



January 25, 2009 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Jesus said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" Mk 1:17*

† Servant Leader †

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: CELEBRATING HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

Dear Parishioners of Holy Family,

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, I thank all who make Holy Family the great school it is. This weekend we highlight the value of Catholic education. I share with you a few concerns and wish you help with one practical suggestion.

We have more than 500 students at Holy Family School. The family spirit in this school is super! I enjoy working with Parents, Sr. Arlene, Staff and Children who are so affectionate. Their hearts are so open allowing wonderful things into their lives. To build up a bright future for these young people of our area is of greatest concern. With the nation's economy in a difficult situation, it is challenging to meet the school's and the youth's needs. Sr. Arlene and I have tried every means in the past few months, and are very hopeful because we can see the students' positive attitude towards learning. As a parish, we are supporting school parents today as much as we did for those in years gone by.

This recession, the worst in a generation, is forcing painful decisions about Catholic and private schools as parents are falling behind on tuition payments. "It's unfortunate that we've reduced choice, particularly for middle and lower income families." Arthur Levine, president of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, told CBS Radio News. "In the past, they used to be able to attend private or religious schools because there was scholarship aid and because they had more revenues."

"It's harder to collect tuition now than ever," said chief executive Andrew Goldberger, whose company handles billing for about 2,000 private and religious schools.

More of the parents sticking with private or church schools are asking for financial aid, straining school endowments that withered with the stock market. The National Association of Independent Schools said 2,400 independent and parochial schools it worked with reported a 4.3 percent jump in the number of families applying for aid.

It's likely, though, that the full effect of the faltering economy has yet to hit -- steep reductions may come this spring when parents who paid tuition for the current school year before the meltdown decide whether to re-enroll their children.

The hardest-hit may be Catholic schools, which educate 40 percent of private school students. "There are more Catholic schools at risk," Levine told CBS Radio News. "Schools that depend upon low-income and middle income families primarily are at risk."

Some families are embarrassed to seek help. "I can't tell you what it's like to have a parent here, talking about her child, particularly when it's a child who is bright, who is succeeding at our school and the family has to come and say, "I can't keep my child here unless you help me," said Sr. Arlene Connelly's Holy Family School's Principal.

Parishioners, you have always been a vital part of the life and work of Holy Family School. I'm very grateful for your love and care in the past. I believe that you will continue journeying with the pastor, principal and friends of Holy Family in the education of our young children, so that one day they will become good Christians and honest citizens in the Kingdom and in our society.

You know quite well that working for the education of the children has been Sr. Arlene's passion. She gives of herself unselfishly and doesn't mind doing it, because when the child succeeds, there is joy to treasure. I'm sure that's also your experience since you have been generous sponsors by your prayers and donations. Sponsoring a child's education is a lasting gift that no thief could take away.

I share with you the cost of educating a child at Holy Family. The actual cost to educate a child at Holy Family is \$6,000. We charge \$4,100 per student with the rest made up by donations and fundraisers, etc.

During these very difficult financial times, it is vital we work together to honor and serve our beloved Holy Family Community. I ask that you prayerfully consider giving a much needed monetary gift. Any amount, up to the full financial sponsorship of a student's tuition, would be gratefully received, and the children will pray for you.

To sponsor a child, please contact Sr. Arlene at 722-7788 or myself at 733-0254.

May you and your family be filled with God's LOVE and PEACE throughout this New Year! I pray that you will be rewarded with good health and eternal life.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Michael F. Kiernan

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon: Sts. Timothy and Titus: 2 Tm 1:1-8; Mk 3:22-30  
 Tue: Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35  
 Wed: St. Thomas Aquinas: Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20  
 Thu: Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25  
 Fri: Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34  
 Sat: St. John Bosco: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41  
 Sun: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28



**QUESTION OF THE DAY**

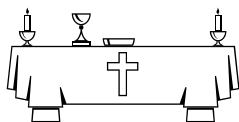
Children: What do you think it was like for the people in today's Gospel to be called by Jesus? What did they have to give up in order to follow him?

Youth: Jesus invites people to "believe in the Good News." What are some ways that you could be more open to the truth and challenge contained within the Gospels?

