

† Servant Leader † A NEW COVENANT

We're moving very quickly through the season of Lent toward the feast of Easter. I want to share with you an article by Fr. Don L. Fischer on the change that is upon us – a change that will be written on our hearts...

As we move closer to Easter, the readings get very serious about the heart of this great celebration. The heart of the celebration of Easter is all about transformation, about rising, about coming to new life, coming to new awareness and understanding. As we move ever closer to that holy week focusing on the death and resurrection of Christ, we inch closer to a greater understanding of what it means that Christ died for us. It's a phrase we use over and over again: "Christ died for us. Christ died for our sins. Christ saved me by dying on the cross." What does that mean? What are we to see and understand in this great mystery that was such a surprise to everyone? No one expected the Messiah to experience what he went through. Every time we have a story that has a very interesting twist and a very unique turn, this is what is at the heart of the message: This God of ours who comes into the world had to suffer. He had to be humiliated. He had to be mocked. He had to be treated like a common criminal in order to rise, in order to save us.

Let's pursue a greater understanding of this by first looking at the reading from the Old Testament, from the Book of Jeremiah. This is an interesting passage because it's one of the only times in the Old Testament that we actually have the words, God is coming to establish a new covenant, a new relationship. What did Jeremiah have in mind? First of all, he talks about the old covenant — God establishing a relationship with his people wherein he gives them the law. God tells them what they need to do. He is separate and apart from them, in a sense, telling them what they should do. And if they do it, they will have life. If they don't do it, they won't have life. Unfortunately, if they don't do it, then God will have to show his people he is serious about these commands he gives them. He can't excuse people from them. He can't condone destructive behavior. He has to show that this law is the master. Punishment always follows those who have done the wrong thing. The effects of sin are destructive. That first covenant didn't work very well because of one simple fact: Human beings have a very hard time doing what they are told. We don't do it very well. We're not very consistent. We're not very good at avoiding all those things that might distract us or take us away from the path of life we know we are called to. Jeremiah tells the people that God is going to do something new.

This is the difference: Instead of telling us what to do, instead of being outside of us, God is going to enter into us. God is going to write something on our hearts. This is such a beautiful image. The image of being given a manual on how to

live our lives and opening and trying to read it is very different from this image, which is more like sitting in a room, closing our eyes and listening to what is inside of us. What do I really want? What is really my deepest longing? What do I desire most? When God says, "I want to write my law on your heart," he's saying he wants to do something for us that will enable us to turn inside to find out what to do. That's not a different law from the Ten Commandments; it's just a more personal way of reaching human beings and inviting them into choices that will always lead them to fuller life. God wants his people to flourish. God wants his people to have more life. He created us for that purpose. When we choose that which destroys us, it is obviously not the plan of God. He says he will write this law on our hearts. At the same time, he will have a reaction to our sins that is perhaps unexpected. When God looks at our sin, he is filled with forgiveness, which means he continues to want to open our hearts to life, even though we don't deserve it. Even though we have chosen something negative. All of a sudden, we don't have a conditional relationship with God. We have an unconditional God whose love continually pours energy into us. That energy is given to us so that we might follow our hearts. It's a whole new ball game. It's a new covenant.

This new covenant had to be earned. It had to be won by dealing with the whole issue of justice because sins deserve punishment. Someone who does something wrong has to pay for what they did wrong. That is justice. Something had to happen to absorb this whole issue of the just punishment of sin. It is Jesus himself who comes into the world as God, enfleshed, and he says, "What I want to do to establish this new covenant with you is to take on your guilt. I will take on the guilt of your sins. All of the negative aspects that sin creates, I will take on myself." An incredibly interesting destiny for this God-man who walks the earth! He has to embrace the pain and the suffering that sin causes. Now in the gospel passage, we have people coming up to the disciples who want to get to know Jesus better. They tell the disciples, "I would like to see who he really is." Another way to ask this question: "What's he really like." "What's he really about." "What's he up to?" We are fascinated by Jesus. These people who were asking about Jesus were Greeks. They were not Jewish. They were probably interested in his reputation and in the miracles he was performing. And so, they came and wanted to know what was going on. Jesus says, "Okay, you want to see me. Let me show you who I am." In John's gospel, we find Jesus looking at his destiny. It's found in the passage where Jesus reflects in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus looks at his destiny, recognizing that he is called to take upon himself the guilt of all this sin. It's going to be painful and difficult. But he says, "I know I have to do this."

