



SAINT ISABEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.*

- Lk 4:18

January 23, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday January 26

8:30 AM †**Brenda Slonek**
By Anne Fuller

Thursday January 27

8:30 AM †**Deceased Members of Entos, Hildebrand, & Wise Families**
By Judith Hildebrand

Friday January 28

8:30 AM †**Joan Chiaramonte**
By Rocky & Annette Cantalupo

Saturday January 29

5:00 PM †**Joseph Bejin**
By Marilyn and the Kids

Sunday January 30

8:30 AM †**Deceased Members of St. Isabel**
10:30 AM †**Father Walter Bratus**
By The Scott Family

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, Daniel Richter, 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: Neh: 8-24a, 5-6, 8-10
Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:12-30
Gospel Reading: Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (69)

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

Flocknote: <https://stisabelparish.flocknote.com>

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.



The flowers in front of the Altar are given in celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Lise and Bill Letendre, given by Lilian and Henry Bradley

January 23, 2022

Father Ed's Stewardship Corner

Characteristics of a Parish that Practices Intentional Love of God and of Neighbor:

- Our parish has a significant number of parishioners who are willing to make their faith visible, to share it with others and to witness inside and outside the parish.
- Our parish has many parishioners who practice intentional generosity of their financial resources. Because of this generosity, our parish has adequate financial resources to maintain and improve our assets and serve the people of our parish and community.
- Our parish is one where the majority of parishioners recognize that we are one body in Christ-active, inactive, unevangelized-and understands and practices solidarity.
- In keeping with their personal charisms, our parishioners generously give of themselves in service to the activities within and outside of the parish. This service is rooted in prayer, organized and planned.
- Our parish practices the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, both individually and in an organized and intentional manner as a community.
- Our parish has a good number of mature disciples who actively lead others to mature discipleship.

St. Thomas Aquinas | January 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "*The Summa Theologiae*." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today. ©LPi



January 23, 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!



New Safety Glass at Viewing Station

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.

- 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!



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

Church Code: FL749

Password: photos

Third 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 mauf86o@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer is the power behind all good that happens.

Next gathering February 3, 2022. 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. The 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 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 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

2022-1

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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 23, 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

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
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
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Special Appreciation Gift

Guardian Angel \$5,000

Choice display in the Narthex of the church
Choice Website Recognition on UN-Gala information 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
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
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

Friends & Family \$100

Recognition in our weekly bulletin

Please call the Parish Office if you wish to help sponsor
St. Isabel's 2022 Orchid UN-Gala

2022 Orchid UN-Gala Sponsors

Cherubim Angels

Guardian Angels

Platinum Sponsors

Dave & Karen Paulin

Gold Sponsors

James & Dorothy Lynch
John & Khristy Scheer

Silver Sponsors

Bronze Sponsors

Anonymous

Friends & Family

Georgianne Nienaber



January 23, 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 Your cooperation is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

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

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.

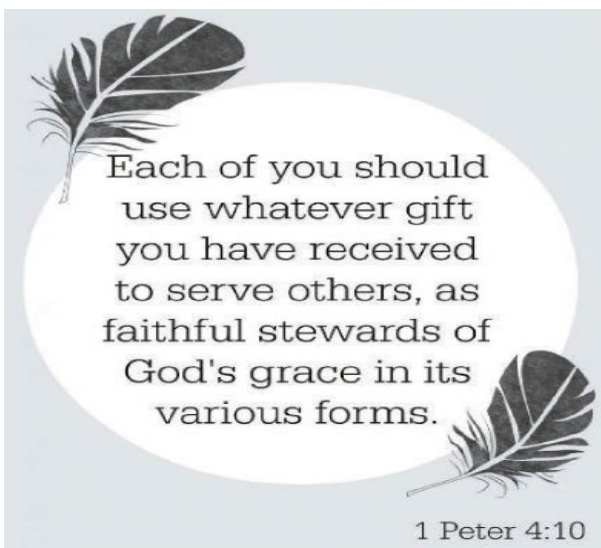
Couples Retreat

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.



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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

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.**

Faith and Wine Lee County - The next gathering of Faith and Wine in Lee County will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, January 27, at St. Leo the Great Parish, 28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the speaker is Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle, and her talk is titled, "Divine Mercy for a Woman's Life: Our Sister St. Faustina as Our Guide." The suggested donation is \$18. Registration ends by Monday, January 24. For further information, visit faithandwineleecounty.com.

