Every morning I begin my workday by saying a prayer as I drive by the building site on Pleasant Grove. Over the past five months I have watched as this beautiful edifice has risen from the ground. I remember with fondness the windy afternoon in the spring when we blessed the concrete pad that had just been poured. I marvel at how quickly everything has come together.

What is foremost in my mind is how grateful I am that God has called me to lead all of you as we enter into this next chapter of the life of St. John’s. I am excited about the fact that as the building process begins to come to a close, as we lift our gaze from the construction site to reexamine the world around us, all sorts of opportunities to serve God, by serving others, begin to appear before our eyes. What blessings we have been given! What a gift—what an opportunity we have—to reach out to the world and bring others to the knowledge of the presence and love of Christ in their lives! Thank you LORD.

Yes, we the people of St. John’s have been incredibly blessed by God in our life together. When I think about all of these blessings, my thoughts are drawn to a question that is at the top of the Grateful, Glad and Giving poster I have in my office. It says,

“What would happen if we were to intentionally direct our minds and hearts to the abundant blessings in our lives?”

So what do you think would happen if we did this? What if we consciously made an effort to recognize and respond to all that God has provided for us so that we might live the lives He desires us to live? What if we started to think of everything that we possess, our bodies, our hearts, our souls, this created world, our homes, our parish community, our families, the loved ones in our lives, as true blessings from God? What do you think would happen?

That is our challenge moving forward as a community of faith. To think of what we have been given—our parish community, our new church sanctuary, our family and friends—not as things we own—not as something WE have done or WE have accomplished—rather the challenge for us is to think of them as blessings provided to us by God, blessings that God desires us to enjoy, that God desires us to use for the continued building of His church and His kingdom in this world.

In the month of September we will be trying to focus on developing a grateful atti-

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From the Rector’s Desk...

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tude toward our family, celebrating and nurturing our relationships with our loved ones—our nuclear family, our parish family, as well as the family we know as humanity—the family of our brothers and sisters all throughout this world (and perhaps even our universe). Take the time this month to be grateful for our family and think of ways you might respond to this wonderful blessing that God has placed in your life.

In Him,

Fr. Cliff

Note: The Grateful, Glad, and Giving Calendar of Themes is on page 8.

St. John’s News Notes

ST. JOHN’S YOUTH!! FR. CLIFF WANTS TO SEE YOU!

Fr. Cliff is inviting all youth of the parish (from 7th grade-12th grade) to meet with him and other youth leaders on Sunday, September 12th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room of the Old Sac Building. He along with a wonderful group of volunteers would like to discuss with the youth of the parish a plan to begin meeting regularly on Sunday mornings, as well as plans to do a number of fun activities as well as service activities during the year. He would also like to discuss with the youth his desire to take them on a mission trip next summer. Please come and see what this is all about!

E-mail: stjohnsroseville@surewest.net

Prayer Chain: 786-6911, 791-4219, or 961-0913

St. John’s School Administration 786-5400
E-mail: Admin@sjsroseville.org
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Preschool Director: Mary Circle
Academic Director K-2: Sharon Grissom
Administrative Assistant: Elsie Anslada

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Welcome Back to Family

**Emphasis this month** is on fun with the St. John’s church family, a fling before the serious business of moving and preparation for our ongoing mission to others in WestPark.

Next Sunday, September 5, from 9:00 to 10:00 am (and after the 10:30 service if anything is left over), Fr. Cliff and Babs Haggenjos invite you to a “Welcome Back Breakfast” in the Multipurpose Room. Come grab a quick bite to eat, say hello to friends you haven’t seen all summer, and grab a cup of coffee or juice before you head off to children’s ed, adult ed, choir practice, etc. This is just a chance for us to enjoy one another’s company, and say “welcome back” to one another as we move into the Fall church year. All are welcome to join in the fun.