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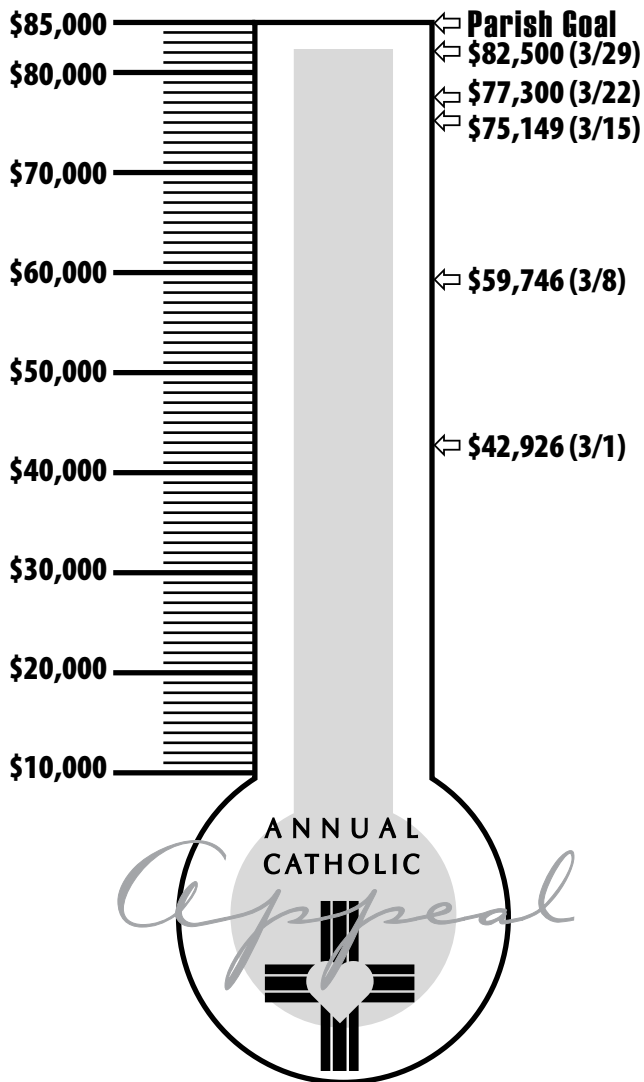
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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL FINAL NUMBERS PENDING!

The Annual Catholic Appeal is a wonderful way to help others. If for any reason you have been unable to contribute, there's still time to help. Please consider offering a 9-month pledge this year, if you can. Pledge envelopes are still available here at the parish. Envelopes can be dropped in the Sunday collection.

Our parish goal for the Appeal is to raise \$85,000 in donations and pledges, and we will keep the Appeal open for a limited time to work toward reaching this goal. Remember, 25% of the funds contributed from our parish are returned to us for our own ministries to people in need. Thank you for your continued generosity.



Holy Family Parish
generously supports the
2009 Annual Catholic Appeal

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE DONATION WEEKEND

The SVdP Thrift Store needs your help. The Thrift Store truck will be in the Holy Family church parking lot the weekend of April 25/26. We would welcome your donations of clean, gently used clothing, furniture and household items in good condition. Please note the date and prepare to help families in need by bringing your donations to church with you.

