

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Prayers of the Faithful

Let us stand now and profess our faith – I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. Sounds familiar? If you are a Catholic, you could probably recite the rest of that from memory, couldn't you? But what are those words we say at every Mass? It's called the Nicene Creed, and it's a synopsis of the things that we, as Christians believe.

The original Nicene Creed was issued in 325 A.D. It was written to clear up a number of heresies going around at that time, particularly Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ. But that's not the same thing we say at Mass on Sunday. The Nicene Creed we still recite today came from the Council of Constantinople in 381. The council fathers there added to the Nicene Creed more about the person of Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Church, baptism, the resurrection and eternal life.

So, if you're ever asked what you believe as a Christian, you can give a complete answer in about sixty seconds... with the Nicene Creed!

(From Gus Lloyd's book "A Minute in the Church: The One Minute Explanations about the Catholic Mass.")

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY - Today, all parish families are asked to bring their Commitment Card to Mass. During Mass, as a parish community, we offer God our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Our goal is to be a Stewardship Parish – a community who is noticeably committed to prayer, parish community, and generous financial support. All three are equally important. May God Bless you as you make your commitments.

"For everything is from you, and we only give you what we have received from you

- CHRONICLES 29:14-16



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MISSION / VISION STATEMENT: WE ARE A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY—called to develop a deeper relationship with Christ. Such a relationship is fostered through active participation in: *Word, Sacrament, Renewal Programs, Ministry/Service* and other **Spirit-led** activities. We dedicate our time, talent, and treasure to install, in our parish community the basic building blocks of Christian living, **to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to all through our words, deeds, and lives.**

PASTOR Fr. Anthony Rapozo

In Residence Fr. John Gabriel

DEACON Dcn. Romeo Ganibe

*FULL Parish Clergy & Staff Directory available
on our website.*

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: 8AM (Monday - Saturday)

Sunday: 5PM (Saturday Vigil), 7AM, 9AM,
11AM (Livestream)
youtube.com/c/SaintJohnMililani
& 6PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30PM

PARISH RECTORY HOURS

Monday 12PM - 4PM

Tuesday - Friday 8:30AM - 4:00PM

Saturday - Sunday Closed

Please call the office for all other inquiries:
Anointing, Baptisms, Blessings, Food Pantry,
Funeral, Homebound Communion & Marriage.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

OCT 29/30

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,555.85
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,653.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 190.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 65.00
Baptism	\$ 110.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 380.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 105.00
Candles	\$ 545.00
All Soul's	\$ 2,868.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 140.00
Archdiocese for Military Services, USA	\$ 55.00

WEEKEND TOTAL

\$ 17,671.85

For the month of October,
we collected 89% (\$177,101 YTD)
of our budget: \$197,145.



STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTION (LUKE 20: 27-38) BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

Today's readings challenge us to focus on the "why" of stewardship. Why embrace this challenging way of life when it seems hard enough just to pay the bills, take care of our loved ones, meet the demands of our jobs, and fall into bed at the end of each full day? Because this life is not all there is. We were made for more — for eternal happiness in union with God. While we cannot earn our way into Heaven, what we do now with the life God has given us has eternal consequences. Stewardship living helps us to keep focused on our hoped-for destination in the choices we make each day.



In our Gospel passage from Luke, Christ reminds us very clearly that we were made for more than just this life and that our choices in this life have eternal consequences. In this passage, our Lord corrects some Sadducees for their mistaken notion that there is no resurrection. He instructs that "those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead...can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise.

Stewardship is not ultimately about the amount or kind of time, talent, and treasure we offer. It is about the conviction that everything we have is a gift from our loving God whom we can never truly repay and with whom we want to live forever. Revisiting these three aspects of our lives regularly, prayerfully discerning the best use of our gifts, and putting this down in writing clarifies and strengthens our conviction to put God first. It is a clear guide and a powerful aid in living out this conviction in concrete ways day-by-day.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Parish office is now accepting Mass Intentions for 2023. Please indicate date, name, and intention. Mass Stipend is \$10.00. Please contact the parish office.

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, November 11th, in observance of Veterans Day.

Today, we will take up a collection to support the Archdiocese for Military Services (or, AMA).