**Pizza and a Movie** is an invitation to all ages to join us at 6 p.m. on Friday, September 24, for America’s favorite food, Italian Pizza, and a showing of the award-winning movie *Up*.  Astronomy Night, September 17, is another fascinating event for the family. Bunco is the focus for the women’s Game Night, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11. You will find specific details about these events in this newsletter. The Annual School Hoedown is September 18 and church people of all ages who like a BBQ and Square Dancing and a good time overall are urged to call the school—786-5400—for tickets. It’s a fund-raiser for our school.

Fellowship and Football will be a weekly Monday night event for guys during the season. They will meet at 6 pm starting the night of the first kickoff of the regular season. Some guys really, really watch the football; others really, really talk so a good time should be had by all. Meeting place is the Heroes and Legends Restaurant at the Woodcreek Golf Club, 5880 Woodcreek Oaks Blvd north of Pleasant Grove in Roseville. If you want dinner, their burgers are reasonably priced. For more details talk to Leo Des Rosier, Paul Frazee or Russ Sherman.

September 18 Luncheon Honors Babs

**All women** are invited to an informal Saturday lunch with Babs Haggenjos here at St. John’s from Noon to 2 p.m.  We know Babs loves music and costumes and has a great sense of fun. Come get to know her better. (And the food will be excellent!)

We are so thrilled with the gifted woman God has brought us who truly shines with God’s light and wisdom. She may blush with embarrassment but this is one way to let her know we’re glad to have her in our midst.

**The cost of the lunch** is $10 and sign-ups are being taken after church in the quad. Sponsored by the Daughters of the King, Girlfriends Unlimited, and the Women of St. John’s, all luncheon proceeds go to the St. John’s Annual Retreat Scholarship Fund. Questions? Phone Diane Williamson, 782-1623; Denise Pyburn, 771-3298; or Kathy Des Rosier 783-7398.
Equipping The Saints

By Pat Cannariato, D.R.E.

The followers of Jesus Christ have always encouraged a community of faith which by its very nature means encountering others. Jesus modeled the divine practice of encounter, whether it was in a field or a boat, on a road or a mountain—wherever, as Barbara Brown Taylor puts it in An Altar in the World, “people who felt like strangers happened to meet this person who made them feel like kin.”

Even the hermits who followed St. Anthony into the desert in the fourth century practiced community. (The profound wisdom of these Desert Fathers and Mothers has been preserved in a number of available books—Give one a try!) Though they lived dozens of miles apart, they needed each other for physical needs and the deeper reason of saving themselves from the temptation of believing in their own self-sufficiency. As one elder put it, “If you see a young monk by his own will climbing up into heaven, take him by the foot and throw him to the ground, because what he is doing is not good for him.”

Another tells of a hermit who undertook a seventy-week fast to become more receptive to God. When he was little more than skin and bone, he asked God to reveal to him the meaning of a certain Bible passage, but God would not do it. Disappointed by how little his fast had done for him, he decided to ask one of his brothers what the passage meant. As soon as he left his cave, an angel of God appeared, saying, “Your seventy-week fast did not bring you one step closer to God, but now that you have humbled yourself to go to your brother, God sent me to reveal the passage.”

We need others.

Taylor summarizes it thus: “The wisdom of the Desert Fathers includes the wisdom that the hardest spiritual work in the world is ... to encounter another human being not as someone you can use, change, fix, help, save, enroll, convince or control, but simply as someone who can spring you from the prison of yourself, if you will allow it. ... To become that person, even for a moment, is to understand what it means to die to your self.”

So, how do we put this practice of truly encountering others into action? Here are some observations.

First, the United States is presently the most religiously diverse nation on the face of the earth. But it seems a common instinct for people to surround themselves with people who are like them, of like mind, of like interests. It’s comfortable. It reinforces our own view of things. This is a growing trend in America today ... And perhaps in the world. Bosnian born theologian Miroslav Volf says, “It may not be too much to claim that the future of our world will depend on how we deal with identity and difference.”

Consequently, we must make an effort to encounter others but it can begin with a smile and eye contact with those who are “invisible” to us in our busyness. Do we really see the cashier and look her in the eyes or are we too busy rummaging for the correct change or thinking of the day’s appointments?

