Appreciation Gift

### **Silver Sponsor \$500**

Recognition on display in the Narthex of the church  
Recognition in our weekly bulletin  
Special Appreciation Gift

### **Bronze Sponsor \$250**

Recognition in our weekly bulletin  
Special Appreciation Gift

### **Friends & Family \$100**

Recognition in our weekly bulletin



# January 16, 2022

## 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](mailto:parishoffice@saintisabel.org) Your cooperation is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

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.

**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.

## St. Isabel's Men's Retreat DATE CHANGE!

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. NEW Retreat Date: March 27 to March 30, 2022, Sunday Noon thru Wednesday 1PM. Costs: \$360 Private Room and Bathroom

Questions: John Temporiti 314.409.3568 or email [temporiticonsulting@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Couples Retreat

Several parishioners have asked about the availability of a couples retreat. A couples retreat is now available on Friday evening to Sunday at noon, 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.

# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



**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.

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*Please contact the Parish Office*

*(239) 472-2763 or [parishoffice@saintisabel.org](mailto:parishoffice@saintisabel.org)*

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## 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.

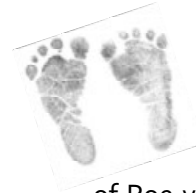
**SACRISTANS** - Prepare for the celebration of liturgies. If interested in learning about this ministry, consider being an apprentice first to learn the duties. A prayerful attitude is needed.

**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



**WALK For LIFE** - Join St. Leo the Great Parish Respect Life Outreach in Bonita Springs for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual one-mile walk along U.S. 41 on Saturday, January 22, to mark the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court ruling which paved the way for unlimited abortion in the United States. The walk is from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Park in the Parish parking lot at 28290 Beaumont Road and everyone will meet in front of the nearby Shikany's Funeral Home. Participants are asked to wear black and white to mourn the deaths of 63 million babies. Signs will be available, and all are encouraged to bring their rosaries, water bottles and sun visors. The reasons for the walk are to pray for an end to abortion, to pray that the Supreme Court will rule in favor of the unborn, and to demonstrate continuing support for the Pro-life movement. For more details, please contact Diane Corcelli at 239-992-6723.

**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/](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.

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## 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](mailto:parishoffice@saintisabel.org) so we can schedule accordingly. Thank you.*

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January 16, 2022

# Dear Church Family, It's time for a New Directory!

Celebrating faith. Connecting families. Sharing hope.

## New Safety Procedures

Universal is committed to the health and safety of your church families & our employees.

We want you to know that we are taking the necessary precautions to reduce the spread of the coronavirus.

- Following 6 ft. Social Distancing rules throughout the photography process
- Germ guard plexiglass between customers & photographers at the viewing station
- All equipment will be disinfected between sittings
- Utilizing larger lobby rooms for safe social distancing
- Staff will be utilizing hand sanitizer between sittings

Join us for this "Family Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at your church!



## 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](http://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.*

- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at your church!  
You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

*Directory Committee*

**Set your appointment with Universal today!**



New Safety Glass at Viewing Station

**Celebrating Faith. Connecting Families. Sharing hope. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing at St. Isabel Parish!**

*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

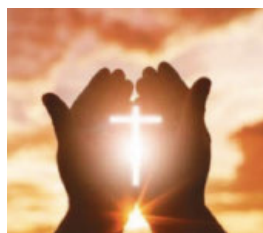
Online Scheduling option is available Monday through Friday.

For online Scheduling go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com)

Church Code: **FL749**

Password: **photos**

# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Online Giving Through WeShare** you can make your Offertory contributions to Saint Isabel Parish via recurring automatic contributions or a one-time contribution from your checking account or on your credit card – just as you may do now with your

mortgage, household bills, and other monthly payments. To get started, visit our website at [www.saintisabel.org](http://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.

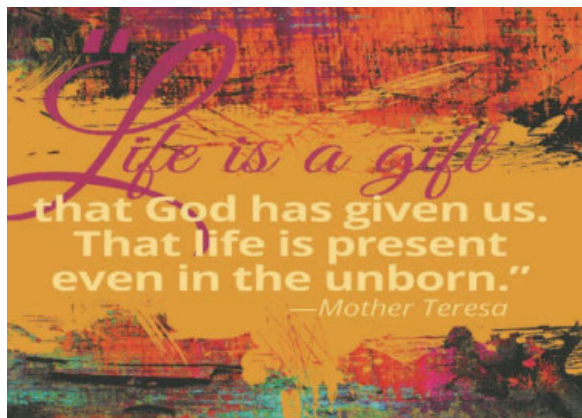
**MAKING A STOCK TRANSFER** When making a stock transfer to the Diocese of Venice on behalf of St. Isabel Parish, please email [khristy.scheer@saintisabel.org](mailto:khristy.scheer@saintisabel.org) to let us know you made the request. Sometimes a transfer comes to the Diocese with no name or no parish 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 (QCD).

