Welcome to Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Friends of Jesus Catholic Church
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Senior Priest: Rev. Nick Pasadilla
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Richard McNeillie
Deacons: Mr. Jon Barfield, Mr. Tony Cardella, Mr. Ed Kleinguetl, Mr. Bob MacFarlane, Mr. Al O’Brien, Mr. Guy T. Puglia, Mr. John Schuster, and Mr. Alfredo Soto

Baptized into Christ Jesus, we worship as one and reach out to all.

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

Liturgy & Sacraments
Weekend Masses
First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass): 8:30 AM
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM
En Español 1:00 PM
Life Teen: 5:30 PM
Nursery at 9:00, 11:00 & 5:30 Life Teen

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

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

Perpetual Adoration
Adoration Chapel 24 hrs.

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

Baptism
Classes and Ceremony: Call the Parish Office to register

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

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Paula Lam 832.235.1991
PRO-LIFE (GABRIEL PROJECT)
713.225.5826

FOR the weekend of Sep. 19 & 20 your
gifts of treasure resulted in:

Weekly Budget $ 72,051
Sunday Collection $ 50,783
Over/(Under) $ (21,268)

Year To Date:
Weekly Budget $ 503,643
Sunday Collection $ 454,410
Over/(Under) $ (49,233)

Special collections:
Capital Campaign $ 7,286
Martha’s Kitchen $ 2,018
University of St. Thomas $ 236

2015 DSF Goal $ 295,000
DSF Payments to Date $ 283,019

Current Loan Debt: $ 12,991,924

Recap for August 2015
Contributions to reduce the debt $ 122,463
Payments to reduce the debt $ 90,700
Over/(short) $ 31,763
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The message from the Scriptures for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time contains a sharp edge for us who wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Certainly the words of Jesus that are recorded in the Gospel of Mark are anything but gentle. The choices that he lays out for his followers are challenging and life-changing: “Anyone who is not with me is against me.” Jesus goes on to state that anyone who interferes with another’s effort to be a disciple, by scandal or bad example, would be better off thrown into the sea with a millstone around their neck. These are harsh words of warning indeed! Those who hedge on their commitment to embrace Gospel values should also re-examine their lives if they would claim to be his disciples. Jesus tells his followers that if one’s hand or foot or eye is the occasion of scandal, then they are to “cut it off” or “pluck it out!” By no means was Jesus speaking literally, but he was clearly insisting that nothing is worth sacrificing the precious gift of salvation. Those foolish enough to throw away the hope of salvation in favor of creature comforts probably deserve what they have bargained for. “Better for you to enter the kingdom of God crippled or blind than to be thrown into the fires of Gehenna.”

Each day we encounter numerous tempting attachments that seem so good, so satisfying, and so important for our well-being here on earth. We must frequently choose between these attachments and the values espoused by Jesus Christ. At times these enticing temptations revolve around our jobs and the opportunity we have for advancement in our career and the assurance of financial security. On some occasions the temptation is about a certain relationship that seems to offer greater personal fulfillment and happiness. However, such a relationship would require that we turn our back on a previous commitment made through marriage vows. On other occasions it may be the opportunity to right a wrong that was unfairly inflicted on us. Revenge would seem to be so sweet and would teach the other person a lesson. Whatever the temptation, the simplicity of the choice that lies before us may be what distracts us. We find ourselves having thoughts like these: surely the Lord does not expect me to pass up the chance to further my career; surely God would not want me to endure difficult relationships that demand so much time and energy; surely the Lord would not want me to let go of the opportunity to teach a lesson to a person who has caused great harm to others. The simple answer may well be, “Yes, that is exactly what the Lord is asking of me as his disciple!” The Lord wants us to realize that such apparent satisfactions, as the Apostle James explains in the second reading, very quickly decay and leave those who pursue them with emptiness and a lack of charity. If we are foolish enough to give in to such temptations, then we will miss the opportunity to help build the Kingdom of God.