Second, I remember a conversation with a priest who was struggling with his judgments toward others. When I told him that I had no trouble feeling his compassion, he replied, “Well, you are easy to love. But Jesus commanded us to love the unlovable.” Usually this challenge brings us to the question, “What is there festering in me that causes me to separate them from being God’s beloved children?” “Can I ask God to show me their humanity and will I be willing to truly see when he does?”

Third, the Bible commands us several times “to love your neighbor as yourself” but nearly forty times we are commanded to “love the stranger.” The Greek word translated as hospitality is philoxenia which literally means “love of the stranger.”

Why is this command so pervasive? God’s first answer: You shall love the stranger because you know what it is to be a stranger yourself. For those of us who have moved, we know what this means. For those of us whose ancestors were immigrants, we know a little of what this meant. And some of us—maybe most of us—have been strangers, the last to be picked for the team, the object of bullying or the scapegoat, the loner, the one who didn’t fit into the group. I remember with shame the class scapegoat in elementary school—Jessie-Lee. I recognized clearly what was happening to her and, while I did not engage in the behavior myself, I did not defend her. A black mark of shame.

In addition, we are to love the stranger because the stranger shows us God—the God who created and loves the stranger. Jonathan Sacks, the Chief Rabbi of Great Britain, says: “The supreme religious challenge is to see God’s image in the one who is not in our image, for only then can we see past our own reflections in the mirror to the God we did not make up.”
The Vestry Page

The Vestry, the Parish board of directors, consists of 9 elected lay members and the Rector, who is the chair of the board. Bishop Barry Beisner has authority over both Vestry and the Rector. Vestry meetings and Vestry committee meetings are open to all. Vestry members are: Joyce Paterson (Senior Warden), Paul Kuethe (Junior Warden), Roy Larson (Clerk), Elaine Bickford, Paul Frazee, Bob Jones, Dennis Carr, Adrienne Collom, and Cynde Martin. Margaret Eggert is our Treasurer.

"Vestry Highlights" from the August 26 meeting:

1. The July Balance Sheets and Year to Date financials were reviewed and approved.

2. The church windows should arrive and be installed in several weeks.

3. A proposal was received for the installation, maintenance, and management for satellite antennas to be installed in the bell tower. It is under review.

4. The Grateful, Glad & Giving 2010/2011 "year round program" was presented to the Vestry.

5. The revised Strategic Plan was reviewed and approved by the Vestry. Copies are available for the congregation in the church office and also on the website.

6. The piano is here! It is being stored in the music room for DISPLAY only. It will be dedicated when it arrives at the new church.

7. A pictorial directory was discussed by the Vestry. There are several companies who have submitted quotes, and a final decision will be made shortly.

8. A Vestry "Day of Reflection" is scheduled for Saturday September 11 from 9:00 - 3:00.

The next regularly scheduled Vestry meeting is Thursday September 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Adult Ed room. All are welcome.
September Events

Sept. 2  WestPark Book Club
7 pm at the home of Kay Millar in Sun City Roseville. All are welcome. Call the church for directions. We will be discussing *Same Kind of Different as Me* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore. For October 7: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. A poor African American migrant mother of five dies of an aggressive cancer at the age of 30. A sample of her tissue, taken without her knowledge or consent, provided human cells that could survive, even thrive, in the lab. Known as HeLa cells their stunning potency gave scientists a building block for countless breakthroughs. This exploration of science and ethics and family asks the questions, Who owns our bodies and who carries our memories?

Sept. 4 Prayer Shawl Ministry
This month’s meeting at the home of Margaret Eggert is a potluck to celebrate the life of Noel Schively, the founder of this prayer shawl ministry. Anyone interested in learning about this ministry (and how to knit the shawls) is encouraged to come.

Jo Jones who had her shawl with her during her recent illness wrote a poem that reflects her feelings. You’ll find it on page 12.

Sept. 5 Welcome Back Breakfast

Sept. 11 Women’s Game Night
Girlfriends Unlimited warmly invite all women to attend a fun-filled evening playing Bunco! Come to Heidi Keaton’s home at 7 p.m. Light snacks and drinks provided. Please call Denise Pyburn at 771-3298 to RSVP and get directions. Bring a friend!

