

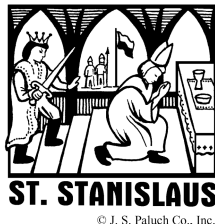
**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

In Jesus' rereading and explanation of the scriptures and through the gift of himself in breaking bread with the two disciples, suffering and salvation come together; dying and rising become one great act of the love God has for sinners. Each time we remember and celebrate this action at Mass, our hearts burn with the recognition that Jesus is present. As we travel through this life together, he is continually retelling the story that is my life and yours. *Am I able to hear Jesus speak in the proclamation of the word? Do I recognize him in the breadding of the bread?*

**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

*April 11 – St. Stanislaus, bishop and martyr –*

Stanislaus, born in 1030, became the bishop of Cracow, Poland; he is remembered with Saints Thomas More and Thomas Becket for the vigorous opposition to the evils of an unjust government. He openly and vehemently spoke against the unjust wars and immoral acts of King Boleslaus II. In spite of charges of treason and threats of death, Stanislaus continued his opposition, excommunicating the king. The latter, enraged, ordered soldiers to kill the bishop. When they refused, the king killed him with his own hands in 1079. *Are you like one of these prophets to dare to denounce corruption in high places? Do you point the finger at the moral corruption in the leadership today?*



**Parking Lot News**

On Sunday, April 13, at 10:30 AM all members of the Parish and Finance Council as well as the Planning Committee are invited for a joint session in regards to our parking lot. We will be discussing the bidding offers and the future plan of action. The results will be published in the bulletin and all parishioners will receive a letter in soliciting help with this major project of our parish. Today's second collection is for this purpose – thank you for your generous donation!

**Bishop's Annual Ministries Appeal Update**

Thank you to the 61 families who have pledged a total of \$13,105 to the Bishop's Annual Ministries Appeal (BMA). We have reached our diocesan goal of \$9,800. Any donations made now will be returned to our parish. It is not too late to pledge. Envelopes are available on the tables near the church entrance.

***Please pray for the sick.....***

Mary Collins, Cornelia Carey, Laverne Fisher, Kathleen Harms, Richard Macedo, Katherine McMicking, Betty Fiscalini, Jim Adams, Glen Graham, Mary Lennan, Laura Edwards, Linda Hotchkiss, Michele Krohn, Jim Greathouse, Elie Crettol, Steve Richardson, Timothy Maschler, Michelle Moran, Fr. Scott Hill, Robert Brennan, Charlotte Greathouse, Betty Williams, Louis Fiscalini, Bob Lennan, Edward Sullivan, Tammy Graham, Stephanie Malone, Veronica Swierk, Dennis Manders, Dwayne Kasulka, Gary Pontrelli, Amy Shultz, John Nasralla, Philip Rapuano, Thomas Kelley.



**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

<u>Last Weekend</u>	
Plate:	\$3,839.00
Other Donations	\$2,347.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,186.00</b>
Budgeted Expenses:	\$6,103.00
Social Outreach:	\$1,103.00

***Thank You for Your Support!***

**Men's Club to Meet**

The April meeting of the Men's Club will take place on Tuesday, the 15th, at 6:00 PM in the hall. All men of the parish are invited for a great meal and fellowship. Please use the sign-up sheet near the church entrance to let us know you will be attending.



Sat., 5:00 PM– Intentions of Mike Brennan & the Davidson children; + Lucille Kennedy  
Sun., 9:00 AM- +Tony & Kathryn Williams; + Lucille Kenenedy  
Sun., 6:00 PM– People of the Parish  
Mon., 9:00 AM– Communion Service  
Tues., 9:00 AM– Communion Service  
Wed., 9:00 AM– +James Alexander, +Al Bohland & Easter Lily Intentions  
Thurs., 9:00 AM- +Bob O’Bryan & +Al Bohland

**Mark Your Calendar!- Cinco de Mayo** celebration at Santa Rosa on Sat., May 3rd, from 3-8 PM. Food! Fun! Music!

**Baptism Preparation**– Class on Wed., April 9th, 7:00 PM in the hall for parents/godparents. Please call Sr. Pauline (924-1728).

## CALIFORNIA MARRIAGE AMENDMENT

**Project:** “Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California.”

**The goal:** raising 2 million to put the California Marriage Amendment on the November 2008 ballot.

**Background:** In 2000, over 60% of Californians approved Prop. 22, which defined marriage as the union of husband and wife. Same-sex couples have filed suit challenging it. California Supreme Court will rule probably by the summer of this year. The State Attorney General is not trying hard to defend the law. The California Marriage Amendment puts Proposition 22 in the state constitution, where the courts and the legislature may not overturn it. A total of 790,000 valid signatures (or about 1.1 million raw signatures) must be collected by April 20 to get on the November ballot.

**Why marriage?** Because “marriage is the very basis of co-existence and the future of our society,” Pope Benedict XVI said during the traditional New Year’s greeting on January 10 of this year. Marriage is our most fundamental institution for protecting children; it’s the way we teach young men and women they need to come together to make and raise the next generation. If we let the courts redefine marriage, our government and tax dollars will be used to teach the next generation this cross-cultural historic understanding of marriage is only based on irrational hatred and bigotry. Our government will teach our children that our faith’s understanding of marriage is discriminatory.

**Sign the yellow ballots at the entrance of the Church and stand up for your belief and faith!**

## Reflections – our own Emmaus journey...

Human beings are people on the move, pilgrims embarked on the journey of life. There are times when we walk filled with spirit and hope; there are times when our hopes and dreams vanish, and we walk in sadness and defeat without a set horizon. We often ask ourselves why we have to endure illnesses, deaths, discriminations, and failure. We question why it seems that our family is on the verge of breaking up, why our relationships don’t seem to work out and how to raise our adolescent children in a difficult time. We are often afraid of starting over and the struggles that come with it. The thought of another failure seems to paralyze us.

This is the journey of our life; our very own Emmaus. It is also true that often people close to us, despite all their difficulties, continue fighting because they found a greater sense of values. Such a discovery, which is too often born out of our pain, takes us to a new horizon filled with hope and new dreams. It is people such as these that have given us the reasons to continue forward.

There are also times when we have to find strength from a scripture in the Bible. Deep down, it is in the presence of the resurrected Jesus, always present along the journey, that illuminates our intelligence and revitalizes our heart. Just as the disciples of Emmaus, we must sit with Jesus at his table and share in the bread of the Word and of Eucharist. It is here where we will find the most profound reasons to hope and to strive for a better world. And when we recover our strength and energy, it is our duty as pilgrims of Emmaus, to return to our community and give testimony of hope, that is, to proclaim the Good News of the resurrection of Jesus who is the Bread of Life. *What experiences of disappointment and despair have I endured lately? What helped me to get ahead? What role did my faith play during those moments of despair? What did I learn from it? Have I encountered people who have given me a strong sense of faith and hope? How did I feel? When have I been called to help others who are suffering emotionally or physically? How did I help them? Do I feel the presence of Jesus during these moments?*