

# The Communique

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A newsletter for the parishioners of St. Ann Catholic parish



## Prayer on the Go!

Lord of new life,

Thank you for the gift of a new year. You have entrusted us with the coming day, weeks and months as stewards of your divine plan; to live in gratitude, joy, and an ever growing confidence in your Kingdom to come.

We pray to be a sign of your grace in this new year through your son, Jesus Christ.

*Amen*

## RCIA

RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is the process by which both unbaptized adults (Catechumen) and those baptized in other Christian denominations become Catholic (Candidates). It is a spiritual formation process culminating with entry into the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil with the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism (if not previously baptized in another Christian denomination), Confirmation, and the Eucharist. RCIA continues during the Easter season until Pentecost for the Period of Mystagogy.

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## Jottings from Fr. Henry

Musings from the Pastor:

As I write this in the middle of January, I look back at our Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. There was a concerted effort to have greeters inside and outside the Church and Assembly Room to welcome and direct worshippers to the Eucharistic celebrations. I cannot count the number of times I passed through our entrances with our greeters opening wide the doors and singing out "Merry Christmas"! I am sure that added touch made dealing with the overflowing parking lot and overflowing worship spaces a little bit more bearable.

We are very close to finalizing the Meitler Strategic Plan. It is one thing to have the final document complete...it is another thing to implement its contents! Many of you have been faithful and sincere in helping to put on paper the goals, the objectives, and the areas we want to focus on as we build up the Body of Christ in this place. I have a lot of faith in all of you and I believe we will be able to increase the level of engagement in our parish community. There is a lot of excitement and enthusiasm here at St. Ann's and that will be contagious. If we truly live by our New Mission Statement, we

will attract even more families to our beautiful community.

The New Mission Statement is:

- Love God Completely.
- Love All People Unconditionally.
- Make Disciples Intentionally.

Towards the end of this year we will be kicking off the **Bishop's Capital Campaign**. This is different from the **Bishop's Annual Appeal** that kicks off every year toward the end of January. The Capital Campaign is a 3-5 year campaign

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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

## Children's Religious Education Special Needs Class



Jack Todd, Jarezi Flores, and Jozef Vega learn about the Nativity with their catechist, Mr. Bruce Kaluza. All three children will be celebrating their First Communion this year.

St. Ann currently offers Religious Education for children in grades 1-5 who may need a different environment other than the regular classroom. The **Special Needs Children's Religious Education Class** meets on Sunday during the 10:00 a.m. Mass. For more information, please call The C.R.E. office at 972-393-5544, or e-mail Debbie Kaluza at: [credirector@stannparish.org](mailto:credirector@stannparish.org).

*Contributed by Debbie Kaluza*

## Jottings from the Pastor

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that involves the entire Diocese in funding vital needs in our Diocesan community. The Campaign is entitled, **Our Faith...Our Future**. Over the past six years, Bishop Farrell has worked to identify the most pressing needs and opportunities in our community. This Campaign will raise the funds necessary to effectively address the vital needs of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Dallas and to establish an achievable plan for the future for our parishes, schools, vocations and seminary activities; the restoration of the landmark Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe; and to expand Catholic Charities. 30 cents of every dollar St. Ann raises for this campaign will come back to us for our vital needs. We are spelling out those needs in our Meitler Strategic Plan and we will be presenting them to the

parish soon.

We are living in a very exciting time for our Catholic Church. Pope Francis is truly giving us a beautiful example of how we should live more humbly and simply. We are overflowing in our RCIA program and I believe many are returning to the Catholic Church because **of Pope Francis' influence and example**. His favorable and not so favorable press is the same that Christ would receive if he walked in this world today. I pray we will all try to imitate him in our own way.

I pray that we will make a spiritual and penitential journey in Lent. Let us try to make meaningful and achievable sacrifices as we prepare for the most important and significant feast of the year – The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

As I get older each year, I become more and more aware of my mortality. I am keenly aware of the importance of taking care of my whole self in Body, Mind, Spirit and Soul. I look forward to serving you this year and many years to come. I pray that my health will allow me to do just that. My prayers for all of you that the Lord will bless you and give you His peace.

