Feb. 16, 2014

Welcome to Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Friends of Jesus Catholic Church
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Parish Office hours: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday-Friday

Liturgy & Sacraments
Weekend Masses
First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass): 10:00 AM
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM
En Español: 1:00 PM
Life Teen: 5:30 PM
Nursery at 9:00, 11:00 & 5:30 Life Teen

Weekday Masses
Monday: 8:30 AM
Tuesday: 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM
Wednesday: 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM
Thursday: 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM
Friday: 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Penance
Tuesday:
Church: 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Saturday:
Church: 10:30-11:45 AM
Church: 4:30-5:20 PM

Perpetual Adoration
Adoration Chapel: 24 hrs.

Anointing of the Sick
Please call for a priest if you are seriously ill at home, about to enter the hospital, or if someone is close to death.

Baptism
Classes: Last Sunday of the month, call the Parish Office to register
Ceremony: First Sunday of the month

Marriage
Preparation at least six months before the wedding. Register to attend an information meeting by calling 281-358-6637.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
We, the community of Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus, Friends of Jesus Catholic Parish, are committed to our baptismal covenant with Jesus Christ. This covenant is manifested in our worship, evangelization, education, stewardship, service and our commitment to live as a community of faith. We center our parish life on Christ, Scripture and the celebration of the Sacraments in joyous worship and prayerful reflection of His love and mercy. We come together as a community of faith, in a spirit of hospitality and loving care, to serve one another in times of need and to share in the joys and struggles of everyday life in Christ. We provide all members of our diverse community the opportunity for spiritual growth through faith formation and the sharing of the richness of our Catholic tradition. We, as stewards of God’s gifts, share generously of our time, talent and treasure within our community and extend that care to others in fulfilling the mission of the Church in the world.

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

**Psalm** — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

**Second Reading** — God’s wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

**Gospel** — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).


**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday:** Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33

**Friday:** Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34-9:1

**Saturday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

**Sunday:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; Presidents’ Day

**Friday:** St. Peter Damian

**Saturday:** The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

In today’s Gospel reading we hear Jesus reveal his attitude toward the Law. His mission is not to reject the Law, but to fulfill it, bring it to perfection. Jesus challenges his followers to live by an even higher standard than the Scribes and Pharisees; to be even more observant of the laws than even the strictest interpretation. Jesus says that if the Law condemns someone for murder, he wants the very roots of the anger, vengeance or insults which can lead to murder removed completely. He goes further to say that one cannot even offer prayer and worship to God if there is unresolved strife with another. One must leave the altar at once to go and reconcile the wrong. Do we trust Jesus enough to be able to conform our attitude to his?

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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**REMEMBER:** During the school year, the 8:30 a.m. School Mass will take place at the Woodland Hills campus. **Next School Mass: Wed., Feb. 19.**

**† PLEASE REMEMBER THE RECENTLY DECEASED AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS †**

Robert Julian (father of Sean Julian)

William G. Dippo (father of Frank and Barb Isom)

Martha Espana (sister of Melva DeBoise)

Jeanne Bilnoski Tomek (sister of Paul Bilnoski)

Gregory Barnett (brother of Andy Barnett)

Ted Kusler (father of Russ Kusler)

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers: Richard Sexton, Jerry & Sandra Shrewsbury, Antonio Cervantes, John Sullivan and Bobby Johnson, Kathy Stoecker, Teresa Guzman, Janice Dassing, Teresa Salsbury, Rose McMillen, Crispin Avila, Don and Angie Chesnut, Larry Hattersley, Janette Ognoskie, Lucile Tucci, David Wood, Paula Demasi, Catherine & Joseph Casey, Dr. Perlita M. Campbell, Phong Le, Frankie Conrad, Joyce Reny, Kim DeLa Cruz, Waldon Landry, Patrick Gito, James Collins, Brandon A. Evans, Tom Aloisio, Carmen Aloisio, Pellite Campbell, Thomas Quinn, Marwan Nahed, Daisy Ramos, Myriam Varela, Mary Starkey, Joan Evans, Grant McTaggart, Patrick Giordano, Wonda Wallstrom, Michael Kelly, Marvin Schunacher, Billy Wade, Neely Grimm, Pat O’Brien, Jeffrey Wooten, Robert Alvarado

Please pray for our active military as seen on the wreath in the Narthex. To add a loved one call: Carole Parslow 832-689-5824 or e-mail carolep8359@gmail.com.

