



## † Servant Leader †

### **PLANNED GIVING** (Part 2 of 2)

Last week I discussed how planned giving can be a helpful and generous way for people to use their reserves to "build up treasures in Heaven," as Jesus teaches us. I wrote of the importance of having an understanding of the basic tools and techniques that are commonly used in the world of charitable "planned giving." These tools were broken down into three categories: outright gifts, partial gifts, and family foundations. Last week we looked briefly at the first two categories, and this week we will discuss the third, family foundations, and add a note or two to last week's material.

#### **Family Foundations:**

In the case of family foundations, the assets are transferred to an intermediate vehicle and then given to the end charities at some later point in time. For the donor, this can be a very convenient tool for managing giving objectives in light of their income tax situation since the deduction is enjoyed at the time of contribution to the foundations.

Also, family foundations can be great teaching tools to allow family members to be involved at a higher level in the giving process. You need to be aware that your family member may have established a separate legal entity for giving, such as a private foundation or supporting organization. Typically these types of family foundations require significant startup assets of \$500,000 or more. Alternatively givers can set up what is called a "donor advised fund" at a financial institution for as little as \$10,000. Donor advised funds have been a hugely successful planned giving technique because of their convenience and accessibility. The specific details vary, but individuals who have established a family foundation are demonstrating a major commitment to their giving plan.

#### **More on Partial Gifts**

Last week we spoke about partial gifts such as the Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT), which allows the donor to make a contribution of some amount in the future while continuing the current income tax deduction and keeping the income from the asset. A simplified version of the CRT is what is called a Charitable Gift Annuity, where the donor gives an amount to the charity in exchange for an annuity contract. Another form of partial gift is a Charitable Lead Trust (CLT). This is the opposite of the remainder trust in that the charity receives an annual payment for a period of time and the balance in the trust is eventually paid to the

donor's heirs. Partial gifts must be structured according to IRS guidelines to create a tax deduction for the donor. Normally, charitable trusts such as CRT's and CLT's are administered by financial institutions and community foundations. A great resource for partial gifts and other complicated planned gifts is The National Christian Foundation ([www.nationalchristian.com](http://www.nationalchristian.com).)

#### **More on Planning an Estate**

From a dollar perspective, most major charitable giving occurs at death. Therefore, when parish family members are creating wills and trusts it is important for them to consider the church as a key charitable giving opportunity. I have found over the years that people are very receptive to the idea of making bequests to their church, but this happens most often in churches that are proactive in the process for those investors.

This is where last week's discussion of planning an estate comes into focus, facing the challenge to truly be a written and financial testimony of our faith, and answering some important questions for our families. As I wrote last week, I have the responsibility to create awareness of giving opportunities and help members make biblical decisions about their money, and I look forward to Holy Family building a referral program.

Again, I hope that you pray over these ideas and see what God is calling you to in this area of your life. Please feel free to call me at (916) 995-0168 if you have questions or suggestions, and we can discuss this confidentially.

### **PRAYER CORNER**

Remember in your prayers:

Marcel Arnal, Mary Avila, George Barca, Cody Bartley, Ray Bechler, Charles Black, Jill Boyd, Maria Dixon, Andrew Flores, Roman Fontana, Evelyn Gonsalves, Robert Gonzaga, Max Guerra, Charlene Gutierrez, J. Gutierrez, R. Gutierrez, Gary Hayes, Stanley Hayes, Tina Karlin, Betty Kava, Dewain Koch, Mafua Family, Maria Mamauog, Maria Martinez, Earl Mattingly, Mary Nekrassoff, Eleanor Obmann, Bud Phelps, Peter Popjevalo, Fr. Powers, Christine Regan, Zan Rockett, John Sayer, Charles Schneider, Richard Seward, Judy Smoot, Jo Ster, Clement Sweeney, D. Sweeney, Maureena Sutton, I. Thompson, X. Thompson, Bishop Weigand, Bob Westbrook, Jessie Williams, Lani Zacherson

# Stewardship

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## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Once again it is necessary for us to appeal to your kindness and generosity. This weekend there will be a second collection for our St. Vincent de Paul conference and the poor and needy in our community. I would like to thank you, beforehand, for your continued support for all that Holy Family does for those in need. May our gracious and merciful God continue to bless you as we journey together to bring the good news of Christ, love and compassion to those in need.

Deacon Mark

### KEEPING OUR CHURCH GROUNDS BEAUTIFUL:

Have you noticed how beautiful the parish grounds look this summer. This is due to the efforts of our landscaping volunteers. Yes, the lawn mowing, the weeding, the planting, and pruning are the result of the volunteer labors of our fellow parishioners. Now that it is summer, we find ourselves in need of extra help. There are areas near the Community Center that need the loving attention of additional parishioners. If you are able and willing to commit a few hours each month to assist in maintaining our parish landscaping, please call the parish office at 723-2494 and leave your name and phone number. Thank you for all you do for your parish family!



