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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time | June 27th, 2021

Parish-Wide Consecration to St. Joseph!

¡Consagración Parroquial a San José!

Would you like to deepen your devotion to St. Joseph?

Join us for 33 days of
- Daily readings
- Prayers
- Short videos

You can join in-person, virtually or at home.

We will begin on **July 20th** and the consecration will occur on **August 20th.**

More information on page 10 of the bulletin.

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

San José, Ruega por Nosotros!

¿Le gustaría profundizar su devoción a San José?

Únase durante 33 días de
- Lecturas diarias
- Oraciones
- Vídeos cortos

Puede unirse en persona virtualmente o en casa.

Comenzaremos el **20 de Julio** y la consagración ocurrirá el **20 de Agosto.**

Más información en la página 10 del boletín.

Parish Clergy

Fr. Brandon Ware, *Pastor*
Fr. Hung Joseph Nguyen, *Parochial Vicar*
Fr. Rob Oswald, *Parochial Vicar*
Fr. Ronnie Manango, *Parochial Vicar*
Deacon Porfi Cisneros
Deacon Karl Welsbacher
Deacon Tom Driscoll

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office is Open to serve you!
Monday - Friday | 9:00am - 5:00pm
Closed everyday: 11:45 am - 1:00 pm for Lunch

Weekend Masses

SATURDAY: 5:30pm English (in the Church)
7:30pm Spanish (in the Church)
SUNDAY: 7:00am Spanish (in the School Playground)
& 8:30am English (in the Church)
10:30am English (in the School Playground)
12:30pm Spanish (in the Church)

Confessions Schedule

Monday-Friday 6:00 pm -7:00 pm (in the Church)
(Other times available by appointment.)

Church Open For Prayer

Monday—Friday from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm

Daily Masses

Monday-Saturday: 8:00 am
Monday-Friday: 5:30 pm
(Wednesday 5:30 pm Mass in Spanish)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday-Friday from 6:00 pm–7:00 pm

Baptisms

1st, 2nd & 3rd Saturdays in Spanish.
4th Saturday in English. By appointment only.
Baptismal classes required.
Please call Parish Office to register.
Or visit www.stanneslodi.org/baptism

Marriages

A six-month advance notice is required.
By appointment only. Please contact the Parish Office to begin the process.
Ceremony times available on Saturdays at 11:30am & 2:00pm

St. Anne's Catholic School

Kindergarten - 8th Grade
200 S. Pleasant Ave., Lodi, CA 95240
Principal: Mrs. Elizabeth Mar
Assistant Principal: Mrs. Rose Herold
Phone: (209) 333-7580
www.stanneslodi.org/school

Our Mission Church: Mater Ecclesiae Catholic Church

26500 Sacramento Blvd., Thornton, CA | Sunday Mass: 11:00 am Bilingual

Monastery of Our Lady of La Vang - Cistercian Sisters

26952 N. Thornton Rd., Thornton, CA | **Monastery:** (209) 796-5009 | **Fax:** (209) 796-5098
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 475, Thornton, CA 95686-0475

Mass Intentions & Readings

To request a Mass Intention, please contact the Parish Office at 369-1907.

Intenciones y Lecturas de la Misa

Para reservar una Intención de Misa, llame a la Oficina Parroquial al 369-1907.

