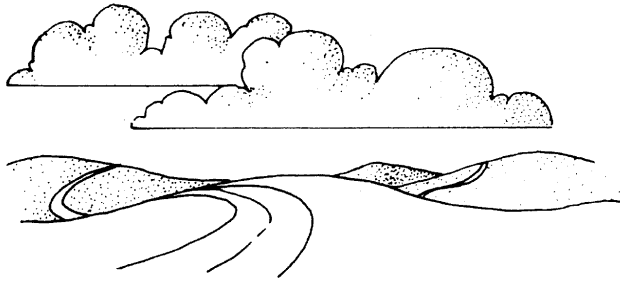


GOD'S WAYS ARE ABOVE OUR WAYS



**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 21, 2008**

◆ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ◆

Sat 20	7:30a	no intention
	5:30p	◆ Evelyn Missall by Marie Borges
Sun 21	7:30a	◆ William Kaps by Thelma kaps
		◆ Olive Rutledge by Agnes O'Neill
	9:30a	Parish
	12:30p	no intention
		by Consolation Mstry
	5:30p	Steve & Nicole Jarmuch (living)
Mon 22	7:30a	◆ Yvonne Richard by Cleo Richard
		Cleo Richard (living)
Tues 23	7:30a	◆ Holy Souls in Purgatory
		◆ Betty Grant by Grant Family
Wed 24	7:30a	Yolanda & Merced Najera (living) by
		Maria Correa
Thus 25	7:30a	◆ Earl Wahl by Bill & Patty Mutch
Fri 26	7:30a	◆ Virginia & George Oliver by John &
		Linda Shea
Sat 27	7:30a	◆ Yvonne Richard by Cleo Richard
		Cleo Richard (living)
	5:30p	◆ Jose Luis Florez by Sandra Hernandez

◆ Mass Intentions ~ St. James ◆

Sun 21	9:00a	◆ Claire Grzanich by Mom & Dad
	10:30a	no intention
<i>Pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Osbourn, Laura Karr, Yvonne Richard, Paula Morales, and for the comfort of their family and friends.</i>		

2nd Week of September

Sunday Collection \$7,740

*May your faithful generosity bring you blessings of joy,
for the Bible says, "God loves a cheerful giver"
--2 Corinthians 9:7*

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ONLY 4 DAYS LEFT TO GET YOUR TICKETS for the CENTENNIAL DINNER!!! Please send in your response cards along with payment by Sept 25th. Join us for a family celebration with dinner catered by Bacio Catering, Art Auction and dancing to the "Fabulous Swing Kings" on Saturday, October 4th at 6pm at St. John's.



FALL FESTIVAL--CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF NOTRE DAME SCHOOL: Sunday, Oct 5th from 10am-4pm is Notre Dame School's Annual Fall Festival. Come and enjoy games, food, fun & fellowship for the whole family. Questions: call 343-8741.

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE! NDS annual raffle is underway. Ticket holders have the chance to win a \$1000 Grand Prize, a \$750 1st prize, a \$500 2nd prize, or a \$250 3rd prize. The drawing will be held at the Fall Festival on Oct 5th. Tickets are now on sale for \$2 each or a book of 12 tickets for \$20. Please look for NDS students selling raffle tickets after masses. Ticket books are also available in the parish or school office. Thank you for your generous support of our school.

COUNTRY STORE: It wouldn't be the Fall Festival without the Country Store! We are accepting donations of your nick knacks, books, children's toys, furniture, household items, ect... We are also looking for "farm donations" (i.e. pumpkins, watermelons, corn, etc.) Please call Amy King 966-1611 or Jenni Schaeffer 893-5474 for drop off or pick-up. Thank you for your support!

Catholic Daughters monthly Birthday Luncheon will be on Sept 24th at Round Table Pizza in the Almond Orchard Plaza at 11:30am.

Catholic Daughters Annual Rummage Sale will be Oct 3rd and 4th at ODS Social Hall from 9am-3pm. So it is time to clean out your closets. We need good clean clothes, games, books, small house hold items, and more. Bring your donated items on Wed Oct 1st or 2nd to the Social Hall between 9:30am and 3pm. Contact Lorene at 343-3324 or Juene at 342-3858 if you have any questions.