### WELCOMING MINISTRY:

Thank you to the parishioners who come forward to help as greeters each week. Your parish family appreciates all you are doing to make people feel welcome. We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the greeters who have been serving in this ministry for several years. We are still in need of a few more volunteers for the Noon Mass as well as the two evening Masses. If you would like to participate in this ministry to do the Lord's work, please call Anita Marsolais at 723-1775.

## Monte Carlo Night Saturday, September 24th

Tickets for Monte Carlo Night will be available at the Knight's of Columbus pancake breakfast next weekend, as well as after all the Masses on these Sundays: August 14th & 28th, and September 11th. Tickets are also available by calling Sue Coles at 729-6719. Tickets are \$15.00 each, which includes 2,000 in gaming chips. Early birds who arrive for the event before 7:00pm will receive an extra 2,000 in gaming chips! Mark your calendar and watch for more details!



## STEWARDSHIP - TREASURE

### GENERAL COLLECTION

<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$ 10,500.00
Jul 3 .....	\$ 13,031.00
Jul 10 .....	\$ 10,424.00
Jul 17 .....	\$ 10,705.00
Jul 24 .....	\$ 8,900.00
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	\$ <b>43,060.00</b>
Goal-to-Date (4 Weeks)	\$ 42,000.00
% of Goal Collected	<b>102.52 %</b>
<b>Annual Goal</b>	\$ 546,000.00

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION

<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$ 3,750.00
Jul 3 .....	\$ 5,137.50
Jul 10 .....	\$ 2,858.77
Jul 17 .....	\$ 2,165.00
Jul 24 .....	\$ 1,492.00
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	\$ <b>11,653.27</b>
Goal-to-Date (4 Weeks)	\$ 15,000.00
% of Goal Collected	<b>77.74 %</b>
<b>Annual Goal</b>	\$ 195,000.00

### SECOND COLLECTION

None .....

*"The hand of the Lord feeds us, He answers all our needs." Often, though, it is with the open hands of generous stewards willing to share His many gifts that God's people are fed and their needs met. (See Psalm 145)*

### MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday: Phyllis West +  
Eleanor Best +  
Rose Marie Wihl +  
Tuesday: Corsene Murphy -Int.  
Farzi Kianitabar -Int.  
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Farzi Kianitabar -Int.  
Thursday: Ileen Massey +  
Thomas Massey +



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: St. Alphonsus Ligouri: Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:22-36  
Tue: Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36  
(Sts. Eusebius Vercelli and Peter Julian Eymard)  
Wed: Nm 12:1-2,25-14:1,26-29,34-35; Mt 15:21-28  
Thu: St. John Mary Vianney: Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23  
Fri: Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28  
(Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major)  
Sat: The Transfiguration:  
Dn 7:9-10,13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9



# YOUTH MINISTRY



## **"TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME":**

Jr. High/High School Youth and families are invited to join us for the Rivercats game this Thursday, August 4th. Seats on the third base side, \$1 hotdogs and \$1 ice cream! The game is at 7:05 pm and tickets are just \$12. If your interested in coming along, please call right away, 721-8329 or e-mail holyfamilycym@yahoo.com.

## **SWIM PARTY:**

Hope to see you at the swim party/bbq on Saturday, August 6th from 4-9 pm. Bring your own towel and a side dish to share. This event is for all high school youth. Please let us know if you are coming by sending us an email by August 3rd. Directions will be provided when we receive your email.

## **DID SOMEONE SAY CHOCOLATE?**

Join us for an outing to the IMAX theater for a special 3-D viewing of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Bring a friend and receive a free candy treat! Tickets are \$10. We plan to go to an afternoon showing on August 10th. Please call or email as soon as possible if interested. Jr. high & high school youth are invited. We will need adult driver help!

## **YOUTH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER:**

If you would like to receive a copy of the Holy Family Youth Ministry Newsletter, which includes upcoming activities for jr. high and high school youth, please email your name, address, grade, school and phone to holyfamilycym@yahoo.com.



## **NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS**



### **PARISH BREAKFAST:**

Next Sunday, August 7, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor and prepare our parish pancake breakfast which will be hosted by the Holy Family Women's Council. All profits from the breakfast will go to the Holy Family Women's Council to help support their ministry during the coming year. Please join us to enjoy a delicious breakfast and to support the wonderful work of the Women's Council.



