From the Desk of Rose Pucan-Meagor, Family Formation Director....

It’s that time of year when we transition from Summer Vacation to Back to School mode. Most elementary classes have already begun this week; college bound youth may not be going back until the end of September. We think about school community. Who will be the new teacher? Who will be the new student? Who will be my new friend this year?

While we consider the academic, athletic and extracurricular development of our youth, let us remember to anchor the development in the deepening of our relationship with Jesus and our parish community. As St. Paul reminds us, “All things are possible through Christ who strengthens me.”

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Desde el Escritorio de Rose Pucan-Meagor, Directora de Formación Familiar...

Es esa época del año en que nos transásemos de las vacaciones del verano para volver a la Escuela. La mayoría de las clases de primaria ya han comenzado esta semana; puede ser que los jóvenes universitarios no regresen a clases hasta finales de septiembre. Pensamos en la comunidad escolar. ¿Quién será el nuevo profesor? ¿Quién será el nuevo estudiante? ¿Quién será mi nuevo amigo de este año?

Si bien consideramos que el desarrollo académico, deportivo y extracurricular de nuestros jóvenes, recordemos anclar el desarrollo en la profundización de nuestra relación con Jesús y nuestra comunidad parroquial. Como St. Pablos nos recuerda: “Todo es posible a través de Cristo que me fortalece.”

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**Rectory Office Hours / Horarios de la Rectoría**

Monday - Friday (Lunes - Viernes)
8:00am - 12:00pm, 1:00 - 7:00pm
Saturday (Sábado)
Closed/Cerrado
Sunday (Domingo)
8:30am - 12:00pm

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12

**Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

**READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

**First Reading** — Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

**Psalm** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** — Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other (Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

**Gospel** — Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:60-69).

**8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS**

- **Monday, August 17**: † Howard Schnoebelen
  † Luigi D’Ambrosio
- **Tuesday, August 18**: † Zachary Jensen
  † Virginia Ardizzone
- **Wednesday, August 19**: Beverly & Pat Nocero
  † June Anderson
- **Thursday, August 20**: † Margaret Heeter
  † Tom Brandon
- **Friday, August 21**: † Ermelinda Silva
  † Joey Giancola
- **Saturday, August 22**: † Martin Ngo
  † John Annie

**FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

**Adult:** “How does Jesus’ promise of eternal life affect the way you live today?”

**Child:** “How often do you think about heaven? Does it make a difference in the choices you make?”

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Visit the Family Faith Formation Open House this Sunday at the Parish Center for fun activities and to learn more about our faith formation programs for youth and families in our community. For those who received the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter Vigil and who celebrated First Holy Communion last May, find out about our continuing faith formation sessions.

Bring the family and walk through the Parish Ministry Fair on Sunday, August 23 to check out ways the family can share each member's talent with the parish – including music, technology and even event planning.

Volunteer for the Fall Fun Fest anytime September 18-20. It is the parish’s most well-known event in the Morgan Hill community and an awesome way to serve together as a family! Be involved. Stay engaged. Our faith is lived every day, including Sundays.

Finally, we extend a special Thank You to all the teachers, principals, staff, volunteers, bus drivers, physicians, dentists, police, firefighters and the many others in our parish community who minister to our kids five days a week! You are awesome!

Blessings,
Rose

Welcome! Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God for you. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Name: _________________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________________
City: _____________________________ Zip:__________________
Phone: _______________ Email: __________________________

HAVE YOU MOVED?

Have you moved recently and need to update your mailing information with the parish? Email us at office@stca.org, drop us a note in the Sunday collection or call us at (408) 779-3959. We need your complete name, old & new address and your new telephone number if that has changed. Don’t miss out on all the great news we mail/email to our parishioners!
Our Volunteers Are Valuable—THANK YOU!

