



March 2, 2008 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

*"While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." John 9:5*

## † Servant Leader †

### A HOLY FAMILY REACHING OUT

*One of the most important aspects of church is the care for the poor in the parish and the wider community.*

*"Wherever there are people in need of food and drink, clothing, housing, medicine, employment, education; wherever (people) lack the facilities necessary for living a truly human life or are afflicted with serious distress or illness or suffer exile or imprisonment, there Christian charity should seek them out and find them, console them with great solicitude, and help them with appropriate relief."*

*Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity,  
Second Vatican Council-1965*

*In responding to the Scriptures and the principles of Catholic social teaching, the call to social ministry in our parishes is not an "extra" or "added" dimension of our faith, but a central demand of Catholic life and evangelization. The Church's social mission is an essential measure of every parish community, and it is in constant need of more attention and support.*

*A great deal has been done over the years and is still being done by the wonderful, compassionate people of Holy Family Parish. However, this seems a great time to once again bring together representatives from all groups presently involved in this vital ministry (and new ones, if possible) to see and assess what we are currently doing and to look at ways to do even more and be of better service in the future.*

*Last year, Holy Family Parish held a summit meeting on Social Service Ministry in the community that was facilitated by Beth White, Diocesan Associate Director for Social Service Ministry, and attended by representatives of existing parish ministries and organizations who are involved in the many forms of social service currently offered as well as many individual parishioners interested in finding out more and in offering their ideas and their support to this central mission of the church. Groups taking part in the last summit were the Catholic Ladies Relief Society, Feed the Needy, St. Vincent de Paul, Health Ministry, Knights of Columbus, Youth Ministry, Joyful Noise, Women's Council, Holy Family School, the Holy Family Pastoral Council, and the Holy Family Liturgy Council.*

*The goal of this summit was to explore a unified effort to harvest the greatest impact, largely focused on the results of the Diocesan Synod – specifically Synod Pastoral Initiative 7 which addresses social service and social justice ministry. Synod Initiative 7 presents a four-fold mission for social ministry, beginning with the parish:*

- *Encourage the development in every parish of an integrated model of social ministry*
- *Promote vigorously the defense and protection of human life, at every stage of its existence*
- *Ensure an ongoing commitment to the advancement of the social mission of the church*
- *Promote culturally sensitive pastoral programs and processes at every level of diocesan life*

*In the midst of the Annual Catholic Appeal which will return 25% to our parish and as we celebrate this holy season of Lent, which has as one of its principle tenets almsgiving - the act of giving to the poor in the most ancient tradition of the Church - the time is truly upon us for a follow up to last year's Social Ministry summit meeting. That gathering touched on the overall aspects of Social Justice, not only locally, but also with an awareness of a global need as well. We now need to convene a gathering to discuss the needs of our own immediate community here in Citrus Heights.*

*There will be a number of things that we will want to discuss, but primarily we need to focus on four areas.*

- 1) *What are the needs of our community?*
- 2) *What is it that we can reasonably expect to accomplish?*
- 3) *How do we achieve these goals and what is a reasonable time line?*
- 4) *What are the financial and human resources that will be required to reach these goals?*
  - a. *How are our financial resources for the poor being used?*
  - b. *What amount of financial support can we expect in the future?*
  - c. *What is needed in terms of human resources and how are these needs to be met?*

*On Sunday, March 9th, we will gather in St. Joseph Hall at 1:30 to discuss these very important issues. It is with a sense of urgency and need that I extend to you an invitation to join us for this most important aspect of parish ministry. Your attendance and input is not only desired but most certainly appreciated and anticipated as well. We look forward to working with you now and in the future as together we plot the course of our Social Justice Ministry at Holy Family.*

*Thank you for your continued support and prayers and for all that you do in bringing the presence of Christ's love and charity to this community. If you have questions about the meeting or about Social Ministry in general, please call Deacon Mark in the Parish Office during the week.*

