

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Your Stewardship of Treasure

722 registered families

The Week ending, March 15, 2009

Sunday Offering 170 envelopes	7,077.00
Children's Offering 4 envelopes	4.00
Sunday Offering loose cash	1,138.00
Total	8,219.00

YTD 372,976.10

Budget 341,538.49

+/- +31,437.61

Our fiscal year is from July 1st – June 30th.

Change Jar: 47.46 (3/15/09)

The Pregnancy Resource Center of Charlotte is sponsoring *A Walk for Life*, Saturday, April 25th at 9:00am at the National Whitewater Center. This 2 mile walk is a fundraising event that allows **all ages** to show their concern for unborn babies and their mothers. Funds raised will provide life-affirming services to women in unexpected pregnancies. Please see this week's bulletin insert and the respect life table for registration information. Contact Danielle Mathis for further information at tmathis3@carolina.rr.com.

Fr. Reid's homilies are now on our website:

www.stannsparish.org.

Please inform the church office of any changes: phone numbers, emails and/or addresses.



Please be generous to the DSA by sharing your gifts and blessings. Your contribution to the DSA is a way of serving our brothers and sisters throughout the diocese and continuing the saving work begun by Jesus.

March 29, 2009

Dear Parishioners,

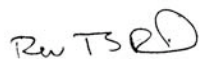
As we near the end of Lent, I want to highlight some of the events that will be taking place in our parish during Holy Week. Next weekend we will celebrate Palm Sunday, sometimes called Passion Sunday. As our grounds are torn up with the new construction, we will not be having a procession as we have in years past. Please gather in the church as we do normally for Mass each Sunday.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper will take place on Holy Thursday at 7:30 p.m. It will be followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight. As is St. Ann's custom, Holy Thursday Mass will be bi-lingual. On Good Friday we will have Stations of the Cross at noon, followed by the primary liturgy of the day: the Passion of the Lord, at 3 p.m.

Additionally, we will also have a Tenebrae liturgy this year on Good Friday at 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae is a Latin word that means "shadows," and it is an ancient form of worship, done by candlelight, that provides an opportunity to prayerfully reflect on our Lord's suffering and death. It is composed of a series of Scripture readings and songs, which are punctuated by the gradual extinguishing of candles that symbolize the gradual extinguishing of Christ's life on the cross. The liturgy culminates in almost complete darkness, followed by a loud noise that symbolizes the earthquake that occurred when Jesus died, and it concludes with a single light reappearing that reminds of us of the hope we have in Jesus' resurrection. If you have never been to Tenebrae, I encourage you to come. It is a solemn yet moving liturgy, and it's a great way to complete one's Good Friday meditations.

You'll also notice that our statues have once again been covered with a purple cloth as we near the end of Lent. Prior to Vatican II the last two weeks of Lent were known as Passiontide, the time in which we focus very specifically on our Lord's passion and death. Although we no longer make this distinction, the veiling of statues and crucifixes is an old custom that was reinstated by the Holy See in 2002 in response to the request of the bishops of the United States. The purpose of veiling the statues is not decorative. We do this as a way to enhance our fasting as we prepare for Holy Week. Specifically, the veiling of statues is a way to *visually* fast because it helps us to concentrate on the essential elements of Christ's work of redemption. Veiling is meant to clear away any distractions so that we might focus on Jesus who calls us through the cross to a life of holiness. The veils will remain in place until Holy Saturday.

With blessings for a prayerful Lent,



Fr. Reid

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Timothy Reid – November 2009

Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime spiritual pilgrimage to Israel this November with Fr. Timothy Reid! This pilgrimage will take you to see all of the important places that our Lord knew during His life on earth. Trip highlights include: Nazareth, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Beatitudes, Bethlehem, and all that Jerusalem has to offer. The 11-day pilgrimage leaves from Charlotte on November 9th and returns November 19th. Trip cost is \$3199, which includes round-trip airfare from Charlotte, first class accommodations, breakfast & dinner daily, taxes and tips. Brochures can be found on the table in the hallway. For more information or to register, call **George's International Tours at 800-566-7499**.

