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Pray Gratefully - Serve Responsibly - Give Generously



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

a Stewardship Parish

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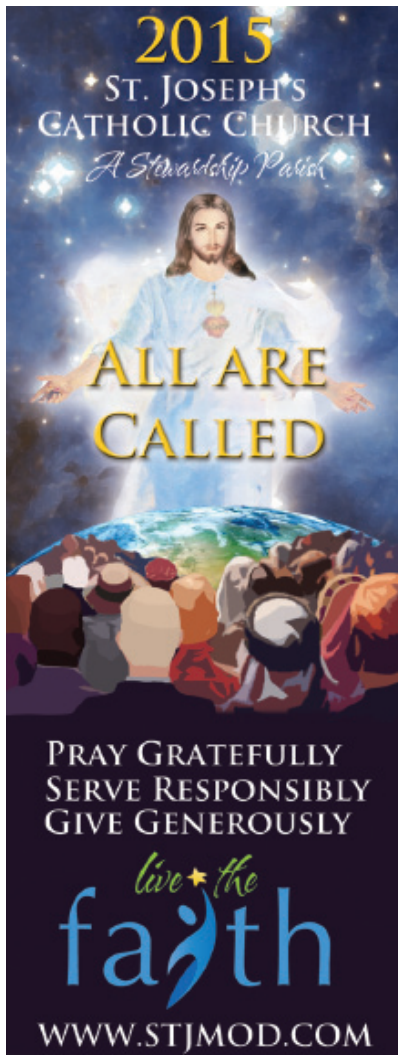
By Fr. Mark Wagner, Pastor



Every man is called to be a leader. In his home, in his neighborhood, in his workplace and in society, there is no substitute for good men who can be good examples to their children and to the rest of us. But to become good, a man usually has to repent of his sins and decide to change.

Beginning in September, we will be inviting all the men of our parish to come to our hall every Wednesday morning at 6:00 A.M. for a men's program and breakfast, called "That Man is You" (TMIY). We will learn and support each other in order to become good men and leaders.

As men and as leaders, many of us have the same sin: we are not grateful for what we have and we desire what we cannot have, thinking that the grass seems greener on the other side of the fence! That is why men should remember the story of King David. He was a leader. He was King of Israel and he had many lands and riches and women in his royal court. But he was not satisfied. He was walking on his roof one evening and saw a woman



Men are called to be **BETTER!**



Thou Art the Man
Peter Frederick Rothermel (1817-1895)

bathing. He made inquiries and found out that she was Bathsheba, a woman married to a soldier named Uriah. Nevertheless he sent for her. He got her pregnant and then arranged for Uriah to be killed in battle.

The Lord sent the prophet Nathan to accuse David of his sin. Nathan told him a parable about a poor man whose only possession was one little ewe lamb which he loved dearly. But a rich man stole it to make a meal. The rich man had many flocks but did not want to use any of them to make his meal. When King David heard this story he grew angry and said "That man deserves death!" Nathan said to David: "That man is you!" (2 Samuel 12:7) David repented (and wrote Psalm 51) but nevertheless his sin resulted in terrible consequences for himself, his family and for even his whole country. This reminds us that our secret sins not only drag us down, but also our family, and our whole society.

This little story is for each one of us. We are "kings" who should be grateful for all that we have. I know that I get to enjoy many blessings from being a priest and especially from being a leader at St. Joseph's parish.

I am treated as a member of many parish families and I have so many opportunities for enjoyable rest and relaxation with my brother priests. Sometimes I forget all these blessings. A good man must avoid the sin of King David. He had everything, and yet his heart was restless. He was proud. He loved to strut round on his rooftop feeling exalted and looking down upon everything as if it all belonged personally to him. His eyes wandered. He is like so many men who are enslaved by "enticement for the eyes." (1 John 2:16)

We should always remember that we are not the owners, but only stewards, of the good things that have been entrusted to us in our lives. We must be grateful to God and we must think of others. We must "pray gratefully, serve responsibly and give generously." St. Joseph is the perfect example of a good man. His attitude was different from the attitude of King David, his ancestor. St. Joseph was poor. He had nothing but hard work in his life. His one consolation was that he was betrothed to the beautiful Virgin Mary. It seemed that even this would be denied him. He learned that Mary was with child and that she would remain a perpetual virgin. Yet St. Joseph accepted this life of poverty and chastity. He was detached and did not try to take what he could not have. Neither his eyes nor his heart wandered after anything else. In a dream the angel consoled him and reassured him that he could be a "better" son of David: "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her." (Matthew 1:20)

St. Joseph pray for us! Help us to respond to God's call to be good and BETTER men!