We have always known that the many parishioners who volunteer to serve in our various parish organizations and ministries are most valuable. Now we have confirmation. Based on the average hourly wage, experts estimated that one hour of volunteer time is worth $26.87 in the state of California. But to us your volunteer time is invaluable. Through the gifts of time and talent that our parishioners so generously share we are able to truly be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ here at St. Catherine’s. Many thanks to all those faithful and generous stewards who volunteer in our parish! Your time is worth everything to us!

Giving Greener

Are you trying to cut down on the paper you use? Is the check you write to our parish one of the few checks that you write anymore? You can give greener by using our Online Giving Program. Simply go to our parish website www.stca.org You can set up the amount that you would like to give on a schedule that meets your needs and you never have to worry about writing another check, forgetting your envelope, or having cash in your wallet. Our parish greatly appreciates all those who choose to give in this manner as it helps us maintain a consistent cash flow and pay all of our bills in a timely manner.

Please contact Anna Quinones aquinones@jsj.org or Jeanette Thatcher jthatcher@jsj.org for assistance in setting up an online giving account.

LITURGY WORSHIP

REFLECTION: The Lady Wisdom in the first reading, Prv. 9:1-6, invites people to eat the bread and drink the wine she has prepared. Jesus Christ, the Eternal Wisdom, in the Gospel, Jn. 5:51-58, tells us: “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.” St. Paul in the second reading, Eph. 5:15-20, advises us to be one with the Lord in Spirit and to live our full life in praising God.

Taste and see the Goodness of the Lord

We become one with the Lord Jesus Christ by feeding on his Body and Blood, thus allowing him to remain with us and allowing us to be one with him. This sacramental indwelling unites all those who partake of Jesus’ flesh and blood, forming one body and one mind… the Church.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week we observe another Marian celebration, the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Its original date was May 31, when it was instituted by Pius XII in 1954, but it was eventually moved to August 22 so that its close relationship with the Assumption might be made clear. Mary’s queenship is multi-dimensional: she reigns gloriously in heaven as queen and mother; she is the queen who intercedes; she is the sign of the Church in its future glory.

Of course, the traditions surrounding the Blessed Mother’s queenship extend much further back than the establishment of this feast. In the eighth century St. John Damascene could write: “When she became Mother of the Creator, she truly became Queen of every creature.” According to Jewish tradition, the mother of the king was accorded a seat of honor at the right of the king. With Jesus’ royal heritage as a descendant and member of the house of David, Mary quite naturally takes her proper place as the queen mother. Pius XII simply recalled these traditions and gave us a day to remind us of how we can direct our prayers to Mary, our Queen.

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VIGESIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primer a lectura — La sabiduría nos dice: Dejen su ignorancia y vivirán; avancen por el camino de la prudencia (Proverbios 9:1-6).

Salmo — Haz la prueba y verás qué bueno es el Señor (Salmo 34 [33]).

Segunda lectura — Vivan como personas de sabiduría tratando de entender qué es la voluntad del Señor, llenos del Espíritu y dando gracias siempre (Efesios 5:15-20).

Evangelio — Jesús dice, “Yo soy el pan vivo que ha bajado del cielo; el que coma de este pan vivirá para siempre” (Juan 6:51-58).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Jue 2:11-19; Sal 106 (105):34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Martes: Jue 6:11-24a; Sal 85 (84):9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Miércoles: Jue 9:6-15; Sal 21 (20):2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Jueves: Jue 11:29-39a; Sal 40 (39):5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
Viernes: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Sal 146 (145):5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Sábado: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Sal 128 (127):1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
Domingo: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Sal 34 (33):2-3, 16-21; Ef 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

A LA MESA

En la primera lectura de hoy, la sabiduría se presenta como una mujer rica en aplomo y gracia. Se mueve fácilmente y con confianza en torno a su templo-hogar. No anda mariposeando, nerviosa y preocupada. La sabiduría envía a sus doncellas a invitar a todos a su casa. Los invitados no tienen que tener ningún talento o conocimiento en particular. Tan sólo necesitan ser personas de buena voluntad y sentido común. Se les llama a dejar atrás las tonterías y buscar para sí mismos un lugar a la mesa de la sabiduría. Ahí pueden comer y beber a fondo.