Please find the latest status of our Church Transformation below

Stained Glass Window: 14 windows have been memorialized so far. If you are interested, please contact Father Reid.

Building Update: Work on the new "arms" of the church continues along with the rest of the foundation work. The last of the concrete was poured this past week completing the slabs for the Chapel, the modernized restrooms and the new "Training/Cry Room" that will be where the boiler room once was. Metal stud framing for the new arm additions is underway as is the interior framing of the main church. Structural steel for the new roof and ceiling is in production and should arrive in 2 weeks. The short term goal is to have the new church under roof by May 1st! Once that is done the interior work can commence. From this point on you will start to see dramatic progress each week as our new church starts to take shape.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE CHURCH IS A CONSTRUCTION AREA. YOU MUST HAVE A HARD HAT ON and should check in with our building supervisor, John Kovacs, before you enter the site. This is for your safety!!! We will schedule escorted tours soon.

Building Update Capital Campaign Committee

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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. Call Esteban Cardoso at 704-733-7532 for details. (Received: 4,038.00 – as of 03/22/09).

Fiesta Latina A tribute to the immigrants in our country's history. Sponsored by St Ann's Hispanic Ministry. The Hispanic Ministry at St. Ann invites **all parishioners** to the **FIESTA LATINA!** Mark your calendars for **April 18th, from 6:00pm to 12midnight.** Come for a delicious Latin cuisine dining experience and be part of an unforgettable evening of cultural exposure. Besides enjoying a professional Latin dance show, learn some dancing moves and dance the night away! Also, there will be a raffle of various valuable items, contests, and prizes. This is a fundraising event to help pay for the IMMIGRANT WINDOW, dedicated to the memory of all deceased immigrants who gave their lives serving and helping build this great country. St. Cyril and St. Methodius, depicted in this window, were brothers and missionaries. Born in Greece, they emigrated from their native land to what is now the Czech Republic and later modern-day Hungary. We are all descendants of immigrants who settled in America! Bring your family and friends! Let's all share in this tribute and in this very worthwhile fundraising event! Tickets (10.00 each) will be sold after Masses.

Bulletin deadlines are 12noon: Sunday, April 4th will be due Tuesday, March 31st.
Sunday, April 12th will be due Friday, April 3rd.

Parish Penance Services

St. Patrick Cathedral, Monday, March 30th 6:30pm.
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Monday, March 30th
7:00pm.
St. Mark Church, Huntersville, Tuesday, March 31st
7:00pm.
St. John Neumann Church, Tuesday, March 31st
7:00pm.
St. Mathew Catholic Church is offering confessions
Monday, April 6th, Tuesday, April 7th and
Wednesday, April 8th from 6:30–7:30pm. Good
Friday, April 10th from 12noon-2:00pm.

Masses

Sunday, March 29, 2009

2nd collection Home Missions
8:00am Mass +Thomas Manera
by Perrin Lang
10:30am Mass +Thomas Manera
by Jess Perry
12:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family

Monday, March 30, 2009

7:00am Mass +Mary Nguyen
by the Nguyen family

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

7:00am Mass +Mickey Tezza
by Annette Gill

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

5:00pm Holy Hour
6:00pm Latin Mass Intentions of
Steven Schoonover
by Trudy Schoonover

Thursday, April 2, 2009

7:00am Mass +Curtis Dean Tarrence
by Derek Gray

Friday, April 3, 2009

8:30am Mass +Kitty Sommer
by Virginia Doman

Saturday, April 4, 2009

3:00pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass +Marcia Lopez-Ibanez
by the family
6:30pm Latin Mass +Marvin Smith
by Derek Gray

Sunday, April 5, 2009

Palm Sunday

2nd Collection Capital Needs and On Going
Improvement Collection
Food Collection
8:00am Mass +Thomas Manera
by Carol Lange
10:30am Mass Intentions of Dorothy Storer
by the Rothe Family
12:30pm Mass Intentions of our parish family
3:00pm Hmong Mass

