EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 2, 2015

The bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

John 6:33

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 8/2
- ICF Mtg, Parish Hall, 2 pm
- CYO Basketball Camp

Monday, 8/3
Tuesday, 8/4
- Rosary & Perpetual Help, Church 7pm
- Spanish Prayer, Church, 7:30pm
- Knights of Columbus, Min. Ctr 7 pm

Wednesday 8/5
- High Sch BBQ, Youth House 6 pm
- St. V DePaul, Chapel, 7:00 pm

Thursday, 8/6
- Centering Prayer, Min Ctr 10:00 am
- Thirsty Thursday, Amphitheater 7 pm

Friday, 8/7
- Men’s Fellowship, Chapel 7:30am
- First Friday Mass 7 pm

Saturday, 8/8
- Men’s Fellowship, Chapel 7:30am

Sunday, 8/9
- CYO Basketball Camp

To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference
Dear Friends,

We are already in the month of August. Can you believe it? Our school is getting ready for the new Scholastic Year. Bishop Barber will be here this Monday to celebrate Mass with all the Catholic School Principals of the diocese. The teachers and faculty will soon start coming back to prepare for the new academic year. We have recruited a number of new faculty members this year. On behalf of the parish community, I would like to welcome them to this beautiful campus. On August 12th, I will be leading the school faculty on a retreat on the identity of a Catholic School Teacher. This year, the theme chosen by the School is perseverance. St. James in his letter states, “Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.” (James 1: 12) and St. Paul writes, “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” (Galatians 6:9) Let us keep our Principal, Chris and the faculty and children in our prayers.

I will be leading a group to India in January 2016 (January 3 – 18). or someone in the west, India provides an authentic adventure - stimulating, absorbing, daunting, sometimes moving and shocking. Here is one of the world's great dramas; an ancient, vast and crowded land committed to the most formidable challenging exercise in mass democracy. If you would like join me on this tour, please feel free to contact me soon. Let us keep one another in our prayers.

Fr. Paulson

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Dear Parishioners,

A voice from retirement! Most people smirk when referring to my “retirement,” since it has already involved me getting arrested at least once on Good Friday at the Lawrence Livermore Lab. I’m sure many of you will be saying “here he goes again”. This Thursday, August 6, if you wish, you are invited to join me as peace and justice groups around the Bay Area mark the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, right at our own lab, where 85% of its budget goes for nuclear weapons activities. I don’t know about you, but I remember being very proud, first of all of the courage and wisdom of President Harry Truman, of going ahead with the use of the atomic bomb to shorten the war and save so many American G.I. lives. My second memory is of the 1950’s when we practiced the “duck and cover” with the mistaken presumption that the classroom desks would save us from a nuclear attack. My conviction now is the importance of making the world a safer place for us and the whole world.

On this Thursday, at 8:15 am there will be a solemn moment of silence to honor radiation victims worldwide. The U.S. dropped the first nuclear bomb used in war on Hiroshima at 8:15 am local time, August 6, 1945. Next will be a “call to action” in which participants will be invited to march a short distance to the Livermore Lab West Gate. Those who choose will nonviolently risk arrest. Others will conduct a legal witness and support. Join me if you can.

Sincerely,

Brian T. Joyce
Searching for a spiritual home? We welcome you to join us, beginning Thursday, Sept. 3rd. For information, go to ctkph.org/adult-sacraments-reia or contact Al Garrotto at algarrotto@comcast.net.

Don’t miss Thirsty Thursday, August 6th at 7pm. Open to anyone in their 20’s or 30’s, Thirsty Thursday is held the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm. We begin the evening with a prayer service in the outdoor amphitheater, followed by a community building, potluck BBQ. We provide drinks, burgers, and hot dogs. You bring a side or dessert to share. Hope to see you on August 6th and September 3rd!

Healing Mass: Saturday, August 29th at 10:30 am. Mark your calendar and plan to come for the celebration of Mass and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

San Damiano Retreat Presents Late Nite Catechism! Sunday, August 30, St. Isidore Parish Hall, 440 La Gonda Way, Danville. Come and join the fun at 2:00 pm. For information and tickets call Kateri at 925-837-9141 ext. 315 or email: katerik@sandamiano.org.