# Stewardship

~ a way of life ~

## **SPECIAL NEEDS - SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

While strong support of Holy Family through regular weekly collections and the Legacy Restoration Appeal continue to be the central, critical focus of stewardship at Holy Family, many parishioners have expressed an interest in making additional personal contributions earmarked especially for specific needs that arise from time to time. The following "wish list" of current special needs presents a handful of perfect opportunities to offer such particular support:

- Our confessionals are in the process of undergoing a "Spiritual Makeover" which includes new carpet, paint, lighting, privacy curtains and beautiful wall tapestries to create an inviting, private environment for this sacred Sacrament. The total cost of these renovations will be around \$2,000.
- We are in need of additional altar server albs and replacement of rope cinctures in the colors of the liturgical seasons. The estimated cost will be around \$600 – 10 albs in various sizes at \$50 apiece and 20 cinctures at \$5 each.
- We are also in need of five additional violet priests' stoles to accommodate visiting priests for reconciliation services and various concelebrated liturgies. The estimated cost of these will be \$500, or \$100 for each stole.

If you are able to fund or help fund any of these special projects, your generosity will be greatly appreciated. For more information or to offer your support, please contact Fr. Kiernan or Deacon Mark in the Parish Office.

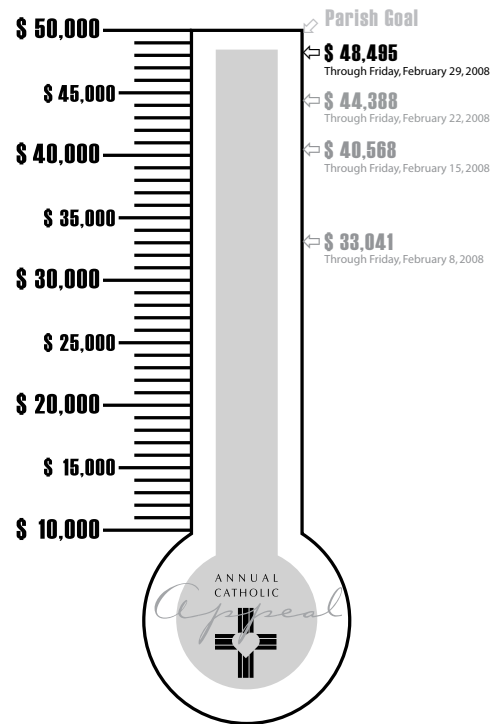
## **DIOCESAN FOOD BOWL LENT 2008**

Please help those less fortunate while keeping the Lenten disciplines of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving by supporting the 31st Annual Food Bowl.

## **SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

This month, all the parishes in the diocese are taking up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection makes possible our participation in the Church's global mission to combat poverty, provide relief and development, assist refugees and immigrants, and advocate for justice and peace in situations of conflict and neglect of basic human rights. Please help by giving to the Collection on the weekend of March 15 & 16. Special envelopes are available. A portion of this special collection will be allocated for the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

## **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL** **THERE'S STILL TIME TO CONTRIBUTE**



Holy Family Parish  
generously supports the  
2008 Annual Catholic Appeal

| <b>STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE</b>  |                      |
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| <b>GENERAL COLLECTION</b>  |                      |
| <b>Weekly Goal</b>   | \$ 11,000.00         |
| Feb 3 .....  | \$ 11,798.00         |
| Feb 10.....  | \$ 10,805.00         |
| Feb 17.....  | \$ 10,034.00         |
| Feb 24 .....   | \$ 9,511.00          |
| <b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>  | \$ <b>367,496.00</b> |
| Goal-to-Date (35 Weeks)  | \$ 385,000.00        |
| % of Goal Collected  | <b>95.45 %</b>       |
| <b>Annual Goal</b>   | \$ 572,000.00        |
| <b>ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL</b>  |                      |
| <b>Parish Goal</b>   | \$ <b>50,000.00</b>  |
| Collected and Pledged to Date  | \$ 48,495.00         |
| % of Goal Collected and Pledged  | <b>96.99 %</b>       |
| <b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b>   |                      |
| No second collection .....   | \$ N/A               |
| <i>The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?</i> |                      |

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54  
Tue: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16  
Wed: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30  
Thu: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47  
Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Sat: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53  
Sun: Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45



### Questions of the Week:

Children: What are the things that Jesus wants you to do as his friend?

