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Sunday: 8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M.

Weekday Masses: 6:15 A.M.; 8:30 A.M.; Saturday, 8:30 A.M.
Holy Day of Obligation: See the Parish Bulletin for Schedule
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesday, following 8:30 A.M. Mass

Confessions: Saturday, 5:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., or by appointment

Dear Parishioners.

THANK YOU to all who made our celebrations of Christmas so beautiful and inspiring! All those who planned our liturgies, those who helped decorate the church, those who served as liturgical ministers all provided us with the service that made our celebrations truly special.

Father Peter and I extend a word of thanks to those who shared with us special Christmas greetings, goodies and gifts. Your kindness to us is greatly appreciated!

Today, the Baptism of the Lord, is the last of the feasts of the Christmas Season. Jesus was born in the flesh (our Christmas Day remembrance); he is revealed as the Savior of all nations (Epiphany); he sets deliberately about the task for which he was sent, now filled with the Holy Spirit, to make the reign of God real on earth through his active and daily ministry (the Baptism of the Lord). On this day, let us embrace anew the gift of the Holy Spirit that we received in our Baptism and renew our commitment to work each day to live the life of the Spirit in service of one another.

And so, we celebrate this feast and begin together this new year of 2010, let us make, as one of our resolutions, to continue to build up the reign of Christ in our parish community by our continuing and increasing participation in parish ministries, organizations and activities so that we may be a beacon to all of the joy in Christ that we live each day here at St. Angela!

Yes, our bulletin has a new look! One of the goals set by our Pastoral Council was to work to continue to improve communications in our parish, both with our parishioners and between parish organizations. We are hopeful that this new look for the bulletin, with its new arrangement and allotment of space will provide us with a bit more room both to announce and explain up-coming parish activities and to give fuller reports on activities and meetings that have taken place. It also provides a little more room for me so that, on my more wordy days, we will not have to reduce the print to a size that requires a magnifying glass for reading!

I want to thank Eric Broadbridge, who suggested this format and our parish secretary, Dianne Goodrow, for working with Eric and our publisher to make this new format a reality.

Of course, this additional space and new lay-out will work well only if all of our organizations provide us with the information we need in a timely manner, so I encourage leaders of all of our parish groups and ministries to work with us as we fine tune all of this and make our bulletin a more information newsletter in support of parish life.

Have you seen all of the new signs around the campus? There is a sign for the church, one for the main entrance to the school and one for the Conference Room. I am hopeful that this will continue to make our campus more "user friendly" for our new parishioners and for visitors.

The next project is to change the sidewalk that leads from Pomona Street to the church, under the new sign, thus making this area more of a "main entrance" to the church.

All of this is part of our budgeted and planned improvements to our facilities and we will continue these improvements as funds are available. Because our collections have been down a bit from projected income, this is taking a bit longer than expected, but we'll continue as quickly as we can!

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When we have completed the sidewalk, we will then begin to work in the church, adjusting some of the pews to allow for more accessible handicapped seating. Then, we will look into trying to make at least some of the church doors handicapped accessible as well.

Our goal is to make our entire campus more inviting to all and a place of ready welcome for those who join us to meet the Lord in worship, in study and in parish work and parish life. Your faithful support of your parish through the weekend collection will help us to do this work expeditiously.

Next Sunday (January 17) will be the Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner in the Msgr. Kern Center, from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (or sell out). Eat in or take out: either way. great food at a reasonable price in support of our Knights and their charitable work in our local community. I encourage you to participate in this annual project in support of the nights of Columbus, who are very supportive of our life here at St. Angela.

As I mentioned in the bulletin before Christmas, our three major consultative bodies, the Pastoral and Finance Councils and the School Board, will meet this week with the parish staff for their annual joint meeting. This is an important meeting, as we evaluate the life of our parish and begin planning for the future. Please keep all of these people in your prayers in a special way as we meet this Tuesday night.

There are still openings for folks to join Msgr. Jace Eskind of the Diocese of Lake Charles and me for our pilgrimage to Italy this Summer (June 21-July2). We will be going to holy sites in Rome, Perugia, Assisi, Florence, Siena, Pisa, Brescia (the burial place of St. Angela Merici) and Milan. However, the tour operator needs deposits by the middle of this month so that reservations can be secured for flights. hotels and restaurants. If you would like a brochure detailing the trip and the cost, please call or stop by the rectory during office hours or see me in church.

7 Ken

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> Minister of Music: Mr. Peter Weilbaecher

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CALENDAR

Saturday, January 9
10:00A-Noon, Weblos II Meeting, Board Room
Sunday, January 10 Baptism of the Lord
9:30A, Child Church
9:30A, Scout Mass, followed by donuts in the gym

11:00Å, RCIA, Conference Room 6:30P, CYO Meeting, gym

Monday, January 11 8:00A-3:00P, Title I Class, Board Room 3:30-6:00P, Girls Basketball, gym 7:00P, Fr. Peter's Book Club, Rectory 7-9:30P, Co-Op Meeting, Kern Center

7-9:30P, Co-Op Meeting, Kern Center

Tuesday, January 12
8:00A-3:00P, Title I Class, Board Room
9:15A, Bible Study, Religious Ed. Library
10:30A, Bridge to NAIM, Conference Room
3:10P, Brownie Trp. 561, Miss Diane's Kindergarten Room
3:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym
3:30-6:00P, Girls Basketball, gym
6:30P, CCD, St. Clement of Rome School
6:45P, Pastoral Council and Staff, Msgr. Kern Center
7:15P, Joint Council Meeting, Msgr. Kern Center

Wednesday, January 13

8:30A, Lower Grade Mass, Church

9:30A, Prayer Group Meeting, Conference Room

3:30-6:00P, Girls Basketball, gym

4:30P, Staff Meeting, Rectory 5:30P, Liturgy Committee Meeting, Rectory 7-8:00P, Trp 45 Meeting, Religious Ed. Library

7:00P, FLA Membership Meeting, Conference Room

7:30-10:00P, Whitney Cecile Meeting, Msgr. Kern Center

Thursday, January 14 8:00A-5:00P, Band Classes, Religious Ed. Library

8:30A, Upper Grade Mass, Church 9:15-11:00A, Senior Citizens Executive Board Meeting,

Board Room

3:30P, G.S. Trp 671, Board Room 3:30-6:00P, Girls Basketball, gym 6:00P, Men's Basketball, gym

7:00P, Adult Faith Formation Meeting, Religious Ed. Library 7-8:00P, RCIA Class, Board Room

Friday, January 15 3:30-6:00P, Girls Basketball, gym



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

Readings for the Week of January 10, 2010

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38 or

Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20 Tuesday: 1 Sm:1:9-20/Mk:1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10; 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17 Next Sunday: 1s 62:1-5/4 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 9

Saturday:

8:30a.m. Paul and Gayle Naylon

Sunday, January 10

4:00p.m. Vigil

Mary and Emile Hammel, Jr. June W. Calcagno

Griffin Maxwell (*) Rosemary Sacco Alessi

Incarnoto and Bordelon Families Lawrence Chigoy

Preston Battistella Irma Holland Jourdan Marie Trosclair Ventura and Piglia Families Ophelia Brown Gabriel E. Falgoust, Jr. Patrick Freeman Barbara St. Hilaire (*) Dorothy Montalbano Cathy Liberto

Frank and Miriam Zimmerman Dennis Lonergan

Harvey Lee Ducote Patrick J. Farrelly, Jr. 8:00a.m. Zito, Vitrano and Cavalier Families

9:30a.m. Betty A. Thiel

11:00a.m.

Maryann Bienvenu Andrew and Anna Mae Moore

Purgatorial List For the Parish

Monday, January 11

6:15a.m. Deacon Nick and Elaine Chetta (*)

8:30a.m. Ethel A. Oisen

Tuesday, January 12

6:15a.m. Emile Houidobre 8:30a.m. Sidney and Alice Serio

Wednesday, January 13

6:15a.m. Jennie Lavigne

8:30a.m. Michael Bagert

Thursday, January 14

6:15a.m. Joan Talamo

8:30a.m. Elmer Echols

Friday, January 15

6:15 a.m. Terry P.Gerstner, Jr.

8:30a.m. Albertha Lore

Saturday, January 16

8:30a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene L. Majeau

(*) denotes living

LORD TEACH ME TO PRAY

Lord Teach Me To Pray is a three-part series for women based on Ignatian Spirituality. Part 1 "Praying Christian Virtues, (12 Week Program) will start the week of January 25, 2010 in your area. Part 1 "Praying Christian Virtues" helps women to deepen their prayer life, and discover what to do for dryness and obstacles in prayer. It also introduces the different methods of Ignatian prayer; meditation, contemplation and the Consciousness Examen. Small groups of women will meet with 2 trained facilitators for 2 hours once a week to pray and faith share. Part 2 "My 19th Annotation", the entire Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola will be available in September 2010 for those who have completed Part 1. Part 3 "Discernment & Gifts of the Spirit", (14 week program) invites the group to pray with the Holy Spirit and St. Ignatius' Rules for Discernment. Part 3 is available for those who have completed Parts 1 & 2. To register contact Marilyn Ducasse at 833-3470.

> The Sanctuary Candle This Week burns in loving memory of Joseph Zito



Sanctuary Flowers This Week are in loving memory of Michael Sublette



CHURCH SUPPORT

December 20

Altar Ladies Team No. 4 will clean the church on Saturday, January 9.

Church Linen Team No. 3 will clean linens on Saturday, January 9.

ST. ANGELA MERICI **ORGANIZATIONS NEWS**

An important part of any family life is putting aside life's daily chores and making time to socialize and enjoy having some good clean fun. And that's just what St. Angela's CYO offers to the youth of the parish. It's open to high school students in grades 8-12. Monthly meetings are generally held on the second Sunday of the month from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the gym.

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ST. ANGELA MERICI ORGANIZATIONS NEWS (CONTINUED)

Knights of Columbus

There is a lay organization in the Catholic Church better suited to promote and enhance family life, support vocations to the priesthood and religious life, to show solidarity with our bishops and priests, and to advance the new evangelization than the Knights of Columbus. Bishop Caillouet Council Number 9007 is an integral part of St. Angela Parish. Our council is one of 12,000 Knights of Columbus councils that lead the way by helping to integrate more completely the life of the family and the laity within the life of the parish.

Prayer Group

Forty years ago, after experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives, a handful of women in our parish began meeting weekly for shared prayer, reflection and song, seeking to deepen our relationship with God. Still going strong, the group meets each Wednesday morning from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. Our next meeting will be on January 13. Please consider joining us as we share our faith walk in the goodness of the Lord. All are welcome. Come and see...

Senior Citizens

The Senior Citizens group was established in 1979 and has a wide variety of goals and activities for its members. The spiritual, cultural, and social enrichment of each member, as well as support of parish activities and programs, are important goals of this organization. Meetings are held in the Msgr. Kern Center on the first Thursday of the month from August through May, starting at 12:30 p.m..

SALA

The St. Angela Ladies Auxiliary is an organization made up of ladies from St. Angela Merici Parish who work to promote the spiritual learning and growth of their members. They also work with and promote various parish, church, and school activities. This group meets the first Tuesday of each month, from September through May, in the gym at 7:30 PM.

SAMA MEETING

All men in the Parish, especially Dads of new school children, are welcome. Dinner and refreshments will be served. Meeting starts at 7:30pm on the third Tuesday of the month in the Kern Center. Dues for the year are \$35 and includes 10 meetings with food and drinks. Please come to what is always a fun meeting.

The Liturgy Committee

This group coordinates seasonal planning for parish liturgies, especially the seasons of Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter.

Scripture Study and Sharing

Adult Bible Study resumes on Tuesday, January 12 from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. Men and ladies are invited to join us on any Tuesday as we continue to study the Gospel of St. John. We begin with prayer and preparation for the read-



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Dear Parishioners,

Archbishop Gregory Aymond is coming to visit St. Angela Parish! Shortly after he returned home as our shepherd, Archbishop Aymond had as one of his stated goals to visit every parish in the Archdiocese during his first year back. Some time back, I wrote him and invited him to join us for Mass here on the occasion of our parish feast day, January 27. Unfortunately, he was unavailable that evening, but made us what I think is an ever better offer: he will be the principal celebrant at our 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, January 23.

This was also a fortuitous coincidence, because we had planned to have parish pot-luck dinner that night as a way for us as a parish family to gather for an early celebration of our patroness. After some discussion with our parish Family Life Apostolate, we have decided that we will keep the dinner following that Mass, but it will not be a "pot luck." Instead, each of parish organizations has agreed to work together to provide the evening meal.

Please mark your calendars: Mass with Archbishop Aymond on Saturday, January 23 followed by a parish dinner in the Msgr. Kern Center. You will have time to greet the Archbishop in the Center and chat with him during and after dinner. The Archbishop would like to celebrate the Mass of St. Angela Merici that evening in anticipation of our feast day.

Today (January 17) is the Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner in the Msgr. Kern Center, from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (or sell out). Eat in or take out: either way, great food at a reasonable price in support of our Knights and their charitable work in our local community. I encourage you to participate in this annual project in support of the Knights of Columbus, who are very supportive of our life here at St. Angela.

Everyone loves a winner. People talk about winners. They join in the activities of winners, support winners and encourage others to join the bandwagon in support. We have right here at St. Angela Merici a "winning" elementary school. Our school accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, has provided our students with the Catholic values that have served as the foundation for their lives, has offered a quality basic education that has produced students who have gone on to excel in high schools academics (four Catholic high school valedictorians in the past three years are St. Angela alumni and alumnae), and in other areas.

