Pastor’s Corner

My brothers and sisters,

This weekend, we launch our global initiative, *Kids Against Hunger*. Some perspective...

In a distant corner of the world, the sand and dust swirl across a parched landscape. As the air clears, it reveals the faint image of a woman, crouched close to the ground and holding up the hand of a child, barely six years old. A man dressed in flowing white robes stands before her. You would be forgiven for thinking that he is the child’s father. But the barren landscape on which these three individuals find themselves is no ordinary place and the scene does not depict a family.

It is a set of tragic circumstances that has put this mother and child on a collision course with the stranger dressed in white and a world of untold horror. The place is sub-Saharan Africa, on the most notorious trade route on the

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continent. Here, the precious cargo is a child. She is just one of 200,000 children who are traded and sold into slavery each year in West Africa alone.

On this occasion the little girl is being sold for $5 because her mother is desperate beyond belief. She has three other children and this money will keep them alive for another week. As a parent, how does one decide which child to sacrifice?

It is a choice no parent in this country is ever likely to face. Why then should we care about one mother’s circumstances that appear so extreme and removed from our own experience? If we accept the Church’s teachings that we are “One Human Family” whatever our national, racial, economic or ideological differences, then we must accept that we are indeed our brothers’ and sisters’ advocate, wherever they may be.

**Kids Against Hunger** allows us to help feed children in over 70 countries. As the story you have just read indicates, it’s the basic nutrition the child needs on the one hand; it’s providing real hope for the beginnings of a future on the other hand. More information on our activities can be found on the back of the bulletin. If you have any question, please contact the parish office.

I hope to see you on August 25th to pack meals to feed others and feed our community at the same time.

Fr. Paul
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Scripture Readings
August 5
Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
John 6:24-35

Rosary
St. Augustine Church
Monday through Saturday at 8:00 AM
St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel
Monday through Friday at 11:30 AM

Angelus
St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel
Monday through Friday at Noon

Immigration Forum
July 29, 2018: 2:00pm - 4:00pm
St. Charles Borromeo Church
Hear the stories behind the news from the people on the front lines. Speakers will include recent immigrants, immigration attorneys and others who work with immigrants.

Thank You From Fr. Paul
A hearty THANK YOU for the lovely remembrance of my 25th anniversary of ordination. We will be celebrating the occasion on Saturday, September 8th at the 5:00 PM mass and a reception will follow. My actual ordination date is September 11th, 1993. I love my life and ministry as a priest and I cherish the gift to pastor the Catholic Community of Pleasanton.

Blessings,
Fr. Paul

Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola
Tuesday, July 31 at 5:00 PM
Cathedral of Christ the Light
Bishop Barber cordially invites all the Faithful of the Diocese to join him to celebrate the Feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits.

A solemn Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Christ the Light on Tuesday, July 31 at 5:00 PM.

Adult Confirmation
Adults interested in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, contact Matt Gray at (925) 202-5425.

Human Trafficking Training
Want to know more about human trafficking in the East Bay? Don't have time for a lengthy training series? Feel like you don't have a good grasp on the issue? Want more details in order to develop an informed opinion/stance? Wish you could train but don't have childcare? Come to a one-time Day Star Training, they're happening each Monday night in July and August! We have info and snacks and childcare! Seating is limited. Register to attend FREE Human Trafficking Information Session at https://tinyurl.com/y7v4spd7

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED
Timothy John Berkley
Samuel Kaiser
Peggy Zanatta
Licia Silva Matos
Robert John Rosic
Rick McKenna
Adoracion Salazar
Heliodoro Zambrano
Ward Belding
Bishop Rich Garcia of Monterey

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Lisa Dacanay
Cynthia Suzara
Nancy Runley
Ernesto Aragon
Antonio Domingo
Kyle McKittrick
Corazon Banzon
Jim Ferenz
Charleen Burkhardt
Agnes Fuentes
Ernesto Aragon
Andrew Holmes
Michael Miller
Maria Cruz
Bi-Monthly Grief Workshops
Our bi-monthly workshop for grief support will be held **August 9 and 23**. These meetings will be at **7:30 PM** at St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

Faith Formation Registration
In case you missed registration, we will have another registration opportunity on **August 14 in St. Augustine Hall**. If you have any questions, call the office at (925) 846-3531.

