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"It is good to reflect on the fact that the Son of God wanted to be in need of the warmth of a family, like all children. Within the family one can experience sincere communion when it is a house of prayer, when the affections are serious, profound, pure, when forgiveness prevails over discord, when the daily harshness of life is softened by mutual tenderness and serene adherence to God's will."



Pope Francis



A Note from Deacon Karl

Dear Friends in ICF:

I hope all of you will have a very blessed Easter Season. Easter is not just one day when we eat a lot of candy and hard-boiled eggs. Although I must admit, I have done a lot of that over the years! Easter is, actually, a SEASON in which we commemorate Christ's rising from the dead. Through that action He overcame sin and death and evil and all the things we might fear in this life. (Covid 19 is a good example.)

During this time we read various gospels, in which we learn about different times when Jesus appeared to His Apostles. In one appearance He gave them the power to forgive sins. He established the Sacrament of Reconciliation in which we can confess our sins and obtain the healing and forgiveness we all need from Christ. Through this Sacrament He can give us the grace and strength and courage we need to get over our sins and get on with our lives, living better lives in the future than maybe we have in the past.

So, stay close to Christ during this Easter Season. Receive Him as often as you can in the Eucharist, and re-commit yourself to follow Him totally and completely. Realize that He is your Lord and King and Savior. He can provide you with the things you truly need here on earth and someday bring you to the splendor and glory and happiness of heaven.

We celebrate the Ascension into Heaven, when Jesus left us to go and prepare a place for us in Heaven. That is what we have to look forward to, and Easter will help us on our way. Have a beautiful Easter Season, and may God bless all of you and keep you always under His loving care.

Deacon Karl & Thelma Welsbacher



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MAY, THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY.

Pope Francis has asked all the faithful during the month of May to unite in the recitation of the Holy Rosary and to ask for an end to the pandemic.

Join Bishop Barron, the Word on Fire team, and millions of Catholics around the world in praying the Rosary this month at: <https://www.wordonfire.org/rosary>.



“Every moment of Jesus’ earthly life, through the grace of prayer, can become immediate to us, thanks to the Holy Spirit. Thanks to the Holy Spirit, we, too, are present at the River Jordan when Jesus immerses himself to receive baptism. We, too, are guests at the wedding at Cana, when Jesus gives the best wine for the happiness of the couple. It is the Holy Spirit who connects us with these mysteries of the life of Christ, because in contemplation of Jesus, we experience prayer to join us more closely to Him.”

Pope Francis



District Picnic in Escalon August 15, 2021

Put the date on your calendar! More info coming soon.



ITALIAN LESSON:
PEACE BE WITH YOU.
PACE ESSERE CON VOI.

Check out Branch 390 St. Bernard’s website at: <http://www.icfbranch390.org>

 Italian Catholic Federation
St. Anne's Lodi Branch 82
in support of ICF National Charity,
Thalassemia, aka Cooley's Anemia

BLOOD DRIVE
Friday, June 18, 2021
Eagles Lodge, 217 E. Lockeford St., Lodi
12:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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BRANCH NEWS:

Meet Your District Officers

President Robert Pachinger (Since Robert was already featured as President of Branch 413, St. Patrick's, we decided to announce a recent accomplishment of his. *Felicitazioni!*)

The Calaveras County Board of Supervisors named Robert Pachinger as the Director of Public Works and Transportation. Robert grew up in San Francisco, studied engineering at the University of California, Berkeley for two years, then joined the Air Force in 1983, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of Colorado, Denver. Robert went to work for Calaveras County Public Works as a junior civil engineer in 1970.



"I have a vested interest in the community," he said in an article in the Calaveras Enterprise. "I'm involved in many other things besides just work. I don't intend to go anywhere. I intend to stay here. I'm not looking for a stepping stone. This is my home." (Read the complete [article](#) in the Calaveras Enterprise.)



Thomas J. Silvaggio, Trustee: I'm second generation American of Italian descent. My grandparents came from Campobasso and Naples to America in the early 1900s. They lived in Rhode Island, where I was born. My mom's family moved to Modesto in the 40s. I graduated from University of the Pacific in 1963 and taught for 32 years in Stockton at Edison High. I worked summers at Stanislaus Food Cannery for 50 years. In three generations we went from Elementary education to college graduates.

For over 30 years I have sponsored 15 children in Honduras, Columbia, Guatemala, Kenya, and Uganda. I am on the Board of Directors of Opera Modesto. Before the virus I helped our priests with funeral Masses and taught faith formation for 15 years. I served as president of Branch 48, St. Stanislaus, for over 9 years and am

Josephine Webber, Corresponding Secretary: I joined Branch 395, Presentation, on March 3, 2007. I am currently Recording Secretary for the branch and Corresponding Secretary for the District. I have been involved with the ICF since I was a child. My parents were ICF members in the 1960's and 1970's at St. Bernadette's. I recall attending dinners, activities, and trip to Italy in the 1970's.



