



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

August 4 - August 10

Mon.	8:30	Nadine Schendell †
Wed.	8:30	Liz Mart †
Thurs.	8:30	Beverly Mills † Robert Mills (L)
Fri.	6:30	Jim Maffei (L) <i>Happy Birthday</i>
	8:30	Jack Spence †
Sat.	8:30	Leonida Giannelli †
	5:00	Louis Romanello †
Sun.	5:00	Bill Rebholtz †

Rest in Peace ~ Elizabeth Murphy & Lina Baldaccini

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 - \$9,309 - **Thank you!**

This weekend's special collection will benefit parish education.

Stewardship by the Book: *In today's Gospel, Jesus feeds the five thousand with five loaves and two fish. The message of stewardship is that God's gifts, shared, will always be more than enough.*

Little Sisters of the Poor

Next weekend's Special Collection

Who are the Little Sisters of the Poor? They operate St. Anne's Home in San Francisco, and have cared for thousands of elderly residents since 1901. St. Anne's provides hot meals and an array of activities for low income senior citizens attending their day center. St. Anne's Home does not discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, age, sex or handicap. They manage to surround the dying elderly with thoughtful attention, spiritual support and appropriate medical care. The Sisters pray daily for their benefactors, conscious that without them, St. Anne's Home would not be able to exist.

Faith Formation

Farewell to Wade

Please join us in Borromeo Hall next Sunday, after the 9:00am Mass, as we bid farewell to our resident seminarian, Wade Bjerke. Wade has spent his pastoral year at St. Charles and now must return to St. Patrick's Seminary to complete his formation for the priesthood. We will all miss him. He has been an asset to our parish community and we look forward to his ordination. Be sure to come by and wish him well as he ends his stay with us and returns to his studies.

THANK YOU TO THE ST. CHARLES YOUTH SERVICE CORPS

Will Juri
Alex Cromosini
Peter Shimshock
John Cox

Your hard work was gratefully appreciated!!

St. Charles Church welcomes its newest members through the waters of Baptism:

Patrick Joseph Michael Bogan
Victoria Katherine & Joanna Marie Nelson
Isabel Emma Garcia-Maxson

AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE CHURCH

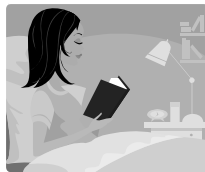
St. Charles Parish invites you to reflect on your relationship with Jesus Christ and to consider participating in the journey towards full membership in the Catholic Church. ***Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Are you searching for a deeper relationship with God?*** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RICA) 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.



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.

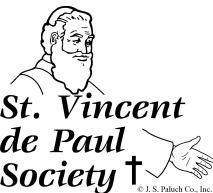
Women's Catholic Scripture Study starts again Sept 11, 2008

**Thursdays from 10 am to noon
St. Mark's Parish, Belmont**

We will be 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. The study involves home study questions, small group discussions, and a live wrap-up lecture.

A thirty minute DVD of the author discussing this book is available in the Parish Office. Stop by to borrow it if interested. 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.



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!

A man went on a nature walk. A bear began to chase him, so he climbed a tree. As he was climbing he slipped down into the bear's arms. He prayed "Lord let this be a Christian bear." The bear said "Lord thank you for this food."


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
	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



Will you be traveling during the Summer?

Check out "Mass Times for Travelers" at 1-410-676-6000 or go to www.masstimes.org.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - All you who thirst, come to the water! You without money, come to the feast! (*Isaiah 55:1-3*).

Psalm - The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (*Psalm 145*).

Second Reading - Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (*Romans 8:35, 37-39*).

Gospel - All ate until satisfied; they collected twelve baskets of what was left over (*Matthew 14:13-21*).



LISTEN HEEDFULLY

The invitation to come and satisfy our hunger and thirst in Christ offers a great comfort to us who sometimes ache with longing for God or feel emptiness when we want to feel full of God's love. This longing is God's gift and call to us to withdraw from all the noise and racket of our lives and our world and pay attention to the quiet voice of God within us. How do we respond to such a loving invitation? By paying attention, by stilling ourselves; not by struggling and striving to make some spiritual experience happen, but just by sitting still and listening for God's delicate promptings. Our desire for prayer, even if we feel our prayer to be too distracted and ineffective, is effective because the call is from God and our response is a willingness to hear and be fed by God's holy word to us.

ALL ATE AND WERE SATISFIED

Jesus fed the five thousand men, "not counting women and children" (*Matthew 14:21*). We can assume, since women were among his most faithful followers and they tend to bring their children with them everywhere, that the women and children outnumbered the men—a vast crowd indeed! Yet how were they fed with five loaves and two fish? Matthew notes that first, "[Jesus] said the blessing" (*Matthew 14:19*). He gave thanks to God for what was given: an act of thanksgiving that is always transformative. This act of praise and thanks transforms our bread into his body and blood, and conforms us to Christ for the life of the world. The desire for God is a gift that reflects God's desire for us. It doesn't matter if we feel that our prayer is ineffective, or if we are comforted or not by our images of God. God is working in us by the gift of that desire, and our will to respond is our consent to God's call. Come to the water; come to the feast!