Mon 6/28	Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22
8:00 AM	Linda Bosche; Magdalena Cisneros+; Jose Guadalupe Jimenez & Ma. del Refugio Sandoval+; Margarito Brambila+
5:30 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Leal; Eucharistic Franciscan Missionary Sisters; Celia Yepez de Ochoa; Kurt Martinelli+
Tue 6/29	Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
8:00 AM	Dave & Ping Smith; Antonio Ortega+; Michael Berry+; James Thompson+
5:30 PM	Celia Yepez de Ochoa+; Florence Eininger+; Jane Brosnan+
Wed 6/30	Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34
8:00 AM	Fr. Brandon Ware; Bill & Angie Rogan; For Healing for Michael McKenzie; Luis Miguel Solis Sanchez+
5:30 PM	Donna & JR Ferrer; Celia Yepez de Ochoa+
Thu 7/1	Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8
8:00 AM	John Spatola; Thelma Ahn; Dora Boccia+; Arthur Moso+
5:30 PM	Celia Yepez de Ochoa+; Andrew O'Brien+; Jane Brosnan+
Fri 7/2	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13
8:00 AM	For Healing for Michael McKenzie; The Tomlinson Family; Marvin Horman+ and Family; Eleanore Jolly & Morris Richina+
5:30 PM	Celia Yepez de Ochoa+; Marie O'Brien+; Jane Brosnan+
Sat 7/3	Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29
8:00 AM	Ray & Toya Starrick; Kandy Vaccarezza; Dora Boccia+; Robert Leger+
5:30 PM	Scott Bowers; Deacon Richard Foley; Jose Avila+; Rodolfo Avila+
7:30 PM	Luz Maria Peña Castillo; Olivia Ceja+; Maria Gonzalez Santana+; Celia Yepez de Ochoa+; Elidia Sandoval+
Sun 7/4	Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a
7:00 AM	Feliz Cumpleaños Dulce Espinosa; Anselmo Arroyo & Alicia Montañez de Arroyo+; Maria Gonzalez Santana+; Jose Antonio Herrera Diaz+; Jorge S. Suarez+
8:30 AM	JR & Donna Ferrer; Sergio Guidi+
10:00 AM	Parishioners; Peter Nava+; Dora Boccia+
12:30 PM	Benito Zaragoza Sr. & Benito Zaragoza Jr.+; Abran Avila Ruiz+; Olivia Ceja+; Jose Avila+; Aureliano Aguilar+; Nolberto Aguilar+
	Mater Ecclesiae Church—Thornton
9:00 AM	Intención Especial
11:00 AM	Special Intention

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Friday—9:00am-12:00pm *SUMMER HOURS**

COMMUNION IN THE PLAZA

Come & Receive our Lord in the Eucharist

For those who do not yet feel comfortable coming to Mass in person, you can watch our 5:30 pm English Mass & 7:30 pm Spanish Mass via Zoom or on our Facebook page. On Sunday you can come to receive communion in the Plaza from 2:00pm-3:00pm in front of the Church.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER

- MONDAY - FRIDAY from 4:00pm—7:00pm

ADORATION INSIDE THE CHURCH

- MONDAY - FRIDAY from 6:00pm—7:00pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

There will be 1 priest available for Confession inside of the Church.

- MONDAY - FRIDAY from 6:00pm-7:00pm

JOIN FLOCKNOTE

Stay connected with what's going on in our Parish by: Visiting our mobile friendly website at www.stanneslodi.org, Following us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stannesparish, Follow @stannesparish on Instagram, or join our Flocknote group and get updates by texting "stanneslodi" to 84576

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Our Religious Education Office can help you in person through the Southwest window of the Parish Office building, Or by calling the Parish Office Monday-Friday 1:00pm-5:00pm.

Religious Education Window Hours
Tuesday-Friday from 2:00pm-6:00pm | Contact by email at: aespinoza@stanneslodi.org

MATER ECCLESIAE—CHURCH & SHRINE

26500 Sacramento Blvd., Thornton, CA
Monday-Wednesday 4:00pm-6:30pm | Thursday-Friday 3:00pm-7:00pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Thursday 3:30pm-5:00pm

St. Anne's Live Stream Masses

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday via Zoom
at 8:00am in *English*
ID: 823 9194 6526 Password: mass

Saturday Vigil Masses

5:30 pm Sunday Mass in *English*
ID: 858 345 263
Password: sunday

7:30 pm Sunday Mass in *Spanish*
ID: 879 0548 7890
Password: domingo

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Faith Formation

Come!

Share your faith at St. Anne's

As a…

- **Catechist**
- **Catechist Aide**
- **Classroom Aide**

Children: Grades 1st-5th grade attending ongoing faith formation or preparing for a sacrament

Teens: (Middle School & High School): Grades 6th-11th preparing for Confirmation

Adults: Join the RCIA team and help adults seeking to join the Church.