Adults: If someone asked you, "To what work has Jesus called you?" how would you answer?

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon: Sue Wesselkamper +  
 Tue: Masayoko Jordan -Int.  
 Thu: Lorraine Norville +  
 Fri: Agnes Meuser -Int.  
 Sat: 8:30 am Mass Cecilia Herkowski +  
 4:30 pm Mass Eric Westmark -Int.  
 Sun: 7:30 am Mass Lauren Vergara +  
 9:00 am Mass Pro Populo

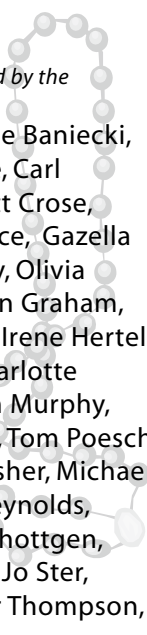


**RIDE TO CHURCH NEEDED**

A Holy Family parishioner needs a ride to and from Holy Family Church for each Saturday Eve 4:30 Vigil Mass, and will help pay for gas. Please call Chris Hicks at 721-1441.

**PRAYER CORNER**

Please remember in your prayers:  
 (Names will appear for 2 months unless a call is received by the Parish Office to extend the time or to remove a name.)  
 Marion Amescua, Bernadette Baniecki, Marie Baniecki, Audrey Brown, Elisa Bulhoes, Bernard Burke, Carl Campagna, Elsie Correia, Darren Crose, Scott Crose, Julie Desrochers, Virginia Dulley, Betty France, Gazella Erickson, Henrietta Escovilla, Lillian Flaherty, Olivia Garcia, Bob Gokey, Robert Gonzaga, Carolyn Graham, Joe Grom, Rita Gulate, Jason Hayes Family, Irene Hertel, Michele Hock, Rosalie Ingle, Bill Keenan, Charlotte Maguire, Kim Malone, Msgr. Mistretta, Jason Murphy, Chester Pallach, Loretta Parsons, Nona Piha, Tom Poeschl, Sr. Mary Porter, Rosanna Raines, Charlie Rasher, Michael Rath, Christine Regan, Margaret and Bob Reynolds, Suzanne Rose, Nikelle Schafer, Katherine Schottgen, Theresa Shelley, Ron Skolte, Jardee Stanley, Jo Ster, Connie Sturdevant, Simon Sucharski, Xavier Thompson, Jovita Vargar, Sharel Wilson



**Stewardship**  
 ~ a way of life ~

**18TH ANNIVERSARY**

Feed the Needy, in January, celebrated 18 years of ministry to the people of Holy Family and Citrus Heights. We would like to thank the parish for their support and donations; especially during the Thanksgiving & Christmas seasons. Also for sharing the abundance of your gardens & orchards. We are truly blessed at Holy Family.

**DONATIONS NEEDED TO**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY THRIFT STORE:**

Many of our neighbors and friends have lost everything in this recession - the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. With your help, they can begin to rebuild their lives, to turn a house, however humble, into a home for their families. We understand that you may also be struggling to cope with the pain of the downturn. Yet, I ask you to look around your home for some ordinary things that you no longer use but may ease the suffering of less fortunate neighbors. If you can spare any of the following items, cookware, utensils, plates, towels, linens, home decorations, sleeping bags, or anything else in good repair, please call 972-1212, to donate or simply drop them off at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, located at 2275 Watt Avenue (southwest side of Watt near Butano Drive).

**WILLS**

Please remember Holy Family in your will. For more information, see the Planned Giving link on the parish website: [www.holyfamilych.org](http://www.holyfamilych.org).

**STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE**

**GENERAL COLLECTION**

<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$ 11,000.00
Dec 28 .....	\$ 9,641.00
Jan 4 .....	\$ 12,163.00
Jan 11 .....	\$ 10,423.00
Jan 18 .....	\$ 9,214.00
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	\$ <b>297,907.00</b>
Goal-to-Date (29 Weeks)	\$ 319,000.00
% of Goal Collected	<b>93.39 %</b>
<b>Annual Goal (52 Weeks)</b>	\$ 572,000.00

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

Campaign for Human Development ..... \$ 2,009.00

*There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples – Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus immediately, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow workers. To what is Jesus calling me at this moment, in these circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?*



**HFS NEWS: "Catholic Schools Celebrate Service"**

Catholic Schools Week: January 25-30, 2009

Sun: 9:00 a.m. Mass with School Choir  
Open House in all classrooms following Mass until 12:30 p.m. Book Fair runs simultaneously in the Library.

Mon: Grandparents' Day  
Tue: Student Appreciation Day  
Wed: Celebrate Our Nation Day  
Thu: Celebrate Vocations/Parent Appreciation Day  
Fri: Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day

Congratulations to Laura Farris, grade 8A, for placing fourth in the Diocesan Speech Contest held on January 17, 2009 at Holy Rosary School in Woodland. Kudos also to Racquel Gonzales, grade 7DM, who was our other HFS contestant. These girls did remarkably well, competing against 55 contestants. Special thanks to Don Marsolais, their coach.

**REGISTRATION**

Open House **TODAY**, 10:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. applications for the 2009-2010 school year will be located in each of the classrooms for new families only. Families presently enrolled, please pick up and sign for your registration packet at the Registration Table. We will have 3-4 stations alphabetically to expedite the process. Completed applications will be accepted starting Monday, January 26, 2009. Kindergarten applicants must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2009; however, if we have seats available, we will consider those who turn 5 by December 1, 2009. It is our goal to have all completed applications in the office by February 16, 2009.

**PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ - MONOPOLY AUCTION AT HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL**



It's **ALMOST HERE**. MARK YOUR CALENDARS for March 7, 2009. If you have not joined us before, you don't want to miss out on this event! Puttin' on the Ritz auctions traditionally sell out. Invitations will be available in the Parish Office in late January with details.

The event consists of Live and Silent Auctions, a formal sit-down dinner, live entertainment and dancing until the nights end. So get ready to "Pass Go" and take a "Chance" with us as we fill our "Community Chest."

Want to know what's going on at Holy Family School? Just visit our web site at: [www.ch-holyfamilyschool](http://www.ch-holyfamilyschool)

[www.holyfamilych.org](http://www.holyfamilych.org)

**YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

**HIGH SCHOOL TEENS:** There once was a man from... What did He say? How did He tell it? Find out this Sunday (Jan. 25th), from 7-8:30 PM in the Community Center...

**LA CONGRESS AND SOCIAL TRIP:** High School Teens, have you turned in your forms and deposit for the LA Congress Youth Day & Disneyland Trip?!? Forms and more info available on our site: [www.hfyouthministry.blogspot.com](http://www.hfyouthministry.blogspot.com) and from the Youth Office (916-721-8329)

**EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Middle Schoolers, I don't know about you, but "I WANT THAT!" But I don't know why I want it. This Monday, (Jan. 26) from 7-8:30 PM in the Youth Office.

**TEEN DROP-IN:** Teen Drop-In this Wednesday, stop by do your homework, test your Rocker skills, and hang out with your friends... 3-7 PM in the Youth Office.

Wondering what to expect in Youth Ministry this Spring? **Our Spring 2009 Schedule is NOW available online @ [www.hfyouthministry.blogspot.com](http://www.hfyouthministry.blogspot.com)**

**THE HFYM CAFÉ IS NOW OPEN!** Stop by the Community Center Sundays after Mass for mochas, lattes, hot cocoa, and more and help support your parish Youth Ministry!

**YOUNG ADULTS:** Join us Thursdays this month for Scripture Study... Come find out what we can learn from some of the "Bad Girls of the Bible," 7-9 PM in the Youth Office. The next Scoop on Theology will be on Tuesday, February 3rd from 7-9 PM at the Leatherby's in Citrus Heights. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Jason Clark speaking on LOVE! More details & Spring Schedule available on our blog: [www.holyfamilyyam.blogspot.com](http://www.holyfamilyyam.blogspot.com)

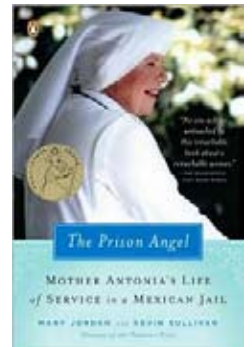
**BLOOD DRIVE!**

Next Sunday is our first blood drive of the new year. It is an opportunity for you to "make a difference" for someone who may be fighting a life-threatening illness. Registration is between 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for an appointment please call Joe Rath at 729-6584 or Larry Larsen at 961-1036.