## *Holy Family School*

### **NOW ENROLLING STUDENTS AT HOLY FAMILY PRESCHOOL!**

Our program is Literature based which develops into art, science, math and language activities. Special features include Ms. Amy's Gymnastics, daily hot lunch, monthly guest speakers, computers in the classroom and an outside adventure play area, to name a few. The preschool is accepting applications for students ages two (and potty trained) through five. The morning program is in operation from 8:30-11:30am and the afternoon class is from 12:30-3:00pm. Childcare services are available Monday through Friday from 7:00am until 6:00pm. Enrich your child's interest by calling Mrs. Lucy Eberhardt at 722-4620.

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## **Becoming a Sacramental Person at the Eucharistic Table**

Sunday, August 21, 2005

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Diocesan Pastoral Center 2110 Broadway, Sacramento

\$20.00 per person

(Morning & Afternoon hospitality offered, please bring a bag lunch)

**Facilitated by Gil Bailie, Ph.D**

*Long before either the Pauline epistles or the Gospels were written, communities gathered regularly for the Eucharistic meal. Each one of us are called to become sacramental people modeled on the self-donation of Christ on the Cross.*

To register or for more information,  
please call Claudia at 733-0138

### **TROUBLED MARRIAGE?**

If your marriage situation is getting you down - if there is little or no communication - if you are constantly arguing - if you are hurt, frustrated, or angry with each other - if you have thought about separation or divorce or maybe you already are ... BUT you want your marriage to work, Call Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille is a Catholic program dedicated to help heal and renew marriages. There is hope! The next program win be held in Modesto, August 19-21. For more info call: Geff and Judy Guenther (209) 541-1547 or [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

### **NEED MARRIAGE HELP?:**

For preparation and getting off to the right start -  
**Engaged Encounter (E.E.):** Call for dates and locations.

For improvement and enhancement -  
**Marriage Encounter (M.E.):** Aug. 26-28

For troubled marriages and renewal-  
**Retrouvaille:** August 19-21 (see above)

For further information on any of these programs held in Sacramento, CA, please contact:

**Engaged Encounter:** [www.sacee.org](http://www.sacee.org)  
or call Ron & Kathy Bauer at 916-987-0747

**Marriage Encounter:** [srsreqistrar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:srsreqistrar@sbcglobal.net)  
or call Raul & Gayla Ponce at 866-825-2046

**Retrouvaille:** [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)  
or [Sacramento@RetroCa.com](mailto:Sacramento@RetroCa.com).  
or call Fred & Barbara at 800-283-5952  
or Fran at 916-362-2525.

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# NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE - AND BEYOND

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## **ALL NIGHT VIGIL FOR LIFE:**

There will be an All Night Vigil for Life, August 5th & 6th at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 5751 Locust Ave., Carmichael. The Vigil begins on Friday with 8:00 PM Mass and ends on Saturday with 7:00 AM Mass. Please join us for an hour or more or spend the night. If you need additional information, please call June at 967-9158.

## **PRO-LIFE ROSARY:**

Every Friday morning we will recite the pro-life rosary following the 8:30 am Mass. We will gather in the middle section of the church to pray. We will offer our prayers for all life issues, such as abortion, euthanasia, the use of the fetus in stem cell research, the death penalty and other pro-life issues. Please join your parish family in this great cause to save lives and souls throughout the world through prayer of the pro-life rosary.

## **CATHOLIC RADIO ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT:**

Celebrate and support your Catholic Radio (1620AM in Sacramento) by participating in the Sixth Annual Immaculate Heart Radio Golf Classic on Monday, August 29th, 2005, at North Ridge Country Club, located at 7600 Madison Avenue in Fair Oaks. Register today for this great day of golf, good food and fellowship or sponsor your favorite priest by contacting Immaculate Heart Radio at 1-866-774-3278 or Patricia Lebreton at [patricia@ihradio.org](mailto:patricia@ihradio.org). Space is limited.



## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL POSITIONS OPEN:**

St. Francis High School is now accepting applications for the following:

**Math Teacher:** A full time math teacher for calculus or higher level math. Please submit the teaching position application along with a resume by Friday, July 29.

**Athletic Trainer:** The Athletic Trainer is appointed by the Principal, and is directly accountable to the Athletic Director of St. Francis High School. The Athletic Trainer is responsible for supporting and monitoring all athletic areas in regards to student safety and injuries. National Athletic Trainer Association Certification Required.

**Arts Coordinator:** The Arts Coordinator is appointed by the Principal, and is directly accountable to the Assistant Principal for Student Affairs & Instruction of St. Francis High School. The Arts Coordinator works directly with the Arts Faculty, Arts Patron Board Members and parent volunteers to organize and facilitate all arts-related events at the school. 10 month position. Applications due by 7/29/05.

**For further information, or to apply contact**  
Pat Maier, Human Resources Administrator  
916-452-3461, ext. 290 - [PMaier@stfrancishs.org](mailto:PMaier@stfrancishs.org)

## **TRAVELS OF FAITH**



### **PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY & SICILY:**

Please join us on a fabulous 16-day pilgrimage to Italy, departing November 1, 2005, visiting the sites of the Eucharistic miracles and more!

