



First Sunday of Lent February 25 2007

PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS

DID YOU NOTICE As requested by some of you, we are highlighting all new information in bold lettering at the top of each section. We hope this will be helpful.

Attention: Catholic Library (Book list) is up and ready for parousal on St. John's website (see bottom). This is a list of books that are arranged by author and subject category. This book list is in response to those of you looking for good Catholic books to read. Take a look.

World Day of Prayer: will be celebrated by Chico Church Women United with a salad luncheon and program written by the women of Paraguay. It will be held at First Christian Church, Friday, March 2nd at 11:30am. For more information call Pat Feldhaus at 894-3154.

To all lectors of the parish: There will be a lector training workshop on Thursday, March 1st, at 7pm in the church. We have the benefit of the professional expertise of Allan Forbes (a parishioner) who is a retired former professor of speech at CSUC. There are many aspects to lecturing and all of them will be addressed, including practice with adjusting the microphone.

Notre Dame School is holding its 25th ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION GALA



March 31st at 5:30pm! This year the Auction will be held at Sierra Nevada's Big Room in honor of this special anniversary. Tickets are selling quickly! Purchase yours before we

sell out! Tickets are \$65 each and must be purchased in advance at the school office (342-2502) or by contacting one of our Auction co-chairs, Teri Ermandes at 624-9746 or Darleen Bettencourt at 891-4153.

We are also holding a raffle with a grand prize of **FREE TUITION** (or the cash equivalent) for one student at Notre Dame for the 2007-2008 school year! 2nd prize is **FREE HOT LUNCH for the year** (or the cash equivalent). Raffle Tickets are \$50 and only 250 tickets will be sold. (Need not be present at the Auction to win.)

We are currently accepting donations of goods or services for the Auction. In addition, we are seeking sponsors for various parts of the event. If you'd like to buy raffle tickets, can help in any way, or have any questions, please contact Teri Ermandes or Darleen Bettencourt (see contact info above). Thanks for your support of our local Catholic School!

TAMALES FOR SALE: Guadalupana Asociacón will be having their Tamale fundraiser on Sat March 3rd. You may pick up your tamales between 3:30pm and 5pm that day. To order call Teresa Aquirre at 895-1890 or Maria Aquilar at 894-5492. Don't miss out! The tamales are delicious!

Mercy High School: will hold their 7th Annual Golf Classic Sunday March 18th at Tuscan Ridge Golf Club. Four Person Scramble Carts, Eats, Fun & Prizes. Please call Regg Keyawa at 865-4599 or Mercy High at 527-8313 for more information and to register. Thank you.

Catholic Daughters: Our Birthday Luncheon will be held on February 28th, 11:30am at Kalico Kitchen. Call Lil at 342-3008 if you have any questions.



Torres Shelter: We welcome any groups or individuals in the parishes to join us on the first Friday, the second Wednesday or the third Tuesday of the month. Please call Jerry Converse at 342-2134 to volunteer. It is a great experience

Devotions during Lent



Stations of the Cross Fridays at 6pm in English and 7pm in Spanish.

Vespers-Evening Prayer:



Tues. evenings at 6pm with the Choir in English.

| ✠ Mass Intentions ~St. John the Baptist ✠ | | |
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| Sat 24 | 7:30a ✠ | Allen Rader by Bill & Pat Ahern |
| | 5:30p ✠ | Virginia Richardson |
| Sun 25 | 7:30a | Susanne Delima |
| | 9:30a | People of God |
| | 12:30p | no intention |
| | 5:30p ✠ | Loren & Lucille Godwin by Lawrence |
| | | & Emeline Rose |
| Mon 26 | 7:30a ✠ | Ernest Lohndorf by Gail Boswell |
| Tue 27 | 7:30a ✠ | Loren & Lucille Godwin by Emeline Souza |
| Wed 28 | 7:30a ✠ | Mary O' Hara by John O' Hara |
| | 7:00p | no intention |
| Thurs 1 | 7:30a ✠ | Frances Lohndorf by Gail Boswell |
| Fri 2 | 7:30a ✠ | Stephen Carter by Susan Jeffries |
| | 8:45a | no intention |
| Sat 3 | 7:30a | Special Intention by DJM |
| | 5:30p ✠ | Manuel Bettencourt by Diane Bettencourt |
| Mass Intentions ~St. James | | |
| Sun 25 | 9:00 a | no intention |
| | 10:30a | no intention |



3rd WEEK OF FEBRUARY

Sunday Collection \$7,126.00
Thank you

FIRST MONDAY: ADORATION/EXPOSTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday, March 5th
after 7:30am Mass
through 6:45pm Benediction.
Sign-ups are in the vestibule.
All hours must be covered.



