

Second Sunday of Lent

March 4th 2007

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.



Don't forget to set your clocks forward Saturday March 10th before you go to bed!

PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS



Annual Catholic Appeal: Thank you to all of you who have already made your contribution. If you have not yet contributed it's not too late! Envelopes are available in the parish office.

St. Patrick's Dinner: Saturday, March 17th ODS Knights of Columbus will have a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner from 4-8pm in the Social Hall. Money raised will benefit Notre Dame Catholic School. Adults \$12.50; Children under 12, \$7.50 and for a family of 4 or more \$40. For more information call Rich Nichols at 520-4418. Tickets are on sale now! We will be selling tickets this weekend after every mass here at St. John's. Come and enjoy a great meal and support our school!

ATTENTION Parents of School-aged children: Now is the time to enroll your child at Notre Dame School. We have openings in all grades. Notre Dame School has many outstanding qualities. We offer sacrament preparation curriculum, excellent academics, Mass presented by students each Friday, Accelerated Reader program, an extensive music program, technology, PE, and art classes, choir, sports (cross country, volleyball, basketball, flag football, track and field) and an after school program. Scholarships are available for those who qualify. Please contact the school at 342-2502 for literature or a tour.

Catholic Ladies Relief: will meet Tuesday March 6th at ODS Social Hall. Potluck luncheon honoring our District Deputy will start at 12:30pm followed by meeting. For more information call Yvonne 898-1266 or Sandy 245-1601.

Catholic Daughters: will hold a Lenten Luncheon on March 8th, 12:30pm at ODS Social Hall with meeting to follow. Birthday Luncheon at Cozy Diner March 28th, 12pm.

Butte County Pax Christi: will have their March meeting at St. Thomas in Oroville instead of the Newman Center in Chico. Sister Kathleen McCarthy, RSM from the Sisters of Mercy will speak about her experiences and ministry to the incarcerated. Please join us Wed, March 14th, at 7pm in the Community Center building. For more information call Nicole at 899-8960.

✠ Mass Intentions ~St. John the Baptist ✠			
Sat 3	7:30a	Special Intention by DJM	
	5:30p	✠ Manuel Bettencourt by Diane Bettencourt	
Sun 4	7:30a	✠ Nancy Stapp	
	9:30a	People of God	
	12:30p	no intention	
	5:30p	✠ Marge McDermott (living)	
Mon 5	7:30a	✠ Elizabeth & Gary Stalker (anniv)	
Tue 6	7:30a	✠ Rusty Beauchane by Andrea B.	
Wed 7	7:30a	✠ Mary VanBuskirk by Lona Stalker	
	7:00p	no intention	
Thurs 8	7:30a	✠ Mary O' Hara by John O' Hara	
Fri 9	7:30a	✠ Loretta Few by John Few	
	8:45a	no intention	
Sat 10	7:30a	✠ Deno Rabo (birthday) by Jean Rabo	
	5:30p	✠ Harry Cinquini by Cinquini family	
Mass Intentions ~St. James			
Sun 4	9:00 a	no intention	
	10:30a	no intention	

Pray for the repose of the soul of Oscar Hinojosa, Josephine Varlinsky and for the comfort of their family and friends.



4th WEEK OF FEBRUARY

Sunday Collection \$7,756.00
 Ash Wednesday \$3,534.00 (Food Bowl!)

Thank you



Notre Dame School's 25th ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION GALA March 31st, 5:30pm at Sierra Nevada's Big Room. Only a limited number of tickets are left! 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 Ernandes at 624-9746 or Darleen Bettencourt at 891-4153.

We still have **AUCTION RAFFLE TICKETS** available! 1st prize is **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.) **Donations are still needed! Please call with your donation by Mon, March 5th in order to have your donation listed in our Auction book.** Donations will still be accepted after this date, but they may not be included in the book. Please contact Teri Ernandes or Darleen Bettencourt (see contact info above) if you have a donation, want to buy a raffle ticket or if you can sponsor a part of the Auction. Thank you for supporting your local Catholic School!

