

January 25-31, 2026

*Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men. - Mt 4:19*



## 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

#### Mass Schedule

**Saturday** 7:30am • 8:30am • 4pm Vigil

4:00 (Hall) Vigil • 5:30pm Vigil

**Sunday** 7:30am • 9am • 9am (Hall) • 10:30am

12pm • 5:30pm • 12pm Vietnamese (Hall)

**Weekday** 7:30am • 8:30am • 12pm

**Confession** - Reconciliation Room

Saturday 3-4pm • Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:30am

**Eucharistic Adoration** - Carosella Chapel

Tuesday-Thursday 9am-12pm

**Rosary** - Rosary prayed after 7:30am Mass

#### St. Martha Catholic Church

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**Facebook** St. Martha Roman Catholic Church • **Instagram** [stmarthachurch\\_in\\_srq](https://www.instagram.com/stmarthachurch_in_srq) • **YouTube** St. Martha Catholic Church Sarasota, FL

**Parish Office Hours** Monday-Friday 8am-12pm and 12:30-4pm

**January 25, 2026** - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mt 4: 12-23  
by Deacon Bob

We know Jesus to be the *Light of the World*. Today's Gospel verses in Matthew kick off Jesus' Galilean Ministry. Without Him, just like the Galileans of the time, we live in the darkness of the world. It is light that allows our eyes to see. It is Jesus that allows our hearts and minds to understand the true gift of life is that the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Upon arriving in the Capernaum, Jesus begins to teach that though we are sinners, the Kingdom of God is still within our grasp. We who have dwelled in darkness are still able to have the great light shine on us. The message at Christmas is that Jesus came into the world to teach us the knowledge of salvation is by the forgiveness of sins. Now Jesus is doing just that. He is telling us we can have it all, we can be with Him if we repent. All we have to do is take His hand and walk out of the darkness of putting first the things of this world.

***"We are called to let them know that even though they feel they do not matter, they matter to God, and they matter to us."***

***- Deacon Bob***

So what is exactly that great light? It is the love God has for us. In another Gospel prior to Jesus' Passion, He is praying to the Father. During the prayer Jesus says to the Father (referring to us), *that You loved them, even as You loved Me*. Once we understand that God loves us beyond all telling, that the Father loves us as much as He loves His Only Begotten Son, we then understand the great light. These words should blow our minds! The Father loves us as He loves Jesus! But it gets better! Jesus goes on to say to Our Father

that *they* (being us), are the Father's gift to Jesus! Jesus then says, *that where I am, they may also be!*

The purpose of today's Gospel is to help us focus and understand the great light. All that God desires is to be with us always. God's desire, though, needs to be our desire as well. Our God has gifted us with life. God is reaching out to us and asking us to grab that hand in repentance.

We do that first and foremost by being heartfully sorry for those times we have turned our back on Him. But it does not stop there. We then need to be a window to God's love to those around us. Like

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Our Pastor, Father George

## Notes From Father George:

### National Catholic Education week -

We are really blessed to have St. Martha Catholic Primary School, St. Mary's Academy and Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School within the boundary of St. Martha Parish. This is unique in the whole Diocese of Venice. We are grateful to all those who started our schools, all those who work there now, and we hope to keep them for as long as our children need them for their Catholic education

and formation. Please consider helping in the mission of our Catholic Schools in any possible way, through prayer, financial support or personal involvement. May God bless you!

**Annual Parish Mission** - Fr. Peter Hill, a member of the Redemptorists Religious Order will preach the Parish Mission in St. Martha's parish. He will begin by preaching on Sunday, February 1 and then through Wednesday, February 4. This Parish Mission, two weeks before Lent, which starts on Ash Wednesday, would be a good start to our Lenten preparations for Easter 2026. Come join the Mission sessions led by Fr. Peter Hill, who was with us last year and did a great job.

**Next Sunday, February 1, 2026, is the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

With prayers for God's blessing to you and your family,  
Father George

✓ Deacon Bob's Sermon continued from previous column

Jesus calling the Apostles to help spread the Word that God loves all, we need to spread the same message to those we encounter.

All of us found times in our lives where we felt alone and abandoned. But those times only *felt* like we were abandoned. God has never abandoned any of us. If we grab Jesus' hand and allow the Light of the World to shine on us, we then need to be a window of that light so others can see it as well. We do that by showing them the same love Jesus has for them. The Father loves all of us just as He loves the Son. These are not my words, but Jesus' words. We are called simply to witness that love to others.

