



November 8, 2009 - Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors... she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had..." Mk 12:43-44

 *a letter from home...*

LITURGICAL MODIFICATIONS DURING FLU SEASON

Without a doubt, people in every community are concerned about H1N1 and seasonal flu. The Bishop's office has received many calls asking if the diocese plans to increase precautionary measures to help prevent the spread of illness. In order to help prevent the spread of illness during flu season, Bishop Jaime Soto has asked that the following temporary changes be made in our liturgical celebrations:

- *We are asked to stop the distribution of Holy Communion in the cup.*
- *You are encouraged to receive Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue.*
- *The Sign of Peace should be offered without shaking hands (for example: a smile or a nod of the head while saying "Peace be with you.")*
- *We are asked to dispense with the holding of hands during the "Our Father".*
- *Those who distribute Holy Communion should cleanse their hands with antiseptic solution containing alcohol before and after administering the Sacrament.*
- *Ministers of the Eucharist who visit the sick and the homebound should observe these same precautions.*
- *Please remember that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill. It is a sign of consideration for others that those with flu-like symptoms remain at home.*

These are temporary changes which are necessary to follow until the danger of flu season is past.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO STAY HEALTHY

- *Know the facts. Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.*
- *Take everyday actions to stay healthy.*
- *Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.*
- *Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available; use an alcohol-based hand rub.*
- *Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread that way.*
- *Stay home if you get sick. CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.*
- *Get vaccinated. Vaccination is the best protection we have against flu. Seasonal flu vaccine is available now and initial doses of 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine also are available, with additional doses available later this year.*

Source: Centers for Disease Control

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIVING

Stewardship Commitment Weekend

As we continue our parish stewardship education effort — Stewardship – A Way of Living — we will hear today from some of our fellow parishioners who will share their personal testimonial. Next weekend (Nov. 14-15) is our parish Stewardship Commitment Weekend. In this bulletin you will find a commitment form asking you to make a commitment of time in prayer, talent and treasure to our parish. Please be sure to complete your commitment form and return it in the collection during Mass next weekend.

Parish Stewardship Accountability Report

A Parish Stewardship Accountability Report is presented inside the back cover of today's bulletin as part of our ongoing focus on stewardship. The purpose of the Parish Stewardship Accountability Report is to help our parishioners understand the priorities, goals and accomplishments of our parish. Individuals are called to be responsible stewards of the gifts entrusted to them by a good and gracious God, and so are our parishes. The parish has the responsibility to be accountable to its parishioners who have entrusted their gifts from God to their parish.

Stewardship

~ a way of life ~

WHO IS A CHRISTIAN STEWARD?

Guided by scripture, the Christian steward is a person whose prayer leads to a constant awareness that God is the origin of life, giver of freedom, and the source of all blessings. Jesus presented the ultimate gift to God — the gift of His life — and we, too, are called to follow in Jesus’ footsteps by:

- Receiving God’s gifts gratefully
- Cultivating them responsibly
- Sharing them lovingly in justice with others and
- Returning them with increase to the Lord.

THE MODEL CHRISTIAN STEWARDS:

We look to the life and teachings of Jesus for guidance in living as Christian stewards. It is challenging and difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards. After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. As the mother of Christ, she lived her ministry in a spirit of fidelity and service; she responded generously to the call.

RESPONDING TO THE CALL:

We must ask ourselves: Do we wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ and Christian stewards of our world and our Church? Jesus calls each one of us individually by name. He has provided each of us with unique gifts. God intends for each of us to play a unique role in carrying out His divine plan. The challenge, then, is to understand our role — our vocation — and respond generously to Jesus’ call by putting our gifts to work in building up His kingdom on earth. God gives us this divine-human workshop, this world and Church of ours. The Spirit shows us the way — Stewardship is part of the journey.

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”
(1 Peter 4:10)



ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

Catholic Charities of Sacramento is seeking individuals or families interested in ‘adopting’ a local family in need for Christmas. Donors are asked to provide gifts as well as a grocery store gift card. This year we are anticipating that more families will be in need than ever before. Please call the Catholic Charities office at 733-0253 for more information.

THANKSGIVING DAY BASKETS KICKOFF

We plan to serve 220 families at Thanksgiving and our food drive is in full swing. In addition to the items listed below we are in need of turkeys between 12-15 lbs. If you would like to donate a turkey it can be dropped off at the Community Center on Monday Nov. 23 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. We are in need of :

- Canned Vegetables
- Chicken Broth
- Cranberry or Apple Sauce
- Gravy
- Stuffing Mix
- Cake Mixes and Frosting

Donated items (excluding the turkeys) may be left in the baskets that will be on the foot of the altar leading up to Thanksgiving. Thank You for your generosity.