**WHAT IS A SPIRITUALITY OF COMMUNION?**

“A Spirituality of Communion” is the cornerstone of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan (APP) and our St Martha Parish Action Plans (PAP). A Spirituality of Communion resides in our heart and is expressed in How we do things. Do we do them out of love? Jesus taught us that the greatest commandment is Love. Love is an art and takes practice to improve. How can I improve this week?

**Love Everyone:** Love everyone equally as they need to be loved. Do not choose between young and old, nice and mean, beautiful and ugly. Love does not discriminate.

www.archgh.org/pastoralplan www.cubeoflove.org
From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,

Today’s Gospel account which is taken from the “sermon on the mount” in St. Matthew enunciates a key principle in the teaching of Jesus. He states that he came not to abolish the law or the prophets but to bring them to their fulfillment. Jesus is speaking about the whole Jewish tradition as it is formulated in the books we call the “Old Testament.” The word “law” is used to translate the Hebrew word Torah which refers to everything involved in keeping God’s covenant. It is not to be understood in a narrow or legalistic sense, but is to be seen as the concrete way of life that religious Jews were to embrace. Torah is also the revered name given to the first five books of the Hebrew Bible and contains the wonderful stories of creation, the call of Abraham, the origin of Israel as the chosen people of God, and the great event of the exodus and the giving of the Ten Commandments. It is important to note that the Jewish religion which would shape the early Christian Church was a way of life deeply rooted in the saving action of God on behalf of us human beings. The law or Torah is to be cherished as a gift from God and proclaims God’s fidelity to his people through the covenant. At the same time the people were called to “keep the covenant” as a sign of their desire to live in right relationships with others and remain in harmony with God. Thus, Jesus clearly understood his mission from the Father as to deepen and renew this covenantal relationship and not to do away with the role of law in the lives of his disciples.

At the same time the evangelist Matthew describes Jesus as the “new Moses” and a “new law giver.” This is seen at the beginning of this section of the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus “sat down” and began “to teach” the crowd. This was the traditional posture of a great teacher: sitting on a chair and sharing wisdom. Note that the Church at times authoritatively teaches certain doctrines “ex cathedra” (literally “from the chair”). It is also the origin of the word “cathedral” which signifies the church where the bishop of a particular diocese presides and teaches “from his chair.” In today’s Gospel account we hear repeated the phrase: “But I say to you…” Jesus is emphasizing that his teaching authority is rooted in the fact that he is the Son of God. His authority is not derived from some earthly source but from the very power of God. Thus, his “new law” has the power to transform hearts and renew lives. It leads to a fundamental integrity in living as authentic disciples of Jesus. Thus, when we say “Yes,” it means “Yes”; when we say “No,” we mean “No.” Let us open our hearts to the teaching of Jesus as handed on through the Church. May the witness of our lives lead others to know and love the law of God.

Fr. Chester Borski

Ash Wednesday, March 5
Mass times:
6:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12 noon, and 7:30 p.m.
The following Masses will be held at the Woodland Hills Campus:
8:30 a.m. (School Mass) and 5:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND
Next weekend, February 22 and 23, we will be collecting donations of non-perishable food and personal care items. Donations will benefit St. John of the Cross Food Pantry in New Caney. Thank you for your continued generosity by contributing non-perishable grocery items to help those in need. (Please place your Food Donation in the Rotunda before Mass. There will be a sign in the Narthex directing everyone to the Rotunda and a sign in the Rotunda showing where to place the food.)

SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON
Mardi Gras Celebration
Senior citizens - come join us for fellowship, bingo and lunch at St. Martha's Family Life Center on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month. Bingo begins at 11 am, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 pm. Bring a friend with you and join the fun! Our next gathering is Wednesday, February 26th. If transportation is needed, contact Minnie Romo at minerva.romo@gmail.com or Domenica Seitz at 281-361-4718. If you have any questions, please call Carol Bateman, 281-359-6942.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**ARE YOU AN ADULT CATHOLIC WANTING TO BE CONFIRMED?** If you have questions or would like to register for classes, please call Linda Sarman, 281-358-1959 ext. 258, or Joanie Nugent ext. 264. Classes will be held at the Faith Formation Campus every Thursday evening, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, beginning April 24, through May 29th. Confirmation will take place either Saturday, June 7 or Sunday, June 8, 2014.

**Sunday Morning: Catholicism: The New Evangelization** 10:45 – 11:45 am
The Catholic Faith is not about myths or legends, symbols or literary devices. It is about an encounter so overwhelming that you want to tell the whole world. It’s about an encounter with Jesus Christ. Father Robert Baron’s new DVD documentary, *Catholicism: The New Evangelization*, displays the Faith in action and invites you to do the same.

Join us for *Catholicism: The New Evangelization* at St. Martha’s Faith Formation Center, Room 2, 10:45 – 11:45 am. No registration or fee required. All are welcome! Remaining series dates: February 16, 23, March 2, and 23, 2014

**Tuesday Morning:** Breakfast & Bible Study, 9:15 – 10:30 am – Faith Formation Center, Room 2
Reading, studying & sharing on the Sunday Scriptures led by Carla Lewton. All are welcome. Remaining February Dates: 18 and 25.

**Wednesday Evenings: CATHOLICISM** A Ten-Part Series, 6:40 – 7:40 pm, Activity Center (Woodland Hills Campus). While the children are in Catechesis class, “Journey with acclaimed author, speaker and theologian Fr. Robert Barron to more than fifty locations throughout fifteen countries. Discover the full meaning of the Faith.” All are welcome! Remaining February Dates: February 19, 26, March 19, 26, April 2, 9

**St. Martha Adult Faith Formation Website:** www.stmartha.com
Recordings of previous adult classes, handouts, Powerpoints, upcoming events, schedules, important links, music, and more…check it out!

Adult Faith Formation videos available for viewing on *You Tube*. Click the *You Tube* icon on the website home page to view.

**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK** Up To The Minute AFF Information. Click the *Facebook* icon on the website home page and join.

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**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**

*Have some fun.* Come join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 AND UP, on Wednesday, February 19, for conversation and Coffee/Dinner at 7:00 P.M. at Spring Creek BBQ, 5613 East FM 1960 in Atascocita. For more info about the group, contact Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybhmom4@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

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**Griefshare at Kingwood United Methodist Church**

Griefshare is held on Mondays:
Morning group (specifically for those who have lost spouses) 10 am—11:30 am in Room k 104
Evening group—7 pm to 9 pm in Room K 104.
For more information please call Paula Cade at 281-358-2137.

**Are You Interested in Looking Into the Catholic Church or Completing your Sacraments?**
The RCIA may be your answer! It is a process for adults: baptized and unbaptized
- Who wish to know more about the Catholic faith
- For Catholics who need to complete their sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation
Please call Linda Sarman at 281-358-1959 X 258 for more information.

**For Survivors of Abuse**

**Maria Goretti Network (MGN)**
A peer to peer self help support group for women and men focusing on healing and forgiveness. For information on monthly meetings e-mail: stmarthamgn@gmail.com or call (281) 360-4045.

**PROJECT RACHEL**
Project Rachel is the confidential and compassionate outreach to women who have had an abortion or been involved in an abortion. Its purpose is to foster reconciliation and healing between the parent and Christ, His Church, the child, and all other significant relationships. Questions? Contact Bonnie Develle, L.P.C., 281-812-8641, 713-435-9215, bdevelle@comcast.net.

**KING DAVID’S MEN**
King David’s Men is a confidential Catholic fellowship of adult men of any marital status or age who meet weekly with the purpose of learning about and affirming healthy sexuality within the context of our faith. For further info contact Fr. Alfonso Tran at (281) 358-6637 x268, or alfonsotran78@stmartha.com, for meeting time and location.