Sept. 12 Regular Sunday School Starts

Sept. 17 Astronomy Night (details on page 14)

Sept. 18 Lunch for Babs

Sept. 18 Hoedown
A school fund-raiser with a BBQ and square dancing for all. Call 786-5400 for details.

Sept. 23 Vestry Meeting

Sept. 24 Pizza and a Movie  6 p.m.

Sept. 25 Women’s Diocesan Gathering
“Listen for the Voice Within”
A one-day event for all women in the Diocese—9 am to 3 pm at Trinity Cathedral.

*How do we as women discern what Christ is calling us to do right now? And, how do we move forward together serving Christ in ways that benefit women in our churches, diocese, and communities? How do we tell our story?*

The Commission on Women’s Ministries (CWM) is introducing an exciting new program to inspire women in our church to respond to these challenging questions. Bishop Beisner will celebrate Eucharist followed by presentation, speakers, lunch, and workshops. Cost is $15. Please go to www.ilovetopray.com/CWM/Events for registration forms or talk to Gaye Anne McWade.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Adults:**  “Connecting with God: Inviting a Deeper Spiritual Life”

Sundays, Sept 5-Nov 21  9:30-10:15 in Adult Ed
With Fr. Cliff and his team—Fr. John Schively, Fr. “Mac” McClennen, Pat Cannariato, Kathy Des Rosier, Paul Frazee, Cynde Martin, Joyce Paterson, Russ Sherman

Books you ordered are available at church. If you did not order, please order for yourself. (Available at Amazon)

**Children: Welcome to our regular Sunday School**
Starting Date: September 12
Time: 10:15
Place: Sunday School Room, Old Sacramento Bldg.

Director: Kathleen O’Connor
Preschool-Kindergarten: Joan Haines
  Kristen Costello
  Grades 1-3:  Babs Haggenjos
  Heidi Keaton
  Grades 4-6:  Adrienne Collom
  Craig Collom
  Lynn Sandlin
  Music:  Sandy Ayers
  Stephanie Kogut
  Aides:  Kathy Alvis
  Linda Frank

Many thanks to members of a wonderful gifted staff.
WELCOME BACK!

WHAT: ST. JOHN’S CHRISTIAN ED BREAKFAST KICK-OFF

WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2009
9:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M.

WHERE: MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

WHO: All adults, children and youth of the parish.
(Think that covers everyone!)

WHY: 1. Cuz we missed you this summer.
2. So we can talk about the cool stuff we are planning this year.
3. So Fr. Cliff has no leftovers to eat!
4. No homework, just fun!
Grateful, Glad & Giving
2010 Calendar

What would happen if we were to intentionally direct our minds and hearts to the abundant blessings in our lives? How might our gratitude swell—and from that gratitude, our generosity?

Shall we not first, every day shout our resounding thanks?

Celebrate gratitude all year long, using the calendar of themes below as your guide!

January
Grateful for Life!
Celebrate and Nurture the Body

February
Grateful for the Spirit!
Celebrate and Nurture the Soul

March
Grateful for Challenge!
Honor our Growth through Trial

April
Grateful for Creation!
Celebrate and Nurture the Earth

May
Grateful for Our Abilities
Celebrate and Nurture our Giftedness

June
Grateful for Community!
Celebrate and Nurture our Communities

July
Grateful for Diversity!
Celebrate and Honor our Uniqueness

August
Grateful for Home!
Celebrate and Care for our Dwellings

September
Grateful for Family!
Celebrate and Care for our Dwellings

October
Grateful for Faith!
Celebrate our Worship

November
Grateful for Abundance!
Celebrate our Oneness

December
Grateful for Christ!
Celebrate our Redeemer

Hello Everyone,

The Grateful, Glad & Giving committee held its first meeting for the upcoming fall campaign. The campaign will be tied into the Diocesan year-round monthly themes and the St. John’s strategic plan.

September’s theme is “Family.” Along with this theme, St. John’s will have a “family night” at St. John’s on Friday, September 24, in the multipurpose room.