Fr. Chester Borski
them? at others, do you see the face of Jesus in they see the face of Jesus? When you look tend to forget this. When others see you, do member, we were made in His image. We Does your life reflect the life of Jesus? Re- tion. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

| Monday:   | Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50 |
| Tuesday:  | Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51 |
| Wednesday | Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62 |
| Thursday  | Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12 |
| Friday    | Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 18:1-5, 10 |
| Saturday  | Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24 |
| Sunday    | Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12] |

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

| Sunday:   | Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Monday:   | St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus |
| Tuesday:  | Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael |
| Wednesday | St. Jerome |
| Thursday  | St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus |
| Friday:   | The Holy Guardian Angels; First Friday |
| Saturday  | Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday |

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Remembering that we will be judged by what we do for the least among us, may we give generously and joyfully to support all those in need.

“Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his re- ward.” (Mark 9:41)

Does your life reflect the life of Jesus? Remember, we were made in His image. We tend to forget this. When others see you, do they see the face of Jesus? When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them?

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Moses said, “Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!” (Numbers 11:25-29).
Psalm — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19).
Second Reading — Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (James 5:1-6).
Gospel — Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:40-48).

Please pray for our active military as seen on the wreath in the Narthex.
To add a loved one call: Jodi at 281-358-6637 or e-mail jodis@stmartha.com

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Randy Yahner (brother of Debbie Damratoski)
Donald Tracey
Jack Kiely (father of Maureen Allen)
Maria S. Garcia (mother of Diana VanHorn)
Joe Grim (husband of Ruth Grim and father of Margaret Berkovsky)


(If you would like to add a loved one’s name to the recently deceased or sick list, please call the parish office, 281-358-6637, or e-mail jodis@stmartha.com)
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Technology Teacher: SMCS is seeking to hire a degreed teacher to work full-time with students from Kindergarten through 8th grade on typing, spreadsheets, graphing and multi-media skills. There will be other duties as assigned. Please e-mail Mrs. Tina Lewis at principal@stmarthacs.org or call the school office at 281-358-5523 for more information.

Is "checkmate" your favorite phrase? If so, we have an opportunity for you! We are seeking a coach for our 3rd-8th grades chess team and chess club. Practices are held two days a week after school, and the team will participate in tournaments throughout the school year. For more information please contact Mr. David Norman at normand@stmarthacs.org.

Can you help??? We have parishioners who are in need of a ride. If you can help, please contact the Homebound Errand Committee Coordinator, Greta Verhalen at 832-264-7755
- Ride to the YMCA each week
- Ride to the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass each week at St. Martha.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for 40 days of prayer, penance and fasting

Will you not watch one hour with me? MT 26:40

Please join in the international 40 Days for Life effort of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America. Consider volunteering to pray for one or more hours outside of the largest late-term abortion mill in the Western Hemisphere:

Planned Parenthood,
4600 Gulf Freeway, Houston, TX
St. Martha's parishioners will stand in prayer outside Planned Parenthood on Friday, October 23rd, 2015, from 6:30AM – 6:30PM.

Sign up for your hour, and then spread the word about this important life-saving effort! When people are present in prayer at an abortion site, through the Grace of God, hearts are changed, pregnant women choose life for their babies instead.

Carpool information and Signups will be available after all Masses, the weekend of October 17th and 18th in the Narthex.

"The Holy Father greatly appreciates the dedicated work that you and everyone involved in 40 Days for Life are engaged in to promote respect for the lives of all unborn children. His Holiness assures you of his prayerful support for you, your colleagues and all those whose prayer, fasting and sacrifices are saving countless lives and giving glory to God." POPE FRANCIS, VIA VATICAN SECRETARIAT OF STATE

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

PROJECT RACHEL

New group starting on October 13th. Please call for information on times, other dates, and directions.

Project Rachel is the confidential and compassionate outreach to women who have had an abortion or been involved in an abortion. Its purpose is to foster reconciliation and healing between the parent and Christ, His Church, the child, and all other significant relationships.

Questions? Contact Bonnie Develle, L.P.C., 281-812-8641, 713-435-9215, or bdevelle@comcast.net.

You are cordially invited to Serra Club Northeast of Houston's Monthly Meeting

Serra Clubs foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life; encourage and affirm vocations to the consecrated life and nurture the spiritual growth and formation of its lay members.

