

# Twenty-four Sunday in Ordinary Time

## September 16, 2007

*A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit  
renew within me. -- Psalm 51:12*

### ✦ PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS ✦

**Priests Retirement Collection:** There will be a second collection for Priests Retirement at all Masses this weekend. This is our opportunity to take care of those who have spent their lives caring for us spiritually in the diocese. If you are not prepared this weekend, there are envelopes in the vestibule for you to take home and return them in the offering next week. Thank you for your support of our parish priests.

**Rectory kitchen repair:** *The cost of the kitchen renovation has been reassessed and is now estimated to cost approx. \$22,000. Donations for this project can be made to St John's – be sure to mark "for rectory kitchen" in the memo line. You can put your donation in the Sunday collection basket or drop it off at the church office. We are so grateful for your donations, . This week \$765.00 was spent on the purchase and installation of a new gas stove. Donations to date: \$ 6,065.00 .*

**PARISH DIRECTORY:** Sign up to be photographed for the church directory this weekend or call Busson's, 800-685-3002 today! We begin photography on October 9<sup>th</sup>. There is no cost to the church and no sitting fee for your family. You will receive a complimentary 8X10 portrait and a copy of the directory. You will also have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits. You may choose from wallet size to 30X40, in four different finishes. The sale of the portraits funds the directory program, an important tool for the building up of our church, our ministries and our parish family. Please sign up for your photography appointment today. Our directory won't be complete without you. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We need volunteers to sign up parishioners after all masses on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteers get 20% off any portraits they decide to purchase! Please call the parish office if you are interested in helping with this wonderful project, 343-8741.

**"Children's Liturgy of the Word":** ministry has started at the 5:30 mass on Sunday evenings. Please send your children to hear God's Word proclaimed and explained to them at their level. You don't need to sign up, just send them to the altar when the priest invites them. Children Pre-K - 4<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us for a celebration of the Liturgy of the Word designed especially for them. We need adult volunteers to help lead, read, help with crowd control and musicians/song leaders. You don't need to have children to get involved with this ministry and we will provide you with all the materials and training that you need. No skills are required – just a heart for teaching children about God. If you are interested or have questions please call Matt & Pamela Meuter 566-0425 or email: [pamelameuter@hotmail.com](mailto:pamelameuter@hotmail.com)

**Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers:** Thank you to those of you who have so generously stepped forward to volunteer for these important ministries. We are still in need of several more Eucharistic Ministers, especially for the 7:30 and 9:30am masses. If you are interested in serving God in either of these capacities please call Diane at 345-7028 or the parish office at 343-8741

**Catholic Daughters:** September Calendar: Sept 26<sup>th</sup> Birthday Luncheon at the Brunch House at 11:30am.



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**Membership Recruitment:** The Knights of Columbus of St. John's will be hosting a membership recruitment drive this weekend, Sept 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> before and after each mass. Members will be available to provide info and answer questions you may have regarding the Knights. We urge you, men of our parish, to stop and learn more about membership in the world's largest Catholic, family, fraternal Organization.

**Knights of Columbus:** Pancake Breakfast at St. John's Sunday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8-11:30am. Serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee, juice. Adults \$6 and children under 12 \$3.

**Historians Needed:** People with memories of our parish, Historians, people with organizational skills and...well, just volunteers. We are going to update our parish history from 1978-2008, in time for our church Centennial. People have already volunteered to record the history of St. James Mission, and write the history of the church organ. We still need people to write brief histories of the different church organizations (Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters, Catholic Ladies Relief Society, ect...) Notre Dame School, the priests, etc. We also need some people who would like to help organize this activity. And if you have stories to tell, we want to talk to you! This need not be a large commitment and it will be fruitful, and fun, serving generations to come. Inquire without any obligation to serve. Call Cathy O'Toole at 893-8760 or email her at [cotoole@stjohnthebaptistchico.org](mailto:cotoole@stjohnthebaptistchico.org).



**N D S Fall Festival:** Please mark your calendars for Notre Dame School's 73rd annual Fall Festival on Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am to 5:00pm. There will also be a family dinner and dance on Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 9:30pm **RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE!** NDS annual raffle is underway. Ticket holders have the chance to win a \$1000 Grand Prize, a \$750 1<sup>st</sup> prize, a \$500 2<sup>nd</sup> prize or a \$300 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. The drawing will be held at the Fall Festival on Oct 7<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are now on sale for \$2 each or a book of 12 tickets for \$20. Each ticket includes a \$3 Round Table coupon. Please look for NDS students selling raffle tickets after masses. There are also ticket books available in the Parish office. Thank you for your generous support of our school.



**Respect for Life Committee:** "As we tinker with the beginning, the end and even the intimate cell structure of life, we tinker with our own identity as a free nation dedicated to the dignity of the human person. When American political life becomes an experiment on people rather than for and by them, it will no longer be worth conducting. We are arguably moving closer to that day. Today, when the inviolable rights of the human person are proclaimed and the value of life publicly affirmed, the most basic human right, 'the right to life, is being denied or trampled upon, especially at the more significant moments of existence: the moment of birth and the moment of death' (Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life [Evangelium Vitae], 18)" (US Bishops, *Living the Gospel of Life*, 1998, n.4). Please attend the next meeting of the Respect Life Committee Monday, September 17 at 3:30 in the Church Office at St. John's.