Yours in Christ,

Henry V. Petter  
Pastor

## RCIA

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RCIA has been a bustling, well attended process so far this year with sessions held on Sunday mornings. Varied teachings and reflection opportunities take place each Sunday to inform and help prepare the participants on their spiritual journey. Emphasis is placed on building community and service opportunities that allow participants to be the hands and feet of Christ. Serving dinner to RICA (Spanish RCIA), cleaning at Mount Carmel Center, assembling Thanksgiving baskets, decorating Magi trees, and decorating Christmas cards at the Vista Ridge Senior Living Center were all occasions for the RCIA participants to serve and build community.

The Rite of Welcoming and Acceptance took place on December 15th at the 8 am Mass. This Rite brought the unbaptized before the parish community where they stated their desire to become baptized members of the Catholic Church. Those already baptized also expressed their desire to join in the fullness of the Catholic Church as they look to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter. The parish assembly affirmed the participants who now move into the Period of Catechumenate. During this Period, participants will be given further guidance and formation aimed at preparing them to celebrate the sacraments and live the Christian life.

Each RCIA participant has a sponsor to accompany him / her on their spiritual jour-

ney. St. Ann has been blessed to have a large number of sponsors at the ready at the beginning of each RCIA year. A retreat will take place February 8 / 9 where participants will focus on deepening their relationship with Christ and learning more about our Catholic faith. Please pray for the RCIA participants during the retreat and throughout the RCIA process. You can place faces to your prayers by viewing the participants' pictures displayed in the hallway near the Children's Liturgy of the Word room.

*Contributed by Karen Williams*



Rite of Welcoming & Acceptance (pictures by Jackie Scofield)



## Montserrat — Jesuit Retreat House

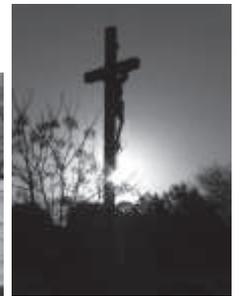
If you've noticed any of your fellow St. Ann parishioners walking around with a renewed spirit or a holy glow lately, it is possible that they may have been one of the 62 men that attended the recent **St. Ann Men's Retreat at Montserrat Retreat House on the shores of Lake Dallas**. The retreat was led by Kevin Harrington who is a spiritual director trained in the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius the founder of the Jesuit order. The exercises, which have been used by millions over the 500 years since Ignatius created them, encourage retreatants to focus on the gifts given to us by God and how the use of those gifts bring us closer to God. As we are all created to Know, Love and Serve God, it is through the use of our gifts that we help build God's Kingdom here on earth. As the Jesuit motto suggests, we are all called to serve *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam* – for the greater glory of God!

The retreat structure includes a series of talks given by the retreat director for contemplation by the retreatant. The talks are spread throughout the weekend interspersed with the recitation of the rosary, stations of the cross and the Sacraments of Reconciliation,

Anointing and Daily Mass. The 3-day silent retreat is just one of the many spiritual resources available at Montserrat located off of Swisher Road and Interstate 35E. In addition to the retreats, the Jesuits offer mini retreats on the first Saturday of every month, provide training in the spiritual exercises through the Ignatian Institute and have been known to step in on occasion to say Mass or participate in reconciliation services at parishes in the Dallas and Fort Worth Dioceses as they have done many times here at St. Ann.

If you are interested in learning more about Montserrat and the spiritual exercises, please check out their website at [www.montserratretreat.org](http://www.montserratretreat.org). Men's, women's and couples retreats are held throughout the year in both English and Spanish and are not restricted by parish, so find a date that interests you on their website and sign up. If you would like to attend next year's men's retreat along with your fellow parishioners, contact Greg Muse ([gamuse@verizon.net](mailto:gamuse@verizon.net)) or Dave Lukeman in the parish office.

