



**Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary
Time
February 11,
2007**

✦ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✦

17th Annual Catholic Appeal: Sunday February 17-18. By now you should have received information about the importance of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Hopefully, you were able to read the stories of people whose lives have been forever changed by the programs assisted by the Annual Catholic Appeal. The Appeal not only enables local programs to serve others for another year, it also provides funds to our parish. Please remember that 25% of the funds from our parish are returned to us for our own ministries to people in need. Bishop Weigand asks that all parishes "ensure an ongoing commitment to the advancement of the social mission of the church (Synod Initiative 7)". The Annual Catholic Appeal is a wonderful way to help others. Please consider offering a 9-month pledge this year, if you are able. Pledge envelopes are available here at the parish if you did not receive one by mail. Envelopes can be dropped in the Sunday collection or mailed to the Appeal.



Mass for those who are deaf

IMPORTANT NOTICE: This past summer the diocese required us to change to a new data base and because of the change some of our families have been inadvertently dropped from our system. If you have stopped receiving your monthly donation envelopes, please call the office at 343-8741 so that we can solve this problem. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

Deaf CFF: Fr. Thomas Coughlin, pastor of St. Benedict Parish for the Deaf in San Francisco, will be in Chico on Sunday February 18th. He will be celebrating a mass for the deaf on Sunday Feb. 18 at ODS at 5pm. There will be a reception following in the social hall.

Marvsville Deanery Meeting: Wednesday February 14th at ODS. Registration will start at 10:30am followed by mass at 11:00am. Lunch will be served (cost \$4) concluding with the Deanery Meeting. All Catholic women are welcome! Please RSVP to Flo at 896-0249.

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.

PALMS: Please bring in last years palms for ashes. We have a basket in the back of the church. Ash Wednesday is Feb 21st. Thank you!



Respect Life

Respect for Life Committee will have their next meeting on Feb 19th from 3:30-5pm in the office library.



Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule – Feb 21
7:30am, 9am, 5:30pm, 7pm (Spanish)

Calling All Donors: Notre Dame School would like to invite current and previous donors to our Hispanic Scholarship Program to assist financially needy families. For the past several years, large donations to this program have given many students who would otherwise be unable to attend NDS the opportunity to receive a quality Catholic Education. If you are one who has contributed, or someone who would like to begin to do so, please stop by our office or contact NDS at 342-2502. Thank you, St. John's, for the support you provide your parish school!



Feed the Hungry

Torres Shelter: If you are interested in helping the following dates are when meals will be needed at the Torres Shelter: Feb 14th and 30th. 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 for both you and the homeless.

✦ Mass Intentions ~St. John the Baptist		
Sat 10	7:30a	✦ Loren & Lucille Godwin by Lawrence & Emiline Rose
	5:30p	✦ Harry Cinquini by Cinquini Family
Sun 11	7:30a	✦ Mary O' Hara by John O' Hara
	9:30a	People of God
	12:30p	Luciano Cervantes & Family (living) by Natalia Cervantes
	5:30p	✦ Christine Burge by Lisa Rath
Mon 12	7:30a	✦ James Bennett by Mary Helen Bennett
Tue 13	7:30a	✦ Arline Borges by Evelyn Borges
Wed 14	7:30a	✦ Joey Crowley by Casey O' Brien
Thurs 15	7:30a	✦ Stalker grandchildren by Lona Stalker
Fri 16	7:30a	Angela Rabo
	8:45a	no intention
Sat 17	7:30a	✦ Mary O' Hara by John O' Hara
wedding	5:30p	✦ Ivan & Thelma Seiler (60 th Anniversary)
Mass Intentions ~St. James		

Weekly Offering | **1st WEEK OF FEBRUARY**
 Sunday Collection \$11,300.00
 Thank you

Sun 11 9:00 a no intention
10:30a no intention



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 – Shirt and tie \$25, haircut \$10, flowers \$5, BLIND DATE Priceless. Who's going on a BLIND DATE? Come on Sunday night Feb 11th to St. John's Upper Meeting Room from 7-8:30 to find out.

Cry The Gospel High School Retreat, February 23rd-25th permission slips available in the parish office. \$65.00 (scholarships available). Turn in permissions slips to Andrea by Feb 18th.

EDGE – R-E-S-P-E-C-T: What does it mean to you? Join us on Monday Feb 12th from 7-8:30pm at the ODS Social Hall.

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 1 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 Feb. 16-18; 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)

✧ ADULT FAITH FORMATION ✧

Have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Bishop Francis Quinn will be at the Newman Center in Chico May 20th at 2pm to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is an opportunity for Catholic adults (especially high school and college students) to receive this gift of the Holy Spirit. Preparation for this Sacrament will begin in February. The first meeting is at 4pm on Feb 4th in the Newman Center Library or if you can not make this meeting there will also be one on Thurs. Feb 8th (same place). We will be using the newly published United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. Call Tim Gannon at 680-1314 with any questions.

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 Feb 12 from 7-8:30pm at St. John's parish office. 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. Feb 10th and 11th will highlight the Beatitudes. Due to another engagement the following weekend the same program will be aired on the 17th and 18th. 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.

✧ CFF: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION ✧



Religious Education Questions
Call 343-8741

Mandatory Sacrament Parents' Class: The next Sacrament Parents' Class is Tuesday, February 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!

RCIA Adapted for Children: Sacrament Preparation for kids in grades 2-6 who need to be baptized, AND, children in grades 3-6 who need to receive 1st Confession and/or 1st Communion. Next Class is Friday, Feb 16th from 6:30-7:30pm in the Parish Office.

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.

✦ **AROUND THE DIOCESE and beyond** ✦

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.

Multilingual/Multicultural Workshop: If you would like to strengthen the bonds between the diverse cultures of your faith community, then Sacred Heart Parish in Anderson has a workshop designed just for you. Nationally known bilingual liturgist and composer, Pedro Rebalcava, through the use of storytelling, lecture, group sharing/discussion and music, will present a two-day clinic (Feb 16th & 17th) outlining the guidelines for planning and implementing multilingual/multicultural liturgical celebrations. The cost is \$10 per person. If interested you can pick up a registration form at the parish office. For more details, please call 343-8741.

Men's Weekend Retreat: It's almost time for our annual Men's Retreat weekend! Feb 23-25. Space is limited, so call now and make your reservation. Call Allan Forbes 342-5493, John Sutthoff 343-4040 or the Retreat Center at 916-725-4720. Don't miss out!

Beginning Experience Weekend: The "Beginning Experience of Sacramento" support group is offering a special weekend program of healing, hope and encouragement for divorced, separated or widowed persons of all faiths. The weekend retreat is Friday, Feb 16th through Sunday, Feb 18th at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat Center. For more information or to request an application, please call 916-835-2282 or visit our website at: www.sacramentobe.org

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 10	St. Scholastica 9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions
Sun 11	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:45am-12pm CFF LIFETEEN after 5:30 mass
Mon 12	7pm Jr. Life at ODS 6-8pm English AA 7pm Catholics Returning Home
Tues 13	6:30pm Choir practice
Wed 14	Ss. Cyril and Methodius 6-9 Spanish AA 7pm Spanish Mass 7pm BSA #2
Thur 15	6-9pm Sons of Italy 7pm Rosary Prayer Group
Fri 16	6-7am Men's Bible Study (ODS) 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat 17	Seven Founders of the Servite Order 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

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103;
1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Liturgy of the Hours II

2/11/07