



*Holy Spirit Church*  
Communities of Courage and Compassion

*A Shared Ministry in East Contra Costa County*  
St John's Parish, 5555 Clayton Road, Clayton, CA  
St Michael and all Angels, 2925 Bonifacio, Concord, CA

## Calendar of Events

### July Calendar

Sunday, July 14th  
5th Sunday after Pentecost  
9 AM and 11 AM at St John's

Sunday, July 28th  
7th Sunday after Pentecost  
9 AM and 11 AM at St John's

Celtic Nights: 7/28, 8/18 & 8/25  
Celtic Evening Prayer, music, dinner  
and educational program  
6 PM at St John's

Sunday, July 21st  
6th Sunday after Pentecost  
9 AM and 11AM at St John's

Weekday Service  
10 AM Tuesdays  
Eucharist or Morning Prayer and Adult Ed  
St John's Clayton

Dear Family of St. Michael's & St. John's:

Coming up this weekend--

That merry old land of Oz gets a radio-retelling via the Ravenswood Radio Players at 8pm this Saturday at St. John's in the church--free. The ever artistic Alexiel Thomas de Ravenswood (say that three times real fast) stars as the Wiz and he's got his troupe of players ready to go in quite the striking, nostalgic performance, Great setting too--there's no place like home to see it. Enjoy!



of St. John's, this past Sunday was a Sunday to remember, and not just because we had four (4) priests in the house (maybe more if someone out there has a secret degree from Divinity School you haven't shared with us yet). No, it was all about the sort of "Americana" service our two parishes celebrated together and, as these things go, it was a scream. Every seat was filled, we had to haul out extras from every nook and cranny in the church (and there aren't that many nooks nor crannies at St. J's). The singers revved up the proceedings with a old-timey feel, the Grant Street Players stuffed some fun songs into the proceedings and everyone from young to old to Sheba (Paul's dog) seemed to enjoy the whole affair. Thanks to our in-house musicians and Jim Wiant from St. Anna's Antioch who came over the hill to lend a bass. It was quite a day! Will there be more like it? You never know...!

A reminder that this Sunday starts our summertime Doubleheaders at St. John's with services at 9 and 11. You probably know that 9:00 is St. John's and 11:00 the St. Mike's crew worships but if you duck into one or the other that is not your usual church no one will ask for your ID. See you there--with all these priests hanging around lately it would be unwise to sleep in...

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Grant Street Players are just tickled to death that their own mild-mannered Missionary Ethan Dale and his pals have returned from their Alaskan trip with glowing faces and lots of stories to share. Ethan, you recall, sponsored in part by proceeds from the recent Curtain Call show and some folks who literally stuffed cash into GSP hands. For the inquiring minds who want to hear all about it, here's a really great video clip we call your attention to that will showcase just some of the wonderful moments Ethan and the guys had, and we thank you for your support!

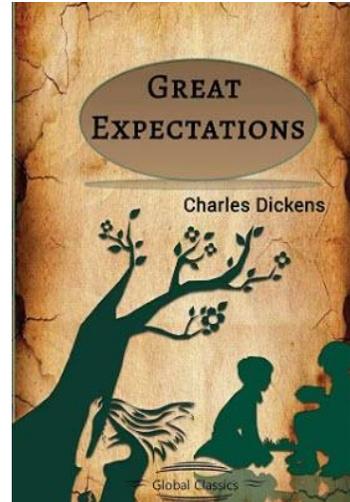
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## St John's Update

### Book Club

"It was one of those days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade..." Honest if we didn't know better we'd swear Charles Dickens lived in the Bay Area but no, that's a line from Great Expectations, which is the next book-for-musing offering of the St. John's book club. Still lots of time to wade thru this one this summer--the discuss happens August 11 at the Henshaw abode, so now's your chance to find out what it all means (or at least what everyone thinks it means)! Open to all, well-versed in Dickens or no!



**Cursillo**, coming up August 9-11 at San Damiano Retreat Center Retreat Center, a little gem of a hideaway tucked snugly in the Danville hills, will give you the opportunity and tools to explore your individual relationship and reflection between your Christian faith and your daily life--a gift of time you give yourself. No strings attached, it's about you and your own spiritual trek. Food (it's great there!), laughs and music and we hear from people in the know that lotsa folks from our two parishes are going,. When's the last time you gave yourself a chance to get off the phone/computer/TV and just have time with yourself and your Christian family? Get the scoop on registration from Sherrie (437-2386) or Halle (708-4593) soon as you can, this one promises to be quite the special experience!

