

The Baptism of the Lord

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Your Stewardship of Treasure
736 registered families

The week ending December 27, 2009

Total: 7,455.18 Budgeted 10,000.00

YTD: 275,154.06 Budget: 260,000.00
+/-: +15,154.06

Christmas Collection: 12,122.00

Priest Retirement Assessed: 20,097.00

Received: 16,386.50

Due: 3,710.50

St. Ann's Mission trip to Jamaica is coming soon! February 23rd-March 1st, 2010.

Join Fr. Reid and the Missionaries of the Poor in this life changing journey. For information and details, read posters at the vestibule or attend our meeting in Classroom 1 and 2 on Wednesday, January 20th at 7:00pm, immediately following the 6:00pm Mass.

The Men's Club next meeting will be tonight, January 10th at 6:30pm for dinner and will have a meeting following dinner. We will be planning the carnival events! All men of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend!

Baptismal Class is today, January 10th at 9:00am in the Allen Center.

The North Vestibule has our Lighthouse Media selection, the collection bin for snacks for the Cancer Kids at Presbyterian Hospital and the basket for the women's shelter lotions, shampoos and all travel size items. Lots of pamphlets and booklets as well. There are still some magnets from the dedication in that area as well.

January 10, 2010

Dear Parishioners,

As this Christmas Season draws to a close this weekend, I want to thank all of you once again for your generosity to me and to St. Ann's. I am very touched by the generosity that was shown to me this year, and I am grateful as well that you have shown your generosity to our parish. Thank you for all of the wonderful gifts! May God bless us all in 2010.

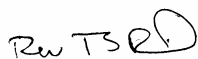
I also want to give you an update on our church building project. While the church was dedicated a month ago, there are still a few things we're working on! A new steeple cross is being constructed right now that will sit atop the main entrance of our church. Our hope is to have it installed before Ash Wednesday. Also, the statues of our Lady and the Sacred Heart will soon be sent away for more refurbishment. If funds permit, we will also refurbish the tabernacle.

Some of you have expressed some concerns about the size of the pulpit and how it obstructs views from some pews in the church. While I am certainly sensitive about these concerns and recognize that not everything in our new church is "perfect", there are some very good reasons why we have chosen this pulpit. As with all things in our new church, we must look not simply to the practical concerns, but also to theology and symbolism. As a general rule, because the Church's liturgy is of primary and utmost importance to Catholics, theology and symbolism should take precedence over human practicality. This is because the liturgy is the way we serve and worship our Lord, not ourselves. So in other words, the liturgy isn't meant to be "easy" or "convenient." It's meant to convey our worship, gratitude and adoration to our blessed Lord, and thus the things that we use for Mass should not only be noble in quality and design, but they should also symbolically convey what it is that we believe as Catholics.

A pulpit is our primary symbol for the Word of God. Thus, historically-speaking, pulpits have tended to be grand and ornate where possible. The intricate details, noble materials, size, and sheer beauty of the pulpit speak of the way that we view Sacred Scripture, i.e., that it holds a prominent place in our worship and in our hearts, and that it is worthy of celebration. The height of the pulpit serves a two-fold purpose. Practically speaking, it improves the proclamation of the Word by making the lector more visible and easier to hear for the entire community (especially those in the back, who in the past had a hard time seeing or hearing the lector). Theologically, the height of the pulpit serves as a reminder that the Word of God comes down to us from on high, that it is a gift from Heaven. Keep in mind that when the Word of God is proclaimed at Mass, it is Christ Himself who is speaking to us, especially in the Gospel. Christ is present in the proclamation of the Word, and thus it is very fitting that His Word should come from on high. Moreover, the height of the pulpit symbolizes the authority of the Word and emphasizes that God is also watching over us from above. Lastly, the act of climbing the stairs into the pulpit symbolizes the priest drawing closer to God as he prepares to preach God's word.

I am sorry for any inconvenience caused by the pulpit, but I do believe that the positive symbolic and theological merits of our pulpit outweigh its impracticality. Moreover, its beauty and historical value make it something unique for the Catholic churches in Charlotte, and thus we should be proud to have it at St. Ann's. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,



Fr. Reid

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Through the intercession of St. Ann we humbly place our plans for the building of a new church before our Lord: seeking unity within our diversity, the increase of faith within our fears, the blessing of wisdom in our deliberations, and the mind of God in our decisions.

