

The Community of the Blessed Sacrament

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January 21, 2007 ~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

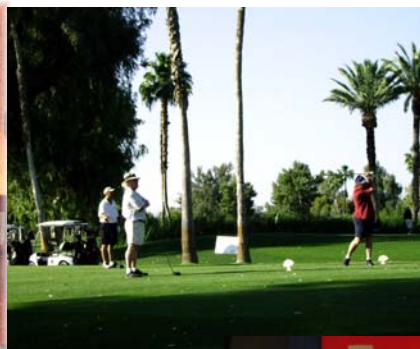


Sing to the
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a new song;

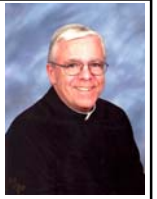
sing to the
LORD,
all the earth

Psalm 19:9

2006
At Blessed Sacrament



Pastor's Corner...



Our second reading this weekend gives us an important message. We **ARE** the Body of Christ. Each member though, like the body with many members, are dependent on one another. If one is hurt, the whole body hurts. If one member is sick, the whole body is affected. If one member sins, all are weakened. Likewise, each person's gifts in the community depend of the other's gifts and are bound up to them. No spiritual gift of any person has any meaning if exercised apart from the rest of the body.

Our gospel reading from Luke is like Jesus' "inaugural address." He wants the people to know who He is and what He's about. He stresses God's love for the lowly and afflicted people of society. Jesus wants to present a face that reveals the compassionate, forgiving, gentle face of God. His heroes are the handicapped, poor, forgotten people of society. He has come to bring them and us glad tidings.

The people who heard Jesus speaking were mesmerized by Him. Luke says they "had their eyes fixed on Him." They were sizing Him up. They were skeptical. When Jesus suggested that His mission was also to the Gentiles, the crowd became furious and tried to hurl Jesus down the hill.

Homilies are meant to teach, but also to challenge. When a homilist says what people want to hear, the people are with him. When people are challenged, sometimes they become upset. But, it is a two-way street. Sometimes the homilist needs to be challenged also. For you also are baptized in the Holy Spirit. We are all on a journey of discovery – discovering God's will, God's plan.

We are in need of additional Greeters, or Hospitality ministers, or "Ushers," (same ministry, but different names) at some of our Masses. We might even be able to schedule you at the Mass you normally come to each week. If you can come a few minutes early to greet people and assist in getting them seated and help take up the collection, if you can stay a few minutes after Mass to distribute the Sunday bulletin as people leave and straighten up the church for the next Mass, we could sure use your help. Call the parish office and leave your name and phone number. This would be a good ministry for an entire family and you can meet new friends in the process. Thank you for considering this very important ministry.

Have a great week everyone. As always, pray for me as I do for you. Our help is in the Name for the Lord!

God Bless! *Fr. Pat*



Liturgy Corner..

G'day, mate! That's Australian for, "Hola!"

So what's new? Life treating you well? You treating life well? I myself am doing great. Thanks.

Let's look at today's liturgy. There is a theme developing that I didn't really address in last week's bulletin. Through the scriptures I'm feeling like we're being called to look at our individual gifts. Last week, Paul reminds us that the Spirit leads us to certain spiritual gifts that can be used to serve each other in the name of the Lord. We believe that these gifts are awakened at the time when we receive the sacrament of Confirmation. To be honest, I'm still trying to figure out what my gifts are. Maybe writing these little blurbs is a gift. Who knows? Maybe my musical talents can be considered spiritual gifts because I am able to move and inspire others. Yeah, that sounds good.

What are your gifts? How are you using them?