Special Needs: We need generous people to provide sacramental prep for those with special needs.

Contact Sister Azucena or Clarisa at (209)369-1907 or aespinoza@stanneslodi.org to know about our upcoming formation date.

Parish Office Summer Hours

From June 4th - July 30th
the Parish Office will
CLOSE on Fridays at 12:00pm

The regular hours will resume on
Friday, August 6th.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

June 27, 2021

THE BIBLE COLLECTION - PAUL THE APOSTLE

We are celebrating a feast day, consecrated for us by the blood of the apostles. Let us love their faith, their lives, their labors, their sufferings, their confession of faith, their preaching. This week we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Peter and Paul, each of whom spread the Gospel to the nations in the earliest days of the Church. In honor of Paul, the Apostle of the Gentiles, enjoy this film the Bible Collection!

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Santa Ana Misas En Vivo

Misas Diarias

Lunes a Viernes por Zoom
a las 8:00am en *Ingles*
ID: 823 9194 6526 Contraseña: mass

Sábado- Misa de Vigilia

5:30 pm Misa Dominical en *Ingles*
ID: 858 345 263
Contraseña: sunday

7:30 pm Misa Dominical en *Español*
ID: 879 0548 7890
Contraseña: domingo

Nos ♥ Encanta

tenerte como parte de nuestro *rebaño*

Quédese en contacto con nosotros por email o texto

Elija recibir alertas de la Parroquia! En cualquier momento puede dejar de recibir mensajes, no mensajes de spam le prometemos!

Únase a Flocknote y reciba alertas, mande stanneslodi en un texto al 84576

O visite www.stanneslodi.flocknote.com para unirse a nuestra lista de email.

Formación de Fe

¡Vengan!

Compartan su Fe en Santa Ana.

Como…

- **Catequista**
- **Asistente de Catequista**
- **Asistente en el Salon**

Niños: del 1er-5to grado en preparación para su Primera Comunión.

Jóvenes: (Middle y High School): del 6to-11vo grado en preparación para la Confirmación.

Adultos: Sea parte del equipo de RICA que ayuda a los adultos que necesitan sus sacramentos.

Educación Especial: Se necesita ayuda para dar clases a los niños que tienen necesidades especiales.

Hable con la Hermana Azucena o Clarisa al (209)369-1907 o aespinoza@stanneslodi.org para saber más sobre la fecha de formación.

Horas de Verano de la Oficina Parroquial

De Junio 4 a Julio 30
la Oficina Parroquial **CERRARA**
a las 12:00 pm cada **Viernes**.

*Las horas regulares resumirán el **Viernes, 6 de Agosto.***

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SELECCIÓN DE LA SEMANA

27 DE JUNIO, 2021

COLECCIÓN DE LA BIBLIA - PABLO EL APOSTLE

Celebramos un día festivo, consagrado para nosotros con la sangre de los apóstoles. Amemos su fe, sus vidas, sus trabajos, sus sufrimientos, su confesión de fe, su predicación. Esta semana celebramos la solemnidad de San Pedro y San Pablo, cada uno de los cuales compartieron el Evangelio a las naciones en los primeros días de la Iglesia. En honor a Pablo, disfruta de esta película la Colección de la Biblia!

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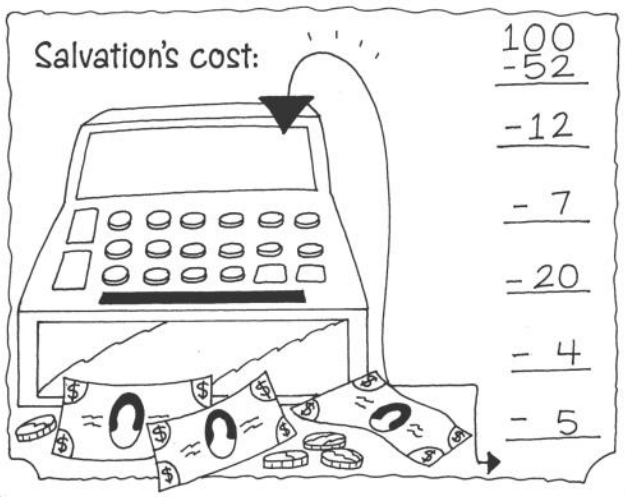
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Because Jesus was rich in graciousness, he became poor for our sake.
He willingly suffered to take away our sins.
Think of his sacrifice as you do this long "take-away" math problem.
The final sum will show what Jesus' gift of redemption costs us.
Write this word in the cash register window.



