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If your loved one is out of the military please call -4984 to add or remove names as space is limited.

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TALENT SHOW – Saturday June 16th
Do you have talent?
Of course you do!
Come share that talent with your Parish family on Saturday, June 16th at 7:00pm.
If you can sing, dance, play piano or guitar or Native American drum, tell FUNNY jokes, or another talent that would be suitable for an audience in the church, please call or email Elaine at (559) 307-4216 or elaine@divivesavior.com to set up a time to “audition”. Auditions are not to assess skill level, only appropriateness, length and program placement. Soloists and groups welcome.

LEGAL OF LOOKING FOR CHILDREN’S BOOKS
GET ON THE BUS MINISTRY RETURNS!
The Lay Salvatorians of DS parish, along with the Knights of Columbus, will be hosting children traveling to visit their incarcerated parents at Folson Prison in June. We are looking for gently used and new children’s books for birth-teens to give to them as they arrive for their day with their parent. This was hugely successful when we did it in prior years, and we’d like to gift the children again this year. Please drop off your books in the Vestibule in the designated containers from now until June 23. This is a great opportunity for us to support children in their literacy development and express our care and support of them growing into productive citizens.
Questions? Jan Bencken 916-987-1836

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND
If you are interested in this ministry please email me at mthmaryk@outlook.com for further information. We take communion to residents in 6 facilities and also to those who request private communion because they can’t get out to Mass for an extended period. Mary Frontiera

Vocations Cross
Saturday, June 9th at the 4:30pm Mass, Frank & Dorothy Donner will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5; Ps 16:1b, 5; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-18; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday: Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Is God calling you?
Interested in becoming a Catholic?
Have you been coming here and want to know more about the Catholic faith? Never been baptized? Want to make your First Communion? Contact Sharon at the parish office, 989-7400 or sharon@divivesavior.com.
She will explain the process called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults), which provides a safe place for you to explore your spiritual desires using the scriptures and receiving support and guidance from the parish community.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Manna, Food from Heaven!
Manna Ministry is a pastoral care outreach that was begun by 11 women when the parish was founded in 1987. Some of the founders are still preparing loving meals. Manna provides temporary, supplemental meals, when there is a newborn in the home, or when someone is down and out due to an illness, an injury, or the death of a loved one. Please tell anyone you know who could benefit from this service about Manna. Encourage them to call or offer to call for them. For more information, a meal request, or to volunteer, please call Denise Verbeck at 967-5110 or the parish office at 989-7400.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Collar Cup (Soccer Match Priests vs. Seminarians), Saturday, June 23, 2018 at Papa Murphy’s Park, 1600 Exposition Blvd. Please purchase your tickets by June 15th either online at www.CollarCup.com or at a parish, to get the discounted price for children ages 3-10 ($15). After June 15th, all tickets will cost $20 per (Children under age 3 are free). You can contact the Office of Vocations to find out parishes that have tickets available for sale at their site until June 15th. The cost of the ticket includes the entry to the professional soccer game of the day. Don’t miss this opportunity! For more information, please call (916) 733-0258.

Oblate Sisters of St. Joseph
Vocation Retreat for women seeking the joy of the Lord. Single Catholic women age 18-35 are invited to join us June 18-June 22nd for this free retreat. Join us at Marello Youth Retreat Center, 6530 Wells Avenue, Loomis. Please RSVP by June 11 to Sr. Denia Silva at osjsdenia@yahoo.com or Fr. Sergio Perez at vocations@osjusa.org.