**SPECIAL EVENT:**

**MOTHER ANTONIA TO SPEAK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Hear Mother Antonia, "The Prison Angel", speak about her life of service in a Mexican jail. Before she was known as Mother Antonia, Mary Clarke was a blond Beverly Hills socialite who had been married and divorced twice and raised seven children. She was 50 when she left suburban Los Angeles for La Mesa, Tijuana's prison.



Mother Antonia will be speaking at Holy Family Church on Sunday, February 1, 2009 at 1:30 PM. We are hoping to arrange a book signing, as well. A donation will be collected.

## WOMEN'S COUNCIL NEWS

### **ANNUAL BABY SHOWER FOR BGMH**

Our Annual Baby Shower for the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home is **TODAY**, January 25, in St. Joseph Hall of the Community Center from 1:30 to 3:30 with lunch being served at 2:00 pm. As usual, we will have games, prizes and a wonderful lunch. Price of admission is new or gently used baby items. It's always wonderful to see all the beautiful items that everyone brings, so bring your neighbors and friends for a fun-filled afternoon.



### **NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS**



#### **ARE YOU A KNIGHT?**

Knights of Columbus, Infant Mary Council #4964, of Holy Family Parish INVITES men 18 years or older to join your council NOW!! Yes, Knights will be available to answer your questions and help you complete an application for membership after each mass this weekend. You can sign up now. Cost is \$25.00 per/yr dues. You choose to be as active as you have time—1 hour a week, month or year—more if you wish. Knights of Columbus believe that a man is defined by his ACTIONS and as a FOLLOWER OF GOD, and as a LEADER IN HIS COMMUNITY. Many of your friends are members....why not you ?? Call Bob Desrochers at 729-3334.

#### **PARISH BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST AFTER MORNING MASSES**

#### **PRO-LIFE INFORMATION & MATERIALS**

Next Sunday at the Knights Pancake Breakfast, a PRO-LIFE display will have available information, bumper stickers, and pamphlets. Our teenagers face tremendous pressures today, and some of these pamphlets may be helpful!

#### **COMMUNAL ANOINTING ON FIRST SATURDAY**

Remember – Holy Family celebrates a communal Anointing of the sick on the first Saturday of each month at the 4:30 pm Mass. The next anointing is just around the corner on Saturday, February 7. Mark your calendars!

## **CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME**

### **WINTER 2009 SESSION CONTINUES**

Do you know someone who has left the Church? Most of us do not have to look very far to find non-practicing Catholics in our circle of family and friends. Here at Holy Family we have a special program to help non-practicing Catholics return to the Church called Catholics Returning Home. The current series continues **TOMORROW NIGHT**, Monday, January 26th. We will meet on Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm for a few more weeks. Please pass this information on to anyone who might be interested. For more information, please call Jim or Beth at 223-2648.

## Prayer Opportunities

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

Pope Benedict XVI has elevated the World Apostolate of Fatima (The Blue Army), 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 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:**

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 at Holy Family on the first Saturday of each month in St. Mary Hall, 12:30–3:00 pm. Come 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 information call Phyllis Sale, 725-5358.

*“Love to pray. Feel often during the day the need for prayer, and take trouble to pray. Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of Himself. Ask and seek and your heart will grow big enough to receive Him”*

**Mother Theresa**

## **HOLY FAMILY AT 60 - SHARE YOUR HISTORY**

As this is the 60th Anniversary of our Holy Family Parish, it would be wonderful to have copies or originals of any documents, pictures or personal accounts on the history of Holy Family's origins, the beautiful Living Christ Statue, the Relic in the Altar or any other activity or item that you may wish to share in order to truly compile a comprehensive Holy Family History. Of particular interest are photos and personal stories pertaining to the building up of Holy Family Parish.