*Contributed by Greg Muse*



## MAGI



MAGI Helped in Creating a Christmas to **"Believe"**

Thanks to all for your generous help this past Christmas. While the weather outside was frightful, your generosity was overwhelming. All 3,489 gifts were either donated or purchased and delivered on time. We managed to help several Catholic Charities Agencies which included children, families, and senior citizens, some Dallas Aides residents, and children from St. Ann, Family Gateway and Blessed Sacrament Parish. All who might not otherwise have had a Christmas. You helped them "Believe" in the gift of Christmas and the kindness of others.

Special THANKS to all the volunteers who gave so much of themselves to help out, to the Magi Leadership Team for their tremendous effort to help wherever and whenever needed, and to the following ministries who assisted: **Carnival Committee, Children's R.E., Good Samaritans, Hospitalidad & Espiritualidad, Knights of Columbus, Men's Club, Mothers of Young Children, RCIA/RICA, Sisters in Christ, St. Paula's Patrons, Wednesday CSS Bible Study** as well as all the teens who helped as their service hours/project. Thank you. Gracias.

*Contributed by Tena Allain*

# St. Ann Staff News



Marly and her husband, Alfredo

St. Ann is excited to welcome Marly Castillo to our team as the Coordinator of Hispanic Youth and Young Adults to help us better serve our growing Hispanic community.

Marly grew up in Chihuahua, Mexico where she studied and worked as an architect. She moved to the U.S. two years ago when she married her husband Alfredo. Marly brings a wealth of ministry leadership experience through her many

years of involvement in a Catholic ministry called *Kairos*. After only a couple of days with Marly in the office we are already asking "how did we ever make it so long without a Spanish speaker in our office!"

With this important addition, St. Ann leadership continues to step forward as a leader in the Catholic Church with a bold vision for evangelizing youth and young adults!

*Contributed by Kurt Klement*

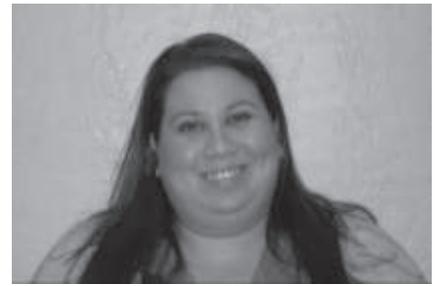
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**WELCOME Rachel Kollhoff, St. Ann's new Scheduling Coordinator.**

Rachel was born and raised in Texas. She is the oldest of four. In her free time she enjoys playing guitar, singing, and playing for youth events. Rachel worked as the Middle and High School Youth Minister at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Garland TX since 2008. She has been a volunteer with the high school and Lifeteen Band since 2005 where she had the opportunity to see beautiful conversions to Christ and deep spiritual growth of

many teens and adults throughout the years. She graduated from the University of Phoenix with a Bachelor's degree in Communications with a concentration in Technology. Currently Rachel is working on her Masters in Management. And quoting Rachel, "My heart is still very much with youth ministry but God has called me to work at the amazing St. Ann Parish! My life has truly been blessed since then and I am looking forward to what my new parish has in store for me!!"

*Contributed by Jennifer Lindsey*



Rachel Kollhoff

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Jeffrey Ketterer

Help us extend a welcome to Jeffrey Ketterer who recently join the St. Ann staff as Information Technology Manager.

Jeffery is a lifetime St. Ann parishioner and currently lives in Carrollton, TX – and is excited at the opportunity to be able to work with the parish full time to help fill our technological needs. As our world becomes more connected and dependent on technology, it is vital that our parish has a solid infrastructure and systems in place for use by ministries and special events to improve effectiveness of communication and presentation. Jeffrey is a graduate of the University of North Texas with a degree in Business Information Systems; and has many years of experience with Blessed JP II Parish, serving the students of UNT and TWU, in both ministe-

rial and technological positions. He also is a trained Cisco Certified Network Associate, has corporate experience in virtual computing, and worldwide distributed systems. If you don't find Jeffrey in front of a computer screen, you'll most likely find him kayaking on the Trinity River or one of the many lakes in the area or enjoying a game of racquetball. Commenting on joining the St. Ann staff Jeffrey said, "it is incredibly exciting to be part of the staff here at St. Ann, and I can't wait to see what we can accomplish through technology to further our mission of evangelization and developing intentional disciples."

