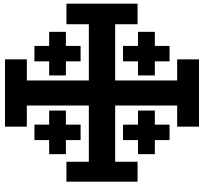


# The Communique

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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF  
ST. ANN CATHOLIC PARISH



## *Prayer on the Go!*

Heavenly Father,  
I pray to You today  
for peace —  
in my own heart and  
between all families,  
races, and nations.  
Grant me the ability  
to do my part,  
large or small,  
to bring about peace  
and unity.  
In Your name I pray,  
  
Amen.

*"I give thanks to my  
God for all my  
memories of you,  
happy at all times  
in all the prayers I  
offer for all of you."  
Philippians 1: 3-4*

## RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Who can remember the days when becoming a Catholic meant several sessions with the parish priest and memorizing a list of questions from the Baltimore catechism? Well, things have changed! Following Vatican II, adults wishing to join the Catholic Church undertake a process known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Modeled on the concept that church is a community and becoming Catholic involves more than memorizing cate-

chism, RCIA emphasizes belonging to a faith community. Nowhere is this more evident than at St. Ann. Thanks to the dedication of many parish leaders over the past fourteen years, the RCIA program has evolved into its present state...a dynamic process that not only reveals the mysteries of the Catholic Church, but



2001-2002 RCIA Team

also welcomes the newly initiated into the parish family.  
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## Reflections on 35 Years of Being a Priest

When you receive this newsletter, I will have already celebrated my 35th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Nonetheless, I wanted to share with you some reflections on that experience.

Today Catholic priests and bishops are frequently in the news, but the news reports detail their failures instead of heralding their successes and fidelity for almost 2,000 years. A very small number of priests have been involved relative to the total population of priests in the USA—there are some 46,000+ priests in this country. Is one

case too many—certainly!

I remember how the thought of becoming a priest first arose in my life. In my home parish of St. Thomas the Apostle in Chicago there was a new priest assigned to the parish, Father Thomas Mulcahy. Since all priests seemed old to me at that time, I didn't realize until long after that he was then newly ordained on his first assignment. He was a wonderful man and a great priest. I developed a relationship with him (long before such a thing was considered suspect). What struck me then, and would to this day,

was that he was as happy being a priest as anyone I ever knew doing anything. That happiness and joy was infectious. This, I think, planted the seed of becoming a priest.

Since I was ordained 35 years ago, I can say without reservation that I have never ever regretted or questioned being a priest. For me it has been the fullest, happiest and most fulfilling life that I could ever imagine. It is for this reason that I realize from time to time how undeserving I am of this gift from Jesus.

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<i>Mass Times</i>	
<i>Sat Anticipatory</i>	<i>5:00 pm</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>
	<i>10:00 am</i>
	<i>12Noon</i>
	<i>&amp; 4:30 pm</i>
	<i>(a Life Teen Mass)</i>
<i>Domingos-en Español 7:00 pm</i>	
<i>Weekday Masses</i>	
<i>Mon—Fri</i>	<i>7:00am, 12Noon</i>
<i>Sat</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>
<i>Reconciliation</i>	
<i>Sat</i>	<i>4:00—4:45 pm</i>
	<i>or by Appointment</i>

*Chewing gum,  
lollipops, mints,  
candy, breath  
mints—  
all break your  
Eucharistic fast!*

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## Our New Church—Did you know...?

- The altar located in the main church is constructed of “Sunset Red” Texas granite and weighs 8,000 lbs.
- It is necessary for the valid consecration of the altar, fixed or portable, to contain relics of at least one martyr sealed into the sepulcher.
- A relic is “something belonging to, or connected with Our Lord or the Saints, such as a portion of their bodies or a

garment that they wore.”

- Our altar contains the relics of eight saints:  
St. John Neumann—a Philadelphia bishop who organized the first parochial school system  
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini—a patron of immigrants and the first American saint  
St. Martin de Porres—a man loved by the poor and given the gift of healing  
The Japanese Martyrs—there

were 26 crucified for being Christians

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton—founder of the Sisters of Charity religious order

St. Charles Lowango—an African missionary and patron of black African young people

St. Rose of Lima—patroness of the Philippines and the Americas

St. Faustina Kowalska—patroness of lost souls

*Contributed by Jerry Elizondo*

## Newsflash: Chewing Gum Breaks Fast!

Yes, as Catholics, we are obliged to fast one hour before receiving Communion! Chewing gum, lollipops, mints, candy, breath mints — all break your fast. Medicines and water are permitted, but even that cup of coffee breaks your fast. Vatican II reduced the fast to one hour from the former requirement — fasting from midnight the night before. We

want to approach the all-holy and most pure God in Communion with purity of heart, soul and body. Fasting helps us do this.

