

Fourth Sunday of Advent

St. Ann Catholic Church

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Your Stewardship of Treasure
736 registered families

The week ending December 6, 2009

Total: 18,016.00

YTD: 244,602.65

Budget: 230,000.00

+/-: +14,602.65

Capital Needs and On Going

Improvement Collection 2,254.00

Dedication 3,800.00

Priest Retirement Assessed: 20,097.00

Received: 16,316.50

Due: 3,780.50

You will find all of our pamphlets, brochures and the Lighthouse CD's, along with the basket for travel size lotions, and the basket to collect snacks for the cancer kids in the **North Vestibule**. It is the side of the church closest to the parking lot.

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.

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

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.

December 20, 2009



Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is almost here! This weekend we celebrate the fourth and final Sunday of Advent, and our Gospel this week anticipates the coming of our Lord as a tiny baby by recording for us the story of the pregnant Mary visiting her kinswoman, Elizabeth, who is also miraculously pregnant through the providence of God. Our time of preparation is drawing short! Soon the Christ Child will make His appearance among us, hidden as a babe in swaddling clothes, born in a stable and laid in a manger, adored by shepherds and their animals.

At this point in Advent we also find ourselves in the midst of the Octave before Christmas. This period, which began on 17 December, is accentuated by the use of the *O Antiphons*, which are used at vespers and for the *Alleluia* verse before the Gospel at Mass. These antiphons have been around since at least the 8th century, and each antiphon recalls a particular scriptural title of Jesus, announcing his imminent arrival and recalling the Old Testament prophesies of Isaiah. Moreover, they tell us something about the person of Christ and about salvation history. The famous Advent song *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* which is often used this time of year is based upon these antiphons. If you would like more information on the O Antiphons, there is a good article at: <http://www.catholiceducation.org/articles/religion/re0374.html>.

Let us continue to prepare well for our Lord's coming at Christmas, my friends, trusting that He will save us from our sins.

Joyfully awaiting Christmas,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Fr. Reid". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

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: 17,899.75 – as of 11/22/09).



Some of the obstacles that keep us from “making a straight path” for the Lord are the same obstacles that keep us from embracing stewardship as a way of life. John the Baptist calls us to reform our lives and let go of the selfishness and greed that keep us from following God’s will.

Thank you to all who gave to the Religious Retirement Collection the weekend of December 12th and 13th. Sister Helene, Sister Judy and all the sisters of St. Joseph- thank you. The total from that collection was 3,106.00.

Thank you.

Masses

Sunday, December 20, 2009

8:00am Mass Intentions of our parish family

10:30am Mass +Nicholas Baker

by the family

Baptism

12:30pm Mass Intentions of

Roy and Mandy Masser

by Jack MacDonagh

Monday, December 21, 2009

7:00am Mass Intentions of Dorothy Storer

by the Rothe family

Tuesday, December 22, 2009

7:00am Mass

Wednesday, December 23, 2009

5:00pm Holy Hour

6:00pm Latin Mass +Florence Doman

by Virginia Doman

Thursday, December 24, 2009

Christmas Eve

Church office closed

4:00pm Children's Pageant

4:30pm Family Mass

Intentions of Fr. Timothy S. Reid

by Abi and Dale Purvis

6:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family

11:30pm Choral Music

12:00midnight Mass Intentions of Danny Ferrone

by Abi and Dale Purvis

Friday, December 25, 2009

Christmas Day

Church office closed

9:00am Mass +Magdalene Dury

by the family

Saturday, December 26, 2009

No Confessions

4:30pm Mass-Fr. John Hoover +Margaret Brickner

by the Alderman family

Sunday, December 27, 2009

8:00am Mass-Fr. Hanson +Eddie Gildae

by Marie Gildae

10:30am Mass-Fr. Hanson

Intentions of Brian Kubovcik

by Abi and Dale Purvis

12:30pm Mass-Fr. Hanson

Intentions of our parish family

Monday, December 28, 2009

7:00am Mass-Fr. Hanson

Intentions of LeAnn and Michael Cuccinello

by Abi and Dale Purvis

Tuesday, December 29, 2009

7:00am Mass-Fr. Hanson

Intentions of Bishop Curlin

Wednesday, December 30, 2009

5:00pm Holy Hour

6:00pm English Mass-Fr. Hanson

For St. Ann Benefactors and their loved ones

Thursday, December 31, 2009

9:00am Mass-Fr. Hanson +Fr. James Billar

by Virginia Doman

Friday, January 1, 2010

12:30pm Mass +Mary Nguyen

by the Nguyen family

Saturday, January 2, 2010

3:00pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass Intentions of Ann Hoover

Birthday intentions

by Pat and Jim Rebol

6:30pm Latin Mass In thanksgiving

by Virginia Doman

Please remember Tuesday, 22 December. That is the day that our seminarian, Lucas Rossi, will be ordained as a deacon! The ordination will take place at 10:00am at St. Patrick Cathedral. Our entire parish is invited to attend this beautiful event. Please be sure to pray for Lucas as he prepares to take this important last step toward the priesthood!

