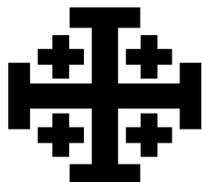


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A newsletter for the parishioners of St. Ann Catholic Parish



Prayer on the Go!

In an environment as noisy as ours, Lord, your word is a quiet whisper of invitation we often choose to ignore. Teach us the art of silence and stillness. Give us ears to truly hear the message you speak into our hearts. Reach out and help us to follow you, because we believe that yours is the way of life. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

St. Ann focus on *EVANGELIZATION*

In response to hearing about my new job title as Director of Evangelization at St. Ann, people usually respond with questions like, “What does that mean?” or “What will you do, Kurt?”

These questions are a natural response; because, for Catholics, the word “evangelization” carries ambiguity and even negativity. We aren’t exactly sure what it means. Many of us associate evangelization with a bad experience of someone pressing us about if and when we were saved. As a result, Catholics often view evangelization as “a Protestant thing”.

Evangelization can also feel in-

timidating; something we’d prefer to leave to the experts. In reality, we “evangelize” all the time, eager to tell others about what inspires, excites and impassions us. The word evangelization essentially means “sharing the Gospel” or “Good News” of Jesus Christ.

Think about it. We’re always ready to share our good news with others – whether it’s an exciting family happening, an amazing event in our day, or our favorite restaurant, movie or sports team. Sharing the good news of our faith begins when we personally experience God’s love and mercy such that we can’t help but

share it with others. I once heard beautiful explanation of evangelization as simply “one beggar telling another beggar where he found bread.”

In the Bible, we receive not only the invitation to share the Good News of our faith in Jesus – we receive the absolute *call* and *responsibility* – both as individuals and as a church. St. Paul writes, “Woe to me if I do not evangelize!” (1 Corinthians 9:16) Saint Pope John Paul II echoed the cry of St. Paul when he wrote, “No believer in Christ can avoid this supreme duty: to proclaim Christ to all peoples.”

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Jottings from Fr. Henry

Musings from the Pastor:

I am writing this article as we are about to begin our annual Carnival. I am also recovering from a pretty major injury I sustained at the very beginning of my vacation in Breckenridge, Colorado. My accidental fall landed me in the hospital in Frisco, Colorado with five fractured ribs and a punctured lung. So instead of hiking and fly fishing for 5 days, I spent 12 days in St. Anthony Summit Medical Center in Frisco, Colorado. Because of multiple

fractures I had to have surgery and the surgeon placed titanium plates on four of the five broken ribs. Sometimes our Lord has us experience something that takes us “away from the crowd” so He can enter more deeply into the recesses of our hearts. I have been overwhelmed with the outpouring of prayers and well wishes from texts, emails and cards. Thank you for the love and compassion you all have shown me. I have been told that ribs heal pretty slowly so I will be going in ‘slow

motion’ for a while. Please be patient with me as I heal from this injury.

I had planned on attending the Diaconate Ordinations of Emmett Hall and Paul Bechter at St. Peter’s in Rome but have decided not to since I will still not be fully healed. Most likely there will be another opportunity for me to visit Paul and Emmett in Rome in their diaconate year at North American College. We certainly are all looking forward to
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Mass Times

Sat Anticipatory 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
10:00 am
12 Noon
& 4:30 pm
(a High School Ministry Mass)

Spanish Mass (Main Church)
2:00 pm
Domingos-en Español 7:00 pm

Weekday Masses

Mon—Fri 7:00am, 12Noon
Sat 8:00 am

Reconciliation

Directly after the Sat 8am Mass,
Tuesday 7:00pm,
or by Appointment

Evangelization

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In 1975, Pope Paul VI made a simple yet profound proclamation, "The Church exists to evangelize." This is our most fundamental identity as church and the reason for existence as a parish. St. Ann parish exists to evangelize! Helping St. Ann to embrace this identity more fully is the essence of my new job description.

So, there's still the question, "What will you do, Kurt?" I look forward to helping St. Ann be-

come a more evangelizing parish on every level, strategizing and partnering with parishioners, staff members and ministry leaders. We'll be offering new opportunities to help us be intentional about evangelizing, to learn how to share our faith and to become a parish of missionary disciples. One exciting new project that you'll hear more about in the coming months is called "Alpha". Stay tuned!

