

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Families are invited to contact our parish office to receive an informational packet to reflect upon and consider. After completing and returning their baptism registration form, they will be contacted by the office and invited to participate in a baptism preparation session. Baptisms are scheduled on Saturday mornings.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children who are in first grade are invited to begin a two year process of preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Holy Communion. If your child is older than second grade and has not celebrated these sacraments, there is a two year process designed with parent participation to meet their needs.

CONFIRMATION

TEENS seeking full initiation into the Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to participate in a two year process, exploring our Catholic faith, Tradition, and call to be evangelizers of the faith through our words and deeds.

ADULTS who have been baptized but have not been confirmed are invited to an eight week process of catechesis and scripture, usually offered during lent. We invite those who are currently active in the Church to consider this opportunity to complete their initiation. The Sacrament is conferred by the Bishop the first weekend in May at a diocesan-wide celebration.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish office or go on-line to receive an informational Marriage Packet. After reviewing, you are asked to schedule a meeting with one of the priests in Elk Grove, or the deacon in Rancho Murieta. Arrangements need to be made at least six months in advance.

RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard Saturday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. in Elk Grove, and from 4:00 to 4:30 pm in Rancho Murieta. You may also call the priest of your choice for an appointment.

FAITH FORMATION

Catholic Faith Formation (CFF) sessions are offered for children in kindergarten through eighth grade.

We encourage continuous participation as the formation of our faith is an ongoing process. Each year the children are presented with a different aspect of our faith according to their age level, including preparation for the sacraments.

Sessions run from September through May and are held in Elk Grove and Rancho Murieta; Spanish sessions are held in Elk Grove.

Cathryn Geppert, EG
Nancy Kesthely, EG
Esther Cuellar-Valadez, EG
Donna Bowles, RM
Jimi Collons, RM

SESSIONS FOR K-6th GRADE

English sessions are held Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoons in Elk Grove.

Spanish sessions are held Saturday mornings

Rancho Murieta sessions are Tuesday afternoons.

SESSIONS FOR 7th and 8th GRADE

Junior high students who have been baptized and celebrate the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist are invited to begin preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is a two year process.

English sessions are held Tuesday or Wednesday evenings in Elk Grove;

EDGE sessions are Sunday evenings in RM.

Spanish sessions are held on Saturday afternoons

YOUTH GROUP

The goal of the Youth Group is to assist young adults in developing their faith and finding their place in the faith community. It is open to all students in 7th – 12th grade.

The High School group meets every other Sunday. The Jr. High group meets on the third Wednesday.

Spanish Youth Group meets on Friday.

Edge group meets Sunday evenings.

Jennifer Campbell, EG
Ellen Moe, RM

CONTACTS

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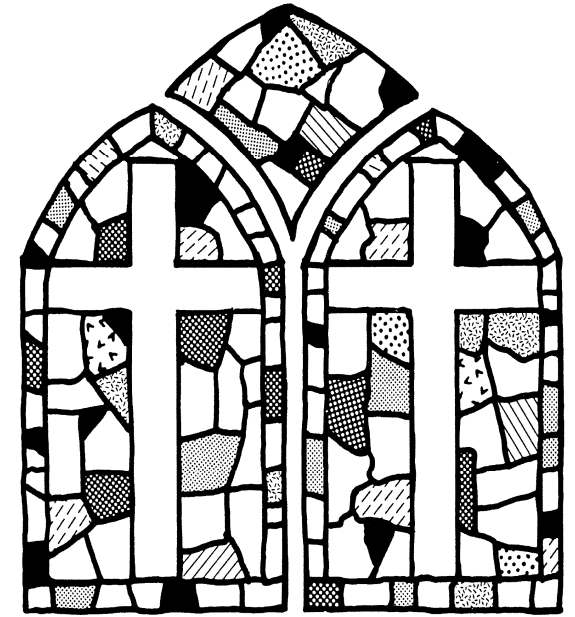
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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm
Sunday Mass 7:30, 9:00, 10:45 am
..... (Spanish) 1:00 pm
Monday –Friday 8:00 am
First Friday 7:00 pm
Holy Day Vigil 7:00 pm
Holy Day 8:00 am, 7:00 pm

ST. VINCENT de PAUL CHURCH

14673 Cantova Way, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683
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Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Wednesday Mass 8:30 am
Friday (Communion Svc) 8:30 am
Holy Day Vigil 7:00 pm

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

CATECHIST-CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Liturgy of the Word for Children is offered during the 9:00 and 10:45 Sunday Masses. Young children, age 4-9, are invited to a nearby room to explore the Scriptures at their level of understanding. They return to church for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Bill Yagley, 681-8669, EG
Bruce/Janet Cann, 354-1267, RM

ALTAR SERVER

Boys and girls who have received First Communion are invited to consider this ministry of service to God and His people during our Mass. Information and training is available. (Please contact the church office)

Stacy McCarley, 683-8270, EG
Jimi Collons, 354-2695, RM

LECTOR

Those who are fully initiated in our Church are invited to this ministry of proclaiming the Scriptures at Mass, bringing light and life to the Word of God.