Join us at Lawrence Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab on August 6, at 8:00 am - Vasco Rd at Patterson Pass Road. 70 years ago, the “Enola Gay” a USA bomber, dropped an atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima. 3 days later, a second bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. Today, nearly 16,000 nuclear weapons - 94% of them held by the United States and Russia - continue to pose an intolerable threat to humanity. We gather to remember and to work to assure this travesty never happens again. Program will feature Daniel Ellsberg, Country Joe McDonald, Taiko drummers and more. Followed by a short march to the lab gate, a traditional Japanese Bon dance, nonviolent direct action and legal witness.

Listen Up!! We have NEW assisted listening devices available in the church for those who are hard of hearing. See a sacristan before mass starts and check one out. They are very simple to use and so far the feedback is that they work great. If you are struggling to hear at mass, please try one of these new devices. You may be amazed at what you hear!

Bringing Communion to the Home-bound. Many parishioners bring Communion to the sick or elderly at home, in care facilities or hospitals. This is a wonderful ministry and so appreciated! Fr. Paulson would like to meet with all those who are involved in this good work ~ whether occasionally or on a regular basis. There are two meetings being offered and you may choose either one: Monday, Aug. 24th at 7 - 8 pm. Saturday, Aug. 29th at 9 - 10 am. The meeting will be in rooms A & B of the parish hall.

Religious Education Information:
1. Registration continues August 10th through August 13 in the RE Office from 10:00 am - 5:30 pm. (August 12th, 10:00 am - 7:30 pm) Registration forms are available on our website and in the vestibule of church.
2. Sacraments for children aged 7 -14: If you want information on how your child can be baptized and receive First Communion, call Sr. Maureen at 686-1017 or email at mvianic@ctkph.org. Children already baptized but haven't received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, don't forget to register by August 13th.

CYO Basketball Signups are in full swing! Sign up at ctkyahoops.org. Children 3rd to 8th grade attending school at CTK, religious education at CTK or living in the boundaries of CTK are eligible.

This fall, Faith in Action invites you to attend a free 5 session series to learn about the issue of immigration by meeting and listening to those whom the issue directly affects. The series is meant for attendance in all 5 sessions, but you may register to attend just those you choose. Please register after mass on Aug. 8/9 or at: fiainmigration.eventbrite.com. Dates: 1. Aug. 13th, 7:00 pm (Introduction Workshop) 2. September 10th, 6:00 pm (CTK parish hall - dinner with leading experts) 3. October 3, 10 am (carpool from CTK to detention center) 4. October 8th, 7:00 pm (Discernment and reflection session) 5. October 17, (volunteer at Oakland Cathedral immigration legal services event.)

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: You are invited to a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from May 16-May 26, 2016. The tour guide is Fr. Peter Vasko, OFM, who helped guide Pope Francis on his recent trip to the Holy Land. The trip will include, Mt. Carmel, Cana in Galilee, Nazareth, Mt. Tabor, Capernaum, the Mt. of Beatitudes, Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Bethlehem and Jericho. Please contact Mark Watson at 313-366-7003 for more details.

Ministry to traveling Catholics – For nationwide Mass times and locations: www.masstimes.org

PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH:
Stephanie Solario, Barbara Rivera, Craig Bigelow, Cecilia McGrath, Jessica Reid Sliwerski, Bianca Klapperich, Jim Pitlick, Trevor Smits. God of love, ever caring, ever strong, stand by your children in their time of need. Look after them and grant them Your healing and Your peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Total Church Support 7/26/15 $23,027 ( Plate Collection $17,453 + Online Giving $5574.00)
Our new offertory envelopes are here!
Thank you to CTK school’s Tech. Coordinator, Karen McMillan for the beautiful picture of our church that is on our new envelopes (at no added cost to parish). If you have requested to continue your envelopes, please visit the tables where you will find your box listed alphabetically. This box will include one year’s worth of offertory envelopes. This change in delivery will save our parish approximately $30,000 in mailing costs yearly! We hope you will find this change helpful.

First Friday,
August 7th.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
at 12:00 pm
with First Friday Mass
at 7:00 pm.

Companions in Ignatian Service and Spirituality (www.ignatiancompanions.org) is a unique program that engages women and men, retired and semi-retired, who have a desire to serve those most marginalized in our communities while deepening their own spiritual foundations. We are currently accepting applications for the 2015-2016 program that will start September 2015. We welcome you to consider being a part of our amazing program. If you have an interest in learning more about our work, we would enjoy meeting you! We invite you to attend our upcoming information session at St. Perpetua Church. Tuesday, August 11 at 7:00 pm at St. Perpetua Church, Lafayette. For more information, or to RSVP, please email Jenny Malley, Director at ignatiancompanions@gmail.com.