CATHOLIC CORNER

PRAISE THE LORD FROM THE EARTH

Praise the LORD from the heavens;/Praise the LORD from the earth,/Hallelujah! *(Psalm 148:1, 7, 14)*

O summer!

What a wonderful time of the year, a time to recognize and appreciate everything God has created for us!

Sometime during the next few weeks, ask someone in your family to take a "creation alphabet walk" with you. Try to find something to be grateful for that begins with each letter of the alphabet. You might even find two or three for some letters. Write what you notice on these lines. One has already been done to get you started.

Pray the verses from Psalm 148 before and after your walk as thanksgiving for all that God has created. Later, take some time to read and pray the entire psalm. It is a splendid song of praise and gratitude!

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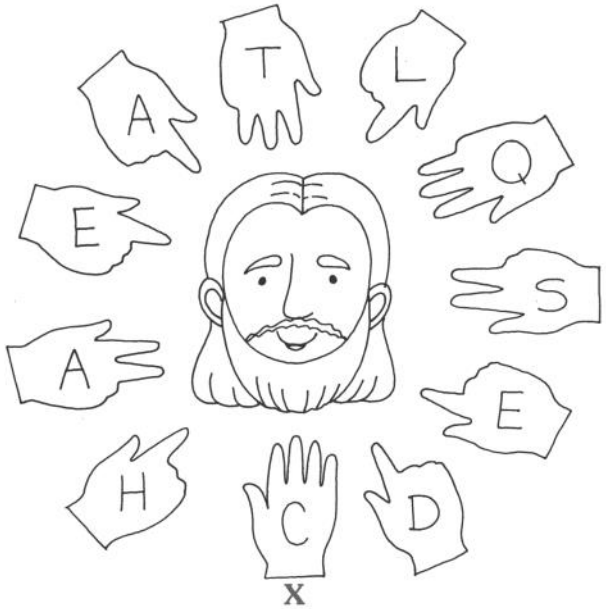
C		P	
D	*Daisies*	Q	
E		R	
F		S	
G		T	
H		U	
I		V	
J		W	
K		X	
L		Y	
M		Z	

**"Little girl,
I say to you, arise!"
Mark 5 : 41**

Once there was a sick woman
who had been bleeding for a very long time.
She believed that if she touched Jesus' cloak something would happen.
Starting at the **X** and moving to the left,
underline only the letters on hands that have one finger pointing out.
Then read them in order to find what Jesus did for her.



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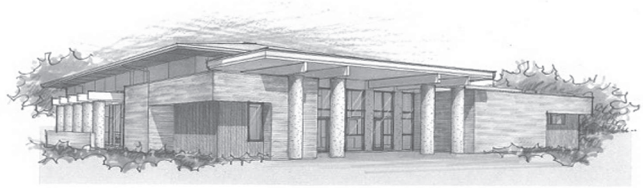

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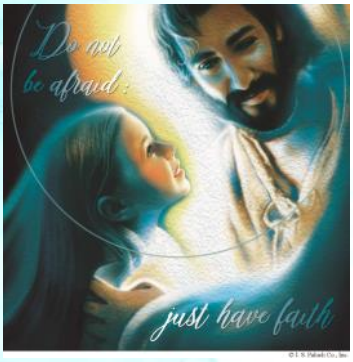
JESUS' EXAMPLE OF HELPING OTHERS



In today's second reading Paul offers a wonderful argument to his converts at Corinth for seeking to help those in need. He is dealing with a practical problem, arranging a collection for the poor of the church of Jerusalem; but as he often does, he develops an important teaching about Jesus to make his point. After asking that they show their faith by generous gifts, he reminds them of the "gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). In the Incarnation our Lord assumed our human nature, certainly becoming poor for one who is God. The ultimate gracious act of this poverty was going to the cross with all its terrible sufferings. By this act of poverty we definitely become rich. Now our sins can be forgiven; we can share in the very life of God through the sacraments; we can attain eternal salvation!