This event will be a pizza party and UP as the featured movie! This award-winning film is captivating for adults as well as children! It should be great fun and a time to enjoy each other’s families.

In Him, Roy
Reports and Updates

From the Sr. Warden

We see St. John’s mission statement “to experience and share the transforming love of Jesus Christ” on lots of weekly bulletins and intellectually know that the reason we are attending St. John’s is to deepen our relationship with Jesus, but I frequently ask myself “How do I know if I am making any progress?”

A close friend answered this question by posing several more.
- Was I more patient and loving with the people in my life?
- Was I willing to put my needs behind those of others?
- Was I faithful in church attendance even when I wanted to be elsewhere?
- Did I pray everyday?
- Did I say “I’m sorry” more frequently?
- Did I want to know more about God?

If I could answer “yes, although not perfectly” to these questions, then I could be assured that I was making progress.

That’s why I need life at St. John’s for that slow and steady progress. I am looking forward to the opportunities for spiritual growth that are being offered in Sept–the year-round Grateful, Glad and Giving program; the “Connecting with God” adult ed class; start up of bible study house groups; monthly Brotherhood and DOK meetings; and I hope you will also.

—Joyce Paterson

Nursery Update

Have you seen our littlest angels? They are playing in the nursery during Adult Ed at 9:30 and the 10:30 service every Sunday. Infants and little ones up to age 3 are welcome to join us, while their parents enjoy the Worship Service without distraction.

In preparation for our move to the new facility, we’d like to invite anyone who is interested in helping care for the children to talk to Pat Kuethe, the Nursery Coordinator, about scheduling an occasional Sunday. Pat is there every week and Peggy Larson has been assisting for several months. We’d like to enlist some grandparent-types of volunteer to join this loving ministry. Please give Pat a call at 560-8677 (after 5 p.m. or on weekends) or stop by the nursery on a Sunday.

—Pat Kuethe

Report on Family Camp 2010

This year over 50 people joined us during the week…. Including Fr. Cliff and Mason. Next year we look forward to Babs joining us. Fr. Cliff met with the teens during the week. Our Fourth of July celebration in the beautiful Sierra mountains was a special addition to this year’s camp. A wonderful time was had by all.

The Committee would like to give special thanks to Steve Peterson for hand-building a made to order new grill for the Camp BBQ. The original grill was very old and rusty. The new grill fits perfectly and does a great job.

Thank you, Steve! Also a big thank you to the hard-working committee: Wayne and Cynde Martin, Paul and Deanna Frazee, Steve and Denise Pyburn, Pat and Lynn Sandlin, Mike and Liz Lawless, Leo and Kathy Des Rosier and to Fr. Cliff for a spectacular Bible Study!

SAVE THE DATE: July 3-9, 2011 Plan now to come and join us! —Kathy Des Rosier

Daughters of the King Report

There is no regular meeting in September because of the luncheon for Babs Haggenjos on September 18. On October 9, 9:30-2:00, is the Fall Assembly of the Diocesan chapters. The topic is Gratitude. Please let Diane Williamson know if you are attending by September 18. We will meet at the church at 9:00 to carpool.

In addition to the Fall Assembly we will have our regular October meeting on Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. to begin our new study of the book A Hole in the Gospel by Richard Stearnes. This book is “the compelling true story of a corporate CEO who set aside worldly success for something far more significant, and discovered the full power of the gospel of Jesus Christ to change his own life.” (from back cover) All women are invited to join us. Jo Ann Williams has purchased copies of the book for $6.00 and is able to order more at this same price for anyone who is interested. Please contact Jo Ann at 723-0938 or bjwilli@surewest.net.
Service and Mission

Ministry of Construction

St. John’s volunteers provide and serve coffee and snacks to the workers at our building site on Tuesdays and lunch on Thursdays. They are also in our prayers. These are little ways of ensuring that they are not “invisible” people but those whose work we honor. They are precious in God’s sight.