FEED THE NEEDY THANKSGIVING

Feed the Needy will once again be serving a traditional Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday Nov. 18. If you would like to donate a turkey or pie please call Nora at 721-1176 or 212-0945 by Sunday Nov. 15.

MISSALETTE SPONSOR UPDATE:

With an anticipated yearly cost of about \$3600.00, we have gratefully received \$3199.00 from 108 families so far to sponsor missalettes for the new church year. Thanks!

STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE	
GENERAL COLLECTION	
Weekly Goal	\$ 11,000.00
Oct 11	\$ 8,809.00
Oct 18	\$ 9,015.00
Oct 25	\$ 8,261.00
Nov 1	\$ 10,022.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 170,703.00
Goal-to-Date (18 Weeks)	\$ 198,000.00
% of Goal Collected	86.21 %
Annual Goal (52 Weeks)	\$ 572,000.00
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Catholic Faith Formation	\$ 2,354.50
<i>Both widows in today’s readings gave all they had to the work of the Lord. Faithful stewards give all that is asked and trust the Lord to be faithful to His promises.</i>	

Veterans Day Prayer Service

Wednesday, November 11, 7:00pm



Holy Family Parish invites you to join us for the celebration of Veterans Day. Please see more information on the next page.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Lateran Basilica in Rome:
Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; 1 Cor 3:9-11,16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Tue: St. Leo the Great: Wis 2:23-3:9; Lk 17:7-10
Wed: St. Martin of Tours: Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19
Thu: St. Josaphat: Wis 7:22b—8:1; Lk 17:20-25
Fri: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini: Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37
Sat: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8
Sun: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14,18; Mk 13:24-32

QUESTION OF THE DAY

Children: What part of your own possessions are you called on to share?

Youth: How do you spend your money? Is there anything you should be doing differently?

Adults: When do you know that you have given away enough?

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon: Jason Patrick Lee –Int.; Carmen Giachino –Int.
Tue: Carmela Ackley +
Wed: Conrado Cabrea +; Leo Marsolais +
Thu: Tom Lendewig +; Larry Ussery +
Fri: Francis Bradley +
Sat: 8:30 am Mass Stephan Vidrine +
Ludovina Pereira +
Sun: 7:30 am Mass Simon Sucharski +
9:00 am Mass James Scarcella +
12:30 pm Mass Pro Populo
6:00 pm Mass Tom Lendewig +; Larry Ushery +



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 Anescua, Fred Apa, Mary Beesley, Lyndon Benson, Richard Blanco, Elisa Bulhoes, Ernie Bulhoes, Bernie Burke, Michael Byrne, Carl Campagna, Elsie Correia, Claro DeAsis, Julie Desrochers, Virginia Dalley, Evette DeLeon, Jim Dempsey, Gazella Erickson, Brian France, Tom France, Laura Geoia, Carmen Giachino, Bob Gokey, Jason Hayes, Gregoria Hernandez, Irene Hertel, Tina Kemp, Helen Linn, Joyce Madrid, Kim Malone, Barbara Marquez, Vince Martinez, Luke McCord, Elaine Montgomery, Roberta Murphy, Sheri Passaro, Paul Pellegrino, Nona Piha, Tom Poeschl, Rosanna Raines, Charlie Rasher, Michael Rath, Pat Regan, Margaret and Bob Reynolds, Patty Root, Suzanne Rose, Dick Salsberry, Nikelle Schafer, Katherine Schottgen, Tammie Simons, Jardee Stanley, Denise Steeb, Lonnie Stewart, Amy Svistoonoff, Xavier Thompson, Alexandria Torres, Elly Weiss, Robert Westbrook, Sharel Wilson



Holy Family School

SAVE THE DATE:



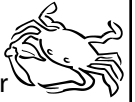
Holy Family School's

7th Annual Crab Feed is scheduled for

Saturday, December 5th, 2009. 6PM-11:30PM.

Crab, Music, Dancing, No Host Cocktails, Raffle.

Ticket Price: \$35.00 per person.