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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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

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 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

This material has been prepared for informational purposes only, and is not intended to provide, and should not be relied on for tax, legal or accounting advice. If you have any questions about how your giving may impact your finances, please consult a tax, legal or accounting advisor before engaging in any transaction.



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 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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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.

A decorative graphic featuring a collection of hearts in various shades of red, pink, and orange, scattered across a white background. The hearts are of different sizes and orientations, creating a festive and warm atmosphere. The graphic is framed by a dashed pink border.

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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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.

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2022

**CATHOLIC
FAITH APPEAL**



Diocese of Venice

What is the Catholic Faith Appeal and for what are its proceeds used?

The Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) is a yearly invitation to come together as a Diocese and provide assistance to our needy brothers and sisters. It is one of the most effective ways to carry out the work of the Church, and it is a testament to how we live our Catholic Faith. Gifts to the CFA support a broad range of programs and services such as: Vocations and Seminarians, Religious Education, Parishes and Missions in financially challenged areas, Evangelization, Catholic Education, Peace and Social Justice, Catholic Charities and many more. On an annual basis, Parishes in the Diocese of Venice make a required contribution to financially support these efforts. The Catholic Faith Appeal is a means by which all parishioners can take part in helping their Parish to meet its contribution. A Parish Catholic Faith Appeal goal is determined by the income of the Parish and is not based on the number of registered families because our population grows in the winter months from northern visitors. This greatly adds to the success of the Appeal.

How does the CFA benefit my Parish and me?

The Catholic Faith Appeal helps to sustain many diverse programs in our Parishes. Some examples are preparing couples for marriage, providing the curriculum to educate both children and adults in our Faith, forming future priests, educating children in Catholic schools, and supporting religious sisters who serve in various roles. The CFA over the past three years has provided \$5 million to Parishes through donations raised above and beyond their goal. Parishes use the additional funds for a wide variety of purposes as agreed upon by Parish leadership and the Pastor. Some examples are capital improvements, building an endowment for maintenance, tuition assistance or emergency purposes, and expanding community outreach.

Why does Catholic Charities do additional fundraising?

Approximately 14% of the Diocesan budget is given to Catholic Charities to help support its very worthwhile presence in our Diocese. However, this amount is only a percentage of the money needed to carry out its work. In addition to what the Diocese is able to provide, further fundraising is required.

Why are the administrative services included?

The mission of the Church is to continue the work of Christ. To do so requires overseeing and supporting more than 1,000 employees in our schools, Parishes and agencies

throughout the ten counties within the Diocese. These shared services help streamline operations and reduce the overall cost for everyone.

Why are there so many mailings?

More than 3.5 million dollars of the appeal comes to the Diocese through the mailings. Once you have responded to a CFA mailing or made a gift through your Parish, mailings to you will stop with the exception of a thank you letter and yearly tax receipt. Tax receipts are sent to anyone who gives a gift of \$250 or more, which is required by the IRS. It is always wise to keep receipts of your charitable giving for audit purposes.

How much should I give?

In prayerful thanks for the many blessings from God, we as Stewards should reflect an attitude of gratitude by sharing those blessings with our brothers and sisters in need through contributions to our Parish or the CFA. Although we are not all able to make an equal gift, all are invited by Our Lord to make an equal sacrifice. Therefore, your gift is a personal decision between you and God, and should be made after prayerful consideration.

Should I make a pledge or a one-time gift?

Making a pledge allows you to spread your gift throughout the year, which may make it easier for you to pay, and may also allow you to give a larger gift. Pledge statements are sent out monthly unless otherwise requested. These are simply reminders and not bills. You can pay your pledge anytime before the end of the year. If your situation changes, you may also adjust your pledge.

How can I make my gift?

We try to make your giving as easy as possible! You can make a gift through checks, credit cards, stocks, direct debit, IRA transfer, on-line giving at www.dioceseofvenice.org, as well as approved gifts of real estate. Give us a call and we will happily answer your questions (941-486-4719).

Will any funds from the CFA be used to settle lawsuits or for legal expenses?

No, the Catholic Faith Appeal funds are restricted for the funding of the ministries and programs outlined in promotional materials and are not used to settle claims or pay claim related expenses.

If I contribute to my Parish's capital campaign, does the Diocese get a portion of my gift?

Funds from approved Parish capital campaigns are not assessable. Therefore, the fully donated amount is available for use by the Parish for capital campaign purposes.

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