Membership is open to all Catholics.

Monsignor Borski, our Club’s Chaplain, will open the meeting in prayer.

Please join us:
Monday, September 28th
6:30 pm Social / 7:00 to 8:30 pm Dinner and Program
Italiano’s Restaurant
217 FM 1960 at Bypass Road East in Humble, Texas

The cost for dinner is $15.00 per person

Our guest speaker will be Rhonda Gruenewald, author of “Hundredfold, A guide to Parish Vocation Ministry”.

She will speak to us about the expected new wave of Vocations!

RSVP: Diddy Muck—muck@kingwoodcable.net
281-615-2015

Rosary Guild will meet on Sunday, October 11, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Room 2 at the Woodland Hills Campus. October is the month of Our Lady’s Rosary. We will need as many rosaries as possible for distribution and for St. Martha. Newcomers are welcomed. Rosary making is a wonderful family time project. Advent or for special gifts for Baptism, Confirmation, weddings, birthdays, and funerals. For more information, please contact JoAnna Loup at 281-361-0391 or jloup3@yahoo.com.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**
Join us! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, gathers on Wednesday, September 30, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at Pete’s Burger Place, 24626 Loop 494 in Kingwood (1½ mile north of Northpark Drive). For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmm4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

**St. Martha Women’s ACTS Retreat**
October 15-18
Registration for the October Women’s (English) ACTS Retreat has begun. The ACTS retreat is a 3 day/3 night retreat that focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service and is presented by parishioners of St. Martha. Registration is limited and is on a first-come first-served basis and must include a non-refundable deposit of $50.00. The cost of the retreat is $190.00 but do not let the financial considerations prevent you from attending the retreat. Please prayerfully consider attending this exciting retreat!! If you have any questions, you can contact the retreat Director Candice Coogan at 832-527-9332 or ccoogan_houston1@comcast.net. God Bless!

**CANCARE**
St. Martha is an affiliated faith-based member of CanCare. CanCare is a network of trained volunteers including cancer survivors, family members of cancer survivors and medical professionals who provide emotional support to others facing cancer. If you (or someone close to you) have been diagnosed with cancer and would like to talk to someone, CanCare can match you with a cancer survivor or caregiver for one-on-one emotional support. Founded in 1990, CanCare is now partnered with over 100 congregations of varied faiths, hospitals and corporations. All services are confidential and without charge. You may visit the website at www.cancare.org, or call CanCare direct at 713-461-0028 (please mention you are a member of St. Martha Catholic Church). For more details contact the St. Martha CanCare coordinator, Roger Schuelke, at 281-358-8060.

**Young at Heart Luncheon - Pizza Day**
Let’s relax a bit this week and enjoy some fellowship, fun, and pizza. Come join us at St. Martha’s Family Life Center on Wednesday, September 30. Bingo begins at 11 am, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 pm. Bring a friend with you and join the fun! The "Young at Heart Luncheon" is a get together for those of us 55+ who meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month for fellowship, bingo and lunch. For those interested - bridge, dominoes and/or cards are played after lunch. If transportation is needed, contact Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Landvogt at 281-358-6637 x 202, e-mail nancyl@stmartha.com or Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

**For Survivors of Abuse—Maria Goretti Network (MGN)**
A peer to peer self help support group for women and men focusing on healing and forgiveness. For information on monthly meetings e-mail: stmarthamgn@gmail.com or call 713-775-9213.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**
Sunday Mornings: “Mystery of God” – While the children are in CCE, come join us for a film series and study program where Bishop Robert Barron reaches into our rich intellectual tradition to teach us what we mean by “God”, “Who God Is” and “Why He Matters”. All are welcome. Series Dates: Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 2015. Faith Formation Center – Room 2 – 10:40 to 11:45 am
Tuesday Morning: Breakfast & Bible Study, 9:15 – 10:30 am Faith Formation Campus, Room 2. Reading, studying & sharing on the Sunday Scriptures led by Carla Lewton. All are welcome. Remaining September Date: Sept. 29. October Dates: Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27