That's what we look at in today's readings. Paul continues to explain that because we all have unique gifts we all serve as a special part of the greater Body of Christ. We are Priests, and Deacons, and Ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist. And, we are lay people who tithe and who spread the Good News at work or at home. And, because we are all so special and unique, we really need to make sure we are supporting and uplifting each other. Do you pray for the priests of our community? Fr. Pat, Fr. Tom, Fr. Jerry. Take the time to say hello or thank you to them. They need it and deserve it. But, you and I are the essential part of the Body of Christ. And, it is so important that we remember this when we come together to worship. Look around you at Mass and try to imagine what the lives of those around you must be like. You see babies and children, and teens and young adults, and newlyweds and new parents, and tired parents and old parents, and grandparents. You see so many people of different backgrounds. Our brothers and sisters are all so different, but we all share in the love of God through the Eucharist. I know this might sound crazy, but I can always tell when I'm around someone who is a follower of the Catholic faith. There is just this mystical connection that we all share with each other even outside of the parking lot. Dangit! We're cool!

God bless,
JMG



Stewardship...

Being active disciples living the Gospel...



Our Pastoral and Finance Councils support our parish becoming a “Discipleship Parish.” A community that is noticeably committed to a lifestyle of prayer, service and generous financial support. Reflect on how you and your family will use your time, talent and treasure at Blessed Sacrament.

In the end, stewardship is about following Jesus, not just with our hearts and minds, but with concrete actions. Yet, it’s difficult to give God any percentage of our time, talent, or treasure if we do not first give God 100 percent of our hearts .

It is time to make God our top priority, and then express this commitment through commitments. Let’s show the faith in our hearts through the work of our hands.



We Are Family with a Giving Lifestyle!...

Gifts Received	12/24/06	\$22,301
	12/25/06	\$52,535
	12/31/06	\$28,840
	1/07/07	\$25,742

Thank you! Envelopes are mailed to registered parishioners. If you are not receiving them, please call the Parish Office.

Parish Endowment Fund...

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have made bequests to the parish. Your gifts help us build a solid foundation for future generations. For a brochure, visit our parish website, come into the office to request a copy, or call the Catholic Community Foundation at 602-354-2401.



Small Christian Communities...

A Small Christian Community is a group of 8 to 15 people who meet regularly to study scripture, share their own faith stories, and cultivate interpersonal relationships among themselves as members of a larger faith community. Call the parish office for information.



Paul’s imagery of many members, but one body, projects a comprehensive picture of our call as Christians to unity in the midst of diversity. But, what a challenge this is to us today, in the culture at large certainly, as well as in the church. In the world and in the church, the communal fabric is tattered. As citizens and as believers, we are a people in need of much healing.

Healing of the heart and of the world is how Jesus’ mission is portrayed in the scene at Nazareth. The portrayal of the Jesus story in the Nazareth narrative is that of Jesus, expected prophet; Jesus, prophet rejected; and Jesus, implicitly vindicated prophet. This pattern is echoed and re-echoed as the Galilean ministry portion of Luke’s Gospel unfolds.

This pattern is still in play today. Its implications for us today are clear; our mission is His; our fate is His; our future is His. We must be about the work of re-weaving the communal fabric in church and in society. We need each other in the body politic and in the body of Christ. Even though dark forces strike back at us, we are called to be healers in the fragmented world and in our often fractured church.



Ministry for Social Action...

Putting Children and Families First

VI. Criteria for National Policy

A. Economic Help for Families (cont.) ...Help for Poor Children

Children’s lives are diminished every day in this nation by the low level of welfare benefits. Misleading stereotypes of welfare families and misguided budget priorities are largely responsible for the failure of both federal and state governments to protect children from hunger, homelessness, and deprivation. We reiterate our call for a minimum national welfare benefit that will permit children and their parents to live in dignity. A decent society will not balance its budget on the backs of poor children. Sadly, the fiscal difficulties in many of our states has meant disproportionate cuts and unfair burdens for poor families.



Some aspects of welfare are anti-family. For example, in many states, unemployed fathers must leave the home so that the children can get welfare assistance beyond an initial six-month period. We have frequently called for true welfare reform that would be both pro-family and pro-child. No family should have to separate as a condition of receiving assistance.