Immigrant Window Update. In memory of all of our immigrants that dedicated their lives serving and working in this country. For those who have pledged, thank you for your financial contribution! If you have not participated yet, please consider your financial support to honor our immigrants, ancestors, friends, and/or loved ones that have given their lives serving in this country, frequently working in the most life threatening of physically demanding jobs, helping to build this great country. Might the Lord open the gates of heaven for them! Mark your checks on the memo line “immigrant window” and send to the church office. (Received: 18,329.75 – as of 12/13/09).

Please check the Diocese of Charlotte web page for the pictures from the Dedication of St. Ann Catholic Church on Saturday, December 5th. Go to www.charlottediocese.org click on News and Herald, then go to Galleries and click on St. Ann Dedication December 5, 2009.

Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS) is accepting applications for all grades (TK through 12th) for the 2010-2011 school year. If you are interested in providing your child a Catholic School education – please go to their website at www.charlottediocese.org for an application packet. Deadline for the Early Admission process is January 31, 2010. The second admission round begins February 1st. Applications continue to be accepted until all seats are filled. For more information please call the MACS Admission Office 704-370-3273.



St. Ann's School News

Visit the website at www.stannscatholicsschool.com

January 18th no school

January 19th no school

January 21st report cards

January 31st Catholic Schools week

Masses

Sunday, January 10, 2010

8:00am Mass +Rosemary and Edward Cuddahee
by the Graves family
10:30am Mass Intentions of Elizabeth DeHority
by Lisa Tobin
12:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family

Monday, January 11, 2010

7:00am Mass Intentions of the Fiora family
by the Mathis family

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

7:00am Mass

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

5:00pm Holy Hour
6:00pm Latin Mass +Pat Rogers
by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Luczak

Thursday, January 14, 2010

7:00am Mass Intentions of Ann Hoover
Birthday celebration
by Joanna Smith

Friday, January 15, 2010

Fr. Conrad Hoover
8:30am Mass Intentions of Elizabeth DeHority
by Lisa Tobin

Saturday, January 16, 2010

3:00pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass +Patricia Rogers
by Bob and Barbara Daigler

Sunday, January 17, 2010

8:00am Mass +Richard Grasso
by David Richardson
10:30am Mass +Ernest Rains
by Andrienne Delrio
12:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family

Monday, January 18, 2010

9:00am Mass +Marta Henderson
by Phil Henderson

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

7:00am Mass

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

5:00pm Holy Hour
6:00pm Latin Mass +Marta Henderson
by Phil Henderson

Thursday, January 21, 2010

7:00am Mass Intentions of Ann Hoover
Birthday celebration
by Joanna Smith

Friday, January 22, 2010

8:30am Mass +Marta Henderson
by Phil Henderson

Saturday, January 23, 2010

9:00am Pro-Life Mass
3:00pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass +Dominic So-Van Nguyen
by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nguyen

Sunday, January 24, 2010

8:00am Mass Intentions of our parish family
10:30am Mass Intentions of Neil Storer
by the Rothe family
12:30pm Mass Guillermo and Martha de Valeucia
by Alba Valencia

Monday, January 25, 2010

7:00am Mass +Poor souls in Purgatory
by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nguyen

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

7:00am Mass

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

5:00pm Holy Hour
6:00pm Latin Mass +Maureen Mescall
by the Murphy family

Thursday, January 28, 2010

7:00am +Claude Lentz
by Anne Lentz

The Allen Center Schedule

Sunday, January 10, 2010

9:00am Baptismal Class-cl 1 and 2
9:00am Bible Study-library
9:00am Fr. Reid's class-café
1:00pm SAAA-gym
2:00pm Girls Scouts
3:30pm Brownies
6:30pm Men's Club-cafe
7:00pm CSS-cl 1 and 2

Monday, January 11, 2010

10:00am Intercessors of the Lamb-church
6:00pm dance group-gym
7:00pm RCIA
7:00pm AA-cl 1 and 2
7:30pm World Rosary-church

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

9:00am Ceramics
3:00pm SAAA-gym

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

5:00pm Holy Hour-church
5:00pm SAAA-gym
7:00pm Boy Scout
7:00am library in use
7:00pm Parish Council-cl 1
7:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Society-cl 2

Thursday, January 14, 2010

10:00am Intercessors of the Lamb-church
5:00pm SAAA-gym
7:00pm Bingo-café

Friday, January 15, 2010

3:00pm SAAA-gym
6:30pm dance group-cl 1 and 2

Saturday, January 16, 2010

8:00am SAAA-gym
9:00am AA/NA-cl 1 and 2
9:00am Ceramics
10:00am Cursillo meeting-café
2:00pm Little Flower-cl 1 and 2
3:00pm Confessions-church

