



**NEW THIS YEAR!**

A "SHOWCASE" of publishers - Friday evening, March 20<sup>th</sup> 6-8PM @ St. Mary's High School. A FREE event to preview new materials, programs and publications available for bilingual catechetical programs, ministry and liturgy, and liturgical music. It will be a one-on-one visit with the representatives of Sadlier, Harcourt, GIA, and Resource Publications, to listen, ask questions, and learn how their resources can enrich and renew parish programs.

Just check the box on the Registration Form and we'll save a seat for you!

**THANK YOU, BISHOP BLAIRE!**

Come celebrate Bishop Stephen Blaire's 10 years of service to our diocese! Evening Prayer of Thanksgiving, **March 3, 2009 7:00PM** at the **CATHEDRAL OF THE ANNUNCIATION**. A reception with refreshments and entertainment to follow.

Everyone is invited!

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**"JOY OF THE FAITH"**

Let's rendezvous at HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH for a lesson on the Ten Commandments. Meetings will be held for two hours on the **first and third WEDNESDAY** night of each month from **6-8pm**.

Located in **Room 2**.

**SEE YOU THERE!**

Questions? Call Sharon Allen, R.C.I.A. Assistant @ 887-9546. Please be prepared to leave a msg.

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**6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC RETREAT 2009**

**"TRUE BREAD FROM HEAVEN"**

Please join us on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>  
10am to 4 pm  
(5pm Mass will follow the Retreat)  
St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church  
505 N. Main Street, Manteca

See next week's Bulletin for more information – **RESERVE THE DATE!**

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**CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER**

Mark your Calendars for **MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>**.

Tickets will be \$20.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children with no host cocktails at 5:30pm and dinner at 6:30pm at the Linden Lion's Club.

Also, if anyone could donate a RAFFLE PRIZE, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please call Diana Zaklan @ 887-3028 to reserve tickets or make arrangements to pick up donated raffle prizes.

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

*St. Mary's Interfaith Community Services is in desperate need of all types of men's clothing and paperback books for our clients that we serve every day. Please contact their office at 209.467.0703 to schedule a pick up. Your generosity toward the needs of our brothers is greatly appreciated ... here and in heaven!*

*Do you have an announcement that needs to go into the Bulletin? ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS MUST BE TURNED IN – FAXED OR E-MAILED – TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY TUESDAY, 12:00 NOON  
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL PAT @ 941-2268*

**LENT RESOLUTIONS**

**PRAYER**

Resolve this Lent to pray more. Avoid telling yourself that there is no time for prayer. Be inventive. As you get ready for the day, in the shower, on your way to work, during lunch, on your way home, while preparing dinner – there are always a few moments for prayer.

**FASTING**

Resolve this Lent to fast. Start your fasting with small things: no jam on your toast, no soft drink for lunch, no afternoon snack, no dessert with dinner. Fasting has been called "the prayer of the body." When we consciously deny ourselves some small pleasure, we almost automatically become more attentive to things that really matter; like our relationship to God.

**ALMSGIVING**

Resolve this Lent to remember the needy. We think of fasting as giving something *up*. Think of almsgiving (or charity toward the poor) as giving something *back*. Designate your snack money for the parish poor box. Take the bus a few days each week, and the money saved could be sent to an organization that provides transportation for the needy. Giving of our time is equally valuable. Volunteering at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter will make us more aware of the needs of the poor and build solidarity with them.