

## Parish Office and Catholic Community News

**Parish Staff and Office Hours** — The Parish Staff is usually available to serve you during the following hours:

- ◆ Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am-11:30 am/12:30 pm-7:30 pm
- ◆ Friday: 8:30 am-11:30 am/12:30 pm-5:00 pm
- ◆ Saturday: 9:00 am-2:00 pm
- ◆ Sunday: 8:30 am-2:00 pm

After hours **emergency** pager: 897-6371.

**Room Scheduling Procedure** — Requests for room space at St. Raphael are accepted **in writing** on the forms available in the Parish Office. Requests are processed one day a week (on Mondays).

### Building Fund Update

#### The Parish Building Fund collection is now complete!

Thank you to all the dedicated parishioners and generous donors to the long-term Parish Building Fund. Because of your generosity, we have been able to complete and pay for several parish improvement projects, including a new school roof, school fumigation, the property line fence, and parking lot repairs. We realize the many sacrifices you have made, especially in the current economy, and appreciate your support of our parish community.

### Catholic Community News

**Marriage Encounter** — For information and the dates of upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends, visit the website [www.wvme-la-north.org](http://www.wvme-la-north.org), or call Russ and Jeanine Walker, (805) 648-4244. You can also email: [walkerrjbp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:walkerrjbp@sbcglobal.net).

**Medical Network** — Pregnancy options, counseling, post-abortion support groups, parenting and adoption support. All info is free and confidential. Call 967-9096.

**Catholic Counseling** — Sliding scale fee based on family income. For more information, call 965-7045 x10 (English), and extension 114 for Bilingual-Spanish.

**Vocation Information** — A Priesthood Discernment Retreat is offered twice a year for men with a college degree who are considering the diocesan priesthood. Call Father James Forsen at (213) 637-7515, or you may email: [frjrforsen@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:frjrforsen@la-archdiocese.org).

**Faith and Film** — Free movies at the Mission Renewal Center on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 6:30 pm in the Bonaventure Room. The movie for Monday, February 22 will be *Simon Birch* (1998).

**Mentors Needed** — Hospice of Santa Barbara (HSB) is seeking volunteers for the I Have a Friend® Mentor program. I Have a Friend® Mentors are adults who have lost a parent or sibling in their childhood and are ready to help a recently bereaved child with their grief. There is an increased need for bilingual and male volunteers. Mentor Spring Training starts March 2 at 6:00 pm. Volunteers must be able to commit to a minimum of one year of service to a child including weekly visits and activities. All mentors must also pass a thorough background check, complete comprehensive training and attend quarterly support and training meetings. For an application or for more info, contact Joy at (805) 563-8820 or visit the HSB website: [hospiceofsantabarbara.org](http://hospiceofsantabarbara.org).

**Miles Christi Men's Group** — Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, weekly meetings are designed to help increase knowledge and love of Christ and His Church. Meetings are held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. For more information, contact Robert Rocha at 252-9827, [sbrocha@hotmail.com](mailto:sbrocha@hotmail.com); or contact Jim McClellan at 964-2709, [mccllellan4sb@hotmail.com](mailto:mccllellan4sb@hotmail.com). Website: [mileschristimensgroup.blogspot.com](http://mileschristimensgroup.blogspot.com).

**United States Census 2010** — Be counted in 2010. Complete and return your Census form. It is easy, safe, and important. More info: [www.census.gov/2010census](http://www.census.gov/2010census).

### Protecting Our Children

Does your child know what to do when he or she gets an e-mail from an unknown person? If you are allowing your children to communicate with others online, be aware that they will be exposed to spam. The easiest way to avoid spam is to make sure that your children do not give out their personal information or e-mail address to anyone they do not know. Adjust the security settings on their e-mail account to filter or block unwanted messages. Encourage your children to delete any messages they get from anyone they don't know. Even when your children get e-mail or instant messages from people they know, make sure that they scan everything they are downloading for viruses first. You can do this by making sure that you have your antivirus software up to date.

For more information, please visit: [www.netSMARTZ.org/safety/safetytips.htm](http://www.netSMARTZ.org/safety/safetytips.htm). For particular help, call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.