Sunday, January 17, 2010

9:00am Bible Study-library
9:00am Fr. Reid's class-café
10:00am Homeless Shelter cooking-kitchen
1:00pm SAAA-gym
3:30pm Brownies
7:00pm CSS-cl 1 and 2

Monday, January 18, 2010

Church office closed
6:00pm dance group-gym
6:00pm AA-cl 1 and 2
7:00pm RCIA-café

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

9:00am Ceramics
3:00pm SAAA-gym

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

5:00pm Holy Hour
5:00pm SAAA-gym
7:00pm library in use
7:00pm Boy Scouts
7:15pm Night of Prayer-church

Thursday, January 21, 2010

10:00am Intercessors of the Lamb-church
3:00pm SAAA-gym
7:00pm Bingo-café

Friday, January 22, 2010

3:00pm SAAA-gym
6:30pm dance-cl 1 and 2

Saturday, January 23, 2010

8:00am SAAA-gym
9:00am AA/NA-cl 1 and 2
9:00am Ceramics
3:00pm Confessions-church

Sunday, January 24, 2010

9:00am Bible Study-library
9:00am Fr. Reid's class-cafe
11:30am Newcomers-café
1:00pm SAAA-gym
7:00pm CSS-cl 1 and 2

Jesus did not come to explain away suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with His presence.
—Paul Claudel

World Rosary, Monday, January 11th at 7:30pm in the church. Ann Layman at 704-525-3519.

Join one or all three... be a witness to human sanctity! March for Life 2010 Charlotte, Raleigh and Washington DC.

Charlotte-March for Life will be on January 15, 2010 will march at 12:00pm from the parking lot on the corners of W. Palmer and S. Church streets across from the Catholic Center. For more information go to www.marchforlifecharlotte.org
Raleigh-March for Life will be on January 16, 2010 will march at 1:00pm from the corner of Hargett and McDowell streets. For more information on prayer breakfast and march go to www.ncrtl.org or call 1-800-392-6275. *Washington DC*-March for Life will be on January 22, 2010. There will be an awesome overnight pilgrimage to Washington DC on a bus leaving from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church on January 21st. Only \$40.00 per person. For more details call Marie Leclair 704-341-5961 or e-mail marie.teacher@hotmail.com

Healing after Abortion: There is hope and healing after abortion. Men and women are invited to begin their healing journey at our next Rachel's Vineyard retreat, January 29-31, 2010. For further information, please call the Respect Life Office: 704-370-3229 or visit: Rachelsvineyard.org.

Register for the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** – it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! The weekend centers entirely on your relationship and is a positive, private experience between you and your spouse that revitalizes marriage. Sign up now for the Valentine's Day weekend February 12th-14th, 2010 being held in Charlotte, NC. www.wwme-nc.info. You may also contact Tom and Emilie Sandin for more information @ emilieandtom@yahoo.com or 336-274-4424.

A modified **40 Days for Life Vigil** is being held from December 12th-January 20th. The location is on the corner of Latrobe and Wendover Roads from 12noon-1:00pm daily. For more information or to get on the schedule, please contact Lucie Tonon at ptonon@carolina.rr.com and Andrea Hines at hinesal@aol.com

Interested in going to **The March For Life in Washington DC??** Why not join others in Charlotte on this journey by reserving your spot on a charter bus sponsored by St. Vincent's Parish. The bus departs 7:00am Thursday, January 21st returning Friday, January 22nd at 12midnight. The cost is \$40 per adult, \$25 per teen and free for children 12 and under. Spots are going **FAST**. Contact Marie Leclair at marie.teacher@hotmail.com for more information or to make your reservation.

For information on the Creighton Model **Fertility Care System** please call Trisha Brown, Diocese of Charleston FCPI, at 803-554-6569.

Join us to pray the Rosary to stop abortions at the Hebron Abortion Clinic off South Blvd. Every Saturday at 9:45am.

March for Life Charlotte!! January 15, 2010. Please join others to march and pray for an end to abortion and save babies lives. There were 10,444 babies killed in Mecklenburg County alone last year!! We will gather at the Catholic Diocese parking lot at the corner of W. Palmer and Church Street across from 1123 South Church Street at 11:00am. We will have signs available to carry and we will march from there at 12:00pm to Trade and Tryon to pray and continue on to the court house at 401 W. Trade Street where we will pray a Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. There may be some parking available at the parking lot, but please expect to find parking on your own uptown if necessary. Please encourage others to come to this extremely important event. Any questions call Tina at 704-846-7361. www.marchforlifecharlotte.org.



