

Celebrate Our 25th Jubilee with us!

PRAY OUR ANNIVERSARY NOVENA BEGINS MONDAY, AUGUST 25

Join us as we begin a special 9-day Novena in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of St. John XXIII Catholic Church beginning on Monday, August 22, 2025, at 6:30pm. This sacred time of prayer and reflection will be on the life, legacy, and spiritual wisdom of Saint John XXIII, guide us as we prepare our hearts for the parish anniversary celebration which will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

All are welcome to participate in this meaningful journey of faith and gratitude.

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. JOHN XXIII WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 | 6:30PM | ST. JOHN XXIII CHURCH CHUCK WEISENBACH AND MICHELLE ROBERTS, PRESENTING

Join us for an inspiring evening as we welcome **Chuck Weisenbach**, President of Roncalli High School in Indianapolis, Indiana, and **Michelle Roberts**, the school's Director of Special Services. Together, they will lead us on a powerful reflection on faith, leadership, and service in the spirit of our parish patron.

More information about this event can be found on the backside of this page.

Reception to follow in the Parish Hall for conversation and refreshments!

25TH ANNIVERSARY MASS & RECEPTION WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 | 6:30PM | ST. JOHN XXIII CHURCH

Come and celebrate the 25th Anniversary of St. John XXIII Catholic Church – a time to reflect, give thanks, and honor all who have helped make our parish the vibrant faith-filled community it is today.

We are especially grateful to all our parishioners, past and present, and give heartfelt gratitude to our former and current pastors whose leadership and service have shaped our journey:

- ▲ **Father Phil Thompson**
- ▲ **Father Dustin Vu**
- ▲ **Father Richmond Dzekoe**
- ▲ **Father Aaron Junge**
- ▲ **Father Greg Bahl**

We look forward to sharing this joyful milestone with you!



ST. JOHN XXIII
CATHOLIC CHURCH



ST. JOHN XXIII,
pray for us.

ST. JOHN XXIII CATHOLIC CHURCH

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS of FAITH & SERVICE

In celebration of our 25th Anniversary, we invite you to join us in a special Service Challenge as we **share hope, build community, and make a difference!**

Our goal is to honor this milestone by committing **2,500 hours of service** – whether by volunteering at a local shelter, helping a neighbor in need, supporting parish initiatives, or finding other ways to serve. This challenge is an opportunity to **live our faith and inspire others** through **acts of kindness and generosity.**

Together, let's reach our goal by our 25th Anniversary on September 3, 2025. Every hour of service brings us closer to creating a lasting impact in our parish and community. To track your service, there is an **acrylic box** in the church where you can record your hours. Simply **fill out a card and drop it in** – every hour counts as we work together to meet this challenge!

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**SERVICE HOURS
COMPLETED ALREADY!**

▲ EVENT SPOTLIGHT

WALKING in the FOOTSTEPS OF ST. JOHN XXIII

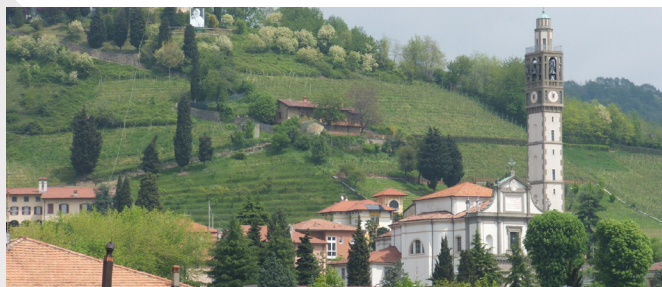
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What is it like to walk in the footsteps of Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, now Saint John XXIII, the 261st pope of the Catholic Church? To visit Bergamo, the seminary he attended and worked at as a professor? To see Sotte il Monte, his birthplace and childhood home? To meet and speak with those who knew "The Good Pope" well?

As part of its 25th anniversary celebration, St. John XXIII church, along with the Knights of Columbus, present a unique, one-night opportunity to learn more about St. John XXIII from those who have walked in his footsteps. Plus, you'll see some of his relics.

Through the Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Grant, presenters Chuck Weisenbach, president of Roncalli High School in Indianapolis, IN, and Michelle Roberts, the school's director of special services, have made multiple pilgrimages to Walk in the Footsteps of St. John XXIII. You'll learn more about their pilgrimage program; the family, friends, and co-workers of St. John XIII; and hear about the historic sites they have visited – including Cornabusa Sanctuary a favorite place of prayer for St. John XXIII.

Join us for this special event not to be missed!



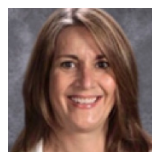
Sotte il Monte, Luigi Chiesa via wikimedia.

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS



Chuck Weisenbach
President, Roncalli High School
Indianapolis, IN

Chuck has been associated with Roncalli High School virtually his entire life, graduating from the school in 1979, and returning as a teacher, assistant principal, principal and current president. Chuck was a founding member of the St. John XXIII pilgrimage program and has led 10 pilgrimages for school faculty & staff. He attended St. John XXIII's canonization ceremony in 2014, has visited every site in which St. John XXIII was stationed during his 59 years of ministry, and oversaw the creation of the St. John XXIII Gallery at the school.



Michelle Roberts M.Ed.
Director of Special Services, Roncalli
High School
Indianapolis, IN

Michelle has served people with disabilities for over 25 years. In 1996, she launched a resource program at St. Roch Catholic grade school and joined the Roncalli special education team in 2009 to coordinate a blended comprehensive program for students with developmental disabilities. Passionate about fostering authentic inclusion for those with disabilities, Michelle has presented regionally and nationally and consults with schools to develop high quality special education services. She has participated in the school's pilgrimage twice and will lead the March 2026 pilgrimage for faculty/staff.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS OR ANY OF THE
25TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS?
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