SAVE THIS DATE:

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is proud to announce that Sister Rosalind Moss will be the featured speaker at its Third Annual Dinner to Benefit the Poor on April 23rd at the Radisson Hotel. Sister Moss has spoken world-wide, on radio and television about the Church and has recently been granted permission by Pope Benedict to form a new religious order. For information on sponsorships, advertising, table or single ticket purchases, please call 715-8666 or 455-9112.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE

Additional volunteers are needed to help in the Religious Articles Store before and after all masses but especially before the 7:30 am mass. It is an easy and fun way to earn service hours. 8th graders & high school students are welcome. You will be trained. We currently have, on average, only one volunteer for each mass. Having more help will lighten the load for the others. Please contact the office or Maris Will at 723-2616, or better yet, stop by the store if you would like to help.

STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE	
GENERAL COLLECTION	
Weekly Goal	\$ 11,000.00
Mar 1	\$ 11,625.00
Mar 8	\$ 10,453.00
Mar 15	\$ 10,162.00
Mar 22	\$ 10,062.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 391,275.00
Goal-to-Date (38 Weeks)	\$ 418,000.00
% of Goal Collected	93.61 %
Annual Goal (52 Weeks)	\$ 572,000.00
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
No second collection 5/22	\$ N/A
<i>"If anyone serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am there will my servant be." In what way is Jesus inviting me to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?</i>	
<i>See John 12:26</i>	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Jn 8:1-11
Tue: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wed: Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95; Jn 8:31-42
Thu: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Fri: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Sat: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
Sun: Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion
Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47



QUESTION OF THE DAY

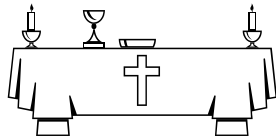
Children: Name one thing you can do or stop doing that will help you have a better friendship with Jesus.

Youth: What do you need to let go of now for something new to grow?

Adults: Name one area in your life that you need to let go of, to die to, in order to rise with new life.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon: Jose Costa +
Earl Field +
Tue: Ophelia Santos +
John Rapoza +
Wed: Carmen Costa +
Fri: Vincent Sanz +
Sat: 4:30 pm Mass John Wolfgram -Int.
Sun: 7:30 am Mass Simon Sucharski +
Lauren Vergara +
9:00 am Mass Frank, John & Franklin Holt -Int.
6:00 pm Mass Pro Populo



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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.)

Kaden Alayan, Marion Amescua, Lyndon Benson, Audrey Brown, Elisa Bulhoes, Bernard Burke, Carl Campagna, Elsie Correia, Darren Crose, Scott Crose, Claro DeAsis, Julie Desrochers, Virginia Dulle, Betty France, Gazella Erickson, Henrietta Escovilla, Olivia Garcia, Bob Gokey, Robert Gonzaga, Carolyn Graham, Sr. Margaret Greenly, Joe Grom, Rita Gularte, Jason Hayes Family, Bunny Herbert, Irene Hertel, Michele Hock, Dave Hryniewicki, Bill Keenan, Tina Kemp, Stan Kosinski, Kamryn Mafua, Tuesse Mafua, Charlotte Maguire, Kim Malone, Luke McCord, Msgr. Mistretta, Mary Mortensen, Gus Nye, Loretta Parsons, Ludo Pereira, Nona Piha, Tom Poeschl, Rosanna Raines, Charlie Rasher, Michael Rath, Beate Regan, Christine Regan, Margaret and Bob Reynolds, Patty Root, Suzanne Rose, Nikelle Schafer, Katherine Schottgen, Theresa Shelley, Jardee Stanley, Jo Ster, Connie Sturdevant, Simon Sucharski, Amy Svistoonoff, Xavier Thompson, Jovita Vargar, Sharel Wilson

HOLY HOUR TOMORROW: MONDAY, MARCH 30

Tomorrow evening, March 30th, 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' 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.



Holy Family School

HFS NEWS: On March 31, 2009 we will host the author, Mrs. Joan Barsotti from Camino, CA. She will speak to the three grade levels – primary, intermediate, and junior high – in the gym. Mrs. Barsotti will explain how books are written and illustrated. She will sign her books for those who wish to purchase them and has donated a complete set of her works to our library. Perhaps we have authors and illustrators in our midst!

