

WE ARE A EUCHARIST CENTERED PEOPLE WHO, AS THE BODY OF CHRIST, LIVE OUR FAITH IN WORD AND DEED BY SHARING OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER AND SERVE THOSE IN NEED.

Aug. 6, 2017

(Retired!) Pastor's Desk

I'm ending the first week of my retirement. Tuesday, August 1st, looked just like Monday, July 31st, and I had funerals on Wednesday and Thursday. However, from here on out I have very few appointments and will simply be celebrating Mass and being available as people need me. Otherwise I'll be devoting myself to packing up and getting ready for the move into my home in the next few weeks. I went to the potluck in the parish hall on Tuesday night and realized how lucky I am to be part of a great community of people here at St. Vincent's. For me it's a great comfort to know that I will continue to be here.

Fr. Bill Donahue is also beginning preparations for moving as well. Fortunately, he is able to wait until I've moved before he moves in. He and I will be working on transitioning as pastors in the next few weeks. He's already been part of meetings here regarding both schools and has done a walk through of both of them already. He's very excited about coming here, and I'm excited that he's the one who will be here.

This weekend Fr. Frank Kriski, a Redemptorist priest, is speaking at all the masses making an appeal on behalf of the missions served by the Redemptorists. It's always good for us to have our vision expanded as we hear about our fellow Catholics in different parts of the world and are given an opportunity to help them.

God Bless,
Fr. Gary

Mass intentions during August 7 – August 13th			Liturgical Ministers on the weekend of August 12th – August 13th	
Mon.	8:00	Lin Crossman (L), Fr. Paul and Ed Vota Dorothy Marcucci	Sat. 5:00 pm - Lector	Bill Kneiss
Tues.	8:00	Kaz Laszlo, Mary Grala	Eucharistic	Mary Fillinger, Jill and Jeff Tuttle
Wed.	8:00	Crist Cunico	(Cup)	Anna Santos, Darlene DeBernardi, Pat Donegan
Thurs.	8:00	Lorenzo Marcucci	Altar Minister	(CB)Dominic Alonzo(1)John Caballero(2)Alexa Ruiz
Fri.	8:00	Janice Sturla Martinez	Sun. 7:30 am – Lector	Andy Isetta
Sat.	8:00	-	Eucharistic	Sharon Dado, Mary McCaffrey, Gloria Marcucci
	5:00	Joseph Edward Zimmerman	(Cup)	Janet Clark, Carolyn Maloney, Carol King
	7:30	Clemencia Estrada	Altar Minister	(CB)(1)Konnor Rodnick(2)Kameron Rodnick
Sun.	7:30	Henry and Theresa Morth	Sun. 9:00 am - Lector	Ross Hicks
	9:00	Crist Cunico, Rosetta Zignaigo	Eucharistic	Ross Hicks, Jim Dalton, Russ Ferreira
		Joe Farinha, John Melo Jr.	(Cup)	Richard Bessmer, Dan Berry, Martin Van Tassell
	10:30	Mark Pengel	Altar Minister	(CB)(1)Kieran Pederson(2)Meg Rawson
		Walter and Florence Chamberlin	Sun. 10:30am-Lector	Rob Janes
	12:00	Alfonso Pulido Sanchez	Eucharistic	Donna Dilena, Evelyn Adams, Carole Giacomini
			(Cup)	Ettamarie Petersen, Deacon
			Altar Minister	(CB)(1)Jenna Mankowski(2)Elena Mankowski

DIOCESE OF SANTA ROSA - Department of Religious Education presents its annual Religious Education Congress: *The "Yes" That Changed the World*, Saturday, August 19, 2017 from 9 am - 4 pm to be held at **Cardinal Newman School, 50 Ursuline Rd., Santa Rosa**. A day of prayer and fellowship for all adults in the Diocese. In keeping with the 100 years of Our Lady of Fatima, this year's theme is: The "Yes" That Changed the World. The variety of workshops and keynotes available throughout the day are excellent resources for formation and enrichment for you and for your community's faith. The opportunity to listen to and be renewed by the wisdom offered is truly a gift and a blessing. Location: Cardinal Newman High School campus, located in Santa Rosa. The gym is one of the main locations of congress events, including the opening liturgy and the keynote. Cost: The registration fee for Congress covers admission to all workshops (tickets are required), liturgies and exhibits. Fee: \$30 for the registration. received after August 11th are at risk of not being processed. To register, visit the website or contact: Carmen Perez Aanenson, Diocese of Santa Rosa, Department of Religious Education dre@srdioocese.org, (707) 566-3366, fax (707) 542-9702 or www.santarosacatholic.org.

SAVE THE DATE: October 14th, 2017 for Santa Rosa Diocese Council of Catholic Women Annual "Women of the Year" luncheon. Who is your Woman of the Year? More information to come in the parish bulletin and the North Coast Catholic.srdccwgloria@hotmail.com.

ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 11TH FROM 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM, Catholic Charities is hosting its annual Back to School event for our children at the Family Support Center shelter. Catholic Charities is in need of volunteers to assist in various roles throughout the event. This event would not be possible without the help of our wonderful volunteers. Please contact Noreen Mendoza at nmendoza@srcharities.org or at (707) 528-8712 ext. 160 to get involved.