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**St. Martha Adult Faith Formation Website:**
www.stmartha.com
Recordings of previous adult classes, handouts, PowerPoints, upcoming events, schedules, important links, music, and more… check it out!
Adult Faith Formation videos available for viewing on YouTube. Click the YouTube icon on the website home page to view.
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK Up To The Minute AFF Information. Click the Facebook icon on the website home page and join.
Lunch provided prior to return 9:00-12:00 pm Various projects at CJD

7:30 am Meet at the Woodland Hills Campus; depart Saturday Nov. 21:

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This Service Project is open to all high school youth, regardless of school or grade level. Confirmation hours are available if pre-approved by Ana Leija.

Please also mark your calendar for the FSHS Annual Lenten Retreat, February 26-27, 2016.

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We Transform the World! Catholic Schools

Catholic Schools

The 2015 March of the Surviving Youth theme is “BORN TO LOVE” and will be held Saturday, October 10th at the Catholic Charismatic Center. The message of this year’s march reflects that of the 2015 March for Life, Archdiocesan Youth Conference, and the World Meeting of Families. As explained by the 2015 MOTSY youth committee, the theme "Born to Love" was inspired by "the fact that, at birth, we are given a mission to love, this mission unites us, making us one, a family."

Free t-shirts to the first 350 people.

2015 March of the Surviving Youth

The Catholic Organization Of Life, Inc. (the COOL) would like to invite all youth to the ninth annual 2015 March of the Surviving Youth to be held at the Catholic Charismatic Center on Saturday, October 10th. The event starts at 8:30 with Mass celebrated by Bishop Sheltz. It is followed by a pro-life youth rally with Matt Regitz, Dunn Estacio and Dave Regitz and musicians from ADORE ministries.

A light breakfast will be provided by Knights of Columbus council 3910. It will then be followed by a Jericho March to Planned Parenthood.

SHINE Catholic Work Camp 2016

High School/College Students (going into 9th grade up to age 20)

Lake Charles, LA, June 20 – June 25th
Cost: $375.00

SHINE stands for Serving Him In the Needy and Elderly. The vision of SHINE is to empower teens to live out their baptismal call to serve those in need. The Shine staff has a passion for leading teens and for serving God’s people.

Please attend the information meeting prior to signing up for SHINE on November 11th at 6:30pm in the Activity center. We will explain the details of Shine camp and the process of registration. It is important to be informed prior to registering!

- Registration will be on Sunday, November 15th from 3pm to 5pm. A $200.00 non-refundable deposit will be required at the time of registration.
- All paperwork must be signed (those under 18 need a parent’s signature) and the full deposit turned in to be considered as registered.
- Forms will be available on-line on St. Martha's website, in the Youth Center, or via e-mail (address below). It is on a first come first served basis and spots are limited. We will also need adult volunteers to chaperone, so please consider attending one of these spirit filled weeks, empowering others to serve.
- If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Sylvia Brown at 832-445-7646 or e-mail at sylvia.brown03@gmail.com.

St. Martha School Scoops

St. Martha Catholic School is a fully accredited school for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Our curriculum builds strong academic skills, Catholic values and moral character in a safe, secure, and caring environment. Our students attend weekly Mass and celebrate reconciliation during the school day throughout the school year. We are blessed to have the involvement of our parish priests in many of our school activities. We offer the sports of cross country, soccer, basketball, baseball, track, volleyball and girls’ softball. We also offer the following extracurricular activities: School Mass Choir, Drama Club, Chess Team and Club, Bravo Band, athletics program, Spanish Club, Rosary Guild, Student Council, National Jr. BETA Club, Student Ambassadors Club and other family and student activities.

The school has limited openings for students for the 2015-2016 school year. Visit our school website at www.stmarthacs.org for more information or contact Registrar Jodie Richter at 281-358-5523.