The mission of AMS is to serve Catholics in the United States Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers, working civilian jobs for the federal government, and the families of these populations. The Military Archdiocese and its priests and deacons are responsible for pastoral service to approximately 1.8 million Catholics. Please prayerfully consider a generous contribution and drop your donation during offertory. Envelopes are available at the back of the church or make a donation online by visiting our parish website, online giving. Mahalo!

We'd like to invite anyone who is interested in dedicating a song to Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12th at 5pm. This person can perform their song as part of the " **Mañanitas** " a series of traditional songs for Our Lady. If anyone is interested, please submit your song of choice to Jennifer Rector at jrector@rcchawaii.org.

During the month of September, St. John Apostle & Evangelist had joined with Foodland in the “Give Aloha” Campaign. Mahalo to everyone who helped and participated.

Customer Donations: \$410.46, Matching Gift: \$93.52, Total donations: \$503.98.



“I Have Called You By Name!” The Heart of the Revival newsletter is the simplest way to stay connected to what the National Eucharistic Revival is all about. Sign up for dynamic weekly reflections, videos, and resources from trusted voices in every corner of the Church designed to help you enkindle, rekindle, and deepen a living relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist. For more information and to subscribe free, visit <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>.

Respect Life: “Death is a decisive moment in the human person’s encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope. Palliative care and hospice are precious and crucial instruments in the care of patients with serious and complex chronic or terminal illnesses, and they help provide comfort to both the patients and their families.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. “The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice”

The CHOSEN

St John is hosting the Chosen Season 3 Episode 1 & 2 on Friday, December 9th at 7:00 pm in the One Community Center.

Tickets available on the parish website. Come and See!

ANGEL STUDIOS FATHOM EVENTS



Alcoholics Anonymous celebrates 50 years at St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church

BY JENNIFER RECTOR

From doctors and attorneys to clergy and sports figures, alcoholism does not discriminate. Between family or professional setting, it can impact those least expected. St. John the Apostle and Evangelist has been home to an Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) support group, which celebrated its 50-year anniversary on October 10th. This program focuses on helping those who have the desire to stop drinking.

"A lot of people don't know how to deal with alcoholics. It's considered a disease and can be hereditary," says Arthur K, facilitator of the AA group.

K joined the program at St. John's for his personal needs 32 years ago. He's been helping with the program ever since. While he has seen changes in leadership throughout the years, there has been one thing that doesn't change: the need for such a program.

"The people you meet in the program are anywhere from late teens to 30s-40s. However, a lot of teens don't stay because they face a lot of peer pressure. We have people who turn into full blown alcoholics. The core age group is in their 40s and by their 50s they start dying off because they face much havoc during that time," says K.

Variation of People in AA:

Clergy
Doctors
Attorneys
Engineers
Pilots/Aircrew
Various Trades
Sports Figures
Actors
Homeless
Retirees
All Military Ranks
Politicians
Mentally ill

For those who do stay, K asserts it's a place where they can be heard and supported. There's only one rule to keep in mind: everything that's said in the program stays in the program. K states, "We don't talk about things that you hear about the meeting. If you want to talk about what's been said you can talk after the meeting with someone who was in the meeting. After the meeting you don't repeat what you heard. That's important for the people. That's a big part of its anonymity." Alcoholics Anonymous holds spiritual values, but it's not a religious society. Anyone with different beliefs is welcome to join the program, but it's up to the person to decide if it's a fit for them. "AA is not for everybody, and there's other ways that have worked for sobriety, and that's getting paid professional help. Employers are also now offering options to help their employees who need the help," K says.

There is also help for family members who have a loved one who's suffering from the addiction. AA has a subgroup called Alanon for family members to try to better understand the alcoholic. K claims it is just as important for a family member who has been touched by alcoholism to find support.

"The person that's related to the alcoholic, the spouse, the kids they suffer tremendously too," says K.

There are about 400 AA meetings held across Oahu. The one at St. John's is held every Tuesday in Classroom 5 from 7:30pm-8:30pm and it's free.

Along with AA's famous 12-step program, there is also a set of recommendations for the attendees to consider. K offers these recommendations that can help one succeed.

1. Be consistent and go to the meetings to see what it's about.
2. Get a sponsor who could help one through the 12 steps.
3. Serve within the group (serving coffee, cleaning the area, etc.)
4. No matter what, don't drink. Call for help if needed.
5. Get contact information of other members of the group.

It's not just about going through the steps that can help a person overcome alcoholism, but it's also about the willingness to want to overcome it. K says it's a long journey worth the battle.

