



# January 23, 2005 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19

## † Servant Leader †

One of my happiest duties in the diocese is serving the church in promoting Christian Unity. Several times a year the Ecumenical Commission established by Bishop Weigand meets to explore ways to promote Christian Unity. The commission meets with leaders of various Christian churches, gatherings which are very interesting and helpful as we meet so many dedicated Christians from many denominations. I hope you have had or will have a chance to read Bishop Weigand's article on Christian Unity over the last 40 years in his Feed My Lambs column of the January 8th issue of the Catholic Herald.

Christian Unity Week is always January 18–25. This is a time to pray for unity among all Christians so that all may be one as Christ intended. Many churches invite a speaker from another Christian church during this time. I had hoped to have Rev. Dwight Burchett, Director of the North State Evangelical Association and a great friend and admirer of Bishop Weigand, speak at Holy Family this weekend, but he had to postpone his visit until later in the year.

Pope John Paul is tireless in his efforts to bring people together. Christian Unity is extremely important to him as is evident in these notes from his meetings with Finnish and Italian church leaders.

### Finland:

Pope John Paul II has asked all Christians to join in the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which begins January 18... In a January 15 meeting with an ecumenical delegation from Finland, the Pope urged the people of that nation "to build on the Christian roots of Europe, which are so vital for the continent's future." The Holy Father also gave thanks for the warm relations between the Catholic Church and the two largest Christian groups in Finland. He hailed the "significant progress" that had been made toward Christian unity, particularly with the October 1999 statement on justification that was approved by both the Holy See and the World Lutheran Federation.

### Italy:

John Paul II encouraged Eastern-rite Catholics to promote contacts with Orthodox Churches to help overcome the millennium-long schism. The Pope's words were heard today by 150 participants in the Interpatriarchal Synod of the three Catholic Byzantine ecclesiastical circumscriptions in Italy. "I encourage you to continue contacts, thanks to a common liturgical tradition, with the Orthodox Churches desirous also of giving glory to the one God and Savior."

The theme for this year's Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity is "Christ, the one Foundation of the Church" (1 Cor 3:1-23). Holy Family Parish kicked off the week with the beautiful celebration of a Holy Hour last Wednesday which was also part of our celebration of the Year of the Eucharist.

Please join the Holy Father, Bishop Weigand, your Parish Family and all the churches of the Christian world as we continue to pray for Christian Unity.

### THE BEST KEPT SECRET IN THE SACRAMENTO DIOCESE:

Friday, January 28, Brother Steve Coffey, a Benedictine Brother, will present a class on the Theology and Spirituality of being a lector. Although this class is intended for lectors, it is open to anyone who is interested. The class will be held in the church from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Saturday, January 29, Brother Steve will present a class on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The class will be geared primarily towards RCIA team members and sponsors but, again, is open to any interested parishioners of Holy Family at no charge. The class will be held in the Community Center Gym from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, and will look at the implementation of the RCIA as it is envisioned by the Catholic Church. The class will focus on lectionary based catechesis as well as the various steps and stages of the complete RCIA journey. Contact Deacon Mark through the faith formation office at 726-7217 to register or for more information.

### DISCIPLES IN MISSION:

"Disciples in Mission on the Journey", a parish Lenten activity, will begin the week of February 13th. Sign-ups will be taken at all of the entrances to the church after all Masses this weekend and next. Please join your parish family in this enriching, scripture-based program. You will experience the Sunday scripture readings coming to life as we share them in small, intimate groups.

### TAX ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS:

AARP will be assisting Seniors with their tax returns starting February 7th from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon on alternating Mondays. This will take place in St. Mary Hall of the Community Center. Please call the Parish Office at 723-2494 to make an appointment.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon: St. Francis de Sales: Heb 9:15,24-28; Mk 3:22-30
- Tue: The Conversion of St. Paul: Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18
- Wed: Sts. Timothy and Titus: 2 Tim 1:1-8; Mk 4:1-20
- Thu: Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25 (St. Angela Merici)
- Fri: St. Thomas Aquinas: Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34
- Sat: Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Mk 4:35-41 (Blessed Virgin Mary)



### MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday: Richard Bartucco +
- Friday: Poor Souls in Purgatory +



### PRAYER CORNER

Remember in your prayers:

- Mary Avila, Fr. Chris-Paul Egege, Evelyn Gonsalves, Max Guerra, Charlene Gutierrez, J. Gutierrez, R. Gutierrez, Amanda Hallmark, Gary Hayes, Stanley Hayes, Nikki LaTona, Tila Lenz, Mafua Family, Earl Mattingly, Bud Phelps, Peter Popjevalo, Fr. Troy Powers, Christine Regan, Zan Rockett, Charles Schneider, Jo Ster, Clement Sweeney, D. Sweeney, I. Thompson, X. Thompson, Bishop William Weigand, Jessie Williams