St. Ann's Women's Society. Mission: Catholic women providing a light to our parish and surrounding community by service, prayer and fellowship. *"lighting up the community one hand at a time."* For questions please call or email Kimberlee Shukes at 704-643-2956 or shukesk@bellsouth.net.

The St. Ann's Women's Society and the Circle of Hope are collecting food for the pantry of the Presbyterian Children's Hospital. They are in need of individually wrapped snacks for the children and their families such as chips, crackers and cookies.

Young Adult Singles, Married Couples and Families are invited to join **St. Ann's Young Adult Group**. This is a group for adults in the 20s and 30s looking to enrich their faith and social life.

Activities have spiritual, social and charitable aspects and are family-friendly! Thank you to those of you who joined us for our New Year's Eve Party!

Upcoming Events: **Mass & Coffee Meet-up** Start your Saturday off right! Saturday, January 16th, 9:00am: **Mass** at St. Gabriel Parish followed by coffee at **Starbucks** (4450 Randolph Rd # 100).

Bowling Night! Wednesday, January 27th, immediately following 6:00pm Mass. Approx. \$10/player. For more information visit us on **Facebook: Saint Ann's Young Adult Group** or contact Lauren Rupar 704-900-8903, lauren.rupar@yahoo.com.

Babysitters Needed: St. Ann's Young Adult Group is looking for teenage volunteers to babysit at some of their events. If you are a teen in need of service hours, please contact Lauren Rupar at lauren.rupar@yahoo.com or 704-900-8903.

Fr. Reid's homilies are on the website: www.stanncharlotte.org

To book a room in the Allen Center call Charlie Nesto at 704-523-4641#227 on Tuesdays or Thursdays 9:00am to 12noon.

Natural Family Planning for engaged couples will be offered on a quarterly basis here at St. Ann Church. Mark your calendars now for Friday, April 9, 2010 at 7:30pm in the Scout Room. In addition, Friday, July 2, 2010 and October 1, 2010 both of these are 7:30pm and also in the Scout Room. If you are planning a marriage this class is recommended by Fr. Reid. If you are interested please call Judy Townsend at 704-321-9651 to sign up or if you have any questions.



They're here! New Lighthouse Catholic Media CD's have arrived and are in the kiosk in the North Vestibule.

Stop by the wooden stand after Mass and select CD's from our newest shipment. Your small donation of just \$3.00 or more per CD is appreciated!

Please keep in mind as you come in to the church we have several parishioners and visitors with walkers and canes that would like to sit in the back of the church by the baptismal font so the walk from their cars is not too far! Thank you

Please remember St. Ann's Attic Sale and Bake Sale on Saturday, February 6th 8:00am-1:00pm. Set up will be Friday, February 5th from 2:00-8:00pm. Items for the Attic or Bake Sale should be delivered Friday, February 5, 2010 ONLY. The items must be clean and usable.

Bulletin Deadlines

Sunday, January 17th is due Tuesday, January 12th at 12noon.

Sunday, January 24th is due Tuesday, January 19th at 12noon.



"... everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."
(Luke 14:33)

Please keep all of our servicemen and servicewomen in your daily prayers.

Cpt. Nicole Borchardt
LT Michael P. Bernard, Jr.,
USN, Louis Cragg, US Navy,
Todd MacDonald 1st class Petty Officer,
US Navy, Ted MacDonald Sgt.
US Marines, Richard Beard A.F. National Guard
Master Sergeant, Austin Timm Montana National
Guard,
Sergeant Justin David Schoonover, US Marines.

Come to a night of prayer at Wednesday January 20th at 7:15pm. Our prayer night is directly after the Latin Mass. It will be held in the cry room. Please contact Carolyn Franks for further information. 704-544-3153 or carolynfranks1@netzero.net.

Help Wanted: During these difficult economic times, some members of our parish family have lost their jobs. If you or anyone you know is looking to hire, please consider those within our church family first. Contact Marcy in the office for names and numbers of those currently searching for employment. We would like to set up a service of support. A list on which you could include your company, your hobby or your service. We hope to have an "Angie's List" of people and companies such as lawn service or planting flowers, plumbers of the parish and all the others occupations. Call the church office.

