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Saint John XXIII Newsletter

Friday April 20, 2018

Dear Saint John XXIII Community,

I was challenged at Mass this past weekend by a Deacon to take some time and read Pope Francis' newest Apostolic exultation, *Gaudete et Exsultate* (in English: Rejoice and Be Glad). I have spent the past week reading and re-reading sections of it, trying to absorb the message of the Holy Father and grow from it. There is so much contained in such a small writing, that it is difficult to

summarize the entire work, but there are many words of advice Pope Francis shares that have so much meaning to all of us as Catholics.

Pope Francis outlines the lives of multiple saints including St. Philip Neri and his sense of humor, and tells us to use the lives of the saints as a road map for our own life. He also encourages us that we too can be holy even in our everyday lives with things like raising children, passing on spreading gossip, not judging others, and not being mean. In addition, the Pope tells us that to be saved, we must not only be faith-filled Catholics, but we must do good works for others and we need to pray for God's grace and support to help us along; we can't do it alone. While Pope Francis quotes the beatitudes quite often in the work, his overall message reflects the heart of the beatitudes; that we must see and act with mercy towards all others.

I encourage all of you to read this exhortation and I challenge you in the same way I was challenged - don't read it with binoculars in your hand, but rather with a mirror.

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html

God Bless,
Preston Colao
Principal

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Important Dates

Saturday, April 21

Community Event 6:30 p.m.

St. John XXIII Courtyard

Monday, April 23

VPO meeting 8:15 a.m.

Wednesday, April 25

Mass 8:30 a.m.

Monday, April 30

School

Closed

[School Calendar](#)



Please [click here](#) to view the 2018-2019 school calendar.

[VPO Meeting](#)



We have had a fun year of events, haven't we? These events can ONLY happen because of YOU! Join us Monday morning at 8:15 in the Parish Hall, Rooms 5 & 6 to have a re-cap of this year's events, meet next year's committee chairs and figure out how YOU can use your time and talent to continue the tradition of volunteering and creating wonderful events for our St. John community. See you Monday at drop-off, 8:15. Little ones are welcome!

Community Event

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

The event you have been talking about it is finally here! We are so excited to see you tomorrow night, **Saturday, April 21st from 6:30 - 10 p.m.** We have had a wonderful response and can't wait to mix and mingle with new and old friends. Reminder... this is a FREE TO ATTEND event, but we would like to know how many will be here... sign up by 5 p.m. today for pre-registration, and get through the line quicker. Bring your own beverage (that being said, please be safe with your transportation arrangements). You are welcome to bring portable chairs for seating. The food trucks accept CASH and CREDIT CARDS. The Taco Cart accepts CASH (\$10 a plate). Raffle Tickets will be on

sale, and Annual Appeal donation boxes will be placed around the event. See you tomorrow night!

Thank you to our Event Sponsors!

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We have had several generous St. John community members step in to financially support this FREE TO ATTEND event. We are so very grateful to our sponsors for their generosity and support of the St. John XXIII community. If you are able to thank them in person or utilize their services, we encourage you to do so!



* Northwestern Mutual Wealth Management Company (**entertainment**)



DeLaney's *Live* Auction (**registration areas**)

The Genetti and Aldrete Families (food truck)

Art Walk



We invite the St. John XXIII community to attend the Annual Spring Art Walk on Friday, May 4th. We will have two viewing sessions in the courtyard for our art enthusiasts. View K-5th grade student art work from 12-1 p.m. and again from 5-6 p.m. before the Spring Concert.

If you would like to [purchase a frame](#) that will be used to display the artwork, please turn in the order form before May 1st. All artwork will be returned to the student AFTER the Art Walk, but if you decide to purchase a frame to go along with it, there is special pricing for pre-orders!

Chick Fil A Dine Out Event



Do your kids LOVE Chick Fil A? Do they LOVE Harvest Fest? We are combining those two for a [dine out event](#) that will help cover some of next year's 20th Harvest Fest expenses. Thursday, April 26th from 5-7 p.m. at the Mayo Boulevard Chick Fil A location is where it's at! Join us then by "eatin' more chikin' and supporting next year's Harvest Fest!

RAFFLE!



We had many people stop by this week and purchase raffle tickets to benefit St. John and the Annual Appeal... thank you so very much! If you plan on attending tomorrow's community event, you have one last chance to browse the baskets and purchase tickets. We will be drawing winners Saturday, but if you aren't able to make it to the event and your name is drawn... don't worry... we'll get ahold of you! And a big Thank You to the donors of these fun baskets!