El Evangelio de hoy nos lleva de nuevo a la mesa de la Eucaristía. Jesús les habla a aquellos que buscan entender sus palabras, y, tristemente, a aquellos que tratan de evadirlas. Como pueblo nacido de Dios, estamos llamados y preparados para buscar la voluntad de Dios y ponerla en práctica.

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE ROSE CONTINUADO...

Los invitamos este fin de semana a que nos acompañen en el Centro Parroquial, para aprender más sobre nuestros programas de formación de fe para jóvenes y las familias en nuestra comunidad. Habrá actividades divertidas. Para aquellos que recibieron los Sacramentos de Iniciación en la Vigilia Pascual o celebraron la Primera Comunión en este pasado Mayo, se les invita para informarse de nuestras sesiones de formación de fe de continuo.

Venga con toda su familia y caminen por la feria de Ministerios Parroquiales el Domingo, 23 de Agosto y conozcan las maneras que su familia puede compartir los talentos de cada miembro de su familia con la parroquia - incluyendo música, tecnología e incluso la planificación de eventos.

Anótense para ser voluntario para nuestro Festival del Otoño que será el 18 a 20 Septiembre. ¡Es el evento más conocido de la parroquia en la comunidad de Morgan Hill y es una manera impresionante para servir juntos como una familia!

¡Involúcrate! ¡Manténgase comprometido! ¡Nuestra fe se vive todos los días, incluyendo los Domingos!

¡Finalmente, extendemos un agradecimiento especial a todos los maestros, directores, el personal, los voluntarios, los conductores de autobús, médicos, dentistas, policías, bomberos y muchos otros en nuestra comunidad parroquial que ministran a nuestros niños cinco días a la semana! ¡Usted es maravilloso!

Bendiciones,
Rose

OFICINA DE CATECISMO

Registraciones para catecismo ya están disponibles, en las oficinas de la parroquia, de Catecismo o en nuestra pagina del web (www.stca.org). Para más información, favor de llamar al (408) 779-9604 o por correo electrónico: ro-sepm@dsj.org.
VIGESIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡BIENVENIDO!

Nuestra más cordial bienvenida a todos los que están celebrando con nosotros, ya sea residentes de largo plazo o recién llegados a la parroquia. Damos gracias a Dios por ustedes. Si aún no estás registrado, por favor, llene este formulario y colóquelo en la canasta de la colecta o mandarlo por correo a la oficina Parroquial al (408) 779-3959.

Nombre: _____________________________
Dirección:____________________________
Ciudad:____________ Código postal:______
Numero teléfono:______________________
Email:________________________________

AMAR A AMBOS

Debemos amar a ambos - aquellos cuyas opiniones compartimos y aquellos cuyas opiniones rechazamos. Ambos han procurado buscar la verdad, y ambos nos han ayudado a encontrarla.
—Santo Tomás de Aquino

PREPARACIÓN A LOS SACRAMENTOS PARA ADULTOS

A las personas de 18 años en adelante que les falte alguno de los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Primera Comunión o Confirmación, pueden pasar a la Rectoría a registrarse para RICA. Las clases inician el 10 de Septiembre en el Salón 12, todos los Jueves a las 7:00pm. Les pedimos traer Biblia y Cuaderno.

JÓVENES PARA CRISTO

Se les invita a las personas mayores de 18 años a reunirse todos los Viernes en el salón 10 en la escuela a las 7:00pm. ¡Los esperamos!

GRUPO AMIGOS

Se les invita a todos los jóvenes que estén en la preparatoria para asistir al Grupo Amigos. Es un grupo para hacer buenas amistades y para aprender nuevas cosas que ayudaran en sus vidas y crecer en su fe. Los viernes a las 7:00pm en el Centro Milani.