On April 1st and 2nd we will have our annual Jog-a-thon to raise funds for HFS. Top runners/walkers with pledges will earn prizes. Kudos to Mrs. Carrothers and Mrs. Huck for co-chairing this event.

Also on April 2 at 1:30 p.m. grades 4-5-6 will be able to see how our seventh and eighth graders have been spending their time at Electives. Parents and others in the parish are invited to join us in the gym of the Community Center for this special presentation.

Friday, April 3, 2009 is a minimum day with dismissal at 12:00 p.m. We will have Mass at 10:00 a.m. and invite all of you to attend.

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

LAST CALL ON PRICELESS PHOTOS

We are still holding First Holy Communion and Confirmation pictures from 2005, 06, 07, and 08. These are very large photos and we are unable to mail them due to the unusual size. We know you would love to have these pictures for the wonderful keepsake they represent. We will be holding the pictures until April 27, 2009 and then they will go into archives and may not be available after that date. Please contact the faith formation office at 726- 7217 to make arrangements to pick up your picture. We also have a few certificates for which we have been unable to contact the families. If you have not received your child's certificate when the sacrament was received, or recently by mail, please contact our office. Thank you.

www.holyfamilych.org

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL: No High School Youth Ministry tonight (Sunday, March 29th)...but join us next Sunday (April 5th) as we practice our Living Stations of the Cross for Good Friday! 7-8:30 PM in the Community Center.

HIGH SCHOOL WEEKEND RETREAT:

Our Spring retreat is UNSTOPPABLE! Join teens from St. Peter in Dixon and St. Rose in Roseville for a weekend retreat (April 17-19th) unlike any you have had before! Forms are available in the Youth Office.

EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Join us Monday (March 30th), as we find out why I WANT IT ALL! 7-8:30 PM in the Community Center.

TEEN DROP-IN:

Drop-In resumes this Wednesday (April 1st) from 3-7 PM in the Youth Office, so bring your homework...

YOUNG ADULTS:

No Young Adult Ministry Meeting this week! Our next event is The Scoop on Theology on Tuesday, April 7th from 7-9 PM at Leatherby's in Citrus Heights. Our speaker will be Carson Weber speaking on How to Bring Friends and Family BACK to the Faith! More details & Spring Schedule available on our blog: www.holyfamilyyam.blogspot.com

No Coffee Cart this week...!

GREAT GIFTS AND MORE!

First Holy Communion is fast approaching. There are many items available such as boxed memento gift sets, rosaries, ties and veils for purchase at very reasonable prices, in both English and Spanish. **PLEASE STOP IN!**

Also, the April 2009 issue of Magnificat is available in the Religious Articles Store in both English and Spanish.

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:

Summer Chase • Dylan James Decoteau
Abigail Gallardo • David Muro-Gallardo
George Gallardo • Rudy Gallardo
Philip Andrew Pansoy Hernandez • Jordan Fielis
Nina Huson • Socorro Perez • Raul Perez
Juan Carlos Quezada • Luis Luna • Adriana Rodarte
Jordan Sanchez • John Turberville • Ieann Vasquez
Joshua Vogel

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:

John Armitage • Nena Edwards

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

† Servant Leader †

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Jesus gives us an insight: The human nature he possessed is something that resists the destiny that is often written in our hearts. There are parts of it that we simply don't want to endure. It's not hard for us to imagine this scenario going on inside of us every day. We face things that we need to do, things that we know in our hearts that we should do, and things in our hearts that we want to do. But we don't always have the capacity or desire to do them. Our bodies resist. I don't want to do this. I want to do something else. Or: I want to seek something else instead of this. Jesus says that unless a grain of wheat dies, it remains just a grain of wheat. If it dies, then it can produce much fruit. What I really think Jesus is talking about is that tough, hard, seed-like element inside of us that isn't easy to break open – the resistance inside of us that doesn't want to change, that doesn't want to see more, that wants to cling to its old ways. Or particularly, it is a resistance to do what is most practical: Why can't I just take care of myself? Why can't I just make my life comfortable? Why do I have to worry about all this other stuff? Why do I have to be responsible? Jesus is saying: This hard-core self-centeredness that comes with human nature needs to go into a dark place. It has to be heated, filled with moisture, and then it breaks apart. A new understanding follows. What Jesus is trying to say is that what we so often call life, what we think is so wonderful, is so much less than what he is offering. What he's offering has to be accepted by first letting go of much more narrow ways of seeing life. Somehow suffering, the difficulty we undergo, has to be put in its proper perspective. Suffering is the very thing that has to be endured so that we can get to the real goal we want in life, the destiny that is written in our hearts. To be full and complete will not be accomplished by always doing what is most comfortable. It's not easy.