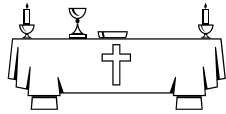
Youth: Jesus helps us see the world differently. How do you see differently because you believe?

Adults: How do you, in the power of Christ, produce goodness, justice, and truth for the world?

**GET THE WORD!** The March issue of the Magnificat is available in the religious articles store for \$4.00.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Mon: Corsene Murphy –Int.  
Evelyn Urbano –Int.  
Carlenne Joven –Int.  
Tue: Mary Walker +; Dorothy Janis +  
Victoria Alonzo –Int.  
Wed: Francis Eichler +; Francis Senske +  
Steven Mitchell –Int.  
Thu: Romero Mendoza –Int.  
Fri: Dorothy Sweeney +; Orville & Dolores Fisher –Int.  
Sat: 8:30 am Mass Max Guerra –Int.  
Sun: 7:30 am Mass Pop Populo  
9:00 am Mass Claycomb Family –Int.  
Frank Gaul +



### PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers:  
Richard Blanco, Elisa Bulhoes, Bernard Burke, Bob Cleveland, Marie Crane, Darren Crose, Julie Desrochers, Virginia Dulley, Shaun Ehnen, Olivia Garcia, Ralph Gingrich, Bob Gokey, Robert Gonzaga, Timothy Goodwin, Max Guerra, Jason Hayes, Stanley Hayes, Michele Hock, Kathleen Johnson, Phyllis Johnson, Bill Keenan, Jonnie Kuennen, Karen Lewis, Kim Malone, Earl Mattingly, Joan McShane, Rigoberto Mendoza, Jenine Michilena, Msgr. Mistretta, Xochitl Montano, Mariah Morris, Jason Murphy, Elliott Jerome Neal, Andy Ngo, Scott Ngo, Cora Orzol, LeeAnn Parrott, Maryanne Pelzel, Gilbert Perron, Steve Phelps, Jennifer Pinnow, Tom Poeschl, Sr. Mary Porter, Christine Regan, Raymond Remick, Suzanne Rose, Josefina Santiago, Nikelle Schafer, Katherine Schottgen, Diane & Mike Smith, Marylyn Smith, Lisa Stamps, Jardee Stanley, Jo Ster, Laura & Paul Studer, Simon Sucharski, Clement Sweeney, Maureena Sutton, Elise Taylor, I. Thompson, Laurence Thompson, Xavier Thompson, Evelyn Urbano, Jovita Vargar, Jean Villanueva, Mike Walker, Emily Walsh, Marvin Webster, Sharel Wilson



## Holy Family School

**Holy Family School** students, faculty, staff, parents, and friends are all caught up in Auction Fever this week! Puttin' on the Ritz indulges in time travel this year, back to those Fabulous Fifties, when most all aspired to the silver screen elegance and ageless sophistication of Grace Kelly and Cary Grant! Students are getting lessons in history as well as creativity as they put the finishing touches on class projects which range from a two-week stay at a chateau in France to an overnight at the Sacramento Zoo. In between, guests can bid at the Silent Auction for goods and services that appeal to the simplest as well as the most exotic tastes. To attend, call the school office by this Tuesday, March 4, to reserve your \$55 ticket to the school's most important fundraiser of the year!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Email: [hfyouthministry@yahoo.com](mailto:hfyouthministry@yahoo.com)

### CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!!

Are you tough enough to take on the Holy Family Gladiators??? Join us tonight (Sunday, March 2nd) for the NEW High School Youth Group following the 6:00 PM Mass (7:15-8:45 PM) in the Community Center for your chance to take on the Gladiators to win prizes. Next week's topic: There is a God, and it's NOT You!