Not because of church requirement do we desire Communion with Our Lord, but because as Christians and Catholics we know this sacrament as the deepest mystery of our faith, and the holiest gift of God’s

mercy. We approach Our Lord in Communion with a clean and anxious heart, for He promised:

*“I am the Living Bread come down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.”*

If you were unaware of this teaching in the past, now is the time to make it right. Start anew today!

*Contributed by Gerry Whitney*

## Reflections on 35 Years of Being a Priest

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Like all people, some things I do well, some things ok, and some things poorly. For every success I thank the Father through Jesus, who is the source for all that is holy, all that is good. My failures I claim as totally my own, for in those actions I foolishly relied on myself and not the power of the Lord.

men to choose the priesthood today for a variety of reasons. I pray, and ask that you pray as well, that more will respond to the call of Jesus to share in his Priesthood. I’ll close with a passage from St. Paul that I have sent before. I use this passage because it captures what I want to say to each of you.

*in all the prayers I offer for all of you...May your love grow richer and richer yet, in the fullness of its knowledge and the depth of its perception, so that you may learn to prize what is of value. May nothing cloud your conscience or hinder your progress, but may you reap the full harvest through Jesus Christ...”*

Philippians 1: 3-4, 9-11

*“I give thanks to my God for all my memories of you, happy at all times*

*- Msgr. Broderick (Pastor)*

I think it’s more difficult for

## Ministry Spotlight: Eucharistic Ministers / Ministry of the Sick

Serving as one of the Eucharistic Ministers at St. Ann is among the most important and sacred volunteer activities in our faith community. Led by Ed Reiss, a group of well-trained Eucharistic Ministers distributes the Holy Eucharist at Mass each week. According to Ed, to serve in this capacity one must show reverence toward the Blessed Sacrament and have first received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Although it is not a requirement, he notes that many Eucharistic Ministers also participate in the Adoration

of the Blessed Sacrament.

In addition to the fine work done by Ed Reiss and his volunteer staff, Pete Markwald leads a group of volunteers in another vital ministry—the Ministry to the Sick. Among other duties, this ministry serves the Holy Eucharist to those parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. Over the years, Pete has stated that he has found a wonderful “strength and peace” in serving the Lord in this manner as he prepares himself for the Deaconate.

The sheer number of parishioners who attend Mass each week and receive the Holy Eucharist as well as the large number of parishioners who need to be served at home creates an ongoing need for more volunteers in both ministries.

As a brief aside, when you next see Pete Markwald, please congratulate him, as he is scheduled to be ordained as a Deacon on June 29!

*Contributed by Bernie Yanelli*

*In addition to Msgr. and a deacon or acolyte, it takes a team of **14 lay ministers** to distribute the Precious Body and Blood at each of the six weekend Masses:*

*14 lay ministers*

*x 6 Masses*

***84 ministers needed per weekend***

*This is a 100% increase in ministers from the 7 lay ministers per Mass that served in the Assembly Room!*

*If you feel called to serve in either ministry, please call*

*Ed Reiss (972) 492-1573 or*

*Pete Markwald (972) 317-1604*

*to share your gift!*

## RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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Under the direction of Jim Courtney, the St. Ann RCIA team is a group of volunteers who have now worked together for several years. To conduct a quality program of this scope, this core team consists of catechists, administrators, audiovisual experts, emcees, and coordinators for the social, hospitality, and childcare provider ministries. Additionally, there are those who assist the candidates and sponsors to ensure the necessary paperwork is in order and all requirements are fulfilled.

The team begins planning each summer, with the RCIA year commencing in late August consisting of weekly classes, and culminating at the Easter Vigil Mass. RCIA has been fortunate to attract various local

and national experts as guest speakers in past seasons, allowing the program to provide a comprehensive view of important issues facing Catholics today.

One of the highlights of every year's program is the overnight retreat. Held at a nearby retreat center, this retreat offers the opportunity to build on the doctrine already learned, to establish a deeper understanding of the faith, and to gather as a faith community much as the early Christians did. It is also a time for fellowship and fun. In the past we have even discovered some “Karaoke” masters!

Why is the program at St. Ann so successful? It is largely due to the success of the St. Ann community itself. As a growing, dynamic parish, we have

attracted a population of interested candidates. Beyond that, the RCIA Team is dedicated to treating each individual with respect, creating a welcoming and loving atmosphere in the church community, and presenting doctrine as it is found in the Holy Scriptures and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Another major contributor to the program's success is the dedication of the sponsors. Each candidate is teamed with a sponsor who attends class with them, answers questions, and eases their transition into the practice of the Catholic faith.



RCIA class in-session at the St. Ann Cenacle

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2002, eighty-eight new Catholics were initiated into the Church, for the first time in the magnificent surroundings of our newly consecrated house of worship. As a faith community, let us rejoice!