Monday, April 6, 2009

7:00am Mass +John Bourke
by Larry and Angela Glass

Our 12th Annual St. Ann's Easter Outreach

Dinner is planned for Easter morning, Sunday, April 12th from 8:00am–12noon. This has been a well-supported St. Ann's project and very well received by those that we help. This year we will be servicing approximately 800 people through The Urban Ministries, The Hope Haven, The Charlotte Rescue Mission and others. We need everyone's support by donating boneless hams and homemade desserts. Drop off boneless hams at the Allen Center kitchen Palm Sunday 9:00am–1:00pm. Also Monday through Wednesday of Holy Week 9:00am–4:00pm. Drop the desserts and hams off in the Allen Center kitchen Saturday, April 11th from 8:00am–12noon. Easter morning we'll need volunteers to assemble the meals and 15 vans or large vehicles to deliver the meals. This is a great Easter morning activity for you individually or as a family. *Sign up sheets will be in the Church vestibule this weekend.*

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,
Corp. Justin David Schoonover

The Allen Center Schedule

Sunday, March 29th

2nd Collection is for the Home Mission
9:00am Bible Study
9:10am CSS
6:30pm Youth Group
7:00pm CSS

Monday, March 30th

6:00pm AA
6:30pm Dance Group
7:00pm R.C.I.A.
7:30pm World Rosary

Tuesday, March 31st

9:00am Ceramics
10:00am CSS
3:00pm C.L.

Wednesday, April 1st

5:00pm Holy Hour
7:00pm Why Catholic
7:30pm True Beauty
7:30pm Boy Scouts

Thursday, April 2nd

7:00pm Choir
7:00pm Bingo

Friday, April 3rd

3:00pm C.L.
6:00pm Dance Group
7:00pm Stations of the Cross (English)
8:00pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)
11:00pm Diocesan Young Adults

Saturday, April 4th

9:00am AA
9:30am Ceramics
3:00pm Confessions
11:00pm Diocesan Young Adults

Sunday, April 5th

Palm Sunday
Bring in hams
9:00am Bible Study
9:10am CSS
6:30pm Youth Group
6:30pm Men's Club
7:00pm CSS

Monday, April 6th

Bring in Easter hams
6:00pm AA
6:00pm Dance Group
7:00pm R.C.I.A.
7:00pm Women's Society

Tuesday, April 7th

Bring in Easter hams
9:00am Ceramics
10:00am CSS
7:00pm Choir

Wednesday, April 8th

Bring in Easter hams
5:00pm Holy Hour
7:00pm True Beauty
7:00pm Why Catholic
7:30pm Boy Scouts

Holy Thursday, April 9th

Activity Center is closed

Good Friday, April 10th

Activity Center is closed
Fast and Abstinence

Holy Saturday, April 11th

Easter Hams and Desserts needed
12noon Blessing of the food
No confessions today



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."* All women of our parish community are welcome. Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7pm in the Allen Center Library. For information email stannwomen@gmail.com or call Chris Brunhuber at 704-540-9252.

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.

St. Ann's Youth Group
(Middle and High Students)
6:30 – 8:00pm
Food, Fun, Games!
Don't miss out!

Sunday, March 29, 2009

Sons of Abraham
Guest speaker will discuss the Jewish, Muslim and Christian faiths.

Sunday, April 5, 2009

Crafts for Salvation Army Shelter-bring in Easter candy.

Sunday, April 12, 2009

No meeting

Sunday, April 19, 2009

Hiking at Crowders Mountain TBA

Faith Formation Schedule:

Sacrament Preparation classes: Grades K-8 meet each Sunday 9:00 – 10:20am St. Ann School **except** for the following Sundays: **Today**, 4/5/09 and 4/12/09.

Children's Liturgy meets during the 10:30am Mass and is for children ages 4-8. **Each Sunday**, now through May 10, 2009 **during the 10:30am Mass except** for: 4/5/09, and 4/12/09.

Confirmation practice is April 28th at 7:00pm. **Confirmation** will take place Wednesday, April 29th at 7:00pm with Bishop Jugis.

Mark your calendars for **St. Ann's Vacation Bible School, "Crocodile Dock, Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light"**, June 22nd-26th from 9:00am to 12noon. Children age 4 thru 5th grade are invited to attend, and as always, we are looking for teen helpers (raising 6th graders and up) as well as young-hearted adults to help as volunteers. Contact Danielle Mathis at tmathis3@carolina.rr.com.

