Welcome to Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Friends of Jesus Catholic Church
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Richard McNeillie
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Michael Pham
Deacons: Mr. Tony Cardella, Mr. Bob MacFarlane, Mr. Al O’Brien, Mr. Guy T. Puglia, Mr. John Schuster, and Mr. Gary Yepsen

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

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

Liturgy & Sacraments

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

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

Sacrament of Penance
Tuesday:
Church 6:15 - 7 PM
Saturday:
Church 10 AM - 12 PM
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.

Funerals
Call the Parish Office for more information, 281-358-6637.

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The greatest among you must be your servant.
Whoever exalt themselves will be humbled;
but whoever humble themselves will be exalted.

MATTHEW 23:12

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Nov. 5, 2017
## Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

### Administrative Ministries

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<td><a href="mailto:Vickiruck@suddenlink.net">Vickiruck@suddenlink.net</a></td>
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<td>Director of Music—Dr. Daniel Knaaggs, <a href="mailto:danielk@stmartha.com">danielk@stmartha.com</a></td>
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<td>Liturgy Coordinator for LifeTeen—Joy Ehrman</td>
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<td>COMMUNION TO THE SICK—Hospital Visit: Gene Goll, 281-728-0956</td>
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### For the Weekends of Oct. 28 & 29 Your Gifts of Treasure ResuLDed In:

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To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Gospel reading for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time highlights the great need that the Church has for true servant leaders. Jesus contrasts the attitudes of the religious leaders of his day with the type of leadership Jesus desired for the community of his disciples. People in positions of leadership and community responsibility, whether in Church, school or civil government, can easily be blinded by their own sense of self-importance. They can become insensitive to the difficulties and struggles of the people they are called to serve and they overlook their own inadequacies and weaknesses. Jesus’ comment about how they love to have places of honor and receive public recognition rings as true today as when he first preached this message to his disciples. Unfortunately the principal concern of such people is how they can further their own careers rather than the genuine service and assistance they are to offer to others. There is a temptation for those in authority to abuse their power and to think that they are somehow entitled to such authority. Sometimes they even take advantage of the community for their own benefit and use their position to promote their own prestige and power.

All of this, Jesus tells us, is quite at odds with what it means to be his disciple and exercise leadership for the sake of the kingdom. The community of faith is to be marked by a sense of genuine equality and shared dignity. We are all brothers and sisters because of our Baptism and thus children of our Father in heaven. We all exist under one authority, that of the Lord “who came to serve, not to be served.” Those who are truly great in the kingdom of God are those who know that they are blessed with God’s gifts and these gifts are meant to be placed at the service of the community. The intent of what Jesus says about calling no one “father” or “teacher” is to emphasize this attitude of selfless service and generosity of spirit. The theme of mutual service is so central to the teaching of Jesus that it must be seen as one of the radical demands of Christian discipleship. Various other Gospel texts, including the account of the foot washing at the Last Supper, emphasize that the model of leadership we are to imitate is that of Jesus himself. During the month of November we will feature the Called by Name program within the parish and we will invite each parishioner to pray for the servant leaders we desire for our Church. We will ask each family to submit a name (or several names) of young men and women (sixteen years of age or older) from St. Martha’s whom they believe would be future servant leaders as priests and religious men and women. Let us begin this process in prayer and ask God to help us identify such leaders for the Church of tomorrow.

Fr. Chester Borski
In Our Prayers

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

Joseph M. White (father of Marilyn Davis)
Bill Florez (brother of Darla Duplantis)
Joseph Rodriguez (brother of Cecilia Sandoval)
Randall Schulze (brother-in-law of Cecilia Sandoval)
Polita Luna (mother-in-law of Cecilia Sandoval)
Miriam Castañeda
Joseph Aloisio (brother of Anne Schulke)
Kathleen Unger (wife of Robert Unger; mother of Deacon Geoff Unger and Gretchen Currie)
Marie Burk (wife of Bill Burk)

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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THANKSGIVING DAY MASS TIMES
Thursday, Nov. 23: 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM
Please note…
♦ There will not be a 6:30 AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day.
♦ The parish office will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23 and 24, for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

A parishioner is in need of a ride to MD Anderson twice a week. If you can help, please contact
Gretta Verhalen, 281-358-5523, ext. 313, or verhaleng@stmartha.com

A quick link to order your turkey is on Facebook at St. Martha’s Knights of Columbus Turkey Fry.
For more information contact Marty Krump: martybk@yahoo.com or 271-743-1452.