*Contributed by Jennifer Lindsey*

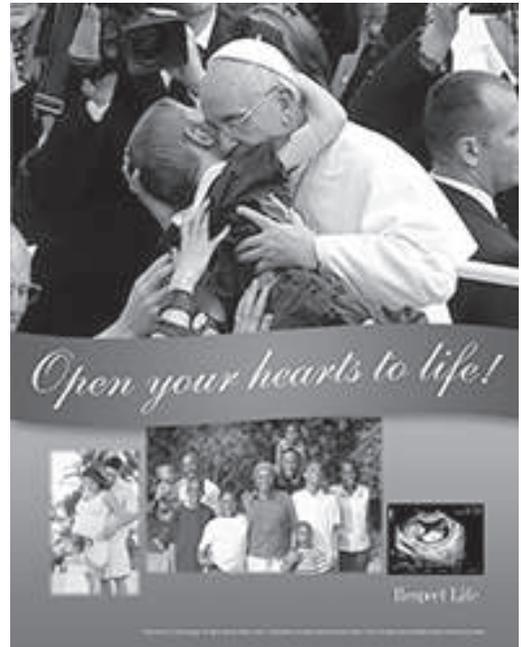
## St. Ann Respect Life Ministry

### Are you an Ostrich?

Some issues make us uncomfortable and want to play the ostrich; figuratively speaking bury our heads in the sand. Abortion is one of those issues for many people. Since the Roe vs. Wade decision of 1973, abortion without restriction has been legal in America. This has been further indoctrinated into our culture through the use of terms like “Pro-Choice” and a “woman’s right to choose” instead of what abortion really is, the killing of a baby. What can each of us do to change this situation? The tide is shifting. Polls now show that more than half of the people in the US oppose abortion, and even a greater percentage oppose late-term abortions (usually defined as after 20 weeks gestation). Thankfully, many states have enacted laws that place limits on abortion. Getting personally involved and supporting Pro-Life activities can help save more babies.

The real question is: Do we value expediency over life itself? Here are a few relevant facts to enhance your perspective on the subject:

- Since the Roe vs. Wade decision by the Supreme Court in 1973 approximately 55 million innocent babies have been denied their opportunity for life in the US alone. Life is one of the rights of all people as defined by our Constitution.
- Even though 20 weeks is being used as a limit to abortions in many States, the heart starts beating at 18 days and there is scientific evidence the baby feels pain in 8 weeks or less.
- Abortion supporters would have us believe that Roe vs. Wade is chiseled in stone. It isn’t. Legal experts, including such notable liberals as Ruth Bader Ginsberg, John Hart Ely, and Jeffrey Rosen, have criticized the decision. Norma McCorvey, (Jane Roe) has tried to have the decision reversed and is now Pro-Life. It was, and continues to be, a bad decision that should be reversed.
- The Supreme Court had little, if any, knowledge of DNA in 1973. Science has discovered that when the egg and the sperm first merge—the moment of conception—all of the DNA of a human being is present. From that moment, the egg which **had been part of the woman’s body ceases** to be part of her body and becomes a new body-- a separate, unique individual. The woman becomes the baby’s nurturer and protector. The woman is, indeed, “with child” just as the baby is “with mother.”



- Despite vigorous and even vitriolic protests, the Texas Legislature passed a new law (HB-2) banning abortions after 20 weeks, requiring abortion physicians to have admitting privileges at a local hospital, and abortion clinics to meet surgical room requirements.
  - “Greed is the root of all evil.” This holds true for the lucrative abortion industry. The abortions industry in the U.S generates huge cash flow for organizations like Planned Parenthood. For more details please watch the movie “Blood Money” to see what our tax dollars are supporting.
- So what can you do to help support life from conception to natural death? Let us help you answer that question and many more. Please consider joining or supporting the activities of the St Ann Respect Life Ministry. It is appropriate that our parish, dedicated to Mary’s mother, should have a ministry to support the protection of unborn children. For more information contact: Maria Whitacre (972) 899-2797, Tm5acres@netzero.com or for the Spanish ministry Vicky Smallwood (972) 795-4543, vickyveroswood11@gmail.com
- Ministry Meeting- Third Thursday of every month at 7 PM in the Library.
  - Stand and Pray- The Ministry encourages participation from 11 AM to Noon on the third Thursday of every month at the Southwestern Women’s Abortion Clinic in Dallas (8616 Greenville Avenue).
  - Pro Life Rosary- Every Saturday after the 8 AM Mass.

