



Sunday, August 18, 2024

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JOHN PAUL II
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. John 6:56-57

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. ©LPi

OFFICE HOURS

Monday
CLOSED

Tuesday – Friday
9:00am – 4:00pm
(Closed for lunch 12:00pm – 1:00pm)

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Rafael Lavilla, Pastor pastor@nocateecatholic.com
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THE FOURTH ANNUAL BEACON OF LIGHT GALA

AT THE SAWGRASS MARRIOTT

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 18 2024

6:00 PM

GALA TICKETS PROMOTION THIS WEEKEND!

Buy your tickets before August 31st and be entered into a raffle to win one of several amazing prizes

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INCLUDING DONATED TICKETS.

For premium tables of 10, each guest at the table will receive one raffle ticket entry.

TICKETS

Single Ticket: \$300 Single

Premium Table: \$3,500



Ticket w/ VIP: \$500

Add VIP: \$200

Remember - You can purchase a **PREMIUM TABLE** with seating for 10 people closer to the action and with wine service throughout dinner!

If you cannot attend the gala, consider purchasing a ticket as a donation for someone who otherwise could not afford to attend. If you would like to attend the gala, but need financial assistance, please email pastoroffice@nocateecatholic.com.

ALL PROCEEDS AFTER EXPENSES FOR THE GALA WILL GO TOWARDS THE LIGHT TO THE NATIONS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO BUILD THE NEW CHURCH.

Prayer & Worship

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PRAYER

Mary, Queen assumed into heaven, I rejoice that after years of heroic martyrdom on earth, you have at last been taken to the throne prepared for you in heaven by the Holy Trinity.

Lift my heart with you in the glory of your Assumption above the dreadful touch of sin and impurity. Teach me how small earth becomes when viewed from heaven. Make me realize that death is the triumphant gate through which I shall pass to your Son, and that someday my body shall rejoin my soul in the unending bliss of heaven.

From this earth, over which I tread as a pilgrim, I look to you for help. I ask for this favor: **(Mention your request).**

When my hour of death has come, lead me safely to the presence of Jesus to enjoy the vision of my God for all eternity together with you. **Amen.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

OUR SICK & INFIRM - ESPECIALLY

Riley McCahill, Dennis Siple

OUR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Elizabeth Alonso, Carlye Gates Arcas, Nicole Crepes, Mikaela Drury, Caroline Fairly, Sarah Martin, Karol Robles, Juliana Vodicka

OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY

ENS Alyssa Albano, USN; LT Aidan Byrnes, USA; LT Chalin Fairly; SGT Kyle Graves, USA; LCDR Trevor Hoyt; 2Lt. Matthew Mahlmeister, USA; SGT Daniel O'Connor; LT Col Edyta Partum, USA; ENS Erin Sass, USCG; AT2 Kyle Swanson, USN; AOC Shaun Wildenstein, USN; Command Master Chief Avagayle Williams, USN; SGT Scott Zemaitis, USAR

If you wish to add an individual's name to the prayer list, please send a request: nocateecatholic.com/prayer-request. In addition to prayers, if you would like a blessed Prayer Shawl, please contact us at prayershawl@nocateecatholic.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SJPII

- AUG 19** Career Ministry Meeting 5:30pm
- AUG 22** K-6 Family of Faith & First Holy Communion: 6pm
- AUG 22** CCW Monthly Meeting: 7:30pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday 8:30am
Saturday Vigil 4:00pm & 6:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm
Confessions Saturday 2:30 – 3:45pm

Holy Days of Obligation
Vigil Mass 6:00pm
Holy Day Masses 8:30am, 12:00pm

PRAYER & ADORATION

WEDNESDAYS

Morning Prayer 8:00am
Adoration 9:00am – 4:00pm
Evening Prayer & Benediction 4:00pm

MASS INTENTIONS

For the Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

4:00pm Jamie McKernan
6:00pm + Judy Barbush

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00am + Nathaniel Witaszk
10:00am + Hedwig Ubags
12:00pm People of the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

8:30am + Gloria Harrison

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

8:30am + Jose Alberto Betancourt-Jurado

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

8:30am + Daniel Suhr

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

8:30am + Ken Remejes

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

8:30am + Michael Gibbons

Mass intentions through Dec 2024 have been filled. Intentions can be reserved through January 2025 at this time.