ADORACIÓN DEL SANTISIMO

Los invitamos a la Adoración del santísimo y a un tiempo para reflexión personal, todos los Miércoles a las 6:30pm en la Iglesia.

Ofrenda Semanal de la Corresponsabilidad

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Gracias por su Generosidad

Notas de Corresponsabilidad: La Corresponsabilidad se define como la recaudación total de las misas de fin de semana, Navidad y Pascua. La “Meta Semanal” es el número que refleja la cantidad que tendría que ser recogidos cada semana para cumplir con nuestro presupuesto anual.
Oportunidades para Patrocinar
Ponga el nombre de su negocio o de su familia para que vean los que asistan al festival.
Todos los patrocinadores, reciben reconocimiento antes y después del festival—in el boletín, los correos electrónicos semanales y en nuestras página de web (www.stca.org).

Boletos Descontados
Están a la venta únicamente hasta el viernes, 18 de septiembre a las 3:00 pm. Los puede comprar en la pagina de web: www.stca.org, después de las misas de fin de semana y en la Oficina Parroquial durante el horario de trabajo.

Juegos Mecánicos
Copón ilimitados - $15.00
Se puede utilizar una vez en cualquier día del festival.
Hoja de 24 boletos - $15.00
Estos boletos individuales pueden ser utilizados en cualquier momento durante el Festival.

Comida y Juegos
Boletos rojos para comida y juegos - 10 por $9.00
Estos boletos tienen un valor de $1.00. Pueden usarse en cualquier puesto de comida o puesto de juegos de Santa Catalina.

Cena el Sábado por la Noche
Estos boletos se venderán hasta el Martes, 15 de Septiembre. No se venderán en el festival.
Cena de pollo - 1/2 pollo - $9.00
Cena de costillas - 4 costillas estilo St. Louis- $9.00

No nos podemos esperar para comer perros calientes y papas fritas.

Un voluntario hacienda palomitas.
Usted también puede hacer esto, anótese para ayudar.

Oportunidades de Voluntario
Formas de ser voluntario:
- Venta después de una de las misas
- “Set-up” - preparar la zona en el día y por la mañana antes de que el Festival
- Puesto de juegos - Padres e hijos pueden trabajar juntos
- Todos los Puestos - 16 años o más pueden trabajar en cualquier puesto, excepto el puesto de cerveza y vino.
- Ayuda para la Cocina - Picar, cortar, mezclar, etc. para preparar la comida para cocinar.
- Los corredores - moviendo comida y material entre el área de la cocina o el almacenamiento hacia los puestos.
- La limpieza de la noche del domingo y en los días siguientes del festival.
- Seleccione un puesto adonde se puede sentado o estar de pie.
- Inscribete con tu familia o con un amigo, hay algo para todos!

El show de coches estará el en estacionamiento de la escuela el sábado, de 11 a 4pm. Solamente carros de 1975 y mas antiguos podrán entrar al show. El espacio es limitado, registrese hoy. El costo es $20 por carro.
Women of the Old Testament: Bathsheba

Bathsheba is the fourth of the four women (along with Tamar, Rahab, and Ruth) in St. Matthew’s genealogy of Jesus. Interestingly, Matthew does not mention her name; rather he says that Solomon’s mother was “the one who had been the wife of Uriah.” Her story is told in 2 Samuel and in 1 Kings. From the roof of his palace, King David sees a beautiful woman bathing. He learns that she is Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite. He sends for her and commits adultery with her. When she learns that she is pregnant she notifies the King. He sends for Uriah who is in the field with the army and tells him to go home. Uriah refuses, in solidarity with his troops. David tries again and again Uriah refuses. Finally David sends a letter to his general in the field telling him to place Uriah in the front lines. He does this, and Uriah is killed in battle. After the mourning period is over, David sends for Bathsheba and marries her. She bears a son, but the son dies. Later, they have another son, Solomon.