Spirit of Service



New Service opportunities are HERE!!! Please see our Spirit of Service tab on the website for details and to signup!!

Saint Vincent de Paul

Family Pizza Making Night

Friday May 18, 2018

Volunteer and learn how to make handmade pizza! Friday Night Pizzas are a beloved tradition at St. Vincent de Paul; we make 150 pizzas every Friday for guests in our family dining room. This volunteer opportunity is a great bonding activity. Duties may include but are not limited to: rolling dough, topping the pizza, slicing and boxing the pizza, cleaning.

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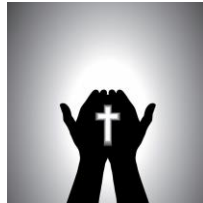
Hearts and Hands Days

Saturday May 5

Volunteers engage in craft projects that are centered around the themes of offering blessings, love, hope, and motivation to our guests. In addition, activities may include but are not limited to: making hygiene packets, making sack lunches, sandwiches, and more. Specific activities vary

depending upon the need that month.

Ways of Worship



Next Friday is our last Pride Day! We will be continuing our exploration of Catholic Social Teaching by learning about Center of Hope Haiti. Their work at Center of Hope is not tied to a past disaster, but an investment in the future of the Haitian people and communities. This is accomplished by a focus on building schools and on education. We will be having a BUCK-A-Crazy sock and tennis shoe day NEXT Friday! \$1 for crazy socks and \$1 for crazy tennis shoes! All donations will go to helping Center of Hope Haiti and their new school building. We will also have Mr. Bob Micera visiting to tell us more about this great organization!

Mom's Morning with Momnipotent

Thursday May 10, 2018

8:00am to 11:00am

Parish Hall Chapel area

Join us on Thursday May 10, 2018 for a tea style morning as we approach Mother's day. Please see the sign up genius link if you would like to attend and feel free to bring a friend. Everyone is invited and all are welcome...even your little ones:)

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4DAAA92CA7FF2-moms1>

Click on this link to learn more about "Momnipotent"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kmlIO3mBFVU>

May Crowning



Tuesday May 1st

8:15 in the Courtyard

Please join us on Tuesday May 1st as we celebrate May Crowning with a presentation by our kindergarteners!

One of the defining aspects of being Catholic is devotion to Mary. This is the feast that recognizes Mary as queen of heaven and earth. To a person of any age, this is a mighty big title, but to a child of five or six or seven, it expands to enchanting, magical proportions. How many queens does one get a chance to meet in a lifetime, much less crown?

We are asking that ALL students bring a flower for our Blessed Mother on May 1st. There will be vases in the grotto for students to place their flowers as they enter school that day.

FAITH IN ACTION



We want to congratulate our 7th graders and their accomplishments with their Miracle Projects! We hope you were able to stop by the cafeteria to see their story boards. Our 7th graders teamed up with Catholic Charities to identify local organizations with need. Outside of school, these students committed their time to meeting the needs of these organizations by holding events, drives and presentations to families, communities and friends. Together, they have impacted the lives of thousands and have truly learned that we can all make a difference and we can ALL be the hands and feet of Christ! They are an inspiration and a gift!

SCRIP



Before it gets too hot, enjoy the he nice weather with a bar-b-que or picnic. We have gifts cards with everything you would need from Fry's to Safeway, and even Visa's you can use at Costco.

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 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](#)



Vacation Bible School



Explore the Marketplace shops, visit Daniel, take part in games, dance to lively Bible songs, and sample tasty tidbits as you discover more about Daniel's adventures in Babylon. These experiences make God's Word

come alive with new meaning for all who participate!
So mark these dates on your calendar: June 11-15.
The adventure starts at 9:00 a.m. and will end at 12:00 p.m.
To register your family for this awesome Bible adventure,
follow this link:

<https://saintbernadette.weshareonline.org/VacationBibleSchool>

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



SUMMER CLASS AT ST. BERNADETTE

Please consider joining our upcoming class beginning April 12, 2018.

We'd love to have you!

Contact us to enroll and for book ordering information.

WALKING TOWARD ETERNITY:

Making Choices for Today, Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart

By Jeff & Emily Cavins

Thursday Evenings 6:30-8:00 PM

Parish Center Building

Contact: Rosemarie Abernethy, facilitator

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