World Rosary, Monday, March 30th at 7:30pm. Please call Ann Layman at 704-525-3519 for location. All are invited to attend.

The Spiritual Exercises are a weekend silent retreat with Miles Christi Religious Order. A Men's retreat will be held June 12-14, 2009. The retreat starts on Friday at 4:30pm and concludes on Sunday at 4:30pm. The spiritual conferences are preached by the priests of Miles Christi, according to the method and principles of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Call 248-596-9677 or infousa@mileschristi.org.

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



Giving of our time, talent and treasure mainly involves a change of attitude about giving. It's important to think in terms of giving in gratitude to God, of considering how blessed we are, of using our gifts and talents for the good of others.

Stewardship Corner: The jar \$22.27 (3/22/09) Don't forget the jar. As you can see, it adds up! \$589.81 YTD.

BI-LO's certificates are available in the Church Office. They are good until May 31st and 1% of our purchases will go to St. Ann's.

A REMINDER to all the volunteers: As a follow up to the Workshop PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN it is necessary that you complete the exercises of the continuing education facet of the program. These articles appear on your computer about every six weeks. They are well done and extremely interesting. Usually you are asked to answer two or three questions pertaining to the articles at the end and submit your answers. This should take you no longer than 15 minutes. This is a Diocesan requirement for volunteers of all ministries. Please and thank you for your cooperation. Any problems with this or questions call S. Helene at the Church Office.

For new volunteers, we will run another program shortly after Easter. Watch for the date.

CSS is now collecting furniture and household items Please call S. Helene if you have any donations 704-523-4641 x233.

Improve your driving. Atria Merrywood will be having a refresher driving course Tuesday, April 7th 10:00am–2:30pm. There are several Lunch and Learn programs at Merrywood. Please call Erin or Rebecca for more information at 704-523-4949.

Please pray for: (in our parish): Don Millard, Maggie Bernard, Benny Cannon, John Nunes, Joan and John Knechtle, Ryan Nguyen, Mimi Gibson, Katie Sloan, Gerry Buening, Gladys Cavallone, Elizabeth and Danny DeHority, Gerald Dugan, Jane Grist, Esther Lapham, Richard P. Morency, Kate Mulkey, Helen Norton, Bill Prall, Jo Prall, Dolly Ballaro, Odette Ramsey, Alice Roth, Nellie Lopez, Catherine Silverthorne, Cecilia Gaffney, Louis Pagan, Mary Murphy, Geraldine Hossenlopp, Ana Troppoli, Bill Hall, Jeff Edmond, Mary Ann Conrad and Virginia Doman. **(and among our relatives and friends:** Amanda Owens (niece of Derek Gary), Ernest Rains (Delrio family), Angela Moliere (friend of Deborah Robert), Jack Broxterman, Janet Foss (mother of Bonnie Wheeler), Shannon McNelis, Maryanne Dale, John J. Eichorn, and Phillip D. Scruggs (friends of Charles Williams), Ruth Faure (friend of Nancy Tota), Luke Wenzl (nephew of Pat and Jim Rebol), Deanna Case (mother of Brenda Eckmair), Patty Hunter, (daughter of Margaret Hunter and sister of Karen Ponischil), Pat Bryant (sister of Kathy Karr), Donny Halstead (brother of Amie Grayson), William Grist (husband of Jane Grist), Jim Ensrude (brother of John Ensrude), and Jerry Eish. **Please pray for our friends who are incarcerated:** Tony Abernathy, Kevin Wilbur, Kyle Aranjó, Aaron Estes, Kirk Silvia, and Aimee Porter. **Please pray for the repose soul** of Ethel Meyer (mother of Joan Edwards), who died March 18, 2009.

Community Service Project Girl Scout Troop 10: St. Ann's Girl Scout Troop 10, our Daisy Troop, is collecting used towels for the Charlotte Animal Shelter. The scouts in Troop 10 are working on this community service project to complete the Outstanding Troop Award. Please consider helping them. They are 5 and 6 year old scouts. The Animal Shelter needs towels to wrap the animals after surgery. If you have any old towels, please wash them and bring them to the church for Troop 10 on or before April 19th. Thank you. Any questions please email Joanne Shea at joannesh@carolina.rr.com.



St. Ann's School News

Visit the website at

www.stannscatholicschool.com

Thursday, April 2nd Report Cards

Friday, April 3rd First Friday Mass at
8:30am.

Tuesday, April 7th 3A Field Trip

Thursday, April 9th – April 19th Easter Break

Monday, April 20th School back in session!

Friday, April 24th 5th grade Field Day

Tuesday, April 28th 1st grade Field Day

Laws of Fast and Abstinence: Abstinence: The church defines abstinence as days on which no meat may be eaten. These days are: all Fridays of Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics 14 years or older are bound to abstain from meat on these days. Fasting: The Church defines fasting as having only one full meal and two smaller, meatless meals enough to maintain one's strength. Together the smaller meals should not equal the one full meal. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics over 18 but not yet 60 years old are bound to fast. (Those with health conditions in which fasting and abstinence would be considered harmful to their health are not obliged to fast or abstain.)

FEELING THE NEED FOR FINANCIAL PEACE? Following a tremendously successful first session at St. Patrick's, Financial Peace University is back to continue offering men and women the opportunity to win with money according to biblical principles. Dave Ramsey (www.daveramsey.com) teaches this 13 week program via DVD's, and facilitators lead small group discussion time for each session. Dave's videos teach about how to save money, live on a budget, communicate about money, eliminate debt, find bargains, and experience the joy of giving. Each household participating in the class needs a kit which costs about \$100 and comes with a lifetime family membership to FPU, allowing the participant to return to any class at any time for a refresher course. The kit also includes an FPU workbook, an FPU envelope system, 13 audio lessons, bonus CD, budgeting forms, debit card holders, and Ramsey's best-selling book, "Financial Peace." The classes will be on Monday evenings at 7:00pm beginning April 20th in the Cathedral Parish Center. Call Craig or Kathleen Lewis at 704-895-8470 or e-mail lewisfamily555@bellsouth.net to register or for information. Please consider making a scholarship donation of \$100 so that another family may be blessed too.

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.

Christopher West presents John Paul II's "Theology of the Body," April 24th-25th, Belmont Abbey College. Call Jillian at 704-461-6869. alumni.belmontabbeycollege.edu.

Young adults in their 20s and 30s interested in meeting others in our community come and check out our growing young adult group. **Activities:** Come and enjoy **Prayer, Reflection and Social (with food!)** Monday, **March 30th** at 7:00pm at St. Vincent de Paul Church. **Adoration** (5:00pm) and **Latin Mass** (6:00pm) Wednesday, **April 1st** at St. Ann's with dinner afterwards at a local restaurant. Join us for all or any part of the evening's activities. On Saturday, **April 4th** come **pray with us** at Family Reproductive Health, an **abortion clinic** here in Charlotte. We will meet by at St. Vincent de Paul Church following the 9am Mass. **Movie Night, Saturday, April 4th** at 6 pm. Hang out and enjoy some pizza as we watch the **Passion of the Christ** at St. Vincent's Parlor room of the rectory. Join us **for lunch after the 11:30am Mass** on Sunday, **April 5th**. We will meet at St. Vincent de Paul Church. For more information please contact Christina Hinton at christina.hinton@gmail.com or look us up on Facebook at Vinney's DOC.

St. Matthew Young Adult Life Group invites all those in their 20's and 30's to **Theology On Tap Lent: 40 days in the Desert Part IV: Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 16th**. We meet at Mario's Pizza/John's Place, 3016 Weddington Rd., #100. Join us at 6:30 pm for drinks and food (\$8/person for all you can eat pizza and soda) Speaker begins at 7:00pm. RSVP to www.meetup.com/youngadulthoodlife or email st.matthews.yal@gmail.com.

Volleyball Camps at Charlotte Catholic High School: 5th through 7th graders camp is July 13th-July 16th. 8th through 9th graders camp is July 13th-July 17th at a different site. The camps are run by Tim Leary Coach at CCHS and Bettie Berry Coach at MPHS. Call 704-301-7572 for details.

Kamp Gabe 4 Kids is a summer Day Camp for ages 3-1/2 yr. to rising 6th graders. Lots of arts and crafts, drama, science games and sports. Call 704-846-6558 or campgabe05@yahoo.com check out the website www.kampgabe.com

Come for a Night of Healing Prayer after the Latin Mass at 7:00pm on Wednesday, April 22nd. Please contact Carolyn Franks at 704-544-3153. **Charismatic Prayer Group** of St. Matthew's invites you to every third Monday of the month (the next one is Monday, April 20th) at 7:30pm in the chapel. Any questions please check with Barbara Gardner at: CHLT5NC@aol.com.

HELP WANTED: During these difficult economic times, some members of our parish family have lost their jobs. Others are facing an uncertain future. You may be able to help! 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. (Please be sure to contact the church if you would like your information to be included on this list.)

23rd Annual Spring Fling at St. Matthew Catholic Church on **Tuesday, April 28th** beginning with 9:30am Check-In (coffee and snacks). Mass will be celebrated by Msgr. John McSweeney at 3:00pm. **Tuesday, May 5th** at the Catholic Conference Center the day begins at 9:00am Check-In (coffee and snacks). Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Edward Sheridan at 2:30pm. Contact Sandra Breakfield at 704-370-3220.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Pre-School is an excellent beginning for your child's faith and educational future. 3 and 4 year olds, call Jan Bartels at 704-554-7088 x213 for the 2009-2010 school year.

St. John Neumann Catholic Church on Idlewild Road in Charlotte is looking for a permanent part-time bookkeeper/accountant for a 20-25 hour work week that allows for a flexible schedule. Applicants should have good people skills and experience with Quicken Pro, Microsoft Suite including Excel and Word. A minimum of three years experience and a Bachelors degree are required. E-mail a cover letter, including salary expectations, along with a resume to joanne.klein@realestateideas.net.



Respect Life Lenten Service Project: The Respect Life Committee is sponsoring a collection of personal care items for Holy Angels, a very special ministry that cares for children and adults with varying degrees of mental and physical disabilities and are medically fragile. Please see the partial supply list below for the items needed. The residents have very specific needs and this list will rotate throughout Lent! A collection basket will be in hallway of the Allen Center during Lent for your donations. Please take this opportunity to make the most of our Lenten journey with charity and prayer for these very special Children of God, their families and their caregivers. Questions? Please contact Danielle Mathis at 704-541-0858 or at tmathis3@carolina.rr.com.

Dial	4.25 oz
Dial Moisturizing w/Aloe	4.25 oz
Johnson Baby Bath	9.0 oz
Johnson Baby w/Aloe	9.0 oz
Dove	4.25 oz
Dove for Sensitive Skin	4.25 oz
Pure and Natural	4.5 oz
Tone Soap	4.25 oz
Neutrogena for Oily Skin	3.5 oz
Soap Dishes	(Plastic 2 Pieces)
Cetaphil	16 oz

The Solemn Vespers of Lent will be held at 6:00pm every Sunday evening during Lent at the St. Patrick Cathedral. On Sundays, it is the Office most likely to bring the faithful together in church for the second time and thus becomingly completes the Divine Service for that day. Evening Vespers will include a reflection on the seven last words of Christ given by the following:

Today, March 29th: Fifth Word, “I thirst”. Reflection by Father Brad Jones

April 5th: Sixth Word, “It is finished” & Seventh Word, “Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit.” Reflection by Bishop Peter J. Jugis.

Room At The Inn’s 9th Annual Golf Tournament, Links Fore Life, will take place Wednesday, May 20th, at Pine Island Country Club. All players will receive lunch and beverages during the tournament, followed by dinner with a cash bar. Cost per player is \$135.00. For registration information or sponsorship opportunities, contact Elizabeth Lux: 704-525-4673 x13 or elizabethlux@rati.org. A full field is expected again this year, so be sure to register by May 1st!