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EL EJEMPLO DE JESÚS DE AYUDAR A OTROS

En la segunda lectura de hoy Pablo ofrece un argumento maravilloso a sus convertidos en Corinto para tratar de ayudar a los necesitados. Está tratando con un problema práctico, la organización de una colecta para los pobres de la iglesia de Jerusalén; pero, como hace a menudo, saca una importante lección acerca de Jesús para resaltar un punto. Después de pedirles que demostraran su fe con generosos donativos, les recuerda lo "generoso que ha sido nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que siendo rico, se hizo pobre por ustedes, para que ustedes se hicieran ricos con su pobreza" (2 Corintios 8:9). Con su encarnación nuestro Señor asumió nuestra naturaleza humana, sin duda haciéndose pobre para uno que es Dios. El último acto de gracia de esta pobreza fue subir a la cruz y sus terribles sufrimientos. Con este acto de pobreza sin duda nos hemos hecho ricos. Ahora nuestros pecados pueden ser perdonados; podemos compartir la vida de Dios por medio de los sacramentos; ¡podemos alcanzar la salvación eterna!

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Prayer Requests

Please Pray For:

Anne Abruzzini, Julio Aguirre, Tammy Allert, Carlos Almanza, Jaime Amann, Eliane & Jeff Atad, Sera Baysinger, Shirley Benecke, Jessi Blighton, Rita Bogner, Carol Bowen, John Brodie, Celia Brophy, Verania & Marquez Byrd, Teresa Calderon, Irene Cano, John Caudill Jr., Jose Cisneros, Juan Manuel Contreras, Justin Dawe, Arlene Deal, Domenico Della Maggiora, Ralph DeMott, Lola Diaz, Jacobo Diaz, Tim Dohner, Crispin Domingo, Claire Dore, Charlotte Dore, MartiAnn Draper, Michael Effner, Gayelene Entzi, Linda Erb, Gloria Escalante, Donnie Fielmen, Karen Franke, Ramon Fuentes, Jose Fuentes, Josie Garcia, Maya Quetzaly Garcia, Leobardo Garcia Jr., Desidoro Gauna & Family, Marina Gaytan, Imelda Gaytan, Antonia Gaytan, Frederick Geyser Jr., Sandy Gilweit, Bianca Ha, Julie Hanks, Gloria Hayes, Valerie Hendrick, Rocio Hernandez, Jim Hickcox, Jonathon Hirai, Bill Hollander, Mei Hung, Daniel Husebye, Denice James, Marcie Jimenez, Donna Johnston, Lucy Kapic, Mariam Knox, John R. Leonardo, Maria Lupian, John Malley, Mary Marquez, Diane Marroquin, James E. McGaha, Mike McKenzie, Margaret McLean, Julia McLoughlin, Priscilla McMillen, James Miller, Joanne Miller, Mike Moore, Dante Moreno, Rosario Navarro, Rita Neudeck, Jennifer Nguyen, Amy Ornelas, Ermelinda Ortega, Ma. del Rosario Ortega, Yolanda Pantoja, Laura Pereira, Anita Perez, Carlotta Perez, Grace Puccinelli, Martha Ramirez Sandoval, Rex Reynolds, Jamie Rhoades Feri, Louise Rivera, Chris Rivera, Eva Rodriguez, Pam Rodriguez, Eugene Rossi, Marisol Ruiz, Carlos Ruiz, Gloria Saldana, Marge Sandeen, Guadalupe Santana, Jose Santana, Tim Schoch, Sam Singer, Bonnie Skogstad, Savanna Spruell, Corey Stull, Jim Sturman, Agnes Sutphin, Shawn Tallerico, Michael & Sandra Tansley, Beverly Templeton, Francisco Tovar Jr., Jose Armando Valdez, Hannah Walker, Marlys & Don Weiland, Thelma Welsbacher, Perry Westbrook, Velma White Bear, Isabella Wilmette, Maxine Wudel, Tiffany & Stephen, Johnson Family, Renee and all sick members of St. Anne's Church.