As Jesus called Simon, Andrew, James and John, He is begging us to help Him let the world know that all of us are the Father's gift to Him. God needs our help to allow His love to shine in the hearts of everyone we come in contact. We are called to let them know that even though they feel they do not matter, they matter to God, and they matter to us.

When we say we are sorry and then show the world Jesus is the Light of the World to others, that is when the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. That is how much God loves us all!!!



**Giving Open Until January 2026**

# CATHOLIC FAITH Appeal




**2025 Catholic Faith Appeal**  
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Pledged	\$347,949
Percentage of Goal	77.32%



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**2026 Diocese of Venice Eucharistic Missionary Conferences**



**Register Today**



**Sat, Feb 7 from 8am-3pm**  
**Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord**  
with the Most Rev. Frank J Dewane Bishop

After a three-year effort to reignite faith in, and reverence for, the **Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist**, it is time for us to look at another dimension: **that of becoming more fully Eucharistic Missionaries.**

Join us for the **Diocese of Venice Eucharistic Missionary Conference** on **Saturday, February 7, 8am-3pm** at **Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord**, 8121 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers.

**The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass** offered by **Bishop Frank J. Dewane**

**Jon Leonetti** Nationally recognized speaker, Catholic presenter, best-selling author, and radio host presents on: *Sacrament Most Holy, Sacrament Divine and Saints and the Eucharist*

There is food and fellowship. The conference concludes with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

**There is no cost**, but registration is required ahead of time to attend! Space is limited, register today:  
[dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/2026-eucharistic-missionary-conference](https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/2026-eucharistic-missionary-conference)



## Emmaus Journey Bible Study

**Tuesdays 10:30-11:30am • St. Martha Conference Room**

All are welcome! Bring your Bible and a desire to share and learn with participants, a facilitator, and parishioner **Lindy Donahue**.

**Call Lindy 724.263.8285 [lindydonahue@mac.com](mailto:lindydonahue@mac.com)**



*Go to the poor and you will find God.*

— St. Vincent dePaul • That is the Vincentian Mission.



**It is said that no form of charity is foreign to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

If being part of that community of Vincentians who go to the poor interests you, we invite you to join us.

Call the Incarnation parish office **941.921.6631** or come to one of our meetings on the last **Monday** of each month at **6:30pm**.

**The harvest is indeed great, but more laborers are needed.**

*Join Us for*  
**St. Martha Wine & Cheese!**

**January 31st after the 4pm and 5:30pm masses in the Courtyard.**

**It's a great way to meet other parishioners and to get to know the priests better.**



**Save The Date**  
**Women's Emmaus Experience**

**March 6-8, 2026**

**Location** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat and Spirituality Center, Venice

**Hosted by** Epiphany Cathedral Parish

**Come Journey with Us On The Road to Emmaus!**

**Contact Donna Vodraska**

**donnadvodraska@aol.com • 941.496.4464 (home) • 630-336-0918 (cell)**

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## **COUPLES WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

**February 14 and March 14, 2026**

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 Anniversary Masses will be celebrated in two locations: February 14th at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs at 11:00 a.m., and March 14th at St. Thomas More Parish in Sarasota, also at 11:00 a.m. Opportunity for a photo with Bishop Dewane will also be available both before and after Mass.

**Please contact your local parish office for reservations no later than one week before the event you choose to attend.**



## **Fun Fact about the** **ART in St MARTHA Catholic Church**

**Have you seen Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine?**

Located on the Northwest corner of the Courtyard, this incredible, original work of art and shrine, commissioned by the Very Reverend Jerome Carosella in 1980, combines the talents of many of Sarasota's historic artists in one beautiful homage to our Hispanic parishioners. The patroness of Mexico, *Our Lady of Guadalupe's* feast is celebrated on December 12.

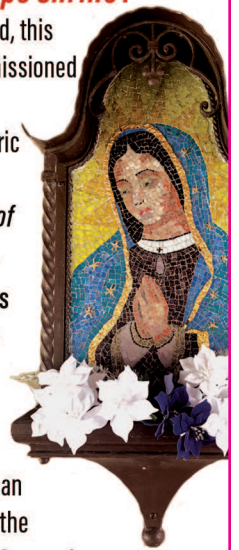
Patrick White, the owner of White Stained Glass Studios in Sarasota, was asked to coordinate the effort and chose Sarasota sculptor, artist, and Ringling College professor Jack Cartledge to create the mosaic portrait out of Venetian glass imported from Italy. Jack Cartledge's sculptures can be seen on display just steps from St. Martha, in the gardens and terrace walkway of City Hall across Orange Avenue.