 Bulletin Deadline: Friday, 11 AM, one week prior to publication. (Based on space availability and ministry leader approval)
Submit announcements by: E-mail: jodis@stmartha.com; Drop off at the parish office; or * Fax to 281-358-7973.

SPECIAL DEADLINE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: Nov. 25/26 Bulletin—deadline is 9 AM, Thursday, Nov. 16.
**2nd Family Ministry Meeting**
The 2nd Family Ministry will hold their last meeting of this year Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7 PM in Room 5 of the Family Life Center on the Woodland Hills Campus. All 2nd Family Team members are encouraged to attend. The 2nd Family Ministry has served the community for twelve years. Its purpose is to offer non-medical respite help to families who are caring for a loved one in their home. For more information contact Peggy Wehe, 281-546-9884, or e-mail stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com

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**Monica's Hope: Prayrful Support for Parents of Troubled Children**
Don't suffer in solitude. Within our Catholic community there are many with troubled children of all ages. Problems like addiction, criminality, mental illness, etc. Find support, strength and encouragement in a confidential environment. And, in the example of St. Monica, you can pray for your child and find peace. The next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 6 at 7:30 PM, in Room 1 on the Woodland Hills Campus. If you have questions, call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288, e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com or Kathy Czubik at 713-213-7173, e-mail kczubik@mac.com.

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**St Martha's Men's Retreat**
**at Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center**
**January 5-7, 2018**
Start the New Year with a relaxing and prayerful Retreat Weekend Retreat Theme: Ave Crux, Spes Unica, meaning, "Hail to the Cross, Our Only Hope" Harmonious with the mission of the Passionists, the theme of the Cross is central to an authentic spiritual journey of any Catholic. Is the Cross our only hope? Join us to probe this question, as we look deeper into the relationship of Jesus, His Cross, and our redemption. For more information contact Bruce Farmer: at 832-656-1393 or to register, please visit the website www.holynameretreatcenter.com

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**YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - Celebrate Thanksgiving**
Young at Heart-ers - Thanksgiving is coming soon and we'd love to celebrate with all of our Young at Heart friends. We are so thankful to have you in our lives so join us for fellowship, bingo and Thanksgiving lunch at St. Martha's Family Life Center on **Wednesday, Nov. 8**. Bingo begins at 11 AM, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 PM. Bring a friend with you and join the fun! We meet on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesday of each month. If transportation is needed, contact Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430. **Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, this will be the only luncheon at St. Martha's in November.**

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**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**
**Sunday Morning Adult Ed Series:** Six Saints that transformed the Catholic Church ~ In this six part series, learn about the leaders who led the Church’s rebirth from the ashes of renaissance decadence and the turbulent time of the Protestant Reformation. Join us in Room 2 Sunday mornings 10:40-11:45. This program is free and there is no need to pre-register. 11/05, 11/12, 12/03, 12/10.

**Breakfast and Bible Study:** Join us after the 8:30 AM Mass on Tuesdays in the Adult Education Building, Room 2, for a delicious breakfast of coffee, pastries, and fruit. Along with food and fellowship we will be reading, studying, and sharing on the Sunday Scriptures. No registration or fee required. Come and enjoy! All are welcome!

**500th Anniversary of the Reformation:** 500 years ago, Martin Luther wrote the “Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences,” also known as “The 95 Theses,” a list of questions and propositions for debate. Popular legend has it that on Oct. 31, 1517 Luther defiantly nailed a copy of his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenberg Castle church. The reality was probably not so dramatic; Luther more likely hung the document on the door of the church matter-of-factly to announce the ensuing academic discussion he was leading.

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- **2nd Family Ministry Meeting**
- **Adult Organizations and Opportunities**
**St. Martha's Moms Group**

**Motherhood Fellowship Night:**
Please join us Nov. 14. We will meet in the FLC from 7-8:30 PM.
The playdate schedule will be on the Facebook page.

Be sure to join our Facebook group: St. Martha’s Moms (Kingwood, Tx)
For more information email Renee at stmarthasmoms@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you.

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**Calling moms of all ages!**

**St. Martha School Scoops**

Calling all military veterans and active duty personnel for a program and reception in your honor:

_Friday, Nov. 10, at 8:30 AM_
St. Martha Activity Center.

Our students will be presenting patriotic songs, and all veterans present will be recognized. Please contact Mrs. Richter at 281-358-5523 or richterj@stmarthacs.org for more information or to RSVP for the event.