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On Wednesday of this week, January 20, our school will have an open house for parents of prospective students. The Open House, in the Center, will begin at 7:00 p.m.

If you know of families in our area or neighboring area who have students of elementary school age, please tell them about our open house and encourage them to attend so that they can learn about the good things offered by and happening in our school.

Speaking of our school, the young people in our second grade are in their final preparation for their first opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. This celebration will be on Thursday, January 28. Please keep them in your prayers, that they may see this sacrament as the gracious and merciful heart of the Lord open to welcome them with compassion and reconciliation.

7 Ken

CALENDAR

Saturday, January 16 8:30A, Respect Life Mass, Church

8:00A-Noon, Pinewood Derby, Kern Center

5-11:00P, Girl Scout Cookie Rally, gym

Sunday, January 17 9:30A, Child Church

10:30A-2:00P, KC Spaghetti Dinner, Kern Center

11:00A, RCIA, Conference Room

Monday, January 18 Martin Luther King

Parish Office Closed

7:00P, Fr. Peter's Book Club, Rectory 6:00P, CYO Basketball, gym

Tuesday, January 19 8:00A-3:00P, Title I Class, Board Room

9:15A, Bible Study, Religious Ed. Library

3:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym 3:30-6:00P, Girls Basketball, gym 6:30P, CCD, St. Clement of Rome School

7:00P, Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

7:30P, SAMA Meeting, Gym

Wednesday, January 20 9:30A, Prayer Group Meeting/Mass, Conference Room 3:30-6:00P, Girls Basketball, gym

7:00P, School Open House, gym/classrooms 7-8:00P, Trp 45 Meeting, Religious Ed. Library

Thursday, January 21 8:00A-5:00P, Band Classes, Religious Ed. Library

3:30-6:00P, Girls Basketball, gym

7-8:00P, RCIA Class, Board Room

7:00P, KC Meeting, Kern Center

Friday, January 22 3:30-6:00P, Girls Basketball, gym

3:30P, Cub 30, 7 & 8, Religious Ed. Library

6:30P, Wolf Den Meeting, Religious Ed. Library

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"Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. - Jn 2:10-11

Readings for the Week of January 17, 2010

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21 Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or

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January 10

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 16

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene L. Majeau 8:30a.m.

Sunday, January 17

4:00p.m. Vigil Alice Bouvier

Bouvier and Talamo Families

Ann Pelican Jackie Miele Patrick Freeman Rosemary Sacco Alessi Mary and Emile Hammel, Jr. Virginia and Maurice Punch

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Earl and Marguerite Hedrick 8:00a.m.

9:30a.m. Leonard Arboneaux

11:00a.m.

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Ethel Broussard(*) Susan Scarengos (*) Sally Dupre (*) For the Parish

Monday, January 18

Beverly Castle 8:30a.m.

Tuesday, January 19

Dorothy Montalbano 6:15a.m. 8:30a.m. Josephine P. Morgan

Wednesday, January 20

6:15a.m. Deacon Ray and Marilyn Heap (*)

8:30a.m. Lloyd and Ada Aguillard

Thursday, January 21

6:15a.m. Peter and Marilyn Quirk (*) 8:30a.m. Katie and Paul Jacomine

Friday, January 22

Purgatorial List 6:15a.m. 8:30a.m. **Dolores Vath Brewin**

Saturday,

Roger Paul Bryant 8:30a.m.

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Sacrament of Penance for our 2nd graders

As Fr. Ken mentioned in his article, our second graders are preparing for First Penance on January 28 at 7 p.m. in church followed by a reception in the gym. All second graders should be in church by 6:40. There will be a symbolic heart marking their places in the pews. Each family has the space of one kneeler. Other family members are to sit either behind all the children or on the side pews.

Notice to all 10th grade Parishioners

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MESSAGE FROM UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

As long-time advocates of health care reform, the U.S. Catholic bishops continue to make the moral case that genuine health care reform must protect the life, dignity, consciences and health of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. Health care reform should not advance a proabortion agenda in our country.

• On November 7, the U.S. House of Representatives passed major health care reform that reaffirms the essential, longstanding and widely supported policy against using federal funds for elective abortions and includes positive

measures on affordability and immigrants.

• On December 24, the U.S. Senate rejected this policy and passed health care reform that requires federal funds to help subsidize and promote health plans that cover elective abortions. All purchasers of such plans will be required to pay for other people's abortions through a separate payment solely to pay for abortion.

 Outside the abortion context, neither bill has adequate conscience protection for health care providers,

plans or employers.

 These two bills must now be combined into one bill that both the House and Senate will vote on in final form. Provisions against abortion funding and in favor of conscience protection, affordability, and immigrants' access to health care must be part of a fair and just health care reform bill, or the final bill must be opposed.

ACTION: Contact your Representative and Senators today by e-mail, phone or FAX.

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Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121, or call your Members' local offices. Contact info can be found on Members' web sites at www.house.gov and www.senate.gov

MESSAGE-HOUŠE:

"I am pleased that the House health care bill maintains the longstanding policy against federal funding of abortion. I urge you to work to uphold essential provisions against abortion funding, to include full conscience protection and to assure that health care is accessible and affordable for all. Until and unless these criteria are met, I urge you to oppose the final bill."

MESSAGE-SENATE: "I am deeply disappointed that the Senate health care bill fails to maintain the longstanding policy against federal funding of abortion and does not include adequate protection for conscience. I urge you to support essential provisions against abortion funding, similar to those in the House bill. Include full conscience protection and assure that health care is accessible and affordable for all. Until and unless these criteria are met, I urge you to oppose the final bill.'

WHEN: Votes in the House and Senate on the final bill are expected in January.

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Prayer Group

You are invited to join the Prayer Group on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. The guest speaker will be Rev. Msgr. John Tomasovich and he will also celebrate Mass beginning at 10:30.

Senior Citizens

The guest speaker at the December meeting was Joe Celano who discussed "Long Term Care Planning". This meeting was attended by 74 members who enjoyed lunch and bingo.

The next meeting will be February 4 beginning at 12 noon in the Msgr. Kern Center.

SAMA

"SAMA (St. Angela Men's Association) will meet Tuesday January 19th at 7:30pm in the Kern Center. Our speakers this month will be Al Mipro and Lionel Lopez with the World War II Museum. Please remember that all men of the parish are invited to be a member of SAMA."

Dinner and refreshments will be served. Dues for the year are \$35 and includes 10 meetings with food and drinks. Please come to what is always a fun meeting.

Family Life Apostolate

Please join us on Saturday, January 23, 2010 as Archbishop Aymond will celebrate the 4:00 PM Mass with our parish. A reception will follow in the Msgr. Kern Center. Join us for food and fellowship.

Mark your calendar for the Family Life Membership Meeting on Wednesday, January 13 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room. Join us for food and fellowship as we plan for upcoming events in our church parish. Come see what Family Life is all about.

Open House

St. Angela Merici School cordially invites you to the Annual Open House to be held on Wednesday, January 20th at 7:00 p.m. The evening will begin in the Kern Center with a presentation and will conclude with a tour of the school, which includes Pre-K 3-year-olds through 7th grade. 2010-11 registration information will be distributed to prospective parents at this time. You will have an opportunity to meet some of the members of the St. Angela Merici School family and to learn more about the foundation of educational excellence that is offered in your home parish. Invest a little time in your child's future by coming to learn more about the "good news" of our school. For more information, please do not hesitate to call the school office at 835-8491. New student registration is on February 22nd.



SPAGHETTI DINNER

Knights of Columbus Council 9007 will have a Spaghetti dinner <u>Sunday</u>, <u>January 17</u> at the Kern Center from 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m (unless sold out before). Take outs will be available.

All Dinners are \$7.00

Altar Ladies Team No. 5 will clean the church on Saturday, January 16.

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Weekday Masses: 6:15 A.M.; 8:30 A.M.; Saturday, 8:30 A.M. Holy Day of Obligation: See the Parish Bulletin for Schedule Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesday, following 8:30 A.M. Mass Confessions: Saturday, 5:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., or by appointment

Dear Parishioners,

We welcome Archbishop Gregory Aymond to St. Angela Merici Parish! This weekend (January 23), the Archbishop is presiding at the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass. A parish dinner follows Mass in the Msgr. Kern Center. This is an early celebration of the feast day of our patroness, whose feast day will be this week, Wednesday, January 27.

The 27th Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in New Orleans will be observed with a special ecumenical prayer service at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral on Robert E. Lee Blvd. which will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 1.

This special prayer is sponsored by a group to which I belong: Interfaith Communications International. It is an event I have regularly participated in over the years, even having had the opportunity to host this service once while I was serving as rector of St. Louis Cathedral. Archbishop Aymond will participate in the service this year. The preacher will be Bishop J. Douglas Wiley of the Life Center Cathedral in New Orleans (he is a wonderful man, a dedicated pastor, articulate and insightful speaker and I am eager to hear him preach!). The Communicator of the Year award will be presented to Sally Ann Roberts of WWL-TV and Bruce Nolan of the Times-Picayune. A reception will follow the service.

I will be taking part in this year's service and, if you would like to ride with me that night, please telephone the rectory. I will be leaving our campus at 6:20 p.m. There is convenient parking at Holy Trinity Cathedral if you'd like to take your own vehicle.

The young people in the second grades of our school and CCD programs will have the opportunity to share in the Sacrament of Penance for the first time this week, on Thursday evening. Please keep them in your prayers this week. May they see in this sacrament the compassionate heart of our God, seeking them out even in their human weakness, and lifting them up anew in hope and mercy.

A special reminder to those who serve as ministers of Holy Communion to the homebound: there will be a meeting for all those who serve in this ministry on Saturday, January 30 at 10:00 a.m. in the parish Conference Room.

For the past two years, an *ad hoc* committee of the Parish Pastoral Council has been working on one of the goals set by the Council in our parish pastoral plan, Catholic Life 2007. This goal had two stated purposes: to work aggressively to retire the parish debt to the Archdiocese and to develop a new master plan for our campus to meet both current and future needs for our ministries and activities.

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Our parish Business Manager, Jackie Appleton, and our parish Finance Council have been continually monitoring our faithful loan payments and we are about two years ahead of schedule on our loan payments. Thanks to your conscientious financial support of your parish, careful budgeting and monitoring of spending, we are able to have accomplished this!

The as hoc committee has been working with architect Kieran Weldon to develop the master plan. At a meeting of the Pastoral Council on Tuesday, January 12, the final report on the master plan was presented to the Council by Clay Plaisance, the chairperson of the ad hoc committee. The Council accepted the report and approved the plan.

The full plan was shared with members of the pastoral staff, Finance Council and School Board members at another meeting that same evening. Reaction to the plan, I am happy to report, was very positive. The recommendation of the staff and Councils was that we should share this report and the newly-conceived master plan with all of our parishioners, even though we realize that our lingering debt and the current national and local economies do not support pursuing implementation of the plan at this time.

In next week's bulletin, I will share with you dates of meetings at which members of the ad hoc committee and I will present the work of the committee to you, explaining the scope of our work, how we arrived at the plan as we did and full details of the plan. With a rather full calendar in the weeks ahead, with the Super Bowl, Mardi Gras, Lent with its additional activities (Parish Mission, Stations of the Cross, fish fry nights), we're looking to schedule these meetings toward the end of Lent and after Easter.

I thank all those who served on the ad hoc committee. They selflessly dedicated a LOT of time, energy, prayer and thought to this work for you! We look forward to sharing with you the fruit of the committee's careful and caring labor.

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Readings for the Week of January 24, 2010

Sunday:

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1

2:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday:

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday:

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25

Friday:

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday:

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31--13:13 or

13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 23

8:30a.m. Roger Paul Bryant

Sunday, January 24 4:00p.m. Vigil

Marie Trosclair Rosemary Sacco Alessi Dennis Lonergan Frank and Miriam Zimmerman

Irma Holland Jourdan **Beverly Castle** Patrick J. Freeman Harvey Lee Ducote Norman W. Prendergast Joe Bevinetto Roy Billings Alice and Sidney Serio Lloyd Landry Gabriel E. Falgoust, Jr.

Joseph Muniz Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr. Earl and Marguerite Hedrick 8:00a.m. 9:30a.m. Wilfred E. Youngblood

11:00a.m.

Linda B. Smith Emile A. and Clarisse Schayot (*)

For the Parish Rose Mae Trosclair

The La Pointe Family (*) Monday, January 25

> 6:15a.m. **Dorothy Montalbano**

Saucier, Rodriguez and Rau Families 8:30a.m.

Tuesday, January 26

Purgatorial List 6:15a.m. Hazel Lyon Baehr 8:30a.m.

Wednesday, January 27

6:15a.m. **Special Intention**

Ciolino and Fontana Families 8:30a.m.

Thursday, January 28

Rita Hamilton 6:15a.m.

Frank and Bruno Marasco 8:30a.m.

Friday, January 29

Wayne Schmidt 6:15a.m.

Stella LeCompte Adoue 8:30a.m.