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

The Allen Center Schedule

Sunday, December 20, 2009

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

Monday, December 21, 2009

6:00pm dance groups-gym
6:00pm AA-cl 1 and 2
7:00pm RCIA-café
7:30pm World Rosary-church

Tuesday, December 22, 2009

9:00am Ceramics
3:00pm SAAA-gym
4:15pm Servers with David Liberto-church
6:30pm dance -cl 1 and 2

Wednesday, December 23, 2009

5:00pm SAAA-gym
7:00pm Boy Scouts-scout room
7:00pm library in use

Thursday, December 24, 2009

Church Office Closed
4:00pm Children's Pageant-church
4:30pm Family Mass
6:30pm chant Mass-church
11:30pm Choral-church
12midnight Mass-church

Friday, December 25, 2009

Christmas Day

Church Office Closed
9:00am Mass
3:00pm SAAA-gym
7:00pm Spanish Rosary-church

Saturday, December 26, 2009

9:00am AA/NA-cl 1 and 2
9:00am Ceramics
2:00pm library in use
No confessions

Sunday, December 27, 2009

9:00am Bible Study-library
9:00am Class-café

Monday, December 28, 2009

6:00pm Dance group-gym
6:00pm AA-cl 1 and 2
7:00pm RCIA-café
7:30pm World Rosary-church

Tuesday, December 29, 2009

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

Wednesday, December 30, 2009

5:00pm Holy Hour-church
5:00-9:00pm SAAA-gym

Thursday, December 31, 2009

Church office closed
3:00-9:00pm SAAA-gym
7:00pm Choir-church
7:00pm bingo-café

Friday, January 1, 2010

Church office closed
3:00-9:00pm SAAA-gym
6:30pm dance group-cl 1 and 2

Saturday, January 2, 2010

8:00am-6:00pm SAAA-gym
9:00am AA/NA-cl 1 and 2
9:00am Ceramics
3:00pm Confessions-church

Sunday, January 3, 2010

9:00am Bible Study-library
9:00am class-café
6:30pm Men's Club-café
7:00pm CSS-cl 1 and 2

There will **NOT** be a Pro-Life Mass December 26th, instead we encourage you to participate in a modified **40 Days for Life Vigil** running from December 12th- January 20th. The location will be the corner of Latrobe and Wendover from 12noon-1:00pm daily. This is a great opportunity to get your teenagers and college age students involved over the Christmas Holiday. 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.

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.

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.

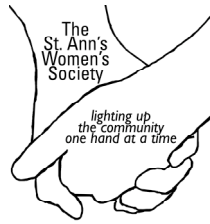
March for Life Charlotte!! January 15, 2010. Please join others to march and pray for an end to abortion and save babies lives. There were 10,444 babies killed in Mecklenburg County alone last year!! We will gather at the Catholic Diocese parking lot at the corner of W. Palmer and Church Street across 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.

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.

Catholic families should be living symbols of our conviction that life is always, always a gift from God. Teach your children to respect human life from conception to natural death. Pray as a family for an end to this evil that destroys the weakest of the weak, the poorest of the poor.

-National Conference of Catholic Bishops

Thank you for all who supported our Advent Candle and Christmas Card Sale. We raised \$355.00!! The proceeds were split between The Pregnancy Resource Center and Virtue Media, a television ad campaign that will be starting just after Christmas geared to reach moms in crisis pregnancies most vulnerable for choosing abortion. Thank you again for your generosity!



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 next meeting will be Monday, January 4th at 7:00pm.

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 will have spiritual, social and charitable aspects and are family-friendly! Thank you to those of you who joined us for Rosary and Game Night! **Upcoming Events:** **New Year's Eve Party**, December 31st: 6:30pm, Vigil Mass at St. Vincent's Church, then party to follow! *Please RSVP on Facebook or via email!* **Mass & Coffee Meet-up:** Start your Saturday off right! January 16th, 9:00am: **Mass at St. Gabriel** Parish followed by coffee at **Starbucks** (4450 Randolph Rd # 100). For more information visit us on Facebook: [Saint Ann's Young Adult Group](#) or contact Lauren Rugar 704-900-8903, lauren.rugar@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 Rugar at lauren.rugar@yahoo.com or 704-900-8903.