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**St. Martha Catholic School** is a fully accredited school for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. We are committed and blessed to offer:

- A curriculum that builds strong academic skills, Catholic values and moral character in a safe, secure, and caring environment.
- Weekly Mass and periodic reconciliation throughout the school year.
- The involvement of our parish priests in many of our school activities.
- Monthly service opportunities to help instill a heart for service in our students.

Extracurricular activities including School Mass Choir, Drama Club, Chess Team and Club, Bravo Band, Spanish Club, Rosary Guild, National Jr. BETA Club, Yearbook Club, Science Olympiad, Debate Team, and Student Ambassadors. Our athletic program includes the sports of cross country, soccer, basketball, baseball, track, volleyball, rugby, and girls’ softball.

Visit our school website at [www.stmarthacs.org](http://www.stmarthacs.org) for more information or contact Registrar Jodie Richter at 281-358-5523.

_St. Martha Catholic School provides an excellent education by developing mind, heart and spirit as we share in community to form witnesses who transform the world._
St. Martha parish is participating in **CALLED BY NAME**, a program of vocation awareness. This program offers an opportunity for us to pray for vocations; to recognize gifts and potential for leadership and service in members of our parish; and, finally, to call forth and encourage these members to share their gifts in priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps you know a single man or woman (sixteen years or older) who, in your opinion, have the qualities to become a priest, sister, or brother. Please recommend this person by filling out the nomination form below. Place the completed form in the collection basket or in the “Called by Name box” in the Narthex.

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**CALLED BY NAME**

After prayerful consideration, I believe this person has qualities needed in a future priest, sister, or brother. Perhaps, Jesus is calling him or her to this particular path of discipleship.

Name________________________________________________

Address_______________________________________________

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Phone_________________________________________________

Approximate Age______________

Your Signature (optional)

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**CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:**

Please join the **ROBICHAUX FAMILY**

In prayer this week as they host the Chalice and pray for Vocations. Interested? Please contact Karen Ehlig at 281-361-7127 or by e-mail at karenehlig@gmail.com to schedule a week.

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**Holy Hour of Adoration for Vocations Exposition & Benediction**

- 2nd Tuesday -- 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- 2nd Friday - 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

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**Serra Club Northeast of Houston**

**Invites You To Their Monthly Dinner and Meeting**

**Monday, Nov. 27, 2017**

6:30 PM Social, 7 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 per person

Membership is open to all Catholics. Monsignor Borski, Club Chaplain, will open the meeting in prayer.

Our guest speaker for November will be: **Allison Seibert**

She will speak about the Catholic growth in College Station and what promotes vocations in Aggieland.

RSVP: Eileen Benvegnu, eileenbenvegnu@yahoo.com

Serra Clubs fosters and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life; encourages and affirms vocations to the consecrated life and nurtures the spiritual growth and formation of its lay members.
How can I become more engaged in the Mass?

Every now and then we must refocus in order to not fall into liturgical “auto-pilot” or routine. How do we keep from just going through the motions at Mass? Fr. John Riccardo gives the following practical suggestions for entering more actively into the Mass in his Catholic Radio program *Christ is the Answer* (#756):

1) **Watch what you do before coming to Mass.** Turn the radio off, forego the conversation that you know is going to be problematic, etc…

2) **Watch how you enter the Church.** Stick your finger in the Holy Water intentionally. This reminds you of your baptism which reminds you of your identity: “I am a son/daughter of God. I am loved.” Make the sign of the cross to call to mind “I am so loved that Jesus died for me.” Then bow at the altar (the place where the sacrifice takes place – a place of transformation.) and genuflect (this is a way to show awe: “I have now walked into heaven!”).

3) **Read the scripture readings before coming to Mass.** We expect the priest to come prepared, we should come prepared too! Then when the homily comes, pray “Lord, help me to hear what you are saying to me right now.”

God speaks!

4) **Actively participate with the priest and the prayers he says** (pray the priests prayers along with him in your heart, just not out loud.) Active participation does not just mean “I am serving as an usher, a cantor, a lector, etc.” It means participating in THE ACT that God is doing. To actively participate means for my heart to be engaged along with the priest/bishop/pope saying Mass right now.

5) **Watch the offertory:** these gifts are symbols of us and who we are. It says “Lord, this is what we have to offer—do something with it!” We place ourselves on the altar to be transformed too. We also offer those whom we are praying for…We trust that God will turn them into something amazing, like the bread and the wine about to be transformed into His Body and Blood.