Before David dies, his son Adonijah (not Bathsheba’s son) attempts to have himself crowned as king. The prophet Nathan tells Bathsheba and she goes to David who immediately acts to ensure that Solomon will become king. Later, after Solomon becomes king, Adonijah asks Bathsheba to intercede with Solomon for him in the matter of a wife. These incidents clearly indicate that Bathsheba had a great deal of influence with both her husband and her son.

Although we don’t know very much about Bathsheba, she fits the same pattern as the other women listed in Matthew’s genealogy: They were all (most likely) Gentiles, there was something irregular about their unions with their partners, and they showed initiative or played an important role in God’s plan. In various ways the irregularity of their lives foreshadowed the blessed mother Mary’s pregnancy and her son the Messiah who brought Gentiles into God’s plan of salvation.
WE had such an amazing (and admittedly short) summer! So many fun events—and not just for teens, but for the whole community! The Summer Music Events that we had have been so enjoyable. AND THERE IS ONE MORE TO GO!

This **Friday, August 21st**, we will have one more night of delicious food, entertaining music, and—my favorite part—wonderful people to see, talk to, and catch up with. Come anytime between 6 and 9pm. Bring your blankets, chairs (Jackets in case it gets chilly), and money to buy food and drinks. The field is open for your children to run and play, as is the playground. Invite your friends and your family. It is a great way to end the summer.

Teens, we have not one, but TWO gatherings each week for you! On Sundays we have Life Teen starting at 7pm and includes dinner. On Mondays we have The Word at Starbucks on Tennant at 5:30pm. Come to one or both, it’s up to you—and you’re always welcome to bring a friend.

For Youth in 6-8th grades, we have Middle School Ministry starting at 5:30pm on Wednesdays, and then there’s Dinner around 6:30, followed by the Edge which ends at 7:30pm.

**CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation. A word that many Youth going into high school dread. It’s also a word they don’t necessarily understand. And I have to say, I think some parents feel the same way.

Many people go into Confirmation believing it is something to “get through.” They think, “Okay, what do I have to do to get Confirmed?” And, to be honest, they are partially right. BUT only a small part.

Here is, how I believe, the mindset I believe people should have when entering Confirmation:

*Okay, I’ve been raised in the Catholic faith. My parents have done what they believe was best for my Faith formation thus far. I have a general idea of what it means to be a Catholic. But now it’s time for me to really decide if this Church is for me. I will start Confirmation with an open mind so I can get the most out of it. At the end, I will decide whether it is time for me to be Confirmed. If it isn’t, it hasn’t been a waste of time—because I have learned and I have grown from it all. I just might need more time.*

Hey, a guy can dream, can’t he? Anyways, if you’re interested in the Confirmation program and in high school, please come on Sep. 13th at 3:30pm to the Parish Center with a parent. You can find more information at stca.org/passport, or feel free to email me at deepuk@dsj.org
The Real Presence of Jesus

Today's Gospel helps us call to mind the true gift of the Eucharist. The Eucharist is a reminder of who we are and whose we are: beloved children of God.

Jesus is present as we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Jesus fills our deepest hunger as the “living bread” that sustains and strengthens us. Most of all, Jesus is truly present for those who receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

On the way home from Mass today, share memories of when you and members of your family received your First Holy Communion. Take out family photos and remember who was present with you for the special celebration.

If your child is preparing to receive First Holy Communion this upcoming year, know that this time of preparation is a time of discovery, rediscovery and sharing. We as a parish community look forward to the day when your child can join in this Thanksgiving feast!

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This weekend we also celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As a family, pray together the Magnificat, Mary’s song of praise, sharing the joys of the past summer and singing praises to our Almighty God!
MEN’S GROUP
The men’s Spiritual Group meets weekly to discuss the book, The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything by James Martin SJ at 9:00am in the Parish Rectory Living Room. All men are welcome!

Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound
We are making an effort to update our list of Eucharistic Ministers to the sick and homebound. If you are bringing Communion to an individual(s), nursing home or retirement center, please call Judy Gillingham at (408) 778-8904 or email at jdygarden@aol.com. Please give your name, phone number and email address and who you visit each week.