Faith Formation

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

WHO? High school-aged teen (9th-12th grade)

WHAT? Register for Youth Ministry!

WHEN? Thur, Sept 12th from 5:30-8:30pm - Kick-Off Carnival!! LifeNights - monthly every 3rd Thursday, unless otherwise noted

What is LifeNights? We will have service projects, trips, fun speakers, and so much more! You don't want to miss out on this fun opportunity!

Youth Ministry Kick-Off Carnival! September 12th from 5:30-8:30pm. Bring the whole family for food trucks, dunk booths, and lots of fun!

If you would like to help in any way with this event, please contact youthflc@nocateecatholic.com. Use the QR Code to register your teen(s) for youth ministry!

[REGISTER HERE](#)



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We still have some seats left for the 2024-2025 school year! Scholarships are available! Visit us at www.pcapvb.org for more information or to submit a pre-registration

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Ministry Activities

FALL BIBLE STUDY

September 5th - October 24th; 9:45 am - 11:45 am

Place: Church Hall

Cost: Study Guide, \$10

Bible Study is open to all parishioners. Study and increase in your knowledge of the Sacred Scriptures. Meet fellow parishioners and grow in community with one another. Peter says we are "like living stones built into a spiritual house." The theme of suffering that leads to glory is paramount in Peter's letter.

Registration is requested.

Scan the QR code or submit the online form

<https://sjpichurch.breezechms.com/form/a7c769>



MOMS MINISTRY



OUR MISSION

Journeying with Catholic women in their vocation of motherhood to grow closer to Jesus through prayer, fellowship and service.

JOIN US

Moms of all ages & stages are welcome to join the Moms Ministry! We offer several opportunities for moms to connect:

Prayer & Fellowship Moms' Night Out Play Dates Service Opportunities...& more!

Contact momsministry@nocateecatholic.com or visit our website at sjp2mom.com for more information.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Please let our Ministry to the Sick volunteers bring you the Eucharist and pray with you.

Only a commissioned minister should bring the Eucharist outside of church.

Email homebound@nocateecatholic.com or contact the parish office at 904-330-0153 to schedule a visit.

CAREER MINISTRY MEETING

One of the most stressful things we can experience in life is losing a job and the hard work that goes into finding one's next opportunity. Join our parish's Career Ministry to discover resources, tools and seasoned leaders who can help you with your career search process. Join our circle for discussion, Q&A and strategic brainstorming. We meet the first and third Mondays of each month in the church.

Our next session is at **5:30 pm on Monday, Aug. 19**

Please contact
careerministry@nocateecatholic.com with any questions.

Updated meeting information will also be posted to the **Career Ministry website:**
tinyurl.com/sjpiicareer.

GRACE & RECOVERY

The Grace and Recovery Ministry meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays each month at 7pm in the Church. All are welcome. The purpose of these Grace and Recovery meetings is to bring freedom, in complete anonymity, to those who love someone with an addiction and those personally struggling with addiction. We hope that we can find a personal relationship with Christ as we heal through each other's experiences, strengths, and hopes, as we grow through our journey in recovery. Because of the serious nature of our discussions, we ask that participants be at least 17 years of age.