The shrine and frame are made from wrought iron, fabricated by Kreissle Forge, a historic landmark in Sarasota since 1946, whose works can be seen at St. Mary Star of the Sea, the Columbia Restaurant, Ca' d'Zan at the Ringling Museum, and Church of the Redeemer.

**Read more about our Parish at [StMartha.org](http://StMartha.org).**



**ST. MARTHA**  
**CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
*The Pallottines (Society of Catholic Apostolate)*





# Give the Gift of Education!

## You will find scholarship envelopes in the pews.

Today's young people are bombarded by influences of the secular world.  
The challenges facing parents today are immense, and Catholic education is more important now than ever.

Catholic schools continue to be a pillar of strength for young people through daily exposure to the Catholic faith, academic excellence, and great role models.  
Catholic education helps parents develop young people prepared to overcome the obstacles they face in our messy world.

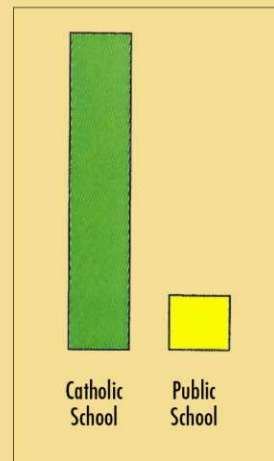
It's a common response of former students who claim that Catholic education was second only to parental influence in development of faith and moral values.

Please know that no gift is too small.  
Any contribution you make, combined with those of other parishioners, becomes a substantial amount and assures the ability of St. Martha to provide Catholic education to our young people.  
Your support can truly make a difference. Give the gift of education!

### Five reasons to support Catholic education for the children of St. Martha Parish.

1. Strong faith and moral foundations.
2. Academic excellence.
3. Great role models.
4. Sacramental preparation and daily exposure to the Catholic faith.
5. Instilling the value of service to others.

### Mass Attendance



This chart illustrates the impact Catholic education has in faith development.

Millennials that attended Catholic school are almost eight times more likely to attend Mass weekly than those that attended public school.







## Support for Separated or Divorced Catholics

12 Sessions Video-based Peer Support Group

Begins **January 15, 2026** at

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Venice**

For details or to register [bobandchrisismialek@icloud.com](mailto:bobandchrisismialek@icloud.com)

## St Martha Legacy Society



**Interested in joining?**  
Contact Emil Efthimides at [ede24@usa.com](mailto:ede24@usa.com) or Samantha McDonald, Parish Hall 941.366.4210 [smcdonald@stmartha.org](mailto:smcdonald@stmartha.org)

The Legacy Society at St Martha is open to all parishioners. There is no financial donation required to join, only the commitment to leave something – anything – to St Martha in your will.

As a member, you will ensure the future of our beautiful historic church in downtown Sarasota. Through your efforts, we will be able to minister to present and future generations.

To become a member, you only need to get in touch with us and express your interest in leaving something to the church in your estate. We will never ask how much, and we will not ask for verification.

## Events & Announcements

**St Martha Wine & Cheese Gathering** - Join us on **Saturday, January 31**, after the 4pm and 5:30pm Mass in the Courtyard of St Martha Church for fellowship, wine, and cheese! All are welcome.

**Catholic Women's Program Offered at Four Diocesan Parishes** - She Shall Be Called Woman (SHE) is a free, Parish-based Catholic women's program, open to all Catholic women. SHE is a place for Catholic women who want to be truly known and loved on their journey with the Lord. It features different topics of study each season, designed to educate and foster deep sisterhood and spiritual growth through talks, discussion, and prayer. **A new session begins in January 2026 and continues through April.** Parishes in the Diocese of Venice currently hosting the program include **Epiphany Cathedral Parish, Venice**, contact **Elise Filbrandt, 616.446.5902**; **St. Frances Cabrini Parish**, contact **Mary Jo Chronis, 941.776.9097**, ext. 209; **San Pedro Parish**, North Port, contact **Kristin McCombie, 941.204.0660**; **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**, Grove City, contact **Shauna Haggerty, 210.857.8833**. For more information or to join, contact one of the participating Parishes, or **Jim Gontis at [gontis@dioceseofvenice.com](mailto:gontis@dioceseofvenice.com)**.

**Mental Health Counseling Services - Health Counseling**, for adults and children provided by licensed mental health therapists. If you or someone you know is feeling stressed, anxious, depressed, helpless, or overwhelmed, Catholic Charities can help. For more information, please call **239.455.2655**.