**MARTHA’S QUILTERS**
Martha's Quilters provide handmade blessed quilts to infirm St. Martha parishioners as a tangible reminder of God's love during times of illness. To request a quilt, be placed on our prayer list, or make a donation, please contact Noreen Borys at njborys@embarqmail.com - 832-259-1848 or Angela Wemyss at angelawemyss@hotmail.com - 281-361-9720. Martha's Quilters meet every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in Rm 3.

**Communion to the Sick:**
If you or a loved one are in Kingwood Hospital, and would like a Communion Minister to visit, call the church office at 281-358-6637 to let us know. Hospital regulations require us to have the patient’s name and room number before we send someone.
St. Martha School Scoops

St. Martha Catholic School is a fully accredited school for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Our curriculum builds strong academic skills, Catholic values and moral character in a safe, secure, and caring environment. Our students attend weekly Mass and celebrate reconciliation during the school day throughout the school year. We are blessed to have the involvement of our parish priests in many of our school activities. We offer the sports of soccer, basketball, baseball, track, volleyball and girls' softball. We also support a drama club, a band program, Rosary Guild, Student Council, BETA Club and other student activities.

Visit our school website at www.stmarthacs.org for more information or contact Registrar Jan Rodine at 281-358-5523 for a tour.

The Mission of St. Martha Catholic School is to provide a quality education sharing in the total Catholic formation of each person by developing mind, heart and spirit.

Monica's Hope: Prayerful Support for Parents of Troubled Children

Don’t suffer in silence and solitude. Within our Catholic Community there are many with seriously troubled children of all ages. Problems like addiction, criminality, and mental disorder. Our experience is that sharing the burden lightens the load. In the example of St. Monica you can pray for your child and you can find peace. We will meet the first Monday of each month. The next meeting will be Mar. 3, 7:30-8:30 p.m. in room 6 (in the FLC, MDO hallway). Questions? Call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288 or e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND FAMILIES!

The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation has been set for:
Friday, June 6, 2014 @ 7:00PM
For more information contact Derek Gallardo
Derek Gallardo: derekg@stmartha.com
(281) 713-8915

ATTENTION SUMMER CONFERENCES

Informational Meeting and Sign-Ups for the Archdiocesan Youth Conference (AYC) and Steubenville Conference on Sunday, February 23 @ 3:00 PM in the Youth Center
Laura Zeoli: lauraz@stmartha.com
(281) 358-1959 ext. 252

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Regina Caeli Academy Open House and Applications Available for 2014-15 Year

Regina Caeli Academy is currently accepting applications for the 2014-15 academic year. Please visit our website at www.rcahybrid.org and choose the Apply link to begin your family application. RCA is hosting an Open House on Saturday, March 15th, 2014 from 2:00-4:00 pm for interested families. For additional information please contact: Misty Schleicher at mschleicher.hou@rcahybrid.org or 678-294-6322. The campus location is: St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church, 7810 Cypresswood Dr. Spring, TX 77379

Lenten March of the Surviving Youth (MOTSY)

Saturday, March 22, 2013 - 10 AM
This Mini-MOTSY will be a Rosary procession/Jericho March at Planned Parenthood, 4600 Gulf Fwy. This Pro-Life Youth event is sponsored by the Catholic Organization of Life (COOL) under the guidance of Archdiocesan Respect Life Office. This is a prayerful, uplifting event which is perfect for the entire family. Come and unite with survivors (all those under 40) and others, as we pray for an end to abortion. For information contact Kim Muney at 281-685-9240 or Peter Pinedo at 832-360-3664, awesomepete7@gmail.com
RICA—Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos
Necesitas hacer tus Sacramentos?
Bautizo, Confirmación y/o Primera Comunión.
Deseas servir en nuestro ministerio? Por favor comunícate con Blanca Yanaray a sacramentos@stmartha.co o llamar al teléfono 832.860.7515.

Marque su calendario!!!

