THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP

“Here I am!” he answered. - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy it is to say “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

This week’s Collection: $6,866.94   Online Giving: $365.00

God bless you super abundantly for your generosity!

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THE PRAYER CORNER

For the sick: Ara Davis, Peggy Godsil, Christine Banuels, Lukas Arriaga, Socorro Garcia, Elia Chica, Fr. Phil Wells, Vincent DeGregorio, Marlene Garrett, Alfonso Nguyen

For the dead: Fr. Terry Fulton, Manny Gomez, Jose Rios, Joyce Terry, Carmelita Andrews, Ernest Martinez, Jr., Clara Felix, Steven Iannone, Jim Welsh, David Muhlins, Ed Cain, Mamerta Serrano, Cathy O’Neil, Floyd Davis, Jayson Morelos, Beth Giraud, Jimmy Wong, Helen Van Ruiten, Sam Serrano, Eddie Hamel, Roman Alcairo, Rene Laroa, Thomas Soher and Florencio Madariaga

For the military: Jonas Abad, Jr., Robert Hanter, and Lester Pacitas

PLEASE HELP US TO BE EFFICIENT — This is a friendly reminder to our parishioners with regard to issuing checks to Saint Maria Goretti Parish. Please use separate checks for campaign contributions, Sunday offerings, and other donated items. Envelopes, for Cash contributions, are available at the “narthex.” It is important that your name is written on the envelope to record your contributions for annual tax purposes!

The Parish organizes donations into various account titles. Capital campaign contributions are deposited to the capital campaign account; Sunday offerings are deposited to the Sunday offering account, etc. Your kind attention in this matter is greatly appreciated. God bless you for your commitment and continued financial support of our parish.

Women of Bible Series

Women of Bible Series: “Women of Bible Series” about six biblical women in crisis, women of courage and trust. Cost is FREE.

Additional Info, Contact Ellie McGill at (209) 329-6556.

DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 2018, Wednesday, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses: Monday & Tuesday 7:00 a.m. Wednesday & Friday 7:00 p.m.

First Friday (monthly): 7:00 p.m. Mass, Holy Hour & Benediction

SACRAMENTS: Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Monday through Friday and Sunday by appointment only.

Baptism: Please call the office at 916-647-4538 to obtain information, preparation of necessary documents before the date of baptism can be scheduled.

Marriage: Engaged couples must contact the office to setup an appointment with the pastor to begin preparation of necessary documents at least 6 months prior to the wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick / Communion to the Sick & Homebound: Please call the office at 916-647-4538 to receive the above sacraments.

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PARISH REGISTRATION AND CHANGE IN CONTACT INFO

We welcome new families to our Parish. Upon receipt of this form, we will mail you the parish registration form to complete. You may place it in the Offertory basket or mail to:

St. Maria Goretti Parish Center
8700 Bradshaw Road
Elk Grove, CA 95624

Or you may fax it to 916-647-4538

NAME:

Address:

City:

Zip:

Phone:

Email:

2/25/2018

WEBSITE WELCOME

Thank you for visiting our website. We are pleased that you have taken the time to stop by and visit our Parish. Please feel free to browse through the pages of our website and to send us feedback about how we can make our website even more accessible to you.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 25, 2018

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Praised are you, O God, our loving creator and giver of all good gifts. Bless our par- ish, strengthen our faith, and grant us the spirit of Christian stewardship so that we may give generously of our time, talent, and treasure in worship and prayer, and in spreading Your love here in our Church and throughout the world. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

MISSION STATEMENT

“We the People of St. Maria Goretti Parish, are called by Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God through prayer, praise, sacraments, and education in order to share the message of love, justice, forgiveness in service to all, and to build the Church.”

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**SCRIPTURE:** Mark 9:2-10

**Mediation:** What can blind us or keep us from recognizing God's glory in our lives? Sin and unbelief for sure! Faith enables us to see what is hidden or unseen to the naked eye. Through the eyes of faith, Abraham recognized God and God's call on his life. He saw the beauty of not only what God intended for him, but for his descendants as well - an everlasting covenant of friendship and peace with the living God. Abraham is the father of faith because he put his hope in the promises of God. Faith makes us taste in advance the light of God's glory when we shall see him face to face (1 Corinthians 13:12, 1 John 3:2).

The Lord Jesus reveals his glory in fulfilling his Father's will. We get a glimpse of this when the disciples see Jesus transfigured on the mountain. Jesus' face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-3). Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision awaiting him in Jerusalem - his betrayal, rejection and crucifixion. 

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

March 2nd 6:15 p.m. Followed by Mass at 7 p.m.

**LENTEN Penance Service in the Deanery**

Our Penance Service is on March 27th, 7:00 p.m.

**24 HOURS EUCHARISTICADORATION**

Good Shepherd Parish—March 9 & 10, 2018. 24-hour Confessions with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from Friday 12 Noon to Saturday 12 Noon. You are encouraged to go and spend some time with the Lord during these hours.