**Pints with a Priest** - Catholic singles in their 30s, 40s, and 50s are invited on **Saturday, January 31** from 6-8pm to *The Vocation to Love: God's Plan for the Single Seeking Marriage*, featuring Fr. Mark Harris, St. John the Evangelist Parish at **Bone Hook Brewery, 1514 Immokalee Rd, Unit 106 in Naples**. No need to register.

## Kids Corner





### Kids Corner

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Circle the picture that is facing the wrong way. Then color the picture.

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I will ask my parents if I can help them today.

### Kids Corner

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





## Weekly Mass Intentions



**Sun, Jan 25 . . . . Is 8:23–9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23**

7:30am.....[GS] . . Doug Eggen by the Heed Family  
 9:00am.....[GR] . . Marie Latorre by Sheri  
 9:00am.....[GS] . . (Hall) (L) Sean and Mary Ann White by Marcia Norris  
 10:30am.....[FS] . . For All Parishioners  
 12:00pm.....[GR] . . Esther Mitteldorf by Ljubica Plisic  
 12:00pm.....[JV] . . (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions  
 5:30pm.....[GR] . . L & D Mbrs of the Forget Family by Bob and Virginia Forget

**Mon, Jan 26 . . . . 2 Tim 1:1-8; Mk 3:22-30**

7:30am.....[GR] . . In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony by Angelica  
 8:30am.....[JV] . . (L) Fr. Fausto by Jean Berkey  
 12:00pm.....[GS] . . Eileen Mary Rouleau by Marianne Habershaw

**Tue, Jan 27 . . . . 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35**

7:30am.....[JV] . . Ryan Halstead by Mom  
 8:30am.....[GS] . . Roseann Rivera by Daniel and Sharon  
 12:00pm.....[JV] . . Gerard & Catherine Wetherell by Gerard and Anne Norton

**Wed, Jan 28 . . . . 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20**

7:30am.....[GS] . . Delores Wirtz by Debbie and Bob Frank  
 8:30am.....[GR] . . Gregory Fosselman by the Fosselman Family  
 12:00pm.....[GR] . . Terence Major by Joe Barbosa

**Thu, Jan 29 . . . . 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25**

7:30am.....[JV] . . Salvatore Iacopelli by John and Stephanie Iacopelli  
 8:30am.....[GR] . . Lydia Krack & Son & Raymond Krack by Ed & Diane Kostrzewski  
 12:00pm.....[FS] . . Marianne Ferrari by Aedan and Noreen Dowling  
 6:00pm.....[GR] . . Adoration

**Fri, Jan 30 . . . . 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34**

7:30am.....[GR] . . Marge Lortie by Paula and David Shigley  
 8:30am.....[FS] . . Ferdinand Thompson by Mary Anne Thompson  
 12:00pm.....[GR] . . Blake Hadley by Jeff and Debbie Stern

**Sat, Jan 31 . . . . 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41**

7:30am.....[JV] . . (L) Joshua Duarte by Mom  
 8:30am.....[GS] . . Robert and Marguerite Romaine by Gail and Fr. Bob Romaine  
 4:00pm.....[GS] . . Mary Jane and Richie Scarfi by Marge Coppa  
 4:00pm.....[FS] . . (Hall) Poor Souls in Purgatory  
 5:30pm.....[GR] . . Elena Navarro by Felly

**Sun, Feb 1 . . . . Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a**

7:30am.....[GR] . . Elizabeth Albritton by the Family  
 9:00am.....[FS] . . Jesus Manuel Calvo, Jr. by Lilly Volpert  
 9:00am.....[GS] . . (Hall) Tony Ordonez by the Ordonez Family  
 10:30am.....[GR] . . For All Parishioners  
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Fr. George (GS), Fr. Joseph (JV), Fr. Fausto (FS), Fr. Gennadi (GR)



## Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida College & Vocational Scholarships

**Now accepting applications  
for the 2025-26 Academic Year**



### Mary Fran Carroll Scholarship

The Catholic Community Foundation is proud to offer multiple \$3,500 renewable Mary Fran Carroll Scholarships to residents of Sarasota County, Florida worth up to \$17,500 for tuition, books and fees. These scholarships may be renewed annually for up to 5 years for students maintaining a 3.2 GPA as they pursue their undergraduate degree.

**The Traditional Scholarships** are open to graduating seniors and recent high school graduates (within the last 2 years) who wish to pursue an undergraduate degree in any accredited college or university.

**The Non-traditional Scholarships** are open to adult learners who are returning to school to obtain a college degree or vocational certification after being out of high school for three or more years.