Birthright will be hosting its first Wine Tasting and Art auction on Friday, Sept 26th from 5-8pm at the Newman Center. Paintings, prints, water colors as well as other works of art will be in our silent auction. All proceeds go to help the needs of pregnant women and their little ones. Chosen wines will be from New Clairvaux Monastery in Vina and from Vino 100 in Chico. Tickets will be on sale in the next several weeks after Sunday Masses or by calling 345-9711.

Adult Choir Rehearsal: If anyone would like to join the choir, practices are on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8pm in the Church. For more information call Sally 343-1011 or the office 343-8741. Come and "make a joyful noise unto the Lord!"



Feed the Hungry

Torres Shelter: If you are interested in joining a team to help make meals for the homeless at the Torres Shelter, please call Jerry Converse at 342-2134 to volunteer. It is a great experience for both you and the homeless.

❖ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** ❖

Prayer and Bible Study every Saturday night, 7-8:30pm at the Wing's home, hosted by Parish Cantor George Wing. Each week we will focus on the current Sunday readings and intercessory prayer. Call 342-4472 for directions and details. Began September 13th.

Rosary Prayer Group: The Rosary Prayer Group meets on Thursday evenings at 7pm. If you would like to participate call 342-2323 or 898-1183.

Women's Ministry Group is beginning a new year! We will be meeting again at ODS Social Hall on the second Thursdays of the month. Our next meeting will be on Oct 9th from 6:45-9pm. This year we are going to study different books of the Bible. If you have any questions or would like to join the group, call Pat Hackney at 342-5528 or Mary Waldorf at 345-8638.

Catholics Returning Home is a Collaborative Ministry with three Parishes. No matter how long you have been away and no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. We will be meeting at Our Divine Savior in the Prayer Room. These are informal listening sessions and updates of the Catholic faith. **Our next meeting will be on Sept 22nd from 7-8:30pm.** For more details call Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348 or Sharon Haselton at 891-5334.

Holy Spirit Prayer Group: They meet at 7pm on the 4th Wed of each month at the Newman Center. For more information call Sharon, 891-5334 or James, 893-2348.



Scripture Study/Radio: Joe Hollcraft is live on AM 930 at 11:00am-12:00 each Saturday and Sunday (re-aired). Joe has a different guest each week. Each program will be devoted to the readings from the Mass. This week (Sept 20th and Sept 21st) Joe will break open the theme to the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Lord's graciousness and the meaning of the "11th hour". The following week Joe will consider the liturgical calendar as a catechism, among other topics. Be sure not to miss this great opportunity to better understand the Bible and the structure of our faith. E-mail Joe at jholljnj@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the radio program and/or the Catholic faith.

❖ **CFF: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION** ❖

Religious Education Questions
Call 343-8741

Youth Sacrament Program is for students in 7th thru 12th grades who have not received all the sacraments (Baptism, 1st Penance, 1st Communion, and Confirmation). If the student has not received one or more of these sacraments their parents should enroll them in this program by calling 343-8741 or coming to the parish office to register. These classes will be held every Wed from 3:30-5pm in the parish office. The first class was on Sept 10th. Please call the parish office if you would like to enroll your child 343-8741.



(E-Mail) Chico_It_ym@yahoo.com
Andrea Florez, Youth Director 530-961-2050

LIFE TEEN –We Kick-Off tonight!!!! If you haven't registered yet please bring your registration with you. If you still need a registration form, we will have extras at the LIFE Night. If you thought the Olympics were something to see you should come to the LIFE TEEN Games tonight after the LIFE TEEN Mass from 7-8:30pm. We will begin in the gym. Can't wait to see you all.

EDGE – Need a CLUE? Wonder who's done it? Join us this Monday September 22nd from 7-8:30pm at the Newman Center to find out. If you haven't gotten your registration form in, bring it with you to the first night, we will have some extras available on Monday.