*Contributed by Bill Harrington*

*SAY (St. Ann Youth) starts again in September. Send us your youth and we will put Faith into action!*

## Religious Education: SAY Walks & Talks the Good News

SAY is our burgeoning and bustling middle school ministry that serves over 500 youths. So much adolescent energy is hard to contain. The right thing to do is to channel this energy and, as Christians, to spread the Good News. SAY has taken the words of St. Francis to heart. We have “walked the talk.”

On June 27, many of our St.

Ann youths committed a week of service to Mission Possible. We worked at various service agencies that serve at-risk youths and families in Irving and Arlington. Our service consisted of yard work, cleaning, and sorting, and it was very much appreciated. This effort caps a great service year for SAY. As a group we sold hand-made crosses, raising \$471 for the Life

Teen Mexico Mission Trip; we stuffed 800 gift bags for the missionaries; we collected 200 sweat shirts and 500 pairs of socks for the Denton State School; we collected over 1,000 cubic feet of coats and 1,800 cans of food for Catholic Charities; and we donated \$100 for Afghan children. SAY is faith in action!

*Contributed by Debbie Matalone*

## Staff Spotlight: Parish Office

Every successful organization has its “unsung heroes,” and the St. Ann faith community is no different. In our parish, these behind-the-scenes heroes are the parish office staff: **Pat Hynes**, Secretary; **Karen Smith**, Coordinator; **Jennifer Lindsey**, Business Manager; **Cathy Chomout**, Bookkeeper; **Andrea Gowans**, Development Director; and **Barbara Weller**, Data Entry. These dedicated individuals efficiently manage numerous church programs and

produce all the materials that benefit each and every St. Ann parishioner. From putting together weekly bulletins, to registering new members, to coordinating baptisms and weddings, they keep our parish well organized, and they do so with spirit and teamwork. Monsignor Broderick is quick to note that there is no way a parish of our size could have grown so quickly or function so well without their tireless efforts.

In recognizing their fine work, we must also praise a related group—the countless volunteers who joyfully support the office staff each day. Over the years, these unnamed volunteers have given thousands of hours of their time for the benefit of our faith community. Their collective efforts define the very essence of “stewardship” and help make St. Ann such a thriving faith community.

*Contributed by Bernie Yanelli*



St. Ann Parish Office Staff—(L to R) Pat Hynes, Barbara Weller, Jennifer Lindsey, Andrea Gowans, and Cathy Chomout (absent, Karen Smith)

## Development News: Survey Results & Stewardship Renewal

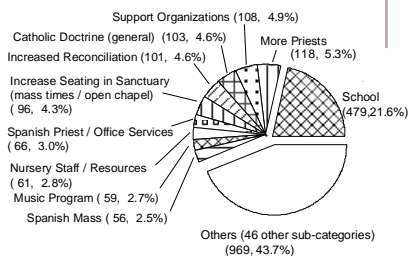
**Parish Survey Results** Over 1,236 responses (21.4%) were received, and are considered representative of the entire parish. No decisions have been made based on any of the survey results. The decision to proceed with a school will be based upon parish consultation in the form of town hall meetings this fall or early winter. Thank you and we look forward to our town hall meetings in the fall!

**Stewardship Renewal** This October all parishioners will be asked to make conscious, mature decisions about their participation in the parish. Today’s culture makes it more difficult to choose an attitude and lifestyle that reflects an understanding of who Jesus calls us to be.

All of us will be invited to pray and think about the many ways we use the gifts of time, talent and

material possessions God gives us. It’s important that we think seriously about the ways we need to share what God has given us and that we develop a plan as mature disciples of Jesus. Our annual stewardship renewal is a time for us as a community to renew our faith and determine this coming year’s priorities as people who seek to serve our Lord!

*Contributed by Andrea Gowans*



“Planning Our Future” results summary  
Key: “Unmet Need” Category  
(# of responses, % of total needs)



## El Grupo Guadalupano de Santa Ana

Como uno de tantos ministerios de Santa Anna, el Grupo Guadalupano ofrece una bonita oportunidad de oración y espiritualidad. El grupo fue creado en 1990 con el propósito de fomentar la veneración a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

En la actualidad el grupo está compuesto por 35 miembros los cuales se reúnen el primer

sábado de cada mes para rezar, crecer espiritualmente y para planear eventos futuros. El grupo Guadalupano está dirigido por Rafael Cuéllar (Director), Indira Quizzetti (Secretaria) y Carmen Lemke (Tesorera).