"A lot of people who have the seed planted can get help. If a person knows the 12-steps program, it can help those who allow them to work," says K.

For more information about the program at St. John's can contact Arthur Kluvo: akluvo@gmail.com

12 Steps Program

1. WE ADMITTED WE WERE POWERLESS OVER ALCOHOL—THAT OUR LIVES HAD BECOME UNMANAGEABLE.
2. CAME TO BELIEVE THAT A POWER GREATER THAN OURSELVES COULD RESTORE US TO SANITY.
3. MADE A DECISION TO TURN OUR WILL AND OUR LIVES OVER TO THE CARE OF GOD AS WE UNDERSTOOD HIM.
4. MADE A SEARCHING AND FEARLESS MORAL INVENTORY OF OURSELVES.
5. ADMITTED TO GOD, TO OURSELVES, AND TO ANOTHER HUMAN BEING THE EXACT NATURE OF OUR WRONGDOINGS.
6. WERE ENTIRELY READY TO HAVE GOD REMOVE ALL THESE DEFECTS OF CHARACTER.
7. HUMBLY ASKED HIM TO REMOVE OUR SHORTCOMINGS.
8. MADE A LIST OF ALL PERSONS WE HAD HARMED AND BECAME WILLING TO MAKE AMENDS TO THEM ALL.
9. MADE DIRECT AMENDS TO SUCH PEOPLE WHEREVER POSSIBLE, EXCEPT WHEN TO DO SO WOULD INJURE THEM OR OTHERS.
10. CONTINUED TO TAKE PERSONAL INVENTORY AND WHEN WE WERE WRONG PROMPTLY ADMITTED IT.
11. SOUGHT THROUGH PRAYER AND MEDITATION TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT WITH GOD AS WE UNDERSTOOD HIM, PRAYING ONLY FOR KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL FOR US AND THE POWER TO CARRY THAT OUT.
12. HAVING HAD A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING AS THE RESULT OF THESE STEPS, WE TRIED TO CARRY THIS MESSAGE TO ALCOHOLICS AND TO PRACTICE THESE PRINCIPLES IN ALL OUR AFFAIRS.



NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

BULLETIN FOR
NOVEMBER 6-12, 2022

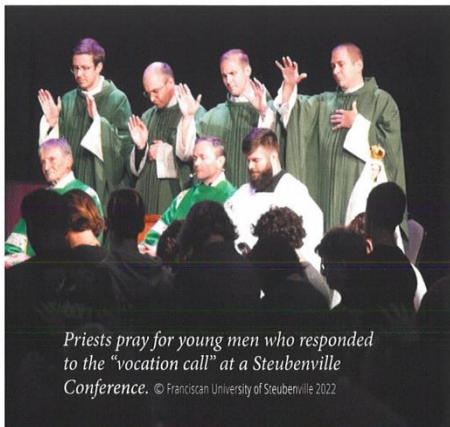
YOUTH ON FIRE

EUCHARISTIC ENCOUNTERS SPARK VOCATIONS

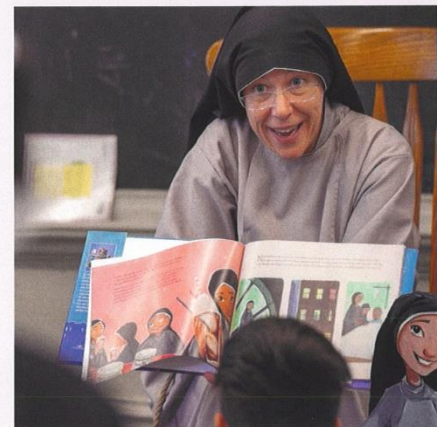
Ever since the 1992 World Youth Day in Denver, where a crowd of 100,000 chanted “JPII, we love you!” Catholic youth events have been growing stronger, as evidenced by the thousands who attended Steubenville Conferences this past summer at 16 locations nationwide.

One of the most memorable moments of the conferences comes at the final Mass, when celebrants ask teens to come forward if they’re open to a call to the priesthood or religious life. “Every year it’s a shock to see hundreds of teens stand up,” said Bryan Wells, one of the conference coordinators. “Our mission is to help kids encounter Christ, and one of the fruits is

that they’re willing to consider a radical way of life and admit in public.” Typically the response to their generosity is overwhelming. “When the teens come forward, the applause literally lasts for minutes,” said Bryan. “It’s an amazing testament to what the Lord is doing in the Church today.”