FIRST MONDAY: ADORATION/EXPOSTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

This 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

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.



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 – Thank you to everyone who helped with the high school retreat this weekend. I especially want to thank the CORE members and parent drivers, but most of all the teens who challenged themselves to grow closer to Christ. Join us up in the UMR at St. John's at 7pm for our meeting.

EDGE – What does it mean to be Catholic? Join us on Monday, March 5th from 7-8:30pm at ODS to find out.

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 Youth Director, Andrea Flores, for an application or for more information. Hurry as space is limited!

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!

✧ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ✧

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Northern Lights Love Circle: Next meeting will be on Saturday April 14th, at St. John's UMR (NDS) starting at 6:30 with a potluck dinner followed by a talk on Chapter 3 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: The next meeting will be on Wed, March 7th in the parish office UMR at St. John's from 6:45-9pm. We will be talking about "Destroying the Barrier to Intimacy-Forgiveness." If you would like to be encouraged to live out your marital sacrament and develop Christ centered relationships with other Catholic couples, please join us. For information, call Debbie Weinrich, MSW at 342-2878 ext 2.

Catholic Women's Ministry: Our next meeting will be on Thurs, March 8th at ODS in the Social Hall from 6:45-9pm. For information call Debbie Weinrich at 342-2878 ext 2.

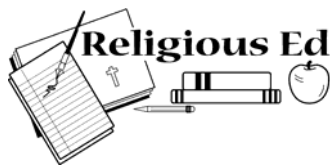


Marriage Encounter: Make a great marriage even better! Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Upcoming weekends will be April 20-22; June 22-24 in Sacramento. For more information call Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett 893-2348.

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.

✧ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** ✧



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Meditation: What could I do to create more space in my life for listening to God? How might I create an atmosphere of serenity in my life, even for just a few moments a day?

Prayer: God of beauty and light, you have spoken through the prophets and have sent us your Son. You desire to speak to us. You call us back to you. Open the ears of our hearts so that we might truly hear your word in our lives. 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). Joe will have a different guest each week. Each program will be devoted to the readings from the Mass. On March 3rd and 4th Joe will be breaking open the Transfiguration

from Lk.9.28-36. March 10th and 11th he will highlight the Samaritan woman. Don't miss this great opportunity to better understand the Bible and our faith.

✧ **AROUND THE DIOCESE and beyond** ✧

Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS): presents “MOMS as Peacemaker” nurturing serenity within ourselves and our families. Sat March 31st, 8am-3pm at the Sacramento Diocesan Pastoral Center. This is a half-day retreat led by Sister Paula Hagen, O.S.B. founder and director of MOMS. Cost is \$25 (scholarships available). There will be a continental breakfast and lunch included. If interested, please pick up a registration form in the parish office. Pre-registration required (due by March 23). For more information call Nancy at 772-3186 of Shellee at 359-3674. Retreat... Reflect... Renew...

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.

✧ **CALENDAR** ✧

Sat 3	St. Katharine Drexel/ First Saturday 9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions
Sun 4	2nd Sunday of Lent 10:45am-12pm CFF 6:45pm LIFETEEN
Mon 5	8AM-7PM ADORATION/EXPOSTION 7pm Jr. Life at ODS 6-8pm English AA 7pm Catholics Returning Home
Tues 6	6pm Vespers followed by Choir practice
Wed 7	Ss. Perpetua and Felicity 6-9 Spanish AA 7pm Spanish Mass 7pm BSA #2
Thur 8	St. John of God 6-10pm Knights of Columbus 7pm Rosary Prayer Group
Fri 9	St. Frances of Rome 6-7am Men's Bible Study (ODS) 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA 6pm Stations of the Cross
Sat 10	9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD AT MIDNIGHT



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

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

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