F. Mark

All are called.... especially our 3-5 year olds!!



New this year: **Montessori Method**
Catechism of the Good Shepherd
for 3-5 year olds!

Classes start in September.
For more information, call 551-4973 ext. 218
or register at www.stjmod.com

What is the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)?

It is a faith-based formation program where children can grow in their relationship with God through a deep engagement in Scripture and liturgy. The methodology uses “child size” furniture and faith learning environments with professionally trained volunteer catechists who love teaching our children the faith.



The photo above shows one of our new CGS classrooms as it is being readied for the school year.

Where are the catechism classes held?

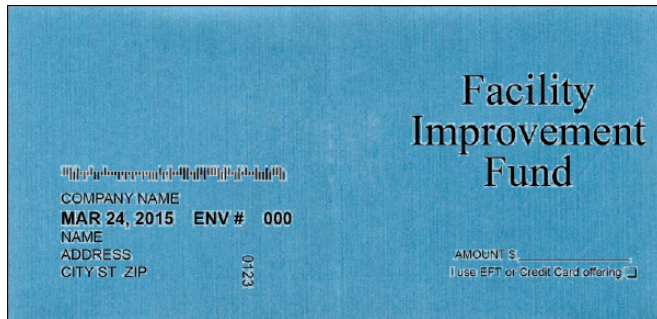


In our Parish School of Religion Classroom Building (adjacent to the Fr. O'Hare Hall). We have converted two of our catechism classes to beautiful “Atriums”, which are specially prepared rooms which include a small replica of the altar and materials, small clay/wooden figures representing the Last Supper, the Annunciation and many other scriptural passages. Children learn about our faith by listening and participating in this peaceful and loving environment.

Thanking our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd donors who helped us bring in catechist trainers and supply and renovate our two classrooms:

Dr. Recto and Mrs. Clare Deleon
Dr. Virgilio and Mrs. Evelyn Ereso
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene and Lynn Thiel
Mr. and Mrs. John and Kristi Marsella
Ms. Donna Elson
Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Sharilyn Nelson
Mrs. Conception Arellano
Mr. and Mrs. David and Josie Loucks
Mr. and Mrs. David and Laurel Willoughby
Mr. and Mrs. Rudy and Glenda Espinoza
Mr. and Mrs. Ron and Rose LaMont
Mrs. Diane Pedota
Lt. Col. (Ret) Clare Swanson
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St. Joseph's Seniors Ministry

All are called to Steward our facilities



New Blue Envelope

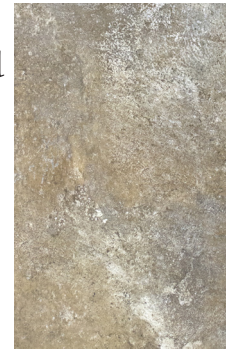
Thank you for giving your Facility Improvement Fund gifts. Some of our current projects are:

Church Vestibule carpet and repaint,
JP II Building carpet, repaint, restroom renovation, Drought-resistant landscaping



The Church vestibule will have the worn carpet removed and be replaced with a beautiful and durable luxury vinyl tile.

The interior of the vestibule will also be painted.



This summer's Facility Improvements



Worn carpet will be replaced with vinyl "wood" planks in the:

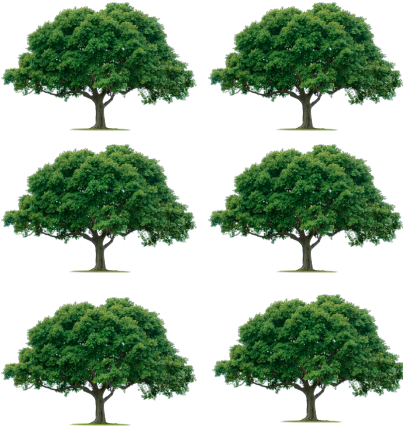
JP II Building hall,
All Saints room,
and Youth Center.



The carpeting in JP II Rooms 5 & 6 will be replaced.

All rooms will also be repainted.

Use E-giving to conserve our natural resources. Save paper!