March 07th Saint Joseph, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday
March 13th All Hallows, 6:00 p.m., Tuesday
March 14th Saint Charles Borromeo, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday
March 20th Saint Rose, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday
March 21st Good Shepherd, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday

**Saint Stephen the first Martyr** will host confessions during Lenten season from Thursday after Ash Wednesday until Wednesday of Holy week. Saint Paul will host confessions on Fridays during Stations of the Cross from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on March 9, 16, 23, 2018.

**A big thank you to Fr. Thomas P. Bonacci, CP, for the excellent Retreat he preached. Thank you Jesus. Thank you to all who came. God Bless You All.**

**2nd Collection Reminder! March 3 & 4, 2018**

Building Fund / Debt Reduction

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. There will be a second collection towards building fund.

**LENTEN SOUP DINNER THIS FRIDAY**

and every Friday during Lent. This week's soup: Meatless Irish Stew served with bread, dessert and a drink. Cost: $5 per person (Any proceeds from this benefit Knights of Columbus Ministry).

**Dinner Time:** 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Dinner's to-go are available if you cannot stay. Stay for Stations of the Cross at 6:15 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!**

UPCOMING PARISH SPECIAL MASS/EVENTS

**ST. MARIA GORETTI CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION (CFF)**

REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

Sacramental Preparation for First Eucha-

Preparation is a two-year program for school aged children.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Preparation is a two-year program.

**VBS (Vacation Bible School) - Last Weekend to Register**

July 9 - 13, 2018. 9 a.m.—Noon
Children ages 5 to 12 years old

VBS is a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn about God, make new friends, and have fun.

Registration will be after all masses until February 24th and 25th. Farms are available at the registration table in the nar-

the and on our Parish Web site. The cost is $30 per child. Make checks payable to: St. Maria Goretti VBS.

We need volunteers: 20 youth leaders (at least 7th grade) and 2 adult leaders also can sign-up in the narthex at the VBS registration table. Community service credit is available for all volunteers.

**SPRING 40 DAYS FOR LIFE —COME AND HELP Women Who May be Dealing with a Crisis Pregnancy**

Sidewalk Vigil Prayer: February 14th—March 25th, 2018
Location: FPA Women's Health Clinic, 2232 Butano Drive, Sacramento
Time: 5:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Additional Info: Contact: Maria Elena Davis (@ 916) 681-8809.

**LET US SUCCESSFULLY LIVE OUT THE GOSPEL OF LIFE HELP SAVE THE LIVES OF BABIES!**

**Masses/Readings for the Week**

February 26, Second Sunday of Lent
Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18, Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:1-10

February 26, Monday of the Second Week of Lent
Dan 9:4-10, Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

February 27, Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent
Isa 1:10, 16-20, Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Matt 21:1-12

February 28, Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent
Jer 18:19-20; Ps 3:15-6, 14, 15-16; Matt 20:17-28

March 1, Thursday of the Second Week of Lent
Jer 17:5-10, Ps 1:1-4, Lk 16:19-31

March 2, Friday of the Second Week of Lent
Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-18, Ps 105:16-21, Matt 21:33-43, 45-46

March 3, Saturday of the Second Week of Lent
Commemoration of Blessed Katharine Drexel, virgin
Mic 7:14-15, 18-20, Ps 103:1-4; 8:12; Lk 15:7-11, 13-32

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER**

Officer meeting every first Tuesday.

General meeting every third Tuesday.

Grand Knight: Adin Selby, phone #: 209-810-0475

CRAB and Tri-Tip Dinner — March 24, 2018
Benefiting Salesian Life Scholarships!

Tickets: $50 EA – Sold Out, BUT Waiting List Available
Soliciting Donations: Prizes for Raffle / Desserts for Auction
Contacts: Sal Lara (916) 895-1153 e-mail: sal-lara@usa.net or Contact CFF Office at 916-647-4538 Ext. 203 or cacommunity@comcast.net.

Knights of Columbus (KOC) Golf Tournament – April 14, 2018

2nd Annual KOC Golf Tournament
Benefiting Allie Aware Breast Cancer Foundation
Location: Matier Golf Course. Time: 8:00 a.m. shotgun start.
Fee: $100 per golfer to include Golf, Cart, Range Balls, sleeve of balls. Tri-Tip lunch and more.
Limited to 144 Golfers; sign up early and bring your friends.

Sign Ups: February 18, 2018, weekend after each mass.

Signups available. Volunteers needed! For more information, please contact Sam Cole at (916) 956-7777 or by email at sam.cole3@msn.com.

Attention all 7th grade boys

Jesuit High School is hosting a practice High School Placement Test. Pre-HSPT on February 26th, 2018. Beginning at 9:00 AM. All applicants for 9th and 10th Grade are required to take this test as part of the application process. PREPARE NOW FOR THE REAL TEST NEXT YEAR! The cost is $35 per student. Register at www.jesuithighschool.org/psd-testing.

Questions: Debbie Case, (916) 480-2177, www.jesuithighschool.org/