At a time when most mothers of young children are employed at least part-time, our society sometimes loses sight of the value of parental care of young children. As preschoolers in day care becomes the norm, we fear the work of mothers in the home is becoming devalued, since it does not offer the economic rewards or recognition of other work.

Our conference strongly supports effective voluntary programs to equip parents with education and job skills. We oppose compulsory and poorly designed efforts to require them to hand over to others the daily care of our preschool children. The fact that children are poor and in need of government aid does not take away their basic human right to be cared for by their parents if that is their family’s choice.



Catechetical Ministry...



Exodus - a leaving. You can still join a group studying how the Hebrews left Egypt and their dependence on God in the desert. Bible Study groups begin Tuesday, *January 16*, 9:30 -11AM or 7:30 - 9PM, or on Thursday, *January 18*, from 9:30 -11AM.
Come by the CM Office for study sets (\$15.00).

First Reconciliation Parent meeting next Sunday, *January 28*.

"Have you sinned? Go into the church and wipe out your sin. As often as you might fall down in the marketplace, you pick yourself up again. So too, as often as you sin, repent your sin. Do not despair." -*St. John Chrysostom*

For Reflection: These words remind us that growth in holiness requires perseverance and hope. How does the Sacrament of Penance offer both of these virtues?

Favorite Kids Websites: for girls: www.disney.go.com; for boys: www.cartoonnetwork.com. Check out www.faithfirst.com from our religion text publisher.



Confirmation Dates...

The 2007 dates for Confirmation are:

Friday, *May 4*, 7:00PM (Rehearsal: *May 4*, 4PM)
Sunday, *May 6*, 12:30PM (Rehearsal: *May 5*, 11AM)



You may call the CM Office at 480-998-1665 to give your preference date. There will be a limit of 55 Confirmandi per Mass. Once a Mass is full, it is closed to more candidates. Hopefully, this will help you in making plans.

Parish Activities for All Ages...



EDGE

-*January 22*, EDGE, 6:30PM

-*January 29*, EDGE, 6:30PM

Life Teen

-*January 21*, Life Teen, 6:30PM

-*February 4*, Life Teen, 6:30PM

Baptism Classes

-Next sessions are *February 5 & 12*, 7-9PM. Please bring a Bible and a Catholic Catechism (available in the Gift Shop)

Senior Friendship

-*January 22*, meeting at 11:30AM, Bridge at 12:30PM

-*January 29*, meeting at 11:30AM, Bridge at 12:30PM

Multi-Parish Singles

-A group for all single adults. Pick up a copy of the activity calendar in the parish office, or on the website at www.multiparishsingles.com. Call 480-838-8713.

Women's Club

-An active, service-oriented organization of parish women that supports the parish and the community. Meets on Mondays at 7PM. For info, call Barbara at 480-661-5732.

Knights of Columbus

-Would you like to help us help others? It's the Knights of Columbus way. For info, call Tony Bell 480-483-6497 or Art Gomez 602-996-6802.

SVdP

-SVdP meets every Thursday at 7PM. Call 480-948-8370 ext. 266

The Caring Place

-Roz Hart, LCSW, is available in the parish office to provide individual counseling, resources, and care management. Call Roz at 480-948-8370 ext. 229.

Legion of Mary

-Meets every Friday at 9:30AM in PLC 5. For more information, call Lolaine at 602-996-3961; Karen at 480-951-2735; or Kate at 602-953-3663.

Mary's Knights

-For info, call Joyce 480-483-6497 or Sally 602-971-1621.

Info About Catholic Church/Faith—RCIA

-Meets every Wednesday at 7PM in PLC 7. Just come and see (or ask). For info, call Nanci at 480-948-3904 or nanci@azreallink.com.

Marriage Encounter

-Next weekend in Phoenix is *January 26-28*. For information, call 602-242-6141, or email Cwessel@csc.com.

Retrouvaille

-A Catholic program for struggling marriages and separated or divorced couples. For info., call 602-254-6723.