I retired in 2005 from the City of Stockton after 30 years. I have been married 45 years and have two grown children and two granddaughters. We have 3 dogs and one cat. I love to garden, have family get togethers. travel and meet with friends. (Of course this is on pause right now, but things are looking good for the future!)



Mary Ann Chapman, Sentinel: I'm very proud to be a first generation Italian. Both my parents were born in a small town of San Giovanni in the province of Torino in Piemonte. I grew up in Burlingame, went to local schools and graduated from San Francisco State with a degree in International Marketing and Italian. My career began with Hilton Hotels, and that is what brought me to Stockton in 1988. I got married to Dan Chapman, had two boys (Andrew 26 and Eric 23) and decided to take some time off my career to raise my children. I returned to work in public relations and then at the University of the Pacific. I currently am the Senior Residential Living Advisor at O'Connor Woods. I'm also the Vice

President of the Italian School of Language and Culture. This is my fourth year as President of Branch 395. My faith and my Italian heritage are very important to me. My goal is to have organizations like the ICF flourish well into the next decade.

Elisa Moberly, Recording Secretary: Born in San Francisco, I came to Stockton when I was 10. My husband, Ray, and I moved with his two boys to Lodi, where we added a girl and another boy. I worked for Bank of Stockton in the Trust Department before going to San Joaquin County. I spent 10 years with the Auditor, mostly in property taxes, then went to Public Works, where I ran recycling and Hazardous Waste disposal programs. I retired after 21 years. I have two grandsons now, and I love being a Nonni.



HERITAGE:

La Festa della Mamma Ninna Nanna del Chicco di Caffè, a very popular song/lullaby dedicated to all of the mothers, praises the moms who never sleep and stay up with their babies while everybody else is in bed. Every Italian woman has hummed it to a baby at one point or another! Zecchino d'Oro is a famous children's song festival held since 1959 and broadcasted on TV, becoming part of the Italian cultural heritage. Cino Tortorella (known as Mago Zurlì) started it in Milano before moving it to the Antoniano Institute in Bologna, a monastery of the S. Antony friars. Each year several songs are sung by children and voted for by a children's jury. The winning song is rewarded with the Zecchino d'Oro award.

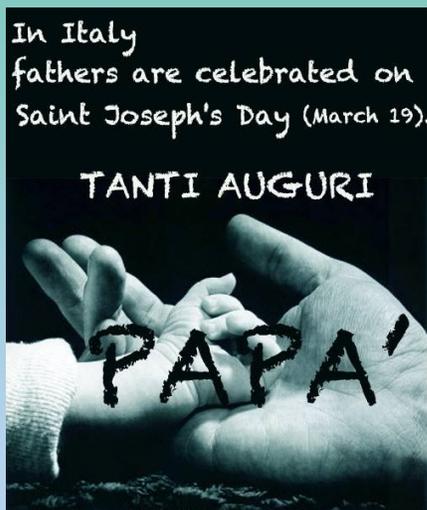
[Watch the adorable winner from 1970.](#)

Contributed by Antonella Turchetti, St. Stanislaus



My grandfather Enrico Noceti immigrated to America with his 3 brothers in the early 1900's. Two of the brothers stayed in New York, and Enrico and his brother Eugenio came to Stockton. All were farmers. My grandfather married my grandmother Edith Lagorio, and they raised six children on their large farm near Linden. I can't say much about my grandfather because he died in a car vs pedestrian accident near UOP in Stockton before I was born. My Great uncle Genu (Eugenio) was my grandfather figure, and I adored him. He never married or had children. He was everything a grandpa could be, even though he spoke very little English and was shy around people. He worked on our ranch every day in the summer, and my seat at the lunch table had to be next to him. He colored my water with a little wine and often hid silver dollars under my plate. He always denied putting them there. I liked to imagine my real grandfather was like him and we would have been close, too.

Anita Ridolfi, St. Bernard's



La Festa della Liberazione (Liberation Day) April 25th is the Giorno della Liberazione, a national holiday to commemorate the end of the fascist regime, the Nazi invasion, and World War II. This date was conventionally chosen because on that day the partisans liberated the cities of Milano and Torino. The war actually continued for a few days longer until the first week of May.

Antonella Turchetti, St. Stanislaus

PRIMAVERA



The Dolomites in northeastern Italy



Venice, obviously.



Tuscano



San Gimignano Towers



This 3 course bicycle tournament, normally held in Turin the first weekend in May, was cancelled again this year due to the virus.



If you can't celebrate spring in Italy, no problem. Just visit Jim Alfieri's garden in Manteca.

Or, help Patty Litts' grandkids find Easter eggs in Lodi.

