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**Saint John XXIII Newsletter**

**Friday March 16, 2018**

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

What a whirlwind these past 7 months have been since I stepped into the Development Office! I never anticipated or expected so many twists, turns and surprises awaiting me. I'm a planner at heart, and had a general idea and prepared a blueprint of how I'd like the year to go with events and fundraising, but as you all know... God laughs in the face of our plans.

I am so appreciative that all the events I have had the pleasure of

overseeing have such remarkably capable volunteers who are well versed in running their "show." This has allowed me to focus on the CEA drive and the Annual Appeal... both yearlong projects. As you all know, raising money is no easy feat. Deciding to change the format of HOW we reach the Development Office's budget line of \$200,000 was one twist... we chose to focus the community's fundraising direction by making a request that each family make a pledge of a \$600 donation (you can review how we came up with that particular number by looking back at our beginning of the year letters and brochures) and chose NOT to have a fundraising auction. It has been a successful campaign thus far, but we know we can do better by sharing a more complete picture with what's been going on behind the scenes.

After the difficulty of losing Father Pete at the beginning of the year, our focus turned towards nurturing and healing our community's hearts. Plans for fundraising were put on hold and then amended, as we worked, and continue to work, one step at a time, to build up the community in a non-tangible way. Which brings us to where we are now, a fundraising plan that is still very much needed. We are highly invested in YOU, our community. We expect that you are as invested. We still need to meet our monetary goal, but we want to continue to bond and build our community. We have listened to your requests. You wanted to attend an event that was low cost, was easy to get to and truly celebrates and encourages our St. John community. So here is what we have looking ahead:

- St. John Community Celebration on **Saturday, April 21st**. An adults only event with live music, food trucks, games, and wait for it... the opportunity for you all to "sneak" the alcohol of your choice onto campus for the evening. We are keeping this as a FREE TO ATTEND event. We want no barriers for EVERY St. John community member to be able to attend to celebrate our St. John family. This is not the

Auction, but we WILL ask for your support with a donation to our Annual Appeal. If you can donate \$20, thank you. If you can donate more, thank you. What we want now is your commitment and investment into the St. John community with 100% participation from our families. We will have a registration link and info sheet for this event soon to follow in your email box!

- An On-Line Silent Auction launched Monday, March 19th running through the beginning of Easter Break. We had several generous members of our community who came to us offering items up to benefit our fundraising efforts, and we have several "school" items still available (parking spot, front row concerts etc.). Have fun with it, please be generous, grab a couple other people and go in on an item (or two) and help us make this mini auction a successful one!
- A Raffle of smaller items during the week leading up to the night of the Community Event beginning April 16th. Buy one ticket for \$20, buy 10 tickets for \$100, buy 25 tickets for \$200. Have your kids pop those tickets into the bucket of your choice... and help us increase our Annual Appeal participation with this quick, easy and fun way to get involved in the drive.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and flexibility. Know that you are always welcomed and encouraged to grab Preston or myself for a quick chat to clear up any questions you have, ideas you want to explore, and ways to continue to grow this beautiful community of St. John XXIII.

~Kristen Butler, Director of Community Development

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**Wednesday, March 21**

WoW Rosary 8:05 Cry Room  
Mass 8:30

**Friday, March 23**

Stations of the Cross

**Tuesday, March 27**

Blaze Pizza event

**Wednesday, March 28**

WoW Rosary 8:05 Cry Room  
Mass 8:30

11:50--12:00--12:10 Dismissal

**Monday, April 9**

School re-opens

## [CEA Scholarship Applications](#)



Catholic Education Arizona (CEA) Scholarship Applications for the 2018-2019 school year are now open. Deadline for applications is April 17, 2018. Parents will be notified by letter from CEA on or before June 30, 2018.

Parents/legal guardians need to go to [www.fairapp.com](http://www.fairapp.com) to apply.

School Code: 700

School Password: cea700

## [CEA](#)



## **There is still time!**

Contributions can be made on-line at: [www.ceaz.org](http://www.ceaz.org) or at

<http://saintjohnxxiii.org/cea-tax-credit/> **Designate Saint John XXIII**

**Catholic School** so your tax dollars benefit our students here at St. John.

Please consider taking the tax credit and investing in our children's future.

Contributions can be made until **April 17, 2018**. Thank you again for making a difference!

## Poetry Contest



Calling all poets! Get ready to let your creativity shine! The 18th Annual Saint John XXIII Poetry Contest will begin March 15th and runs through March 28th. All students in grades K-8 are eligible to participate. One winner per classroom will be chosen to receive a \$10 gift certificate toward our upcoming Spring Book Fair!

Please see below for rules and entry form. Please do not write student names on the poem, only the entry form.

[Click here for Poetry Rules](#)

[Click here for Poetry entry form](#)

All entries are due back to the library by Wednesday March 28, 2018. Parents, we could use your help! We are looking for parents to help judge the contest. If you have any questions, or are interested in judging, please contact Sarah Kyle at [sarahmkyle@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahmkyle@yahoo.com).