That's what the season of Lent and Easter is trying to do. It's a season that asks us to look at the darker side, to look at the areas in which we are not following that which is written upon our hearts. Once we see those areas, we are asked to embrace much more fully the mystery of God blessing and awakening in us the presence of his help.

1ST SATURDAY OF 5 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS DEVOTION **April 4, May 2, June 6, July 4, August 1**

Our lady has promised to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the first Saturday of five consecutive months shall go to confession, receive Holy communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and "keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary with the intention of making reparation to me." Attend 8:30 am Mass on the 1st Saturday of each month. Immediately after Mass, proceed to the Adoration Chapel for Reparation & Rosary (approximately 40 minutes, plus 15 minute quiet adoration meditating on the 15 Mysteries). If you have general questions, please call Dolores at 910-9638.

PRO-LIFE MASS FIRST FRIDAY APRIL 3RD

There will be a Pro-life Mass at Holy Family First Friday, April 3rd at 8:30 AM. Recitation of the Pro-life Rosary will take place after the Mass in the Adoration Chapel. Won't you please spend an hour with our precious Lord praying for an end to abortion in our state and for conversion of our current Administration in Washington, D.C. Please plan on joining us after the Mass.

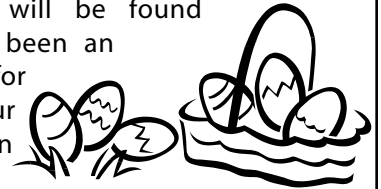
Also, just a reminder – Tuesdays are the days through Lent for Holy Family to be praying at the Roseville Planned Parenthood: 729 Sunrise Ave, Roseville, as part of **40 DAYS FOR LIFE – SPRING 2009**. The hours are 9:00 am to noon. Please come for 20 minutes or stay for an hour or longer – whatever you can do will be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Sally Fisher at 721-0378.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL FOR LIFE

There will be an All Night Vigil for Life at St Rose Parish (South Sacramento) on April 3-4 beginning with the Stations of the Cross at 7:15 PM and 7:30 PM Mass. Please see NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE... for more information.

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 April 11 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 21 years! Gather your children and grandchildren and enjoy the fun!



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4964

DID YOU KNOW?? Last year the K of C world over gave more than 36 million hours of volunteer service and more than \$138 million to a wide range of Church, Community and charitable programs. For example, the K of C funds the satellite uplinks necessary to broadcast the Popes messages and ceremonies, especially at Christmas and Easter, throughout the world. YES! You can join the KNIGHTS. Catholic men 18 years and older are invited to join your local Knights at Holy Family Parish. Look for the Knights with the "Red Jacket" or call Bob at 729-3334.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH BREAKFAST

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, come enjoy a breakfast in St. Joseph Hall after 7:30 & 9:00 AM masses ... funds are donated to Parish Ministries.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE AND BEYOND

ST. JOHN NOTRE DAME (FOLSOM) SUMMER SCHOOL 2009

Open Registration: Summer School is open to all incoming Kindergarten through 8th grade students in the community. Extended Day Care (EDP) will be available to students enrolled in at least one class per day. Course catalog and registration form available at www.sjnds.com or contact Mrs. Brandenburg at dbrandenburg@sjnds.com or 985-4129.