Venta de garaje en Santa Marta
Sábado, 14 de junio 6:30 am - 1:00 pm
En el Centro de Vida Familiar

Estaremos aceptando donaciones que estén en buenas condiciones en el FLC
Martes, 9 de junio - Viernes, 13 de junio de 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Si es posible, favor guardar las donaciones y traer solamente la semana del 9 de Junio

Póngase en contacto con Melva en 713-515-8142
Si tiene donaciones grandes y necesitan ayuda para moverlos
Melva DeBoise correo electrónico
smgaragesale2014@gmail.com
Los ingresos beneficiarán el Capital Campaign de Santa Marta

Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,
Relato del Evangelio de hoy que se toma del "sermón de la montaña " en San Mateo enuncia un principio fundamental en la enseñanza de Jesús . Afirma que no vino a abolir la ley o los profetas, sino para llevarlas a su cumplimiento. Jesús está hablando de toda la tradición judía como se formula en los libros que llamamos el "Antiguo Testamento". La palabra "ley" se utiliza para traducir la palabra hebrea Torá, que se refiere a todo lo que implica mantener el pacto de Dios. No ha de entenderse en un sentido estricto o legalista, sino que ha de ser visto como la forma concreta de la vida que judíos religiosos fueron a abrazar. Torá es también el nombre venerado de atribuirse a los primeros cinco libros de la Biblia hebrea y contiene las maravillosas historias de la creación, la llamada de Abraham, el origen de Israel como el pueblo elegido de Dios, y el gran acontecimiento del éxodo y la entrega de los Diez Mandamientos. Es importante tener en cuenta que la religión judía, que daría forma a la Iglesia cristiana primitiva era una forma de vida muy arraigada en la acción salvadora de Dios a favor de nosotros los seres humanos. La ley o Torá debe ser apreciado como un don de Dios y que proclama la fidelidad de Dios a su pueblo a través de la alianza. Al mismo tiempo, las personas fueron llamadas a "mantener el pacto" como un signo de su deseo de vivir en relaciones justas con los demás y permanecer en armonía con Dios. Por lo tanto, Jesús entendió claramente la misión del Padre para profundizar y renovar esta relación de pacto y no para acabar con el papel del derecho en la vida de sus discípulos.

Fr. Chester Borski
Ministerio Legión de María

Están cordialmente invitados todos los viernes a las 7:00 PM en el salón 2 de las instalaciones de Woodland Hills Dr.

Mayores informes con la Sra. Veronica Reyes (281.728.9843) o por email: legiondemariasantamarta@gmail.com

Around the Diocese

Certificate in Life, Justice & Peace
If you want peace work for Justice, if you want Justice, America, defend Life.
John Paul II, Denver, 1993

Spring 2014—Morkovsky Hall Room 204
Mondays at St. Dominic Center 6:30-9:30 pm
February 24:   Genesis I, II, III
Dr. Marcella Colbert MB, MRCPsych
March 3:    Dignity of the Human Person
Solidarity, Subsidiary, Rights, Responsibilities, Individual, Common Good
Mr. Arland K. Nichols
March 10: Grace and the Virtues
Mr. Arland K. Nichols
March 17: Family & Community
Dr. Steven Meyer, S.T.D., S.T.L.
March 24:   Human Life I
Dr. Marcella Colbert MB, MRCPsych
March 31: Human Life II
Dr. Marcella Colbert MB, MRCPsych
April 7: The Person and Work
Rev. J. Pilsner, CSB, PhD
April 14: The Person and Economics
Dr. John Hittinger PhD
April 28: The Person and Politics
Dr. John Hittinger PhD
May 5: The Lay Vocation
Dr. John Hittinger PhD
Course: $50.00 (students free) (Students: Please provide copy of current student ID.)
Please mail registration and make checks payable to: Respect Life Office
2403 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77021
For more information or to request financial aid call 713-741-8728

Infant Adoption Program
Couples wanting to adopt newborn babies, please contact Catholic Charities. Our adoption program is currently looking for couples to apply. Couples must satisfy the program requirements to be considered. Contact Colleen Kitowski at 713-874-6760 or email ckitowski@catholiccharities.org.