Contributed by Maria Whitacre

## Angel Creek Preschool



*Where children take their first steps in education and Catholic faith.*

*We are a ministry dedicated to serving the educational and spiritual needs of the youngest members of our St. Ann Community.*

Our program:

Nurtures Young Minds

The key elements of our curriculum are developed from the guidelines established by The Texas Education Association (TEA) and the Frog Street Literacy and Math Curriculums. Our curriculum is reviewed annually to stay in concert with current trends in the field of early childhood education. Additionally, our program follows guidelines set by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). These guidelines are based on knowledge of theory and research about how young children develop and learn.

Nurtures Young Spirits

In partnership with parents, Angel Creek Preschool introduces God, Jesus and the concepts of Christian Virtues. A special time each week is set aside for Chapel, when all come together to praise God.

Provides Professional Quality

Angel Creek Preschool is made up of caring trained professionals, **all working on the behalf of your child's development.** We maintain small classes of approximately 10-14 children, in an effort to give each child the care and focus they deserve. Each classroom is staffed with two teachers. Annual training is required of all staff including CPR, first aid and the protection of children. Our teachers have experience teaching students with learning differences and dual language learners. Angel Creek Preschool is licensed by The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

Look for further information regarding registration for the 2014-2015 school year in the Parish bulletin and on the Angel Creek Preschool Website: [www.angelcreekpreschool.org](http://www.angelcreekpreschool.org) or email: [office@angelcps.org](mailto:office@angelcps.org)

Tours are now being conducted Monday through Friday from 9:30a.m until 12:00pm. We look forward to meeting your child and discussing your family's needs.

*Contributed by Karen Ruffner*

## Holy Week and Easter schedule

April 17th — Holy Thursday

- *no regular Masses*, 7:00pm Mass only—English (main church) & Spanish (assembly room)

April 18th — Good Friday

- *no regular Masses*
- 11:00am Children's Journey to the Cross
- 3:00pm Stations of the Cross
- 5:30pm Spanish Stations of the Cross
- 7:00pm English (main church) & Spanish (assembly room) services

April 19th — Holy Saturday

- *no regular Masses*
- 8:00pm Easter Vigil—English (main church) & Spanish (assembly room)

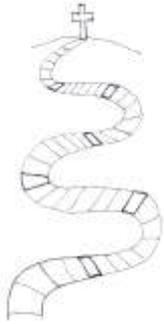
April 20th — Easter Sunday

- 6am Sunrise Mass
- 8am, 10am, 12noon, & 4:30 Masses
- 2pm & 7pm Spanish Masses

\*\*\* *additional 6:00pm Masses on Mon, Wed & Fri during lent*\*\*\*

\*\*\* *additional Reconciliation every Fri after noon Mass during lent*\*\*\*

## Children's Journey to the Cross



### Children's Journey to the Cross

Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am

Come join us at 11:00 am in the Courtyard of the church as we begin our journey around the grounds on the Children's Journey to the Cross. This is an annual event for children and their families, ages Kindergarten thru 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. It is a specially adapted *Stations of the Cross*, in which you participate together to

learn about Jesus dying for us on the cross, and what it means to be a follower of Christ today.

Come and encounter this wonderful tradition through the eyes of your child. This event is sponsored by the Children's Religious Education and Sunday School Programs with the help of their catechists. This event will be cancelled in the event of bad weather.

*Contributed by Tena Allain*

## St. Ann Men's Club—Thanksgiving Basket Annual Drive

Starting in 1994, the St. Ann's Men's Club began a 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 where we delivered baskets the prior year and begin to gather the list of recipients. It is vital that recipient information is kept confidential and that the recipients are willing to accept the basket.