Mighty Angels

-A Small Christian Faith Community composed of special needs children and adults. For info, contact Karen through the Parish Office.

Welcome Committee-A Hospitality Ministry

-Interacts socially with visitors, newcomers, and parishioners to encourage and develop a spiritual community. Call 480-391-1365 or splichok@cox.net.

Pray For...

The Sick: Thomas Ford, Ruth Rosales, John Chlebus, Christopher Lewis, Joe Ambrosino, Sophia, Jarry Heipron, Tottie Johnson, Liduvina Escobar, Ivan V. Tasher, Campbell Thomas, Richard, Diane Renda, Oonagh Monaghan, Mary B. Salazar, Irene Arellano, Terry Blogg, Samantha Cannon, Renae Pena, Andrew McKenzie, Miriam Leon, Amy Young-Conceio, Mary Westphall, Darren Smith, Joe Conti, Catherine Leon, Jesse Hiron, Rosemary Farnsworth, Colin McHale, Noah Quiros, Kim Chambers, Lamas Catalina, Tony Spandafore, Fr. Bruce Maxwell, Steve Lichok, Mary Saunders, Kenneth Coburn, Alberta Walsh, Velma Arellano, Phill Hernandez, Sherri Foote, Lynn McCarthy, Stephen Ivezas, Linda Schoenhofes, Jane Deane, Annie Camcha, Lisa Parris, Carol Anne Ayala, Regina Staradub, Bill Mogan, Beth Epand, Frank Petty, Hilda Carter, Noreen Grasse, Fr. Blasé Meyer, Ximena Penafiel, Donald Neuenfeldt, Danielle Higgins, Dawn Jannetta, Donald Leto, Jason Moore, Fred Milici, Ingrid Rae Nelson, Katie Tomaso, Paul Grella, Justin Seiter, Tony Lucas, Frank Soza, Renae DeMari Pena, Joshua Pennington, Peggy Todd, Gabriel Hoefler, Scott Burlison, Trini Martinez, Helen Bliss, Jim Redmond, Luz Rivas, Patsy Madrid, Rick Severs, Fr. Richard Purcell, OFM, Honora Norton, John Garbaczewski, Jill McCafferty, Steve Jajou, Arlene Jirjis, Miguel Villaca, Mary Ann Rock...



The Deceased: Carlo Andizzone, Frank Fiorucci, Shannon Mello Ashton, William Culver...and all those in our book of intentions and on our prayer line.

Those Serving Our Country: Please pray for our men and women in the military. Pray also for their families.

If you have a request for our Parish Prayer Line and/or prayers at Masses, call the Office at 480-948-8370.

NOTE: Published and/or announced prayer requests require permission from the named individual or their family.

Our Parish Family..

Bruce & Elaine Barnes
Jerry & Katie Cobb



A Way of Life...

What can be so far-reaching as a few quiet moments each day in which to turn inward in thought and to feel that one is part of a great whole? From within one finds reservoirs of inspiration, hope, courage, and strength.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter...

Loving, as Jesus calls us to, can be difficult in our modern, busy lives. Fall in love all over again on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Let us help your marriage remain Christ-centered. The next weekend in Phoenix is January 26 -28. . Call 602-242-6141 or Cwessel@csc.com.



Mary's Knights...

Thank you to all who have helped or contributed in any way to our Rummage Sale this weekend. Your support has provided continued funding for multiple charities in the Phoenix area. We are very blessed in this community in so many ways, so thank you for sharing.

For info about Mary's Knights, call Joyce at 480-483-6497 or Margaret at 602-996-2952.



Recycle and Help our Parish School...

Use the bin located at the NW corner of the parking lot.

Miss a Bulletin? They're online!...

Go to our parish website and check it out!

www.blessedsacramentscotts.org



Homecoming for Returning Catholics...

No matter how long you've been away, you *can* come home again!. Call 480-948-8370 or www.blessedsacramentscotts.org/homecoming.



St. Vincent de Paul...

