

*Mission Statement*

“As Catholic professional business men and women, we are called to live our Christian ethics not only on Sunday, but throughout our daily lives at home and at work.”

Our goal in the Catholic Professional and Business Club, an unincorporated association (CP&BC), shall be to gather to share with others who seek a more ethical business environment.

Each of us shall strive to achieve a comingling of our ethical and professional obligations, in demonstration of the fact that ethics and business need not be mutually exclusive terms.

**August 2012**

Next meeting September 11, 2012

Mass 6:30 at “old” St Stanislaus Church, 7th & J St. Networking 7:00 at the Double-

tree. Breakfast 7:30. Reservations: online at cpbc-Modesto.org, chearst@pacbell.net, gerbele2@yahoo.com, Cathy Hearst (209)

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This month’s speaker: David “The Ghost” Casper, NFL Hall of Famer and former Oakland Raider



**CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL  
and BUSINESS CLUB OF MODESTO**  
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**Upcoming meeting dates 2012-2013**

- October 9
- November 13
- December 11
- January 8
- February 12
- March 12
- April 9
- May 14
- June 11



**Executive**

**Board** *The CPBC Executive Board meets the fourth Tuesday of every month, at First Cal, 3224 McHenry Ave. Plans are developed for future meetings. Guests are welcome at the 7 a.m. session. Contact George Erbele, gerbele2@yahoo.com if interested in serving on the board*

## A word from our spiritual director, Father Sam

I hope all of you had a very relaxing and enjoyable summer. As for me, by God's grace, I was able to attend a retreat for priests in Poland at the end of June. The retreat was hosted by an international movement of priests started by Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta called the Corpus Christi Movement. The retreat took place at a seminary in the city of Czestochowa a short distance from the shrine where the famous icon of the Blessed Mother holding the infant Jesus under the title of "Our Lady of Czestochowa," also known as "the Black Madonna," is venerated by thousands of pilgrims every year.

This icon has an intriguing and mysterious history. The icon's creation is attributed to the evangelist St. Luke who supposedly painted it on a cypress table top from the house of the Holy Family. According to a source I found on the Internet, the Black Madonna is credited with miraculously saving the monastery of Jasna Góra (translated into English: Bright Mount) from a 17th century Swedish invasion which changed the course of the war. This event led the king to "crown" Our Lady of Czestochowa as Queen and Protector of Poland in the year 1656. Another legend concerning the icon is that the presence of the holy painting saved its church from being destroyed in a fire, but not before the flames darkened the flesh tone pigments. There is also a legend regarding the two scars on the Black Madonna's right cheek. In the year 1430, the Hussites stormed the monastery and stole the icon. After putting it in their wagon, the Hussites tried to get away but their horses refused to move. They threw the portrait down to the ground and one of the plunderers drew his sword upon the image and inflicted two deep strikes. When the robber tried to inflict a third strike, he fell to the ground and squirmed in agony until his death. Because of the Black Madonna, Czestochowa is regarded as the most popular shrine in Poland, with many Polish Catholics and many others making a pilgrimage there every year. Before he became pope, and even after, John Paul II visited the shrine several times

In addition to the retreat, I also had an opportunity to spend time with my mother, sister, brother and their spouses and children. We stayed one week at a beautiful house on a lake in North Carolina near the Smokey Mountain range. I had a great time swimming, boating, and hiking. But now that the summer is coming to an end, it is time to return to our labor of love in the Lord's vineyard. As for our Catholic Professional and Business Club, I am very excited about the variety and caliber of speakers we have scheduled for the upcoming year. The topics will be very timely and supremely relevant. I pray our time together will help strengthen our faith. This will be a great year for focusing on our continuing formation in our Catholic Faith. In fact, Pope Benedict declared this year, starting in October, as a time for the entire Church time to seriously reflect on the gift of her Faith. I encourage all of you to invite a business associate, family member, neighbor, or friend to attend our monthly breakfasts to hear our lineup of great speakers.

Finally, I would like to let all of you know that St. Stanislaus is hosting a free youth concert on September 8th at 8pm on the lawn in front of the 1200 Maze blvd church. The theme of the concert is taken from the Gospel of Matthew verse 17:20. Jesus tells us that if we only had the faith the size of a mustard seed, we would be able move mountains. Jesus reminds us that the power of faith in Him can overcome any and all difficulties, hardships, challenges or struggles we all face, especially the youth in today's secular culture. We have 4 performances, including praise and worship of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, which we hope will inspire the young people of our community and help strengthen their Catholic faith. The concert is free. So, please pass the word to all the youth you know. Also, if you would like to make a donation to help offset the cost or help in any other way with the concert, email me at [swest@ststanscc.org](mailto:swest@ststanscc.org) or call me at 209-524-4381. See you on the second Tuesday in September!