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Parenting/Youth Events

Service Project at Casa Juan Diego Saturday, November 21, 2015
Sponsored by FSHS Club (Kingwood High School Catholic Club)

Casa Juan Diego (CJD) was founded in 1980 and is a Catholic Worker House of Hospitality serving immigrants, refugees, and the poor. We have scheduled a day of service on Saturday, November 21, 2015, to support their efforts. This is a perfect opportunity to prepare ourselves for Pope Francis’ Jubilee of Mercy, beginning December 8, 2015, through hands-on engagement. The following are the details:

Starting Now: Collection of items most needed by CJD (lists available).

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ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH
CAKE DECORATING CONTEST
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 11:45AM - JUDGING
All children of the parish are invited to participate in a cake decorating contest,
immediately before the St. Martha Festival & Fall Market. The contest is sponsored
by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Martha.
1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded in these categories:
PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN / 1ST & 2ND GRADE / 3RD – 5TH GRADE / 6TH – 8TH GRADE / HIGH SCHOOL
CAKE DROP OFF
St. Martha Catholic Church, 4301 Woodridge Pkwy, Porter, TX
10:30 am – 11:30 am (left side circle)
Winners posted & prizes: CAKE WALK BOOTH at PARISH FALL FESTIVAL
Please note that cake holder/platter will NOT be returned,
since cakes will be sold at the Fall Market from 2 pm – 3 pm
QUESTIONS: 281-788-3351
Arise Together with Christ
You’ve been hearing a lot about the ARISE Together with Christ program and now is the time to SIGN UP for a group! We will have groups meeting most days of the week, during the day, in the evenings, and in all areas of the Porter, New Caney, Kingwood, Atascocita area. What is ARISE Together in Christ? It is a parish-centered process for spiritual renewal that enables people to develop a closer relationship with Christ and to grow in community by participating in small faith sharing groups. These groups will meet for six consecutive weeks in the fall and the spring.

For more information, contact Carla Lewton: carlal@stmartha.com or 281-713-8968.

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Friends of the Poor Walk - Society of St. Vincent de Paul
St. Martha Conference-Kingwood

**What:** 5K - WALK For the POOR-- National Walk by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

**When:** Saturday, October 10th @ 9 a.m. Check-in at 7:45 a.m.

**Where:** St. Martha Catholic Church – 4301 Woodridge Pkwy

**8th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk will help neighbors in need in the Humble/Kingwood/Porter/New Caney/Splendora areas. The funds raised will benefit the people in our communities and/or conferences you select.

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Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF DEVOTION TO PRAYER IN ST. MARTHA’S PARISH

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

Our parish is incredibly blessed to have Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration available in our adoration chapel twenty-four hours a day. Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because of His infinite love for each one of us, and He is always present there in the Blessed Sacrament patiently waiting for us to come and spend time with Him.

Listed below are hours that are most in need of adorers at this time. However, please note that no hour is really ever “filled” because parishioners are always invited to choose an hour that works best for them, regardless of whether or not there are other adorers already there in prayer.

Both regular adorers and substitutes are needed for the following hours:

- Sunday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM.
- Monday: 11 PM - Midnight.
- Tuesday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM.
- Wednesday: 1-2 AM.
- Thursday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 PM.
- Friday: 1-2 AM.
- Saturday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 9-10 PM.

If you are interested in participating in this ministry or would like more information, please contact Robyn Laumbach at either 281-360-7897 or robynbfly@embarqmail.com. If you need a substitute, please call one of our division leaders: Robyn Laumbach at 281-360-7897 for Midnight-6 AM, Karen Ehlig at 281-361-7127 for 6 AM-Noon, Annunciata Hopkins at 281-360-1258 for Noon-6 PM, and Beth Beckham at 281-435-1439 for 6 PM-Midnight.

Pro-Life Sunday, October 4th, 2015

Pray for those who are pregnant and contemplating an abortion. Pray for the health care workers who perform and aid in abortions. Pray for those who work tirelessly defending life. Pray for those who have had an abortion, that they seek peace in reconciliation. Please visit our table in the Narthex.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Paula Amsler at paula_amslr@msn.com.

Save the Date! 28th National Life Chain, Sunday, October 4, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Town Center: West Lake Houston Parkway and Kingwood Dr.

