

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Newsletter – April 2024



Contact Us

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Address:

21396 Hwy. 175

P.O. Box 1350

Middletown, CA 95461

Tel: 707-987-3676

Fax: 707-987-2792

email: stjoseph11@att.net

Phone Numbers:

Father Lawrence: 707-987-3676

Sandy Hood: 707-513-3991

Debbie Heidary: 707-292-5967

Our Lady of the Lake

Mission Church

12836 Hwy 175

Loch Lomond, CA 95461

www.stjoseph-middletown.com

Dear Parishioners,

Easter Blessings and Peace from the Risen Christ!

Isn't it spiritually inspiring that the celebration of the Easter Season always coincides with the spring season? We feel the earth rejoicing and joining our singing of alleluia. We observe the sprouting of greenery and blossoms around us. The days become longer and we sense the gentle warmth of the sun. Indeed, life has arisen! Easter is a celebration of the springing forth of life over death, light over darkness, warmth over coldness and hope over despair.

This month, we completed the First Communion and Confirmation classes. My deepest gratitude to Pam Quiroz, teacher of the Confirmation class, and her assistants, Elizabeth Weiss and Martha O'Brien for freely and cheerfully sharing their time, talents and treasures in the spiritual formation of our young generation. In the same way, my great thanks to Olivia Campos Jaramillo, teacher of the First Communion class, and her assistant Veronica Diaz. Finally, yet importantly, thanks to the directress of our religious education, Patricia Giacomini.

Next month, we will be celebrating the first Sacrament of Reconciliation and the first Reception of the Holy Eucharist (First Communion) of our fourteen students namely: **Alyson Hernandez Calderon, Dominic Hernandez Calderon, Josselyn Juarez Calderon, Aaron Alejandro Chaires, Viridiana Aurora Nunes Garcia, Jackeline Molinero Hernandez, Jaylene Molinero Hernandez, Jennifer Guadalupe Tapia Herrera, Jack Millerick, Claire Elizabeth Nerius, Ruben Mauricio Velasquez Nunez, Dylan Johadry Gaytan Salas, Eduardo Yandel Gaytan Salas and Elian Valentino Gaytan Salas.** To the parents and guardians of our students, my heartfelt thanks for your support, dedication, and patience in bringing them to the classes.

I am so amazed and grateful for the generosity of our parishioners who responded to the call to share their Easter blessings especially with our St. Joseph Roof Project. At present, we have \$20,000 in our account, 41% of our goal of \$46,000. Moved by your continued generosity and support, I am inspired to expedite the roof repair while the weather permits.

As a gentle reminder, please join our Annual St. Joseph Banquet Fundraising specifically for our insurance premium this coming June 29 (Saturday) at Twin Pine Casino and Hotel and of course, please get your tickets for the Feast with the Priest sponsored by Patrick and Liza Lamberts. I thank you, too, for your donations to the Diocese-Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA). Our latest report shows pledges equaling \$9,125 which is \$3,375 short of our goal of \$12,500.

I firmly believe that God our Father and Jesus our Good Shepherd will continue to provide for all of the projects and needs of our Parish!

My special thanks to Jane Cauley and the rest of our Fundraising Committee for their zeal, enthusiasm and untiring efforts in raising funds for the needs of our parish especially for the insurance premium of our three Churches and for our roof project.

Continued on next page.

Mass Times

St. Joseph

Tuesday – Friday
8:30 a.m.

Sunday's at 9:30 a.m.
and
4:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Our Lady of the Lake Loch Lomond

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Pines

Sunday's at 11:30 am.



SaintJosephMiddletown



Please pray for the sick in our parish and those who care for them.... Charlotte Baker, Charlie Bigelow, Larry Boll, Lourdes Borzoni Susan Conley, Hector Guerra, Alysia Hash, Jasmine Hash, Linda Hoogendoorn, John Johnson, Andre Kelley, Judy Knight, Helen Kruljac, Coleen McCluskey, Ines Mendoza, Elsa Meyer, Shirley Milner, Don Nielsen, Andres Ochoa, Joaquina Ortega, Tyrone Rivera, Melody Royvel, Jim Serventi, Kirt Smartt, Judith Spears, Debbie Spicart, Leslie Thomas, Toni Vecellio, and special intentions for all who suffer from cancer.

My dear parishioners, I urge you and your families to continue praying the Holy Rosary and the Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament especially for peace in our homes and in the whole world. Let us also pray for the conversion of sinners and may God touch the hearts of all leaders of the world that they may learn to lead in accordance to the will of God! Entrusting our Parish families and communities to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to our Parish Patron Saint Joseph!

To God be the Glory!!!

In His Service,

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza
Pastor
St. Joseph Catholic Church

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We continue to accept auction items for our Banquet Fundraiser. Bring your donations to the office and be prepared to complete the donation form.
- AMA 2024 latest report shows pledges equaling \$9,125 towards our goal of \$12,500. We are looking at an additional \$3375 to meet our goal. If you have not sent in your pledge, please do so as soon as possible. Last year our return from the Diocese was \$1414.

- Lake County Passion Play May 18 & 19 this year.

- Sign-up sheets available in the back of St. Joseph for Eucharistic Adoration scheduled every first Friday of the month.
9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Visit our website for a copy of the weekly newsletter.

stjoseph-middletown.com

St. Joseph Catholic Church Annual Banquet Fundraiser

Saturday, June 29, 2024

Twin Pine Casino & Hotel
Event Center

22223 State Highway 29, Middletown

5:00 p.m. Doors Open

Silent Auction preview and bidding

6:00 p.m. Dinner

Live Auction immediately following dinner
and Feast with the Priest Drawing

Choice of Roast Beef or Pasta Primavera plus
mashed potatoes, vegetables, rolls, & dessert.
(Vegan alternative available if requested in advance)

Proceeds from this event will be used to pay the
annual insurance premiums for 2024-2025 for the
three churches in our Parish.

\$65 per person (includes 2 glasses of wine)

Tickets available after mass or by calling the office
707 987-3676.

~~ Advance purchase required ~~

March 2024 Collection Totals			
	1st	2nd	Total
03/2-3/2024	\$ 1,555.00	\$ 2,896.00	\$ 4,451.00
03/9-10/2024	\$ 1,433.00	\$ 1,602.00	\$ 3,035.00
03/16-17/2024	\$ 1,641.00	\$ 1,821.00	\$ 3,462.00
3/19/2024	\$ 212.00	\$ -	\$ 212.00
03/23-24/2024	\$ 1,307.00	\$ 1,439.00	\$ 2,746.00
03/28-31/2024	\$ 9,141.00	\$ -	\$ 9,141.00
Total Received	\$ 15,289.00	\$ 7,758.00	\$ 23,047.00
	Monthly Target		\$ 17,202.00
	Overage/Loss		\$ 5,845.00