



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

July 28 - August 3

Mon.	8:30	Emile Dufault †
Wed.	8:30	Pat Crimmins †
Thurs.	8:30	Emile Dufault †
Fri.	6:30	Pam Foley †
	8:30	Nadine Schendel †
Sat.	8:30	Scotty Deffenbaugh †
	5:00	Carmel Murray †
Sun.	7:30	Lou Romanello †
	5:00	Sr. Annette Frey S.C. (L)

Please pray for the faithful departed of St. Charles. †

Sick Relatives and Friends

Please remember in your prayers: Solly Catiis, Janice Jones, Stan Mitchell, Trish Barrett, Yolanda Plut, Carmella Chellemi, Zina Colombo, Jim Mason, Betty Cirigliano, Louise DeBarbrie, and Carmen Esquivel.

Are you are ill or homebound and would you like members of the parish to pray for you? Do you know of someone who is, and would like to receive the Eucharist?

Contact Kathy Fagliano at 591-7349 ext. 28.



Rides needed to Mass....Can you help?

If you are available to offer a ride to and from Mass to a fellow parishioner, please contact Kathy Fagliano at 591-7349 ext. 28.

Sacramental Giving

Offertory Collection - \$8,770.50
Thank you!

Next weekend's special collection will benefit parish education.

Stewardship by the Book: "The law of Your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces," says the Psalmist today. Does the amount of my offering suggest that I could honestly say the same?



Will you be traveling during the Summer?

Check out

"Mass Times for Travelers" at

1-410-676-6000 or go to www.masstimes.org.



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Faith Formation

AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE CHURCH

St. Charles Parish invites you to reflect on your relationship with Jesus Christ and to consider participating in the journey towards full membership in the Catholic Church. **Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Are you searching for a deeper relationship with God?** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) dates back to the earliest days of Christian communities when all members shared their faith with newcomers as a way of teaching them about the new life. This process welcomes anyone who has a desire to learn more about the Catholic Church, baptized or unbaptized, active members in other Christian denominations, or without religious training. If you are interested, call Nancy Farrant, 591-7349 ext. 27.

Attention High School Teens:

Our meetings on Wednesday evenings are going very well and we'd like to invite you to join us. We've decided not to use a book so there is no cost for materials. Our format includes dinner and dessert, prayer, praise and worship, a focus on the Gospel reading for the upcoming Mass through student-led reflection/discussion, and also time for individual reflection. Not only is it a good time on Wed. night, but by having already reflected on the Gospel, it makes the Sunday Mass come alive! You are welcome to drop in and bring a friend. 7-8:30 pm in the St. Francis Room. For more information call or email Tami, 591-7349 x31 or tami@stcharlesparish.org.

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

August 1st, Eucharistic Adoration will take place in the chapel of the Parish Center beginning at 9:00am and continuing until midnight. August 1st is the memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori who also reminded us,

"We have always with us in this land of miseries, our God made Man who by His Real Presence is with us all the days of our life and comforts and helps us with greatest affection and compassion."

All are most welcome to spend some time in this communal prayer.

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If you had your picture taken for our new Parish Directory and have not picked up your copy of the directory, please do so at the Parish Center, Monday through Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm or 1:00pm - 3:30pm...or contact Diana at 650-591-7349 ext 40. Thank you.

WINGS

A new season! A new format!

Come to enjoy fellowship as we explore and share our faith journey. These sessions will be based on readings from the book *A Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen. The evenings will begin promptly at 7pm and end at 8:30pm.

The dates are: September 10, 17, 24 and October 1st.

If this sounds like something you are interested in please call Claire Donohue at 654-1815 or Allison Stastny at 369-2866 no later than Aug. 28th and get the details to purchase the book.

Women's Catholic Scripture Study starts again Sept 11, 2008

Women from parishes all around the Bay Area meet Thursdays from 10 am to noon at St. Mark's Parish in Belmont (ending in late May with holiday breaks for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter). We'll be doing an overview of Scripture using the book, ***Understanding the Scriptures: A Complete Course in Bible Study*** by Dr. Scott Hahn.

This will be the perfect study for those new to Bible study as well as those who would like a deeper understanding of the "overall picture" of salvation history. This book is being used in Catholic high schools, seminaries, and parish Bible study groups. A high school teacher from Denver commented, "I have taught for twenty-two years in a variety of subject areas and have never had such an excellent textbook. This is Dr. Hahn's covenant-based perspective on salvation history with copious quotes from Scripture, the Catechism, and various Church documents. The layout is beautiful and the text is interspersed with some of the most beautiful religious art ever created." Registration fee is \$10. and there is an additional fee for the book and workbook. We'll also be studying select Scripture passages, so you'll need your Bible, too. The study involves home study questions, small group discussions, and a live wrap-up lecture. To learn more or to register, contact

Tami Palladino: tami@stcharlesparish.org or 591-7349 x31 or Christine Fenwick: cssbelmont@gmail.com or 704-7881.

MAKE YOUR KIDS HAPPY - LEAVE THEM FOR A WEEKEND! On a Marriage Encounter weekend, married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones for 44 hours - and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make! **Next SF - WWME Weekend is November 7-9 in San Mateo.** Call Paul & Yvonne at 650-366-7093 or go to sf.lovemoredeeply.org.