### MIDDLE SCHOOLERS: ARE YOU READY FOR THE EDGE?

A Youth Group just for teens in grades 6-8 is coming to Holy Family and will kick off on Monday, March 17th (7-8:30 PM). More details to follow...

### CELEBRATING NEW LIFE IN THE CHURCH

As we journey through the Lenten Season, we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christ's death and Resurrection. There are a number of adults and children amongst us who are getting ready for this year's celebration in a very special way. They are preparing to become members of the Body of Christ in His Holy Catholic Church. Some will be baptized and all will receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. As these adults and children prepare for this most wonderful part of their faith journey, please keep them in your prayers.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults adapted for Children:

Tyler Bierbaum • Benjamin Bierbaum  
Efraim Geovanny Castellon • Kiersten Crozier  
Gabbie Galdamez • Jayne Giese • Samuel Simmons  
Julia Landeros • Chantel Landeros • Ernan Landeros  
Katherine Lynn • Jessica Lynn • Jad Medicielo  
Josette Medicielo • Cameron Memmott • Tiffany Nieves  
Hilario Nieves • Maria Nieves • Jazzie Prasad  
Lala Prasad • Josef Prindle • Joseph Saadeh  
Elisa Schurr • Aby Tambare

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:

Samantha Reuter • Gloria Winans • Karla Simmons

### **PRO-LIFE MASS AND ROSARY**

There will be a Pro-life Mass at Holy Family Church on First Friday, March 7th, at 8:30 am. Recitation of the Pro-life Rosary will take place after Mass in the Adoration Chapel. Won't you spend one hour with our precious Lord especially during this time of Lent? All are welcome – please mark your calendars. Also, a reminder about "Lenten 40 Days for Life" - if you have questions or wish to schedule a time please call Sally Fisher at 780-5305.

### **ALL NIGHT VIGIL FOR LIFE-MARCH 7TH & 8TH, 2008**

All Night Vigil for Life at St. Rose Catholic Church, 5961 Franklin Blvd, Sacramento on the First Friday, March 7th beginning with the Stations of the Cross at 7:15 PM, followed by 7:30 PM Mass and ending on Saturday, March 8th at 1:00 AM with prayer. Msgr. Kavanagh leads a Holy Hour of Reparation to the Sacred Heart immediately following the Friday 7:30 PM Mass. Please join us for Mass and spend an hour or more. Join us on Saturday, March 9th at 9:00 AM at 1750 Wright St for the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Come and pray for an end to abortion, the sanctity of marriage, the family and our national elections. Any questions call June Schott at 916-967-9158.

### **SPRING - LENTEN 2008 "40 DAYS FOR LIFE"**

It's official--we have been given the go ahead by Bishop Weigand. Sacramento is registered for the Spring (Lenten) "40 Days for Life," February 6th (Ash Wednesday) through March 16th. All churches are invited to participate. Spend some of your Lenten fasting, penance and prayer time in front of a clinic. Pray to end the scourge of abortion and speak out for the unborn baby who has no voice. Those who participated last year truly felt God's graces. Please call Sally Fisher at 780-5305.

### **HOLY FAMILY'S ALTAR RELIC???**

Every Catholic Church's altar has a relic of a saint in it - the object can be part of the saint's body, clothes or other artifact. In a recent dialogue-style homily, the question was raised as to what relic is in Holy Family's altar. If you know the answer, please contact the Parish Office. Stay tuned!

## **WOMEN'S COUNCIL NEWS**

Keep March 15, 2008, open on your calendar for our Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner. The Knights of Columbus will be cooking up a wonderful meal of corned beef and cabbage as always. There will be entertainment, a raffle and door prizes. What a great way to get the family together while honoring one of our great saints. Happy Hour is at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The price is \$12.00 per person. Tickets are now on sale - if you would like to make reservations, please call Anita Marsolais at 723-1775 - and if you need more details, she will be glad to help. Thanks for your support and hope to see you there!