6) **Prepare before coming up to receive the Eucharist:** don’t just get up and go to receive. Fr. Riccardo prays “Lord, I need a transfusion!” He pictures his heart being filled instead with an injection of the Blood of Jesus, to be able to love others (family, etc.) What prayer or image helps you to prepare?

7) **Pray after communion.** Don’t look around and stare during this time—focus on Christ! Say “thanks for coming to me.” How amazing would it be to take 30 seconds after the last word was sung to just sit down or kneel and silently say “thanks.” Visitors would leave here knowing we are a people who know that our God is alive and that we cannot exist without Him!

Liturgy is so vital to our lives because “From the liturgy… grace is poured forth upon us; and the sanctification of men in Christ and the glorification of God...is achieved in the most efficacious possible way.” (Sacrosanctam Concilium, 10) So let us explore these practical suggestions above to enter more fully, actively, and consciously in the Mass, and see what results!

*Your brother in Christ, in prayer, and in worship,*

Dr. Daniel Knaggs, Director of Music

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This Christmas, our parish would like to help the children of our St. Martha parishioners who were affected by Hurricane Harvey. The **St. Martha “Joy of Giving Tree”** will be in addition to our Sharing Sunday.

- If your home was flooded and you need assistance with Christmas gifts for your children, please go to the Faith Formation website at: www.stmarthaaff.com for details on how you can register for assistance. Deadline to register is **Nov. 19**.

- Parishioners who would like to give gifts to our St. Martha children, will have the opportunity to select an ornament from the **Giving Tree** located in the narthex on Nov. 25/26 and Dec. 2/3. You will then have the opportunity to buy the gifts for each child, cost will be approximately $75 per child.

Thank you so much for helping our parishioners as we re-build spiritually, emotionally and financially.
In gratitude for Msgr. Borski and his ministry to St. Martha, please join us in offering a spiritual bouquet for his 50th anniversary of ordination, December 2017.

Let us know how you will offer a prayer in any of the following ways.

Rosary prayed: _________
Holy Hour offered:   ________
Offered a prayer for Msgr. Borski when receiving Communion:  ________
Extended a time to listen to someone in need of a friend:  ________
I invited two people to consider being a priest:  _________
I invited someone to join me at Mass:  __________

Please place this slip in the basket/box at the Kiosk at all Masses, November 11/12, or email it to franp@stmartha.com subject line: spiritual bouquet.
Or drop it by the parish office, M-F, 9-4.

Slips must be returned by Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017.

Questions? Contact Francine at franp@stmartha.com or Mary Beth Philipp at marybethphilipp@gmail.com.
Message from the Carmelite Nuns in New Caney -
Annual Carmelite Nun Food Drive

As you know our community is planning to merge with the Carmel in San Antonio. Our monastery is for sale and we don't know when that will happen so we live in faith and entrust our needs to the intercession of St. Joseph! In the midst of all this we had been considering what to do about the Food Drive. After the hurricane and the shock of the extensive flooding, I took the first opportunity to talk with Fr. Borski. We have requested that you do not have the food drive for us this year. Rather, we request that whatever people would donate to us, be given to those who have flooded. We have been praying daily for all who have been affected by the hurricane and for those who are helping them and we will continue to do so. Not having the food drive is another way in which we can help and we'd really like to do this. The parishioners from St. Martha's have been extraordinarily generous to our community and we are deeply grateful for your thoughtful and kind sharing with us. When we do move to San Antonio our prayers for all of you will continue. Distance will not separate hearts united in the love of the Lord!
Again, we thank you for all you have done for us for so many years!
Blessings,
Sr. Angel & Sisters

To honor their request, we ask those who are able, to continue to support the community during this difficult recovery from the effects of Harvey. You can do this by contributing to the St. Martha Kingwood Harvey Relief Fund. If you prefer to give food items, consider cooking a meal for someone who has been displaced or donate canned goods to the St. John of the Cross Food drive (4th weekend of every month – place donations in the containers located in the Rotunda). If you would still like to support the nuns and would like to send a monetary donation directly to the Monastery, you can do so by mailing a check to:
Discalced Carmelite Nuns
1100 Parthenon Place
New Caney, TX 77357