THE HOUSTON COALITION FOR LIFE is a Christian organization that is committed to ending abortion in Houston - peacefully and prayerfully. They operate a mobile Crisis Pregnancy Help Center near Planned Parenthood and offer real help and hope to women and families in a crisis pregnancy situation. (Planned Parenthood of the Gulf Coast is the largest abortion provider in the Western Hemisphere and commits abortions up to 20 weeks gestation.) You are cordially invited to attend the Houston Coalition for Life Benefit Dinner
Thursday, March 13, 7:00PM - 9:15PM
The Westin Oaks, Consort Ballroom (5011 Westheimer Road at Post Oaks Blvd.)
You have three choices for purchasing tickets:
• To purchase a ticket for $100.00 and sit at a bronze "St. Martha" table, contact peggyangelino@yahoo.com or 281-361-4351
• OR, Sponsor a table for 10 people.. See the website for details. www.houstoncoalition.com
• OR, Purchase a single ticket online for $75.00.
• For all questions, visit the website or contact Peggy Angelino.
ST. MARTHA PARISH HAS BEEN SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN A NATIONAL STUDY!

St. Martha’s has been selected to participate in a national study of vibrant parishes conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! You can help us by completing a 10-15 minute survey online. **The survey will be e-mailed to you this week by catholicparishstudy@measuring-success.com.** The survey will only be available from Feb. 17 to Mar. 10 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on what efforts the parish is doing to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable as we plan ahead. We will receive the results in May/June, at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish. **If you don’t use e-mail but would like to take the survey** - you can obtain a paper copy by contacting Jodi at 281-358-6637, ext. 201. Thank you for helping with this important project!

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Please join the **Snyder Family** in prayer this week as they host the Chalice and pray for Vocations. Interested? Please contact Albert Holden at 713-292-6066 or by e-mail at aaholden@embarqmail.com to schedule a week.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed every Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in the Woodland Hills chapel. Everyone welcome.
If you have not already offered your pledge in this year’s Diocesan Services Fund, please do so today. Your contribution will show that **You Will Be Enriched In Every Way For Great Generosity** as it benefits the Archdiocesan ministries that serve thousands and thousands of our brothers and sisters in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Through your generous support of DSF, we bring Christ’s comfort and care to the many pressing needs that cannot be addressed individually or by one parish alone.

Our parish goal for 2014 is $295,000. With every parish family’s full participation, we will surely exceed this amount and do our share to help so many in need, advancing the work of the church in our community. To give online, please visit [www.archgh.org/dsf](http://www.archgh.org/dsf).

For those of you who have already responded with a gift, please accept our sincere gratitude.

**St. Martha Women’s ACTS Retreat**

**March 27-30, 2014**

Registration for the **March** Women’s (English) ACTS Retreat has begun. The ACTS retreat is a 3 day/3 nights retreat that focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service and is presented by parishioners of St. Martha. Registration is limited, is on a first-come first-served basis, and must include a non-refundable deposit of $50.00. The cost of the retreat is $190.00 but do not let the financial considerations prevent you from attending the retreat. Please prayerfully consider attending this exciting retreat!! If you have any questions, you can contact the retreat Director Shannon Deitz at 713-775-9213 or ACTSW15@gmail.com. God Bless!!

**CARING COOKS** : THANK YOU to all of our Caring Cooks who have so generously given of their time to make meals for those in our parish community who are truly in need at a difficult time and have no one to provide meals for them. This is an awesome ministry open to anyone who would like to provide a meal every now and then to a fellow parishioner in need. We are a blessed community in that we have so many caring and helpful folks to help out when one of us is in need. If you would like to be a part of this truly rewarding team of caring cooks please call: Karen Rexer 281-354-8857 or Marian Brown 281-360-6914 to sign up. And as always, if you should find yourself or someone you know in need of help with meals during a very difficult time please know there is someone there to help.

“For I was hungry and you gave me food.” Matthew 25:35

If you have not already offered your pledge in this year’s Diocesan Services Fund, please do so today. Your contribution will show that **You Will Be Enriched In Every Way For Great Generosity** as it benefits the Archdiocesan ministries that serve thousands and thousands of our brothers and sisters in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Through your generous support of DSF, we bring Christ’s comfort and care to the many pressing needs that cannot be addressed individually or by one parish alone.

Our parish goal for 2014 is $295,000. With every parish family's full participation, we will surely exceed this amount and do our share to help so many in need, advancing the work of the church in our community. To give online, please visit [www.archgh.org/dsf](http://www.archgh.org/dsf). For those of you who have already responded with a gift, please accept our sincere gratitude.

**Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration**

**CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF DEVOTION TO PRAYER IN ST. MARTHA’S PARISH!**

**“Could you not watch one hour with Me?” Mark 14:37**

Our parish is incredibly blessed to have Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration available in our adoration chapel twenty-four hours a day. Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because of His infinite love for each one of us, and He is always present there in the Blessed Sacrament patiently waiting for us to come and spend time with Him. If you have not yet made a New Year’s resolution, an hour of time each week in adoration is a wonderful way to improve your spiritual life. It’s not too late to commit your heart to spending time with Jesus each week, and you don’t have to diet or exercise! Listed below are hours that are most in need of adorers at this time. However, please note that no hour is really ever “filled” because parishioners are always invited to choose an hour that works best for them, regardless of whether or not there are other adorers already there in prayer.

Both regular adorers and substitutes are needed at this time. Even if you do not have a regular hour, please feel free to visit our Blessed Lord at any time knowing that He is always waiting for us with joyful anticipation.

Second adorers are needed for the following hours:

- **Sunday:** 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, Noon-1PM, 2-3 PM
- **Monday:** 1-2 AM, 3-4 PM
- **Tuesday:** 1-2 PM, 11 PM-Midnight
- **Wednesday:** 3-4 AM, 11 PM-Midnight
- **Thursday:** 1-2 AM
- **Friday:** Midnight-1AM, 1-2 AM, 3-4 PM, 4-5 PM, 6-7 PM, 7-8 PM
- **Saturday:** 1-2 AM, 9-10AM, 10-11AM

If you are interested in participating in this ministry or would like more information, please contact Robyn Laumbach at either 281-360-7897 or robynbfly@embarqmail.com. If you need a substitute, please call one of our division leaders: Robyn Laumbach at 281-360-7897 for Midnight-6 AM, Karen Ehlig at 281-361-7127 for 6 AM-Noon, Annunciata Hopkins at 281-360-1258 for Noon-6 PM, and Beth Beckham at 281-360-2797 for 6 PM-Midnight.
Have you ever wondered if God might be calling you to help preserve his Church? Have you ever had a nudge or a thought that you would like to help foster vocations to the priesthood or to support priests in their sacred ministry? The Church is desperately in need of men and women to answer God’s call to be holy priests and religious. Serra Club was founded for this purpose of encouraging, promoting and supporting such vocations.

The first Serra Club was founded in 1935 in Seattle, WA, as a response to the local bishop’s plea to help increase the small number of priests in the diocese. The Serra Club name derives from the work of Junipero Serra, a Franciscan friar who was born in Spain in 1713. After studying philosophy and theology and being ordained a priest, Fr. Serra journeyed to Mexico in 1749. From 1749 until his death in 1784, Fr. Serra traveled extensively in Mexico and modern-day California establishing missions, converting, and baptizing as he went.

Father Junipero Serra was beatified by Pope John Paul II on September 25, 1988. The founder of the Serra Club chose Father Serra as a patron because of his tireless work evangelizing and promoting the faith.

Like Fr. Serra, the Serrans of today put faith into action. Whether through vocation activities or personal involvement in schools, parishes and diocesan activities, Serrans accept the challenge of fostering vocations and encouraging spiritual growth. The Serra Club works closely with the Diocesan Office of Vocations to bring to fruition the activities and goals they have yet to accomplish.

We are excited to inform you that a new chapter of Serra Club is being formed in our area; Serra Club Northeast of Houston! An informational Meeting will be held Apr. 5, 2014. Time and location will follow as the date draws closer.

Cardinal DiNardo has often said “the Lord has a job for each of us”. Please ask yourselves if this is the job the Lord is calling you to do.

For more information, call 281-359-4594 and ask for Ted.

**Have you experienced cancer as a patient or caregiver and now you want to help others?**

**Become a CanCare Volunteer**

You can make a difference for others who have been diagnosed with cancer. Support an individual or make hospital visits.

Training takes place Feb. 28 – Mar. 2, 2014. Sign up at cancare.org

Training will be held in the Spring – Cypress area.