If you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister to the sick and homebound, or you know someone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion, please contact Fr. Allen at (408) 779-3959 or email anavarrro@dsj.org.

Marriage Encounter Weekend
Married Couples: Would you like to relive the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 13-15 in Mountain View. For more information visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408- 782-1413.

Knitting Group
Are you a passionate needle crafter and desire to be in community with others here at St. Catherine’s? Well, bring your knitting, crocheting, quilt or embroidery projects and join us! The group gathers in the nursery room in the Parish Center. Drop in anytime on Monday nights from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. All are welcome. Contact Diane at 408-839-3553 for questions or if you would like to learn to knit or crochet.

Stephen Ministers Needed
Do you enjoy being with people? Are you caring and compassionate, a good listener? Perhaps you are being called to share your gifts as a Stephen minister. This is a one to one Christian caregiving ministry in which you journey with others going through a difficult time in their lives. All ministers receive intensive training and on-going support. For more information on becoming a Stephen Minister please call Claranne at 408-782-1413 or e-mail kenandclaranne@yahoo.com.

At the Table
In today’s first reading, Wisdom is imagined as a woman rich in poise and grace. She moves smoothly and confidently about her temple like home. She doesn’t flutter about, nervous with worry. Wisdom sends her maidens to invite all to her open house. The guests do not possess any particular genius or insight. They need only be a people of good will and common sense. They are summoned to leave behind foolishness and to find for themselves a place at Wisdom’s table. There they may and can eat and drink deeply.

Today’s Gospel draws us back to the table of the Eucharist. Jesus addresses those who seek to understand his words and, sadly, those who seek to avoid them. As people born of God, we are called and equipped to seek God’s will and act on it.

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Saints and Special Observances
Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. John Eudes
Thursday: St. Bernard
Friday: St. Pius X
Saturday: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Evergive
Have your joined St. Catherine’s on Evergive? Download the Evergive app today! The community code is STCA.
**Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST**

**September 18, 19 & 20**

**Discounted and Pre Event Tickets**

*Please note these Tickets are available for purchase only through 3 pm, Friday, September 18th. You may purchase them online at www.stca.org, after weekend Masses beginning 8/23, after School and in the Parish Office during business hours.*

**Carnival Rides**

- Unlimited Ride Coupon - $15.00
  - Can be used once on any day of the Fun Fest.
- Sheet of 24 Ride Tickets—$15.00
  - These individual tickets can be used any time during the Fun Fest.

**Food and Game**

- Red Food and Game Tickets—10 for $9.00
  - These tickets have a value of $1.00. They can be used at any St. Catherine food, beverage, or game booth.

**Saturday Night Dinner**

- These tickets will be sold until Tuesday Sept. 15th. They will not be sold at the Fun Fest.
- Chicken Dinner - 1/2 chicken - $9.00
- Rib Dinner - 4 St. Louis Style Port Ribs - $9.00

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Ways to volunteer:

- Sell tickets after one of the Masses
- Set-up—prepare the area In the days and morning before the Fun Fest
- Game Booths - Parent and child can work together
- All Booths - 16 and older can work in any booth except the beer and wine booth
- Kitchen Help - Chopping, slicing, mixing etc. to prepare the food for cooking
- Runners - moving food and material between the kitchen or storage area to the booths
- Cleaning up on Sunday evening and in the days following the Fun Fest
- Select a volunteer spot that you can do sitting down or moving around.
- Sign up as a family or with a friend

*We have something for everyone!*
TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

COFFEE & DONUTS
Our parishioners like donuts; old fashioned, glazed or not, with sprinkles or coconut, cake or raised. Come join us on Sunday after the morning masses and select your favorite donut. All are welcome.