In Evangelii Gaudium Pope Francis writes, "For if we have received the love which restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others?" Let us all continue to grow together as a community in this love we have been given in Jesus Christ so that we will join with Pope Francis in his passion to share that love with others. Come, Holy Spirit!

Contributed by Kurt Klement
Director of Evangelization

Jottings from the Pastor

(Continued from page 1)

Emmett's and Paul's Ordination to the Priesthood at the Cathedral Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe here in the Dallas Diocese next summer.

This year our parish has 8 seminarians...Deacon Paul Bechter, who just officially joined our parish this past summer, Deacon Emmett Hall - Paul and Emmett are both at the North American College in Rome; Michael Baynham and Ryan Hiaeshutter at the Theological College in Washington DC; Desmond Ndikum at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans; Nicholas Shelton and Sam Ford at Holy Trinity Seminary and Andres Felipe Angulo who is studying in Mexico at the Apostles of the Immaculate Heart of the Divine Mercy. We have a total of 64 seminarians studying for the Diocese of Dallas. We will continue to pray fervently for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Our Diocese is celebrating its 125th Anniversary this year and we have just completed our 'in-pew' filling out of pledge cards for the

Our Faith...Our Future Diocesan and Parish Campaign. I am happy to report that we exceeded our parish goal of \$4,560,000 and the Diocese is fast approaching its goal of \$125,000,000 with total pledges at around \$115,000,000. They are predicting that when all is said and done, that goal of \$125,000,000 will also be reached and exceeded. The first priority for the monies that we will receive for our parish will be to finish out the renovation of St. Ann Center. I thank God for the positive and most generous response we received from so many of you. May God reward you for your support.

Finally, we look forward to 2016 when St. Ann will be celebrating its 30th anniversary...and also, I will be celebrating my 40th anniversary of priestly ministry. It will be a year of giving thanks to Almighty God for His love and His generosity to us.

I end this letter with a quote from our Pope Francis from his letter entitled "The Face of Mercy":

"At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives. For this reason I have proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy as a special time for the Church; a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective."

Pope Francis has chosen the date of December 8, 2015 to begin the year of mercy because it is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The entire Universal Church will enter into a special year of Mercy in 2016 and every parish will be called upon to practice mercy in concrete and prayerful ways. Let's look forward to a very Holy Year.

Yours in Christ,

Henry V. Petter

Henry V. Petter
Pastor

Catholic Prayer Group

Wow, what a beautiful time together! The Catholic Prayer Group completed a spiritual retreat entitled *33 Days to Morning Glory* by Father Michael Gaitley, from the Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. The retreat examines the lives and writings of our Blessed Mother Mary's connection to St. Louis de Monfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and St. Pope John Paul II.

The retreat concluded with a consecration "to Jesus through Mary." The Catholic Prayer Group made its Marian Consecration on August 15, 2015, Saturday, on the *Feast of the Assumption*. Members of the Catholic Prayer Group gathered at 7:30a.m. in the St.

Ann Children's Garden, standing before a statue of Mary, to recite the consecration together.

Father Paolo Capra joined the group in the garden and gave everyone a special blessing. Others members of the Catholic Prayer Group, who could not attend that morning, made their consecration at another time. Collectively, over two dozen people made their consecration. After taking pictures and signing consecration forms, the group celebrated 8:00am Mass together. Mass was followed by the recitation of the Rosary and breakfast. Thank you to everyone who participated in this retreat consecration! It was a beautiful celebration!

The Catholic Prayer Group will resume its traditional meeting on Monday nights at 7:00p.m. in rooms 313-314. Please join us, and bring a friend. Old and new members alike are welcomed to praise God with us.

More exciting news! In January, the Catholic Prayer Group will continue with a retreat by Father Michael Gaitley, *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*. This retreat shows the connection between the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Divine Mercy with many references to St. Pope John Paul II. Look for more information in the Sunday bulletin to come. Or, contact the Catholic Prayer Group at St Ann, 469.682.6605.

Contributed by Cheryl Denise Pumphrey

Catholic Prayer Group and the 33 Days to Morning Glory Marian Consecration



Sisters in Christ (North)



Picture of the Sisters in Christ North with the baskets they're donating to the Carnival Silent Auction.