Visit Florence, Orvieto, Assisi, Rome, Cascia, Loreto, Lanciano, Corato, San Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio), Naples, Pompei, Sorrento, Capri, and on to beautiful Sicily.

For details, please call Gloria Burgett, event coordinator, at 966-2230.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE BASILICA:**

Rev. Pol Gumapo, Pastor of St. Joseph Church, Lincoln, invites individuals and families from all Northern California to participate in a solemn pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in Mexico City - September 22-30, 2005 to kneel at the feet of the Virgin of Tepeyac, to celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving in memory of Pope John Paul II, and to thank God for giving us a new blessed pontiff in the person of Pope Benedict XVI. As part of the tour-pilgrimage, the travelers will visit beautiful Marian Shrines, Basilicas and Cathedrals at the Mexican colonial cities of Guanajuato, Dolores Hidalgo, San Luis Potosi, Aguascalientes, Zapopan and Guadalajara.

Air transportation to Mexico will depart from Sacramento International airport. Once in Mexico, the land transportation will be by air-conditioned buses and certified tour guides will attend the English-speaking travelers.

Those who want to see Mexico differently than most of the common tourists shouldn't miss this opportunity to live the once in a lifetime experience of visiting the American Continent's most venerated Marian shrine. **Space is limited and the last day to register is July 31, 2005.** For a free brochure contact Deacon Jose Ramirez at (916) 684-8944 or by email at [pe16pe40@aol.com](mailto:pe16pe40@aol.com).

### **CATHOLIC SINGLES FUN CRUISE TO MEXICO: OCTOBER 21-24, 2005:**

Catholic Singles Network invites all Catholic Single Adults throughout California to a special FUN CRUISE to Mexico. We will be sailing from Long Beach Friday Oct 21st and returning Monday Oct 24th. Rates starting at \$380 per person (inside cabin). Your cruise fare includes food, entertainment/dancing, as well as most activities on. We will have a group for 21-40 years old and a 40+ group. We will have activities and individual activities aboard the ship. To secure your space on board this ship, call Kellee at 888-208-9555 x 86 or email at [kelleeb@csnca.com](mailto:kelleeb@csnca.com). Additional information can be seen on our website at [www.csnca.com](http://www.csnca.com).

## ARTICLE 11: SHAPING A RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*[As part of our ongoing celebration of the Year of the Eucharist, Holy Family will present each week this series "Three Minute Liturgical Catechesis through the remainder of the church year.]*

Have you ever heard anybody complain about the preaching in the Catholic Church? Have you ever voiced such a complaint yourself? I'm sure no one in this parish would ever be disappointed by the preaching here, of course, but I suspect you've heard such complaints somewhere sometime.

It's easy to complain, of course, but much harder to improve the situation. Most people who complain about the quality of preaching are quick to agree that they wouldn't want the job themselves.

Preaching is always a challenge. It requires finding useful connections between the Word of God and the people to whom it is addressed. It means figuring out how the word of the Lord applies to our own time and what it might say to the people assembled for the liturgy.

Of course, those people who make up the assembly are often quite diverse. They range in age from one to a hundred. They are male and female. Some are highly educated and others less so. There are both the wealthy and the poor. Some are liberal and others conservative. Some are eagerly attentive and others wish they were anywhere but here. Trying to speak one message to such a diverse group is never simple.

It might help to realize that the task of the preacher is also the task of those who listen. Together we must figure out what God is asking of us. Together we must make the word of God come alive in our own time and in our own lives. Perhaps the main function of the preacher is to be a catalyst who prompts everyone to grapple with this shared task.

We used to call what the preacher does the "sermon." In the Catholic tradition, the preaching at Mass is more properly called a homily. A sermon can be on any topic the preacher desires. A homily is supposed to be based on the readings of the day, the feast being celebrated, or some part of the liturgy itself. Its ultimate goal is to help us enter more deeply into the liturgy and thus to draw closer to the Lord who speaks to us.

One of the primary purposes of the homily is to help us all become more aware of how God is at work in our world and in our lives. The homilist tries to identify what is happening at the time, to lift it up for us to see it more clearly, and then to challenge us to respond to God's action. Being aware of the ways that God is present among us day by day should lead us all to a sense of gratitude for God's presence and gifts. In this way, the homily helps us to prepare ourselves to give God thanks and praise and leads us into the rest of the Mass.

Yet the work of the homily is not finished when the preacher sits down. The value of a homily depends on those who hear it. Do they listen attentively? Do they try to remember a key idea or word that struck home? Do they use the silence after the homily to try to figure out how they will respond? The real work of the homily begins when we walk out the church doors.

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