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL FASHION SHOW

Three shows on Friday & Saturday, April 3-4. The annual spring event benefits the school's scholarship fund and features some of Northern California's trendiest boutiques. Please consider supporting these local small businesses and this important scholarship fund. Sponsorships available. Call 452-3461 or visit stfrancishs.org for more information.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Circle of Friends is a multi-parish ministry for the never married, widowed, divorced and separated under the auspices of the Catholic Diocese of Sacramento. Come join us for a movie and potluck on Sunday, April 19 at 6:15pm at St Clare's Church in Roseville. Bring a dish to share. For more information, call Judy Peck at 543-0990.

SUMMER SCHOOL AT JESUIT

Spend part of your summer at Jesuit High School.

- 3 week summer program "Academics Plus" for boys entering 7th and 8th grade in the fall of 2009
- 2 sessions to choose from: June 15 - July 2, or July 7-24
- Program runs 9:00 to 3:00 each day and includes academic sessions, pool/recreation, and team sports
- Financial Aid is available
- For more information and an application, please visit our website at www.jhssac.org, under "Admissions"

For answer to any questions, please call us at 482-6060 x227.

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There will be an All Night Vigil for Life at St Rose Parish at 5961 Franklin Blvd. on the 1st Friday, April 3, beginning with the Stations of the Cross at 7:15 PM and 7:30 PM Mass. Confessions held prior to Mass. Msgr. Kavanagh leads a Holy Hour of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus immediately following the Mass. The vigil ends on the 1st Saturday, April 4th with Benediction at 7:30 AM and Mass at 8:00 AM. Following the 8:00 am Mass, the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at the Women's Health Specialists-Abortion Clinic at 1750 Wright St. Come and pray for our Country and the end of abortion. Any questions, call June at 967-9158.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS SACRAMENTO

Good Friday, April 10: The Way of the Cross in the heart of the city where people carry their daily cross, most of the time dreadfully alone: "If God exists, He has nothing to do with my daily life." This is the true cross of every day, the cross of a person abandoned only to himself in his most inner need for a never-ending love, truth, beauty and justice. We need the presence of "God-with-us," Jesus, every day.

8:45 am: Gather at Crocker Park - 3rd and N Streets

9:30 am: Procession to the Capitol steps and the central downtown area

11:15 am: Final station in front of the Cathedral

We invite you to join us for this procession of the cross and to participate in the Good Friday Liturgy at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at noon.

This event is organized by the Fraternity of Communion and Liberation in cooperation with the Diocese of Sacramento. For more information contact: Daniel Patterson at 601-6035 or danny@pattersonclan.us

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SESSION 2009

St Francis Catholic High School offers a fun and productive summer experience for high school age students and middle school age girls. Academic and enrichment courses and summer camps include Art, Biology, Chemistry, Civics, Debate, Driver Education, Speech, Basketball, Volleyball, Hula, Theatre Arts and much more! See the entire selection and registration information at www.stfrancishs.org. Questions: 737-5012.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS:

You are invited to a Charismatic Healing Mass at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 3263 1st Ave. in Sacramento on Friday, April 3. Praise and Worship led by Revival Music Ministry will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Mass at 7:30 p.m. For questions, please contact Ely Madrdeijos at 342-7704.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Is your spouse still #1 in your life? That's probably a simple question to answer but not always a simple answer to live by. The next local Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is April 24-26 in Sacramento. For more information or to register, call Barry & Julia Reynolds at 866-825-2046 or go to <http://lovemoredeeply.org> today!

MORE OUTSIDE NEWS ON THE PARISH WEBSITE!

CELEBRATION OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – APRIL 19

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament (11th & K)

CONFESSIONS 2:15 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet 2:45 pm

Holy Mass 3:00 pm

Veneration of the Divine Mercy image and relic of St. Faustina following the Mass

Plenary indulgence granted under the usual conditions of confession, communion & prayer for the intentions of The Supreme Pontiff

Divine Mercy Decree: Pope John Paul II, August 3, 2002

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment

Jesus' words to St. Faustina (Journal entry 699)

The requirement for the sacrament of reconciliation can be fulfilled before Divine Mercy Sunday