Sign up through Flocknote or reach out to the team leads directly at:
graceandrecovery@nocateecatholic.com Or visit our website: www.graceandrecovery.org

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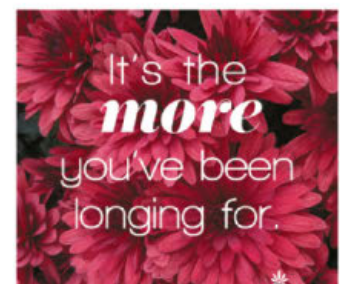
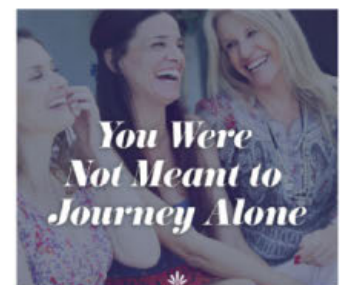


WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Come as you are. **YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!** walking with purpose

We invite all ladies of the parish to join us for our next **Walking With Purpose Bible Study, beginning on 9/17**. This year, we will be discussing Keeping in Balance, where we'll explore Biblical ideas for managing life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness. WWP meets weekly on Tuesday mornings from 9:45-11:45 inside the church. Our meetings consist of monthly Connect Coffee sessions where we enjoy breakfast, a talk, and social time, and small group discussions about the book each week. **Registration is \$25**. Books can be purchased separately at The Blue Mantle in St. Augustine, or online.

Come learn about your faith and grow in fellowship with women of all ages! No previous Bible study experience is necessary. Register today at nocateecatholic.com/wwp or email us for more information at **wwp@nocateecatholic.com**



BEREAVEMENT CAMPS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Camp Healing Powers

Friday, September 27 to Sunday, September 29, 2024; Marywood Retreat and Conference Center

Camp Healing Powers is an overnight therapeutic camp for grieving children and teens.

Since 1997, they have connected young grieverers with others their own age to decrease feelings of isolation.

- Camp is open for children between **the ages of 7 and 17**.
- The death has occurred at least three months prior to the camp date, but no longer than two years.
- A \$35 deposit reserves a camper's space and is returned upon completion of camp.
- Pre-camp assessments are necessary for all camp attendees. To schedule an appointment for a camp assessment, please fill out the submission request form and email it to

Bereavement@CommunityHospice.com. For more information or questions, **call 904.407.7001**.

Family Grief Camp

Saturday, September 21, 2024, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m., Rodeheaver Boys Ranch, 380 Boys Ranch Road, Palatka, FL 32177.

Haven Hospice: Haven offers camps at no cost for children, youth and families who have lost a loved one and may benefit from the development of coping skills to handle their emotions. Supported by Haven's professionals and volunteers for over 15 years, Camp Safe Haven provides fun and therapeutic activities to help children work through feelings of grief.

For information, please contact 352 692-5105 or 800 727-1889.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

OUR MISSION: To support the Ministry of Consolation by creating prayer shawls that are then blessed and donated to individuals who are suffering with grief, illness, or other life events and are in need of blessings, prayers and comfort.

WHEN WE MEET (New members are always welcome!)

Adults: - 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 2:00 to 3:30 pm

- 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6:30 to 8:00 pm Youth:

- 2nd & 4th Mondays, 5:30 to 6:30 pm (Confirmation students- making prayer shawls counts as volunteer hours!)

OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

- Donate yarn or other supplies (including leftover yarn)
- Make shawls at home and donate them (we can provide donated yarn to use)
- Request blessed shawls for people in your life who could benefit from the comfort

For any questions or to request a shawl or supplies, email prayershawl@nocatecatholic.com.

PRAYER TO PROTECT THEM BOTH

Vote No on Amendment 4

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety. Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen. Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us! St. Joseph, protector of the unborn, pray for us!



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 18, 2024-20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A priest I know was asked by a door-to-door evangelist, “Do you believe in Jesus?” He answered, “Yes, I do. But if I may ask you,” he continued, “Where do you experience Jesus’ body and blood?” His interlocutor responded somewhat confusedly, “I don’t. I just believe in him. That’s all that is needed.” Later my priest friend would relate to me, “The more I thought about it, that response struck me as totally inadequate. As human beings, we need to encounter Jesus’ body and blood, not just hear about him and mentally believe. Otherwise, Jesus is just a ghost.” This week we see this central point as we arrive at the climactic moment of Jesus’ teaching on the Eucharist. Jesus has established the importance of believing in him as the “bread of life come down from heaven.” Belief deeply matters because it leads to a real, bodily encounter with Jesus through eating and drinking. That’s why Jesus emphasizes to an almost outrageous degree the non-metaphorical necessity to “eat my flesh and drink my blood” (John 6:54). The real presence of Jesus’ body and blood – he himself, truly, really, substantially – has been the Church’s treasure since Holy Thursday. Internal belief in the heart and the ritual act of eating and drinking the Eucharist, the Church has stubbornly insisted on both, not just one or the other. This is not meant to criticize non-Catholic Christians who deeply trust and love Jesus, nor is it a triumphal elitist claim about the Catholic Mass. Rather it is a humble, trusting acknowledgement that God in Jesus comes to us in a way most proper to human beings: in our hearts and our bodies, faith and the Eucharist.