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Saturday, January 30

8:30a.m. Murphy/Appleton Families

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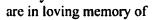
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Sanctuary Flowers This Week





Ban and Bulot Families

Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the souls of Violet Guarnari and Catherine West

who died recently, and for those who mourn them. ~ May all of our beloved dead rest in peace ~

CALENDAR

Saturday, January 23

4:00 Vigil, Archbishop Aymond is presiding at this Mass. A parish dinner follows Mass in the Msgr. Kern Center.

Sunday, January 24 9:30 a.m. Child Church

11:00 a.m., RCIA, Conference Room

Monday, January 25

8:00A-3:00P, Title I Class, Board Room

3:30P, Girls Basketball, gym 6:00P, CYO Basketball, gym

7:00P, SALA Board Meeting, Conference Room

4:00P, Fr. Peter's Book Club, Rectory

Tuesday, January 26

8:00A-3:00P, Title I Class, Board Room

9:15A, Bible Study, Religious Ed. Library

3:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym

3:30P, Girls Basketball, gym

6:30P, CCD, St. Clement of Rome School

Wednesday, January 27 St. Angela Feast Day

10:30A, School Mass, Church

9:30A, Prayer Group Meeting, Conference Room

3:30P, Girls Basketball, gym

6:00P, CYO Basketball, gym

7-8:00P, Trp. 45 Meeting, Religious Ed. Library

Thursday, January 28

PAPER DRIVE

8:00A-5:00P, Band Classes, Religious Ed. Library

3:30P, Girls Basketball, gym

7-8:00P, RCIA Class, Religious Ed. Library

7-9:00P, First Penance, Church

Friday, January 29

3:30P, Girls Basketball, gym

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CYO

On January 8th, 50 CYO members and family members attended the Hornets/Nets game in participation with Catholic Youth Night. A good time was had by all in a buzzer beating win! Our CYO had the largest delegation there! Another Catholic Youth Night will be scheduled in the spring! At our January 10th General Meeting we collected coats and blankets which were donated to Bridge House to aid the homeless. Our meeting was attended by 45 members. At this meeting information was distributed about our Lenten Retreat. Permission slips and payments are due at our next meeting, which will be held JANU-ARY 31st. Please note the change in date. This will take the place of our February 7th General Meeting which would have fallen on Superbowl Sunday! Also coming up this month is our Service Project at Chateau de Notre Dame on January 23rd and our trip to Leo's Iceland on January 30th.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the 2009 Boys Volleyball team: Luke Buchert, Ian Condon, Conner Lockhart, Kyle Lockhart, Glenn Lorio, Jason Schiaffino, Gavin Sison and Hayden Waldvogel. The team won 2nd place in the E.J.C.S.A.C. conference tournament held at St. Philip Neri this past weekend. Way to keep FOCUSED and your serves were BEAUTIFUL!!! Great team work boys!!! Parents, thanks for your support... Coach Millie

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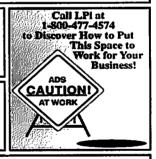
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Dear Parishioners,

What a wonderful evening we had with Archbishop Gregory Aymond! Our celebration last Saturday in anticipation of the feast of our patroness, St. Angela Merici, began with a church filled with parishioners as the Archbishop led us in prayer and offered an insightful and challenging homily. He shared with us what were the passions in the life of St. Angela (intimacy with God through prayer, respect for family life, care for youth, committed service in a community context) and then reminded us that, while Angela would be pleased for us to recall her life, she would be even more concerned to ask each of us: What are you passionate about in your life of faith?

Thanks to all those who provided, through their liturgical ministries, a meaningful and beautiful Mass and to the members of our parish Liturgy Committee for coordinating the Mass. Thanks to all who participated so fully in Mass, filling our church with joyful song and reverent prayer.

Then we all moved to the Center where a bountiful table awaited. The Archbishop gracefully and graciously chatted with each person who wanted to speak with him. Special thanks to all the leaders and members of our Family Life Apostolate for coordinating the dinner – these are amazingly talented, energetic and generous folks! SAMA's Kitchen Krewe, the Knights of Columbus, SALA, Senior Citizens and Family Life members provided the food, a feast of food! Set up, serving, clean up all happened without a hitch.

Well over 300 parishioners joined in the dinner: a great testament to the good spirit of community that continues to grow here in our parish.

I think St. Angela is proud to see what our passions are: open hearts and open hands, a spirit of festivity and joy in our shared life, a willingness to come together in support of one another.

Thanks to all who had a hand in this special evening and all of you who participated!

Another thing you are passionate about is aid to those in need. Once again, you responded with true generosity to an emergency plea for help. Contributions to the special collection for aid to the people of Haiti came to a total of \$14, 891.62. In addition to this, our school's Beta Club raised \$2,017.07 to support the aid offered through Catholic Relief Services. On behalf of those many who will be supported by your care, thank you!

I believe that one of the great gifts of the renewal of Church ministries resulting from Vatican II is the restoration of the diaconate. I have been blessed in my years as a priest to have worked closely with some outstanding men serving as permanent deacons. With many of them I have developed and maintained deep and true friendships. Right here at St. Angela, how often have you found yourself the recipient of service over the years from Deacon Gil, Deacon Ray and Deacon Nick (all still active in ministry) and Deacon Harry Schmidt (now deceased). Spending time counseling and teaching, celebrating sacraments, serving you the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation in the Eucharist, leading parish organizations and ministries, preaching at Mass, leading times of prayer, being with your families at critical moments in family life, both joyful and tragic times, these men have become part of our journeys of faith and they faithful companions on that journey.

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Currently, our parishioner David Aaron is in formation for the diaconate and, hopefully, will be ordained in two years. I hope that you are keeping him in your prayers, that he will persevere in his pursuit of ordination as a deacon.

This week, I received a letter from Deacon Jim Swiler, Director of the Diaconate for the Archdiocese, that Archbishop Aymond has asked that a new formation class be opened and candidates for this class are being sought.

As ordained clergy, deacons share a leadership role in parish life. They lead prayer, they preach and teach, they are members of the pastoral staff and so are involved in all aspects of planning and evaluating and helping stimulate parish life and growth. Deacons focus particularly on ministries of charity, thus calling others into and helping prepare them for, then leading them in service to those most in need. They need to be men of outstanding character, deep faith and committed service. Living with their wives and families right in your neighborhood, they help "bridge the gap" that sometimes exists between laity and priests. They show how holiness can be found and lived in typical family life by men in typical occupations.

Do you know a man in our parish you think would make a good candidate to become a deacon? This is the time for you to seek out that man and tell him so and challenge him to consider the diaconate. Are you a man who has been thinking about the diaconate? If so, now is the time to give me a phone call so that we can get together and chat. This is the time for all of you to pray that good men will step forward, responding to the call to service as deacons.

A few reminders: Blessing of Throats on Wednesday of this week, following each of the two morning Masses. Grandparents' Days are this week in school. This year we will have special prayer services with student and grandparents on Wednesday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Catholic Schools Week is this Week. Thanks to our outstanding faculty and staff and our supportive parents who make our school such a success and a place for healthy and happy growth of our children. Please keep our school community in your prayers this week.

7 Ken

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He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum." -Lk 4:23

Readings for the Week of January 31, 2010

Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Sunday:

or 13:4-13/Lik 4:21-30

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20

Mal 3: 1:4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2;22-40 or Tuesday:

Wednesday: Z Sm 24 2, 9-17/Mk 6-1-6

Thursday: I Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29 Saturday: l Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/ Next Sunday:

Lk 5:1-11

Altar Ladies Team No. 2 will clean the church on Saturday, January 30.

Church Linen Team No. 6 will clean linens on Saturday, January 30.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 30

8:30a.m. Murphy and Appleton Families

Sunday, January 31

4:00p.m. Vigil

June W. Calcagno

Rosemary Sacco Alessi Jackie Miele Gabriel E. Falgoust, Jr.

Patrick Freeman John B. Cressend Family

Andre' Barbazan Connie Dumun Weisdorffer Marie Trosclair Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.

For the Parish Irma Holland Jourdan James C. Poche (*) Leonce P. Waguespack, Sr.

Stephen Edward Miller

8:00a.m. **Antoinette Tauzy** 9:30a.m. Preston Battistella

11:00a.m.

Norman Babin Gabriel Falgoust, Jr. Amy Zauel Camille Maloney

Violet Guarnari Marco Morales Dorothy T. Guma Lawrence Choppin

Ty Casebonne Adele and Maurice Rappold

Roger Paul Bryant Monday, February 1

Irma Jourdan 6:15a.m. Dwight Mc Namara 8:30a.m.

Tuesday, February 2

Dorothy Montalbano 6:15a.m.

8:30a.m. **Edward Sinnott**

Wednesday, February 3

Margaret Ladner 6:15a.m. Earl A. Jeansonne, Jr. 8:30a.m.

Thursday, February 4

6:15a.m. **Purgatorial List**

William L Schellhaas, Jr. 8:30a.m.

Friday, February 5

6:15a.m. Rita Hamilton

8:30a.m. Bruno and Frank Marasco

Saturday, February 6

Bill Graham 8:30a.m.

(*) denotes living

Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the souls of

Camille Maloney and Marco Morales

who died recently, and for those who mourn them... ~ May all of our beloved dead rest in peace ~

BULLETIN INFORMATION

The bulletin is prepared in advance and is submitted to the publisher on Monday morning. If you would like to include information about your group or organization, it should be submitted 2 weeks prior to the published date. Example: Information to be included in the bulletin of February 17 should be submitted by February 1. The preferred method would be to email the info to the parish secretary, dianne@stangela.org, if this is not possible, you may bring the information to the rectory. If you have any questions, please call Dianne @ 835-0324.

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CALENDAR Saturday, January 30 10:00A.,Ministers to Homebound Meeting, Conference Rm 4:00 Vigil, Family Day Mass
Sunday, January 31 FAMILY
9:30 A, Child Church

11:00 Å, RCIA, Conference Room 6:30P, CYO Meeting, Kern Center Monday, February 1 Catholic Schools Week 8:00Å-3:00P, Title I Class, Board Room

9:00A-12 Noon, New Student Registration, Conference Rm 4:00P, Fr. Peter's Book Club, Rectory 6:00P, Men's Basketball, gym 6:30-8:30P, Fair Committee Meeting, Conference Room

Tuesday, February 2
8:00A-3:00P, Title I Class, Board Room
9:15A, Bible Study, Religious Ed. Library
6:30P, CCD, St. Clement of Rome School
7:00P, SALA Meeting, Kern Center
7:00P, Pastoral Council Meeting, Conference Room
7:00P, Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church
Wednesday, February 3 Feast of St. Blaise

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Blessing of Throats after 6:15 and 8:30A Masses
9:30A, Prayer Group Meeting, Conference Room
10:00A, Grandparents Day, Service in Church followed by a

reception in the Kern Center.
6:00P, CYO Basketball, gym
7-8:00P, Trp. 45 Meeting, Religious Ed. Library

Thursday, February 4
8:00A-5:00P, Band Classes, Religious Ed. Library
10:00A, Grandparents Day, Service in Church followed by a reception in the Kern Center.

12Noon, Senior Citizens' Meeting, Kern Center 6:00P, CYO Basketball, gym 7:30-8:30P, Cub Scout Parent's Meeting, Board Room

Friday, February 5

9-11:00A, CYO Adult Board Meeting, Conference Room
1:45P, Early School Dismissal
1:45P, G.S. Trp. 280 Meeting, Ms. Diane's Kind. Room
2:00P, Faculty Meeting, Conference Room
2:00P, Bears Den Meeting, Board Room
6:30P, Wolf Den Meeting, Religious Ed. Library

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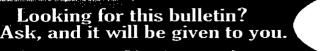
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Please mark your 2010 calendar for Tuesday, February 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kern Center, because the St. Angela Ladies Auxiliary will feature the game of BONCO. Someone will explain how to play but I do know that some players rotate to other tables so this is a good way to meet other ladies and possibly win a prize. Also, please remember to bring in your boxtops and excess pennies. Refreshments will be served.

FAMILY LIFE

On Wednesday, January 13th, the Family Life Apostolate group and Father Peter met for a general membership meeting. The following upcoming parish events were discussed:

- Mass & Reception for Archbishop Gregory Aymond on Saturday, January 23rd.
- The upcoming Family Day masses will be all masses on January 30th and 31st. A poster and essay contest is being held to promote the theme, "Dinner's ready, come to the table" for grades K 7. The contest posters will be placed on display in church and the winning essays will be read before each mass.
- The Missions Reception will take place on March 3rd at 8:00 p.m. in the Kern Center.
- The next Married Couples Dinner is presently scheduled for May 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the Kern Center.

 There will be a reception in the Kern Center after the May 13th Confirmation.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Book Rack located near the Pomona Street entrance is another continuation of Adult Faith Formation. We try to have books on each of the topics covered in our yearly plan for Adult Faith Formation. Please check the rack frequently and let us know of other topics of interest to you. We will be glad to order books on topics of interest for you and your groups. Your specific interests might help others who need help in parenting, grieving, caring for the elderly and sick, family life, marriage, particular saints, prayer and others. Please let Sr. Paula know other interests so she can order the books. She can be reached at 837-9347 or at pderise@stangelaschool.org

RCIA – The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Many of you see Sr. Paula or others leave 11 am Mass
with a young man who is in process of becoming a Catholic. He comes to class to learn more about the Catholic
Faith-what the Church believes and teaches. On Sunday
mornings he listens to the readings and the homily and
then shares with the others who leave with him how the
readings and the homily touches his heart. All share with
him too.

