

SPCC Happenings



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Volunteers: Parish Angels Quietly Serving The Parish

It is probably not common knowledge the extent to which St. Patrick Catholic Church is served by “quiet angels,” that is, volunteers who humbly and without fanfare dedicate themselves to doing what they can to help sustain the parish and its activities and/or ministries. The below article will begin a series in which parish angels will be spotlighted to acknowledge their good works in service to St. Pat’s and its parishioners.

Every Wednesday a volunteer arrives at St. Patrick’s parish office with several cases of canned tomato sauce or vegetables or other needed non-perishable food items to be added to the shelves of the adjacent Joanie’s Food Pantry.

Then, on Thursdays, a small group of two or three other volunteers spends an hour or more at the food pantry to arrange the donated or purchased merchandise in identifiable categories on each shelf and to place into individual plastic bags a variety of the canned, boxed, packaged or bottled goods, getting everything ready for the next day.

Before visitors in need arrive at Joanie’s Food Pantry on Friday be-

tween 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. to receive the gift of food to help them get through the coming week, more volunteers come a little earlier to prepare for the day’s distribution. When the door finally opens for distribution, they cheerfully greet each and every person and also offer available personal items such as soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, combs and brushes, hand lotion and body wash, etc. that have been provided by generous parishioners or bought with funds acquired through cash or check donations.

This is typical of the weekly work of these “quiet angels” who offer their time, energy and good will on behalf of people within the community who require the assistance of this parish ministry.

It is a dedicated crew who regularly check the church vestibule for deliveries of donated items left in paper or plastic bags near the entrance; who take off for the local supermarket or bargain store to buy enough of whatever seems to be lacking in quantity on the pantry’s shelves; and who store extra cans, boxes or jars of food in “the

flower room” of the parish hall until they are needed to replenish the pantry’s emptying shelves.

Joanie’s Food Pantry welcomes new volunteers who wish to participate in this rewarding ministry. Contact the parish office at 423-2846 if you would like to add your name and phone number to the list of volunteers who perform the various tasks that keep the ministry operating effectively.

Donations of non-perishable food items include the following:

- canned fruit or vegetables
- canned meat
- jars or cans of tomato or spaghetti sauce
- boxed or packaged pasta
- canned soup
- bags of flour or sugar
- boxes of dry milk
- bottled cooking oil
- jars of peanut butter
- boxes of dry cereal
- bottles or boxes of juice
- cans of chili or beans
- boxes or packages of rice

Donors can bring their merchandise to the church vestibule when they attend one of the weekend Masses and leave it in the corner near the pamphlet rack where volunteers will pick it up to take to the food pantry. Donations can also be brought to the parish office during normal working hours, that is, Tuesdays from 1-4 p.m. and Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m.

Thank you ♥ to all who regularly contribute to Joanie’s Food Pantry—either as volunteers or as donors. Your generosity has helped sustain its operation and provided many within the community hope and sustenance.



Among the volunteers working within the Joanie’s Food Pantry ministry are, pictured from left to right, Pat Heck, Lydia Funsch (with her son Bradyn), and Yvonne Sutherland. New volunteers are invited to sign up and help with the ministry’s many tasks. Call the parish, 423-2846, if you wish to be a part of this ministry.

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Calendar

July 21 & 22—Sat. & Sun.—After English Masses and before Spanish Mass—Rose Room—RCIA registration
Aug. 12—Sun.—After 8 a.m. Mass—Parish Hall—K of C pancake breakfast—\$5 each
Aug. 4 & 5—Sat. & Sun.—After English Masses and before Spanish Mass—Rose Room—RCIA registration
Aug. 15—Wed.—Deadline to register for Catholic Biblical School at St. Patrick's—Thursdays from Sept. 13 through May—6-8 pm—Parish Hall—\$550 each plus books—go to <https://renodiocese.org> for more info

**Movie Night Continues**

Deacon Kurt Carlson, who began a new session of one of Bishop Robert Barron's DVD series, *The Mystery of God: Who God Is and Why He Matters*, on Tues., July 17, will continue "Movie Night" on Tues., July 24, with the viewing of the following topics within the series: *The Divine Attributes; Providence and the Problem of Evil; and Exploring the Trinity*. Subsequent weeks will cover *The God Who Is Love* and a recent release concerning St. Paul the Apostle. The Tuesday night get-together in the parish hall will include a discussion of the applicable topic after the DVD is played.



Through *The Mystery of God: Who God Is and Why He Matters* series, Bishop Barron reaches into the Catholic faith's rich intellectual tradition to teach Christians how they can turn the tide of secularism and draw people back to God.

"Movie Night" currently begins at 7 p.m., although, as daylight becomes shorter with advancing weeks, the time may be adjusted to an earlier start. Parishioners are encouraged to attend.

According to an online website located at www.wordonfire.org, Bishop Barron, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, is the founder of *Word On Fire Catholic Ministries* and the host of *Catholicism*, a ground-breaking, award-winning documentary about the Catholic faith which aired on PBS. He is a #1 Amazon best-selling author and has published numerous books, essays, and articles on theology and the spiritual life. A religious correspondent for NBC he has also appeared on FOX News, CNN, and EWTN.

A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God. St. Faustina

Annual On Fire Nor Cal Jam Sept. 15

The *On Fire Nor Cal Jam 2018* at Six Flags Discovery Kingsom Vallejo is set for Sat., Sept. 15, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Activities at the northern California kickoff for Catholic youth and young adult ministry include Mass with the diocesan bishops, inspirational testimonials, boys talk-girls talk-Spanish talk, praise and worship, young adult panel, all-you-can-eat buffet, exclusive ride time, and more. The annual event is co-sponsored by the Roman Catholic dioceses of Fresno, Monterey, Oakland, Reno, Sacramento, Santa Rosa, and Stockton, and the archdiocese of San Francisco. For more info interested individuals can go online at www.onfirenorcal.com. In previous years a contingent of youth and accompanying adults from St. Patrick's has traveled to Vallejo and participated in the Nor Cal Jam.

Aug. 25 BLD Youth Retreat To Be Held

On Sat., Aug. 25, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., St. Patrick Catholic Church will host a BLD Youth

Encounter for young people aged 13-19 years. BLD is the abbreviation for Bukas Loob Sa Diyos which is a ministry originating in the Philippines and providing world-wide services in a number of ways to couples, children, unmarried individuals, single parents, etc. The August 25th Youth Encounter is one of BLD's programs and is sponsored by the Reno-San Francisco Covenant Community of the BLD. Cost to attend is \$25 per person. Registration forms are available at St. Pat's parish office at 375 Tedford Lane, Fallon, 775-423-2846. The deadline to register is Wed., Aug. 15. Youthful members of parishes in Fernley, Hawthorne, Lovelock and Yerington have also been invited to participate.