Trish Lenkiewicz, EG
Shawn/Megan Kassel, RM
Please contact the church office

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Every adult who regularly participates in Sunday Mass, has a love of the Eucharist, and a desire to serve the Church, may be a Eucharistic Minister. Ministers must be prepared on the Eucharist and this ministry.

Mari Barragan, EG,
Ed Denison, RM
Please contact the church office

CHOIR - MUSIC MINISTRY

Our Masses are enhanced by the music of many different choirs. Speak to the choir director after Mass for more information about practice times.

Amy Roberts, EG
Ray Guertin, RM
Please contact church office

WAYS TO SERVE—OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

CATECHIST

As a catechist, parishioners have the opportunity to transfer our faith to the youth (K-8) of our parish. Ideally, each Faith Formation (CFF) session has a team of two to three catechists working with a group of approximately twenty children each week.

The CFF calendar runs from September through May. Training is available to help enhance your catechetical and personal faith development.

Please contact the church office

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

Once a week, Eucharistic Ministers bring Holy Communion to the homebound of the parish. Call the office if you know someone who cannot attend Mass but would like to receive the Eucharist.

Please contact the church office, EG
Dianne Larson, 354-1423, RM

COMMUNION PRAYER SERVICES

The Liturgy of the Word, prayer, and reception of the Eucharist is provided for residents and patients confined in retirement and convalescent facilities where Mass attendance is not available. Catechist and Eucharistic Ministers conduct the services.

Richard Schloemann, Coordinator, 685-1950, EG

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The purpose of this ministry is to comfort and meet the needs of those who mourn. The Elk Grove support group meets for seven sessions starting in January.

Marlene Fadness, EG
Laurie Beck, RM

USHERS/HOSPITALITY

Ushers welcome parishioners and visitors to Sunday Mass, and thereby draw people together with a sense of unity and purpose.

Contact an usher at the mass you attend, EG
Othell Jackson, RM

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which people become members of the Catholic Church. Sessions are held in the evening starting in September. Members are welcomed into the Church during the Holy Saturday Vigil.

Sr. Nancy McInerney, EG
Bob Hanson, 354-2417, RM

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Society meets the first Tuesday of each month. They sponsor programs such as the Brown Bag Program, which provides specialty foods to seniors, shut-ins and disabled persons; quarterly visits to convalescent homes; and home visitations. New members are always welcome.

Nina Heim, President, EG
Lynn King, 687-6442, RM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are involved in many activities of the parish, diocese and local community. Meetings are held on Thursday evenings in the St. Mary room in the Social Hall. Contact the Grand Knight for more information.

Jeff Ecker, Grand Knight, EG
Russ Tereau, Deputy Grand Knight, EG

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP—FCCW

The Fellowship of Catholic Christian A study group open to all Christian women that meets twice a month on Thursday evenings in the Renwald Room

Co-Facilitators: GERALYN BOLLONG, 685-7284
Jeanne Ecker, 682-6432

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School serves students from K-8 from both St. Joseph and Good Shepherd parishes. The school is located in Laguna, next to Good Shepherd Church.

Trina Koontz, Principal, 684-7903

PASTORAL MINISTRIES

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council serves in an advisory capacity to assist the pastor in serving the parish community by exploring the needs of the parish.

Simone Peterson, Chair, EG
Marie Hanson, Chair, RM

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Council functions as a consultative body to the pastor. This committee monitors the financial condition of the parish including every expense and income.

Michael Jones, Chair, EG

LITURGY COMMITTEE

The Liturgy Committee meets quarterly in Elk Grove and monthly in Rancho Murieta to plan the liturgy for Sunday and special occasions. The committee focuses on liturgical themes, environment and music.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

PRAYER GROUP—RM

The Prayer group meets Monday evenings at 7 pm in the church. The meeting includes Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and other prayers.

Lynn King, 687-6442, RM

VOCATIONS CROSS—RM

Parishioners take a special crucifix home and pray for vocations. The cross travels to a different family each month. Sign-up sheets are in the RM vestibule.

Marge/Bob Coffman, 354-1744, RM