You can help by finding those who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith, are interested in learning more. You are the ones who know these people. You are the ones who hear of those interested or questioning. You can also help by becoming a parish sponsor. These attend the classes and renew their knowledge of their faith and are a strong support to our candidates (those already baptized in another faith) and catecumens (those not baptized yet in any faith) If you know of someone who is questioning and/or interested please call Sr. Paula at 837-9347 or contact her at pderise@stangelaschool.org.



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Dear Parishioners.

Two weeks ago. I shared with you here in the bulletin that the Pastoral Council had received and approved the report of the *ad hoc* committee that was charged with pursuing one of our parish goals: to develop a new master plan for our campus. I also said in that article that we would be setting dates soon to share that information with all parishioners.

While we have the floor plan drawings for the interior spaces involved and conceptual drawings of the exterior of the buildings as we envision that at this time, I have decided that it would also be helpful for most of you to have scale models of the additions we are contemplating to our current buildings. Our architect and master plan developer, Kieran Weldon, is currently having the model constructed and, as soon as we have it, I will let you know dates and times of meetings for us to review with all of you the history of this goal, the process we used to develop the new master plan and the plan itself. I am hopeful that we will be able to begin these sessions right after Easter.

Your donations to Catholic Relief Services in support of the people of Haiti are making a difference! To date, CRS has developed a strategy to serve 235,000 people in several sites across Port au Prince. Distribution sites have been established to provide hygiene kits, food and water to victims of the earthquake. CRS has been named a lead agency for disaster response and development at St. Francois se le Sales Hospital at Leogane, Haiti, where they have been providing much needed clinical support and supplies. Several sites have been identified in Port au Prince where patients can receive primary care and referral of serious cases to the St. Francois Hospital.

Installation of a new heater in the Msgr. Kern Center was completed on Thursday, January 28. Because less labor was involved than anticipated, the final bill for this project was \$15,000.00 (two thousand dollars less than the original estimate!). While we had been approved by the Archdiocese to borrow the entire amount, because of your conscientious giving, we did have some of this money in our operational account and so have borrowed only \$10,000.00. I am hopeful that we can quickly repay most of this over the next few months and thus continue to retire our parish debt at a quick pace.

And, speaking of conscientious giving, each year we begin anew the process of budgeting for our parish for the coming fiscal year. Our Finance Council has begun this annual effort, but we do need to know what we can expect as regular income so that we can budget accordingly. You will be receiving soon in the mail a letter from me with a card on which I ask you to indicate what you plan for your church support offering to be in the new fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2010. From your stated commitment, we can then project income and budget for our anticipated expenses.

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PLEASE take the time to consider carefully, even prayerfully, your financial support of your parish and then complete the intent card and return it by dropping it in the Sunday collection, along with your regular offering.

Support of the Church is only one indication of your commitment to our parish life and ministries, but it is an important one. A true spirit of stewardship is required for conscientious support: the awareness that all we have is a gift from God and our gifts to be used, as St. Paul says it, for the common good. Returning to the Lord what has been given us in order for the Lord's work to be done is the obligation of Christian stewardship. Please keep in mind that I recommend that using the Scriptural goal of tithing (returning ten per cent to the Lord) is a good goal: 5% to your parish and 5% to other charities you support. If everyone gave conscientiously, even sacrificially, we would be able to do great good in this community through the programs, services, and ministries we could offer, even beyond what we do already. Please do your part!

Those who serve as readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ministers of hospitality and altar servers, please note: We need your services for the Masses of Ash Wednesday! Sign-up sheets are on the vesting table in the sacristy. Please take a moment this weekend to come to the sacristy and volunteer for the Masses for which you are available. Thanks!

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In your charity please pray for the soul of

Thomas H. Doussan, Sr.

who died recently, and for those who mourn him.

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Astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." - Lk 5:9-10

Readings for the Week of February 7, 2010

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/

Lk 5:1-11

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10 Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17,

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Altar Ladies Team No. 3 will clean the church on Saturday, February 6.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 6

8:30a.m. Bill Graham

Sunday, February 7 4:00p.m. Vigil

Brian Leonard Andrew N. Maggio

Michael Sublette Frank and Miriam Zimmerman

Esther Riccobono
Patricia Landry
John B. Punch
Marie Trosclair
Vital Fauque
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Patrick J. Farrelly, Jr.
Mary and Emile P. Ham

Joseph David
Tom Doussan
Carolyn Slemmer
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8:00a.m.
9:30a.m.
Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Leonce P. Waguespack, Sr.
Rosemary Sacco Alessi
Jeannine Marcello (*)
Gabriel E. Falgoust, Jr.
Jennie G. Giardina
Bernadette Stassi

11:00a.m.

Anna M. Wood Olide Landry Schayot

Elizabeth Wood Hartie and Rose Mae Trosclair

Benjamin Wood
Marco Morales
Amy Zauel
Dorothy T. Guma
Linda B. Brocato
Lawrence Choppin
Roger Paul Bryant
E. Calvin Brupbacher

Paul Guma

Monday, February 8

6:15a.m. Marilyn Keller

8:30a.m. Bruno and Frank B. Marasco

Tuesday, February 9

6:15a.m. Special Intention 8:30a.m. Dooley Schellhass

Wednesday, February 10

6:15a.m. Dorothy Montalbano 8:30a.m. Frank and Bruno Marasco

Thursday, February 11

6:15a.m. Purgatorial List 8:30a.m. Lee Roy Soignet

Friday, February 12

6:15a.m. Rita Hamilton 8:30a.m. Gerard Mialaret

Saturday, February 13

8:30a.m. Hunley, Loeb and Schnabel Families

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CALENDAR

Saturday, February 6

Sign-up sheets are in the Sacristy for Ash Wednesday (Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers and Altar Servers)

Sunday, February 7

9:30A, Child Church

11:00A, RCIA, Conference Room

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Monday, February 8

8:00A-3:00P, Title I Class, Board Room

3:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym 3:30-6:00P, Boys Basketball, gym 6:00P,CYO Basketball, gym

7-9:00P, KC Officer's Meeting, Conference Room

Tuesday, February 9

8:00-3:00P, Title I Class, Board Room 9:15P, Bible Study, Religious Ed. Library 10:30A, Bridge to NAIM, Conference Room

3:10P, Brownie Trp. 561, Ms. Diane's Kindergarten Room

3:30-4:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym 3:30-6:00P, Boys Basketball, gym 7:00P, Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

Wednesday, February 10

9:30A, Prayer Group Meeting, Conference Room

3:30-4:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym 3:30-6:00p, Boys Basketball, gym 4:30P, Staff Meeting, Rectory

5:30P, Liturgy Committee Meeting, Rectory 7-8:00P, Trp. 45 Meeting, Religious Ed. Library

Thursday, February 11

8:00A-5:00P, Band Class, Religious Ed. Library 3:30P, G.S. Trp 671 Meeting, Board Room

3:30-6:00P, Boys Basketball, gym 6:00P, Men's Basketball, gym

Friday, February 12

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FIRST PENANCE

Thanks to all who made the First Penance such a wonderful experience for our second graders: the gentle, loving priest, our musician and cantor, our teachers and parents who prepared the children for this Sacrament. The smiles on their faces when they returned to their pews said it all. Our thanks go to our 3rd grade moms who were in charge of the reception that followed.

PARISH MISSION

Bishop Shelton Fabre, Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans, our Mission Director this Lent met with Sr. Paula to prepare for our upcoming Mission on March 1,2,3. The title for the Mission is "Having the Last Words". Our Mission will consist of a prayer service, during which Bishop Fabre will give us a reflection on the readings he chose. We will have music and also quiet time to pray. Please put the weekend of Feb. 27-28 and the evenings of March 1,2,3 on your calendar now, so you can join us. A good opportunity to pray together as a parish community and to instill in us the spirit of Lent.

Adult Faith Formation

The purpose of this group is to update a 5 year Faith Formation Program for the adults in St. Angela Parish. All are invited to attend our quarterly meetings. We need your input and your creative ideas of what our parishioners need in the area of Faith Formation. Our program now offers a variety of sessions, experiences, retreats on Prayer, Liturgy, Scripture, Sacraments, Morality, Social Justice, and Doctrines of the Church. Our ideas, as of now, extend into 2014, but these are not written in stone. If you have something you want to learn about or that your group wants to learn about, come to a meeting to share your ideas or call Sr. Paula at 837-9347 or send her an email at pderise@stangelaschool.org. You may also have a creative way to share these ideas besides lecture, book sharing, speakers, etc. Come share with us and help us be more

creative.

Children's Liturgy of the Word
One of the ideas that flowed from Adult Faith Formation was that the parents of young children 4-7 years old would be able to be more attentive to the readings and homily at mass if we offered a separate Liturgy of the Word to the children. These children are brought to our pre-K 3 and pre-K 4 classrooms and have a Liturgy of the Word that is on their level. The readings of Sunday are written in a way they can understand the message and the adult leaders are prepared to share the message with the children. This Liturgy of the Word consists of a first reading, a sung responsorial psalm, an alleluia verse and the gospel. This is followed by a short message to the children to be sure they understand what the readings are telling them. A Creed and time of intercessory prayer follows. The children return to Mass for the rest of the service. Any 4-7 year old is invited to join us. If the children don't want to leave mom or dad, they are invited to join us for a few weeks until the child is comfortable enough to come without a parent. We ask that these families please sit near the Pomona entrance, facing the altar. It is easier for the children to find you



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Sunday Masses: Saturday, 4:00 P.M. (Eve of Sunday)

Sunday: 8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M.

Weekday Masses: 6:15 A.M.; 8:30 A.M.; Saturday, 8:30 A.M. Holy Day of Obligation: See the Parish Bulletin for Schedule

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesday, following 8:30 A.M. Mass Confessions: Saturday, 5:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., or by appointment

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend finds us immersed in Mardi Gras! For all of you joining in the festivities of parades, balls and parties, have a great time! For all of you fleeing the madness, have safe travels and an enjoyable time of leisure and recreation! But, for all of us, let us remember that Mardi Gras is NOT the goal, but the prelude to the very serious season of Lent, which in turn, is a time of preparation for the new life of Easter.

Lent is a serious season: a time to evaluate our lives, our journey of faith and to see where we need to let the light, the hope, the peace, the renewal of Christ gain a new foothold. It is a time of reflection and a time of repentance, so that we really do open a new door for the life of Christ to enter in. It is a time to dedicate ourselves to penitential acts and to make prayer more a part of our lives.

We continue this year what has become "traditional" activities here at St. Angela Merici.

First, we will have our annual parish Mission early in Lent, that it might set the tone and be the guiding spirit for all of us as we journey together these forty days. We are thrilled this year to welcome as our mission preacher the Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans, Bishop Shelton Fabre. Bishop Fabre will begin the Mission by preaching all of the Masses on the weekend of February 27-28. The Bishop will serve as the celebrant of and homilist at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on the mornings of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 1-2-3. The main Mission prayer service with the Bishop's homily will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Each Friday night of Lent, we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

We ask each household to join in our special projects of prayer and penance during Lent: to fast during Lent and to donate the money saved by that fasting and to pray for one of these two projects: Operation Rice Bowl of the Catholic Relief Service or ACCESS Pregnancy Counseling Services. Rice bowls and prayers, baby bottles and prayers will be available to you on the first weekend of Lent.

We will also be distributing books for daily Lenten reflection, and these will be made available to you this weekend and on Ash Wednesday, so that you can begin using the book as Lent begins.

Prayer, fasting, works of charity – these are the traditional activities of Lent and I hope you will spend some time, individually and as a family, to decide what you can and will do this Lent to prepare yourself for the new life of Easter.

Please note that Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at 6:15 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon and 6:00 p.m. Ashes are blessed and distributed **during Mass**, immediately following the homily.

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Those who serve as readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ministers of hospitality and altar servers, please note: We need your services for the Masses of Ash Wednesday! Sign-up sheets are on the vesting table in the sacristy. Please take a moment this weekend to come to the sacristy and volunteer for the Masses for which you are available. Thanks!

We have received this up-date from the Archdiocese about the work your donations for the people of Haiti has supported through both Catholic Relief Services and the services of Archdiocesan Catholic Charities. as of February 2: In Port au Prince, health care remains a major priority as they implement plans to fly in doctors to treat the many people injured by the earthquake. The Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) program is currently being implemented to provide basic essentials; CRS continues to provide rapid distribution of food and temporary shelter in areas where little resources have been available thus far.

Here in the Archdiocese, Catholic Charities has convened meetings with Archdiocesan and Catholic Charities leadership and local religious communities to reach out in support to the local Haitian community. Catholic Charities Adoption Program is working with Senator Mary Landrieu regarding adoption legislation and developing strategies to address potential needs. At present, Sen. Landrieu is working to help 20,000 orphans into the U.S.

Again, to all of you who supported the special collections in church and in school, Thank You for your care and generosity!

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Make your plans to attend the St. Angela Lenten Fish Fries to be held in the Kern Center on February 26 and March 12 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (or until fish supply

lasts). To avoid the ticket line at the Fish Fry, advanced ticket sales are available at the rectory and the school office. Pre-ordered tickets are not refundable. Following are the prices for the menu offered:

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Readings for the Week of February 14, 2010

Sunday:

Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17,

Monday:

Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday:

Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday:

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6,

16-18

Thursday:

Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

Friday:

Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday:

Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Altar Ladies Team No. 4 will clean the church on Saturday, February 13.