Area Penance Service

St. Thomas Aquinas, Monday, December 21st, 7:00pm

St. Matthew has penance on the Saturdays of Advent 4:00-5:00pm and Wednesdays 6:30-7:15pm.

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, Katie Balman (daughter of Cecilia and Ashley Balman).

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

World Rosary, Monday, December 21st at 7:30pm in the church. Ann Layman at 704-525-3519.

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

Bulletin Deadlines are 12noon:

Sunday, January 3rd is due Monday, December 28th.

Sunday, January 10th is due Tuesday, January 5th.

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!



New Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs have arrived and are in the kiosk in the North Vestibule. Donations of \$3.00 for CD's .50 for brochures.

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.

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.

Dr. George Raad and the Metrolina Medical Research would like to invite you to volunteer in one of the Clinical Research Studies: Arthritis, urinary incontinence, over active bladder, Diabetes, Diabetic Neuropathy, High Blood Pressure, Osteoporosis, Menstrual Migraine and flu vaccine for ages 65 and older. 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.

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.

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 and careful.

Baptismal Class is Sunday, January 10th at 9:00am in the Allen Center. Please call the church office to sign-up.

Young adults in their 20s and 30s interested in meeting others in our community come and check out our growing young adult group. **Activities: Adoration** (5:00pm) and **Latin Mass** (6:00pm) **Wednesday, December 23** at St. Ann's with dinner afterwards at a local restaurant. Join us for all or any part of the evening's activities. We will be having a **New Year's Eve Party on Thursday, December 31** starting at 8pm. More details to come... 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.

Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS) is accepting applications for all grades (TK thought 12th) for the 2010-2011 school year. If you are interested in providing your child a Catholic School education – please go to our 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. Thomas Aquinas Christmas Concert is today , December 20th at 2:00pm. All are invited.

All are invited to join us at 9:00am-10:00am in the café for our **Adult Education** a different topic each week.

Forest Lawn East Cemetery in Matthews, NC has now opened at Catholic Section for Catholics in our area. Call 704-846-1068 for more details.



St. Ann's School News

Visit the website at
www.stannscatholicschool.com

Christmas Holiday is
December 21st-January 1st

January 4th classes resume
January 18th no school
January 19th no school
January 21st report cards
January 31st Catholic Schools week

Pro-Life Career Opportunities in Charlotte
Room At The Inn is a Catholic maternity and after care program that provides long term housing, professional counseling, spiritual support and material assistance to single moms in need. Currently there are two rewarding positions available: **Part Time Bilingual Counselor** (Must be a licensed counselor and fluent in English/Spanish) and **Full Time Program Support Specialist** (Entry level position, must be fluent in English/Spanish.) For information or to submit a resume, contact Debbie Capen: 704-525-4673 x14 (debbiecapen@rati.org).



Just a reminder! If you have not yet made your pledge to the Diocesan Support Appeal please consider doing it this week. As good stewards, we are all called to share our gifts. Please be generous in your sharing.

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. Meeting times are Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00am at St. Gabriel Catholic Church. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am at Sardis Presbyterian Church. They provide support groups for caregivers dealing with a memory loss family member. They are free and open to the public. Meeting times are: The last Monday of each month at 10:00am at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, Room E in the Ministry Center.

The 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm at Sardis Presbyterian Church. Bereavement Group now meets the last Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm at St. Gabriel Catholic Church Room, E in the Ministry Center. Shining Stars Adult Day Respite is in need of volunteers. They meet from 10:00am –3:00pm at St. Gabriel on Mondays and Wednesdays. Also Tuesdays and Thursdays at Sardis Presbyterian Church. Call Suzanne Bach at 704-376-4135.

The Eastern European Christmas Eve Tradition of sharing the Oplatek or **Christmas Wafer** at your Christmas Eve Wigilia, Villia, Kucios, “Feliz Navidad” or dinner can be rekindled. Traditionally, breaking and sharing the Christmas wafer with family and friends is accompanied with best wishes and expressions of forgiveness, helping us to bring joy and happiness to our hearts and homes. Orders for the wafers will be taken till December 21st. Cost will be .50¢ per wafer. Please call Helen Collins at 704-365-1161 or e-mail order request to: helencollins@carolina.rr.com. Proceeds will go to Catholic Social Services to help a needy family this holiday season.

God has granted to man a dignity which is near to divine.

(ps 8:5-6)

In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory.

-Pope John Paul II

Congress is preparing to debate health care reform legislation. The Catholic bishops of the United States strongly support genuine health care reform that protects the life and dignity of all, from the moment of conception until natural death. However, all current bills are seriously deficient on abortion and conscience rights, and do not yet provide adequate access to health care for immigrants and the poor. The bishops have asked for our swift action and the commitment of our prayers for this critical effort. Thank you for your help. We can help make sure that health care reform will be about saving lives, not destroying them.