Please pray for: (in our parish): Carl Edwards, Don Millard, Bob Brewer, Maggie Bernard, Gladys Cavallone, Elizabeth DeHority, Scott Wheeler and Catherine Silverthorne;

and among our relatives and friends: Terri Benton (daughter of Pat and Bob Brewer), Jack Broxterman, and Katie Balman (daughter of Cecilia and Ashley Balman).

Please pray for our friends who are incarcerated: Walter F. Sanders, Jr. and Amiee Porter.

Dr. George Raad and the Metrolina Medical Research would like to invite you to volunteer in one of the Clinical Research Studies: Arthritis, Fibromyalgia, Diabetes, Diabetic Neuropathy, Acid Reflux (Gerd), High Cholesterol, Constipation, Depression and HPV vaccine in children 11-15 years old. For information call 704-527-6672 www.pmg-research.com

St. Gerard's Club. Missions: To pray for women who are pregnant or seeking to become pregnant. To provide free meals (cooked by parish volunteers) for women who have recently given birth. If you wish to receive prayers concerning pregnancy or to receive meals when you give birth, or if you are available to cook meals occasionally throughout the year, please contact Katherine Lauer at 704-447-7322 or katherinetlauer@gmail.com. *Good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor before the throne of God, pray for us.*

If you aren't praying for your child, who is? **Moms in Touch** is an international organization of moms who pray for their children and their children's schools. Our children need our prayers desperately in today's society and these prayer groups meet regularly to pray for these special intentions. If your children are in Catholic schools, public schools, private schools, Christian schools, home schooled, college, etc., Marie Foster (704-366-3332 or TGAMFOSTER@aol.com) to get the name of a MIT leader for your child's school.

The Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2010 He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. — *Titus 3:5*

MANIFESTING THE SPIRIT

The Christmas season closes this Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is a sister to last week's feast of the Epiphany. Each of them celebrates an "epiphany," or a manifestation of the Spirit of God in Jesus—first in his birth, and now at his baptism.

The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the scriptures for this feast. Psalm 104 highlights the Spirit of God creating and renewing the earth, while the reading from Isaiah describes God restoring Israel. In Luke's account of the baptism of the Lord the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. And the letter from Titus reminds us that the Holy Spirit was "richly poured out" on us also, through the "bath of rebirth" (Titus 3:5, 6).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Baptism of the Lord; National Vocation Awareness Week
Wednesday: St. Hilary
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

SAINT HILARY (c. 315-367)

January 13

Born in Poitiers, France, whose populace would later elect him bishop, Hilary, married and a father, was converted from paganism to Christianity through his reading of scripture. The focus of his prayerful study was the Prologue to the Gospel according to John, which portrays Jesus as the divine Logos, eternally begotten of the Father. As a result, Hilary became in the words of the biblical scholar Jerome, "the Latin Trumpet against the Arians," heretics who believed Jesus to be merely human, not divine. In defense of Christ's divinity, Hilary was not only eloquent in debate but utterly fearless in the face of relentless persecution and even exile. Thus by the witness of his own discipleship, Hilary taught that faith in Jesus as the divine Son of God has consequences. Reflecting on Jesus' challenge to his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13), Hilary notes that, as salt both preserves from corruption and adds savor to food, so must the faithful disciple bear a witness that, by word and example, leads others to immortality and virtuous living.

—Peter Scagnelli, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

TURNING THE TIDE

When everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.

—Harriet Beecher Stowe

The facilities and clergy of St. Ann Catholic Church are available to its active parishioners. This includes the use of the church for baptisms, weddings and other sacramental events. Active membership is determined by three points: **Registration** in the parish, **faithful attendance** at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days; and the **use of the envelope system** in financial support of the parish.

Catholic Book Store! The Carolina Catholic Corner is proud to let you know that the ever growing Catholic population in the Charlotte area now has a place to shop for books, gifts and art work that celebrates our beautiful Faith. Carolina Catholic Corner has opened its doors for business. The Book Store is now located on the campus of St. Patrick Cathedral. Carolina Catholic Corner is owned by the Bond Family. Call Allen Bond – store manager at 704-562-5001

The Diocese of Charlotte is announcing the availability of its first affordable senior apartment development in Mooresville, NC. This new 40 unit complex is named Curlin Commons in honor of our retired Bishop. The 1 and 2 bedroom apartments will be available to those who are at least 55 years old and capable of independent living and who meet the low income and other qualifications for acceptance. Those who are interested are asked to contact the Excel Property Management company at 919-878-0522 so that information can be obtained to put them on a list to receive application and qualification packets. The apartments are anticipated to be ready for occupancy by 3/1/2010.