St Vincent de Paul
CCOP Conference Update
The following is a recap of how we have helped our clients with the last 5th Sunday funds the parish provided our conference in April.

- **Rent**: 7 Assisted, $4360 total paid.
- **Groceries Gift Cards**: 21 Assisted, $1280 total paid.
- **PG&E**: 3 Assisted, $809 total paid.
- **Motel Nights**: 8 Assisted, 23 Days, $1950 total paid

We thank the parish for allowing us to assist those in our community most in need and would ask next weekend you consider us again during the second collection for St Vincent de Paul. Thank You!

St. Michael’s Is Hiring!
St. Michael School in Livermore is hiring! They are looking for teacher’s assistants as well as after school care assistants. Please see their website for more information: https://smsliv.org/hiring.

RCIA: Come and See
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process that adults complete to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Contact Matt Gray at (925) 202-5425 or mgray@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

Eucharistic Adoration
Seeking quiet time for prayer and meditation? Come join us for Eucharistic Adoration at St. Augustine and St. Elizabeth Seton. This is a great opportunity during these hectic times to sit quietly, clear your mind of all busyness and be present to Our Lord – let Him minister to you.

ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH
1st Friday Every Month
9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Coordinator: Ernie (925) 846-7831

Last Friday of Each Month (Spanish)
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Coordinator: Ernesto (925) 640-1595

ST. ELIZABETH SETON CHAPEL
Mondays and Wednesdays
12:45 PM – 6:30 PM
Coordinators: Linda (925) 462-0974
Sharon (925) 462-8625

Giving Made Easy (GME)
Make your Arise & Build, Sunday and Special offerings via Credit Card or Checking Account.

1. Go to the CCOP website.
2. Click on Giving/Giving Made Easy.
3. Click on “Enroll and Update Account” and set up your account.

If your credit card changes, please remember to update your account information using the same login. Thank you!

Kelly Moore Paint
Parishioners, families, employees and members of the Catholic Diocese of Oakland who purchase paint through the Kelly Moore Paint Company can receive a KM Club Discount and have a portion of the purchase gifted back to the Diocese. Please use the Diocese of Oakland Parishioners KM Club Account 605-DI4711.
Join us to provide meals to hungry families around the world by volunteering just two hours of your time!

The Social Justice Committee, with Fr. Paul’s support, invites all members of our Parish to promote Global Solidarity by spending just two hours packing meals for hungry children in partnership with Kids Against Hunger.

- Every 6 seconds a child dies, nearly 16,000 every day, due to hunger related causes.
- 15.3 million children under the age of 18 in the US are unable to consistently access enough nutritious food necessary for a healthy life
- In 2014-2016, 795 million of the 7.3 billion people in the world, or one in nine, were suffering from chronic undernourishment

Kids Against Hunger is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide nutritious food to impoverished children and families around the world...and around the corner. They organize meal-packing events where volunteers assemble meals for hungry and starving children all over the world. Visit www.kahbayarea.org for more information.

WHAT: Spend just two hours helping to pack meals for hungry children.

WHY: Jesus said “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

WHEN & WHERE: 10:00 a.m., Saturday August 25, 2018 at St. Augustine Hall.

WHO: Adults and children 8 years and older.

HOW: Sign up at Kids Against Hunger in the News & Events section on the CCOP website. Donations are optional but welcome when signing up.

Our goal is to have 150 volunteers. So invite your family and friends and stay for the BBQ at the end! For more information contact Lisa Schibler at lschibler13@gmail.com or phone (925) 989-6282.