2009 North Carolina Healing & Marian Conference—April 17-18, 2009, Friday evening 6:00pm and Saturday 7:30am-5:00pm. St. Joseph Catholic Church, 108 St. Joseph Street, Kannapolis, NC 28083. Featured Speaker: Fr. William Halbing, dynamic international Spirit-filled speaker. Saturday highlight-Marian procession 1:30pm followed by bi-lingual Mass and Healing Session. Registration: Scholarships available. Also in Spanish. www.OurLadyofManhattan.org or Jan at 704-658-1179 or Barb at 704-662-8123.

Don't miss the **2009 Pure Fashion Show!** Saturday, April 25th in the Grand Ballroom at the Charlotte Convention Center in downtown Charlotte! Imagine clothes that are pretty, but not provocative, fashions that are trendy, but still tasteful. Enjoy an Afternoon Tea and Fashion Show beginning at 3:00pm. You won't want to miss this unforgettable event hosted by Pure Fashion National Director, Brenda Sharman, with a guest appearance by Christian recording artist, Sarah Bauer. To order tickets and get all the details! Tickets are \$35 per person. Reserve your seats today at www.purefashion.com. Pure Fashion ... Where values and virtues are always in Vogue! Proud Affiliate of Mission Network www.MissionNetwork.com. Sponsored by Regnum Christi: Love Christ, Serve People, Build the Church.

St. Matthew Catholic Church will have a **Mass in Polish** on Palm Sunday, April 5th, 2009 at 3:00pm. Confessions will be available at 2:00pm. Please call Elizabeth Spytkowski at 704-948-1678.

First Annual Bulldog Run 5k The Holy Trinity Middle School. Athletic Association's first Annual Bulldog Run 5k on April 25, 2009, to benefit HTAA and Crisis Assistance Ministry! The 3.1 mile run will begin and end at St. Matthews School. Pre-registration is \$20, race-day registration is \$25 and all participants receive a free t-shirt. For more information, or to register, www.sportoften.com, / www.queencitytiming.com.

To Parents Given a Poor Prenatal Diagnosis Elizabeth Ministers say, "Be Not Afraid." **Elizabeth Ministers in the Catholic Diocese of Charlotte** are available to support parents carrying to term following the diagnosis of a fetal defect. The primary focus of this new outreach will be to connect parents with others who have previously continued a pregnancy following a poor prenatal diagnosis. Specialized resource materials and assistance are provided including referrals to other community services. Parents are served without regard for religious background. For information and support, contact Sandy Buck at 704-948-4587 or by email at Elizabethministry@roadrunner.com.

6th Annual Catholic Social Services **Golf Tournament Fundraiser** Monday, April 27, 2009 at Palisades Country Club, \$125 per player. Advertise your company while supporting your neighbors in need. Sponsorships available from \$50 - \$5,000. Call 704-370-3232.

The next diocesan sponsored **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**, for post-abortive women and men, will be April 3-5, 2009. For further information or questions about the retreat, please email: mnadol@charlottediocese.org. You may also want to visit: rachelsvineyard.org.

Buffalo's Southwest Café in Ballantyne is offering 10% off Sunday meals if you bring in your St. Ann's bulletin. Jared Silver is a member of St. Matthew Catholic Church.

The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is inviting public comment on a proposal to rescind an important December 2008 federal regulation that protects the conscience rights of health care providers. Help protect the rights of our Catholic health care professionals and institutions. Please visit www.usccb.org/conscienceprotection to access links to make a comment and to find out more information. **Comments must be posted by April 9, 2009.**



Fiesta Latina Un tributo a los inmigrantes en la historia de nuestro país. Patrocinado por el Ministerio Hispano de Santa Ana. El Ministerio Hispano de Santa Ana invita cordialmente a **todos los miembros de la parroquia** a la **FIESTA LATINA**. Marquen sus calendarios para el **18 de abril, de 6:00pm a 12am**. Venga a saborear una deliciosa cocina latina y ser parte de una noche inolvidable de contacto cultural. Además de poder disfrutar de un espectáculo profesional de bailes latinos, podrá aprender algunos de los pasos y bailar toda la noche. También habrá rifas de varios artículos valiosos, competencias y premios. Esta es una actividad para recaudar fondos para ayudar a financiar el costo del Vitral del Inmigrante, dedicado a todos los inmigrantes difuntos, que dieron sus vidas sirviendo y ayudando a construir este gran país. Los santos Cirilo y Metodio, representados en este vitral, eran hermanos y misioneros. Nacidos en Grecia, emigraron de su tierra natal a lo que es ahora la República Checa y luego la presente Hungría. ¡Todos somos descendientes de inmigrantes que se establecieron en los Estados Unidos! ¡Traigan a su familia y a sus amigos! Compartamos como una parroquia unida participando en este tributo y muy importante evento de recaudación de fondos. Pronto se venderán los boletos -a \$10 cada uno- después de las misas.