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 Homeless to Homes, Urban Ministry Center email her at kizard@urbanministrycenter.org or visit www.mooreplacecharlotte.com.

2009-2010 IFBL Information:

www.sportability.com. Season Dates:

3rd grade- January 9th, 16th, 24th.

4th-8th grade- January 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, February 6th. Playoffs February 8th -14th.

9th-12th grade-December 20th, January 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st. February 7th, 14th, Playoffs week of February 15th.

Marriage and Natural Family in the Charlotte area- Introductions 2010.

Diocesan Pastoral Center time 6:30pm and dates: January 6th, February 3rd, May 5th, August 4th and November 3rd.

St. Gabriel Catholic Church: January 13th 6:30pm.

St. Ann Catholic Church: February 2nd 7:00pm

Engaged Couples time 7:30pm and dates:

January 8th, April 9th, July 2nd, October 1st.

Co-sponsored by Catholic Social Services NFP Program. RSVP required.

cssnfp@charlottediocese.org - 704-370-3230

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.

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!

Attention Polish speaking parishioners: St. Matthew Catholic Church will have a Polish Mass on today, December 20th, 2009 at 3:00pm. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available beforehand starting 2:00pm. Please call Elizabeth Spytkowski at 704-948-1678.

Charismatic Prayer Group of St. Matthew's invites you to every third Monday of the month (the next one is Monday, December 21st) at 7:30pm in the chapel. Questions to CHLT5NC@aol.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-

25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti

2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-

7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn

1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps

128 or Ps 84; Col 3:12-20 [12-17] or

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Christmas Altar Flowers – 2009

In Memory/Intention of:

Donors

Jim Molenaar
Our family
Jesse Adam Furr
For the Miller family
Our family
Our famiy
Rose Marie Lapomarda,
Margaret Ann Osborne
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My family
Lill and Casey Gallas, my parents
My family
My family, Joe Harcharik, Matt Bright
Our family
Edna Navaroli, Hans Josef Dierkes
Leonard and Helen Kraiss
Elisa and Leopoldo, Mata Santos
Our family
Beverly and Dennison Fischer,
Carol and Donald Smith
My family
Our family
In honor of our US military serving
n Iraq and Afghanistan
my family
Edmund and Ida Butler
Our family
Natalie Anne Beckert
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Hazel Blackburn, Kristi Crates
Our family
Our family
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Our family
Bryan Whalley
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Our family
Holy souls in purgatory
My family
Our family
Dina Guethlein
My family
Our family
Nancy and Bob Andersen 15th Anniversary
12/31/94-12/31/09
Our family
In memory of Luis A. and Aminta E. Romero
My family
Tara Herring, Breast Cancer Survivor
Our family
My family
John Bowden
Our family and friends, our military personnel
Our family
Departed loved ones
Our family
Our family
Our family
Marquerite Cowherd, Robert Cowherd
Earl Dixon
The Bergmann family
The Rutzinski family
My family
Our family
Natalie Beckert, Louis Femenella,
Ruth Femenella, George Decker
For my mom dad, Chrissy and Ricky
In loving memory of
my son William F. Raines IV

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Ms. Terese Raines

Servicio Bilingüe: Domingos a las 12:30pm

La Ventana Del Inmigrante Contribuciones

Recibidas Hasta La Fecha (Dinero en efectivo/Ofrecimientos: \$17,899.75) Nuestra meta es de : **\$25,000**). En memoria de los inmigrantes, que han dedicado sus vidas sirviendo y trabajando en este país. 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 país, frecuentemente trabajando en los trabajos mas peligrosos y/o de mayor esfuerzo fisico, contribuyendo para la construccion de este país grandioso. !Que Dios los tenga en su seno! Por favor, entregue su donacion u ofrecimiento en la oficina de la iglesia.

Preguntas/Inquietudes acerca de nuestros planes de construcción:

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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 contacto 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

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — De ti, Belén, saldrá el que será el jefe de Israel. Él pastoreará su rebaño con la fuerza del Señor (Miqueas 5:1-4a).

Salmo — Señor, muéstranos tu favor y sálvanos (Salmo 80 (79)).

Segunda lectura — Al hacer Cristo la voluntad del Padre, es decir, al ofrecerse él mismo, hemos sido consagrados (Hebreos 10:5-10).

Evangelio — Isabel habla a su prima María: “Bendita eres entre las mujeres, y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre” (Lucas 1:39-45).

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.

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