Church Linen Team No. 8 will clean linens on Saturday, February 13.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 13

8:30a.m. Hunley, Loeb and Schnabel Families

Sunday, February 14 4:00p.m. Vigil

June W. Calcagno Rosemary Sacco Alessi

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9:30a.m. 11:00a.m.

Marco Morales Terry P. Gerstner, Jr. Dorothy T. Guma Roger Paul Bryant Paul Guma Gabriel Falgoust, Jr. **Special Intention** Ruth and Vincent Massa

Monday, February 15

8:30a.m. Josephine P. Morgan

Tuesday, February 16

No masses today

Wednesday, February 17 ASH WEDNESDAY

6:15a.m. Matthew Hedrick, Sr. 8:30a.m. Brian Leonard

12:00 p.m. **Purgatorial List**

Ventura and Piglia Families 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 18

6:15a.m. **Dorothy Montalbano** 8:30a.m. Victor Vodanovich Friday, February 19

Isabel Stewart 6:15a.m. 8:30a.m. Jennie Lavigne

Saturday, February 20

8:30a.m. George and Lena Lapiana

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Saturday, February 13

10:00A-12:00N, Weblos II Meeting, Board Room

Sunday, February 14

9:30A, Scout Mass, Church followed by donuts in the

11:00A, RCIA, Conference Room

Monday, February 15

8:30A only Mass today PARISH OFFICE CLOSED SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday, February 16 MARDI GRAS

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Wednesday, February 17 ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass times: 6:15A, 8:30A, Noon and 6:00 P

SCHOOL CLOSED

9:30A, Prayer Group Meeting, Conference Room

7:00P, Finance Council Meeting, Rectory

Thursday, February 18 SCHOOL CLOSED

7:00P, KC Meeting, Kern Center

7-8:00P, RCIA Class, Religious Ed. Library

Friday, February 19

SCHOOL CLOSED CYO Lenten Retreat

7:00P, Stations of the Cross, Church

Praying With the Mystics, a four session Lenten Series presented by the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center will focus on four great Christian Mystics: St. Francis of Assisi, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Teresa of Jesus, and St. John of the Cross. Consider this a Lenten invitation by four of our Saints to share their intimacy with the Lord and to pray with their graced insights. Four Thursday evenings, 6:30 -8:45pm, Feb 18, 25, March 4, 11. Held at the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center (located on Notre Dame Seminary Campus). Fee \$30.00, registration required. Call 861-3254 for information or to register.

MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women, invites you to a breakfast. Fr. Stan Klores, Pastor of St. Patrick's Church, will give his faith witness, February 25, 2010, Jefferson Orleans South, 2536 Edenborn Ave., Metairie, La. Reservations should be pre-paid \$20, check made out to "Magnificate Metairie" and mail check to Jane Margavio, 1005 Maryland Ave., Kenner, LA 70062 by February 19, 2010. For more information, please call 466-2010.

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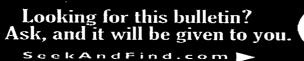
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SALA

SALA's general meeting was held on Tuesday, February 2 in the Msgr. Kern Center. Forty-three members were present. Members were reminded that we march at the abortion clinic on the third Wednesday of each month. SALA members were very generous in providing deserts for the reception for Archbishop Aymond's reception. A committee judged the Family Life Apostalate's Poster and Essay Contest. Celebrating "Family Day". The next meeting will be March 9, beginning at 7:00 p.m..

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

Registration information is available from the school office. New Student Registration is Monday, February 22 from 9:00 a.m. until noon in the Conference Room. If you need more details or would like to make an appointment to tour the school, please call the school office at 835-8491. We would love to share the good news of St. Angela Merici School with you!

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On Saturday mornings after 8:30 a.m. Mass, SALA's Church Housekeeping Committee cleans the Church. A team serves once every 5 weeks and takes only 30-40 minutes. If you feel called to join this ministry, please call Sylvia at 834-9763 to volunteer.

FAMILY DAY POSTER AND ESSAY CONTEST

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the Family Day Poster and Essay Contest. The theme was "Dinner is ready, come to the table". The entries were creative and thoughtful. The Winners are:

Grade K-1: 1st place, Abby Fraiche 1R; 2nd place, Rachael Mipro 1K; 3nd place, Mia La-Rocca 1R; Honorable Mention, Kristine Rutledge 1R

Grade 2-4: 1st place, Evan North 3Pr; 2nd place, Kathryn Mipro 3Pl; 3rd place, Gabby Cefalu 3Pr; Honorable Mention, Jude McCaskell 2F

Grade 5 – 7: 1st place, Abbey Strander, Holley Strassel 7M and Rachel Ledet 7W; 2nd place, Robin Leonard 7M; 3rd place, Ashley Suriel 7W; Honorable Mention, Carley Metcalf 7M and Sloane Norton 7W

Class with greatest participation is Mrs Pratt's 3rd grade class. They will receive an ice cream party provided by Family Life Apostolate.



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Dear Parishioners,

We can continue to linger in our minds and our musings about the Super Bowl champion Saints and the joys of Mardi Gras, but our lives of will and action focus on the serious season of Lent. We are challenged not only to be aware of our sinfulness, but to identify our sins and their root cause, to repent of what we have done, or failed to do, and to set a course for renewal. Repentance AND renewal: Lent is about both. Through definite acts of prayer, fasting and works of charity, we seek to open our minds, to soften our hearts, to direct our steps to be more open to and responsive to the Lord's call to prepare to live in the joy of new Easter life.

Because our journey of faith is a personal journey, but not a private one, *communal* acts of prayer, penance and charity are an important part of this special season. We never journey alone, but we journey with one another, in and for the support that gives us all strength and courage. We continue this year what has become "traditional" activities here at St. Angela Merici.

First, we will have our annual parish Mission early in Lent, that it might set the tone and be the guiding spirit for all of us as we journey together these forty days. We are thrilled this year to welcome as our **mission preacher** the Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans, **Bishop Shelton Fabre**. Bishop Fabre will begin the Mission by preaching all of the Masses on the weekend on February 27-28. The Bishop will serve as the celebrant of and homilist at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on the mornings of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 1-2-3. The main Mission prayer service with the Bishop's homily will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Each Friday night of Lent, we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. (Please note times in the bulletin for Stations on some of the Fridays of Lent for our school children, in which parishioners are certainly invited to participate.)

We ask each household to join in our special projects of prayer and penance during Lent: to fast during Lent and to donate the money saved by that fasting and to pray for one of these two projects: Operation Rice Bowl of the Catholic Relief Service or ACCESS Pregnancy Counseling Services. Rice bowls and prayers, baby bottles and prayers will be available to you on the first weekend of Lent.

We have already made available the books for daily Lenten reflection, and hopefully you are already using those. Any extra copies are still available at the doors of church.

Prayer, fasting, works of charity – these are the traditional activities of Lent and I hope you will spend some time, individually and as a family, to decide what you can and will do this Lent to prepare yourself for the new life of Easter as we all, together, take Lent seriously.

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This Friday, February 26, is our first Lenten Fish Fry. This is always a good time of parish fellowship and I encourage you to join us. Remember, we still pray the Stations of the Cross that night (at 7:00 p.m.), so you might want to come for dinner before Stations or pray the Stations first and then head on over to the Center.

Architect Kieran Weldon who worked with our ad hoc committee to develop the new master plan for our campus and additions to both the main church/school building and the Msgr. Kern Center, is now working on a computer presentation for us to be able to share with you the total plan for our campus' development and improvement.

We are also in the process of working with our parish organizations to set dates for me to present the plan to you, both at the meetings of SAMA, SALA, Co-Op and Senior Citizens and we will set a few additional dates for parishioners not in these organizations. I will let you know the dates as soon as I can so that we can discuss with you and get your reaction to this exciting possibility for our parish!

7 Ken

Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the souls of

Terry P. Gerstner, Sr., Dr. Anthony Lala and Bernard W. Schmaltz, Jr.

who died recently, and for those who mourn them.

~ May all of our beloved dead rest in peace ~

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February 7

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Altar Ladies Team No. 5 will clean the church on Saturday, February 20.

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The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." - Lk 4:6a, 7-8

Readings for the Week of February 21, 2010

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or

3:20--4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

BOOK SHARING

Book sharing on Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13 in Conference Room and in Religious Education Library on March 20. This begins immediately after 8:30 Mass on each of these Saturdays. We will be sharing Pope Benedict's Encyclical Letter: Caritas in Veritate. I have copies made and we will share 10 pages a week. You may sign up for this and get copies of the Encyclical at the rectory. **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, February 20

8:30a.m.

George and Lena Lapiana

Sunday, February 21 4:00p.m. Vigil

Marie Trosclair Patrick J. Freeman Harvey Lee Ducote Rosemary Sacco Alessi Lillie and Joseph E. Sevin Frank and Miriam Zimmerman

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9:30a.m. 11:00a.m.

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Kathy and L.J. Broussard Lloyd and Ada Aguillard Ciolino and Fontana Families

Paul Guma For the Parish

The La Pointe Family (*)

Elda Meyers

Monday, February 22

6:15a.m. 8:30a.m. Geraldine and Paul Dudeck Inez and Lester Folse

Tuesday, February 23

6:15a.m.

Marilyn Keller

8:30a.m.

Songe and Pellegrin Families

Wednesday, February 24

6:15a.m. 8:30a.m. Gloria Landry Victor Vodanovich

Thursday, February 25

6:15a.m. 8:30a.m. Wayne Schmidt Garner Knoepfler

Friday, February 26

6:15a.m. 8:30a.m.

Rita Hamilton Angelina Giordano

Saturday, February 27

8:30a.m.

Purgatorial List

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Make your plans to attend the St. Angela Lenten Fish Fries to be held in the Kern Center on February 26 and March 12 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (or until fish supply

lasts). To avoid the ticket line at the Fish Fry, advanced ticket sales are available at the rectory and the school office. Pre-ordered tickets are not refundable. Following are the prices for the menu offered:

Adult Fried Fish Dinner 7.00 Child Fried Fish Dinner 5.00 Grilled Fish Dinner 9.00 Corn & Shrimp Soup 3.50

Come and enjoy the fellowship and the delicious fish prepared by our famous SAMA Kitchen Crew!

CALENDAR Saturday, February 20 Lenten Project Begins CYO Lenten Retreat 9:00 a.m., Book sharing on Pope Benedict's Encyclical Letter, Conference Room Sunday, February 21 enten Project Begins CYO Lenten Retreat 9:30 a.m., Child Church 11:00 a.m., RCIA, Conference Room Monday, February 22
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Title I Class, Board Room
9:00 a.m.-Noon, New Student Registration, ConferenceRm
3:30-4:30 p.m., Play Rehearsal, gym
3:30 p.m., Boy's Basketball, gym
6:00 p.m., CYO Basketball, gym
7:00 p.m., SALA Board Meeting, Conference Room
Tuesday February 23 7:00 p.m., SALA Board Meeting, Conference Room
Tuesday, February 23
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Title I Class, Board Room
9:15 a.m., Bible Study, Religious Ed. Library
3:30-4:30 p.m., Play Rehearsal, gym
3:30-6:00 p.m., Boy's Basketball, gym
6:30 p.m., CCD, St. Clement of Rome School
7:00 p.m., School Board Meeting, Conference Room
7:00 p.m., Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church
7:00 p.m., Ad Hoc Meeting, Rel. Ed. Library
7:30 p.m., SAMA, gym
Wednesday, February 24 7:30 p.m., SAMA, gym

Wednesday, February 24
9:30 a.m., Prayer Group Meeting/Mass,Conference Room
3:30-4:30 p.m., Play Rehearsal, gym
3:30 p.m., Boy's Basketball, gym
4-6:45 p.m., Fish Fry Prep, gym
7:00 p.m., First Communion Parent Meeting, gym
8:15 p.m., Fish Fry Prep, gym

Thursday, February 25
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Band Classes, Religious Ed. Library
3:30 p.m., Boy's Basketball, gym
6:00 p.m., Men's Basketball, gym
4-9:00 p.m., Fish Fry Prep, gym

Friday. February 26

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,
In a small village called Kapshagai in Kazakhstan, the Catholic Church supports a series of shelter-homes for children whose families face challenges too difficult to manage. The Church provides these children with shelter, food clothing, vocational training, companionship, and love on behalf of their family members in the hope that they can resume care. What started as one building housing 20 children in 2001 has become 10 buildings today, where children and young people, including university

Friday, February 26
2:30 p.m., Lower Grade Stations of the Cross, Church
5:30 p.m., Fish Fry, gym
7:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross, Church

students, receive housing and counseling.

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe supports essential pastoral needs of the region, such as seminary formation and parish maintenance. The Collection also helps with social and charitable works that the local Church does not have the capacity to support, such as the shelter-homes for the

children of Kapshagai.

Because of the fall of communism and the entrance of many central and eastern European countries into the European Union, many think that the needs of the region have been met. However, many parishes struggle in places where Catholics are in the minority, lack proper places to worship and the ability to provide
pastoral care, and most importantly, cannot support themselves.
On behalf of the struggling parishes of the Church in Central and
Eastern Europe, we ask for your support of the upcoming Collection. Through it, we can give faith to the future by helping the

Church to grow in faith and by nurturing the Church's children.