### James & Margaret Schwarz Scholarship

The Catholic Community Foundation is proud to offer the Schwarz scholarship valued at approximately \$7,700 to a graduating senior from Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School in Sarasota, Florida that will be pursuing a career in education.

This one-year scholarship is non-renewable and can be used for tuition, books, fees and housing expenses.



### Frank & Florence Coseglia Scholarship

The Catholic Community Foundation is proud to offer the Frank & Florence Coseglia Scholarship to one financially needy graduating senior from each of the four Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Venice. This one-year, nonrenewable scholarship is valued at approximately \$1,100 and is intended for students that provided significant service to their Catholic Schools and Parishes.

**Apply For All Scholarships**  
[cfdioceseofvenice.org/scholarships](http://cfdioceseofvenice.org/scholarships)

**Deadline:** All applications and supporting documents due by **March 2, 2026 at 11:59pm**



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### 2nd Grade Florida Studio Theater

Florida Studio Theater made a special visit to the 2nd Graders, performing short plays and having the students help create a new one with suggested characters, dialogue, setting, and feelings. They then had the chance to work on writing their own plays!



## Catholic Schools Week 2026

January 25-31, 2026

NCEA.org/CSW • #CSW2026

## ST MARTHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL 75 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

### NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR



### EDUCATING STUDENTS FROM PRE-K TO 8TH GRADE

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## A Note From The Principal...

To Our St. Martha Parish Family,

This week, we joyfully celebrate Catholic Schools Week, a time to reflect on and give thanks for the gift of Catholic education. Throughout the week, we will highlight the many blessings of our school community by celebrating our students, honoring our dedicated facility and staff, recognizing the importance of service and vocations, appreciating our families, and giving thanks for our parish and nation. Each day offers a special opportunity to celebrate who we are and the faith-filled mission we share, reminding us that Catholic schools are places where faith, learning and service come together.

God Bless,

Mari Jo Hanson, *Principal*

### 5th Grade Science

Little Medical School joined 5th Graders for a hands-on *That's Gross* lesson all about digestion, intestines, mucus and more!!



## VOTE FOR ST MARTHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL! BEST LOCAL PRIVATE SCHOOL



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Voting Closes Wed, Feb 4

[srqmagazine.com/2025/bosrq#//](http://srqmagazine.com/2025/bosrq#/)  
Family & Children Section, *Best Private School*



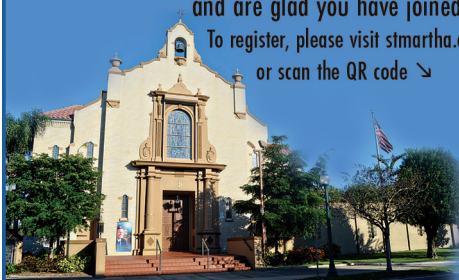


# Welcome New Parishioners!

We are so happy to welcome you to St Martha Catholic Church and are glad you have joined us!

To register, please visit [stmartha.org](http://stmartha.org)

or scan the QR code ➤



## St. Martha Parish Staff

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Samantha McDonald, Business Manager

Patricia Sileo, Director of Religious Education

Blanca Goetz, Event Coordinator

Pamela Paulson, Reception/Data Entry

Maxine Brand, Reception

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Susie Runnells, Sacristan

Janet Cocco, Sacristan

Joe Angelicola, Sacristan

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Eris Nunez, Maintenance

Carlos Sierra Napoles, Maintenance

Claudia Moschini, Rectory Chef

## St. Martha Clergy

Rev. George Suszko, S.A.C. Pastor

Rev. Gennadi Romachko, S.A.C

Rev. Joseph Vu, C.R.M.,  
Hospital Chaplain

Very Rev. Fausto Stampiglia,  
S.A.C. (Retired)

Rev. Deacon Robert Gaitens

Rev. Deacon C. Patrick Macaulay

Rev. Deacon Vern Smith

Sr. Cathy Bonfield, S.S.N.D.

## Knights of Columbus #3358



## Concession Help Needed at Orioles Games

The Knights of Columbus need 18 individuals for 17 home games to help run the concession stand. Duties include filling orders, cooking hot dogs and running the cash registers.

All proceeds collected are 100% donated to different Charities.

You don't need to be a Knight to help. If interested, call the church parish office at 941.366.4210 or Dale Thompson at 941.4350.9010.

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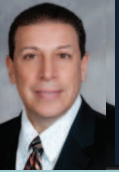
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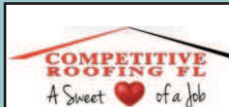
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