#### **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 account-specific 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 necessary.
- Determine the gift you would like to give.
- Contact Khristy Scheer in the business office of St. Isabel Catholic Church. 239-472-2763 or [khristy.scheer@saintisabel.org](mailto: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

\*This information can also be given to your IRA administrator to make St. Isabel Parish the beneficiary of your IRA or to make a gift from your estate.



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## STATEMENT ON *ROE V. WADE* DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN LIFE January 22, 2022

On this tragic 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade* that legalized abortion and stripped the unborn of their fundamental right to life, we mourn the heartbreaking loss of over 62 million victims. The Catholic Church stands emphatically and unreservedly for the rights of the unborn. We look forward with the hope that God will soon bring our nation to a profound awareness of the dignity of human life and a recognition that all lives deserve protection under the law.

We are especially encouraged that the U.S. Supreme Court has heard arguments in the Mississippi abortion case, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. This case addresses whether banning abortions after 15 weeks gestation is constitutional. Although difficult to predict, this could very well be the case that overturns *Roe* entirely or in part. We are steadfast in praying that there will be a monumental shift in the Court's abortion precedent in favor of protecting unborn children. We entreat the faithful to commit to daily prayer and fasting along with other believers across the country for a decision that honors the sanctity of unborn life through the Pray for Dobbs campaign ([www.prayfordobbs.com](http://www.prayfordobbs.com)).

We also remain hopeful that the Florida Supreme Court will have an opportunity to reconsider its 1989 ruling that interpreted our state constitution's privacy clause to find a right to abortion in Florida. We are closely following a case currently on appeal, *Gainesville Woman Care, LLC v. State of Florida*, addressing the constitutionality of a common-sense Florida law requiring a 24-hour reflection period prior to abortion. Though this good law is being challenged on the basis that it violates the state constitutional right to privacy, we pray for a judicial outcome that upholds the pro-life law so that women have more time to deliberate undergoing an abortion. Additionally, we urge Florida's Agency for Healthcare Administration to strengthen enforcement of existing abortion regulations.

As a Church, we are committed to accompanying all women, including those experiencing unplanned pregnancies or considering abortion. One way that we have been serving pregnant women and their families is through the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' initiative *Walking with Moms in Need*, which connects parishioners with volunteer opportunities at community pregnancy resource centers. We wholeheartedly support this ministry that offers tangible, life-affirming support for vulnerable families – fathers, mothers and their babies. As Pope Francis has said, "And among the most fragile are children who do not see the light because their mothers suffer economic, social and cultural conditioning that drives them to give up that wonderful gift that is the birth of a child." (Address of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Hospital of the Innocents Institute, May 2019)

The Church seeks to be a beacon in a dark world and desires to serve as a field hospital to all who are contemplating or have been harmed by abortion. Even while we recommit to highlighting the great good in embracing life so that abortion is unthinkable, may the Lord continually renew our collective passion to advocate for the protection of unborn children from harm. We ask that the Lord would guide and strengthen our elected and appointed officials in Florida and pray that the legislative and judicial branches at both the state and federal levels come to respect the sacredness of each human life, including the unborn. Let us continue to fight for a culture of life in all spheres so that our society may appreciate the truth that every person—no matter their size, ability, or location—is worthy and worth protecting.

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# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS



2021 Annual Contribution statements will be sent out by January 31, 2022, to those who have given to Saint Isabel Church where no goods or services were received.

The IRS requires that donors substantiate individual contributions of \$250 or more by a written acknowledgment by the recipient organization. Donors cannot substantiate individual cash contributions of \$250 or more with a canceled check.

If you itemize your deductions, we recommend that you do not file your 2020 tax return before receiving your annual contribution statement. The tax code requires that all cash contributions, regardless of amount, be substantiated by:

1. A bank record (such as a canceled check), or
2. A written communication received from the charitable organization before the donor files his/her tax return (required for all individual donations of \$250 or more and any currency donations).

Those of you who put currency in an envelope, with your name on it, would not have a bank record and would need the written acknowledgment from Saint Isabel Church to substantiate your itemized deduction.

We appreciate your generous support for the various ministries of Saint Isabel Church. May God bless you for your continued faithfulness.

*Donations to the Catholic Faith Appeal are acknowledged directly by the Diocese of Venice.*

**If you would like 2022 St. Isabel Offering Envelopes, please call the Parish Office at 239.472.2763 to confirm your address or request envelopes.**

*February Parish Potluck*

**Thursday, February 10th at 6:00 PM**

JOIN US FOR SOME SWEET FUN

Kindly RSVP to the Parish Office at 472-2763 with the number of people who will be attending and the entrée, side dish, or dessert you would like to bring.



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. Please call the parish office with the name of the person or family making the offering, the name of the person for whom the offering is being made, and the associated event or anniversary. The fee is \$100 which helps to support this ministry. All flower offerings are recognized each Sunday in the worship bulletins. For more information contact the parish office at 239.472.2763.



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