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The mission of the Catholic Community at Stanford (CC@S) is to develop and form well educated, passionate, and faithful Catholic leaders in order to bring positive change to their disciplines, communities, Church, and world.

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Sunday Masses: August 24, 2014

- 10:30 am in 3rd Floor - Old Union
- 4:30 pm in Memorial Church

Daily Liturgy:

M T W and F in Memorial Church
(No Daily Mass on Thursdays)

Confessions:
Sunday mornings from 9:15am to 10:15am
at Old Union 3rd Floor offices,
or by appointment: call 415-336-4203

Marriage
To arrange a Catholic Wedding, call the wedding coordinator at Memorial Church at 650-723-9531.

Infant Baptisms
Baptism is celebrated once per quarter. For more information, please visit http://catholic.stanford.edu/baptisms/eligibility.html or contact Teresa Pleins tpleins@stanford.edu.

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Dear Prayer Partner, please pray for:

* At the end of Mass place your name tag in this space.
* Write a prayer petition.
* Exchange this bulletin with someone you don’t yet know.
* Take their bulletin home and keep them in your prayers all week.

A Big Hairy Audatious Goal to build community.

Good News About You!

Gallup has a wonderful book called “Living Your Strengths”, and by using a unique code in the book you can take an online inventory that identifies your top 5 signature talents. Each person is richly blessed. You are using these talents even now, but people often don’t recognize what their talents are and misuse them. With knowledge and practice you can turn those talents into strengths, i.e. near perfect performance. “Strength Finders” is also a wonderful way of learning how to understand and appreciate others.

We would investigate your leadership talents. Everyone is a leader at one time or another. Let’s explore how you can use your talents in leadership.

Tucked away in the middle of the second reading (from St. Paul’s letter to the Romans) is one of the jewels of stewardship. Paul ask his readers “...who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?” This echoes that splendid verse from Psalm 116: “How can I repay the Lord for all the great good done for me?” This is the stewardship attitude -- the stewardship approach to life. We recognize that all we have and all we are and all the blessings we receive come to us from God. It is a bit of a misnomer to even say that we are “repaying” God because we cannot. It is our slight way of thanking God. And that is the point of Paul’s statement as Paul indicates that God cannot be outdone in generosity. That is another essential point in understanding stewardship, God does not need what we may offer in return, but we need to make that offering -- an offering of our very being, or our time, our talent, and our treasure. In the Gospel, Jesus poses the question, “Who do you say I am?” This question is as much for us as it was for the Apostles at that time. If we truly believe that Jesus is our Savior, we need to live lives that acknowledge that. That is what committing to lives of stewardship does.

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Let me take a little time to reflect on our history at Stanford in light of the benefits of a sincere and hearty welcome. For over a century students, faculty, staff, and friends have arrived on the Farm with mixed feelings. In the beginning days of the University some students and others felt a sense of intimidation when arriving on campus. It can still be overwhelming for many understandable reasons. Arriving at a place with such a reputation can put one in place very quickly. I recall when I arrived as Director of the Catholic Community some years ago a startling bit of advice came from the Lutheran Chaplain. He reminded me that "... Every one of these young people was the valedictorian!" Perhaps a little exaggerated but the message got through.

Being welcomed is a great gift. The entire early period of each new academic year is designed to help newcomers feel welcome. One of the first challenges we faced a few years ago when we began to design a new identity for our Catholic Community was to determine just who would be welcomed. Of course everyone is welcome to worship anywhere on campus where worship happens. But there is another "claim" we have to be welcome into the Catholic Community. To be very specific, when the Diocese of San Jose, our church sponsor, decided to honor our request to become an actual parish the proposed membership was broadly defined. A wonderful priest who was an official of the Diocese and a great fan of Stanford was given the task by the Bishop of defining who would be eligible members of this new university parish. His name was Fr. Maurice Shea, Mo we called him, was a regular student in one or another of the evening classes for the broader community. He had a grand understanding of the Academy and of Catholic tradition. His definition was "...the Catholic Community at Stanford is a Personal Parish (that is, not territorial,) in the care of the Western Dominican Province and their colleagues to serve the students, faculty, staff of the University and their families and those others who will call Stanford their principal place of worship." This was a very important definition, a definition that remains in place today.