As time goes on, much of this history will be lost. Compiling and sustaining an archive of our history is of importance to honor our past and to present its memories to those in the future. We would like to augment the information already found on our website under Parish History at <http://holyfamilych.com/life/photos.htm>.

This can be a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the road we've traveled as a parish community and to pray for God's graces for this parish now and in the future.

## **"BEST WISHES AND PRAYERS FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA"**

### Pope Benedict's Telegram:

On the occasion of your inauguration as the forty-fourth President of the United States of America, I offer cordial good wishes, together with the assurance of my prayers that Almighty God will grant you unfailing wisdom and strength in the exercise of your high responsibilities. Under your leadership may the American people continue to find in their impressive religious and political heritage the spiritual values and ethical principles needed to cooperate in the building of a truly just and free society, marked by respect for the dignity, equality and rights of each of its members, especially the poor, the outcast and those who have no voice. At a time when so many of our brothers and sisters throughout the world yearn for liberation from the scourge of poverty, hunger and violence, I pray that you will be confirmed in your resolve to promote understanding, cooperation and peace among the nations, so that all may share in the banquet of life which God wills to set for the whole human family (cf. Isaiah 25:6-7). Upon you and your family, and upon all the American people, I willingly invoke the Lord's blessings of joy and peace

### Archbishop Donald Wuerl's Prayer at the National Cathedral:

Almighty God, who has entrusted us with the care of this great land: We humbly ask that we may always prove ourselves a people worthy of this trust and pleased to do your will. Bless our nation with honorable industry, sound learning, and mutual respect.

Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from arrogance and greed, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought from all the corners of the earth. Bestow the spirit of wisdom on those to whom we grant the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home.

Through obedience to your law, may we show forth your glory among the nations of the world. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, strengthen our trust in you;

all this we ask in your holy Name.

### Archbishop Allen Vigneron of Detroit prayed:

As I come to this prayer, I – as perhaps many of you, too, do as well – make it with a certain sadness that many of those who are God's trustees in the civil order are confused or even mistaken in their convictions about God's plan for us and our lives together: about the usefulness of capital punishment to secure public safety, about the right to life, about marriage and family, about the place of the stranger in our midst and the need for secure legal status for those who are part of our community, about the protection and care which children deserve – especially through their quality education, about the attention to be paid to those who have fallen to the margins of our community, and, finally, about the nature of freedom and the authentic and irreducible dignity of every person. In all things and at all times, may the Spirit of God direct our new President and all our other leaders to know the right and may God give them the courage to do the right.

Let us include in our prayer today a word of thanks to Almighty God, for the free nation he has given us as our home. In ages past, God enjoined his people to pray for rulers who did not know him, as they lived and worked within states that sought even to impede the living out of their religion. Together let us bless the name of God for our religious liberty and praise him that in our exercise of this liberty we have been able to do our part to make America a greater and freer people, a light of liberty to the world.

And finally, in this season let us give particular thanks that God in his Providence has brought our country to a moment when a man who not long ago could not even have enjoyed the basic rights of citizenship is now assuming the highest office in our nation.

God bless America. God keep us free.

### Book of Blessings - From the "Prayer for an Inauguration"

For the President:

Assist with your spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides.

May he encourage due respect for virtue and religion.

May he execute the laws with justice and mercy.



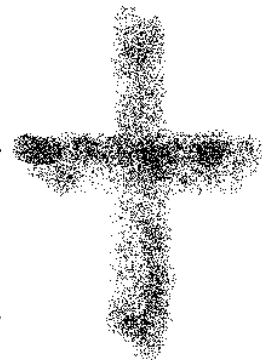
## Catholic Faith Formation

### **ADULT CONFIRMATION**

If you or someone you know has not completed their Sacraments of Initiation, Holy Family Parish will be offering Adult Confirmation classes beginning January 28th from 7:30–9:00 p.m. in the Faith Formation class room of the Community Center. Please contact Michelle Rose in the Faith Formation Office at 726-7217 for more information and to register.