On the first Sunday of October in 1,900 locations across the United States and Canada, tens of thousands of pro-life people will gather beside main streets. They will peacefully show solidarity in the Christian community for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. They will stand in honor of the 56 million lives who have been lost to abortion. Every year young women report deciding not to have an abortion after reading the signs and seeing the people praying.

"I was driving by the Life Chain and considered it a sign from God that I should not abort my twins." "I'm so glad you were here ten years ago because I decided not to abort my baby." "Thank you for being here." These are lives impacted by the Life Chain.

Please join our St. Martha community in October for the annual Life Chain. You never know whose life you will change just by standing for life! Be a voice for the voiceless! Additional information is on http://NationalLifeChain.org or Paula Amsler at paula_amslr@msn.com.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, Sept. 26 & 27, we will be collecting donations of non-perishable food and personal care items. Donations will benefit St. John of the Cross Food Pantry in New Caney. Thank you for your continued generosity by contributing non-perishable grocery items to help those in need. (Please place your Food Donation in the Rotunda before Mass. There will be a sign in the Narthex directing everyone to the Rotunda and a sign in the Rotunda showing where to place the food.)

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed in the chapel at the Faith Formation Campus every Sunday at 3 pm for the conversion of sinners, the sick and the dying. Everyone welcome!
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,
El mensaje de las Escrituras para el 26o domingo del Tiempo Ordinario contiene un borde afilado para nosotros que deseamos ser discípulos de Jesucristo. Ciertamente, las palabras de Jesús que se registran en el Evangelio de Marcos son cualquier cosa menos suaves. Las opciones que establece para sus seguidores son desafiante y que cambian la vida: “El que no está conmigo está contra mí”. Jesús va a apurar que cualquier persona que interfiera con los esfuerzos de otros para ser un discípulo, por escándalo o mal ejemplo, sería mejor que lo arrojaran al mar con una piedra de molino atada al cuello. Éstas son duras palabras de advertencia de verdad! Los que cerquen su compromiso de abrazar los valores del Evangelio debe también volver a examinar sus vidas si ellos dicen ser sus discípulos. Jesús dice a sus seguidores que si la mano o el pie o el ojo ocasionando escándalo, entonces se lo debería “cortarlo” o “sacarlo”!

Cada día nos encontramos con numerosos accesorios tentadores que parecen tan bueno, tan satisfactorio, y tan importante para el bienestar nuestro aquí en la tierra. Debemos elegir con frecuencia entre estos apegos y los valores defendidos por Jesucristo. A veces estas tentaciones atractivas giran en torno a nuestros puestos de trabajo y la oportunidad que tenemos para avanzar en nuestra carrera y la garantía de la seguridad financiera. En algunas ocasiones la tentación es sobre una cierta relación que parece ofrecer una mayor realización personal y felicidade. Sin embargo, esa relación sería necesario que volviéramos la espalda a un compromiso anterior realizado a través de los votos matrimoniales. En otras ocasiones, puede ser la oportunidad de corregir un error que fue infligido injustamente en nosotros. La venganza parece ser tan dulce y enseñaría a la otra persona una lección. Cualquiera que sea la tentación, la simplicidad de la elección que tenemos por delante puede ser lo que nos distrae. Nos encontramos con pensamientos como estos: Seguramente el Señor no me esperaba dejar pasar la oportunidad de avanzar en mi carrera; Seguramente Dios no querría que soporte relaciones difíciles que exijan mucho tiempo y energía; Seguramente el Señor no quiere que yo suelte la oportunidad de dar una lección a una persona que ha causado un gran daño a los demás. La respuesta simplemente puede ser: “Sí, eso es exactamente lo que el Señor quiere de mí como su discípulo!” El Señor quiere que nos demos cuenta de que este tipo de satisfacciones aparentes, como el Apóstol Santiago explica en la segunda lectura, muy rápidamente lleva a la decadencia y deja a los que las persiguen con el vacío y la falta de caridad. Si somos lo suficientemente tontos como para ceder a tales tentaciones, entonces nos perdimos la oportunidad de ayudar a construir el Reino de Dios.