Attentions Families! Come spend time as a family while you discover what your family's mission is at the **Domestic Church Conference!** Special guest speaker Cathy Garcia-Prats (mother of 10 boys and co-author of “Good Families Don’t Just Happen”). January 30, 2010, 8:30am-6:00pm, St. Michael’s Catholic Church, Gastonia. \$25 per family. For more information or to register, contact Lori Tortorich: mltort@gmail.com, 704-675-5366. Hurry, space is limited!

Christmas Flower Donations

For my mom dad, Chrissy and Ricky
In loving memory of
my son William F. Raines IV Ms. Terese Raines

Come and enjoy **Prayer, Reflection and Social** (with food!) **Monday, January 11th** at 7:00pm at St. Vincent Catholic Church. **Adoration** (5:00pm) and **Latin Mass** (6:00pm) Wednesday, **January 13th** at St. Ann’s with dinner afterwards at a local restaurant. Join us for all or any part of the evening’s activities. Join us for St. Patrick’s Young Adult Ministry’s **“Being Catholic”** event on **Thursday, January 14th** from 7:00-8:30pm in the Youth Room of St. Patrick Family Life Center’s. The topic this month is “Relationships” - Review the position of the Catholic Church on relationships, dating, marriage, friendships etc. For more information or to join please contact Christina Hinton at christina.hinton@gmail.com or check our group out on Facebook, Vinny’s DOC.

2009-2010 IFBL Information:

www.sportability.com. Season Dates:

3rd grade- January 16th, 24th.

4th-8th grade- January 16th, 23rd, 30th, February 6th.

Playoffs February 8th -14th.

9th-12th grade-December 20th, January 17th, 24th, 31st. February 7th, 14th,

Playoffs week of February 15th.

Volunteers Needed to Help Clean Church:

Calling all Marthas! We are in need of volunteers who are willing to help clean the church building on a regular basis. Now that we have such a beautiful new church, let's be sure to take good care of it. For more information please contact Carol Kuhn at 704-527-5277. Thank you!



Some day you, or someone you love, will receive help from a DSA funded ministry.

Charlotte Catholic High School's annual Gala, "A Time to Shine," will be held at the Ballantyne Hotel on Saturday, March 6th. The Gala is our premier fundraising event and is hosted by the CCHS Foundation. Please join in for a fun-filled evening of auctions, raffles with great prizes, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and music. But, that's not all! We promise that this is not an event to be missed. Tickets are on sale now. The winner of the Grand Spree Raffle trip will also be drawn that evening. Raffle tickets can be purchased after Masses on Sunday, February 28 or by contacting us. Tickets are just \$5 each or \$25 for 6 tickets. The winner will create a personalized trip of their dreams! If you want to donate an item to the auction, we'd be more than happy to accept it! For more information, please contact the CCHS Development Office at 704-543-9118 or jbjohnson@charlottecatholic.com.

Shepherd's Center of Charlotte has just the computer class for you. Our computer classes are designed especially for the older adult. Microsoft Word, Excel, Internet/E-Mail, Digital Imaging Management & Editing and E-Bay classes meet for three hours, three days a week. Cost is only \$25! Please call 704-365-1995.

Habitat Critical Home Repair (HCHR) began in 2007 as a division of **Habitat for Humanity**. It is for person who can't afford to make the necessary repairs on their houses themselves. If you are interested in helping please call 704-716-5639 or Homerepair@habitatcharlotte.org.

As part of the Park Road Ministry please keep in your prayers the **Moore Place** an Urban Ministry Center model to end chronic homelessness in Charlotte. To help contact Kathy Izard director of www.mooreplacecharlotte.com.

Shining Stars Adult Day Respite is a not-for-profit organization helping families dealing with memory loss. They provide relief for the caregiver and activities and friendship for the care receivers. Call Suzanne Bach at 704-376-4135.

St. Peter's Catholic Church will offer an Ignatian Retreat for People 40 and over on Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 8:30am to 12noon in Biss Hall. The theme for the retreat is "New Life". The event is free and open to the public; parking is free in The Green Parking Garage next to the Church. To register, call 704-332-2901.