"We never realize ourselves so vividly as when we are in the full glow of love for others." --Unknown

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul exists to help those who are needy and hurting, and it is our mission to attempt to alleviate this suffering. Do you know of a parishioner who may require temporary assistance? If so, we can be reached at 480-948-8370 Ext. 266.



Gift Certificate (Scrip) Corner...

The next order date for scrip is February 12, 2007, for pickup the following weekend.

With Fr. Pat's encouragement, proceeds from the Scrip Program for the foreseeable future will go towards purchasing handicapped access doors for numerous locations around the church facility. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated. Call Rita at 480-948-6240 if you need assistance.

If every family in the Parish purchased only \$50 of gift certificate/scrip per week, we would net \$250,000 per year. The cost to those who support the program is nothing! Stop by the table in the courtyard after Masses or in the parish office. Using scrip is a very worthwhile and easy, no-cost way to support your parish. — Fr. Pat



Our Parish Mission Statement...

"We are a Spirit-led Catholic Community that welcomes all to celebrate the Eucharist, to pray, and to know, love, and serve Christ."



Our Parish Vision Statement...

"To foster Stewardship as a way of life, engaging our community in works of ministry founded on hospitality, prayer, formation, and service."

Sacramental Life...

Baptism:

Contact the Parish Office for an appointment with Deacon Bernie to begin preparation for this sacrament.

Marriage:

Contact Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the date of marriage.

Reconciliation:

Saturday, after 8:00AM Mass.

R.C.I.A.-Adult:

Meets 7:00 PM Wednesdays-see Event Calendar.

R.C.I.A.-Children-The Mighty Angels:

See Event Calendar.

Sacraments:

To register-contact Catechetical Ministry Office.

Prayer Life...

Small Christian Communities:

Times vary--contact Parish Office

Charismatic Prayer:

7:30PM Mondays in the Chapel .

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal:

7:00 PM Tuesdays in the Chapel.

Scriptural Rosary:

After 7:00 AM Mass weekdays.

Grief Support:

Contact Parish Office.

Prayer Line:

Contact Parish Office.

Other...

Returning Catholics:

Contact Parish Office.

House Blessings:

Contact Parish Office

Annulments: Contact Deacon Clem Czapinski.

Parish Office Hours... Subject to change.

Monday - Thursday: 9 AM - Noon; 1PM - 7:30PM

Friday: 9 AM - Noon; 1PM - 4 PM

Saturday: 9 AM -11:30 AM

Sunday: 7:30 AM -Noon

Holidays: Call for hours.

Gift Shop Hours...

Mon-Fri. 9AM to 12 Noon

Saturday 8:30AM-12PM; 3:30PM - 5:30PM

Sunday 7:30AM -11:30AM; 4:30PM - 6:30PM

Parish Directory...

Clergy: 480-948-8370*

Rev. Patrick Robinson, Pastor

Rev. Gerald Thaar, O.S.C., Weekend Associate Pastor

In Residence: Fr. Tom Walsh (Retired)

Deacons: 480-948-8370

Deacon Clemens Czapinski X217

Deacon Bob Evans X203

Deacon Bernie Rekiere X212

Parish Office:

Main Number: 480-948-8370

Fax: 480-951-3844

Parish Manager: 480-948-8370, X223

Parish Life Ministries: 480-948-8370, X204

Liturgy & Music Office: 480-948-8370, X202

Catechetical Ministry: 480-998-1665

Youth Ministry: 480-998-8088

(Life Teen and EDGE Programs)

Bulletin Editor: 480-948-8370, X220

Parish Event Calendar: 480-948-8370, X226

Facility Rentals: 480-948-8370, X226

Finance Manager: 480-948-8370, X248

Email : blessed_sacrament@diocesephoenix.org

Web-Site: www.blessedsacramentscotts.org

- AZ Licensed Counselor: 480-948-8370, X233
Carl W. Mangold, LCSW, LISAC

- *The Caring Place:* 480-948-8370, X229
Roz Hart, LCSW

Senior Life Options—Counseling and Referrals

Gift Shop: 480-948-1160

St. Vincent de Paul: 480-948-8370, X266

Parish Kindergarten & Preschool:

Blessed Sacrament: 480-998-9466

Catholic School Community (K-8):

Pope John XXIII: 480-905-0939

Catholic School Community High School:

Notre Dame Prep High School: 480-634-8200

**Sick, hospitalized, and/or terminally ill—call Parish Office; instructions will be provided at this number.*

Parish Bulletin Deadlines...