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Chester Borski

HAAM will be hosting a **FOOD FAIR** on Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 11 AM—1 PM in the Church parking lot, 4301 Woodridge Pkwy.
First-come first-served basis.
Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Please call Alejandra Gutierrez at 832-860-4860 for more info.
A la familia parroquial de Santa Marta,
La lectura del Evangelio del 31º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario destaca la gran necesidad que tiene la Iglesia de líderes servidores verdaderos. Jesús contrasta las actitudes de los líderes religiosos de su época con el tipo de liderazgo que Jesús deseaba para la comunidad de sus discípulos. Las personas que ocupan puestos de liderazgo y responsabilidad comunitaria, ya sea en la Iglesia, la escuela o el gobierno civil, pueden cegarse fácilmente por su propio sentido de importancia personal. Pueden volverse insensibles a las dificultades y luchas de las personas a las que están llamadas a servir y pasan por alto sus propias deficiencias y debilidades. El comentario de Jesús sobre cómo aman tener lugares de honor y recibir reconocimiento público suena tan cierto hoy como cuando predicó por primera vez este mensaje a sus discípulos. Desafortunadamente, la principal preocupación de estas personas es cómo pueden avanzar en sus propias carreras en lugar del verdadero servicio y asistencia que ofrecen a los demás. Existe la tentación de que los que tienen autoridad abusen de su poder y piensen que de alguna manera tienen derecho a tal autoridad. Algunas veces incluso se aprovechan de la comunidad para su propio beneficio y usan su posición para promover su propio prestigio y poder.
Todo esto, nos dice Jesús, está en desacuerdo con lo que significa ser su discípulo y ejercer el liderazgo por el bien del reino. La comunidad de fe debe estar marcada por un sentido de igualdad genuina y dignidad compartida. Todos somos hermanos y hermanas por nuestro Bautismo y, por lo tanto, hijos de nuestro Padre que está en los cielos. Todos existimos bajo una sola autoridad, la del Señor “que vino a servir, no para ser servido”. Aquellos que son verdaderamente grandes en el reino de Dios son aquellos que saben que son bendecidos con los dones de Dios y que estos están destinados a ser puesto al servicio de la comunidad. La intención de lo que Jesús dice acerca de llamar a nadie “padre” o “maestro” es enfatizar esta actitud de servicio desinteresado y generosidad de espíritu. El tema del servicio mutuo es tan central en la enseñanza de Jesús que debe verse como una de las demandas radicales del discipulado cristiano. Varios otros textos del Evangelio, incluyendo el relato del lavado de pies en la Última Cena, enfatizan que el modelo de liderazgo que debemos imitar es el del mismo Jesús. Durante el mes de noviembre presentaremos el programa Llamado por su Nombre dentro de la parroquia e invitaremos a cada feligrés a orar por los líderes servidores que deseamos para nuestra Iglesia. Le pediremos a cada familia que presente un nombre (o varios nombres) de hombres y mujeres jóvenes (de dieciséis años o más) de St. Martha, de quienes creen que serían futuros líderes de servicio como sacerdotes y hombres y mujeres religiosos. Comencemos este proceso en oración y pidamos a Dios que nos ayude a identificar a tales líderes para la Iglesia del mañana.

Fr. Chester Borski

HAAM estara donando comida en el estacionamiento de St. Marta, 4301 Woodridge Pkwy este 15 de Noviembre 2017 de 11 am a 1 pm por orden de llegada
Se necesitan voluntarios para este evento por favor llamar a Alejandra Gutierrez a 832-860-4860 para mas informacion.

Legión de María—
Somos una organización apostólica de laicos en la iglesia Católica, aprobada por los últimos tres Papas y endorada por el Concilio Vaticano II.
Realizamos reuniones semanales en donde se reza el Santo Rosario, se asignan trabajos legionarios y se estudian temas formativos para hacer más eficaz el apostolado. Nuestros trabajos consisten en evangelizar y santificar hombres mediante visitas a: familias, cárcel, toques de puertas, llevando a la Virgen peregrina a los hogares, entre otras actividades recomendadas por la parroquia.
Les invitamos a que conozcan más y formen parte de este hermoso ministerio que se reúne todos los viernes a las 7:00 pm. En el salón #2 de la antigua iglesia Sta. Martha en el 3702 Woodland Hills Dr. Kingwood. Para más información pueden contactar a estos números 281-728-9843 Verónica Reyes ó 859-250-3687 Mildred Garcia

Seminario para formar animadoras AMSIF

EL FRUTO DEL AMOR ES EL SERVICIO

Compacte tus dones, en búsqueda de la formación integral de la mujer y la familia

Viernes 27 de octubre, 3, 20 y 17 de noviembre 10:00 a 2:00 pm
704 Old Montgomery Rd. Conroe TX
Para más información 832 647 4824 con Laura Arroyo

amsifusa.org
Del 5 al 11 de noviembre se celebrará en todas las diócesis de Estados Unidos la Semana Nacional de Concienización sobre las Vocaciones para promover a los jóvenes el llamado a la vida consagrada. Esta es una iniciativa de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos y consiste en que las iglesias realizarán actividades para que los sacerdotes, diáconos y religiosos cuenten sus experiencias, resuelvan inquietudes e inviten a los jóvenes a preguntarse “¿A qué vocación de vida Dios me está llamando?”. También habrá momentos de oración por el incremento y el fortalecimiento de las vocaciones.