# Holy Family School

**MATH-A-THON MASTERS!:** Holy Family School students are still cheering the wonderful performance of the fifth, sixth and seventh grade teams in the Loretto High School Math-a-thon last week. This annual contest is open to girls in these grades, and math students try out for membership on the teams. This year's team members, coached by Mrs. Leanna Patterson and Mrs. Dawn Altobell, were fifth graders Samantha Calhoun, Katherine Griffin and Megan Massoud; sixth graders Lisa McMonagle, Christina Milanes and Melissa Wong; and, seventh graders Diavonti Escasena, Ashleigh McKeon and Madeline Porter. All girls at each level achieved Master Status! Of the 180 students entered in the contest, Lisa McMonagle placed first in Individual Achievement for all sixth grade entrants, and Diavonti Escasena placed second for all seventh grade entrants. The sixth grade team won the First Place Team trophy (out of 20 teams), and the seventh grade team took the Third Place Team trophy! Please come to the school's Open House next Sunday, January 30th, after the 9:00 am Mass to see all aspects of the school's outstanding program!

### **SECOND COLLECTION FOR HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL:**

The second collection at all Masses the weekend of January 29-30 will benefit our parish school's *Tuition Assistance Fund*. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated and definitely will make a difference in our community's future.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**RUMMAGE SALE:** The largest fund-raiser of the year for Holy Family Parish Youth Ministry, the Annual Rummage Sale, is right around the corner! Join us on Saturday, Feb 5th 6:30 am to 6:30 pm and Sunday, Feb 6th from 7am-12 noon in the community center. DONATIONS for the sale will be accepted now through Friday, Feb 4th at 9 pm. Please call 721-8329 to arrange a drop-off time.

## HOLY FAMILY LITURGY COUNCIL

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING!:** Training sessions for new altar servers, as well as existing servers who are looking for a little fine tuning, will be held in the church Wed. Jan 26th from 6:00-7:30 pm, Thu. Jan 27th from 3:30-5:00 pm, and Saturday, Jan 29th from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon. If you are interested in becoming an altar server, please call Corinne Wihl at 722-7956, or you can register at any of the training sessions.



### NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

### Valentine's Dinner and Dance

Cocktails start at 5:00 pm with Dinner at 7:00 pm  
A tri-tip dinner with all the trimmings awaits you.

(Chicken will also be available.)

All for only **\$15.00** per couple

Tickets will be on sale after each Mass,  
or call John Norwood, Grand Knight, at 783-0453.

# Stewardship

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### **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL:**

In preparation for the 15th Annual Catholic Appeal, each week we will offer a few facts and reflections about poverty for pondering and praying in anticipation of the Appeal:

- In the United States, 34 million people live below the federal poverty line.
- The U.S. government says that a family of 4 with an income of \$18,400 is living in poverty.
- Nearly 2 million California families are classified as poor despite having at least one wage earner.
- In Yuba County, 21% of the population lives in poverty, the 9th highest rate in California.
- Colusa County has the 2nd highest unemployment rate in California – 16.4%.
- In Solano County, the Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment is \$1,121, 159% of a CalWORKS grant.

The Catholic Church has a long tradition of caring for those living in poverty and sponsors the largest network of social services in the United States. The Annual Catholic Appeal is a lifeline for so many people and families in our Diocese who are suffering the ravaging effects of poverty.

Please give generously to the Annual Catholic Appeal, coming soon . . .

### STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE

GENERAL COLLECTION	
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$ 10,000.00
Dec 26 .....	\$ 10,536.50
Jan 2 .....	\$ 10,453.50
Jan 9 .....	\$ 10,629.50
Jan 16 .....	\$ 10,297.00
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	\$ 280,213.00
Goal-to-Date (29 Weeks)	\$ 290,000.00
% of Goal Collected-to-Date	96.63 %
<b>Annual Goal</b>	\$ 520,000.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION	
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$ 3,750.00
Dec 26 .....	\$ 6,662.50
Jan 2 .....	\$ 3,644.27
Jan 9 .....	\$ 1,303.00
Jan 16 .....	\$ 1,832.50
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	\$ 69,762.68
Goal-to-Date (29 Weeks)	\$ 108,750.00
% of Goal Collected-to-Date	64.15 %
<b>Annual Goal</b>	\$ 195,000.00
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Tsunami Relief - Updated .....	\$ 20,000.00 +
<i>"You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God." 2 Cor 9:11</i>	