#### WEEK AT A GLANCE August 13<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> **4:30 p.m.** Mass – Sacred Heart (Irma, Carlos & Olga Beiruti) 8:15 a.m. Mass – St. Anne (Sacred Heart Parishioners) **10:00 a.m.** Mass – Sacred Heart (Kevin Toth) 11:15 a.m. Choir Practice 12:00 p.m. Misa en Español 8:00 a.m. Mass (Robert & Louise Uphus) 11:00 a.m. Rosary at Rosie DelaTorre's home Knights of Columbus Officer's Meeting 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting Wed. 8:00 a.m. Mass (RB Olson) Hospitality in the Parish Hall 9:00 a.m. Widowed Group Meeting 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. Cursillo Meeting 8:00 a.m. Mass (Alice Short†) 8:00 a.m. Mass Rosary at Oak River Rehab 11:00 a.m. Grupo de Juevenes 6:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. Mass - Sacred Heart **8:15 a.m.** Mass – St. Anne **10:00 a.m.** Mass – Sacred Heart (Sacred Heart Parishioners) 12:00 p.m. Misa en Español

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon. 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15016; 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians

15:54b-57; Luke 11:27-28

Tue. Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30
Wed. Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16
Thu. Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14
Fri. Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40
Sat. Ezekiel 43:1-7ab; Matthew 23:1-12
Sun. Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

#### PRAYER CONCERNS

Jay Burns, Mary West, Yvonne Mantey, Miranda Weise, Delpha Blahut, Jorge Ortiz, Delaney Valles, Bella Davis, Jack Wall, Will Neves, Bill Thurman, Ilene Duval, Ben Bowers, Thelma Waddle, Clementine Mills, Tom and Lorraine Cummings, Stan MacIsaac.

#### MERCY HIGH SCHOOL – RED BLUFF

Mercy High School in Red Bluff is enrolling now for the 2016-2017 School Year. At Mercy High we offer:

- Low Student/Teacher Ratio (13:1)
- College Prep Coursework
- 10 Advanced Placement Courses
- 100% of Graduates go on to college
- 0% drop-out rate
- Competitive athletics & clubs
- Campus Ministry and Service Programs
- Transportation available from Redding

Call to schedule a campus tour, 527-8313.

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

#### **Collection Summary**

 July 16/17:
 \$4,752

 July 23/24:
 \$4,342

 July 30/31:
 \$5,063

 August 6/7:
 \$

### For fiscal year 2016-2017

Budgeted for Collections: \$280,000 Total for 5 weeks: \$20,944 weekly Goal: \$5,385

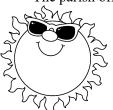
Average Weekly Collection: \$5,236

#### **Second Collection**

The second Collection next weekend is for our *Parish Faith Formation Fund*. This collection supports our Faith Formation programs for children (CCD), Youth Ministry, Adult Bible Study, and tuition assistance for our parish children attending Catholic school.

#### **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

The parish office has new hours through September 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Monday: 8:30am – 12:00pm Tuesday: 8:30am – 3:00pm Wednesday: 8:30am – 12:00pm Thursday: 8:30am – 3:00pm Friday: Closed

#### WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

#### Question of the Week

For Children: What is one way you can be closer to Jesus today?

**For Youth:** We are assured that God will be with us as we go through life, so what strategy do you use to keep God in mind as you deal with the ups and downs of life as a young adult?

**For Adults:** Share about a time when life's struggles were so difficult for you that you nearly "threw in the towel." What signs did you see then that God remained with you?

#### Liturgy of the Word

It is hard to hear what the Good News is in today's Gospel. Jesus tells us that he has come to bring division, rather than peace, to the earth. When we look at our history or look at the Middle East today, we see that faithful Christians are often persecuted. Jesus himself was slain. And therein lies our Good News, if we are willing to hear it. Jesus rose again, and so will all his faithful disciples.



## FOOD DRIVE FOR ANDERSON COTTONWOOD CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE

The monthly food drive for Anderson Cottonwood Christian Assistance will feature a specific food item(s) each month for donations. All items can be brought to the church and placed in the wood box in the foyer.