VISIT HOLY FAMILY PRESCHOOL

Holy Family Preschool was established in 1991 and has served thousands of children over the past 18 years! We would like the opportunity to serve your family, so we invite you to stop by for a tour of our program, visit a classroom and join in on the daily activities! We are open from 7:00am until 6:00pm, Monday through Friday. We offer a variety of schedules designed to fit the needs of your family: part time 8:00am -12:00pm; school day 8:00am - 3:00pm; and, full time 7:00am- 6:00pm. Our preschool is literature based, offering a variety of interactive stories, a 52 week Bible Story Series, dramatic play, science centers, art, music and much more! Our goal is to present to our Pre-Kindergarten students the tools and skills they will need for kindergarten. Contact Mrs. Lucy Eberhardt or Mrs. Cindy Wilkinson at 722-4620 for more information.

NOVEMBER 1 BLOOD DRIVE

We are pleased with the response to Sunday's blood drive: 32 parishioners registered, 3 were temporarily deferred, leaving 29 pints of blood available to save people's lives! The Bloodsource staff was also pleased with Holy Family's response! Our next drive will be on Sunday, February 7, 2010. We are planning something "special" for the donors. More information on this "special" in January. Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and God Bless!
Joe Rath and Larry Larsen

GET THE WORD!

The November Magnificat is available in English and Spanish in the Religious Articles store. Pick up your copy today and be prepared for All Saints, All Souls, Christ the King, Thanksgiving - what a month to celebrate!

3 MILESTONES - 2 SHRINES!

This year, 2009, Holy Family Parish is celebrating its **60th** Anniversary, our school its **50th** and the church its **45th**! The Liturgy Council is planning special events for Holy Family Sunday in December. In preparation, a Holy Family shrine and Our Lady of Guadalupe shrine are being planned for two of the alcoves in the church. The existing statuary will be used. Some cleaning and painting will need to be done first. Our Youth Ministry and School have volunteered their help as well as some painters who have offered their expertise. Fr. John Sullivan has been asked to chair the work committee. Any questions may be addressed to him.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS: No Youth Group this week (we're too exhausted from the Inspiration Rally in SoCal)...but join the FAITHFUL next Sunday (Nov. 15th) for FREE pizza as we continue our semester about the TOTALLY cool topic of love. It promises to be a FRUITFUL night!

YOUTH DROP-IN: No Drop-In this week...Have a Happy Veteran's Day!

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEENS: No EDGE this week...Have a Happy Veteran's Day! Join us next Wednesday, (Nov. 18th) we talk about Peer Pressure.

BILINGUAL YOUTH BIBLE STUDY: Join us Friday (Nov. 13th), as we go over the The Exile, The Revolt, & The Return! 6:30-8 PM in the Youth Office.

WE STILL HAVE COOKIES! Help support Holy Family Youth Ministry buy purchasing tubs of Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough! The cost is \$17 for one tub or \$30 for two tubs! Please buy a tub or two today after Morning Masses!

Questions about our Youth Ministry Programs, Events, or Fall Schedule? Check out our blog:
www.hfyouthministry.blogspot.com

—young adult ministry—

YOUNG ADULTS: Join other Young Adults in the area for the Bible Jam! A Catholic Bible Study for you! Monday nights at 7 PM in the St. Rose Convent (615 Vine Ave. * Roseville). Questions? Call Kelly Risse at (916) 783-5219

WORLD YOUTH DAY: There will be an Informational meeting on Sunday, December 13 from 7:30-8:30 PM in the Community Center for Young Adults interested in joining us for the next International World Youth Day to be held in Madrid, Spain in August 2011. Pilgrims must be between the ages of 16-40 by the time of the trip. We will discuss the pilgrimage package, itinerary, estimated costs, etc. Please contact Victor for more information.

NO COFFEE CART THIS WEEKEND!

ADORATION GOAL:

Our goal for adoration is to schedule three adorers for each hour. As of now, we need about 50 more adorers Monday through Friday, 13 more on Saturday, and 5 more are needed on Sunday. When we receive responses from various ministries in the parish, our goal maybe hopefully reached! The adoration charts posted, one inside the chapel and one outside the chapel, show the times where adorers are presently needed now, particularly the afternoon and evening hours. Thank You, and God Bless You!



Prayer Opportunities

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA: Mondays after the 8:30 am Mass in St. Mary Hall. For information, please call Phyllis, 725-0218 or Phyllis, 725-5358.

VOCATIONS CROSS: If you are interested in taking the Vocation Cross home, please contact Young Stewart at 332-8732.