Please be generous in your parish Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Stand in solidarity with your brothers and sisters across the globe in Central and Eastern Europe and parts of Asia that were once under Soviet controlwhere great needs remain.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, D.D. Archbishop of New Orleans

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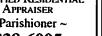
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PARISH MISSION

Bishop Shelton Fabre, Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans, our Mission Director this Lent met with Sr. Paula to prepare for our upcoming Mission on March 1,2,3. The title for the Mission is "Having the Last Words". Our Mission will consist of a prayer service, during which Bishop Fabre will give us a reflection on the readings he chose. We will have music and also quiet time to pray. Please put the weekend of Feb. 27-28, 8:30 a.m. Mass on March 1,2,3, and the evenings of March 1,2,3 7:00 p.m. and on your calendar now, so you can join us. A good opportunity to pray together as a parish community and to instill in us the spirit of Lent.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

If you were married in 1960 and would like to participate in the Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration that will take place on Sunday, June 6, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in St. Philip Neri Church, Metairie, please call the parish office at 835-0324. This year's celebration will not be a Mass, but a Prayer Service. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one's parish. All participants must register by February 24.

PAPER DRIVES

Please note that school will no longer have paper drives. Thanks to everyone who participated in the past.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

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FAMILY DAY ESSAY CONTEST

Family Life Apostolate is pleased to announce that Jenna Wehner is the winner of the Family Day Essay Contest.

SALA

All men in the Parish are invited to come to the St. Angela Men's Association meeting on Tuesday Feb 23rd at 7:30pm in the Kern Center (Gym). The topic will be "Celebrating the Superbowl Victory - Come share your Saints experience." Dinner will be prepared by our own "Kitchen Krewe". Come spend the evening with your peers here at St. Angela Parish.



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Dear Parishioners,

Lent looks different, doesn't it? As we approach the doors of church, we see a cross or a barren wreath, awaiting new growth, draped with purple cloth, the color of penance. We see those wreaths again in church, reminder that we seek the new life that the water of Easter Baptism will bring. It is through repentance that we can move to Easter renewal. There are no flowers or plants in church during Lent: the stark simplicity of our environment reminds us that we are to seek the simplicity of life that focuses on the Lord's Word, the Lord's will.

Lent sounds different, doesn't it? The organ is silent these forty days as our song is accompanied by the simpler sounds of the piano. We recite the "I confess" and sing the penitential "Kyrie eleison" in honest acknowledgement of our sinfulness and our pledge to repent of our sins to draw closer to Christ. Even our response to the general intercessions is different, "Lord, hear us and have mercy," as we seek the compassion of God that will make us more aware of our need to be compassionate to those around us in need.

Lent is different. It is a simpler season, a season we are challenged to strip away what is unnecessary in our lives, to challenge ourselves honestly in discernment of where we need renewal. The cross reminds us of sacrifice, the sacrifice of Christ to which we are to align ourselves so that our penitential actions, our Lenten prayers, our fasting and good deeds may prove salvific for others. The cross reminds us that we are to be people willing to give ourselves for others, to be, as we heard in the second reading on Ash Wednesday, ambassadors of Christ. If Easter is to be a celebration of new life, Lent is the journey of prayer and action to allow the Lord to plant and nourish that new life's seeds within us.

I cannot strongly enough encourage you to join us for our annual Lenten parish mission that begins this weekend. We are thrilled to have as our mission preacher this year Bishop Shelton Fabre, Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans. As I said in my homily last weekend, several members of our staff have had the opportunity to be with Bishop Fabre on various occasions and to hear him preach. He is a man of deep faith, an excellent preacher. His words are both supportive and challenging, filled with insight and Scriptural wisdom. Bishop Fabre will preach at all of the Masses this weekend, sharing with us an overview of his mission themes.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights of this week, Bishop Fabre will lead and preach at a prayer service, which will begin each night at 7:00 p.m.

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In addition, the Bishop will also preside and preach at the 8:30 a.m. Mass each morning of the mission.

Please remember that complimentary child care is provided each night of the mission.

Also remember that our mission concludes with a reception on Wednesday night after the prayer service.

There will be a collection taken up on Wednesday night to offer a stipend to the Bishop for his ministry to us and to cover mission expenses.

As a priest friend of mine often says: The journey of faith is a personal journey, but not a private one. Your participation in this parish Lenten Mission is an opportunity for you to advance on your personal journey and a excellent way of supporting one another on the journey we make together this Lent. Let's fill the church each night of the mission as we seek to discern God's direction for us, individually and as a community, this Lent.

Lent began as the final forty days of preparation of candidates for Baptism. Only later did those already baptized begin the prayerful and penitential acts of Lent, as a sign of solidarity with those seeking to become members of the Church. Those already baptized sought renewal of their Baptismal promises right along with those preparing to make those promises at Easter. This year, we are happy that Nievan Morantez, who has never been baptized, is seeking the new life of Christ in our Catholic family of faith. Please keep Nievan in your prayers during this Lenten season, that these final weeks of his preparation will find him at peace as his longing for the life of Christ comes to its fulfillment on Holy Saturday night.

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Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen. - Lk 9:35-36

Readings for the Week of February 28, 2010

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or

3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36 Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43,

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Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk

13:1-9

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 27

Purgatorial List 8:30a.m.

Sunday, February 28 4:00p.m. Vigil

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Cecilia B. and Victor Hoffman 9:30a.m.

11:00a.m.

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Mathilde M. Ruello (*)

Monday, March 1

6:15a.m. Joseph Esler

8:30a.m. Bernard W. Schmaltz, Jr.

Tuesday, March 2

Marilynn Keller 6:15a.m. Richard Deas 8:30a.m.

Wednesday, March 3

Clare Ramil 6:15a.m.

Frank and Bruno Marasco 8:30a.m.

Thursday, March 4

Herb Grossimon (*) 6:15a.m. 8:30a.m. Gloria Landry

Friday, March 5

6:15a.m. Dr. Anthony Lala Myris F. Schellhaas 8:30a.m.

Saturday, March 6

Raymond Giuffria 8:30a.m.

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<u>CALENDAR</u>

Saturday, February 27

9:00 a.m., Book Sharing, Conference Room

10:00 a.m., Play Rehearsal, gym

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Sunday, February 28

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9:30 a.m., Child Church

4-6:00 p.m., Confirmation Class for 10th Graders, gym

Monday, March 1 8:00A-3:00P, Title I Class, Board Room 3:30-5:30 p.m., Play Rehearsal, gym 3:30 p.m., Boy's Basketball, gym 7:00 p.m., PARISH MISSION, Church

Tuesday, March 2

8:00A-3:00P, Title I Class, Board Room 9:15 p.m., Bible Study, Religious Ed. Library

3:30-5:30 p.m., Play Rehearsal, gym 3:30 p.m., Boy's Basketball, gym

6:30 p.m., CCD, St. Clement of Rome School 7:00 p.m., PARISH MISSION, Church

Wednesday, March 3

9:30 a.m., Prayer Group Meeting, Conference Room

3:30-5:30 p.m., Play Rehearsal, gym 3:30 p.m., Boy's Basketball, gym 7:00 p.m., PARISH MISSION, Church

8:00 p.m., Mission Reception, Msgr. Kern Center

Thursday, March 4

8:00A-5:00P, Band Classes, Religious Ed. Library 12 Noon-2:30P, Senior Citizens' Meeting, Kern Center

3:30 p.m., Boy's Basketball, gym 3:30-5:30 p.m., Play Rehearsal, gym 6:00-9:00 p.m., CYO Volleyball, gym

7:30-8:30 p.m., Cub Scout Parent's Meeting, Board Room

9-11:00 a.m., CYO Adult Board Meeting, Conference Rm

2:30 p.m., Upper Grades Stations of the Cross, Church

3:30 p.m., Bears Den Meeting, Board Room

7:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross, Church

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MEMORIALS

Open dates are available for Sanctuary Candle Memorials (\$15) and Flower Memorials (\$35) for the year 2010. If you would like to schedule a week, come by the parish office, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

PEACE IN OUR HEARTS ALWAYS

'Peace In Our Hearts Always", a new prayer group for cancer patients and anyone with a serious illness, began meeting at St. Clement of Rome (Richland & W. Esplanade in Metairie) on Thursdays in the Parish Center from 7:00-8:00 p.m. This group is also open to caretakers or family and friends of the sick. Please join them as they pray, share, and open their hearts to God's divine mercy and embrace the love that Our Mother, Mary, wishes to impact on each of us. For more information, please contact Madeleine at mwixx148@aol.com or (504) 452-5217 or Carol at (504) 832-0057; or contact Mimi (www.themirgroup.org www.themirgroup@aol.com)

ABBEY YOUTH FEST

Abbey Youth Fest is March 13th! This is a wonderful gathering of teens from all over the Southeastern region of the country held at St. Joseph's Abbey in Covington. The day long event begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m. and includes great speakers, moving music, the opportunity for Reconciliation, Mass and Adoration. Cost is \$40 and is due February 26th. Contact Diane Kratochvil at 832 -0486 for more information.

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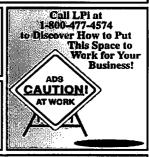


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Weekday Masses: 6:15 A.M.; 8:30 A.M.; Saturday, 8:30 A.M. Holy Day of Obligation: See the Parish Bulletin for Schedule Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesday, following 8:30 A.M. Mass Confessions: Saturday, 5:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., or by appointment

Dear Parishioners,

The alarm clock rings, indicating it's time to wake up and get moving. But sometimes, we're just not in synch with our alarm clock. We had a bad night the evening before and we're still worn out. We realize how much there is to do in the day ahead and we're simply not ready to face it yet. We're getting bored with the daily routine and just want something different from the pattern of daily responsibilities, a night's sleep and another alarm clock ring.

As we enter the Third Week of Lent, are you truly in synch with this special season? Have you been faithful to the Lenten promises you made for prayer, fasting and works of charity? Did you even *make* those resolutions? I have left out on the tables in the sanctuary of church the Rice Bowls and ACCESS baby bottles and the prayers that go with them because not as many parishioners have taken these as you have in the past. Are there some of us still getting a slow start to our Lenten days? Are you using each day the reflection books that we made available for you at the start of the season? Are you offering special prayer each day for Nievan Morantez of our parish and all others preparing for Baptism or reception into the Church at Easter? A slow start or a late start is better than no start. Lent is a little less than half over. If you've found yourself slipping already, make a new beginning. If you pushed the snooze button, make a new beginning. The road, through sacrifice and discipline, to repentance and renewal is a difficult one. But we must, as people of faith, make that journey. "Now is the acceptable time!"

Because of the printing schedule for the bulletin, I am writing this before our evening Mission gatherings have taken place. Nonetheless, let me again thank Bishop Shelton Fabre for sharing his time and ministry with us for the Mission. Thanks to all of you who participated in it. May our continuing reflections on the Bishop's message guide the remainder of our Lenten days and may our personalized living his message help, as this Lenten season should, lead us to the joy of Easter life!

Two reminders:

-- Our second Fish Fry is Friday, March 12, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Not only does the fish fry fulfill our Lenten requirement for abstinence from meat on Friday, it also provides a true opportunity for parish fellowship. In addition, the proceeds from the Fish Fry provide us with seed money for the annual Parish Fall Fair. So, by joining us for the Fish Fry, you're doing good for yourselves and for our parish community.

-- There is NO 8:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday, March 13. There is a required workshop for priests of the Archdiocese that day, which begins in the morning. (continued on page 2)

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I have been regularly sharing with you that, for over a year, we have had a special *ad hoc* committee working on one of the parish goals we had set in our last round of parish pastoral planning, *Catholic Life 2007*. That goal called for us to develop a new master plan for our parish campus, to respond to immediate and long-range needs for our school and parish life and ministries.

That committee completed its work in January, when their final report was heard and accepted by the Pastoral Council.

Kieran Weldon, the architect who has been working with us on this plan, has completed the computer renditions of the plan that we needed, and we are now ready to share this plan with you. It is a carefully thought-out and exciting plan, and I look forward to having all of you hear about it and, hopefully(!), join in support of it.

You can hear about the plan by coming to any of these meetings of our parish organizations:

Co-Op on Monday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. SALA on Tuesday, March 9, at 8:15 p.m. SAMA on Tuesday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. Senior Citizens at 12 Noon on Thursday, April 15

You may come for the presentation on the master plan, even if you are not a member of these organizations. The presentation will take about 45 minutes and, if you are not a member, you can leave following the presentation as the organization continues with its regular meeting.

In addition, we have scheduled these dates for parishioners, which are not linked to another meeting:

Saturday, April 24 at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, April 25 at Noon (immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass) Tuesday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m.

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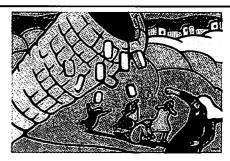
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Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

Readings for the Week of March 7, 2010

Sunday:

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/

Lk 13:1-9

Monday:

2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Wednesday:

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

Thursday:

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

Friday:

Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23 Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday:

Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday:

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 6

8:30a.m. Raymond Giuffria

Sunday, March 7 4:00p.m. Vigil

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Monday, March 8

6:15a.m. Dr. Anthony Lala

8:30a.m. Saucier, Rodriguez and Rau Families

Tuesday, March 9

6:15a.m. Marilynn Keller

Ciolino and Fontana Families 8:30a.m.

Wednesday, March 10

6:15a.m. Jeanne Merchant (*) Bruno and Frank B. Marasco 8:30a.m.

Thursday, March 11

6:15a.m. Bernard W. Schmaltz, Jr.