#### AUGUST: Canned Beans and Chili

#### ARE YOU BEING CALLED

In a "low whisper" God called Elijah. Your call may come as a question or maybe it will come as a stirring when you read this announcement: "Teachers needed for Children's Faith Formation classes for Fall 2016!"

Just a few reasons to answer the call: 1) The best way to learn is to teach; 2) Your own faith will come alive; 3) You assist in bringing Christ to others; 4) You practice stewardship; 5) You show your family the value of the Faith.

If you feel the Spirit is nudging you to be a Faith Formation Teacher (Catechist), please call the parish office. In responding "yes" you may find that you are doing something special for yourself as well as your faith community.

If you are interested in volunteering for this important ministry, please call the parish office at 365-8573.

#### **INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults undergo educational and spiritual preparation to help them determine whether they are being called to join the Roman Catholic Church. This program includes the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Holy Eucharist.

The RCIA program is led by a team who will help guide participants through the faith journey. Participants will have individual sponsors to pray with, and to discuss topics throughout their learning & discovering process.

For those considering becoming Catholic, please call the parish office at 365-8573. Classes will be held on Monday evenings **beginning August 29**<sup>th</sup>. All participants must meet with Fr. Wells before attending class.

#### SACRED HEART FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Our Faith Formation program is *currently registering Kindergarten -8<sup>th</sup> grade children* for the 2016-2017 school year. Forms are available in the foyer of the church or can be downloaded on line at www.sacredheartparish.com. Click on the Faith Formation tab and scroll down to "children". There is a link for both the family form and a form for the child.

Teachers and aides needed!!! Our Faith Formation program is currently seeking teachers and aides. We need a teacher and an aide for each class. We are also looking for individuals willing to work the front office (at least once a month) on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:30pm. Faith Formation classes run from the middle of September to the middle of May. All volunteers who work with children must be fingerprinted and complete the Shield the Vulnerable online program. More information and forms are available in the parish office, 365-8573.

#### O&A: NO OBLIGATION

Why is the obligation to participate at Mass waived on certain holy days? It can indeed be confusing to determine which holy days are bound by which rules. Simply put, there are six holy days of obligation for most dioceses of the United States: Christmas (December 25), Mary, Mother of God (January 1), Ascension (sixth Thursday after Easter in most places; in some dioceses Ascension is moved to the seventh Sunday of Easter), Assumption (August 15), All Saints (November 1) and Immaculate Conception (December 8). Latin-rite Catholics in the United States are normally obligated to participate at Mass on these days and to refrain from tasks that might limit a joyful celebration of the day.

But, there is an exception to the rules. When August 15, November 1 or January 1 fall on a Saturday or Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is no longer in force. The feast remains a significant day in the life of the church, but the obligation to participate at Mass is gone. This policy was approved by the bishops of the United States and confirmed by the Vatican. It went into effect on January 1, 1993.

There are several reasons the bishops chose to remove the obligation to attend Mass on these three holy days. Because of the popularity of vigil masses, there is often widespread confusion about which Mass satisfies which obligation (Sunday or holy day) when holy days fall on a Monday or Saturday. Furthermore, it is difficult to prepare and celebrate two major feasts back-to-back. In areas where there is a limited number of clergy, the logistics of scheduling becomes even more of a problem. Finally, it was noted that common practice was to attend either the Sunday celebration or the holy day Mass, but not both.

The observances of holy days are different in different countries. Latin-rite Catholics in the United States observe more holy days than many other countries. But even within this country, practice varies. In nine western states, the feast of the Ascension has been transferred to the following Sunday. Catholics in Hawaii, following the practice of their neighbors in the South Pacific, observe all Sun days and two additional feasts, Christmas and the Immaculate Conception, as holy days of obligation.

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15) commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay. This year the feast day falls on a Monday, so the obligation to attend Mass is waived.

# FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Our nation faces political challenges that demand urgent moral choices. Join us at St. Joseph Parish in Redding on August 27<sup>th</sup> from 9am to Noon. This event will seek to help Catholics form their consciences in accordance with the truth so we can make sound moral choices in addressing these challenges. This event will be offered in Spanish and English with two speakers from the California Catholic Conference: Steve Pehanich and Sandra Palacios. To register, please call 243-3463. For more information, please contact Ana Ibarra at (530) 605-3197 or aibarra@scd.org