Apostles of the Good News: The baptism of Jesus may seem odd to us. John called the people to repent and be baptized and then urged them to go and live good lives. The Savior of the world needs baptism? Yet, as John foretold, the power of the Spirit pours upon Jesus. He is the Beloved Son, or as Saint Paul says, the one "who gave himself for us, to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good" (Titus 2:14). Before his ascension, Jesus appeared to his *disciples* or followers. John, he said, had baptized with water, but they "in a few days . . . will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:5). At Pentecost the power of the Spirit fills them. They become *apostles*—the ones sent forth with the Good News—healing, forgiving, binding up wounds, teaching, and preaching. We are disciples as we learn more about Christ, but also apostles. Saint Teresa of Ávila said:

Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours, yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world, yours are the feet with which he walks to do good, yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

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Charismatic Prayer Group of St. Matthew's invites you to every third Monday of the month (the next one is Monday, January 18th) at 7:30pm in the chapel. Questions to CHLT5NC@aol.com. Please keep your cars locked and any valuables with you or in your trunk. At this time of year there seem to be a lot of car break-ins. Please be alert!

Thank the good God for having visited you through suffering; if we knew the value of suffering, we would ask for it. –Blessed Brother Andre

El Bautismo del Señor 10 de enero de 2010 Lo hizo mediante el bautismo, que nos regenera y nos renueva, por la acción del Espíritu Santo.— *Tito 3:5*

MANIFESTANDO AL ESPÍRITU

El tiempo de Navidad finaliza este domingo con el Bautismo del Señor. Esta fiesta es hermana de la fiesta de la semana pasada, la Epifanía. Cada una ellas celebra una “epifanía”, o manifestación del Espíritu de Dios en Jesús — primero en su nacimiento y ahora en su bautismo.

El Espíritu Divino se manifiesta en todas las lecturas bíblicas de la fiesta. El Salmo 104 destaca al Espíritu de Dios que crea y renueva la tierra, mientras que la lectura de Isaías describe a Dios restaurando a Israel. En el relato de Lucas del bautismo del Señor el Espíritu Santo desciende sobre Jesús. Y la carta a Tito nos recuerda que el Espíritu Santo también “derramó con abundancia” sobre nosotros, el “baño de regeneración” (Tito 3:5, 6).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Miren a mi siervo, en quien tengo mis complacencias (Isaías 42:1-4, 6-7) o *Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11*.

Salmo — Te alabamos, Señor (Salmo 29 [28]) o *Salmo 104 (103)*.

Segunda lectura — Dios ungió con el Espíritu Santo a Jesús de Nazaret (Hch 10:34-38) o *Tito 2:11-14; 3:4-7*.

Evangelio — Después del bautismo de Jesús, el cielo se abrió (Lucas 3:15-16, 21-22).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

Martes: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Miércoles: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

Jueves: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Viernes: 1 Sm 8:4-7; 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Sábado: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17

Domingo: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

SAN HILARIO DE POITIERS (c. 315-367)

13 de enero

Nació en Poitiers (Francia) y durante su juventud abrazó el cristianismo junto con toda su familia. Gracias a su ejemplo cristiano, su misma gente lo eligió como obispo en el año 353. Como obispo destacó por su formación intelectual y su firmeza en la defensa de la fe, especialmente contra los arrianos, un grupo de cristianos que negaban la divinidad de Cristo. Fue desterrado a Frigia (Asia) en el año 356, pero esto no le impidió defender a la Iglesia de los ataques, debatiendo incluso, a los obispos arrianos. Debido a la firmeza y conocimiento de causa con que combatía a sus interlocutores, los mismos arrianos pidieron al Emperador que lo regresara a casa, a su Iglesia, donde se habían mantenido fieles a sus enseñanzas. Con los obispos que habían cedido a los arrianos fue firme para hacerles ver sus errores, pero compasivo en su trato con ellos. Su celo por la fe, así como sus escritos le valieron el título de “maestro de las Iglesias”. En 1851 el Papa Pío IX lo declaró Doctor de la Iglesia.

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CAMBIO EN LA MAREA

Cuando todo va en contra tuya, al punto que parece que ya no puedes asirte ni por un minutos más, no te des por vencido entonces, porque en ese lugar y en ese tiempo es cuando la marea cambia.

—Harriet Beecher Stowe

PECADO DOLOROSO

Pecar no es doloroso porque es prohibido, sino que es prohibido porque es doloroso.