JUNE 19 & 20, 2021

First Collection:

St. Anne's:	$	16,026.00
Mater Ecclesiae:	$	660.00

Catholic Communications Campaign:

St. Anne's:	$	924.00
Mater Ecclesiae:	$	12.00

We depend on & are grateful for your sacrificial offering.

Next Week's Second Collection

Building & Maintenance

These funds are used to meet the special needs in improving and maintaining the buildings and property of our parish.

Would you like to use your credit or debit card to support the Parish financially? You can through online giving! Just visit our website at www.stanneslodi.org and click on the Online Giving icon!

Bishop's Ministry Appeal

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Thank You To Our 277 Families

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Thank You For Your Continued Support & Prayers!

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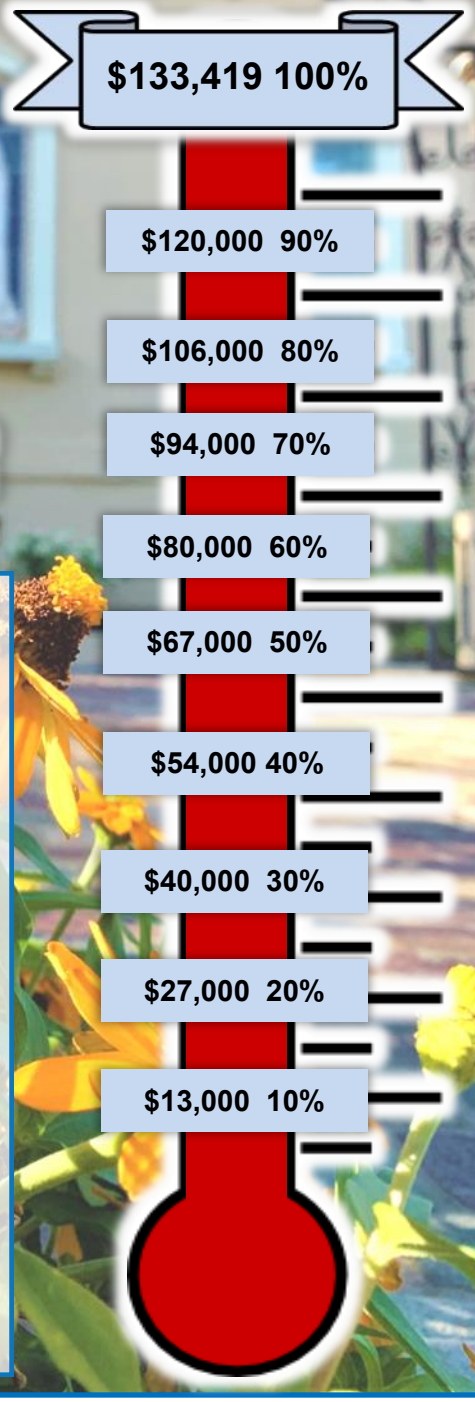

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33 Days Consecration to St. Joseph

Are you ready to deepen your devotion to Saint Joseph this year? All parishioners are encouraged to participate in a **CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH.** We pray this will ignite a more intimate love of Christ and a stronger commitment to His church for all our members and families. Each of the 33 days consist of a daily reading, prayers, and a short video. The Consecration will end on a feast related to St. Joseph with a communal recitation of the Consecration Prayer.

Registration is required, at which time you will have the opportunity to select the option how you want to participate in the St. Joseph Consecration.

- IN-PERSON with a small group *(once a week)*
- VIRTUALLY with a group via ZOOM* *(once a week)*
- AT-HOME, on your own.