El grupo es parte del Consejo Guadalupano de la Diócesis de Dallas. Una vez al mes el Grupo Guadalupano de Santa

Anna ofrece una misa para toda la comunidad pidiendo la protección a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Si está interesado en ser parte de este grupo o tiene alguna pregunta, favor de comunicarse con Rafael Cuéllar al (972) 790-7913

*Contribuido por Anabelle Lugo*

### *El Grupo Guadalupano:*

- *Ayuda a los miembros a vivir una Vida Cristiana;*
- *Proporciona amor y devoción a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe; y,*
- *Formenta las vocaciones Hispanas a través de oraciones y trabajos.*

## St. Ann Guadalupano Group

Among the many diverse ministries at our parish, the St. Ann Guadalupano Group offers a unique opportunity for focused prayer and spiritual worship. This group was founded in 1990, with its primary purpose being to foster the veneration of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The group presently has 35 members who meet on the first

Saturday of every month to pray, grow spiritually and plan for future events. Rafael Cuéllar (Director), Indira Quizzetti (Secretary) and Carmen Lemke (Treasurer), direct the Guadalupano Group.

The group is part of the Diocese of Dallas Guadalupano Council, which consists of groups from all over the

metroplex. Once a month the St. Ann Guadalupano Group offers a mass for the entire community, asking Our Lady of Guadalupe for protection. If you are interested in becoming a Guadalupano or have any questions, please call Rafael Cuéllar (972) 790-7913.

*Contributed by Anabelle M. Lugo*

### *The Guadalupano Group:*

- *Aids members in living a Christian life;*
- *Promulgates love and devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe; and,*
- *Fosters Hispanic vocations by both prayer and work.*

## St. Ann Carnival—Annual Event

One of the most exciting events held at St. Ann is the annual Carnival, which will take place this year from September 6-8<sup>th</sup>. This year the event is being led by Ed Leonard and Joel Busby, who will dedicate numerous hours of their time to ensure that the Carnival contributes the same high level of entertainment and joy that it has in years past.

In addition to providing wonderful festivities for our parish

and the community of Coppell, the Carnival is the biggest money making activity that the parishioners of St. Ann organize each year. For instance, last year the Carnival generated revenue of \$90,000 for our parish. Not surprisingly, an effort of this magnitude requires a significant number of volunteers. Therefore, if you only have time for one volunteer activity this year, this is a perfect opportunity to pitch in and contribute— whether as an

individual or as a family. In addition to helping the parish with your time, this is a great way to meet fellow parishioners—everyone has lots of fun when they get involved at Carnival time!

Please consider lending a hand by calling Ed Leonard at (972) 462-1445 or Joel Busby at (972) 304-1816.

*Contributed by Bernie Yanelli*

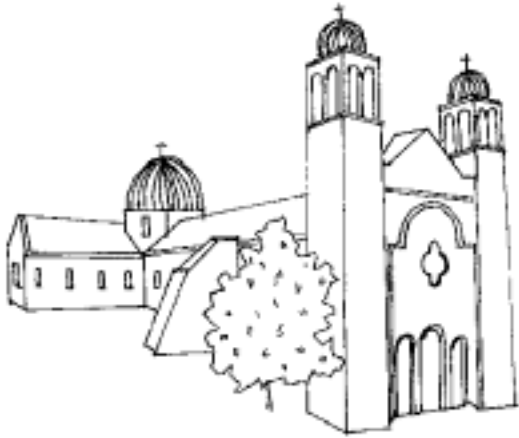
*If you only  
volunteer once a  
year at St. Ann,  
this is your event!*

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## Upcoming Events

### July

- 1—Women's Fellowship Bingo & Ice Cream Social
- 4—Parish offices will be closed. No scheduled Masses.
- 8-12—Vacation Bible School (VBS)
- 21—Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

### August

- 5—Women's Fellowship Religious Speaker
- 6—The Transfiguration of the Lord (this event is depicted in the apse behind the altar)
- 14—New Altar Server Training
- 15—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
- 17—August Institute for Sunday School, R.E. & SAY

### August (con't)

- 18—SAY Guest Speaker, "Unlock the Mysteries of Early Adolescence"
- 22—Altar Server Training
- 23—St. Rose of Lima feast day (her relics lie beneath our altar)
- 24—Supper Club Kickoff Dinner
- 25—Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
- 25—"Discover St. Ann" Welcome Event
- 28-30—Preschool "Meet the Teacher" Days
- 29—Altar Server (Crosses) Training

### September

- 2—Parish offices will be closed. No scheduled Masses.
- 2—Women's Fellowship Wine and Cheese Tasting
- 3—First Day of Preschool

### September (con't)

- 3-5—Religious Education Starts
- 6-8—Carnival
- 8—RCIA Classes Begin
- 11—SAY Starts for Wednesday classes
- 13—Friday Morning Bible Study Begins
- 14—Brothers in Christ Annual Retreat
- 15—Stewardship Renewal Begins
- 15—First Day of Sunday School
- 15—Altar Server Recognition Breakfast
- 15—SAY Starts for Sunday classes
- 18 & 22—Parents Night at SAY
- 20—Conferencia Educación Familiar (Family Education)
- 21 & 22—Men's CRHP Retreat

*See the bulletin for all event details.*