Catholic Radio for the Bay Area

We now have a Catholic Radio Station whose purpose is to bridge our Catholic Faith and everyday life. Tune in to Immaculate Heart Radio's newest station, AM 1260 to hear the best in Catholic programming.

Pro Life Rosary ~ Next Saturday, Aug. 2th is the 1st Saturday of the month. On every 1st Saturday there is a Rosary prayed to end abortion. We gather at 9:00am in front of Planned Parenthood, 1230 Hopkins, Redwood City. For more information contact Vicki at 650-365-5719 (In San Mateo at 2211 Palm Ave, for information contact Jessica at 650-572-1468).

CCD? RELIGIOUS EDUCATION? NO!

We now refer to it as *Catechesis*. Which means to *Echo God's Word*. It's not just about education, it's about being formed into the faith and we do that by "echoing the Word of God". **CATECHISTS! We need you!** We have several of our catechists who will be taking a leave this year. Our program for the children's religious formation depends on you. We have several openings in all grades. We have information and DVD's for you to take home over the summer so you can begin to have training right in your own home. There are also four workshops being offered in August. (*see below*) The catechists really enjoyed last summer's workshops. For more information please call Nancy Farrant, 591-7349 ex. 27 or email NFarrant@stcharlesparish.org. All catechists will tell you that they receive more out of it than they ever give. Watch your own faith develop through this process.

Finally, we will offer catechetical workshops on September 14th, 21st and 28th for all who are interested...specifically to prepare for and share about the upcoming year.

BASIC CATECHIST FORMATION

The Parish Catechetical Leaders of Deanery 11 (Southern San Mateo County) are pleased to present four workshops for new and experienced catechists. These sessions offer credit for certification and recertification. The sessions will be held two different days and at different locations to accommodate busy schedules.

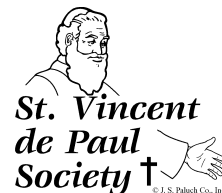
SCHEDULE

Saturday 10 - 11:30am	Topic/Presenter	Tuesday 7 - 8:30pm
8/2/08 St. Denis, Menlo Park	What is the Big Deal about Mass & Liturgy and How we Worship? (Sr. Celeste Arbuckle, SSS)	8/5/08 St. Matthias RWC
8/9/08 St. Denis, Menlo Park	Scripture & Spirituality in our Sessions (Victor Valdez)	8/12/08 St. Matthias RWC
8/16/08 St. Charles San Carlos	Lesson Planning 101: For Beginners and Advanced Catechists (Laurie Coulter & Sabrina Spence)	8/19/08 St. Pius RWC
8/23/08 St. Charles San Carlos	Feast Days and Prayers with Children of All Ages (Nancy Farrant)	8/26/08 St. Pius RWC

Contact Nancy Farrant at 591-7349 ext. 27 or e-mail NFarrant@stcharlesparish.org

Volunteers Needed

Do you have a few hours to spare helping our neighbors in need? Join St. Vincent de Paul volunteers helping serve the homeless in San Mateo and South San Francisco. Assistance is also needed to answer the helpline and assist with general office duties. Basic computer skills are required. Learn more about the work of the Society in your community and how to become a member of your Parish SVdP Conference. The next Volunteer Orientation will be Tuesday, August 5th, 1:30pm at The SVdP District Office at 50 North B Street in San Mateo. Call Lisa at (650) 373-0623 to register. The rewards of volunteering are heavenly!



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (*1 Kings 3:5, 7-12*).

Psalm — Lord, I love your commands (*Psalms 119*).

Second Reading — All things work for the good for those who love God (*Romans 8:28-30*).

Gospel — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings out the new and old from the storeroom (*Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]*).



Living the Paschal Mystery

Such advancements as computers and Internet access have allowed us to accumulate knowledge and information at an unprecedented rate. Not all knowledge and information are equally valuable; a discerning heart is needed to distinguish what is of value from what is not. With so many goods at hand, it is sometimes difficult to keep our sight on what is our true treasure - being faithful disciples helping to make present God's reign.

This Sunday's Gospel suggests that living the paschal mystery is less something we actually "search" for and more something we live, by responding to the great value we have already been given. If we are aware of our own dignity as members of the Body of Christ (given at Baptism), then we can more easily treasure and uphold the dignity of others. If we are aware of the abundance of risen life already given us, then we can work in justice and peace to help others share in the goodness of the same life. *If we are aware of. . .*

Pearl of Wisdom: As a young adult, when I thought my choice of vocation was a given and didn't wonder much about God's choice, I dreamed of serving in the Peace Corps. I was challenged by the world, its hungry and helpless. God had a different vocation in mind, a smaller world. It consists of a handful of children, a husband, pets, and some relatives. I feed them when they're hungry and share the Good News with them. I think of Solomon each day as I face the challenges of my vocation. Solomon asked God for the gift of wisdom. Whatever the gift each of us receives, it is the priceless jewel that we need to carry out the responsibilities of our simple and ordinary worlds.

Author Unknown

Wisdom

Nine-tenths of wisdom consists in being wise in time.

Theodore Roosevelt