8:30a.m. Carol Lightell

Friday, March 12

Melissa Neff 6:15a.m. **Richard Deas** 8:30a.m.

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Saturday, March 6

9:00A, Book Shaing on Pope Benedict's Encyclical

Letter, Conference Room 10A-1:00P, Play Rehearsal, gym

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weekend

Sunday, March 7

9:30A, Child Church

11:00A, RCIA, Conference Room

6-7:00P, CYO Officers/Board Meeting, Conference Rm

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Monday, March 8

8:00A-3:00P, Title I Class, Board Room

3:10P, Brownie Trp 561 Meeting, Ms. Diane's Room

3:30-5:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym 7-9:30P, Co-Op Meeting, gym

7-9:00P, Knights of Columbus Officer's Meeting, Con-

ference Room Tuesday, March 9

8:00A-3:00P, Title I Class, Board Room 9:15A, Bible Study, Religious Ed. Library 10:30A, Bridge to NAIM, Conference Room

3:30-5:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym 6:30P, CCD, St. Clement of Rome School 7:00P, SALA Meeting, Msgr. Kern Center

7:00P, Pastoral Council Meeting, Conference Room

7:00P, Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

Wednesday, March 10

8:30A, Technology Summit, School

9:30A, Prayer Group Meeting, Conference Room

3:30-5:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym 4-9:00P, Fish Fry Prep, gym kitchen 4:30P, Staff Meeting, Rectory

5:30P, Liturgy Committee Meeting, Rectory

6-9:00P, CYO Volleyball, gym

7-8:00P, Trp. 45 Mtg., Religious Ed. Library

Thursday, March 11

8:00A-5:00P, Band Classes, Conference Room

3:30-5:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym 4-9:00P, Fish Fry Prep, Kitchen 6-9:00P, CYO Volleyball, gym

7-8:00P, RCIA Class, Religious Ed. Library

Friday, March 12

2:30P. Lower Grade Stations of the Cross. Church

3:10, G.S. Trp.280, Ms. Diane's Classroom

5:30P, Fish Fry, gym

7:00P, Station of the Cross, Church

7:30-8:30P, Pack 30 Scout Meeting, Board Room

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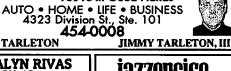
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CYO NEWS

On February 19th and 20th, 31 members of our CYO attended our second annual Lenten Retreat at Camp Istrouma in Greenwell Springs. Our theme this year was "HE Dat! Jesus is the Answer" and focused on Jesus in the Eucharist. Fr. Peter was with us on Friday night for Reconciliation and Adoration. Fr. Ray Hymel joined us on Saturday to celebrate Mass. We were blessed to have as chaperones Eric Broadbridge and David Barbier who assisted us greatly with technical issues and photography. Also chaperoning were Adult Advisory Board members Kathleen Steen and Mary Delesdernier.

On Saturday, March 13 we will attend Abbey Youth Fest! Our next General Meeting will be Sunday, March 14th at 6:30 p.m.

ST. ANGELA LADIES AUXILIARY

Please note that the St. Angela Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be held on the second Tuesday this month, March 9, same time-7:00 p.m., same place-Msgr. Kern Center. It is a privilege to have as our guest speaker, Cynthia Lee-Sheng, our councilwoman of District 5. She will inform us about the current and relevant news happening in our district. So please join us as we pray, learn and socialize together. As usual, there will be wonderful door prizes and a Membership reimbursement drawing.

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The 6th graders have 4 field trips scheduled, where they will learn about Blessed Selos, help at City Park, help at Second Harvest and bring food and help at the Rebuild center. The 5th and 6th graders will produce skits to teach the material to younger students. Please check on the school website or see Sr. Paula for registration forms for your children.

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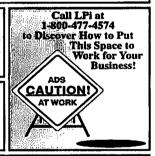
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Dear Parishioners,

On Friday, March 19, we will have the blessing of our school's St. Joseph Altar at 9:30 a.m. in the Msgr. Kern Center. All parishioners are invited to join with our school community for this special table in honor of St. Joseph and this prayer of blessing and intercession.

The presentations on our parish's master plan continue this week. Parishioners interested in learning about the master plan can come to the SAMA meeting at 7:30 p.m., whether you are a SAMA member or not. Following the presentation of the master plan, which will take about 45 minutes, guests may leave as the SAMA meeting will continue as usual.

By the time you receive this issue of the bulletin, you should already have received in the mail, or will be receiving soon, my letter to all parishioners about preparation of the budget for the coming fiscal year by our parish Finance Council. That letter contains an intent card, on which we ask you to indicate the amount of financial support you plan to contribute to your parish beginning July 1 of this year, the start of the new fiscal year. By letting us know what you will contribute financially, we can budget properly and accurately.

If you do not currently use church support envelopes, I urge you to do so because this will serve as a regular reminder of the importance of your commitment to your parish. Envelopes are mailed to you monthly, and this regular mailing offers a regular reminder and call to fidelity in your church support.

Another option that is provided is "direct debit" from your savings or checking account. Many of us use that option already for meeting other financial obligations and, if you find that helpful, you can be added to that list. Indicate that interest on the intent card and we will contact you to get the proper information for direct debit.

If you did not receive the mailing, then you are not registered with us as a parishioner. If you wish to register, simply telephone the rectory or e-mail our parish secretary, Dianne Goodrow, for assistance at dianne@stangela.org.

Return your intent card by dropping it in the collection THIS weekend, along with your regular contribution, of course!

Your support of your parish allows us to continue to provide varied services to you and the staff and properly-trained lay ministers to do so and the facilities we need for our prayer, our services, and our activities.

Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers), please remember your meeting on Saturday, March 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the parish Conference Room as we prepare for the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter.

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Readings for the Week of March 14, 2010

Sunday:

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:

p1-3, 11-32

Monday:

Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday:

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday:

Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday:

Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Saturday:

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 14

4:00p.m. Vigil

Jackie Miele June W. Calcagno

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Patrick Freeman Irma Holland Jourdan Ann Bravata Ventura and Piglia Families Richard Deas Gabriel E. Falgoust, Jr. Arnulfo Jimenez Incarnoto and Bordelon Families

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8:00a.m. Rose Gerard

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11:00a.m.

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Florence Connolly Monday, March 15

> John C. Cronin 6:15a.m. Gerard Maxwell 8:30a.m.

Tuesday, March 16

6:15a.m. Dr. Anthony Lala 8:30a.m. Sylvie Fauque

Wednesday, March 17

6:15a.m. St. Patrick

Lloyd and Ada Aguillard 8:30a.m.

Thursday, March 18

6:15a.m. Richard Deas 8:30a.m. Jennie Schweibel

Friday, March 19

6:15a.m. Joan Talamo

8:30a.m. Anthony J. Catanese

Saturday, March 20

8:30a.m. Bernard W. Schmaltz, Jr.

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Sunday, March 14

Daylight SavingTime Begins

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9:30A, Child Church

9:30A, Scout Mass, Church followed by donuts in the gym

11:00A, RCIA, Conference Room

6:30P, CYO Meeting, gym

Monday, March 15

8:00A-3:00P, Title I Class, Board Room

3:30-5:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym 6-9:00P, CYO Volleyball, gym

Tuesday, March 16

8:00A-3:00P, Title I Class, Board Room 9:15A, Bible Study, Religious Ed. Library

3:30-5:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym

6:30P, CCD, St. Clement of Rome School 7:00P, Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church 7:30P, SAMA Meeting, Kern Center

Wednesday, March 17

9:30A, Prayer Group Meeting/Mass, Conference Room

3:30-5:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym 6-9:00P, CYO Volleyball, gym

7:00P, Finance Council Meeting, Rectory

7-8:00P, Trp. 45 Meeting, Religious Ed. Library

Thursday, March 18

8:00A-5:00P, Band Classes, Religious Ed. Library

3:30P, G. S. Trp 671 Meeting, Board Room

3:30-5:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym 7:00P, KC Meeting, Kern Center

7-8:00P, RCIA Class, Religious Ed. Library

Friday, March 19

9:30A, St. Joseph's Altar Blessing, Kern Center

11:30A, Early School Dismissal

6:30P, Wolf Den Meeting, Board Room

7:00P, Stations of the Cross, Church

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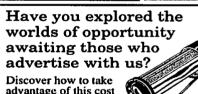
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MEN'S MORNING OF SPIRITUALITY

The 14th Morning will be held on Saturday, March 27 at St. Anthony of Padua Church on Canal Street starting at 9:00AM and closing after mass at 1:00PM. Speaker will be Dan Spencer who will develop further issues impacting men's spirituality such as sexual purity, chastity, pornography and impact on marriages, children, communities and individuals.

ST. ANGELA MEN'S ASSOCIATION (SAMA)

All men in the Parish are invited to come to the St. Angela Men's Association (SAMA) meeting on Tuesday March 16th at 7:30pm in the Kern Center (Gym). The topic will be "The new Master Plan for our Parish campus" presented by Fr. Ken. Please come to hear some of the ideas presented by the different St. Angela organizations for the future of our Parish. Dinner will be prepared by our own "Kitchen Krewe". Come spend the evening with your fellow parishioners here at St. Angela Parish.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

If you did not attend the Confirmation class for 10th graders held on Sunday, February 28, Sister Paula will have a mandatory make-up class on March 17th, 6-8:00 p.m., in the Board Room. If you have any questions, please call Sister at 837-9347.

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Dear Parishioners,

Lent looks different. Lent sounds different. I shared that with you in the bulletin of the First Week of Lent. There is something else that you may have noticed by now. The readings of Lent are different, both at weekday and at weekend Masses; they are different from the readings of Ordinary Time.

On the Sundays of Ordinary Time, the gospels are semi-continuous readings from the gospels (St. Matthew one year, St. Mark the next, St. Luke the next). When we were in and when we return to Ordinary Time, this year we are reading from St. Luke's gospel. In that season, the first reading, from the Old Testament, was selected to go with the gospel, to show how the New Testament is rooted in, relates to and fulfills the Old. During Lent, however, the first reading is different. Instead of reading it with the gospel, you have to read it with the first reading of the *previous* Sunday. During the six weeks of Lent, the first reading traces salvation history. This reminds us not only of the journey of salvation we are on these forty days of Lent, but the journey of life we are on, the personal and corporate journey of our lives of faith to our ultimate salvation.

If you come to church early this weekend, read the first readings of the past three Sundays and then read this week's first reading. That may lead you to a quiet reflection on where you are on your journey of faith and a reflection on how you, as a leader like Abraham, Moses, Joshua and Samuel, are influencing others to follow the path of the Lord.

All those who serve as readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and altar servers, please note: we need you to offer your services for the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Sign-up sheets are now in the sacristy. Please come to the sacristy before or after Masses this weekend to volunteer for ministries for those days. Ministers of Hospitality, your sign-up was at the meeting this Saturday morning, but if you missed the meeting, sign up sheets for you are also in the sacristy.

On March 20 and 27, both Father Peter and I will be available in church for the Sacrament of Penance from 5:30-6:00 p.m. On Tuesday, March 30, we will also celebrate this sacrament from 6:00-7:00 p.m. This will be the last scheduled time for the Sacrament of Penance before Easter. Please remember that there are NO times for Confession on Holy Saturday, April 3.

On Friday of this week, March 26, our school community presents their annual Living Stations of the Cross at 2:30 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. This is always a very special way to pray the Stations, and I invite and encourage parishioners to participate in this Lenten prayer.

Each year, the Archbishop invites parishes to select people to be presented with the Medallion of the Order of St. Louis. Honorees are chosen for their outstanding and longstanding service to their parish communities. This year, our pastoral staff has chosen Bob and Linda Armbruster and Kathleen and Billy Steen to receive the Medallions as our parish honorees. We thank these generous parishioners for their selfless service to our parish and congratulate them on their selection. The Order of St. Louis Medallion will be presented at a special ceremony at St. Louis Cathedral in May, and I will say more about both the Armbrusters and the Steens and their service to us before that celebration.

We have completed three of the seven presentations we are making to explain the new master plan for our parish campus. We take a little break now until after Easter. The next presentation will be at the Senior Citizens Club meeting on Thursday, April 15 at 12 Noon. Again, this presentation will take place at the beginning of the meeting, so any parishioner may attend the master plan presentation and then take their leave. The Club members will then continue with their regular meeting agenda.

In May of this year, members of both our Pastoral and Finance Councils will complete their terms of service on these major consultative bodies. The basic responsibility of the Pastoral Council is to help set direction for our parish to grow as a community of faith and to evaluate the ministries, organizations and programs we have in aiding us to build the reign of Christ in our community. The basic function of the Finance Council is to oversee parish temporalities: to set and review the parish budget, to oversee maintenance and improvements to parish facilities. If you would like to know more about one of these Councils, you may contact me or any member of our parish pastoral staff. If you know of someone you think would be a good member of one of these Councils, or if you would like to offer your services for one of the Councils, please complete the form at the end of this col-

You may drop it in the collection (along with your regular offering, of course!) or drop it off or mail it to the parish office. From the pool of available candidates, the members of each Council will recommend people to me to begin service when the new terms begin in August.

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Some time back, two parishioners gave me a copy of "The Manhattan Declaration," a statement prepared and signed by Christian leaders of our nation that addresses current socio-ethical issues. The pastoral staff has found this an interesting statement, valuable for its ecumenical agreement and as a call to our national conscience. You may want to read this statement and add your signature to it. It can be found on the internet at www.manhattandeclaration.org. Already almost a half-million people have joined to sign this statement.