Registration for the 2008-09 School Year: LIFE TEEN and EDGE Registration went out two weekends ago. If you did not get a registration form please pick one up in the back of the Church or from the Parish office. Registration forms must be filled out each year.

❖ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ❖



Respect for Life Committee: Some who defend abortion claim that one is "truly human" only when able to reason, to choose, and to be creative. Yet a book about how to perform abortions contains this quote: "Surely embryos and fetuses do none of these things. In fact, neither do newborns, and there's the rub. Presumably it would be equally as acceptable to destroy newborns as fetuses, since both are in the same prehuman boat" (Second Trimester Abortion: Perspectives After a Decade of Experience, Berger et al., eds., P. 215). **Think about it!** Please consider going to Planned Parenthood on Vallombrosa on Wednesdays or the Women's Feminist Abortion Center on Humboldt Rd on Fridays. Come anytime from 10am to 4pm to pray for the lives of the unborn children.

Marriage Preparation Course at the Newman Center, Chico: This two day course will take place on Saturdays, October 18th & 25th at the Newman Center from 10am-5pm each day. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Cost is \$125. Registration forms are available at your parish office, or call the Newman Center at 342-5180.



Marriage Encounter: Make a great marriage even better! Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Call Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348 for more information.

Natural Family Planning (Creighton model) Classes: Are you ready to do a great thing for yourself and your marriage? Classes are available right here in Chico. Contact Jackie Hollcraft M.S.; P.A.C. (899-0243).

Healing After Abortion Retreat: Struggling after an abortion? Still seeking peace years after the choice? Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, November 14-16 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 accompanies 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 at 916-733-0161. Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

Pilgrimage: (Nov 6th-20th) Join Fr. Enrique Alvarez on his journey to the Holy Land, Jordan, and Egypt. There is no joy like the joy of being in the Holy Land. Walking where Jesus walked, a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, standing on the Mount of Beatitudes, praying in the Garden of Gethsemane and celebrating together at the Tomb over our Lord's resurrection! Then on to Mt. Nebo where Moses stood overlooking the Jordan Valley. From there the trip will continue on to Petra and climb Moses Mountain where God delivered the Ten Commandments. There will also be a visit to St. Catherine Monastery in the Sinai Desert. Please call the parish office at 343-8741 for more information.

Faithful

19) What are the causes that can ban Catholics from Holy Communion?

No one who is conscious of having committed a serious sin should receive Holy Communion. For the Eucharist is the very Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, our most precious gift in the Church. And St. Paul warns us (I Cor 11:27-29): *"Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself."*

All Catholics should examine their consciences, and refrain from receiving Holy Communion if they are not living in a proper state of grace. Should some Catholic politicians who are presently pro-abortion obstinately persist in this contradiction to our faith, this becomes a source of scandal. In these and similar cases, measures beyond those of moral

Sun 21	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2:30pm Latin Mass
Mon 22	6-8pm English AA 7-9pm Spanish Cursillo
Tues 23	St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) 7pm Grupo Carismático
Wed 24	6-9pm Spanish AA
Thur 25	7pm RCIA (parish office)
Fri 26	St. Cosmas and St. Damian 3:30-4:30pm Adoration 6-9pm Spanish AA
Sat 27	St. Vincent de Paul 10am Confessions

Library Summer Hours:

Sunday 8:15-9:30am & 10:30am-12:30pm



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Lk 9:43b-45
 Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

Liturgy of the Hours - I

Citizenship

persuasion may need to be taken by those of moral persuasion may need to be taken by those in leadership in the Church. As God tells us in the Book of Leviticus (19:16). *"You shall not stand by idly when your neighbor's life is at stake."*

If a politician is actively supporting and furthering the culture of death, he is not only causing scandal; he is sinning. Similarly, when a politician performs actions (like voting) that allow for abortions and even promote abortions, or that mandate the distribution of contraceptives by pharmacists and others, that politician is materially cooperating in grave sin. When this occurs, then the politician cannot receive Holy Communion without previously making a good confession. A good confession would require sincere sorrow for such sin and a firm purpose of making amendment. Since the harm done would be public in nature, the amendment should also be public.

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