DOMINICAN LAITY AT HOLY FAMILY

Come and join us at 8:00 am on the first Saturday of each month in the chapel at Holy Family Church. We will pray the Liturgy of the Hours followed by Mass and the Dominican Rosary. Then our meeting will continue in St. Mary Hall with ongoing formation which this year will be "The Role of the Laity in the Church Today," from the writings of John Paul II and the teachings from Vatican II on the Laity. Join us in a way of life of prayer, the study of Sacred Truths, the sharing of our spiritual life and in apostolic outreach. For information, call Phyllis Sale: 725-5358.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL:

Fr. Pol wishes to build a revised list for adoration hours so that there are adorers before Jesus at all hours the chapel is open. One of the basic needs of adoration is that the truly present Christ Jesus never be left exposed in the chapel without adorers also present. Clipboards are available with sign-up sheets to fill all of the available hours. Please consider giving an hour the time that has been given to you to spend with Jesus in adoration and reflection – this is an opportunity to live your faith and express your love of the Lord. Please find the clipboards and leave your name and day of the week and hour you will participate and be present. Thank you for your support!

Chapel Hours are: Monday through Friday – 9:00 am to 9:00 pm; Saturday – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm; and, Sunday – 2:00 to 5:00 pm. If you have any questions, please call Lee Lambert at 723-8963. God Bless You!

Veterans Day Prayer Service

Holy Family Parish invites you to make the celebration of Veterans Day more than just a day off from school or work. In this time of war, it is imperative that we pray for peace and in thanksgiving for the sacrifices of those men and women who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces. We ask that you also extend an invitation to family and friends who are Veterans or Active Duty.

As we prepare for this celebration, we are asking you to consider submitting photos of Veterans or Active Duty service members. It is best if these photos are submitted electronically via email to veterans@holyfamilych.org, however photos may be dropped off to the parish office now through November 8th. For all photos, please include Name and Branch of Service; please indicate if currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. Photos that are hand delivered will be scanned and returned to you, so please include your name as well. If you have no photo, you may wish to submit names.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS' - SENIOR APPRECIATION DINNER

The Infant Mary Council of the Knights of Columbus here at Holy Family Parish will hold its annual Senior Appreciation dinner on Sunday, November 22. All seniors of our parish and their senior friends are invited to a wonderful meal of roast beef, turkey, potatoes, veggies and all the trimmings. Dinner will be served from 1:00 to 3:00, and though the meal is free, we would like to invite all participants to bring a canned or boxed non-perishable food for our parish food closet, which is especially in need this year. Please invite your favorite seniors, and come to enjoy this fun event!

PLEASE COME JOIN US JANUARY 23, 2010 FOR KATIE JOHNSON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Many of you remember Katie from her days in the school office and later as the secretary of the church rectory for Msgr. Mistretta. Now after many years of service to the church we ask that you come and celebrate this milestone with her. We ask that each family that wishes to attend donate \$10.00 per person for this very special day. You may leave your donation at the church office with Mitzi Valerio, or with Pat Regan, or in the collection basket. Please include your name and how many will be in attendance with your donation. The party will take place from 3-5 in the Community Center and we will be serving up a delicious meal. Katie is looking forward to celebrating with her Holy Family friends. Please RSVP by January 17th.

SHARE YOUR BEST RECIPES WITH THE DIOCESE

The Sacramento Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is publishing a cookbook - WHAT'S COOKING IN THE DIOCESE? - and has invited all women (and men) of Holy Family Parish to submit their favorite recipes - old family recipes or their own creative recipes. Please join us by sending in a recipe to Louise Laing at 6712 Skylane Drive, Citrus Heights 95621, e-mail: louise@laingweb.com, or send them to Leanne Etcheverry at 7516 Carriage Drive, Citrus Heights, 95621. Please take time to send your recipes as soon as possible - DEADLINE is NOVEMBER 15! We would like a good representation from Holy Family to show what great cooks we have in the Parish. Any questions - please call 916-725-2297. If a business or individual is able to contribute to the cost of printing the cookbooks, your contribution will be greatly appreciated and you will receive an acknowledgement from the SDCCW for tax purposes.

THANK YOU FROM HOLY LAND WOOD CARVING ARTISTS

On our behalf, and on behalf of many Catholic families in the area of Bethlehem who operate olivewood workshops, we would like to express our deepest gratitude for the warm welcome, support and wonderful hospitality that you offered us during our visit to your parish. We send our deepest gratitude to all parishioners at your parish for their generosity and support. This giving support will positively impact our people in the Holy Land and will help them remain strong in the land of Christ. By visiting your Parish, we were also able to spread our message to your parish community about the plight of the Christian community in the Holy Land and the difficult situation and hardships that our people are now enduring in the land of our Savior.