Llamado por tu nombre
La parroquia de Santa Martha está participando en el programa llamado por tu nombre, un programa de sensibilización vocacional. Este programa ofrece una oportunidad a nosotros para orar por las vocaciones; para reconocer los regalos y el potencial de liderazgo y servicio en los miembros de nuestra parroquia; y, por último, para suscitar y animar a estos miembros a compartir sus dones en el sacerdocio y la vida consagrada. Tal vez usted sabe de un hombre o mujer (dieciséis años o más) que en su opinión tiene las cualidades para convertirse en un sacerdote, hermana o hermano. Por favor, recomendamos a esta persona llenando el formulario de nominación a continuación. Coloque el formulario completado en la cesta de recogida.

Llamado por su nombre
Después de considerarlo en oración, creo que esta persona tiene las cualidades necesarias para ser un futuro sacerdote, o monja o hermano religioso. Tal vez, Jesús lo(a) está llamando por este camino especial del discipulado.

Rutina
Nombre_______________________________________________
Dirección_____________________________________________
Teléfono_______________________________________________
Edad aproximada ________________________________________
Su firma (opcional)_______________________________________

Eventos Nacionales y Arquidiocesanos-
Próximas oportunidades de discernimiento:
Descubre
Nov. 16 and Dec. 21- 7:00-9:30 p.m.
Reunión de discernimiento vocacional a la vida sacerdotal y religiosa en español para jóvenes adultos solteros (hombres y mujeres) de 18 a 35 años de edad que hayan completado preparatoria y/o equivalente. Las reuniones se llevarán a cabo en la Casa de Oración y Convento de las Hermanas Carmelitas Misioneras de Santa Teresa (9600 Deer Trail Dr., Houston, TX 77038). Habrá convivencia, comida, música, oración y temas vocacionales presentados por sacerdotes, religiosas y seminaristas. Evento gratis. Registración, videos, y detalles en www.houstonvocations.com/descubre

Si desea orar por las vocaciones y llevar el cálice de vocaciones favor comunicarse con
William Lasalle (Tony) (646) 489-1554 o al correo electrónico
0nairtony@gmail.com

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA PERPETUA
“No pudiste velar contigo ni siquiera una hora?”
Nuestra parroquia es grandemente bendecida de contar con Adoración Eucarística Perpetua en nuestra capilla de adoración veinticuatro horas al día. Jesús mora en el Santísimo Sacramento debido a su amor infinito por cada uno de nosotros. Él siempre espera pacientemente a que estemos ante su presencia y le acompañemos.

En la lista a continuación están las horas más necesitadas de adoradores en este momento.
Te invitamos a que participes en este hermoso ministerio. Siéntete libre de venir y adorar a nuestro Señor Jesucristo de acuerdo a tu tiempo y disponibilidad, independientemente de si hay o no otros adoradores presentes en oración. Jesús siempre nos espera con gozo anticipado.

HORAS DISPONIBLES PARA ADORADORES
Lunes: 5-6 AM/ Viernes: 11 AM - MEDIDIO, 7-8 PM / SÁBADOS: 1-2 AM

HORAS DISPONIBLES PARA CO-ADORADORES Y SUBSTITUTOS
Lunes: 1-2 AM , 3-4 AM, 5-6 AM, 6-7 AM, 10-11 AM.
Martes: 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 6-7 AM, MEDIANOCHE-1 AM.
Miércoles: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 8-9 AM, 10-11 AM, 5-6 PM, 11 PM – MEDIANOCHE.
Jueves: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 8-9 AM.
Viernes: 12-1 AM, 2-3 AM, 6-7 AM, 11 AM-MEDIODÍA.
Sábado: 1-2 PM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM, 7-8 PM, 10-11 PM.
Domingo: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 8-9 AM, 10-11 AM.
Si usted está interesado en participar en este ministerio o desea obtener más información, por favor contactar a: Carmen Ogando, 832-767-8826, carmenogando@yahoo.com, Coordinadora