Left to right - Doris Urban, Linda Benzing, Jo-Claire Markham, Susan Isenhower, Vickie Arriola

Contributed by Linda Benzing

Greeters Ministry

Greeters Ministry – We Need Your Help

Sunday Mass is the formal, official worship service of Catholicism and is the most important and sacred act of worship in the Catholic Church. Participating in Sunday Mass is the only way a Catholic can fulfill the Third Commandment to keep holy the Sabbath day. The Mass incorporates the Bible (Sacred Scripture), prayer, sacrifice, hymns, symbols, gestures, sacred food for the soul, and directions on how to live a Catholic life — all in one ceremony.

The Mission of the Greeters Ministry

To provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere at the Sunday Mass, especially for all of our first-time guests and members alike. As a parishioner’s first contact on arriving for Mass, greeters play a key role in the unfolding of the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Our goal is to make every person who comes through the church doors feels like a part of our parish family, by welcoming and supporting them in a positive, friendly, and spiritual manner. We want everyone who enters St. Ann Church to feel welcome and loved.

What We Do

Greeters are a liturgical ministry of hospitality. It goes beyond greeting and welcoming newcomers or parishioners; it begins as people approach the doors of the church and extends beyond the foyer or lobby. The Greeter serves as an extension of the Priest. A Priest cannot personally greet each member of the congregation, but a Greeter can act in his place welcoming all those who come to share in the Mass. The Priest extends his personal expression of warmth by shaking hands after the Mass is over as we leave the church. We provide a personal touch to make everybody feel welcome. A friendly smile and welcoming words greatly bless us all. We also distribute song sheets and special handouts.

How You Can Help

Are you looking for a way to serve our Lord through your church? The ideal friendly congregation begins with effective Greeters who have the gift and grace to express social warmth and will share their time and commit their energy to this ministry. An honest smile and heartfelt handshake given in Christ’s name will nourish someone’s soul or satisfy someone’s need for more closeness. Greeters’ highest virtue is their willingness to express human kindness. Human kindness is the ultimate act of godliness. It is the most unselfish service we can give to our Lord. A kindhearted greeter and a warm hearted church is a perfect place to be for the Lord. Be a part of this ministry and let us grow together in Christ.

Requirements:

- The gift and grace to express social warmth
- An honest smile
- An heartfelt handshake
- A willing heart to serve the Lord and others

If you are happy to be a part of St. Ann Parish, come and be a part of the Greeters ministry and help share your joy! To serve the Lord is easy! We are to love others. One way of showing that love is to be kind to others, to help them, give them a smile and a kind word. Being a Greeter is a wonderful way to accomplish this service to the Lord, our church, and anyone who comes to Mass. Please contact one of us to learn more and become a part of one of the Greeters’ Mass teams.

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Contributed by Tom Samson



Around the parish



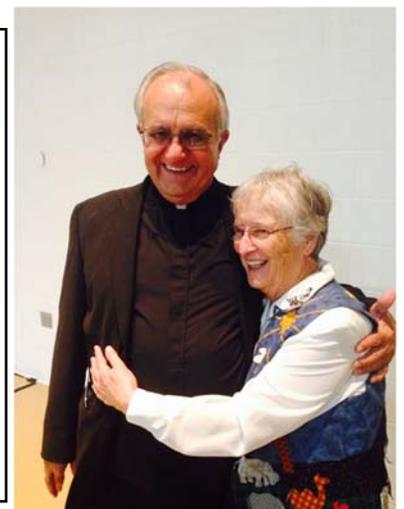
ST. PAULA'S PATRONS

Get well wishes for Fr. Henry from St. Paula’s Patrons

A Blast from the Past!

The weekend of August 30 was a very special one for two of St. Ann’s favorite people from the past. Sister Ruth Ellen Dean, who served as Director of Religious Education from 1993-2007 celebrated her 80th birthday, while Monsignor Leon Duesman, our former Pastor, celebrated his 50th Anniversary as a priest. It was wonderful to see them both!

Contributed by Debbie Kaluza



St. Ann Staff News

Please join me in welcoming Patty Hernandez. Patty serves two roles at St. Ann, as the Spanish Liturgy/ Music Assistant, and the Sunday School Assistant. Patty was born in San Luis Potosi, Mexico and she moved to the United States in 1996. She has been a member of St Ann since 2004. She has been very active within the parish over the last 10 years. She has been a member of CRSP since 2006, and has volunteered in various capacities, including Vacation Bible School, Bilingual Religious Education,

Marriage Encounter, the St. Ann Carnival, SAY, JEPPS, and Men's Club Thanksgiving Baskets. She is also an active member of Regnum Christi.

Patty and her husband José have two wonderful teens, Paloma (15) and Aron (14). They reside in Flower Mound. In her free time, Patty enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with family and her loyal pet, Brownie.

Contributed by Debbie Kaluza





The Children's Religious Education (CRE) Department is pleased to introduce our newest staff member, Nikki Scancelli. Nikki is the new Sunday School Coordinator, and has been working hard this past Summer to get the St. Ann Sunday School program ready for the new year. Nikki graduated from Franciscan University with a degree in Catechetics and Theology. She grew up

in the Houston area, and is still an avid Astros and Texan fan. If you think the name Scancelli sounds familiar, you're right! Nikki's husband Joey is the new Director of High School Ministry here at St. Ann. Joey and Nikki reside in Coppell, and have a darling 3 year old son, Dominic.

Contributed by Debbie Kaluza

Children's Religious Education

CRE Staff Attends Nazareth Retreat Center

In August, the Children's Religious Education staff shared a day of prayer and reflection at the Nazareth Retreat Center in Grand Prairie. We were led by Sister Bernice Stobierski, who guided us in a spiritual reflection based on the book The Cup of Life by Joyce Rupp.

The Nazareth Retreat Center is run by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, whose mission is to "enrich the world with the spirit of the Holy Family, who centered

their lives on Jesus." The Retreat Center is a beautiful, quiet place, and is available for retreats, Bible studies, and spiritual direction.

For more information on the Nazareth Retreat Center, please see their website at www.nazarethretreats.org.

Contributed by Debbie Kaluza



*At the Nazareth Retreat Center
Back: Kim, Mary, Loreen, Ruth, Debbie
Front: Nikki, Sister Bernice, Yolanda, Patty*

Cub Scouts (a non-parish based ministry)

Scouts recently sharpened their shooting skills at an archery event. St. Ann Cub Scout Pack 1011 is a family ministry focused on developing service leadership while supporting other parish ministries and enjoying scout activities. Boys 1st - 5th grade build rockets, craft model race cars, train with a Super Bowl athlete and college rugby players, meet with military heroes, top high school scholars, seminarians and priests, campout, cook out, study scout lessons in science, history, health & safety, community and patriotism and enjoy a variety of sports. All in a family environment where parents and siblings are included. Join us! Email: StAnnScouts@AOL.com.

Contributed by Mary Creason



Cub Scout Pack 1011 Archery event with Cub Master Michael Iglio



Firemen teach scouts about careers, safety and technology



Knight discusses knighthood with scouts



Fr. Paolo discusses character & virtues with Pack 1011 scouts

Ministry of Consolation

The Ministry of Consolation: Comfort for those who are grieving

Christ's call to care for those who are grieving was answered by several parishioners who joined St. Ann's Ministry of Consolation (MOC) this year. After training and commissioning, they have become an integral part of the ministry which helps with funerals, special Masses, support groups and more. Recently commissioned members include Jim Glenn, Lee Ann Meleky, Kris Ollom, Jackie Scofield, Suzie Whitehead, Tom Gehrlein, John Savarimuthu and Marcia Harbour. Brenda DeVaney has also joined the ministry.

With the busy fall season, their help is essential! Last month's Mass of Anointing was well-attended and the reception following the Mass was the largest hosted by the MOC. Two support groups began in September: the New Day grief group meets for eight weeks and the Divorce Recovery group meets for six weeks, with an optional Q and A meeting about the annulment process. These support groups will be offered again in early spring.

The ministry also helps plan and provide support for the annual bilingual Mass of Remembrance, celebrated on All Souls Day (November 2nd). And since a parish our size has a growing number of funerals, much support is needed for our priests and grieving families. The MOC helps plan funeral liturgies, assists with funeral Masses, provides condolence materials and sends correspondence to parishioners grieving the loss of a loved one. There's much to do -- could He be calling you? If you would like to join the Ministry of Consolation or if you have questions about any of our support services, please contact Marilee Schmelzer Aguirre (972-804-4775).

Contributed by Maureen O'Malley



Newly Commissioned members of the Ministry of Consolation

Catholic Daughters of the Americas (a non-parish based ministry)

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) celebrated their first anniversary at St. Ann with a crafting social benefiting local crisis pregnancy centers by making baby blankets and new mom gift baskets. The social, spiritual and service events in the first year included a kick off event with music by Cooper Ray and teaching from Marcellino D'Ambrosio, a ladies bunko night dinner benefiting local charities, a Dominican spiritual retreat, home hosted Catholicism studies and discussions, Christmas party gift exchange and dinner with the KoC and a spring fashion show luncheon with silent auction benefiting local charities. In the coming year CDA will host fashion shows, spiritual retreats, a members' Mother's Day brunch with the Knights of Columbus (KoC) and service project socials. Join us! Email: CDASTAnnCoppell@outlook.com

Contributed by Mary Creason

CDA Spring Fashion Show, led by Judy Flory, featured St. Ann ladies as the models and a Branson Mo. Resort Vacation prize



School of Spirituality

Life in the Spirit

Oct. 2 & 3 to be held in the Reception Room:

Friday, Oct. 2, from 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Saturday, Oct. 3, from 9:30am to 5:00pm

This weekend conference will introduce the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives and how we can cooperate with His grace. If you hunger for "something more" in your religious life, this class is for you.

Cost is \$10 for lunch on Saturday

Contact Barbara Sanders to register:

barbaraksanders@aol.com

The Journey: the Illuminative Way

This class will meet once a month beginning the first weekend in January from 9:30am to 12:00noon.

The Journey is an introduction to the sequence of

sanctification, how the Holy Spirit aids the person in spiritual growth. You will receive tools for prayer and dealing with life issues. We will meet in room 115 across the courtyard.

Contact Barbara Sanders to register:

barbaraksanders@aol.com

Ignatian Prayer Groups:

Please contact Roberta Ward for questions or to register: robertagward@gmail.com



Contributed by Barbara Sanders

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is here! We're providing help, hope and healing to over a dozen members of the St. Ann community, and we have additional ministers ready to serve. Our new Stephen Ministry team was commissioned by Father Henry in June after five months of training. They are members of our parish who are specially prepared to listen, care, encourage and support people who are going through tough times. They meet once a week with someone who is grieving for a loved one, struggling with divorce or a troubled marriage, facing a serious illness or unemployment, or suffering loneliness and discouragement. During a difficult life transition, a confidential, caring relationship with a Stephen Minister is like experiencing God's love in a personal, life-changing way. If you or someone you know could benefit from a Stephen Minister, or if you feel called to join the next training class in January 2016, call Maureen O'Malley (972-401-3334) or Diane Piper (972-393-4511).

Stephen Ministers Care!

Contributed by Maureen O'Malley



Stephen Ministry commissioning

A note from Padre Joe Uhen

St. Ann was pleased to host Fr. Joe Uhen when he visited our parish the weekend of August 23. Born in Wisconsin, raised in Oklahoma, and a graduate of Notre Dame University, Padre Joe has been pastor at Santisimo Sacramento Parish in Piura, Peru, for 22 years. The St. Ann Young Adults made a trip to Peru for the past 3 summers to assist Fr. Joe and his missionary work. The 2nd collections on August 23 raised close to \$23k for his parish!

We thought St. Ann parishioners might enjoy seeing the note that Fr. Henry received from Fr. Joe:

Your hospitality and support were graceful. I appreciate the life-giving nature of St. Ann parish. It seems there is a place for everyone there and that the Lord is deeply present in the faithful. I am a

better priest for my visit to St. Ann last weekend and I appreciate your aid in making my visit as enriching as it was. The generous response of the faithful brings transforming support to the work here. Yesterday, I met with the group of faithful from a new poor neighborhood who asked if I could help them build a chapel where they could pray. I told them of St. Ann's aid and we are planning a day in which that community and some of our parish workers can build the chapel of Santa Ana in Piura.



Many thanks, in Christ, the Virgin Mary, and her mother.

- Padre Joe Uhen, www.santisimo.org

Contributed by Dave Lukeman

St. Paula's Patrons

Threads of Hope is an outreach program of St. Paula's Patrons, Widows' Ministry. It evolved from an NBC News broadcast about the desperate plight of children in Africa. At the request of Fr. Mark (former Parochial Vicar at St. Ann) and then continuing with Fr. Patrick, St. Paula's members began making dresses and shorts for Nigerian children. Since 2011 over 3,000 dresses, shorts, t-shirts, hair bows and purses have been sent to over 14 different third-world countries. This project provides our members an outlet to be productive by helping others and in the process helping themselves through their grief and loneliness.

Our ministry has been blessed with the cooperation of other groups and organizations in helping us with our achievements by donating

dresses, fabric and /or monetary donations. These include: *Quilt Country, Newborns in Need, Blockheads and friends of our members.* Special thanks to Fr. Henry for his generous and encouraging support of our ministry and to the Men's Club, Sisters in Christ and the Knights of Columbus for their monetary support.

Threads is an ongoing project with the goal of offering hope and love to the most destitute of children in communities around the world. We wish to thank all the ladies who have donated so much of their time, talent and treasure to "making a difference" by providing much needed clothing to the impoverished children of the world. Truly this is "stewardship in action"!

Contributed by Martha Shafferman



Familia (a non-parish based ministry)

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**Women's Evening
of Reflection**

Event's Date: October 22, 2015	Time of event: 7:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Address: St. Ann Catholic Parish	Contact information: Tracy Zamboni tracyzamboni@verizon.net

Additional details:
 Save the date! Meditation by Father Peter Hopkins L.C., followed by St. Ann parishioner Rita Ford with reflections on the book "I Believe in Love" and the study guide. There will be an opportunity for Confession.

Sponsored by FAMILIA

Many people ask. What is FAMILIA? It stands for Family Life in America. Familia's mission is to serve the Church by offering parish sponsored programs. At St. Ann there is currently one Mothers of Young Children group with a new one forming this Fall. In Familia there are 4 years with a different program each year with a different theme. Year One is Created to be Woman: Called to Authentic Feminism. The focus is on understanding the beauty of our femininity and Mary as a model of strength. In each lesson you do a Gospel Reflection, a 10 minute study of the Catechism, and then study and answer questions on the encyclicals of Saint John Paul II. Katie Novitsky, a participant in year one last year said, "Before Familia, I never picked up my catechism to just skim its pages or read an encyclical to dive deeper into my Catholic faith. This first year has provided an opportunity for me to learn more about my faith and really take a step back to ponder how I can apply it to my daily life as a wife, mother and friend." Come out and check out Familia! Groups will be meeting 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 9:30am -11am and 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 8:30am-10am. To sign up for Year One contact: Anna Robicheaux amrobicheaux@gmail.com or 972-467-6038. FAMILIA will also be sponsoring an Evening of Reflection for Women on Oct. 22. SAVE THE DATE!

Contributed by Tracy Zamboni

Adult Religious Education

Adult Religious Education Opportunities Abound

This Fall, there are many opportunities for you to learn more about your faith. This year we have the **Faith + Fe** Program in place so adults can learn more about their faith through the video series from *Symbolon*. This is a 20 week series, more of a visual catechism, with discussions from noted theologians and small group discussion.

In addition, Tuesday night sessions will continue to focus on the Books of the Bible series with approved Diocesan instructors. In October, we will be discussing **THE PROPHETS**, how their message can speak to us today. January will bring the series on **THE LETTERS OF PAUL**. If you haven't learned to understand the importance of these letters, now is the time to learn to grow and love the letters of Paul. These sessions meet on Tuesday's at 7:00 pm in SAC Rm 330.

Seminarian Paul Bechter
teaching *Ecclesiology*



New this year, will be a 4 week *Catholic Scripture Study* on **Advent – Cycle C: Preparing for Christ**. This study will follow the *Catholic Scripture Study* format and will concentrate on the Sunday lectionary readings and incorporate the ancient method of *Lectio Divina* (praying the scriptures). This study is open for registration in October and will begin in November on Tuesday nights. This short study is good for beginners in Bible Studies as well as those who wish to understand the readings for the Lectionary Cycle C in Advent.

