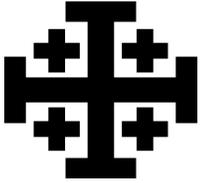


The Communique

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A newsletter for the parishioners of St. Ann Catholic Parish



Prayer on the Go!

Dear Lord,

Help us to make stewardship a way of life for us, our families, and our parish. Open our hearts to allow the Holy Spirit to motivate us to follow Jesus without counting the cost.

In Your name we pray,
Amen.

High School Ministry Celebrates 20 Years

In 1997 St. Ann made a bold move to change their model of youth ministry. That year the LIFE TEEN program was started at St. Ann, and the rest was history! Since that point the ministry has continued to produce high quality dynamic talks, mission trips, youth nights, and much more.



Jottings from Fr. Henry

I am writing these “jottings” in mid-September. We just experienced our 25th annual Carnival with picture perfect weather. Through the years this activity has gathered thousands upon thousands of people from all over the area to enjoy the fun, food, fellowship and music. I am thankful to all who volunteered their time and energy so that so many could join in the festivities of those three days.

Since I last addressed the parish in this Communique newsletter, we have said ‘goodbye’ to Fr. Kevin Wilwert after 3 years serving St. Ann as Parochial Vicar. Fr. Kevin has been assigned to Holy Trinity Seminary as the Formation Adviser and part-time chaplain at the University of Dallas. Best wishes to Fr. Kevin in his new ministry assignment.

Our loss of Fr. Kevin has blessed us with the addition of Fr. Martin Castañeda as our new Parochial Vicar. Fr. Martin was recently ordained on June 3rd. Vocation came late for Fr. Martin, who enjoyed a successful career in the banking industry for more than 20 years. Both Fr. Francisco and I very much look forward to Fr. Martin joining us in ministering to our faith community at St. Ann.

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Fr. Martin



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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

Parish Stewardship Council

Being thankful for the gift of St. Ann!

Your St. Ann Parish Stewardship Council is a group of 28 parishioners tasked with assisting Fr. Henry in being “vision carriers” and creating a culture of “stewardship as a way of life”. As we approach the end of the calendar year, it’s that time of year when we begin to focus on the gifts we have received and the gifts we intend to give. When we think about the many blessings in our lives, do we remember to say “thank you” to God for the gift of our parish community? Do we consider the teaching, the healing and the comforting we receive through practicing our faith together? Do we ponder the joy of celebrating Mass joined as people of God?

As society has changed over the years, so has the landscape of many parishes. While times and the way we interact as Catholics may be different than in the past, the heart and work of our parish remains the same as it has always been – **bringing** people to Jesus, **forming** Disciples, and **sending** forth to transform the world.

Through our parish “organizations” we are there; reaching out to those in need, educating children in the faith, celebrating with families and individuals through the sacraments, visiting the sick and homebound. Our parish gives us the gifts of being part of something greater than ourselves and of knowing that we have a place to connect with God and with each other as a

community of faithful disciples.

If we take the time to really think and pray, it’s easy to see what a gift belonging to a parish really is. It is also easy to see why sharing resources with our parish falls into the category of giving and receiving. Our parish is the conduit; the channel fed by our sharing which, in turn, makes it possible for us to be in places near and far ministering to those in need and spreading the good news.

“Oh...and thank you, Lord, for the gift of my parish. It brings me closer to you and it brings me closer to my brothers and sisters in faith. Help me to support your work, through my parish community, by sharing my time in prayer, my talent in ministry and my financial re-

Jottings from the Pastor

Mark



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We also look forward to Mark Garrett’s pastoral year with us. Mark is a seminarian at the Theological College in Washington, D.C. He just finished his 2nd year of theology and will be with us

throughout this school year.

When he returns to D.C. he will have two more academic years at the Theological College. ‘God willing’, Mark will be ordained to the priesthood in the summer of 2020. His year here at St. Ann is a very vital part of his formation. Please remember him in your prayers.

We currently have 5 Alpha sessions going at various times during the week. A total of 375 persons are in the sessions with 200 persons that are welcome, hosts and helpers. Alpha is one of the ways we are fulfilling our Mission to love God completely, love all people unconditionally and make

disciples intentionally.

Alpha is also one way we are fulfilling our Vision: to bring people to Jesus, form disciples, and send them to transform the world.

I thank you all for responding so generously to the ‘call for help’ in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. Our prayers go out to all who were in the path of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma...and also in the path of Hurricanes Jose and Maria. Our prayers also go out to

Henry V. Pette

High School Ministry (HMS)

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On August 27th, we celebrated 20 years of LIFE TEEN/HSM in our parish. The night started with a packed 4:30pm Mass, with 7 priests in attendance. After the Mass, Kurt Klement (former Director), Naomi Lehew(former Youth Minister), Curtis Stephan(Youth Mass/HSM Musician), Ed Leonard(17 year mission trip construction dad), and Fr. Edwin Leonard(former teen) shared how the ministry impacted their life and the lives of many others. After the panel discussion Fr. Michael Baynham(former teen) led the congregation in a time of adoration. It was an amazing celebration of all that the youth ministry has done over the years and what the ministry will continue to do for our current teens.

Here are just a few of the amazing stats from our ministry over the years:

- 7 Priests have been a part of High School Ministry.
- 20 former teens currently working in ministry positions.
- 7 former teens currently studying to work in ministry.
- 14 former teens have gone to serve as year long missionaries.
- Over 3,000 youth have attended mission trips.
- Over half a million dollars spent helping families in Laredo and Mexico.
- Over 450 Core members have served throughout the 20 years.
- Over one million people have attended the youth Mass since 1997
- Nearly 10,000 teens registered in our program through the years.

Contributed by Joey Scancellia



St. Ann Staff News

After a very thorough and diligent search effort, I am very excited to introduce our new Director of Strategic Communications, Justin DeMois. Justin is new to the area, moving from Houston, TX. A Texas A&M University graduate, his heart for the local church brought him to work in several

churches, Catholic and Protestant, alike. He comes to St. Ann ready to spread our mission to love God, love people, and make disciples. We look forward to Justin sharing his creative talents and skills to effectively utilize St. Ann’s internal and external communications.



Justin DeMois

Please join me in welcoming Yvette Ruiz to the St. Ann staff as the new parish receptionist. Yvette is bi-lingual which is definitely a plus for our diverse parish and her responsibilities of manning the phones and front desk in the parish office. Prior to joining the administration staff, Yvette was the Court Administrator for a Municipal

Court for over 2 years in Palmer, Texas. She has been a parishioner for over 3 years. Yvette enjoys spending time with her family, grandson (Brayden), and her Shih-Tzu “Ranger”. When she is not spending time with family she enjoys crafting.

Contributed by Jennifer Lindsey



Yvette Ruiz

The CRE Department would like to welcome Mary Robalino, who will serve as the Special Needs Assistant for both the English and Spanish Children’s Religious Education programs. Mary also works in St. Ann’s middle school ministry, S.A.Y., as a program assistant.

Mary was raised in San Salvador, El Salvador where she obtained two Bachelor’s degrees in Education. She is the oldest of four children. She moved to the United States 8 years ago to reunite with her parents and married Frank who is a military veteran of the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

Mary has worked with people of all ages for 20 years in the pastoral area, such as ministries for kids, teens, adults, formation classes for adults and taking on leadership roles in spiritual retreats in different parish ministries. She studied in a Catholic School and has worked with priests, deacons and seminarians for many years. She studied theology with the Jesuit Community and completed her

study in theology at the University of Dallas. She has participated in different parish missions since the 90s in Central America and Texas. She is passionate about working with people, she believes that serving people is serving God and completes the commandment of our Lord Jesus Christ, “love your neighbor as yourself”.

In her free time, she likes to play the recorder, piano, guitar, do little arts and crafts projects, paint, draw, sing and dance. She always finds time to study and learn new things.



Mary Robalino

Magi 2017

The **Magi Ministry** is a parish-wide service project designed to help those who need some financial assistance at Christmas. This year we will once again focus on helping others BELIEVE in Christmas and the LOVE of Jesus.

Who do we help? Children, senior citizens, and/or families, and those who are facing illness. We provide for those from our own parish as well as several Catholic Charities Centers in the Diocese, Blessed Sacrament Parish, St. James Parish, Missionaries of Charity, Hillcrest House, Ewing House and Mater Dei Seminary. Individuals and families at the centers apply for the program, are screened, and must be approved to receive help. Last year we provided gifts to over 3,000 individuals and with your help we hope to do that again this year.

What can you do? You can help by:

Taking one or more ornaments from the trees, purchasing the gift(s) requested (a need and a want for children) and returning them to the church on the designated days.

Being one of the 350 volunteers who help check in the gifts and send them to the appropriate group/organization.

To be successful, this project requires the help of all parishioners – individuals, families, ministries and parish organizations. *St. Paula's Patrons* cuts the ornaments and the children in the *Children's*

Religious Education programs decorate all the ornaments for the trees. The *Magi Committee* then adds the gift information to these ornaments. The *RCIA/RICA* programs erect the trees in the Narthex and decorate them with the sparkling ornaments the children have made so they are ready for you.

Our success depends on you! With your assistance, we will be able to once again help others BELIEVE someone cares. Christmas is about the joy of giving and celebrating the birth of Christ. What better way to do this, but by serving those most in need. Ornaments will be on the trees in the Narthex beginning Nov. 18. Gifts may be returned during the Mass times on Dec. 3 and Dec. 10.

Check the bulletin or visit our website for more information.

email: www.stannparish.org/magi or magiministry@stannparish.org
 Magi Trees in the Narthex
 Contributed by *Martha Shafferman*

 Árboles de los Reyes Magos
 en el Nártex



El Ministerio de los Reyes Magos es un proyecto de servicio parroquial diseñado para ayudar a los que necesiten ayuda financiera para la Navidad. Este año nos centraremos nuevamente en ayudar a los demás A CREER en la Navidad y el AMOR de Jesús.

¿A quién ayudamos? Niños, ancianos, familias y enfermos que están en hospicio o instalaciones de SIDA. Proveemos ayuda a personas de nuestra propia parroquia, así como varios Centros de Caridad Católicos en la Diócesis, la Parroquia del Santísimo Sacramento, la Parroquia de St. James, las Misioneras de la Caridad, la Casa Hillcrest, la Casa Ewing y el Seminario Mater Dei. Las personas y las familias de los centros solicitan ayuda, son entrevistadas y deben ser aprobadas para recibir ayuda. El año pasado brindamos regalos a más de 3000 personas y esperamos hacerlo nuevamente este año.

¿Qué puedes hacer? Puedes ayudar:

Tomando uno o más adornos de los árboles, comprando el regalo(s) solicitado (una necesidad y un deseo para los niños) y traerlos a la iglesia en los días designados.

Siendo uno de los 350 voluntarios que ayudan a registrar los regalos y los envían a la organización apropiada.

Para tener éxito, este proyecto requiere la ayuda de todos los feligreses - individuos, familias, ministerios parroquiales. Los miembros de Santa Paula cortan los adornos y los niños del programa de Educación Religiosa decoran todos los adornos para los árboles. El Comité de los Reyes Magos añade la información acerca del regalo a estos adornos. Los programas RCIA / RICA erigen los árboles en el Nártex y los decoran con adornos que los niños han hecho para que estén listos para ti.

¡Nuestro éxito depende de ti! Con tu ayuda, podremos ayudar de nuevo a los demás CREER que alguien se preocupa por ellos. La Navidad es la alegría de dar y celebrar el nacimiento de Cristo. Qué mejor manera de hacer esto, sirviendo a los más necesitados. Los adornos estarán en los árboles en el Nártex el 18 de noviembre. Los regalos pueden ser devueltos durante las misas el 3 y el 10 de diciembre.

Consulte el boletín o visite nuestro sitio web para obtener más información. www.stannparish.org/magi o correo electrónico:

magiministry@stannparish.org **PAGE 5**

Stephen Ministry

Could You Be Called to Stephen Ministry?

After two years of service to our parish, St. Ann's Stephen Ministry has cared for over a hundred hurting and often hopeless care receivers in our community. The Holy Spirit has moved in remarkable ways, both for the current team of ministers and the many hurting souls they serve.

Stephen Ministry is simply "walking" with someone going through a difficult time. We have cared for those who have lost a loved one or a marriage to others who have experienced unemployment or isolation. Ministers meet once a week with care receivers, to listen, encourage and offer Christ's love. It's one-to-one Christian care for anyone struggling with a major life crisis.

Soon our ministry will be accepting applications for a new

training class beginning Thursday nights in January. After 50 hours of training over four months, new ministers will join the current team of 20 and be commissioned to serve our community. Please watch the bulletin for details about our upcoming Stephen Ministry Open House on Wednesday, October 18th.

To ask for the care of a Stephen Minister or for information about applying, call Diane Piper (972) 393-4511 or Maureen O'Malley (972) 401-3334.



Men's Club

Starting in 1994, the St. Ann's Men's Club began an annual tradition of organizing and distributing Thanksgiving Baskets to those in need on the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day.

What is involved with this annual event?

Each year, we begin organizing the annual Thanksgiving Basket drive in September. We reach out to the communities to gather a list of recipients. The recipient information is kept confidential and the recipients must agree to receive the basket.

We have coordinated our purchasing power with the Carnival to obtain better prices. Likewise, we reach out to companies to help with our drive. This past year, Fresh Point Produce donated 6,500 pounds of potatoes, Costco donated 86 turkeys, KLD Logistics loaned us a box truck and Sysco loaned us a refrigerated truck. Our beautiful St. Ann community generosity supplies cash donations, food donations, and volunteers to provide a majority of the needs.

What does a Thanksgiving basket contain? A turkey, cooking pan, a gallon of milk, 5 lb. bag of potatoes, stuffing, mac & cheese, pie crust, 12 rolls, pie filling, cans of corn, green beans, cran-

berry, mixed vegetables, gravy mix, and other miscellaneous items....and lots of Love.

St. Ann community distributed 1,406 baskets on Sunday, November 20, 2016 plus 200 turkeys to the Carrollton Thanksgiving Day Soup Kitchen. Collectively, over 15,700 individuals were served either by the Thanksgiving baskets or the Soup Kitchen.

This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, Nov 18th and Sunday, Nov 19th. Your generous donations, prayers and volunteer work is needed to be successful. Visit the St. Ann website for additional information.



Contributed by Eddie Provencio

Catholic Daughters of America

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, shared a very special spiritual reception with Fr. Michael Baynham, on the weekend he was ordained a new priest, June 3, 2017. The Ordination was a beautiful, touching and heartfelt event. Bishop Burns celebrated his first Mass of the Ordination in the Diocese of Dallas. We helped host the reception, set up, and served in the spiritual celebration. Fr. Michael was presented with a gift from Catholic Daughters, Court

#2684, out of St. Ann Parish. Fr. Michael Baynham’s new parish will be St. Joseph Catholic Church in Richardson, Tx. We wished him the best in his new adventure as one of God’s new priests.

Contributed by Judy Flory

Newly ordained
Fr. Michael Baynham



Left to right:
Regent-Judy Flory, Spiritual Leader-Pat Evans, Recording Secretary-Mary Leonard, Fr. Michael Baynham, Financial Secretary-Barbara Weller and CDA Member-Debbie Kaluza were some of the ladies involved



Procession for
Corpus Christi
June 17, 2017

The Vigil Mass was held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in downtown Dallas and the Procession with the Corpus Christi being carried by Fr. Edwin Leonard and other priests. Catholic Daughters of Court #2684, handled the altar setups, flowers, water deliveries, emergency medical team and food for the seminarians walking in the procession. During the Eucharist Procession, the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance was held aloft while Catholics processed through the city streets praying and singing. There were four altars on the route — the first at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, next Turtle Creek Park, then on to Klyde Warren Park and the last at

Cathedral in Dallas. The Corpus Christi makes us aware of God’s presence in our lives and the common call to follow God. While we processed through the streets, people would come up to us, stop us and asked about the procession. We were evangelizing and spreading the word of God to all. At the Cathedral after all was done, Catholic Daughters passed out fruit, sandwiches and snacks for all to nourish on at the end of the evening. We would like to give “Thanks” to all those who put this Procession together, the priests and the Knights of Columbus involvement. It was a perfect day!

Adult Religious Education — Fall 2017

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA/RICA)

kicks off this year with over 100 people coming to the sessions in both the English and Spanish groups. Many who are joining are interested in becoming Catholic. Others are already baptized Catholics here to complete their sacraments of Christian Initiation. Initially this fall they will go through a period where they learn about Jesus and the Church. Please join us in praying for these individuals who want to learn more about our faith. If you know of someone who might be interested in learning about Jesus and the Catholic faith, please send them our way by email to rcia@stannparish.org or call 972-393-5544 ext. 1895.

Adult Classes: There are several classes underway this fall as well as new ones beginning each month. In October we will begin a program on **Prayer and Spirituality** which will be led by Fr. Owen Kearns, a priest with the Legionnaires of Christ. In November we'll be offering a study on Tuesday nights to learn about **The Prophets**. As we prepare for the Advent season, Abbot Austin Murphy from St. Procopius Abbey in Lisle, Illinois, will be here hosting an **Advent Retreat** on Nov. 29 & 30.

New Master Catechist: Congratulations to **Elisabeth Cole** who recently received her Master Catechist Certificate after completing 150 hours of classes. Lis been a catechist for many years in Sunday School, Children's Religious Education, St. Ann Youth and also currently helps with the Angel Creek Preschool. Lis is also a graduate of the University of Dallas Biblical School. She feels that these classes have helped her be more effective in reaching the young people of our faith community. **Lis** has given so much of her time to teach our

children as they grow in their faith and knowledge God.

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Contributed by Tena

Elisabeth Cole

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Educación Religiosa para Adultos — Otoño 2017

El Rito de la Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RCIA / RICA) comienza este año con más de 100 personas acudiendo a las sesiones en los grupos de inglés y español. Muchos de los que se están uniendo están interesados en ser católicos. Otros ya fueron bautizados católicos y están aquí para completar sus sacramentos de la Iniciación Cristiana. Al principio pasarán por un período en el que aprenderán acerca de Jesús y la iglesia. Únase a nosotros para orar por estas personas que quieren aprender más sobre nuestra fe. Si conoce a alguien que podría estar interesado en aprender acerca de Jesús y la fe católica, por favor díganle que se comuniquen por correo electrónico aredirector@stannparish.org o llame al 972-393-

-5544 ext. 1860.

Clases para adultos: Liturgia y Sacramentos, el Sábado 7 y 14 de Octubre de 9:00 am -3:00 pm, la instructor será la Hna. Lourdes Limón, CSC. Este curso constituye una fabulosa introducción a la historia, teología y práctica de los sacramentos y su celebración en la Iglesia Católica. Si tiene preguntas llame a Chusi Gehrlein 972-393-5544 ext. 1862. Mientras nos preparamos para la temporada de Adviento, Padre Helidoro Lucatero, será aquí el anfitrión de un **retiro de Adviento** noviembre 11.

Contribución de Chusi Gehrlein

Sisters in Christ

2017 continues to be a very busy year for Sisters in Christ as we prepare for the annual Day of Reflection and the Women of St. Ann's Ready the Way Advent Brunch. Many groups also began their new studies in September.

This year's Day of Reflection will be at Nazarene Retreat Center in Grand Prairie on Saturday, October 28, from 10:00am until 3:00pm; the cost for the day is \$25 is per person which includes lunch and snacks. Rachel Sherburne, St. Ann parishioner, will present "Unbounded Hope...5 keys to live a life of limitless hope". She will also have her newly published book available for purchase. Rachel is an accomplished young woman who has been in the military with tours in Afghanistan, travelled around the world and is currently working locally as a life coach. Mark your calendars now for this beautiful, spirit filled day; the registration deadline is October 20 with limited space. Please call Marianne Southwick at 214-488-8895 or Beth Wagner at 214-770-0876 for more information.

The Women of St. Ann's Ready the Way Advent Brunch on Saturday, December 3, promises to be a wonderful way to enter Advent before the hustle and bustle of the season begins. Several members of Sisters in Christ have already created numerous, beautiful gift baskets for the raffle. Jenny Klement, St. Ann parishioner, musician, professional speaker, wife and mother, will be the inspirational speaker. Tickets are \$10 per person which includes a special brunch prepared by the Knights of Columbus. Please watch the St. Ann bulletin for details about making your reservations.

For anyone interested in becoming part of a small group, Sisters in Christ has nine groups that are currently active at St. Ann. These groups meet regularly in individual homes to focus on strengthening our Catholic faith by providing spiritual support and growth through small group book studies and personal sharing. Each group decides on its own study and when and where to meet. Sisters in Christ is open to all women who want to be more connected to our parish through friendship and fellowship because we are all Sisters



School of Spirituality



Healing the WHOLE Person

Once a month Oct. thru April
Beginning Oct. 7 in room 323
9:30 to 12:30 Cost \$20

Register: barbaraksanders@aol.com

Praying with Ignatius

Mondays beginning Sept 18
7:00 to 8:30 Cost \$30

Contact: Roberta 214-668-5201

robertagward@gmail.com

The purpose of this ministry is to provide a place where the laity can be instructed and formed in prayer, spiritual direction and healing. This formation leads to a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Just as the Scriptures, the Church and Holy Tradition teach believers "what" to do to answer the call of God, Spiritual Direction teaches "how" to apply God's call. You will receive tools and instruction on how to be a Disciple of Christ. Once you begin to be personally transformed your desire to share this with others will greatly be increased.

This is what forms disciples that can change the world.

Boy Scouts — Troop 841

Troop 841 has Record Year for Eagle Scouts

This year, Boy Scout Troop 841 celebrated its 25th anniversary. Troop 841 was started in 1991 through the efforts of several founding members that believed in the Boy Scout principals set forth by Lord Baden Powell in 1908. The Knights of Columbus chapter affiliated with St. Ann Catholic Church originally sponsored Troop 841 - consisting of a core group of eight Webelos and their parents from Lee Elementary School's Cub Pack 840. This year, the troop charter transferred directly to St. Ann Parish, and supports the Carnival with parking assistance. Troop 841 meets on Monday nights in the Cenacle (under the clock tower), and Joe Scholz serves as the current Scoutmaster.

The troop endorses the concept that our scouts will have the responsibility for the leadership of the troop, with our adult volunteers providing guidance, encouragement and support. By giving young men the responsibility of leadership, and given a chance to practice leadership skills, the boy learns how to lead and improves his leadership abilities. This is the essence of a boy-run troop. The adult leaders assist the boys in the troop to advance in rank as they complete required tasks and move through: Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class,

First Class, Star, Life and finally the Eagle rank. Less than 5% of all boys entering Boy Scouts ever make it to the rank of Eagle, and it's an accomplishment that takes years of focus and effort. This year Troop 841 had a record number of boys achieve the Eagle rank.

Troop 841's first Eagle Scout was awarded in 1992. In the past 25 years, the troop has seen 96 boys achieve this high honor, with several more on the verge of completion. This year, there were 14 boys to reach the Eagle rank, which is twice the number of boys in any previous year in our 25 year history. (Boys listed in order of completion of their Eagle rank):

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| * Nicholas Williamson | * Richard Bridgeman |
| * John Williams | * Joshua Hart |
| * Brian Barker | * David Eck |
| * Caleb Vuono | * Conor Moriarty |
| * Alex Messer | * Matthew Plawecki |
| * Anthony Bilka | * Michael Plawecki |
| * John Degenfelder | * Lewis Ovaise |

Congratulations to all of these fine young men, and to the leaders of Troop 841.

Contributed by Bill Vuono

Hurricane Relief



THANK YOU St. Ann parishioners for your generosity with your donations towards the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund. As of mid-September, 851 families have donated over \$45,000! Your donations have been sent to Catholic Charities and distributed to those in need along the hard hit gulf coast. Thank you, also, to all who donated material goods to Christian Community Action (CCA) and other organizations. Your kind hearts and generosity did not go unnoticed. Through Catholic Charities and other ministries, dioceses throughout Texas are providing basic humanitarian and pastoral support to thousands of Texans affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Besides monetary and material donations, the St. Ann congregation prayed the Rosary prior to all Masses the weekend of September 10 for those effected by the current storms, flooding, and hurricanes.

St. Ann 25th Community Carnival



For the past 25 years, St Ann's Parish has hosted a community wide carnival. This year, not only did we have beautiful weather for the entire 3 day event but we had record breaking crowds! We are proud to host this for our Coppell community as well as neighboring communities to share in God's graces. During the ribbon cutting event and kickoff on Friday, St Ann's was honored to have Guadalupe Radio Network (Catholic Radio KATH 910AM) join us for a live broadcast. Dave Palmer, guest host and executive producer said "St Ann's has set the bar for all community wide carnivals in the metroplex. This carnival is one of the best in DFW and our team at Catholic Radio 0910 was thrilled to be a part of your 25th anniversary celebration."

Carnival preparation is a year-round activity organized by a dedicated core group of volunteers. During the weekend of the Carnival, approximately 2000 volunteers assist to help to make sure everything runs smoothly during the 3 day event. St Ann's Carnival attracts more than 20,000 visitors and proceeds help to support not only St. Ann Parish, but also the surrounding community. Organizations that have benefitted from previous Carnival proceeds range from the St. Ann Building Fund, Coppell Civic Departments, Christian Community Action in Lewisville, Metrocrest Service Center in Carrollton, various Scouting programs, Kid Country in Coppell, and The North Texas Food Bank, as well as many others.

One of the activities our parishioners look forward to is the annual Raffle held at the end of the carnival. This year's Raffle prize winners were: 2017 Mercedes Benz C300 Sedan (courtesy of Park Place Mercedes Benz of Grapevine) Ed Campbell; Disney Land/Sea Package (courtesy of Viking Cruise and Travel) Sue Graves; Yeti 200 Cooler Fred Clarke. Thanks to these sponsors as well as many others listed on St Ann's website for making this carnival a huge success!

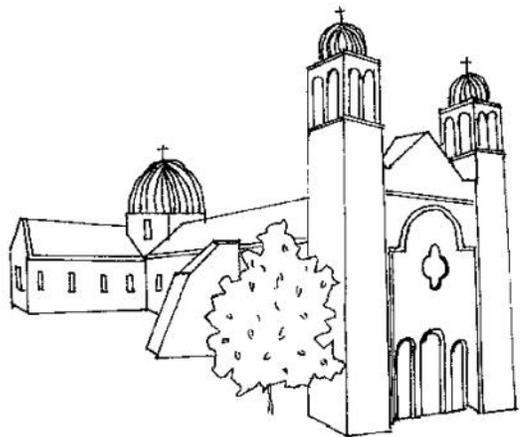
Next year guarantees an even bigger event! Be sure to keep September 7-9, 2018 open and be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities posted in St Ann's bulletin and website. If you would like to be a part of the carnival planning committee for next year, please contact Tim Barr, Carnival Chair at



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Upcoming Events

October

- 4 — Feast of St. Francis, Blessing of the animals
- 9 — Columbus Day
- 21 — Catholic Daughters' "Paris Fashion Show Luncheon"
- 22 — **2nd Collection: World Mission Sunday**
- 29 — **2nd Collection: Diocesan Priests Retirement**
- 29 — KofC Pancake Breakfast

November

- 1 — All Saints Day, **Holy Day of Obligation**
- 2 — All Souls Day, Mass of Remembrance
- 3 — SAY 7th & 8th Grade Retreat
- 4&5 — Stewardship Pledge Weekend
- 5 — Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11 — Veterans Day
- 12 — **2nd Collection: Catholic Charities Diocese of Dallas**

- 17-19 — Thanksgiving Baskets project
- 19 — **2nd Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development**
- 23 — Thanksgiving Day (parish office closed Thursday & Friday, no meetings)
- 26 — KofC Pancake Breakfast
- 27&28 — Advent Mission
- 29&30 — Advent Retreat

December

- 2&3, 9&10, 16&17 — SAY Live Nativity
- 3 — First Sunday of Advent
- 3 — **2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious**
- 3 — Breakfast with Santa
- 8 — Feast of The Immaculate Conception, **Holy Day of Obligation**
- 12 — Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 18 — Parish Advent Reconciliation

- 20 — Light is on for You! Reconciliation
- 25 — Christmas, The Nativity of the Lord, **Holy Day of Obligation**
- 25 — Parish offices closed

January

- 1 — The Octave Day of Christmas. Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God.
- 1 — Parish offices closed
- 6 — The Epiphany of the Lord
- 7 — **2nd Collection: Diocese of Trujillo**
- 15 — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 27 — Confirmation Masses
- 28 — **2nd Collection: The Church in Latin America**
- 28 — KofC Pancake Breakfast

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