All "print-ready" articles & inserts must be in Parish Office "11 days" prior to actual Bulletin Weekend.

Email your "copy-ready" Word Document to
rking@blessedsacramentscotts.org

Russ King and Honora Norton: Editors



This Week's....

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil:	4:30PM
Sunday:	7AM, 8:30AM, 10:15AM, 5PM
Weekdays:	7AM (MTWF) 8AM (Mon-Sat)
Eucharistic Adoration:	Weekdays 6:00AM to 7:00AM Every Tuesday 7:30AM to 7PM
Reconciliation:	Saturday, after 8:00AM Mass
Holy Day Vigil:	Call Parish Office
Holy Day:	Call Parish Office
Mass of Anointing:	Call Parish Office

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY,	January 20, 2007
	8:00AM †Harry Heidorn
	4:30PM †Angela Gerardi
SUNDAY,	January 21, 2007
	7:00AM †Clara Andrie
	8:30AM †John Sheehan
	10:15AM †Ann Marie Bohan
	5:00PM †John R. Carr
MONDAY,	January 22, 2007
	7:00AM †Mary Simek
	8:00AM †Sancho Contreras
TUESDAY,	January 23, 2007
	7:00AM †Jack Flynn
	8:00AM †Thomas Moore Pugliese
WEDNESDAY,	January 24, 2007, 2006
	7:00AM †Vivian & Sebastian Saint John
	8:00AM †Phyllas Mchugh
	11:00AM †At Pueblo Norte, Melissa Jones
THURSDAY,	January 25, 2007
	7:00AM Communion Service
	8:00AM †Aloys Chaudry
FRIDAY,	January 26, 2007
	7:00AM †Charles O'Neil
	8:00AM †Anthony Pirrone & Vincent Darienzo
SATURDAY,	January 27, 2007
	8:00AM †J. Ritt & Family
	4:30PM †Geraldine Kurtz
SUNDAY,	January 28, 2007
	7:00AM †Pasquale & Concetta Maone
	8:30AM †James Mareum
	10:15AM †Betty Goetz
	5:00PM †Don Hopfer

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament...

Is held in the chapel **every Tuesday**. It begins at 7:30AM and ends with Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Benediction at 7PM. We need people to come spend some time in the presence of our Lord.



Those interested in our Parish's Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, contact Carmen in the Parish Office.

This Week's Parish Events (Subject to change)

Week of **January 21 ~ January 28, 2007**

Sunday, 1/21

CCW 8:30 & 10:15 Masses		
Voices	2:00PM	Church
Life Teen	6PM	SH W, YR

Monday, 1/22

Sr. Friendship	11:30AM	SH W
SCC Pot Luck	6:00PM	SH W
The EDGE	7:00PM	SH E
Women's Club	7:00PM	SH M

Tuesday, 1/23

Little Rock Bible Study	9:30AM	Conf. Rm.
Boy Scouts	7PM	YR
Little Rock Bible Study	7:30PM	Conf. Rm.