LEARNING LOVING CENTER NEWS
Celebrate “Oktoberfest” with the Learning and Loving Education Center of Morgan Hill on Sunday, October 4th from 2-6pm! There will be tours of the Center, traditional German food, wine tasting, great entertainment, a Silent Auction, and chances to win an exciting “Wine Heist.” Tickets are $50 and may be purchased by calling the Center at 408.776.1196 or at edctr@earthlink.net.
The Learning and Loving Education Center is a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of the Presentation. This women-focused nonprofit organization provides education, outreach and resources to low income immigrant women and their children. Programs teach skills that assist underserved populations in overcoming the multiple barriers to education, literacy, employment and self-reliance. Your participation and support of this event is greatly appreciated.

St. Catherine Golf Classic
Returns to Coyote Creek Golf Club Friday, October 16, 2015
SAVE THE DATE

FACEBOOK
Join us on Facebook and keep up to date on what the parish is doing. https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Catherine-of-Alexandria-Church/293047417474856

COFFEE & DONUTS

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA CHURCH

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS NURSERY
The nursery is open every Sunday from 8:30 to 11:45am for children ages 1 to 4. Drop in to meet our caretakers and see our toys. Just drop in, there is no fee.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHILDREN’S CLOTHES CLOSET
Thank you to the many parishioners who so generously donated clothes for our SVdP children’s clothing giveaway. It was a long, warm day, but nearly 300 children went home with full bags of wonderful school clothes! Thank you, too, to those dedicated volunteers who worked so hard to make the day possible, most especially Debbie Molyneux.

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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS

See our website www.stca.org for online donation options.

Stewardship Notes: Stewardship is defined as the total collections from the regular weekend Masses, Christmas and Easter. The “Weekly Goal” number reflects the amount that would need to be collected each Week to meet our yearly budget.
St. Catherine School News

BACK TO SCHOOL

Our doors will open to 320 or so students on Thursday, August 20! Students, parents and faculty will meet on the play yard for morning assembly: prayer, flag salute and announcements. And we’ll be off to a great start.

A big welcome to all the new school families and to our new faculty and staff, as well as families who are new to our school community.

Please keep the students, parents, faculty and staff in your prayers that they have a productive year growing in knowledge, love, grace and compassion.

Back to School Coffee
August 20 at 8:00 am
in the O’Donnell Center

Be Not Afraid

Our theme for this school year is Be Not Afraid. Those words are used in the Bible over 360 times. Throughout the year, the school community will focus on the idea be that we must trust in God not matter what the challenge is in front of us. God is always with us, and our response to God’s love is to make good choices and follow His call despite challenges. This pertains not only to our spiritual lives and social issues, but also to having the courage to not give up when things are difficult. How do we respond to God’s call to follow Him, even if it puts us in an uncomfortable spot or we don’t think we can handle the challenge? We rely on that phrase Be Not Afraid.

For students this may mean standing up for someone who is being called names or not welcomed into a game. It may mean learning about and supporting ways to promote fair treatment of all, and serving others in greater need. It may mean pushing on through difficulties when we are faced with hardship. Through that reliance on God, we truly grow in grace.

IMPORTANT DATES
FOR SCHOOL FAMILIES

August 17    Diocesan Convocation for all teachers and admin—Office Open
August 18    Faculty Retreat—Office Closed
August 19    Faculty/Staff meetings—Office Open
August 20    First day of school
Kindergartners—8:00-10:30
Grades 1-8—8:00-12:30
August 21    10:30 dismissal for K
12:30 dismissal for 1-8

Everyone is busy spiffing up the classrooms, eager for the students to return to school.

ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL
APPLICATIONS FOR 2015-2016

Application packets are available in the school office or on our website for the 2015-2016 school year. Most classes are currently full for next year; however, we still have spots left for kindergarten, first and second grade. Contact the school office if you are interested.

The California Schools in the Diocese of San Jose, mindful of their mission to the love of Christ for all, admit students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the schools. The Catholic Schools in the Diocese of San Jose do not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in administration of educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs.