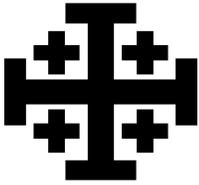


# The Communique

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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF  
ST. ANN CATHOLIC PARISH



## Prayer on the Go!

Dear God,  
Thank you for all  
you have given  
me. I  
pray that this day  
and every day,  
all my thoughts,  
words,  
and deeds  
will be in your  
image and like-  
ness.

*“These [Easter  
mysteries] are the  
same events we  
proclaim and celebrate  
in every Eucharistic  
liturgy... and that  
permeates all of our  
prayers.”*

## Fare Thee Well, Father John

The month of March ushered in great joy for the St. Ann faith community, culminating in a blessed Easter Sunday that we celebrated on Sunday, March 31. At the same time, March also contained a note of sadness in that we had to bid farewell to our beloved Father John Dick. In late March, he departed St. Ann to become the new Pastor of St. Patrick in Denison, TX, which is just north of Sherman. Father John's departure, while

leaving a big void for others at St. Ann to fill, should still give us cause to rejoice. Three reasons come to mind. First, we should be thankful that the Catholic Church has recognized Father John's many talents to enlighten and inspire his audience—be they young or old. His ability to lead in the name of our Lord Jesus is as noteworthy as his piety is profound. Second, the many good works that Father



Father John and members of  
St. Ann Life Teen

John completed here at St. Ann will live on for many years to come. We can be confident of this because *CONTINUED ON*

## Easter is What We Always Celebrate

As you read this, we will have celebrated the great *Triduum*, the three day solemn proclamation of the suffering, death and Resurrection of Jesus. These three days are the highest and greatest celebrations of the central, core beliefs of the Christian community. We focus upon these events in a very special way during these three days. The reality, however, is that these are the same events we proclaim and celebrate in every Eucharistic liturgy. Moreover, it is the reality that permeates all of our prayers, whether individual or

communal, and whether we are aware or unaware of the fact. In a simplified understanding, our identity as believers flows from the Easter mysteries of the Father, Son, and Spirit.

We have been reborn to newness of life in the Resurrection of Jesus. St. Paul in his famous affirmation says, “I live now, not I, but Jesus lives in me!” How different it is to live in the light and hope of the resurrection. Some live in the light and hope of career success, money, or personal fulfillment. In the light of the Resurrection all

these other hopes and lights may still exist, but they are overshadowed by the brilliance of the Resurrection of Jesus and what it means for us. We can find our true selves only in the light of the Resurrection of Jesus.

The meaning of Easter is not so much what the Father did for Jesus, but what Jesus is doing for each of us through his Resurrection, for through that reality we have the hope and certainty of life that knows no end.

- Msgr. Broderick (Pastor)

<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>

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## Our New Church—Did you know...?

- Stained glass windows were originally used to teach the bible stories to parishioners. Many years ago, people could not read, so they were taught via the picture windows!
- Our stained glass window style is based on the windows in the cathedral in Augsburg, Germany, which has the oldest stained glass windows in the world.
- In older stained glass windows, the only colors they had were primary colors. The use of strong primary colors at St. Ann was a good choice considering the bright Southern sunlight and significant height off of the ground.
- The pictures and designs of the stained glass windows were developed via an interactive process between Msgr. Broderick and the artists.



St. Ann the Mother of Mary and our Patron Saint

- The upper windows were left clear to gauge the brightness/darkness of the church.

*Contributed by Jerry Elizondo*

## Mass Etiquette

### Quiet Prayer before Mass

All of us need time to pray, and the time before Mass begins could be ideal. There is no better way to prepare to celebrate the sacred liturgy than through prayer.

If you need to talk, please go to the narthex. Your consideration in maintaining an atmosphere of silence before Mass for

those who wish to spend time in prayer is greatly appreciated!

### Dress for the Occasion

How we dress indicates where we are, and our attitude toward the occasion. As warm weather approaches, this is a good time to remind ourselves to come to Mass dressed as a holy people.

Shorts and flip flops are appropriate attire for a backyard

party. As we come to Mass, let us be mindful to dress for the occasion of the gathering of the People of God in prayer!

### To Genuflect, or to Bow?

It is appropriate to genuflect in the chapel where the Blessed Sacrament is. It is appropriate to bow in the main church where the altar is.

*Contributed by Andrea Gowans*

## Q & A—“Why don’t we have a crucifix in the chapel?”

While praying in the chapel, you may have wondered why there continues to be a huge blank space on the wall behind the altar. No crucifix. No banners. Nothing.

Instead of hanging a single crucifix in the chapel, the intent is to compliment the chapel’s mission style with a **rererdo**—a carved or ornamented screen with religious icons placed behind the altar in a church. Typically the

rererdo is carved in wood and painted, with niches for the placement of religious statues and saints. Technically, one of these screens on the high altar is a retable, although the distinction between the two is often blurred.

Rererdos are common in mission style chapels. The mission churches in southern California often have rererdos spanning the width and length of the chapel

wall behind the main altar.

We are currently talking with religious artisans and craftsman skilled in this art, in the U.S., Europe, and Mexico, to transform our current blank chapel wall into a fitting rererdo for our own mission style chapel here at St. Ann.

*Contributed by Andrea Gowans*

## Ministry Spotlight: Brothers In Christ

Two years ago, Luis Gonzalez petitioned Monsignor Broderick with the idea of starting a new ministry called Brothers In Christ. This ministry was based on a movement started in the Catholic Church during the mid 1990's entitled St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers. The basic premise underlying the Covenant Keepers was to encourage men to live in accordance with the principles established by St. Joseph, our Lord's earthly father, and the Magisterium of Holy Mother Church.

Through the grace of God, the Brothers In Christ ministry at St. Ann quickly flourished.

Today there are over 80 members and that number is growing. At its core, the members of Brothers In Christ seek to meet once every three weeks in small groups of eight to twelve men to challenge and support one another to live according to the eight promises of the St. Joseph Covenant Keepers. These commitments, among other things, govern the way in which men should love their wives, guide and educate their children, and establish Christ as Lord over their lives and families in all respects.

According to Luis, beginning this new ministry naturally fol-

lowed from the inspiration he found during his time and experience with Christ Renews His Parish. The direct benefits of this new ministry, Luis hopes, will be found in husbands and fathers who are grounded in their daily walk with Christ. As a result, these men should then be able to raise their children as the next generation of evangelizing Catholics. Luis invites any man who is interested in joining Brothers In Christ to call him at (972) 966-2380.

*Contributed by Bernie Yanelli*



## Fare Thee Well, Father John

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he focused his substantial energies and talents on St. Ann's ever growing teenage population, a group that will be the basis for our parish's future vitality.

Through his efforts with the Life Teen organization, Father John gave our teenagers unwavering support and a constant challenge. According to Kurt Klement, Life Teen Director, "Father John, in addition to stressing the importance of the sacraments, provided a clear challenge to our teenagers to rise above the ways of the world that govern and cripple the lives of so many of today's youth." Father John would often boldly remind our teens

that you either committed yourself to the Christian way of life or you did not—he would not let them sit on the fence and have it both ways.

The third reason to give thanks for Father John's leaving has nothing to do with his commitment to St. Ann's youth or his many spiritual gifts. Rather it has to do with the manner in which he left. He departed the splendid new grounds of St. Ann in style, driving off in his new Volkswagen Passat. And you know what that means. That's right, it means that the intimidating reserved parking sign designated for Father John will soon come tumbling down. So let's all give thanks for another parking spot up close to



Father John and his new Volkswagen Passat.  
The real question is.... who gets his parking spot?!

the church! Let's also remember to give thanks to Father John in our prayers, seeking the Lord's blessing on this faithful and selfless man who truly has a "servant's heart."

*Contributed by Bernie Yanelli*

*The number of children receiving First Communion at St. Ann has increased 40% in the last four years, from 217 children in 1999, to 304 children this May!*

## Religious Education: Here I Am Lord, I'm Listening

Each year one of the highlights in our Religious Education program is First Communion.

To celebrate this wonderful day we have a special theme and of course it has to be different each year... directed by the Holy Spirit.

This year's theme is based on 1 Samuel 3:1-10 in which the Lord calls Samuel while he is

still very young. We don't know what God said to Samuel but the moral is clear: Listen, God has something to say to you. If we find time every day to JUST LISTEN to God we will soon find that He has become a very special friend and confidant. There is a message here for children and adults. You don't have to have a "prepared" prayer, you don't even have to

know what you want... God knows what we need and want better than we ever will. So I invite you to join the First Communion children of the parish and find some quality time and place each day where you can merely say: HERE I AM LORD, I'M LISTENING!

*Contributed by Sr. Ruth Ellen Dean*

## Staff Spotlight: Life Teen

St. Ann has a number of attributes that make it such a vibrant faith community. One of those attributes is its very successful Life Teen program. Kurt Klement, the Life Teen Director, first joined the program in 1996. Just prior to joining, Kurt took part in the first Christ Renews His Parish team at St. Ann, an event that caused him to reevaluate his life and leave behind a promising business

career. Naomi LaRue, the Life Teen Assistant Coordinator, joined the program in 1999. A Texas A&M engineering graduate, Naomi had no desire to pursue engineering, but having volunteered with the local high school teens, followed God's call to continue to help teens love and know Him. Curtis Stephan originally joined St. Ann as part of the Life Teen staff in 1997. This past October

Curtis was named Music Director, but continues to remain heavily involved in Life Teen.

With their mentor Father John now departed, Kurt, Naomi and Curtis will surely have more to do, but should be equal to the task. Let us pray for their continued success in guiding and inspiring St. Ann's teens—truly one of our faith community's greatest earthly treasures.

*Contributed by Bernie Yanelli*

## Development News: Burn the Mortgage

This May starts the one-year countdown to a significant milestone here at St. Ann—the "end" of our Capital Campaign.

**Funding a Dream** In order to realize the parish dream of a new church, a capital campaign was established to help fund the construction costs through pledges to be paid over a three-year period from February 2000 to May 2003.

You may also be wondering why the continued emphasis on the Capital Campaign for a church that is already built. The short answer is that although the church is built, we have a balance of \$5 million to be repaid. Consequently all future development is contingent on the retirement of this loan.

**No Hands but Ours** The new church has benefited each of us and our families—each of us is

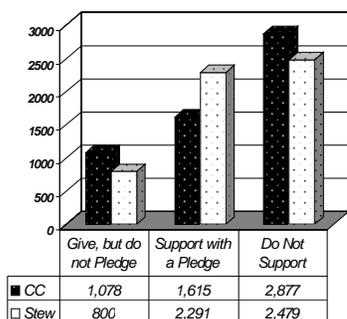
called to share in the fiscal responsibility of having built a fitting house of God to serve the people of St. Ann.

Show your support. Contribute what you can. There are no hands, but our hands. This is our church, and our responsibility. Together let's "burn the mortgage" in this final year of the Capital Campaign!

*Contributed by Andrea Gowans*



- Started at St. Ann in August 1997
- First retreat hosted 45 teens
- Most recent retreat hosted 195 teens from 20 different local high schools



Figures for Capital Campaign (final year May '02-May '03) and Stewardship Fund (fiscal year Jan '02-Dec '02)

## Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe: “¡Ella Viene!”

“¡Ella viene!” Otra familia hispana se llena de alegría al recibir la buena noticia. La estatua que la comunidad hispana utiliza durante la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe para la procesión anual, reside semanalmente en la casa de una familia de la parroquia. Cada fin de semana una familia nueva es anfitriona de Nuestra Señora.

La devoción a Nuestra Santísima Madre es una tra-

dición especial de la comunidad hispana, empezando por la aparición de Nuestra Señora a Juan Diego en México a mediados del año 1500. Subsecuentemente, debido a la conversión de miles en todo el mundo, María ocupa un lugar muy especial en el corazón de los hispanos. Por el gran respeto que se les tiene a las madres hispanas, la devoción a María ha florecido entre los hispanos. La tradición de tener a la estatua en el hogar ayuda a

unir a la familia en oración, pidiendo la intercesión de Nuestra Santísima Madre ante Cristo Nuestro Señor.

La estatua les recuerda que La Sagrada Familia es el modelo de fe, esperanza y amor.

*Una contribución de  
Luis E. Gonzalez*

*Traducido por Anabelle Lugo y  
Monica Muñoz*



Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe,  
Patrona de las Américas  
*Our Lady of Guadalupe,  
Patroness of the Americas*

## Our Lady of Guadalupe: “She is Coming!”

“She is coming!” Another family is filled with joy as they receive the good news. The statue used by the Spanish community for the annual procession on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe resides weekly in the home of a parishioner. Each weekend, a new family is informed that they will be host to Our Lady.

Devotion to Our Blessed

Mother has a rich tradition in the Spanish community, beginning with Our Lady’s appearance to Blessed Juan Diego in Mexico in the mid-1500s. The subsequent conversion of millions has put Mary into a special place in the hearts of Hispanics everywhere. Coupled with the high regard that mothers hold among Hispanics, the devotion to Mary has blossomed. The

tradition of having her statue in a family’s home helps to unite the family in prayer, seeking the intercession of Our Blessed Mother before Christ Our Lord.

The statue helps remind families that they are called to model the Holy Family in faith, hope and love.

*Contributed by Luis E. Gonzalez*

## Women’s Fellowship—Annual Event

You are invited to join St. Ann Women’s Fellowship for their 1st Annual Blooming Fashion Show and Luncheon on Saturday, April 27th at 11:30 am in the St. Ann Assembly Room. Many of our St. Ann “shining stars” will be modeling the fashions. Fashions will be provided by Foley’s, Kay’s Closet and Lasting Impressions. Door

prizes and a silent auction will also be part of the festivities.

The goal of Women’s Fellowship is to help SUPPORT the many groups of our parish community—both financially and through volunteerism. The fashion show and luncheon is this year’s main fund raiser.

All women in the parish are

invited to join the Women’s Fellowship. The success of the organization depends on YOU. YOU each have a gift. Come and make new friends in your parish community.

Check the weekly bulletin for more information.

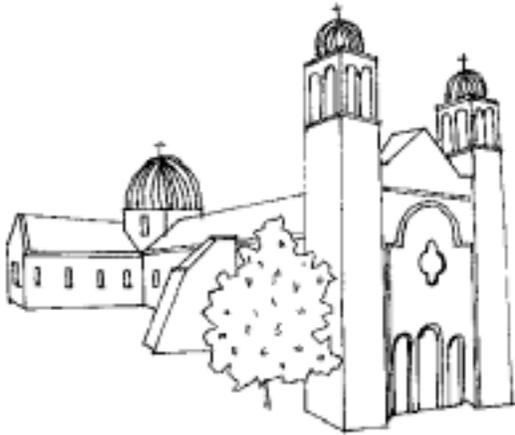
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## Upcoming Events

### April

- 6—Golf Scramble Tournament
- 6—FAMILIA Day of Reflection
- 6 & 7—Men's CRHP Retreat
- 13—St. Ann Benefit Art Auction
- 13—Life Teen "Spring Fiesta"
- 13—Addiction Ministry Meeting
- 14—"Discover St. Ann" Welcoming Event
- 15—Preschool Registration packets for Summer Program available
- 20—Blood Drive
- 20 & 21—Women's CRHP Retreat
- 27—Blooming Fashion Show and Luncheon

### May

- 1—SAY "Last Class Blast"
- 4—First Communion Mass
- 9—Ascension of our Lord  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
- 11—First Confirmation Mass
- 15 & 16—Preschool Spring Program

### June

- 8—Guadalupano Dance
- 9—"Discover St. Ann" Welcoming Event
- 14—Fine Arts Event
- 22—Men's Club Rummage Sale

### Men's Club Rummage Sale

Saturday, June 22

St. Ann Cenacle (inside)

7:00 am—Mid-afternoon

*Pre-sales are open to parishioners  
Friday, June 21 from 6 pm—9 pm*

Clean out your closets! Let someone else make good use of your "stuff," and at the same time, help support St. Ann!

Proceeds from the Rummage Sale are used to help fund various St. Ann organizations and events such as Life Teen events and the Mexico Mission trip, Thanksgiving baskets for the needy, and the annual parish Easter Egg Hunt .

Watch the bulletin for more information, or contact Bill Vuono at (972) 315-1385.

*See the bulletin for all event details.*