We also reach out to local grocery stores and schedule food drives in late October or

early November. This past year, we conducted two food drives at the Kroger store on MacArthur and the Market Street store on 121 and Denton Tap. We have coordinated our purchasing power with the Carnival to obtain better prices on turkeys, other perishable items, and other canned goods that are not typically donated. Likewise, we reach out to companies to help with our drive.

This past year, Harry Price Company & Fresh Point Produce donated 6,000 pounds of potatoes and Sysco donated the refrigerated truck. Our beautiful St. Ann community generosity with cash donations, food donations and volunteers comprises the majority

of the Thanksgiving Basket needs.

What does a Thanksgiving basket contain? A turkey, cooking pan, gallon of milk, 5 lb. bag of potatoes, stuffing, mac & cheese, pie crust, 12 rolls, pie filling, 2 cans of corn, 2 cans of green beans, yams, cranberry, mixed vegetables, gravy mix, and approximately four miscellaneous items....and lots of LOVE.

This last Thanksgiving, St. Ann community distributed 1,202 baskets on Sunday, November 24, 2013.

*Contributed by Eddie Provencio*



## St. Paula's Patrons

It will be the four year anniversary of the inception of St. Paula's Patrons, the widow's ministry. Over the past four years we have met many widows, established friendships, volunteered a lot at St. Ann's, travelled, dined and seen movies and plays. Overall it has been a blest four years.

Our Threads of Hope ministry continues to thrive with the making of little dresses, shorts and purses to be delivered to children

in third world countries. Our goal is to offer hope and love to the most destitute of children and at the same time help our ladies transition from marriage to widowhood.

This past year we have taken on a new service project by helping a couple who works with the "Homeless Under the Bridge". At Christmas, our ladies put together 60 Christmas presents which included everyday necessities and some Christmas

treats to celebrate the holidays. A special card was included to let them know that God loves them and there are people who care too!

We continue to seek new members who would benefit by joining St. Paula's Patrons. We will have our yearly newcomers' event during the month of March.

*Contributed by Martha Shafferman*



Christmas Presents for the Homeless Under the Bridge

Playing Games at the Christmas Party



On the road to Canton



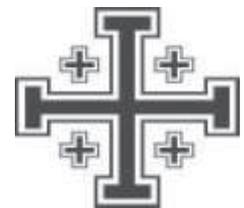
## Continuing Catechetical Formation

### CCF: Continuing Catechetical Formation

What is CCF? It stands for *Continuing Catechetical Formation*. This is the Diocesan program to bring courses designed to help people understand the teaching of the Catholic Church and instruction on how to share the faith using God's pedagogy. The courses were developed by the Catechetical Services Office under the guidance of Bishop Kevin Farrell around Scripture, Theology, Methodology & Skills, as well as Personal & Spiritual Maturity. These courses are taught by Diocesan approved instructors.

They were designed to assist a catechist in living out their vocation to proclaim the Gospel and share the knowledge of God's love in the life of his people. To do this, the catechist must have a foundation built on truths of our faith and an understanding of how to share Christ's message with conviction and fervor. It is this openness to growth that allows the catechist to cultivate an adult understanding of their faith, the ability to teach effectively, and the spiritual formation to form a loving relationship with God.

These courses are open to all. We invite you to share in the knowledge of our faith formation and forming your spirituality! For more information on the program or to sign up for the courses, visit our website at: [www.stsannparish.org/ccf](http://www.stsannparish.org/ccf) or email Tena Allain at [ccf@stannparish.org](mailto:ccf@stannparish.org).



*Contributed by Tena Allain*

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Tena Allain receives her Master Catechist certificate!

We would like to *congratulate* Tena Allain, St. Ann's Continuing Catechetical Formation Coordinator, who recently received her Master Catechist certificate. In order to receive a Continuing Catechetical Formation Certificate as Master Catechist, a Catechist must complete 150 hours of the required courses in Christian Identity/Ministry, Sacred Scripture, Theology, Personal and Spiritual Maturity, and Catechetical Methodology/Skills.