Come spend a Holy Hour with Jesus

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE
stjohnthebaptistchico.org

for both you and the homeless.



www.chicolifeteen.org

Andrea Florez, Youth Director 530-961-2050

If you have any questions or would like more information about our programs please call Andrea.

PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please sign-up to help with snacks and environment (no artistic ability required). We are inviting parents to support youth ministry in a vital way. By bringing a snack and/or helping to make simple posters from the designs provided by the Core teams. To help please call Roberta Seibert at 343-8741 or 895-0170.

LIFETEEN – NO LIFE TEEN tonight because we are just getting back from retreat. Please pray for us this weekend! Thank you.

EDGE – What does it mean to be Catholic? Join us on Monday, February 26th from 7-8:30pm at ODS.

Youth Mission Trip to Mexico: The Diocese of Sacramento Youth Office is collaborating with the Los Embajadores Missionary Program to take 24 teens and 6 adults from our Diocese to Tijuana, Mexico in July 2007. Grounded in service work, the program is a week-long experience that serves as a conduit for building relationship with the Mexican people, allows the youth to learn how to form a supportive and interdependent community, and gain a firmer understanding of the social justice issues that underlie poverty. The cost for the week is \$350. Participation is based on an Application process and is open to high school students currently in grades 9-12. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the Diocesan Youth Office at 916-733-0152 or St. John's parish office for an application for the program. Hurry as space is limited!

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Northern Lights Love Circle: Next meeting will be on Saturday March 3rd, at St. John's UMR (NDS) starting at 6:30 with a potluck dinner followed by a talk on Chapter 2 of Five Love Languages by Gary Chapman. For more information please call Stephanie or James at 893-2348, email burkett7@sbcglobal.net

Catholic Marriage Enrichment Group: All Catholic married couples are welcome. For information, call Debbie Weinrich, MSW at 342-2878 ext 2.

Catholic Women's Ministry: For information call Debbie Weinrich at 342-2878 ext 2.

Marriage Encounter: Make a great marriage even better! Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Upcoming weekends will be April 20-22; June 22-24 in Sacramento. For more information call Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett 893-2348.

Retrouvaille: This is a program consisting of a weekend experience and 6 post-weekend sessions designed to give hope and help for marriages that are experiencing trouble. For additional information, go to www.retrouvaille.org or call 1-800-283-5952.

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 Chico. Contact Jackie Hollcraft P.A.C. (899-0243)

CFF: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



Religious Education

Religious Education Questions
Call 343-8741

DATES AND TIMES FOR UPCOMING SACRAMENTS



1st Penance Rehearsal: Thursday, March 22nd at 6 p.m. in the Church. An adult must attend with each child.

1st Penance Celebration: Saturday, March 24th at 12pm. Children must be at the church with one adult by 11am.

1st Communion Retreat Sat April 21st from 9am-12pm (NEW TIME)

Mandatory Sacrament Parents' Class: The next Sacrament Parents' Class is Tuesday, March 13th from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Upper Meeting Room. Only parents going through our program for the 1st time are required to attend all the monthly classes, though all are encouraged and welcome. Child Care during this class is now available!

Youth Sacrament Program (Sacrament Preparation for Youth in grades 7-12): Classes are on Weds, from 4:30-6pm in the Parish Office Upper Meeting Room.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



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Meditation: When I am feeling down, how does God lift my spirits? What gives me hope and strength during the desert periods of my life? When my life begins to improve, and I find myself showered with many blessings, do

I recognize and give thanks for God's "strong hand and outstretched arms" in my life?

Prayer: Lord, God of transformation, through your death and resurrection you have transformed the world. Transform my heart this day. Lift me up and enable me to see how you are at work in my life. Amen

Catholics Returning Home: Are you a Catholic who has been away from Church and just does not understand, what has changed or why? Do you need to receive the Sacraments of the Church? Come join us Monday nights from 7-8:30pm at St. John's Parish Upper Meeting Room. The spring session just started. Please contact Deacon Burkett at 893-2348, 343-4248 or Sharon Haselton 343-8741 for more information.



SCRIPTURE
STUDY

Scripture Study/Radio: Joe Hollcraft is live on AM 930 at 11:00am-12:00 each Saturday and Sunday (re-aired). Each program will be devoted to the readings from the Mass. February 24th and 25th will highlight the meaning of Lent. On March 3rd and 4th Joe will be breaking open the Transfiguration from Lk.9.28-36. Don't miss this great opportunity to better understand the Bible and our faith. Joe will make a formal announcement in the future when he returns to the local Scripture study.

✧ AROUND THE DIOCESE and beyond ✧

A Lenten Invitation to a Women's Day of Prayer: Leave your many duties behind and come for a day of prayer and meditation. Join Sister Gloria Heese, RSM and Sister Janel Sawatzke, RSM on Sat March 31st at Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Red Bluff as they lead you in a day of prayer. Registration starts at 9am followed by opening prayer at 9:30 and closing at 3pm. Cost is \$20 if you pre-register by March 21st and \$25 if you register at the door. A registration form is available at the parish office. Please bring a sack lunch. Hope to see you there!