### **ATTENTION ALL MINISTRIES**

The refrigerator and freezer in St. Joseph Hall will be cleaned monthly. Please label all foods and keep in sealed containers. All outdated items will be removed during cleaning. The next scheduled cleaning will be April 2, 2008.

### **ATTENTION CURSILLISTAS FOURTH DAY:**

Fourth Day will be held on Monday, Mar. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the back room of the Parish Office. Prior to the meeting, if you desire, we will meet in the Chapel for Adoration at 7:00 pm. For more information, please call Young Stewart at 332-8732.

### **KNIGHTS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**

ALL CHILDREN of the Parish and friends are invited to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted by our Knights of Columbus! This fun event will be held on Saturday March 22 at 1:00 p.m., rain or shine. One child in each age group who finds the "golden egg" will win a prize basket! Age groups are: 4 & under; 5, 6, 7; and 8, 9, 10. Bring a basket, and please be in front of the Community Center before 1:00 sharp, as we always start on time, and all 1,000 candy-filled eggs will be found quickly! This event has been an annual Holy Family event for over 20 years! Gather your children and grandchildren and enjoy the fun! For more information, contact Chris Ornelas at 601-4989.



## **STATIONS of the CROSS**

**THIS WEEK,  
FRIDAY, MARCH 7  
7:00 PM**

**FOLLOWED BY  
SOUP & BREAD  
MEAL**

### **Lent — Begin the Journey . . .**

Are you or someone you know contemplating a **journey of faith** into the **Catholic Church**? How long have you thought about it? Now is the time to take that first step.

**You are invited to ask questions and begin a journey that will guide the rest of your life.**

Are you a Catholic who has resolved to learn more about your Catholic faith?

Join with others on a journey that will guide the rest of your life. For more information, please call Deacon Mark in the Parish Office at 723-2494, extension 305.

You are invited to **visit us Wednesday evenings at 7:30** in our faith formation classroom in the **Community Center** on the East side of the parking lot, across from the church...



## **Special Events for Lent:**

### **HOLY HOUR NEXT WEDNESDAY**

Wednesday evening, March 12th, during a Holy Hour, our elect will receive from us the prayer that summarizes the whole Gospel, The Lords Prayer. St Thomas Aquinas says that the Lord's Prayer is the most perfect of all prayers and in it we ask for all the things that we can properly desire. Just as Jesus' teaching on the Sermon on the Mount is a teaching for life, so too the Lords prayer is a prayer for life. Our Holy Hour will begin at 7:00 pm with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, continue with the Evening Prayer of the church and the Presentation of the Lord's Prayer and conclude with Benediction. Please make plans to join us for this important event for those who will become one with us, this Easter, in the richness of our Catholic Faith.

### **THE GOSPEL OF MARK**

On Wednesday of Holy Week, March 19th, we will have an opportunity to walk with Jesus in the Gospel of Mark as we prepare to celebrate the fullness of the Triduum. We will begin the reading of Mark's Gospel in the church at 7:00 pm and we expect to conclude about 9:00 pm. It is our intention that the Gospel be proclaimed by several different readers. It is not necessary for you to be a lector for this occasion. If you feel you would like to proclaim a portion of this gospel, please contact Deacon Mark at 723-2494, ext. 305. Please leave us a message and we will be more than happy to schedule you for that evening.

### **RECONCILIATION SERVICE:**

Lent is a season of baptismal renewal and penitential reflection and an integral part of this is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation communally on Tuesday, March 18th, not for expediency or convenience, but because it is truly a community event. Just as sin affects the whole community, so does reconciliation have an effect on the whole community. Healing is present in the community of the church, and all are welcome. We all need Christ's loving forgiveness, and we need each other to know that his forgiveness is real. Watch the bulletin for more details and a schedule of confession times for Holy Week.