CanCare, Inc.
9575 Katy Freeway, Suite 428, Houston, TX 77024
713-461-0028 or 888-461-0028
www.cancare.org

The mission of CanCare is to improve the quality of life for cancer patients and their families.

**New 2nd Family Ministry Leader Needed**

The Second Family Ministry of St. Martha Parish is recruiting a new leader or co-leaders to provide leadership for this eight year old ministry that provides respite to those who are caring for the ill or infirmed. Qualifications include the ability to lead a diverse group of people; the ability to interact with people with various needs; comfortable with people who are ill or infirmed; good organizational and some computer skills; a member of St. Martha Parish. The current leadership is retiring July 1st, 2014. It is hoped that new leadership can be found now so as to provide time for training and a smooth transition. If you are interested or know someone who could fill this rewarding leadership position or would like more information please contact Peggy Wehe (281-360-3244) or Linda O’Toole (281-358-6004).

**2014 Annual Fish Fry**

Kingwood Council #10230

Knights of Columbus

Every Friday Night
Mar 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th
Apr 4th & 11th
Serving Fish
6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Family Life Center

**ADULT DINNER** $10.00 **CHILDS DINNER** $3.00

Adult Dinner Includes: Cajun Fried Catfish and/or Baked Lemon Dill Salmon, Coleslaw, Green Beans, Fries and Hushpuppies.

Children’s Dinner includes: Fish Sticks, Velveeta Shells and Cheese, Fries and Hushpuppies. Drinks: Iced Tea, Lemon aide, and Coffee
Join us for the St. Martha Catholic School
2014 Casino Night
3702 Woodland Hills Drive
March 1, 2014    7 p.m. - midnight    Family Life Center

Live music   •   Buffet   •   Gaming Tables   •   Live & Silent Auction

Please indicate your choice below and fill out all required information
Contact Lynn Lucas at lucasl@stmarthacs.org
or 281-358-5523 for more information

☐ Diamond - $5000  
*Presenting Sponsor of event:*
Receives the following for each of 10 guests:
event tickets, reserved buffet seating, 3 drink tickets, $30,000 in casino cash,
2 bottles of champagne for the table

☐ Pearl - $2500  
*Premier Sponsor of event:*
Receives the following for each of 8 guests:
event tickets, reserved buffet seating, 2 drink tickets, $20,000 in casino cash

☐ Emerald - $1000  
Receives the following for each of 6 guests:
event tickets, reserved buffet seating, 1 drink ticket, $15,000 in casino cash

☐ Ruby - $500  
Receives the following for each of 6 guests:
event tickets, buffet, 1 drink ticket, $10,000 in casino cash

☐ Sapphire - $250  
Receives the following for each of 4 guests:
event tickets, buffet, 1 drink ticket, $5,000 in casino cash

☐ Individual Tickets  
$40 x _____ quantity of tickets. Includes buffet and $5000 in casino cash.  
(Ticket Price is $50 at the door the night of the event if not sold out by Feb. 28th)

☐ Drink Tickets  
$5 x _____ quantity of tickets.

☐ I cannot attend, but enclosed is my contribution of $ ________

Name/Company Name *(as you wish it to appear in event promotions)*

Address: ____________________________________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________  Email: ________________________________

Payment Options:

☐ Enclosed is my check made payable to St. Martha Catholic School

☐ Please charge my  
  ○ Visa   ○ MasterCard   ○ Discover   ○ American Express

Account number: ____________________________________CVS__________  Exp. Date ____________

Billing Address of CC: ___________________________________________________________________

Signature: ______________________________________________________________________________

Please fax completed form to 281-358-5526 or mail with payment to:  
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GIFTS OF STEWARDSHIP
For the weekend of Feb. 8 & 9
your gifts of treasure resulted in:
Weekly Budget  $ 74,147
Sunday Collection $ 47,468
Over(under)  $ (26,679)

Year To Date:
Weekly Budget  $ 2,372,704
Sunday Collection  $ 2,336,969
Over(under)  $ (35,735)

Special collections:
Capital Campaign  $ 15,743
Martha’s Kitchen  $ 3,778

Current Loan Debt: $ 15,500,415

2014 DSF Goal: $ 295,000
Payments to date: $ 1,708