Our Thursday lunches have continued with some delicious meals that are most appreciated by the workers helping to build our new church. Penny Hart and Barbara Mathot served SUBWAY sandwiches, Paul Eckert and Mike Xu brought spaghetti, Carol Worthington did her second lunch with sloppy joes, the Bisbees brought pizza and Jen De Martino added a salad, and Diane Williamson made an enchilada pie with Lynn Sandlin adding a yummy cake. This week we will have Lasagna from Jean Jones’ kitchen. Still waiting to have your turn? The month of September is mostly empty so talk to Charm Infelise about what day you would like to serve. Rose Ford is fortunate to be now working full time so cannot come on Thursdays but has contributed some money for our expenses. Thank you to one and all who have contributed in one way or another. Herb Fowler comes faithfully every Thursday and is a blessing to help me carry the heavy things to our table.

Remember, the crews we are feeding keep changing so it is OK to repeat menus. We can work things out if you have questions.

—Charm Infelise

An E-mail from Captain Corey Arnold, TF Bandit Chaplin

At various times during the year we have collected items for care packages to Afghanistan. Occasionally we receive a personal thank you like this. Generally troops are far too engaged to be able to respond.

Dear St. John’s,

I just wanted to drop you all a note to say thank you for the recent care package that we received.

We are in some of the most rugged and remote land that Afghanistan has to offer. When we receive care packages we either distribute the items out to our outposts, or we share them with the soldiers here at our main post. We do not have any kind of shopping in the area, so this really helps. (Chaplain Arnold included a photo of the rugged mountains with shepherds watching flocks that could not be copied.)

Thank you again for the support and especially the prayers.

Feeding the Homeless

St. John’s volunteers help feed the homeless in the Roseville community in two different programs. Both groups are always looking for new volunteers. Teams work together. Some volunteers help with the cooking; others serve or clean-up. You will given instructions by other members serving that day. Feeding the poor is one of the ministries most often commanded by our Lord Jesus.

St. Vincent de Paul Feeding Program: St. John’s volunteers, under the leadership of George Marsh, cook and serve the noon meal at the Riverside facility every first Wednesday and fifth Saturday. They usually start about 8 a.m. and finish by 2 p.m., working in shifts. You will not be asked to stay for the entire time. Upcoming dates are September 1, October 6 and October 30. If you would like to help, please call George at 577-1910.

The Gathering Inn Feeding Program: St. John’s team of volunteers under the leadership of Pat and Joyce Paterson cooks and serves at Alliance Christian Church on Hillcrest Avenue off Douglas Blvd in Roseville when asked by St. Claire’s RCC. Our team will next be working on Wednesday, Oct. 27. Call Joyce at 780-3396 if you want to help.

Brotherhood Coffee Sales

We have received nothing but good reviews from parishioners who have tried our new brand of San Francisco Bay Coffee. Please take the opportunity to buy some before the holidays so that you can know what a good stocking stuffer it is. See the Brotherhood Coffee table at coffee hour.
Personality Profile: Kathleen O’Connor

—Charm Infelense

One can easily imagine that small children sense they are in a room of Love when they enter the classroom of Kathleen O’Connor with her joyous smile and twinkling eyes. She began assisting in a Sunday School class when she was 14 while living in Merced and as she gained experience, she was assigned to a class of her own. It has brought her much satisfaction as she continued her work with Sunday School programs on and off over the many years since then. Her primary goal for her students is that they know and experience that God is Love and that to get along with others the most important rule is the Golden Rule, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you!” As director of our St. John’s program, she has helped others to find a comfort level working in our Sunday School. Kathleen is especially pleased to work with Fr. Cliff who believes everyone should experience church as a safe, caring place where you can feel comfortable. As our culture increasingly seems to be driven by a sense of fear, it is important that the church be a haven for all ages.

Kathleen has also been a teacher in the public schools working with the young ones. When it was time for her to go on to college, she left her home in Merced and headed to River Forest outside of Chicago to attend Concordia College, a Lutheran School, where she studied to be a teacher. The friends she made there are scattered throughout the country and she enjoys hearing from them over the years since graduation. For the most part she has taught kindergarten but in later years she also spent the afternoons working one-on-one with slow-developing first graders using a reading recovery program. Her advice to everyone, but especially to her teachers, is to enjoy the work that you do and it will bring its own satisfaction.