El Padre Reid ha invitado a Dora Patricia Hoyos a ser parte del Consejo Pastoral (o Consejo de la Parroquia). Este Consejo es un cuerpo consultivo cuyas políticas y decisiones requieren de la autoridad del Sacerdote para ser efectivas. Su función está establecida en directrices trazadas por la Diócesis de Charlotte. Los doce miembros del Consejo son invitados por el Sacerdote a trabajar con él para desarrollar prioridades y dirección de la parroquia; el Consejo es un medio para alcanzar una total participación de toda la comunidad de la parroquia en su misión, dándole a todos una voz para asistir al sacerdote en su orientación y dirección de la vida parroquial. La meta del Consejo Pastoral no es solamente servir a los miembros de la parroquia, es también trabajar con el Sacerdote para desarrollar una visión y propósito común, abogar activamente por los pobres y los impotentes y extender el compromiso Cristiano a los vecindarios y comunidades vecinas. El Consejo se reúne cada dos meses o cuando el Padre Reid lo estime necesario. <?xml:namespace prefix = o ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office".

Servicio Bilingüe: Domingos a las 12:30pm.

La Ventana Del Inmigrante Contribuciones Recibidas Hasta La Fecha (Dinero en efectivo/Ofrecimientos: \$4,038.00) Nuestra meta es de : **\$25000**: \$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 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. Para mayor informacion, puede comunicarse con Esteban Cardoso 704-733-7532.

Vamos a necesitar de su gran ayuda para la realizacion de la Pascua Juvenil 2009, que se llevara a cabo el fin de semana del 3-5 de Abril en la escuela secundaria Holy Trinity que se localiza en el 3100 Park Rd. Vamos a necesitar de su ayuda para dar hospedaje a los jovenes y sus asesores que viajan mas de 1 hora de camino (Los jovenes que viven en el area de Charlotte, pueden ir a dormir a sus casas y ademas nos pueden ayudar con hospedaje para alguien mas de fuera). El hospedaje es solo la noche del viernes y sabado. Si puede ayudar, favor de llamar Ricardo Veloz 704 661 2243.

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.

Si tiene algo que quiere anunciar en Español por el boletín, favor de mandarlo a Robin Davis por correo electrónico meandmygirlies@windstream.net .

El Grupo de Jóvenes de la parroquia de Santa Ana es un grupo activo de jóvenes quienes ayudan con actividades de la parroquia y programas locales de caridad. Macy y Gloria 704-752-8659.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — La ira y la misericordia del Señor se manifestaron en el exilio y la liberación del pueblo (2 Crónicas 36:14-16, 19-23) o *1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a*.

Salmo — Que se me pegue la lengua al paladar si no me acuerdo de ti (Salmo 137 [136]) o *Salmo 23(22)*.

Segunda lectura — Dios, rico en misericordia y amor, nos dio vida con Cristo. (Efesios 2:4-10) o *Efesios 5:8-14*.

Evangelio — Dios nos dio su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en Él tenga vida eterna (Juan 3:14-21) o *Juan 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]*.

La Iglesia de Santa Ana, Los miercoles a las 7:00pm: Por que ser Catolico Alguna vez has deseado el poder apreciar mayor la base, el contenido, la riqueza la alegria de nuestra fe catolica? Entiendes verdaderamente el poder de la Palabra de Dios en tu vida? Que maneras encuentras de vincular tu fe con tu vida cotidiana? Por que ser Catolico es una oportunidad de unir la Sagrada Escritura con el Catecismo de la Iglesia Catolica a traves de las pequenas comunidades. Espero que se unan a mi en esta magnifica y especial jornada espiritual. Jorge Gomiz 704-458-4757.