If you have any questions or would like more information about our programs please call Andrea.

**XLT:** So far these prayer nights have been a great success. We have had a great variety of dynamic speakers to get us started each week. Please join us in prayer on **Oct 7<sup>th</sup>** for our next XLT beginning at 6:30pm in the cafeteria with a free dinner and then in the church at 7pm for the talk, adoration and praise and worship!

**PARENT'S MEETING:** We are preparing to kick-off our LIFE TEEN (High School) and EDGE (Junior High) programs for the year. We have two options for parent's meetings on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. One beginning at 12:15pm at ODS in the hall and the second at 6:45pm at St. John's in the gym. I will be explaining about our ministries and taking registrations at these meetings. There is a suggested donation of \$25 per teen, but no family will be turned away if they are unable to pay this. The emergency forms for your teens should also be filled out at this time so please bring any pertinent medical information (i.e. insurance card number, vaccination records, etc.). If you are unable to make either one of these meetings please contact Andrea at 961-2050 or by email at [chico\\_lym@yahoo.com](mailto:chico_lym@yahoo.com)

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



Today, Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, is Catechetical Sunday. We recognize all those who give of their time and talent to teach our children more about our faith. May God bless you for your generous heart and the gift of your time.

**CFF:** If you haven't registered for CFF please pick up a registration packets at the parish office. CFF started Sept 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth Sacrament Program** is for students in 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades who have not received all the sacraments (Baptism, 1<sup>st</sup> Penance, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, 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 beginning Sept 26<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5pm in the parish office.

**Deaf CFF:** All deaf children and young adults in the community are encouraged to participate in the Deaf CFF special Program. The teacher will teach in sign language (ASL). Classes are expected to start in Sept, watch bulletin for further details. Registration forms are available in the parish office. You can also contact our office by email at [stjohn33@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stjohn33@sbcglobal.net). Please consider being involved.

◆ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** ◆

**Catholic Daughters:** The Catholic Daughters are preparing for our annual 2 day Rummage Sale on Oct 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. They will be accepting donated items ONLY on Wed Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thurs the 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-3pm at ODS Parish Hall. Good clean clothes, household goods, small furniture, small appliances, toys, games, tools, books. Large appliances, mattresses, exercise equipment, computers, magazines and newspapers will NOT be accepted. The 2—Day Sale will be held 9:30am-3pm in the ODS Parish Hall. All proceeds go to Catholic Daughters charities and projects. Call Lorene, 343-3324 for more info.



**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the path by which adults become members of the Catholic Church. Inquiry classes began Aug. 30 for 12 wks. The classes are held in the upper mtg. room of the parish office, 7-9pm. The required books are United States Catholic Catechism for Adults and the New American Bible. Call parish office for additional information on required books or Deacon Steve Schwartz at 891-0626. All are welcome.

**Catholics Returning Home:** Have you been away from the Church? Do you feel confused or lost when you come to Mass? Maybe there was some hurt from the past? Come to the Catholic Returning Home 13 week session. There is no obligation, but what could it hurt. We will talk about many different aspects of the Church from past to present. We are welcoming and would really like to have you back with us. **We will be starting up a session on Oct 15<sup>th</sup>.** For more details contact: Co-directors Ms. Sharon Haselton at 343-8741 or Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348.



**Scripture Study/Radio:** Joe Hollcraft is live on AM 930 at 11:00am-12:00 each Saturday and Sunday (re-aired). Joe will have a different guest each week. Each program will be devoted to the readings from the Mass. On Sept 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Joe will be joined by Bob Cross as they discuss how God seeks out the penitent sinners. The following week Joe will teach on the cardinal virtue of prudence and stewardship. Be sure not to miss this great opportunity to better understand the Bible and structure of our faith.

**Holy Spirit Prayer Group:** is a gathering of Catholic Christians from the Chico parishes who give praise, thanks, honor, and love to Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. They meet at 7pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of each month at the Newman Center. For more info call Sharon Haselton: 891-5334, James Burkett: 893-2348, or Nancy Overton: 899-1600.



**Catholic Women's Ministry:** We are anticipating another life-giving year cultivating friendships in prayer and reading with more Catholic ladies from all 3 parishes. This year we will be reading the book Experience Grace in Abundance, Ten strategies for your spiritual life by Johnette Benkovic. If you would like to join us and make new friends while growing in your faith, please order a book by calling Pat Hackney at 342-5528 or Mary Waldorf at 345-8638 and leave a message. Our first meeting will be Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:45-9pm at ODS Social Hall.