Five years ago, Kathleen retired from teaching but did some substituting. However, she finds that her true commitment these days is to her three grandchildren ages two to six. They are the light of her life and, as so many of us have learned, finds grandchildren can be an experience of true love. Her three sons and their families all live close by, making it particularly easy for her to help out with the little ones. Son Tim, 41, lives in Lincoln and works with the city of Rocklin. Darrin, age 39, lives in Auburn and teaches 5th grade in Roseville, and Sean, age 31, lives in Roseville and is with the Army Reserve. It is a source of great pride and contentment to her that all three boys have strong families and good relationships.

Rod, her husband of 41 years, and Kathleen moved to Rocklin in 1976, coming from southern California. She eventually found her way to St. John’s and, like so many others, was struck by the spirit she found here. Kathleen has been an active member for over 30 years. Although her husband chose to go to St. Augustine’s, their spiritual life has been important to both of them.

Perhaps one of the most satisfying experiences she has had was serving on the Search committee that eventually called Father Cliff. She found that as the members worked together, people listened to each other without prejudging. There was much caring and respect which made their work a truly spiritual experience. She also finds that her religious understanding has grown over the years during the Monday Bible Study group led by Scott Mize and housed at the Des Rosier’s home.

Crafting and sewing were favorite hobbies but, although retired from teaching, she finds there is less time for such activities because the grandchildren are her priority. Kathleen has a sister who lives nearby and enjoys her company, especially their birthdays as each takes them on a trip for the other one’s birthday.

Kathleen believes that her work in life is to uplift the human spirit. Those who know and love her can testify that she does that well. Her biggest disappointment is when she feels she has let someone down. The rewards of being who she is often overrule her disappointments. Recently, word got back to her that a former student, now a young man of college age, had recalled that she was his most favorite teacher of the many he had had.

Now since it is the time of year that she is still looking for teachers for this year’s program, she invites all who hear the call to serve to come and try it out. No previous experience is necessary and help will be provided. The only requirement is a willingness to do it, finding pleasure in being with children, encouraging them in their growth and development. Also, if you feel you could handle the management part, she is willing to train and support someone to take over the job as director. She promises she won’t leave you out on a limb!
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Annual Shoebox Drive begins THIS MONTH!

Christmas gifts of love and compassion for children

Help St. John’s touch a child with love and hope

Inspiring them to turn to JESUS for hope

Load a box with school supplies, hygiene items, and just for fun toys

Do this as one person reaching out to a little child somewhere in need

And you will be the hands of the Lord at work in this world!

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Shoe Boxes available in SEPTEMBER
Shoe Boxes collected in OCTOBER

Get a box (or 2 or 3) and fill them with TREASURES AND LOVE.
MERRY CHRISTMAS

Ode to a Prayer Shawl

Offers a wonderful comfort when one feels the cold fear of death
Provides much needed warmth in a cold hospital room
Gives the gentle touch of angels’ wings when one’s body is on fire
Serves as a quiet companion that will go with you wherever . . .
  to the doctors, the lab, into x-ray or imaging, through procedures large and small
Walks lightly with you when you are burdened with tubes, IV and other unusual stuff
Constantly provides a sense of serenity and peace
Calls attention to its own uniqueness and beauty instead of your paint and discomfort
because it was made with love and prayers in every stitch
Enables one to feel the caress of our Lord and entwine one’s fingers deep into the yarn
to grasp the hand of God, reaching out in desperation or in hope
Comes home with you and quietly waits until you tenderly and lovingly pick it up.

—Jo Jones, reflecting on the prayer shawl she had with her during her recent illness.
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Astronomy Night
An Evening with God and the Stars!
September 17
7 p.m. in the courtyard
All Ages Welcome

- Randy Muller will give us a study “What’s up with Pluto?”
- Fr. Cliff will lead a fascinating Bible study
- Highlight! You will get a look at the stars with professional telescopes.