We will begin on July 20th and the consecration will occur on August 20th. Fr. Calloway's best-selling book, *Consecration to St. Joseph, The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* is also required, and participants are invited to help cover the cost with a donation to the parish of $10.00. **We will submit our book order on June 29th.**

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 209-369-1907 or visit our website: www.stanneslodi.org

33 Días de Consagración a San José

¿Estás listo para profundizar tu devoción a San José este año? Todos los feligreses son animados a participar en **UNA CONSAGRACIÓN A SAN JOSÉ**.
Oramos que esto encienda un amor más íntimo por Cristo y un compromiso más fuerte con Su iglesia para todos nuestros miembros y familias. Cada uno de los 33 días consiste en una lectura diaria, oraciones y un video corto. La Consagración terminará en una fiesta relacionada con San José con una recitación comunal de la Oración de Consagración.

Es necesario inscribirse, y tendrá la oportunidad de seleccionar la opción de cómo desea participar en la Consagración de San José.

- EN PERSONA con un grupo pequeño *(una vez a la semana)*
- PRÁCTICAMENTE con un grupo a través de ZOOM *, *(una vez a la semana)*
- EN CASA, por su cuenta.

Comenzaremos el 20 de Julio y la consagración ocurrirá el 20 de Agosto. También se requiere el libro más vendido por el Padre Calloway, Consagración a San José, Las Maravillas de Nuestro Padre Espiritual, y los participantes están invitados a ayudar a cubrir el costo con una donación a la parroquia de $10.00. Enviaremos nuestro **pedido de libros el 29 de Junio.**

Si tiene alguna pregunta, llame a la oficina parroquial al 209-369-1907 o visite nuestro sitio web: www.stanneslodi.org

Questions and Answers on the U.S. Bishops' Vote to Draft a Document on the Meaning of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church

Since the conclusion of the Spring Plenary Assembly of the U.S. bishops last week, there has been much attention on the vote taken to draft a document on the Eucharist. The question of whether or not to deny any individual or groups Holy Communion was not on the ballot. The vote by the bishops last week tasked the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Doctrine to begin the drafting of a teaching document on the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. The importance of nurturing an ever deeper understanding of the beauty and mystery of the Eucharist in our lives is not a new topic for the bishops. The document being drafted is not meant to be disciplinary in nature, nor is it targeted at any one individual or class of persons. It will include a section on the Church's teaching on the responsibility of every Catholic, including bishops, to live in accordance with the truth, goodness and beauty of the Eucharist we celebrate.

Below are a few commonly asked questions on the meeting and on this topic at issue.

Why are the bishops doing this now?
For some time now, a major concern of the bishops has been the declining belief and understanding of the Eucharist among the Catholic faithful. This was a deep enough concern, that the theme of the bishops' strategic plan for 2021-2024 is *Created Anew by the Body and Blood of Christ: Source of Our Healing and Hope.* This important document on the Eucharist will serve as a foundation for the multi-year Eucharistic Revival Project, a major national effort to reignite Eucharistic faith in our country. It was clear from the intensity and passion expressed in the individual interventions made by the bishops during last week's meeting that each bishop deeply loves the Eucharist.

Did the bishops vote to ban politicians from receiving Holy Communion?
No, this was not up for vote or debate. The bishops made no decision about barring anyone from receiving Holy Communion. Each Catholic - regardless of whether they hold public office or not - is called to continual conversion, and the U.S. bishops have repeatedly emphasized the obligation of all Catholics to support human life and dignity and other fundamental principles of Catholic moral and social teaching.

Are the bishops going to issue a national policy on withholding Communion from politicians?
No. There will be no national policy on withholding Communion from politicians. The intent is to present a clear understanding of the Church's teachings to bring heightened awareness among the faithful of how the Eucharist can transform our lives and bring us closer to our creator and the life he wants for us.

Did the Vatican tell the bishops not to move forward on drafting the document?
No. The Holy See did encourage the bishops to engage in dialogue and broad consultation. Last week's meeting was the first part of that process. It is important to note that collaboration and consultation among the bishops will be key in the drafting of this document.