– Father John Muir

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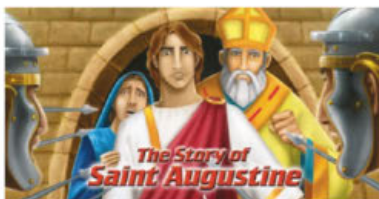
FORMED

PICKS OF THE WEEK

August 18th, 2024



What does giving John Wayne an enema have to do with perfection?? Watch “The Perfection of Imperfection” this week on FORMED.org and find out. This episode of the OSV Talk series (similar in format to the popular Ted Talk series) explains why perfection is perilous and misunderstood. In addition to answering the opening question, it is an emotional and entertaining discussion of pitfalls of perfectionism and gives a better approach for Catholics to take



Do children sometimes think a parent’s advice is foolishness? Watch “Catholic Heroes: The Story of St. Augustine” with them this week on FORMED.org. Bright, young Augustine thinks his mother’s religion is foolishness. He sneaks away from home and ventures to a new life in the city of Rome. Soon Augustine finds himself with the life of luxury he’s always wanted. Then he realizes whom he really must serve.

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Even though we are told that if we seek the Lord, we shall not want, in the second reading St. Paul reminds us that, thus blessed by the Lord, the good steward should “give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

External Ministry Activities

25TH ANNUAL AUGUSTINIAN ADDRESS

Join us for the 25th Annual Augustinian Address on Wednesday, August 28, for an exceptional evening as we honor our patron St. Augustine of Hippo. The event will kick off with the Liturgy of the Hours and recitation of evening prayer (vespers) led by Bishop Erik Pohlmeier from 6 to 7 p.m. at Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine. Followed by the annual Augustinian Address from 7 to 9 p.m. led by Dr. Gregory Cruess at the Cathedral Parish Hall.

OCT. 18: CALLED TO COMMUNION: THE GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP SERIES

Saturday, **September 14, 2024, 07:30 AM - 3:00 PM** Royal St. Augustine Golf Course 301 Royal St. Augustine Pkwy, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

What a great way to have fun and join with us in impacting the lives of young mothers! Join us for a day of thrilling matches, community spirit, and making a positive impact on young teen moms.

For more information and registration go to stgerardcampus.org

FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND HEALING SERVICE

Come and experience a peaceful and spiritual evening of prayer, healing, and reflection **every first Friday of the month** for the First Friday Mass and Healing Service at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre de Dios in St. Augustine led by Father Martin Ibeh. Next healing Mass is Spet 6th. The Mass is scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat is a beautiful opportunity for any man or woman who is struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion or miscarriage in their life. Come and receive peace, forgiveness of self and others and the compassion of God. These retreats are private, strictly confidential and for people of all faiths. Our next English retreat will be on October 4-6, 2024, and our Spanish retreat will be on September 13-15, 2024. For more information call 904-221-3232 or email rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com.