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Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

Readings for the Week of March 21, 2010

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or

13:41c-62/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42 Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 20

8:30a.m. Inday, March 21 Bernard W. Schmaltz, Jr.

Sunday, March 21 4:00p.m. Vigil

Natalie Kerlin Alice Bouvier Lawrence T. Gettys

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Rory Maxwell (*)
Gabriel E. Falgoust, Jr.
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Brendan Milligan Thomas Doussan

Robert K. Gallmann, Sr.

Anne Leach

8:00a.m. Joseph Zito

9:30a.m. 11:00a.m. Antoinette Giovengo

Richard Deas Jerry Pastor The La Pointe Family (*)

Bettie Parker
Dottie Montalbano
Jacqueline Rauch

Leonard Dubroc, Sr.
Patricia Wagner
For the Parish
Purgatorial List
James Mulla

James Rafferty Robert Favret Monday, March 22

6:15a.m. 8:30a.m.

Herb Grossimon (*)
Dorothy B. Soignet

Tuesday, March 23

6:15a.m. 8:30a.m. Dr. Anthony Lala Wilfred E. Youngblood

Wednesday, March 24

6:15a.m.

Micheal Giambalvo

8:30a.m.

Irwin Olsen

Thursday, March 25

6:15a.m. 8:30a.m. Bernard Schmaltz, Jr. Olivia Enriquez

Friday, March 26

6:15a.m. 8:30a.m. Melissa Neff
Rory Maxwell (*)

Saturday, March 27 8:30a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Perrone, Sr.

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Altar Ladies Team No. 4 will clean the church on Saturday, March 20.

Church Linen Team No. 5 will clean linens on Saturday, March 20.

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Saturday, March 20

Second Collection will be for Catholic Charities

9:00A, Book Sharing on Pope Benedict's Encyclical Letter,

Conference Room

10-11:00A, Ushers Meeting, Conference Room

10:00A-3:00P, Play Rehearsal, gym

Sign up for Easter (Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary

Ministers of Holy Communion and Ushers)

Sunday, March 21

Second Collection will be for Catholic Charities

9:30A, Child Church

11:00A, RCIA, Conference Room

Sign up for Easter (Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary

Ministers of Holy Communion and Ushers)

Monday, March 22

8:00A-3:00P, Title I Class, Board Room

3:30-5:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym 6-9:00P, CYO Volleyball, gym

7:00P, Ad Hoc Committee meeting on the elderly, Religious

Ed Library Tuesday, March 23

> 8:00A-3:00P, Title I Class, Board Room 9:15A, Bible Study, Religious Ed. Library

3:30-5:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym

6-9:00P, CYO Volleyball, gym 6:30P, CCD, St. Clement of Rome School

7:00P, School Board Meeting, Conference Room

7:00P, Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

Wednesday, March 24

9:30A, Prayer Group Meeting, Conference Room

3:30-5:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym 6-9:00P, CYO Volleyball, gym

7-8:00P, Trp. 45 Meeting, Religious Ed. Library

Thursday, March 25

8:00A-5:00P, Band Classes, Religious Ed. Library

3:30-5:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym 6-9:00P, CYO Volleyball, gym

7:00P, Family Life Chair Meeting, off campus 7-8:00P, RCIA Class, Religious Ed. Library 7:30P, Cub Scout Parent's Meeting, Board Room

Friday, March 26

2:30P, Living Way of the Cross, Church

3:30P, Cub 30, 7 & 8 Meeting, Religious Ed. Library

7:00P, Living Way of the Cross, Church



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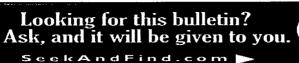
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The St. Angela Girls Flag Football team won the City Championship of the Catholic School Athletic League. Team members are Anne Buchert, Claire Bergeron, Megan Davenport, Emily Giesemann, Caroline Hirschey, Rachel Ledet, Robyn Ledet, Laura Lorio, Maddie Mc Graw, Samantha Staehle, Abbey Strander, Manager Caitlin Fassbender and Coach Joey Davenport.

GEOGRAPHY BEE

Nicholas Winningkoff, grade five, will represent St. Angela Merici School at the state level of the National Geographic Bee in Baton Rouge on April 9, 2010. Nicholas won the school level Bee in January when he competed against students in grades four through seven. Congratulations and good luck!

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You are reminded that the St. Angela Scrip Program is an ongoing fund raiser and is an excellent way to support St. Angela through your everyday spending. We appreciate the support we have received thus far and encourage new families to begin using this program. If you have any questions, please contact Linda at 835-8491 ext. 105.

FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT

St.Angela C.Y.O. is sponsoring FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT at Zephyr Field and you're invited! Come join your St. Angela Family at the ballpark, Saturday, April 24th at 6:00 p.m. The New Orleans Zephyrs will take on the Nashville Sounds. Concert with The Andrew Ogea Christian Rock Band follows the game.

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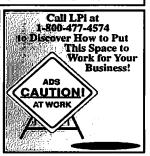


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Sunday Masses: Saturday, 4:00 P.M. (Eve of Sunday) Sunday: 8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M.

Weekday Masses: 6:15 A.M.; 8:30 A.M.; Saturday, 8:30 A.M. Holy Day of Obligation: See the Parish Bulletin for Schedule Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesday, following 8:30 A.M. Mass

Confessions: Saturday, 5:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., or by appointment

Dear Parishioners,

Pray for Us

All those who serve as readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and altar servers, please note: we need you to offer your services for the Masses on Easter Sunday. Sign-up sheets are now in the sacristy. Ministers of Hospitality, your sign-up was at the meeting last Saturday morning, but if you missed the meeting, sign up sheets for you are also in the sacristy.

Please remember that on Tuesday, March 30, Fr. Peter and I will be in the Penance Rooms in church to celebrate this sacrament from 6:00-7:00 p.m. This will be the last scheduled time for the Sacrament of Penance before Easter. Please remember that there are NO times for Confession on Holy Saturday, April 3.

The liturgies of the Paschal Triduum are moving, beautiful and inspiring, as we gather to remember prayerfully the final days in the life of Jesus and prepare for the joyful celebration of his new, resurrected life at Easter. I strongly encourage all parishioners to make the time to participate in the special services.

The Mass of the Lord's Last Supper will be on Holy Thursday night beginning at 7:00 p.m. Following the request of Jesus to his disciples, "Can you not watch and pray with me for even one hour?", following Mass quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will continue until 9:30 p.m. The collection that night is for our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society.

On Good Friday, the Solemn Service of the Lord's Passion and Death, which includes the proclamation of the Passion, the veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion begins at 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross will also be prayed at 7:00 p.m. that evening. The collection at this Mass is for the support of the shrines in the Holy Land.

On Holy Saturday, the Easter Vigil begins at 8:00 p.m. This is late, I know, but this Vigil can only begin after nightfall and it is the only liturgy that may be celebrated on Holy Saturday. Of course, there is NO 4:00 p.m. anticipated Mass of Sunday that afternoon. This liturgy includes the blessing of the new fire, the lighting of the Easter Candle, the singing of the "Exultet," the hymn of praise for the dying and rising of Christ, an extended Liturgy of the Word as we trace from the Old Testament to the New the journey of salvation. The second collection at the Easter Vigil and at the Masses of Easter Sunday support our parish share of support for our Archdiocesan Seminaries.

I hope that you will decide to invest your time in these important times of prayer and praise.

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The New Orleans Zephyrs have dedicated Saturday, April 24th as "Faith and Family Night," inviting parishes to bring a group of people to their baseball game that evening. A concert by the Andrew Ogea Band will follow the game. Our parish CYO has agreed to sponsor our participation in this event. Tickets are \$7.00 each and our order must be in by April 12 at 4:00 p.m. If you and your family would like to join with other parishioners for the game, please call the rectory (835-0324) to place your ticket order. Fr. Peter and I are making a special invitation to our Senior Servers to join us at the game with our CYO. It should be an enjoyable night!

I want to invite you also to participate in a special learning opportunity. In November, 2000, the Bishops of the United States promulgated a new document, "Built of Living Stones," that guides the design and furnishing of new and renovated churches. Since the publication of that document, several new churches have been built in our Archdiocese, and I have had the privilege of working with some of them as their liturgical consultant.

On Saturday, May 22, we will take a tour to visit three of these new churches: St. Anselm in Madisonville, Mary, Queen of Peace in Mandeville and Our Lady of Lourdes in Slidell. We will begin the day in our parish Conference Room at 9:00 a.m. At that time, I will give you an overview of the document. Then, on our tour, we will see how each parish community implemented the theology, the spirit and the guidelines presented by our Bishops.

The trip includes transportation via air-conditioned bus and lunch at one of the parishes we will visit. We plan to be back at SAM in time for the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass, for those who wish to attend it.

Cost is \$50.00/person and space is limited to the capacity of the bus. Reservations must be made in advance and there can be no refunds after you make your payment. However, we will keep a waiting list and, if there is one, we will let you know whom you might contact should you need to cancel. (We have to do it this way to assure that the parish does not have to pay for empty seats on the bus!)

To make your reservation (which is not guaranteed until your fee is received!), please call Dianne at the rectory (835-0324).

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Palm Sunday

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." - Lk 19:38

Readings for the Week of March 28, 2010

Sunday:

Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk

22:14---23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday:

Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday:

Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday:

Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday:

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/

Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1

Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday:

Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/

Jn 18:1--19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3 -11/Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 27

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Perrone, Sr. 8:30a.m.

Sunday, March 28 4:00p.m. Vigil

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Allie Mae Baudin Lacombe

8:00a.m. Antoinette Tauzy 9:30a.m. Preston Battistella

11:00a.m. Norman Babin

For the Parish

Richard Deas Hubert M. Aucoin, Jr.

Patricia Wagner Hazel Aucoin John Dolsen Joseph Christiana

Bettie Parker Monday, March 29

> 6:15a.m. Anne Leach 8:30a.m. Laura Anderson

Tuesday, March 30

6:15a.m. Helen Chatelain

8:30a.m. Frank and Bruno Marasco

Wednesday, March 31

6:15a.m. Melissa Neff 8:30a.m. Raymond Giuffria Thursday, April 1 Holy Thursday

No Morning Mass

7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Last Supper

Friday, April 2 Good Friday

No Morning Mass Solemn Liturgy Service

3:00 p.m. Saturday, April 3 Holy Saturday

No Morning Mass

8:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil For the Parish

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Hazel Aucoin

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CALENDAR

Saturday, March 27

9:00A-3:00P, Band, Religious Ed. Library

10:00A-3:00P, Play Rehearsal, gym

Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday

9:30A, Child Church

11:00A, RCIA, Conference Room

4-6:00P, Confirmation Class for 10th Grade Students,

12-5:00P, CYO Bowling Tournament, Colonial Lanes

Monday, March 29

8:00A-3:00P, Title I Class, Board Room

3:30-5:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym 6:00P, CYO Volleyball, gym

7:00P, SALA Board Meeting, Conference Room

Tuesday, March 30

8:00A-3:00P, Title I Class, Board Room

8:30-11:00A, Pre-K Breakfast with Easter Bunny,

Conference Room

9:15A, Bible Study, Religious Ed. Library

3:30-5:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym 6-7:00P, Confessions, Church 6-9:00P, CYO Volleyball, gym

6:30P, CCD, St. Clement of Rome School

7:00P, Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

Wednesday, March 31

9:30A, Prayer Group Meeting, Conference Room

3:30-5:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym

6:00P, Men's Basketball, gym

7-8:00P, Trp. 45 Meeting, Religious Ed. Library 7:30P, Cub Scout Leader's Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, April 1 HOLY THURSDAY

No morning Masses

8:00A-5:00P, Band Classes, Religious Ed. Library

5:00P, Holy Thursday Rehearsal, Church 7:00P, Mass of the Lord's Supper, Church

Collection will be for St. Vincent de Paul Society

Friday, April 2 GOOD FRIDAY

School and Parish Office Closed

1:30P, Good Friday Rehearsal, Church

3:00P, Solemn Liturgy, Church Collection will be for Holy Land

7:00P, Station of the Cross, Church

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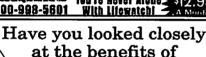


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here at St. Angela, your next class is March 28, 2010 from
4-6 pm. in the Kern Center. We begin in the gym at 4 p.m.
sharp. Please get there earlier, so we can begin on time.
We have a lot of material to cover.

CONFIRMATION GOWNS

Those receiving Confirmation on May 13, 2010, your Confirmation gowns are in and may be picked up in Sr. Paula's office after any Sunday morning Mass. Do not iron, just hang and let wrinkles fall out. If you have any questions, you may call Sr. Paula @837-9347.

NAIM

The Naim Conference of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, an organization for widows and widowers, will hold a meeting on March 30 in the St. Pius X multi-purpose room beginning at 6:30 p.m. followed by a "Fun Night." All widows and widowers are cordially invited to attend. For further information contact Claire Wetta, President at 835-9691.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Magnificat, a Catholic evangelistic outreach for women, invites you to attend a Life in the Spirit Seminar on two consecutive Wednesday, April 14 and 21, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The seminar presents the basic Christian message of salvation, what it means to live a life in the Holy Spirit, and how to maintain that life. Please join us as we share what the Lord has done for us through our new life in the Spirit. For more information, please call Alma

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