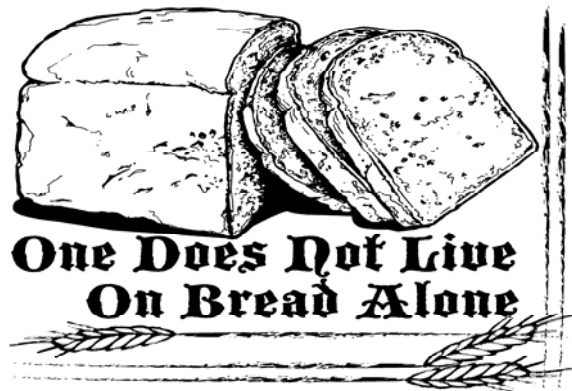
Save the Date! Society of St Vincent de Paul's Dinner with Bishop Quinn – The Society of St. Vincent de Paul/Sacramento Council is honoring Bishop Quinn for his years of devotion to the poor on Thursday, April 26th, at the Hilton Hotel in Sacramento. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the poor through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. For more information, please contact Christine Cipperly at 916-492-6396.

Healing After Abortion Retreat: Struggling after an abortion? Still seeking peace years after the choice? Experience the healing love of Jesus at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat **March 30th -April 1st**, in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. The weekend retreat will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, sacrament of reconciliation, memorial service and Mass. The cost is \$150 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available. For a registration packet or more information, call Edie at 916-733-0161, or email esickman@diocese-sacramento.org. Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes & Italy Nov 5 – 15, 2007, price \$2,449. Fr. Vincent Juan will be hosting the pilgrimage. For more information call (530) 335-2372 or for the application and brochure check the website www.stfrancisburney.org

Pilgrimage to Poland & Italy: "In the Footsteps of Pope John Paul II" April 16-30. Complete price \$3,495 includes the following services: Round Trip airline tickets, all accommodations (double occupancy in hotels) with 3 meals a day, all transportation, sightseeing, guide services, entrance fees to all attraction, taxes and cancellation insurance. For more details call Rev. Stanislaw at 510-336-0698 or Andre Sobczyk at 408-229-1950.

WORLD YOUTH DAY...AUSTRALIA...JULY 2008: Pilgrims from the Diocese of Sacramento will be joining over a million others and the Pope for this incredible event. The trip is open to young adults (out of high school and over the age of 18—by the time of the trip) and will feature days in the Diocese of Auckland, New Zealand prior to the week of World Youth Day events in Sydney, Australia. The dates of the Pilgrimage are July 7-22, 2008. The cost of the Pilgrimage is \$3550, with a \$300 deposit due to register. Please contact the Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 916-733-0152 for more information.



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| Sat 24 | St. Scholastica 9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions |
| Sun 25 | 1st Sunday of Lent 10:45am-12pm CFF NO LIFETEEN |
| Mon 26 | 7pm Jr. Life at ODS 6-8pm English AA 7pm Catholics Returning Home |
| Tues 27 | 6pm Vespers 6:30pm Choir practice |
| Wed 28 | 6-9 Spanish AA 7pm Spanish Mass 7pm BSA #2 |
| Thur 1 | 7pm Rosary Prayer Group |
| Fri 2 | First Friday 6-7am Men's Bible Study (ODS) 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA 6pm Stations of the Cross |
| Sat 3 | St. Katharine Drexel First Saturday 9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions |



Library Hours:

Sunday following the 9:30am mass to 12:15pm
Wednesday 9-noon
Thursday 9-noon

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: What is it? It's a summary of the Catechism, focusing on the key elements of the Catholic Faith, formatted with a question and answer approach. It is not meant to replace either the Catechism or textbooks but to help make the Catholic Faith as accessible as possible for the next generation of the Faithful. We have a new shipment of them available in the Parish office for only \$12.

Catechisms of the Catholic Church are also available in the Parish office for \$15 (a 25% discount).

United States Catholic Catechism for Adults: is a unique and groundbreaking guide for those who seek to deepen their Catholic faith. Each chapter starts with a story or lesson of faith which are then related to Catholic teachings, the Catechism and to American culture. If you are interested in purchasing one they are available at the Parish office for \$20.

Diocesan History Books: The diocese has put together a beautiful hardcover book featuring the history of the diocese and its parishes. The books are available in the parish office. The cost is \$25.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday: | Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46 |
| Tuesday: | Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15 |
| Wednesday: | Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32 |
| Thursday: | Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12 |
| Friday: | Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26 |
| Saturday: | Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48 |
| Sunday: | Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Lk 9:28b-36 |

Liturgy of the Hours I