### **UPCOMING RETREATS AT CHRIST THE KING**

#### **Lenten Mid-Week Retreat for both Men and Women March 11-13, 2008**

Theme: I Am Who AM ... Delighting in the River of Grace  
Rooms available after 4:00 pm. Retreat begins Tuesday at 6:30 pm with dinner and concludes with lunch on Thursday.  
For reservations please call: Margaret, 725-4720.

#### **Easter Triduum Retreat for Men and Women March 20 - 23, 2008**

Begins with dinner at 6:30 pm. and ends on Easter Sunday at 10:00 am after Brunch  
Cost: \$70 per night, with room and meals.  
For reservations please call: Margaret at 725-4720

## **Prayer Opportunities**

### **WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA:**

Pope Benedict XVI has elevated the World Apostolate of Fatima (The Blue Army.) It is now officially associated with the Pontifical Council for the Laity in Rome. We are happy to offer these prayers here at Holy Family. All are welcome to join us Mondays after the 8:30 am Mass in St. Mary Hall. For information, please call Phyllis, 725-0218 or Phyllis, 725-5358.

### **VOCATIONS CROSS**

Each week a parish family is presented with the Vocations Cross to take home for the week and asked to pray daily for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The next Sunday, the family returns the cross and another family is presented the cross to pray for vocations. If you are interested in taking the Vocation Cross home, please contact Young Stewart at 332-8732.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Jesus stays with us day and night in the Blessed Sacrament, blessing us with the grace that encourages us, consoles us, strengthens us, guides us and inspires us to place our trust in Him. We stay with the Real Presence of Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration to be more personally involved with Him and to keep the Eucharist central in our lives. Spending time with Jesus in the Eucharist enables us to build a truly personal relationship with Him. Come into His presence in our beautiful chapel - He is looking forward to your visit!

### **BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL VISITING HOURS:**

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| Monday – Friday | 9:00 am – 9:00 pm |
| Saturday        | 9:00 am – 3:30 pm |
| Sunday          | 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm |

Also in the chapel: Each day at 9:00 am a community Rosary and Chaplet of Mercy are prayed, and at 3:00 pm the Chaplet of Mercy is prayed.

### **DOMINICAN LAITY AT HOLY FAMILY**

The Dominican Laity meets here at Holy Family on the first Sunday of every month in St. Mary Hall from 1–3 pm. Come and join us in a way of life of prayer, both private and liturgical, the study of the sacred truth, the sharing of our spiritual life with others in the community, and in our apostolic outreach. For further information call Phyllis Sale at 725-5358.

### **LENTEN ROSARY DEVOTION:**

We are asked to increase our prayer during Lent, and the Blessed Mother calls us to especially include the rosary. In the 15th Century, Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary, presented to St. Dominic and Blessed Alan de la Roche a list of 15 promises for those who have a true devotion to the recitation of the rosary. You can find this powerful list of promises at the entrances of the church. The people of Holy Family have a wonderful opportunity to respond to her call by joining in the community rosary that is recited in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel daily (except Sunday) after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Pray the rosary. We all shall benefit by it!

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# NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE AND BEYOND

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## **HEALING AFTER ABORTION RETREAT APRIL 11-13**

Struggling after an abortion? Still seeking peace years after the choice? Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, April 11-13 in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. The weekend retreat is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. There are many exercises to help you grieve your loss and an opportunity to understand and release the deep feelings of anger, shame, guilt and grief that frequently accompany an abortion experience. This process is extremely helpful for those who struggle with forgiving themselves or others. Open to women, men, couples and family members touched by abortion. The cost is \$175. Financial assistance is available. For a registration packet or more information, call Debbie @ (916)733-0161 or send email to [dkanderson@diocese-sacramento.org](mailto:dkanderson@diocese-sacramento.org). Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

## **JOB OPENING AT THE PASTORAL CANTER:**

The Department of Evangelization & Catechesis has an immediate opening for a full-time (35 hours) clerical support person. Applicants must possess excellent phone & computer skills. For more information, or if you are interested in applying, please call 916-733-0123.