Priests pray for young men who responded to the “vocation call” at a Steubenville Conference. © Franciscan University of Steubenville 2022



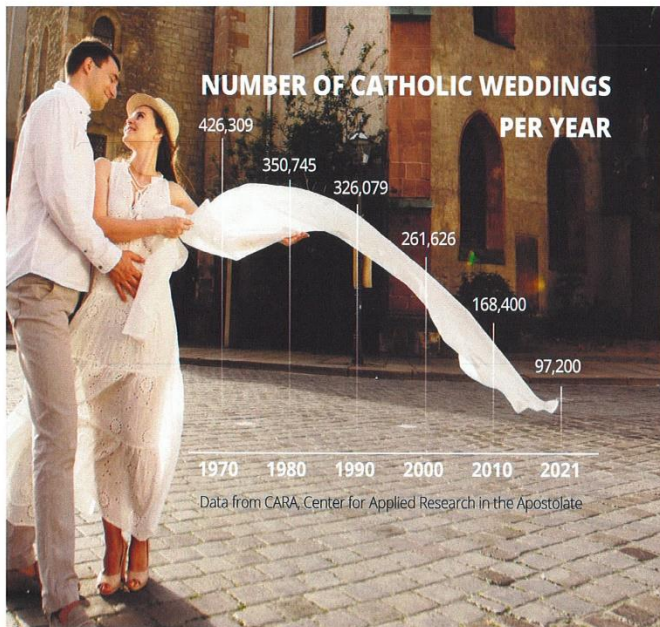
SISTERS IN SCHOOLS

“Most Catholic kids have never even *seen* a sister, and while we can’t visit every classroom in person, we definitely want students to know this vocation is alive and well!” said Mother Clare Matthiass, CFR. She’s the author of *The Unsolvable Problem*, a delightful new children’s book about religious life. You can join Mother Clare’s mission by sponsoring books for a second-grade class at littleconvent.com.



Meet Sr. Mary Andy in the new book series “Little Convent in the Big City”

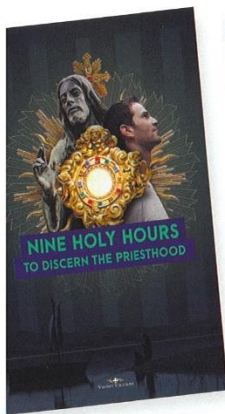
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U.S. CHURCH STATS

CRISIS IN MARRIAGE

We often think of the “vocations crisis” as referring to the decreasing numbers of priests and religious, but the vocation of marriage is faring far worse. In the last fifty years, the number of annual priestly ordinations dropped 54%, from 805 ordinations in 1970 to 441 in 2021. In that same time period, the annual number of Catholic weddings dropped by more than three-quarters: there were 77% fewer newlyweds last year than there were in 1970. And this while the Catholic population grew by 20 million people. Thus while we teach Catholic youth to listen for God’s call, we need to be sure to emphasize that Christian marriage, while at times difficult, is a beautiful and worthwhile vocation.



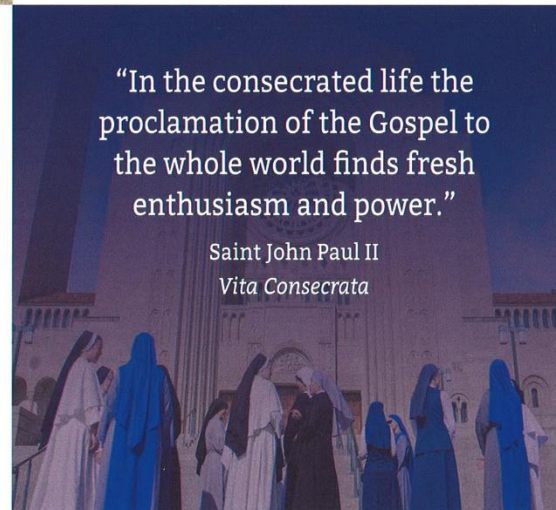
EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

HOLY HOUR NOVENA

Is Jesus calling you to be a priest? Thousands of men have answered that question in the chapel, praying before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. A new “discernment challenge” will lead you through nine Holy Hours of contemplative prayer as you imagine various scenes from the Gospels, ponder the big questions of life, and ask the Lord about your vocation. Free at gopriest.com

“In the consecrated life the proclamation of the Gospel to the whole world finds fresh enthusiasm and power.”

