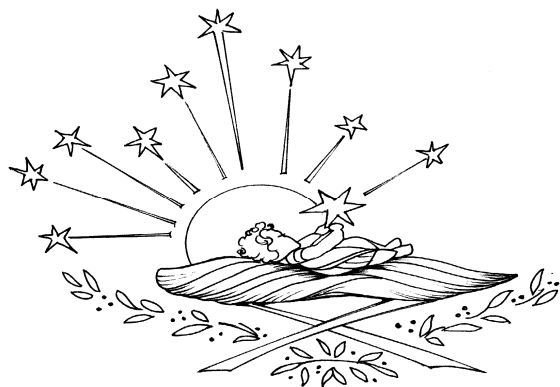


✦ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✦



*The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.
-- Luke 1:35*

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21, 2008

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 20	7:30a	Chris Rabo (living/b'day)
	5:30p	✦Louis, Arline & Tony Borges by The Borges ✦Kathy Logan by Ann Logan
Sun 21	7:30a	✦Michelle Thompson by Don & Hilda Thompson
	9:30p	People of God
	12:30p	✦Tomas Montes by Gerardo Montes
Mon 22	5:30p	✦Don Heffren by Beverly Burgess Levin
	7:30a	✦Colleen Howard by Gala Ybanez
		✦Robert Mutch by Bill & Patty Mutch
Tues 23	7:30a	Caroline Sajben (living;b'day)
Wed 24	7:30a	Carlena Boutwell (living/b'day) by Mom /Dad
	5:30p	✦Harry Cinquini by Marie Cinquini
Midnight	7:30p	no intention
	12:00a	Missionaries of Mercy by DJM
Thur 25	7:30a	Rosanna Correa (living) by Maria Coria
	9:30a	People of God
	12:30p	✦Jose Luis Florez by Sandra Hernandez
Fri 26	7:30a	✦Reuben de la Cruz by Consolation Mstry
	7:30a	✦Betty Powell by Agnes O'Neill
Sat 27	7:30a	✦Betty Powell by Agnes O'Neill
	5:30p	✦William Golden by Gale Golden

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ✦

Sun 21	9:00a	✦Claire Grzanich
	10:30a	no intention

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of,
Esperanza Castro, Travis Knight, Catherine
Cresci and for their family and friends.*

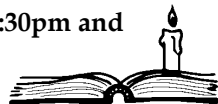
2nd week of December

<u>Collection</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Dec 14 th	\$7,743	\$11,568
Year to Date	\$187,470	\$235,723

May your faithful generosity bring you blessings of joy, for the Bible says, "God loves a cheerful giver!"

Library Hours:

Sunday 8:15-9:30am ; 10:30am-12:30pm and
Sunday evening 6:30-7:00pm.
Thursday 9-11am



ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE
stjohnthebaptistchico.org

Fr. Berg's email: fatherbrberg@yahoo.com

Advent Penance Services:



St. John's - Mon Dec 22nd at 7:00pm

2009 Parish Calendars are available in the vestibule of the church in both English and Spanish. We encourage you to take one for your home.

Vespers— Evening Prayer: Join the choir to pray the Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer on Tuesdays Dec 23rd from 6-6:30pm in the Church.



Christmas Flowers: This year, as in years past, the Art and Environment Committee will be accepting donations for Christmas flowers and decorations.

Your donation may be in the name of your family, in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving. Please return donation envelopes to the office or put into the collection basket. Extra envelopes are in the vestibule.

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST: Sat Jan 24, 2008. An awesome experience! There is a comfort travel bus that will pick up at St. John's at 4am and return by 7pm. For more information call Andrea Florez at 961-2050. Call the parish office to register and reserve your spot 343-8741. Cost is \$35 per person. Look for more details in the bulletin soon.

A "Knight" with Notre Dame School: Mark your calendars for Notre Dame School's Annual Spring Gala Auction, Saturday April 25, 2009 at Chico States Bell Memorial Union. This semi-formal event is a major fundraiser for the school, offering a fun evening complete with champagne reception, sit-down dinner, live entertainment, raffles, and a silent and live auction. This is a wonderful evening to mingle with fellow parishioners, school parents, faculty and friends. If you are interested in event sponsorship or advertising opportunities, brochures are available at the church office or please contact Jodi Buda at 680-6421 or jodi@jodibuda.com for more details.