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE  
[stjohnthebaptistchico.org](http://stjohnthebaptistchico.org)

Fr. Brent's email: [fbrent@stjohnthebaptistchico.org](mailto:fbrent@stjohnthebaptistchico.org)  
St. John Office email address: [stjohn33@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stjohn33@sbcglobal.net)

✧ **MARRIAGE & FAMILY** ✧

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Northern Lights Love Circle:** Next meeting will be on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>, at St. John's UMR (NDS) starting at 6:30 with a potluck dinner followed by talks on "Theology of the Body." For more information please call Stephanie or James at 893-2348, email [burkett7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:burkett7@sbcglobal.net)

**New! Mother's Prayer Group:** All mothers and little ones are invited to join a pray and play group every Thursday at 10:30am. We will be meeting in the preschool room at ODS for prayer, fellowship, and fun! This is a great opportunity to become more involved in the church community and meet mothers like you! If you have any questions, please call Marijeanne Birchard at 343-6912.



**Marriage Encounter:** Make a great marriage even better! Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Next weekend will be Sept 28-30 in Sacramento. Call Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett 893-2348.

**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).

**Retrouvaille:** This is a program consisting of a weekend experience and 6 post-weekend sessions designed to give hope and help for marriages that are experiencing trouble. Next weekend will be Oct 12-14. For additional information, go to [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) or call 1-800-283-5952.

✧ **Mass Intentions ~St. John the Baptist** ✧

<b>Sat 15</b>	7:30a	Steve Jarmush (living/b' day) by Jane Rabo
	5:30p	✧ Sanford Leeman by Shirley Rabo
<b>Sun 16</b>	7:30a	✧ Sanford Leeman by Shirley Rabo
	9:30a	People of God
	12:30p	Cervantes Family (living) by Natalia Cervantes
<b>Latin Mass</b>	2:30p	Special Intention
	5:30p	✧ Eva Corso by Ana La Rossa
<b>Mon 17</b>	7:30a	Vincent Starwyck (living) by Jane Rabo
<b>Tue 18</b>	7:30a	Jim Gilardi (living) by Jane Rabo
<b>Wed 19</b>	7:30a	Cathy Lile (living) by Jane Rabo
<b>Thur 20</b>	7:30a	Joseph Lohndorf (living) by Gail Boswell
<b>Fri 21</b>	7:30a	✧ Sanford Leeman by Shirley Rabo
<b>Sat 22</b>	7:30a	✧ Sister Leona Marie Dibreeze by Susan Jeffries
	5:30p	✧ Sanford Leeman by Shirley Rabo

✧ **Mass Intentions ~St. James** ✧

<b>Sun 16</b>	9:00 a	✧ Manuel Ascencio by Joyce Anderson
	10:30a	Daniel Guillen (living)

*Pray for the repose of the soul of Richard Vercruyssen, James Sturgeon and for the comfort of their family and friends.*

✧ **AROUND THE DIOCESE and beyond** ✧

**Newman Center: Oktoberfest— Sat Oct 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.** Cost \$10 for adults, \$8 for students, \$6 for children, under age 5 are free. Join us for an evening of authentic German food, beer, music, dancing, and games. The proceeds benefit the students at the Newman Center. Tickets are available at the Newman Center office. Please call 342-5180 for more details. All ages are welcome!

**Healing After Abortion Retreat:** Do you know someone hurting after an abortion? Still seeking peace years later? Experience the healing love of Jesus at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, September 21-23<sup>rd</sup>, in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. The weekend retreat includes sharing of stories, spiritual exercises, sacraments and a memorial service. Open to women, men, couples and family members touched by abortion. The cost is \$150 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available. For a registration packet or more information, call Edie at 916-733-0161 or 1-888-HOPE-790 or email [esickman@diocese-sacramento.org](mailto:esickman@diocese-sacramento.org). Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

✧ **CALENDAR** ✧

<b>Sat 15</b>	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b> 9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions
<b>Sun 16</b>	<b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>10:45 CFF</b> <b>2:30pm Latin Mass (St. John's)</b>
<b>Mon 17</b>	<b>St. Robert Bellarmine</b> 6-8pm English AA
<b>Tues 18</b>	
<b>Wed 19</b>	<b>St. Januarius</b> 6-9 Spanish AA
<b>Thur 20</b>	<b>Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and their companions</b> <b>6-9pm Sons of Italy</b> <b>6:30-9pm RCIA (parish office)</b> 7pm Rosary Group (in church)
<b>Fri 21</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b> 6-7am Men's Bible Study (ODS) <b>3:30-4:30pm Adoration</b> 6-9pm Spanish AA
<b>Sat 22</b>	9-11am Pro-Life Prayer Group 10am Confessions

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

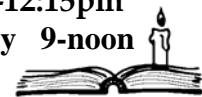
Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday:	Am 8:4-7; Ps 113; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

**Liturgy of the Hours - Week IV**

**Library Hours:**

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

**Wednesday 9-noon and Thursday 9-noon**



**2<sup>nd</sup> week of September**

**Sunday Collection \$ 9,798.00**

**Total bills paid in August \$37,507.87**

**Thank you for your faithful stewardship**

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