St. Joseph's spends \$24,000 each year to print and mail offertory envelopes. Think about how many trees are used to print over 200,000 envelopes each year! E-giving will allow us to save trees and allocate more money to provide services for our parish community.



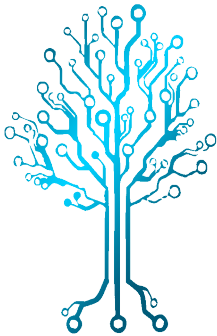
"Protecting the environment is a Christian duty not just reserved for "green" activists."

"The earth is the common home of humanity. It is a gift from God."

-Pope Francis

Now live! St. Joseph's Modesto Electronic giving

Become an online giver and handle all your Parish donations from the comfort and convenience of your home today! Please sign up for reoccurring offertory gifts, which will continue your gifts even when you are traveling.



STJMOD E-giving

- General Offertory
- Facility Improvement Fund
- St. Vincent de Paul Ministry
- Parish Scholarship Fund
- Respect Life
- Parish Scholarship
-And much more!

New, easy, secure, and convenient way to give.

Once you start utilizing our E-giving method for your weekly offertory, please use the E-giving cards in the pews during the offertory.

The E-giving button is located on our website at www.stjmod.com



Thank you for helping St. Joseph's Go Green!

Fr. Mark



St. Joseph's Events Calendar

July Events

July thru August 4th

Teen Mass and Breakfast

Tuesdays at 8am-2pm

Mass, youth room open hours, round table discussion, lunch



**SAVE THE DATE:
45th ANNUAL
PARISH FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 11, 12 & 13**



Sign-ups to volunteer at the festival start August 16th!

August Events

Saturday, August 1

I love St. Joseph's Day

Show your love for St. Joseph's as we come together to clean, fix, update and repair, our parish, our home.



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Begins with 8am Mass
8:30am Plaza Breakfast
Project time: 9am-12:30pm
BBQ Lunch: 12:30-1:30pm
Clean up: 1:30-2pm

Sign up on the Plaza that morning or call 551-4973 x202

Saturday, August 8-9th

Desert Days Retreat

For catechists and all who wish to learn and share the Faith with others. *Come out to the desert and meet Christ, the spring of living water.*

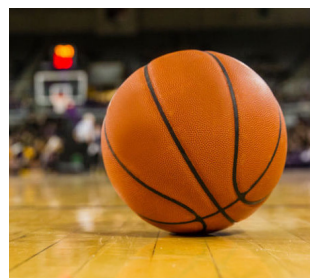


To sign up contact our Director of Religious Education at:

jmolloy@stjmod.com

Friday, August 14

World Youth Day Basketball game



Join us for a Priest and Seminarian vs WYD Pilgrims match.

St. Stanislaus Church Gym (on Maze next to St. Stanislaus School)



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THAT MAN IS YOU!

BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

That Man is You! is an interactive, multimedia men's program focused upon the development of authentic male leadership. Over the course of three years, That Man is You! successively considers men in their relationship to God, to their spouse and to their children.



The program content harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the

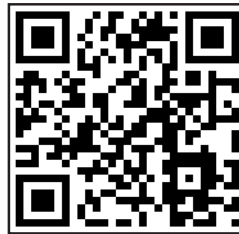
wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. It is particularly indebted to the teachings of the Second Vatican Council and Pope John Paul II.

That Man is You! is successful at attracting large numbers of men, including younger men still actively parenting, and then transforming their spiritual lives. Indeed, independent research from a Faith Advisor to The Gallup Poll reveals That Man is You! to be one of the most life transforming programs ever studied.

(Wednesday morning before work, includes breakfast)

Coming soon to
St. Joseph's Catholic Church

jmolloy@stjmod.com for more info



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OF FAMILIES

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm Sundays: 7:30am, 9am (Latin), 10:30am, 12noon, 1:30pm (Español), 5:30pm & 7:30pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word, 10:30am Sunday Mass and 1:30pm Spanish Mass

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday 8am & 5:45pm; Saturdays 8am

CONFESSION

Monday through Friday 5pm-5:30pm*

Saturdays 8:30-9:30am & 4-5pm

Homebound please call 551-4973 for a priest to visit you by appointment.

Our Parish Mission:
*To Evangelize God's People
Beginning with the Gift of the
Holy Eucharist.*

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