All calls & inquiries are very confidential. Come and be restored!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

MARRIED COUPLES. Getting ready for school means lots of time spent on your children. After school begins, why not give yourselves some time together? **Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!** Sign up today to attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter **Weekend on November 8-10, 2024 in Titusville, FL., Feb 14-16, 2025 in Tallahassee, or July 25-27, 2025 in St Johns.**

For more information visit our website at wwme.org or e-mail: Applications@FLCN-wwme.org Or contact Walt & Viv Paskowski at waltviv.wwme@gmail.com if you have any questions.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR FORMATION PROGRAM

Save the date for September 2024! Join the two-year spiritual director program offered through the School of Mary, designed to train spiritual directors to serve diaconal aspirants/candidates preparing for ordination in 2030 and the faithful of the Diocese of St. Augustine. This program is open to priests, deacons, religious and laypersons who wish to deepen their spiritual lives and help others as spiritual directors. The program combines in-person and online courses, costing \$2,000 (excluding books, personal travel and meals). The in-person classes will be held at Bishop Snyder High School on Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Deacon Steve Arnold with questions at dcnstephenarnold@schoolofmary.org. For more information, scan the QR code or visit the program website <https://schoolofmary.org/program-for-the-formation-of-spiritual-directors/>



ST AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

All Catholic young adults are invited to join St. Augustine Catholic Young Adults for faith formation and social events! It is a group of both single and married Catholic young adults in the greater St. Augustine area growing in faith and fellowship with **Fr. Mac Hill** as our chaplain. Sign up for the email newsletter using the QR code or email stayacatholic@gmail.com and connect on social media to receive reminders for monthly mass and brunch, adoration and potlucks, and social events.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Our Diocese asks us to verify that all volunteers and employees comply with the provisions to be able to serve within our Parish to ensure a safe environment for our children and seniors. Please visit www.virtusonline.org to check your status or to complete or update your requirements. Please check your profile for a pink alert, which indicates that you have a pending task. Email questions to: safeenvironment@nocateecatholic.com.

ST. JOHN PAUL II

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Sharon Bohres, Parish Coordinator coordinator@nocateecatholic.com

VISION STATEMENT

The parish of St. John Paul II will cultivate an environment of discipleship to evangelize and reconcile our dynamic community.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. John Paul II Catholic Community is a welcoming and engaging parish family nourished by the Eucharist and called by Jesus Christ to discipleship through scripture, sacraments, and stewardship guiding us to eternal life.

PARISH REGISTRATION, LOGIN & PASSWORD

Please register online at our website, nocateecatholic.com, or come into the office for assistance. Only ONE person per household needs to register at the following address or by scanning the QR code to the right.

Once you have registered, a Welcome Email will be sent to you with a link to create your own username and password so that you can manage your own account, add family members, set up and view contributions, and more!



Already registered? Create your account at sjpiichurch.breezechms.com/login/create

If you have questions, please email registration@nocateecatholic.com.

MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Our community at SJPII is vibrant, with something for just about everyone! Whether you are simply looking for more information about our ministries, or are ready to join one (or more!), **go to nocateecatholic.com/ministries**, or scan the QR code below for the SJPII Ministry Directory.

For general ministry questions, ministry@nocateecatholic.com.



**MINISTRY
DIRECTORY**

ATTENTION

The Diocese of Saint Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with the allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner.

**To Report Abuse Call:
Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator
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at 1-800-96Abuse or 1-800-962-2873.**

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ONLINE GIVING

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will enable the church to minister to our community.

GUIDELINE FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers may be sponsored on a weekly basis in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion, such as an anniversary, wedding or birth. Donation is \$150 for the center altar flowers. Due to certain holidays and feast days some weeks may not be available. Please call the Parish Office at 904-330-0153 for availability.

**Donations may be made
online by scanning the QR
code or at the parish office.**



GUIDELINE FOR MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions may be made for a living or deceased loved one. Only one Mass Intention per Mass is permitted. Mass Intentions will be limited to 6 per person requesting the intentions per year and may be made up to 6 months in advance.

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- Complete a simple change request form for your retirement accounts, life insurance, and bank accounts.
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Questions? Contact Kelly Wood
904-208-6931 or kwood@dosaf.com

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Use the form on our website, nocateecatholic.com/communications-request. Requests must be received **by 5:00pm on Tuesdays**; twelve days prior to the Sunday bulletin publication date.

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