Saint John Paul II
Vita Consecrata

**THE BEST FORMATION
THE CHURCH OFFERS**

Visit a college seminary these days, and you’re likely to be impressed. There is a goodness and vitality at seminaries that leads many visitors to say, “Gosh, I wouldn’t mind living here!” Here’s what young men can expect as they journey toward priesthood:

- A structured schedule
- Plenty of prayer, including daily Mass, personal prayer, Holy Hour, and Divine Office
- Lots of exercise, sports, and other activities
- Regular spiritual direction
- Spiritual accountability from seminarian brothers
- Challenging and interesting academics
- Service in local parishes, and much more!



THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of November 06, 2022



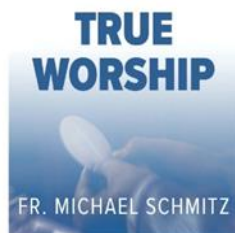
Blessed Duns Scotus

A Franciscan priest and theologian, Bl. Duns Scotus debated against the Dominicans in the thirteenth century, defending Mary's Immaculate Conception. Filmed in beautiful ancient monastery locations in Europe, Bl. Duns Scotus is revealed as a humble and courageous apostle of the Faith against the oppressive anti-Catholic government in power.



Can God Heal Human Divisions?

A tragic consequence of sin is human division, something we all face in one way or another. In this video, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss how we can invite Christ into those situations of brokenness.



True Worship by Fr. Mike Schmitz

Father Michael Schmitz inspires and educates in this Lighthouse Talk about the highest form of worship—the Mass. Through this vibrant presentation, Fr. Mike makes sure that you will have a deeper and more profound experience of the Mass.

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Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  ignatius press

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday November 7, 2022

8AM Earl John Pacpaco (RIP)
Patrick Mayock (RIP)
Estela Rodriguez (RIP)
Jonathan Guerrero (RIP)

Tuesday November 8, 2022

8AM Agatha (RIP)
John (RIP)
Panjigo (RIP)

Wednesday November 9, 2022

8AM Maria Aguirre (Birthday Blessing)
Pedro & Severina Lumantas (RIP)
Souls Close to Heaven (RIP)

Thursday November 10, 2022

8AM Masako Nishikawa (RIP)
Tsuneo Nishikawa (RIP)
Patrick Aki (RIP)

Friday November 11, 2022

8AM

Kristen Rivera-Pavez
(Death Anniversary)
Floreen Ramirez (Birthday Blessing)
Suzanna Foster (Peace in her heart)
Ronald D. Silva

Saturday

November 12, 2022

8AM

Patrick & Yoko Aki (RIP)
M/M Paul Drury Jr. (RIP)
Laurena Burigsay (RIP)

5PM

McGarry, Gallogly, Barbour &
Tatistcheff Family (Blessing)

Sunday

November 13, 2022

7AM

Manuel "Manny" Deguzman (RIP)

9 AM

For the People

11 AM

Rosalinda Aglinao
(Birthday Memorial)

6 PM

Suzanna Foster (Peace in her heart)

SACRED SILENCE

Those minutes before Mass are NOT a time for socializing. We should remain silent, in a spirit of adoration. Visit Jesus Christ, not those sitting around you. The tradition of the Catholic Church is to retain a silence in reverence for the House of God and the REAL PRESENCE of Jesus Christ...



HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Amelia Santos, Family/Victims of Uvalde, Gary O., Manny Rodil, Brenda B. Miyashiro, Stephanie Rapozo, Thomas Ramos, Christy Esposito, Víctor Apilado, Trevor Townsend, Gene Lumantas, Rachel Sullivan, Romeo Donato, Alfredo Alcausin, Teri Velasco, Jennifer Domingo & Wayne & Char Matsumoto.

DECEASED

James E. Smith, Patrick Aki, Arlene Barbara Rodenhurst, Albert Willing, Juanito "Boyet" Montemayor, Luis P. Santos, Mely Akau, Ester Aguirre, Darrell Domingo, Florie Hintze, Marcelina A. Hewe, Rosita Vidmar, Florence Fukumoto, Juancho Archaval, Jr. & Loretta Domingo.