Remember, Mass will not be offered at the Doubletree. Instead, we will celebrate Mass at 6:30am at St. Stanislaus' J street location. God bless.

In Christ,

Fr. Sam

## A Message from Our President

First thank you everyone for your continued support. Your prayers are needed. The Catholic Professional & Business Club is a wonderful outlet for all of us to live and share our Catholic Faith with each other in the business marketplace. We encourage you to help this treasured organization grow.

We're expanding our membership and need your assistance. Plan now to invite guests, friends, family, co-workers, neighbors; all people of good will are welcome.

Our next season is going to be a BLOCK BUSTER!!! We have contracted with many powerful, inspirational, motivational & entertaining speakers. Many of our speakers have National recognition and are addressing the current events of our day:

- David "The Ghost" Casper from Oakland Raider fame starts us out, (just in time for football season.)
- The HHS mandate news from the Capital w/Ned Dolejsi Executive Dir., of the California Catholic Conference. The public policy arm of the Catholic Bishops of California. (Travels from Sacramento)
- Former Vatican Swiss Guard body guard to Pope John Paul II & author Andreas Widmer, (travels From Boston, MA)
- Most Reverend Bishop Blaire's message
- Vera Lord -Abortion – January is the "Walk for Life West Coast" and this is a timely message (travels from Florida)
- Rwandan genocide Award-winning filmmaker Sean Bloomfield "If Only We Had Listened" (travels from Florida)
- Don't miss "The Commoditization of Trafficking of Human Beings for Biomedical Research and Commercial Products". Stem cell research from the Catholic perspective Dr. Deisher Ph.D. World renowned scientist in the field of regenerative medicine. (travels from Seattle, WA)

- Business development - Personal growth after loss Joe Condit (travels from Kentucky)
- Being a Catholic Mom, Lisa Hendeby author of Handbook for Catholic Moms & A book of Saints for Catholic Moms (travels from Fresno)
- Former 8 term Congressman George Radanovich – "New World Order is the Old World Order"

[Check out our new website www.cpbcc-Modesto.org](http://www.cpbcc-Modesto.org) . While you are there please renew your membership and register for our September breakfast meeting.

We're having an "Early Bird Special" too. If you renew your membership BEFORE September 2012 on the Fast Track, you'll receive 2 FREE guess breakfast tickets. A \$30 savings! In addition if you choose to advertise in next year's directory with a minimum of a ¼ page ad, AND submit your artwork and payment before August 2012 we'll give you ad space on our website and NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE, complete with hyperlinks to your business website. A wonderful way to reach out to like minded clients within our community.

For all Fast Track members that join or renew before September 2012 you'll receive 2 FREE guest breakfast passes, a \$30 value! So please take advantage of these specials now.

See you September 11th.  
God Bless and have a wonderful summer.  
George Erbele

Our condolences to Dan Fitzgerald and family on the death of his mother, Joyce.

**Parish  
and  
School  
News from  
around  
the city  
and  
county**

Central Catholic would like to invite the community to a special Facebook/ Twitter workshop for parents. CCHS Technology Director, Chuck Staley, will go through all of the privacy and security settings necessary to protect you and your children using social media. Everyone is welcome to attend this free seminar.

Date: September 25

Time: 6-7 pm

Cost: Free

Place: Central Catholic High School Library  
200 S. Carpenter Road, Modesto

Presenter:

Charles Staley, MBA/Technology Management  
Director of Technology for Central Catholic High School

Contact: Cathi Padula

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**Central Catholic Open House and Pumpkin Patch**

**Tuesday, October 30**

**5:30-8:40**

**200 S. Carpenter Road**

**Guaranteed to be fun and exciting**

Parish Festivals:

St. Joseph Sept. 7,8,9

St. Stanislaus Sept.28, 29,30

Our Lady of Fatima Oct. 5,6,7

Bishop's Awards Dinner – October 20<sup>th</sup> – celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Diocese

**Diocesan Ministry Day, celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Diocese, -  
October 27, at the Doubletree**

Free Youth Concert! September 8, 2012, 8-Midnight. St. Stanislaus Church grass area, 1200 Maze Blvd. Featuring: Ska-Amen, La Dey de Dios, Bianca Sanchez with ARMEE Praise and Worship and Catholic rap artist, Jose Melendrez. Happy Birthday will be sung to our Blessed Mother. The night will include inspirational videos, testimonies and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Check out the St. Stanislaus Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/#!/events/478434178836508/> and St. Stanislaus page <http://ststanscc.org/ministries/ministry/youth-concert-september-8th/> for more information.