—Benjamin Franklin

Servicio Bilingüe: Domingoes a las 12:30pm

La Ventana Del Inmigrante Contribuciones Recibidas Hasta La Fecha (Dinero en efectivo/Ofrecimientos: \$18,329.75) Nuestra meta es de : **\$25,000**). En memoria de los inmigrantes, que han dedicado sus vidas sirviendo y trabajando en este pais. Para quienes han participado, gracias por su contribucion financiera. Si no ha participado todavia, por favor considere el hacer una contribucion economica para honrar nuestros inmigrantes, ancestros, amigos y/o seres queridos que han muerto sirviendo en este pais, frecuentemente trabajando en los trabajos mas peligrosos y/o de mayor esfuerzo fisico, contribuyendo para la construccion de este pais grandioso. !Que Dios los tenga en su seno! Por favor, entregue su donacion u ofrecimiento en la oficina de la iglesia.

Las instalaciones y el clero de la iglesia católica de Santa Ana están a disposición de sus feligreses activos. Esto incluye el uso de la iglesia para bautizos, bodas y otros eventos sacramental. La membresía activa está determinada por tres puntos: estar registrados en la parroquia, atender fielmente a la Misa los domingos y días festivos, y la utilización del sistema de sobres en el apoyo financiero de la parroquia.

Si tiene algo que quiere anunciar en Español por el boletín, favor de mandarlo a Robin Davis por correo electrónico meandmygirlies@windstream.net . Comunidad Hispana! Celebraremos el Carnaval de Santa Ana el 31 Octubre. La tradicion es que la comunidad hispana patrocina una zona donde vendimos comida hispana para ayudar recojer fondos. Necesitamos que cada persona participe! Pongase en contaco con Robin Davis 704-806-2434 o con Hilda Pimentel 704-606-7970 para participar en una labor!!

Buscando Ayuda: Durante este tiempos economicos dificiles, unos parroquianos nuestros han perdido sus empleos. Si Ustd o alguien que Ustd cConoce esta buscando empleados, favor de considerar darle la oportunidad a los miembros desempleados de nuestra familia parroquial. En St ana estamos iniciando un servicio de apoyo. En este servicio se puede comunicar su necesidad, sea empleado o sea emplearse. Queremos mantener una lista de negocios, habilidades, servicios que tienen nuestros parroquianos. Si quiere estar en la lista... Comunicarse con la oficina de la iglesia o con Robin Davis meandmygirlies@windstream.net

La Planificación Natural de la Familia ... para el siglo XXI!*Moderno* métodos de NFP se basan en sólidos conocimientos científicos y son eficaces. Usted puede hacer un seguimiento de los signos de fertilidad en línea o incluso en tu iPhone! Descubra cómo la práctica de NFP fomenta una comunicación profunda entre los cónyuges, llevando a una tasa de divorcio de menos al 3 %. Hacer algo ideal para su matrimonio! Asisten a una clase patrocinada por Católica Servicios sociales:Cuándo: 19 de enero, 7: 30 pm (español)Dónde: Nuestra Señora de la Gaudalupe Iglesia Católica, Charlotte RSVP obligatorio: Batrice Adcock, MSN, RN en (704) 370-3230 o por correo electrónico cssnfp@charlottediocese.org.

Su iglesia y la comunidad, ofrece muchas oportunidades para usar su tiempo y talento al servicio de Dios. Si tiene interes en servir en la misa como monaguillo, ministro de la Eucaristía, lector, etc. favor de llamar a Robin Davis 704-806-2434.

Por favor, considere sinceramente la posibilidad de tomar parte en nuestra misa bilingüe. Se necesitan muchos voluntarios para celebrar la misa adecuadamente. Estamos buscando a aquellos que están interesados en leer la palabra, recibir a los asistentes, y también estamos necesitando de jóvenes para servir en el altar. Por favor, deje su nombre y su información de contacto en la oficina de la iglesia si están interesados en ser voluntario en uno de estos ministerios.

Parroquiano de Santa Ana, el Doctor Raad, invita a las personas hispanas que necesitan servicios medicos. Llamar a Park Road Medical Clinic 704 523 2565 con Angela Gamarra (habla Espanol). Tambien el Doctor Raad tiene el placer de invitar a voluntarios en uno de los estudios clinicos de investigacion: gerd(acid reflux), diabetes, alta presion, osteoporosis, arthritis, problemas de vejiga. Tambien se ofrece vacuna para FLU (65 anos o mas) Llamar a 704-527-6672.

Han llegado! Los nuevos CD's de Lighthouse Catholic Media están aquí en el exhibidor del vestíbulo de la iglesia. Detengase por un momento y seleccione estos nuevos CD's de nuestra mas reciente adquisición. !Su donación de \$3.00 o más por CD será bienvenida!