Volunteer Needed: We need someone to blow the leaves from around the church and the office for the next two weeks. If anyone can help please call the office at 343-8741. The gentleman that normally does this is away for Christmas.

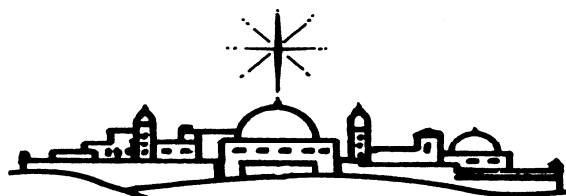
Office Hours This Week Dec 22-26:

Mon - 9am-2pm

Tues 9am -1pm

Wed (Christmas Eve) - 9am:12:00pm

Thurs and Fri - Closed



MERRY CHRISTMAS

❖ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** ❖

Women of Grace Women's Ministry: If you are interested in joining the Great Adventure bible study group we meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at ODS Social Hall from 6:45-9pm. Our next meeting will be Thursday, Jan 8th. Bring your bible and your Catechism. If you have questions, please call Mary Waldorf at 898-6398 or Pat Hackney at 342-5528.

Saturday Night Bible Study: Join George Wing for a review of the Sunday scripture readings every Sat night, 7-8:30pm. Each of the four lectionary selections will be meditatively considered after prayerful reading. Special emphasis is placed on understanding the typological arrangement of the readings, and considering how the message of the scriptures can be applied immediately to our Christian life. Following the discussion there will be time for intercessory and quiet, contemplative prayer. For more information call 342-4472.



Scripture Study/Radio: Joe Hollcraft is live on AM 930 at 11:00am-12:00 each Saturday and Sunday (re-aired). Tune in to the Catholic Hour. This week Joe will consider the

Annunciation of Mary. The following week Joe will re-air a program previously recorded on the Christmas Season. You can E-mail Joe at jholljnj@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the radio program and/or the Catholic faith.

Rosary Prayer Group: The Rosary Prayer Group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. If you would like to participate call 342-2323 or 898-1183.

Holy Spirit Prayer Group: They meet at 7pm on the 4th Wed of each month at the Newman Center. For more information call Sharon, 891-5334 or James, 893-2348.



Coordinator of Youth Ministries, Andrea Florez
chicolifeteen@gmail.com 530-961-2050

Asst. Coordinator/LIFE TEEN Music Minister, Jeremy Bermender
senorjeremy@yahoo.com 530-260-8187

LIFE TEEN (grades 9-12) – Come celebrate Christmas with a party tonight. Bring a gift for a white elephant gift exchange no more than \$5 and your favorite sweet treat to enjoy with your friends.

EDGE (grades 7&8) – Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all in January.

❖ **ChFC: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION** ❖

Religious Education Questions - Call 343-8741

Sacramental Parents Classes are for parents who have children receiving Sacraments this year. The required classes will be on **Sunday Jan 25, Feb 1 & 22, March 1 & 8, April 5, 19 & 26.** The class in January will focus on the

❖ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ❖

Respect for Life Committee: Sarah Smith is a young woman from California who survived an abortion after her twin brother was aborted. She now speaks publicly for the pro-life cause, and abortion issue. It's not about abstract concepts; it's about real people being destroyed. Please consider going to Planned Parenthood on Vallombrosa on Wednesdays or the Women's Feminist Abortion Center on Humboldt on Fridays. Come anytime from 10 am to 4 pm.



Marriage Encounter: Make a great marriage even better! Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is Feb 13-15 2009. Call Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348 for more information.

Natural Family Planning (Creighton model)

Classes: Are you ready to do a great thing for yourself and your marriage? Classes are available right here in Chicco. Contact Jackie Hollcraft M.S.; P.A.C. (899-0243)

❖ **CALENDAR** ❖

Sun	21	Fourth Sunday of Advent 2:30pm Latin Mass
Mon	22	7p Penance Service 6-8pm English AA 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo
Tues	23	6pm Vespers 6:30p Choir practice
Wed	24	5:30p Christmas Family Mass 7:30p Spanish Christmas Mass 6-9pm Spanish AA 11:30p Readings & Carols Midnight Mass (Christmas Eve)
Thu	25	7:30a and 9:30a Christmas masses 11am Latin Mass 12:30p Spanish Mass
Fri	26	No Adoration today 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat	27	10am Confessions

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
 Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
 Thursday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;
 Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14;
 Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7;
 Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
 [1-5, 9-14]
 Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
 Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]
 Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

12/21/08