### **PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY:**

The ashes used in Catholic Churches on Ash Wednesday come from burning the palms from the previous Palm Sunday. If you have kept your palms from last year, please bring them to the parish office for use in making ashes for our celebrations of Ash Wednesday which is Wednesday, February 25, 2009.



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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE AND BEYOND...

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### **RIB DINNER AND AUCTION**

Friends of Pendola are sponsoring a Rib Dinner and Auction to benefit Camp Pendola. It will be held on February 21, 2009 at St. John the Baptist in Folsom. Tickets are on sale at the Pendola Center Office in the Pastoral Center, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818. The cost is \$30 for the dinner. Contact Kim at 733-0127 if you have questions.

### **HEALING OF GRIEF & LOSS - SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2009**

This day is devoted to people dealing with grief and loss. It will address how grief affects us physically, emotionally, psychologically and spiritually. There will be time for prayer, guided meditation, ritual and sharing. FACILITATORS: Sr. Margaret Ann Walsh, RSM—a spiritual director and former chaplaincy director; and, Barbara Freuler, member of the “Ministry to the Bereaved” at St. Teresa Parish, Auburn. TIME: 9:15 am to 3:00pm. Suggested Donation: \$35.00. For more information, call Mercy Center Auburn at 530-887-2019.

### **BUS TRIP TO SILVER LEGACY, RENO:**

The Roseville Knights of Columbus #4540 are sponsoring a Bus Trip to Silver Legacy, Reno on Sunday, February 22nd. The cost is \$28 per person—prepaid 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. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the following activity notice.

### **ORGAN CONCERT AT ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN**

Dr. Roger Nyquist, an internationally recognized organist will perform a program of classical music at St. Matthew Lutheran Church on Sunday, February 8, 2009. In addition to an active concert career, Dr. Nyquist has recorded extensively and has more than 25 albums released. The concert will be held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5901 Lonetree Blvd. in Rocklin, next to Lonetree Park, and will begin promptly at 3:00pm. The public is welcome and there is no admission charge. Seating is limited and we ask that attendees arrive early to ensure best seating. For directions and further information, please call 435-0330.

### **“MARDI GRAS-STYLE” SPAGHETTI DINNER**

The Mercy Associates of the West Midwest Community, Auburn, invite you to a “Mardi Gras-Style” Spaghetti Dinner. Our first official fund raiser will help sustain the Mercy Associate Organization which helps the poor and the needy. Date: February 24, 2009. Place: Evan’s Kitchen, 855 57th Street, Suite C - in the Antique Mall between J & H Streets - lots of free parking. Time: 6:30 P. M. Pre-Paid Donation Per Person: \$35.00 - includes food, beverage, tax, gratuity and prizes! You are encouraged to come dressed in Mardi Gras Costume. There will be a \$50.00 cash prize for the best costume.

### **CREATIVE4LIFE**

Are you between the ages of 14 – 18? Do you enjoy being creative? The Sacramento Life Center invites all high school students to show us just how creative you are! “Creative4Life” offers students the opportunity to showcase your creative talents in a number of ways: writing an essay, speech, or poem; painting; photography; music; dance; dramatic presentations; or a film/DVD presentation. Use your creative talents to express why you support the mission of the Life Center: to empower pregnant women to choose LIFE for their pre-born children. First place: \$1000.00 – Second place: \$750. – Third place: \$500. Information and Commitment Forms are on our website [www.saclife.org](http://www.saclife.org), under the Coming Events link or on the In the News page. You can also contact Debby or Colleen at 916-451-4357, or Debby by email at [debbyo@saclife.org](mailto:debbyo@saclife.org). Your Commitment Form is due: February 1, 2009! The Final Project is due: March 15, 2009.

### **WORKSHOP AT CHRIST THE KING**

On Saturday, February 28, 2009, Dr. John Robinson, Ph.D., D. Min. will offer a Day long workshop at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center, “Living Everyday Life, Finding Heaven Here”, from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Cost: \$45 (\$38 seniors) includes lunch. \$10 Pre-registration (applied to cost). Mail to Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center, 6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Call 725-4720 for additional information.