Wednesday, 1/24

RCIA	7PM	PLC 5,7,8
Life Teen Rosary	7PM	YR, Chapel

Thursday, 1/25

Little Rock Bible Study	9:30AM	PLC 1,2
Men's Bible Study	7PM	SH E
RCIC	7PM	PLC 1,2
SVdP	7PM	PLC 7,8

Friday, 1/26

Legion of Mary	9AM	PLC 5
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Saturday, 1/27

Sunday, 1/28

CCW 8:30 & 10:15 Masses		
Voices	2PM	Church

Calendar of Events

Scripture Readings

Sun 1/21	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Mon 1/22	Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30
Tue 1/23	Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
Wed 1/24	Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
Thu 1/25	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
Fri 1/26	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 (520)/Mk 4:26-34
Sat 1/27	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41
Sun 1/28	17-19/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Women's Club...

Monday evening get-togethers resume on January 22, 2007 at 7PM. Please join us for these enjoyable times as we begin another year as the longest-standing organization at Blessed Sacrament.

Current needs for the shelter include new women's underwear, canned goods and other non-perishable food, paper goods, personal hygiene items, towels, twin bed & crib sheets, and cleaning supplies. Contributions for the shelter may be left at the parish office. Please mark them for the shelter.

Armed Services: Call Mary Sue Richards at 480-948-0571 or Rita Hubalik at 480-948-6240 (between 6 and 9 PM) if you have a friend or relative who has been deployed overseas. They keep in contact with the service men and women via cards and letters.

Pueblo Norte sing-a-longs continue on Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:15PM. Call Jan for more information.

If you need further information, please feel free to call Barbara at 480-661-5732 or Chris at 480-483-6023.



Preschool Helps the Animals...

Our preschool has made the month of January all about the animals. The children will be having a donation drive for The Phoenix Zoo. Gather up your old socks, towels, sheets, and blankets and drop them by the preschool office. Other items include medium-size paint brushes, non-toxic art paint, and **new** spices. Please drop off your donations at the preschool office by **February 9**. Thanks so much for your help...and the animals thank you too!



Preschool Trike-A-Thon...

The Blessed Sacrament Preschool will hold its Annual Trike-A-Thon on *Friday, February 2*. The event will start at 9:15AM and end at about 10:30AM. Proceeds will benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital. For more information, call 480-998-9466.



Confirmation Preparation for High School Students...

The Newman Ctr., 230 E. University Dr., Tempe, will offer a high school Confirmation preparation Program that meets on Sundays from 12:30 to 2:30PM in the basement of the Old Church (Aquinas Hall). **The first session is on January 28!** Because the program runs for only eight weeks, **attendance at each session is extremely important.** Contact Carrie Powell at 480-967-7823 or carrie_powell@newman-asu.org for info or to register.



Guidance Counselor Wanted...

Notre Dame Preparatory seeks a full-time Guidance Counselor. The candidate should be certified through the Arizona Dept. of Education. To apply, email a resume to tyehle@notredamepreparatory.org or fax to 480-634-8203.



Diocesan School Board...

The Catholic Schools Office is accepting applications for the Diocesan School Board. All registered Catholics are eligible. You **do not** need to have children enrolled in Catholic Schools to qualify. For information, see www.diocesephoenix.org/catholicschools or call 602-354-2344.



Love and Laughter Seminar...

Where are the clowns? Bring in the clowns. Do we really need a reason to laugh, or is laughter just part of our daily living? Help laughter happen more spontaneously by joining us for a *Love and Laughter Seminar* by Lyne Petersen of the Foundation for Senior Living. The seminar takes place *February 13, 9:30 to 11AM* at Blessed Sacrament. This is a fine, funny, and whimsical presentation from *The Caring Place*. Refreshments of a heartfelt manner will be served. Call Roz Hart at 480-948-8370, x229 for reservations.



Last Chance for Entertainment Book 2007...

Please stop in the parish office or at the scrip table outside the Church and look at this year's Entertainment Book. Sale of the Entertainment Books for 2007 will end soon. If each family purchased one book, we could put \$12,000 towards the handicap access doors on campus. The price is still only \$25 and includes four \$5 Safeway coupons. The book makes a great Christmas gift for anyone on your list.



Parish and Community Event Announcements...

TV Mass: Sundays at 9AM on local channel KUTP-UPN 45 or Cox Cable channel 9, for info call 602-354-2479.