## [Dine Out, Make \\$\\$ for SJ!](#)



Does your family like pizza? Interested in trying out a new restaurant in Scottsdale? Then join other St. John families on Tuesday, March 27th anytime between 3-8 p.m. at [BLAZE PIZZA](#) at the Promenade (Scottsdale & FLW). **20% of purchases** made during this time will come back to St. John XXIII. [Bring a hard copy of the flyer](#), show it on your phone, mention you are with St. John when you pay, and 20% of your purchase will be donated to the school. Bach2Rock will DJ to keep up the festive environment, so come on out after school, before practice, or whatever works for your family's schedule. Just come on out and support St. John!

## [Shop at AmazonSmile for SJ](#)



**We have an exciting partnership between Amazon and St. John where a percentage of every purchase you make on Amazon will come back to Saint John XXIII. This is a super easy way to make money for St. John on items you already are shopping for! Click [HERE](#) for the special AmazonSmile website (or use this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-2351339> ). Once you click and approve the request to support Saint John XXIII , there is nothing else to do! (Except maybe share the link with your family and friends!!)**

## Spirit of Service



### **Miracle League of Arizona**

**Saturday March 17th**

**Saturday April 14th**

**Please see the sign up link below to participate in the worthwhile service event!**

The real key to the success of the Miracle League of Arizona is our family of volunteers. Our coaches and 'buddies' (one-on-one helpers and friends) help and provide safety and structure to the game, but most importantly they provide friendship and encouragement. Our 'buddies' provide individualized support for each player to allow the athlete to do as much as they can on their own, and then are there to assist where needed to complete a successful and fun baseball experience. For some players it's hand over hand help, whereas for others it's simply high fives and words of encouragement. That personalized

attention leads to confidence and a changed life. <http://saintjohnxxiii.org/spirit-of-service/>

## Faith in Action



3rd Grade would like to thank everyone who donated to our Lenten Season Toiletry Drive. Our drive was a huge success thanks to the generosity of our Saint John XXIII Catholic School Community. Because of YOU and your donations, we were able to help support Shoebox Ministries in providing dignity to the most vulnerable among us.

Thank you and God Bless

## Ways of Worship



### **Live Stations of the Cross**

**Friday March 23, 2018**

**11:30 in the Courtyard**

**Everyone is invited, All are welcome**

**Please join us as we come together to meditate on the Way of the Cross through the eyes of our Blessed Mother Mary and come away with a greater appreciation for what Christ did for us and a deeper love for HIM and our brothers and sisters.**

## SCRIP



**Easter is just a couple weeks away, we have an easy way to help you out. Purchase SCRIP cards to Target, and Walmart they have great prices on jelly beans and chocolate bunnies or those extra Easter decorations. We also carry gift cards to iTunes, Harkins, Starbucks, In & Out, and Bath and Body Works, for the teens in your life. So, visit the SCRIP cart and be ready for the Holiday while supporting our school.**

**Remember you can use your FACTS account to purchase SCRIP!  
For questions Stop by the SCRIP cart before or after school or email Pegge Gentry, at [pgentry@saintjohnxxiii.org](mailto:pgentry@saintjohnxxiii.org) with any questions.**

### **Scrip Sales Hours:**

#### **Monday-Thursday**

**7:30 – 8:15**

**2:30 – 3:15**

#### **Friday**

**7:30 – 8:15**

**12:15 – 1:00**

## Parish Corner



**Saint Bernadette**  
Roman Catholic Parish



**Holy Thursday, March 29th at 7:00 PM**  
Followed by Adoration in Ramada  
until Midnight

**Good Friday, March 30th at 3:00 PM**  
with Veneration of the Cross

**Stations only at 7:00 PM**

Blessing of Easter Food and Baskets, Saturday, March 31st  
at 11:00 AM in the Ramada

**Holy Saturday Vigil, March 31st at 8:00 PM**

Hospitality to follow. Please note this is an extended service with  
baptism.

**Easter Sunday, April 1st Liturgies:**

8:00 AM in Church

8:15 AM in Parish Center

10:00 AM in Church

10:15 AM in Parish Center

12:00 Noon in Church



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Parish Lenten Mission March 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup>

Please join us for a very special Lenten Mission featuring Fr. Leo

Patalinghug. Fr. Leo is a world renowned speaker, author, radio host and TV host. He has been featured on PBS, ABC, CBS and the Food Network, where he defeated a world famous chef in the show "Throw Down! with Bobby Flay".

His unique background as martial artist and break dancer help him connect with people of all ages and with food, faith and fun, Fr. Leo hopes to bring people closer together one meal at a time.

Sunday, 3/18:

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Pre-event Food Truck – Whitty's Fish and Chips  
(purchase dinner).

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Mission Presentation: Finding God through the Saints.

Monday: 3/19:

9:30 a.m. Presentation for St John XXIII for 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Mission Presentation: Finding God through His Mother

Tuesday: 3/20

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Mission Presentation: Finding God at the Lord's Table.



Encore Event:

Wednesday 3/21

7:30pm – 9:00pm Fr. Leo Cooking Demonstration and Food Sampling Event:

Fun for the whole family.

Ticketed Event! To purchase tickets go

to <http://saintbernadette.weshareonline.org/fr.leocookingevent>



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