KNOW THE 10 SIGNS: EARLY DETECTION MATTERS - A workshop presented by the Alzheimer's Association®. Friday, August 18, 2017 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Kaiser Permanente Santa Rosa, 401 Bicentennial Way, MOB 2 Conference Room E3. If you or someone you know is experiencing memory loss or behavioral changes, it's time to learn the facts. Early detection of Alzheimer's disease gives you a chance to begin drug therapy, enroll in clinical studies and plan for the future. This interactive workshop features video clips of people with Alzheimer's disease. Registration is requested. Please call the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 272-3900 for more information or to reserve a place.

EDUCATION FIRST EXCHANGE PROGRAM has a 15 year old girl from Spain coming to Petaluma in August 2017 who will be attending Petaluma High School as a sophomore. We are looking for a host family for this girl. She is Catholic, a competitive soccer player and really sweet and easy-going. If you are interested, please call Mary Haller at 707-696-8410.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 7TH- AUGUST 13TH



Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Religious Education/ Spiritual Formation Classes – It is time to register or re-register! **We offer an intergenerational process for the entire parish from 3 to 103 years old.** All families are warmly welcomed and invited to join our Family Centered Religious Education process. The goals are to encourage and equip you to live and teach your children the Catholic Faith at home. We will share all the knowledge and tools you need to bring your children up in the Faith. As we begin our 12th year of study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we will focus on Our Creed for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

Religious Education

A REMINDER: preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist is a **TWO-YEAR PROCESS**. If families want their children to receive these Sacraments in the spring of 2019, they need to register to begin classes **THIS** September. If your child has completed the first year and is now ready for the second year of the sacramental process, please call me for an appointment.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN - is offered during the 9:00 am mass for children in Grades 1 through 6. These scripture sessions go year-round. No registration is required. Open to all children in this age group.

SUNDAY PRESCHOOL classes are on **Sundays from September to June** during the 9:00 am mass upstairs in the Parish Hall. A great way to have little ones participate, hear God's word, sing, ask questions, and have a great time. Classes are for 3, 4, 5, and 6 year-olds (if in kindergarten).

FOR ALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS: registration forms are available at the entrance of the church, to your right.

RCIA INQUIRY - WANT TO BE A CATHOLIC? Have you always wanted to join the Catholic Church or maybe just thought about it once in a while? Do you know someone who might be interested? If you would like to join the Church at the next Easter Vigil, NOW is the time to begin or continue. These classes also apply for adult confirmation. The RCIA classes are currently forming. The next inquiry session is on Monday, August 7th at 7:00 pm. For an appointment prior to class, call the Parish Office at 762-4278 ex. 14.

ALTAR SERVERS ARE NEEDED at all masses. This is a great opportunity for youth to participate in a Liturgical Ministry. This ministry is for all youth entering 4th grade through high school. **Alter Server Training** is given to each person. We are hoping for a great response. To participate or for more information, call RoseMarie at 762-4278 ext. 14.

PARISH SYMPATHY - We extend our sympathy to the families of Patricia A. Tyler, Alice Mary Trayler and Nicolas

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
Sunday Basket: \$9,666
On-Line Giving: 2,006
Total: \$11,672

The second collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society Fund was \$5,137.

Thank you for your generous donations.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Peter's Pence.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for the Fall of 2017

for grades K-8. Please visit our website at www.SVELEM.org or call 762-6426 for information on tours, shadow days and applications.

ST. VINCENT'S HIGH SCHOOL CHEER CAMP FOR KIDS!

Friday, August 11th, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 pm., SVHS Cheerleaders are holding a one-day cheer camp for children ages 4 to 13. Please help support our local Mustang Cheer Squad and have a blast! Cost: \$25. Lunch: \$5. For more information and registration forms please visit <https://tinyurl.com/yaujgdgt> or contact Debbie Abrao (debbiea13@comcast.net) or Stephanie Kodweis (skodweis@gmail.com). GO MUSTANGS!

SAVE THE DATE: Fr. Gary Lombardi's Retirement Mass and Reception on Sunday, August 27, 2017. Mass 2:00 pm, St. Vincent Church. Reception to follow from 4:00 - 7:00 pm at Tillman Hall, St. Vincent High School, 849 Keokuk Street, Petaluma. Details to follow.

ST VINCENT'S SPANISH COMMUNITY invites you to celebrate The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Sunday, August 13th**. The procession starts from Wickersham Park, 5th and G street at 11:00 am and ends at St. Vincent's Church for mass at noon. Food and music start at 3:00 pm at Lucchesi Park, free of charge. On Tuesday, August 15th, the mañanitas will be at 5:00 am and Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 pm in the church. Hot chocolate, coffee and sweet bread will be provided in the parish hall after the mañanitas. Everyone is welcome.

CONFIRMATION VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: We need adult and teen volunteers, Spanish and English speaking for our confirmation team. The most important qualifications for this job are a LOVE for youth and your faith. Please call, Louise Martin or come in and apply. Meeting will be held on Friday, August 11th from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the parish hall. For more information, call Louise Martin at (707) 762-4278 ext. 15.

ST. VINCENT'S CHURCH has weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays after the 8:00 am daily mass until 12 noon. Funerals or other Eucharistic celebrations may overrule the Exposition. Monthly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Spanish is held the first Saturday of every month after the 7:30 pm Mass until 6:00 am. Please use the sacristy door. All are welcome.