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service honoring the departed Brother Knights of Columbus, Infant Mary Council #4964, will be held at Holy Family Parish Church on Tuesday evening, November 17. Services begin at 7:00pm with the Rosary followed by celebration of the Mass by Fr. Pol. Reception in St. Joseph Hall will follow. Family, friends and Parishioners are invited.

"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"

Share the Message of Peace, Love and Hope throughout the Advent Season with your Loved Ones, Family, and Friends.

- Use Religious Theme Postage Stamps
- Display the Nativity Scene in a window or on your lawn
- Contact Radio/TV requesting Christmas carols and stories
- Use Decorations with "MERRY CHRISTMAS" instead of "Happy Holidays"
- Contact the parish office get involved with the "Food Basket" and "Adopt a Family" programs
- Donate FOOD and \$\$\$ to these programs

CLRS "GREAT MALL" BUS TRIP The CLRS is having a bus trip to "The Great Mall" in Milpitas. Come join us for fun and fellowship on December 5, 2009. The cost is \$30.00 and we will leave from Holy Family parking lot at 8:00 am and return at 7:00 pm. We are asking that you arrive no later than 7:45 am so as to leave on time. To save your seat, contact Roz Shafer at 338-4626. Plan on having a great time!

LIVING THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

WALK FOR LIFE – WEST COAST 2010!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 23rd 2010. Join upwards of 30,000 pro-lifer's for the 6th Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco as we peacefully proclaim our message that abortion hurts women and we all deserve better than abortion. Join the Holy Family Respect Life Committee, the Knights of Columbus and fellow Holy Family parishioners on our bus leaving from the Holy Family Church parking lot at 8:15 A.M. that Saturday. Reserve your bus seat now for \$25 per person. For more information contact: Mike Bardini @ 916-784-7581.

Every little boy and girl is a unique and irreplaceable creature designed by the God of love, his personal gift that comes to us bearing his image and likeness. While biological parents assist in God's creative act, God contributes the child's eternal soul—his or her intellect, consciousness, will, and the capacities to reason and love, to hope and aspire.

Parish Stewardship Accountability Report — 2009

Holy Family Parish, Citrus Heights

	Participants		Participants
Parish Population		Parish Outreach Programs	
Households	2304	Knights of Columbus	211
Newly Registered Households	615	Catholic Ladies Relief Society	60
Sacramental Preparation Programs		Saint Vincent de Paul Society	13
Pre-Baptism Team Members	3	Women's Council	10
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)	5	Prison Ministry	0
First Reconciliation	12	Ministry of Consolation	7
First Communion	12	Funeral Receptions	40
Confirmation Candidates	5	Service Hours Performed by Confirmation Candidates	6
Marriage Preparation Sponsors	2	Communion to the Shut-ins	15
Sacraments Celebrated		Lay Liturgical Ministries	
Baptisms	135	Adult Choirs	22
First Reconciliations	159	Youth Choir	45
First Communions	159	Contemporary Choir	15
Confirmations	91	Cantors	3
Weddings	24	Musicians	11
Faith Formation Programs		Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	80
Faith Formation Students (grades P/K – 12):		Lectors	61
• Families Involved	393	Servers	51
Faith Formation Catechists	37	Ushers	80
Adult Faith Formation:		Greeters	16
• RCIA	5	Sacristans	13
• Adult Catechism Study	4	Community of Faith	
• Bible Study	1	Parish Picnic	3
• Disciples on the Journey	E/O Year	Lay Dominicans	10
• Men's Weekend	8	Respect for Life Committee	51
• Women's Weekend	2	Bereavement	3
• Lenten Faith Sharing	E/O Year	Hospitality	38
• Talleres de Oración	2	Rosary Makers	25
Catholic Youth Ministry		Facilities Maintenance	2
Vocation Bible School:		Angelic Dusters	9
• Children	N/A	Environment Committee	5
• Volunteers	N/A	Gift Shop	5
Youth Ministry	10	Administrative Programs	
Catholics Returning Home	5	Stewardship Committee	10
Charismatic Prayer Group	30	Pastoral Council	10
Mother's Ministry	6	Finance Council	6
Parish School Students	364	Liturgy Council	14
Men's & Women's Group Ministry	38	School Advisory Commission	9