Moseñor Chester Borski
**RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS**

Los Sacramentos son ayudas, medios, herramientas, gracias que Jesús nos dejó para poder seguirlo por el camino de nuestra vida diaria, que no siempre es fácil, por eso nos invita a tomar nuestra cruz y seguirle hacia la vida eterna. Estas ayudas-sacramentos están aquí en la Iglesia y son para todos a nadie se le pueden negar si está dispuesto a seguir a Jesús. Pero muchos de nosotros solo nos bautizaron y no tenemos todos nuestros Sacramentos de iniciación que son: El Bautismo, La Confirmación y La Eucaristía; por tal razón no participamos de estas ayudas que nuestro Señor Jesús le dejó a su iglesia por medio de su sacrificio en la cruz.

Si este es tu caso (y eres mayor de 18 años) o conoces a alguien que quiere unirse a nuestra Iglesia Católica? Ayúdale y pásale este anuncio, invítalo a participar en el proceso del RICA.

Este proceso es para Católicos y No Católicos que tienen muchas preguntas o dudas y quieren entender nuestra fe o completar sus sacramentos. Ven y participa con nosotros. Las reuniones son los Jueves de 6.30-9.00 p.m. comenzamos con una cena antes de nuestra plática.

**Resérvate un lugar**

Para inscribirse visite [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) y favor de hacerlo antes del día 13 de octubre.

Para más información favor de llamar a la Coordinadora de Virtus de Santa Martha Ana Luisa Rodriguez 281-358-1959 x269.

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**PARA VICTIMAS DE ABUSO**

**María Goretti Network en Español**

En Septiembre próximo comenzará en St. Martha un grupo de apoyo conformado por hombres y mujeres que hayan sido abusados en algún momento de su vida y que buscan sanación y perdón. Para mayor información llame al teléfono 281-389-1210 o envíe un email a maria.gorettiespanol@gmail.com. Allí le informaremos el lugar y hora de las reuniones y contestaremos sus preguntas.

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**Festival y Bazar de St. Martha**

Vengan a divertirse!!!

**Cuando:** Sabado, 3 de Octubre, 2015

**Hora:** Mediodía - 8 pm

**Actividades:** Hay algo para todas las edades
- Juegos de Biblia, inflables y payaso especial para los jóvenes y niños
- Bazar – varios ministerios y vendedores locales y de áreas cercanas
- Subastas silenciosa y en vivo (artículos increíbles, ven a checarlos)
- Muchas actividades para adolescentes y adultos jóvenes
- Música de Mickey Hobbs & Pamela Saxon, con música para niños y jóvenes

**Comida:** BBQ sandwiches, hamburguesas, hot dogs (con chili), papas, funnel cakes, tacos, nachos, cervezas, sodas, agua, mesa de pasteles y deliciosos postres

**Subasta:**
- 1er – voucher $2500 de agencia de viajes
- 2o – Fin de semana de Texans Football (4 boletos para el juego de Texans/ Titans)
- 3o – Grill mediano Green Egg c/accessorios

**RECORDATORIO**
- Entregar los talones de boletos vendidos, efectivo o cheque (a nombre de St. Martha Church) en las oficinas de la iglesia o dejarlos en un sobre blanco, cerrado, marcado como Boletos de Rifa y depositar el sobre en la colecta de cada misa antes del 28 de Septiembre. Favor de regresar los boletos vendidos en la oficina de la iglesia antes del Festival.

**Voluntarios:** si quieres y puedes donar un par de horas de trabajo para el día del Festival favor de contactar a Kathy Remkes al 281 360-8282 o enviar un email a Kathy.Remkes@suddenlink.net. También pueden firmarse después de las misas del 27 de Septiembre.

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**MINISTERIO DE MARÍA**

**Legión de María**

Están cordialmente invitados todos los viernes a las 7:00 PM en el salón 2 de las instalaciones de Woodland Hills Dr. Mayores informes con la Sra. Veronica Reyes (281.728.9843) o por email: legiondemaria@stmartha.co.

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**Para comunicarse con Jaime Gómez**

(281-973-1857) sacramentos@stmarth.co

Participa en el RICA en Español.