To learn more about these and other classes available, visit our website at stannparish.org/ccf

Contributed by Tena Allain

Magi

Believe!

Each year, the community of St. Ann comes together to assist not only our own parishioners, but other agencies, churches and refugees. To make this project a success, it involves all parishioners; individuals, families as well as the ministries. It is an opportunity for us to help others have a memorable Christmas by **your** spirit of giving.

Many people help with this Service Project. The children in the Children's Religious Education programs in grades 1 – 4 decorate the ornaments to make them sparkle on the trees. The Magi committee then adds the gift information to the ornaments. Each year, the RCIA/RICA programs set the trees up in the Narthex and decorate them with the ornaments the children have made. We also have 350 volunteers to help us check in the gifts and send them on.

Who do we help? There are **children, senior citizens, and families** in need as well as **those homeless who are facing illness**. Catholic Charities has several centers that help people within the Diocese. Families at these centers apply for the program and must be approved. We also provide gifts to a Dallas Aides Hospice. In addi-

tion we include children from Family Gateway as well as those from our own parish who need assistance. Last year we were able to provide gifts to over 3,000 individuals and hope to do that again this year.

With your assistance, we will be able to once again help others **BELIEVE** someone cares for those who would otherwise not have any gifts under their Christmas tree. Christmas is about giving, and giving a gift to someone in need is a way of sharing Christ to others.

The *Magi Ministry* is a Parish wide Service Project to help those less fortunate at Christmas. This year, we will once again focus on **helping others BELIEVE in Christmas and the love of Jesus**.

Be sure to watch the bulletin or the St. Ann's website for more information on how you can help with this wonderful program: www.stannparish.org/magi . Look for the ornaments on the trees November 21 – 22!

Submitted by Kat Duck

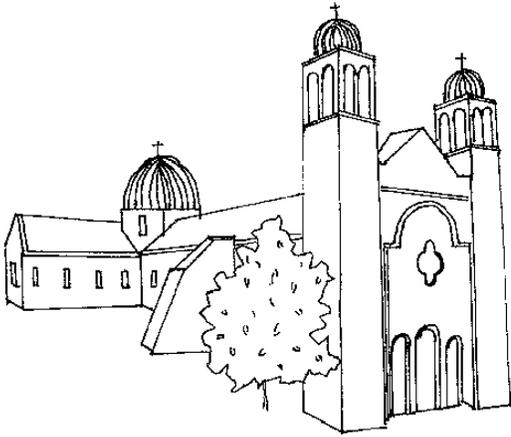


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Upcoming Events

October

- 3 — Feast of St. Francis, Blessing of the animals,
- 12 — Columbus Day
- 18 — **2nd Collection: World Mission Sunday**
- 22,23,24 — Univ of Dallas Ministry Conference
- 23-25 — SAY 7th & 8th Grade Retreat
- 25 — **2nd Collection: Diocesan Priests Retirement**
- 25 — KofC Pancake Breakfast
- 31 — Mass of Anointing

November

- 1 — All Saint's Day
- 1 — **2nd Collection: Catholic Charities Diocese of Dallas**
- 1 — Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 2 — All Soul's Day, Mass of Remembrance
- 7&8 — Stewardship Pledge Weekend
- 11 — Veterans Day
- 20-22 — Thanksgiving Baskets project

- 22 — **2nd Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development**
- 26 — Thanksgiving Day (parish office closed Thursday & Friday, no meetings)
- 29 — First Sunday of Advent
- 29 — KofC Pancake Breakfast

December

- 5&6, 12&13, 19&20 — SAY Live Nativity
- 6 — Breakfast with Santa
- 8 — Feast of The Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation
- 12 — Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 13 — **2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious**
- 14 — Parish Advent Reconciliation
- 16 — Light is on for You! Reconciliation
- 18 — Las Posadas
- 25 — Christmas, The Nativity of the Lord (parish offices closed)
- 29 — SAY Service Project at North TX Food Bank

January

- 1 — The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation
- 1 — New Year's Day (parish offices closed)
- 3 — **2nd Collection: Diocese of Trujillo, Honduras**
- 24 — **2nd Collection: The Church in Latin America**
- 30 — Confirmation Masses
- 31 — KofC Pancake Breakfast

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