*Contributed by Marie Zavala & Debbie Kaluza*

## Sisters In Christ

Happy New Year from Sisters in Christ! In spite of the unbelievable ice storm which brought everything to a standstill in North Texas the first weekend of December, the **Women of St. Ann's Ready the Way Advent** was a fabulous success! With sheets of ice covering the parking lot and no electricity at the parish, Plan B became the option switching the event from Saturday, December 7 to Saturday, December 14. Things fell into place quickly; the generous women came to celebrate with featured speaker, Jani Rogers. The Knights of Columbus prepared and served a delicious brunch. Because of the generosity of the women attending, Sisters in Christ is donating \$500

to the Knights of Columbus, \$500 to the Prayer Shawl Ministry, \$500 to the Magi Ministry to jumpstart 2014 and \$750 to Kids Eat Free summer lunch program, as well as sponsoring the annual Sisters in the Lord Day of Reflection.

**This year's Sisters in the Lord Day of Reflection** will be at Montserrat Retreat Center on Saturday, April 12, 2014; Carol Ackels, an Ignatian trained retreat director will facilitate. Mark your calendars now for this beautiful, spirit filled day; watch the bulletin for further details about the end of February. Please call Pat Klespis at 972-977-6289 or Paula Morrow at 214-492-9710 for more information.

For anyone interested, Sisters in Christ has five small groups that are currently **active at St. Ann's**. These groups meet regularly in individual homes to focus on strengthening our Catholic faith by providing spiritual support and growth through small group book study and personal sharing. Each group decides on its own study and when 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 in the Lord. Contact Pat Klespis at 972-977-6289 for more information.

*Contributed by Linda Benzing  
Photos by Pat Klespis*



## PSC — Parish Stewardship Council

When a new year begins almost everyone makes resolutions to do and be better in the new year. St. Ann's PSC is a group of volunteers dedicated to bringing the ideal of stewardship as a way of life in 2014. But what does that really incorporate?

The term "stewardship" has been linked indelibly in our minds to mean the sharing of treasure. And, truthfully, treasure is a part of stewardship. It is important however to know that stewardship also means talent and time. How we use the gifts given to us for the betterment of the community is a good question to ask as we enter the new year.

Stewardship has been defined as having the wisdom to understand that everything we have is a gift from God of which we are to be the absolute best caretakers. What does that mean practically?

- Do you recognize your talents and welcome opportunities to dedicate the execution of your talents for the good of our St. Ann community? For example: If you are a good communicator, do you lector, teach RE, work with the Minis-

try of Consolation, greet others before and after Mass, offer to write blurbs for other ministries you might be involved in, witness to others about your faith... the possibilities are endless.

- Do you give of your time to volunteer at the carnival, to serve at the Lenten dinners, volunteer in the office of religious education, or the parish office? Do you take the Eucharist to the ill and infirmed? Do you volunteer an hour of your time to spend with our Lord in the Adoration Chapel?

These are just a very surface investigation of stewardship as a way of life.

Stewardship is a way of life that honors God in everything we do with the gifts we have been given. Living a life that is God-centered rather than self-centered... thinking of Him first before our own wants. Asking: "What is the job He has asked me to do during my time in this life?"

Stewardship is living life with the understanding that someday God will ask each and



**STEWARDSHIP**  
— A WAY OF LIFE —

everyone of us what we did with all of His varied gifts. (read Matthew 25: 14-30 for the parable of the talents).

Stewardship is life altering and its rewards last an eternity. What have you resolved to do in 2014 to give of your talents?

*Contributed by Jani Rogers  
PSC Chairperson*

## Cub Scouts Pack 820

The Pack 820 cub scouts, a Catholic pack, chartered by the St. Ann's Knights of Columbus, were busy this fall. Activities included a family camp out at Bonham State park and a conservation project at the Coppel Nature Park. The programming thus far has centered around core values such as respect, cooperation, responsibility, citizenship and positive attitude. To reinforce these values this fall, the cub scouts volunteered at the St. Ann Carnival, assisted with the Men's Club Thanksgiving Basket project and participated in Toys for Tots. They also completed the requirements for their religious emblem this year.