Radio Rosary: KXEG, 1280AM, weekdays, 6:30 to 7PM, Sunday 5:30 to 6PM, guest speakers after Rosary.

St. Mary's Basilica: Respect Life Rosary every first Friday after noon Mass.

St. Thomas the Apostle, Phx.: Latin Mass, 1PM Sundays, call 602-354-2112.

Ss. Simon & Jude: Every First Friday, Eucharistic Adoration for vocations, call 602-242-1300, x155 for information.

St. Thomas the Apostle, Phx.: *January 26*, 7PM, Intro./Overview of Natural Family Planning, pre-register at 602-225-0636.

Arizona Catholic Singles: Mardi Gras dance, *February 3*, 7:30PM to midnight, St. Daniels, 1030 N. Hayden Rd, Scottsdale, For info, www.catholicinglesministry.org, or call 602-494-8445.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage: *Feb. 26 to March 7, 2007*, \$1599, call 480-443-3912.

The Community of the Blessed Sacrament:

-*January 24*, Called to Protect, 9AM, Social Hall

-*January 29*, Called to Protect, 7PM, Social Hall



Called to Protect for Ministries...

This training is mandatory for all employees, and those who volunteer in ministries in the Diocese of Phoenix.

The next sessions are *January 24*, 9AM to noon, and *January 29*, 7 to 10PM, in the Blessed Sacrament Social Hall East. Log on to www.diocesephoenix.org (click on *Safe Environment Training*) for these classes at other locations. Be sure to register for **Called to Protect for Ministries**. **The deadline for attending this class is *January 31, 2007*.**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults...

All parishioners are invited to join us at the RCIA Wednesday meetings at 6:45PM in PLC 7.

- *January 24*, Discipleship
- *January 31*, The Trinity
- *February 7*, Paschal Mystery
- *February 14*, Lent & The Beatitudes



The St. Vincent de Paul Experience...

Join St. Vincent de Paul on Saturday, *January 27*, between 10AM and 2PM to experience an interactive game that demonstrates how SVdP helps the needy in our community. Guests will play the role of a person in need while exploring the ways SVdP works to prevent homeless and assist the poor. Expect to spend about 45 minutes experiencing this event at our main facility at 420 W. Watkins Rd, Phoenix. RSVP at 602-850-6777 or rsvp@svdp-phx-az-org.



Catholic Schools Week Events at Pope John XXIII...

- ***January 28***, Students encouraged to wear school uniforms to Mass at their individual parishes.
- ***January 29***, The school will collect school supplies to be distributed to St. Matthew's and St. Catherine's schools. Each classroom will decorate their doors with the theme of *The Good News in Education*.
- ***January 30***, Community "Free Dress Day." All school family lunch picnic; brown bags and lunch boxes recommended.
- ***January 31***, Students will represent the school at an all-school Mass at the Cathedral, followed by a rally at the State Capitol. A school-wide Rosary will be held in the courtyard in the many languages represented by our community.
- ***February 1***, Nuns, pastors, and deacons will speak to students about their vocation.
- ***February 2***, The Office of Development in conjunctions with Student Council and Staff, will host a continental breakfast to recognize volunteers. The week ends with prayer in the courtyard at 11:40AM.



Festival of Life...

Join Bishop Olmsted and thousands of others for a 2-hour festival of life: *Mission Possible: Agents of Change*. *Sunday, January 21*, 1:25PM, at Xavier College Prep, then walk to Steele Indian School Park. This event will include energizing music, vendors, dynamic speakers, personal stories, and much more. This is also Arizona's Largest Diaper Drive. Donations of diapers, baby wipes & formulas are greatly welcomed.



Volunteers Needed for Golf Tournament...

If you can volunteer to help with the Fourth Annual Blessed Sacrament Golf Tournament, plan to attend our next planning meeting on *January 24*, at 6PM. For more information, contact Jeanne or Jack Northrup at 480-596-3878.