It is our pleasure and privilege to worship together and to participate in the activities flowing from that worship. What binds us together flows from our Baptism and the hospitality that it presumes. All are welcome here. We even celebrate that welcome from time to time in an entrance song of the liturgy. It is both useful and expected that this and every Catholic Community be marked by love and hospitality. I have told this story often in the past. Years ago an alum of the university where I served at that time took a job as a teacher and football coach at his Catholic high school alma mater. The priest/principal decided to conduct a great survey to help the "branding" of the institution. Faculty, staff, parents, alums and, of course, students were surveyed and asked to identify that which would be the identifying quality of the school. An assembly was called to announce the results of the survey. The Principal announced with great pride that the theme quality of the school, that which set it aside from competitors, was DISCIPLINE. The teacher/coach stood up and said "...every Sunday at my parish we sing that 'they will know us by our love'. I have never sung that the people should know us by our discipline!"

We are approaching a new academic year and, at the same time, trying to strengthen our sense of community and belonging as a diverse and unique university culture. It seems to me that jumping in and working toward such a goal would help our efforts to commit ourselves to a level of participation that would help one another and others to recognize us by our love, in our hospitality. A clear attitude of welcome marks Pope Francis and has clear Gospel roots. So it may be that wearing one of our name tags and participating in efforts to celebrate the permanent community may contribute to the attitude of community and welcome that we intend. Try it, you might like it!
GRADS and UNDERGRADS
Volunteer Opportunities

YOUNG ADULTS

St. Anthony Padua’s Dining Room:
The CCAS is committed to serving the needy and homeless at St. Anthony’s Padua Dining Room in Menlo Park. If you are interested in volunteering on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 8:30 - 1pm or a subset thereof, please contact gary.glover@stanford.edu to discuss and/or have a volunteer position reserved for you. We serve every first and fourth Saturday of the month, so plan ahead and let Gary know at least by the Wednesday before. You are a rock, upon whom others depend at St. A’s.

Download Paystik (visit Paystik.com to start)
Scan Paystik code
Scan credit card

Give in less than a minute!
The Lord’s servant will receive the key to the house of David. What the servant does, God confirms.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The riches, wisdom, and knowledge of God are too deep for humans to fathom. God’s judgments are inscrutable, God’s ways unsearchable. All things come from God, through God, and for God.

At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Upon this rock I will build my church.” Then he gave Peter the keys of heaven’s reign.

The Catholic Community at Stanford University

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 24, 2014

Gathering  Be Thou My Vision Slane

Second Reading  Isaiah 22:15, 19-23

Gospel Acclamation  Celtic Alleluia

Gospel  Matthew 16:13-20

Psalm 139  You Fathom My Heart Oosterhuis/Huijbers

Apostle’s Creed

Offertory  instrumental
Sanctus  
Mass From Age to Age  
De Silva

Amen  
Mass From Age To Age  
DeSilva

Lamb of God  
Mass From Age To Age  
DeSilva

Memorial Acclamation: Mass From Age To Age

Communion  
Pan de Vida/Bread of Life  
Jaime Cortez

Communion  
Will You Come and Follow Me?  
J. Bell
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Recessional

How Can I Keep From Singing? D. Haas

1. My life flows on in endless song: __________ a.
   2. Through all the tumult and the strife: ________ I!
   3. What though the tempest round me roar: ________ I!
   4. When tyrants tremble, sick with fear: ________ And
   5. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart: ________ A

Refrain

1. bow earth's lamentation, I hear the real though
   2. hear that music ringing: It sounds and echoes.
   3. hear the truth it liveth: What though the dark ness
   4. hear their death knells ringing: When friends rejoice both
   5. fount ev er springing: All things are mine since

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm, While to that Rock I' m clinging.
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

4th Annual Catholic Young Adult Pure Fire Retreat:
Reconnect: Come As You Are
When: Oct 3-5, Fri evening-Sunday afternoon
Where: Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park
Why: All young adults in their 20's and 30's are invited to this retreat focused on reconnecting with God.
Information at: bit.ly/purefire2014
Facebook: Young Adult Catholics of San Jose and Santa Clara County
Questions: purefire@dsj.org

Reserve the Date!!!
September 14th  12:30 to 3:00 pm
Catholic Community at Stanford Picnic
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Much More
Come and see where the Dominicans live! at St. Raymond’s, Menlo Park.
The Picnic will be in front of the Rectory
1231 Arbor Road
Church parking available.
Games for children, and...
Father Daniel’s Magic Show
If anyone wants to help out, contact Fr. Xavier or any one of our staff. Contact information on the bulletin cover.
More information next week.