*Contributed by Laurel Ebner*

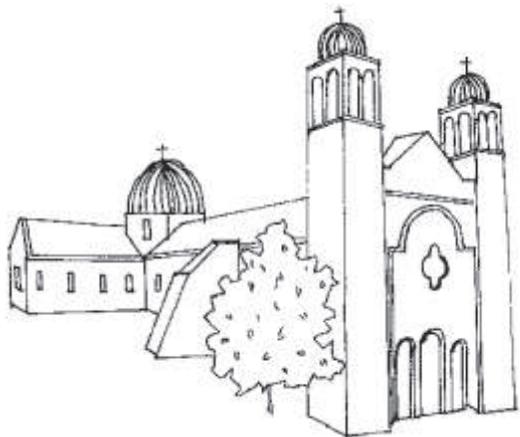


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## Upcoming Events

### February

- 4-6—No English C.R.E. classes
- 5—First Reconciliation Service in English
- 7—SAY 6th grade Retreat
- 8,9—RCIA Retreat
- 9—Bishop's Annual Appeal Pledge Weekend
- 10—First Reconciliation Service in Spanish
- 10-12—No Bilingual C.R.E. Classes
- 14—St. Valentine's Day
- 17—Presidents' Day/office open/meetings allowed
- 23—KofC Pancake Breakfast

### March

- 1—KofC Retreat (men's parish wide event)
- 3-6—No C.R.E. Classes (Catechist Lenten In-Service)
- 5—Ash Wednesday, fast & abstinence
- 5—2nd Collection: Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe
- 7—Stations of the Cross 5:30pm in main church
- 7—Lenten Fish Dinner, 6:00pm
- 9—2nd Collection: Black and Indian Missions
- 9—Spring Break, No Sunday School
- 10-14—Spring Break, no C.R.E. classes
- 14—Stations of the Cross 5:30pm in main church
- 14—Lenten Fish Dinner, 6:00pm
- 17—St. Patrick's Day
- 17,18,19—Parish Lenten Mission

- 17-20—No C.R.E. classes (Mission week)
- 20—Parish Lenten Reconciliation / Reconciliacion. Service in main church
- 21—Stations of the Cross 5:30pm in main church
- 21—Lenten Fish Dinner, 6:00pm
- 25—The Annunciation of the Lord
- 28—Stations of the Cross 5:30pm in main church
- 28—Lenten Fish Dinner, 6:00pm
- 28-30—SAY 8th grade Retreat
- 30—2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services
- 30—KofC Pancake Breakfast

### April

- 4—Stations of the Cross 5:30pm in main church
- 4—Lenten Fish Dinner, 6:00pm
- 5—First Communion Retreat in English
- 11—Stations of the Cross 5:30pm in main church
- 11—Lenten Fish Dinner, 6:00pm
- 12—First Communion Retreat Spanish
- 13—Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
- 14-18—Holy Week, no C.R.E. classes
- 16—Diocesan Reconciliation / Reconciliacion
- 17—Holy Thursday / Jueves Santo, 7pm Mass only, English (main church) & Spanish (assembly room)
- 18—Good Friday / Viernes Santo, offices closed
- 18—Children's Journey to the Cross (11a.m.)
- 18—2nd Collection: The Holy Land

- 19—8pm Easter Vigil / Vigilia Pascual, English (main church) & Spanish (assembly room)
- 20—Easter Sunday / Pascua de la Resurreccion: The Resurrection of the Lord  
(see *Holy Week and Easter Mass schedule on pg 7*)
- 21-24—Last Week of C.R.E. Classes
- 27—2nd Collection: The Catholic Home Missions Appeal
- 27—KofC Pancake Breakfast
- 30—Last Session for SAY Wednesday Night groups

### May

- 3—First Communion Masses in English
- 4—Last Session for SAY Sunday Night groups
- 6—Last Sunday School Class
- 10—First Communion Masses in Spanish
- 11—Mother's Day
- 19—Sing Praise
- 26—Memorial Day / Viernes Santo, offices closed
- 25—KofC Pancake Breakfast

See the bulletin for all event details or the parish web calendar at [www.stannparish.org](http://www.stannparish.org).