## **BUS TRIP TO SILVER LEGACY**

The Roseville Knights Of Columbus #4540 are sponsoring a Bus Trip to Silver Legacy, Reno on Sunday, March 16th. The cost is \$28 with approximately \$15 returned at the casino. Checks should be made payable to Knights Of Columbus #4540. Please call Sue or Dave Mirtoni for reservations and details at 782-3242.

## **MASS FOR SINGLE ADULTS**

The Single Adult Ministry of the Diocese (S.A.M.), invites adult singles to a Mass at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, 2008, to be hosted at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 1951 North Avenue, Sacramento. Mass will be followed by a potluck dinner with a special appearance and talk by Bishop Jaime Soto at 6:15 pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring a potluck dish to share. Contact MaryLee Barcena at 419-9845 or e-mail MaryLee at [mbarcena@earthlink.net](mailto:mbarcena@earthlink.net).

## **SACRAMENTO CURSILLO MEN'S WEEKEND PLANNED**

Do you want to enrich your faith? If so, you may want to consider attending the Sacramento Cursillo Men's Weekend, taking place March 27-30, 2008. Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. There are talks, discussions, fellowship, sharing, singing, laughter, and prayer. For those with children in Catholic High Schools, Cursillo is the "adult version" of Kairos. The weekend will take place at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat Center in Applegate, CA. For more information, please visit [www.sacramentocursillo.org](http://www.sacramentocursillo.org) or contact Wendy Raemaeker at 972-1794 or Young Stewart at 332-8732.

## **KNIGHTS INDEPENDENT LIVING RETIREMENT FACILITY**

The California Knights of Columbus own and operate an independent living retirement facility for seniors in historic Marysville, California. The two-story, garden style building, located across the street from St. Joseph's Catholic Church is designed like a luxury hotel, except that it has the friendliness and warmth of your own private home. The rates are reasonable. Each room has a private bath. Three delicious, well-balanced meals are served daily. Housekeeping, linens, laundry facilities, 24 hour medical emergency monitoring, chapel, library, elevator, lounge, patio and garden area, are included in one low price. If you would like to visit us at 230 8th St. Marysville, CA 95901, or would like more information, please call us at (530) 743-7542 or visit us on-line at [www.columbianretirementhome.org](http://www.columbianretirementhome.org).

## **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS:**

Jesus came into the world so that we could see the truth and not be blind. Sometimes we are blinded in our marriage by the cares of the modern world. The next local Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are: April 11-13 (Reno) and April 18-20 (Sacramento, and Stockton diocese). For more Information or to register, contact Raul & Gayla Ponce, 866-825-2046 or email: [srsregistrar@comcast.net](mailto:srsregistrar@comcast.net).

## **DIOCESAN DAY OF PENANCE**

Wednesday, March 12th is a special day of penance for negative attitudes and discrimination toward people of differing culture, ethnicity and race and prayer for unity in our diversity, for equality, mutual respect and peace among all peoples. All are invited to spend some extra time in prayer, to fast or participate in an extra penance asking God for forgiveness for the times we have not seen His image and likeness in all our brothers and sisters. Let us be the example to our society of the love that God has for all His people.

## **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL**

Bishop Weigand will celebrate a diocesan Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 30th at the Cathedral. Confessions will be heard at 2:15 p.m., and the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed at 2:45 p.m. Veneration of the Divine Mercy image and relic of St. Faustina will follow the Mass.

## **HIV/AIDS MINISTRY ANNUAL NIGHT OF COMPASSION**

The Sacramento Catholic Diocesan HIV/AIDS Ministry, coordinated by Father John Healy, is presenting their Second Annual "Night of Compassion" on Saturday, March 29th at 6pm at the Newman Center. The event theme is a Casino Night and gaming tables will be available for all attendees. In addition, there will be a silent auction, dinner and open bar. The price of a ticket is \$65.00. Please call Susan Mendez if you would like more information at (916) 739-1840.

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