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

March 11, 2018

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

John 3:16
TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading — God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10).

Gospel — The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life (John 3:14-21).

READING FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-41
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

HELP! HELP! HELP!
Your help is needed on Friday, March 23, immediately following the 8:30 AM Daily Mass. The palms to be blessed at the Palm Sunday Masses need to be prepared. Help is needed by both men and women. Please meet by the relief of Martha, Mary, Lazarus and Jesus. Be sure to bring scissors! For more information, please call Mariel at 281-358-6637 or e-mail marielp@stmartha.com

MASS INTENTIONS

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EASTER FLOWERS—Donations for flowers to be used during the Easter Season in the Church may be made in memory of loved ones by using the envelope marked “Special Offering for Easter Flowers” in your envelope packet and indicating the name(s) on the line provided. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. The deadline for submitting these special envelopes is Sunday, March 18. (Donations must be received by deadline to be included in the Easter Bulletin).

Anointing Of The Sick Mass, March 28: 10 AM and 7 PM

Holy Thursday Mass, March 29: 7:30 PM (No 6:30 AM or 8:30 AM Mass)  “So you could not keep watch with Me for one hour?” Matthew 26:40  We will be in prayer following the 7:30 PM Mass  (Church closes at midnight)

Good Friday, March 30: 3 PM - Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion  7:30 PM - Stations of the Cross  (No 8:30 AM Mass. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence)

Easter Vigil, March 31: 8:30 PM (No 5:30 PM Mass)  Easter Sunday, April 1: 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, and 1 PM (Spanish Mass).

Overflow Masses will be held in the Activity Center on the Woodland Hills Campus at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM  (Chapel opens after 1 PM Mass. No 5:30 PM LifeTeen Mass and No Sunday Nursery)

PLEASE NOTE:

• There will be no Mass or Reconciliation on Tuesday evening, March 27, and no Reconciliation on Saturday, March 31.

• During Holy week, the School Mass will take place on Wednesday, March 31 at 8:30 AM in the Activity Center on the Woodland Hills Campus.

• The Parish Office will be close at 4 PM on Holy Thursday, March 29, and will remain closed through Easter Monday, April 2. The office will reopen on Tuesday morning, April 3, at 9 AM.
In Our Prayers

Please remember the recently deceased and their families in your prayers:

- Thomas Peter Birney
- Jerome Ferreri
- George Mucha
- Gertrude Sarvadi
- William Noxin
- Minerva Haney

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.

Military Wreath: Please pray for our active military as seen on the wreath in the Narthex. To add a loved contact, Jodi at 281-358-6637, ext. 201, or jodis@stmartha.com.

To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Scripture readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent speak about the debilitating effects of sin and infidelity to the covenant on our lives and about the absolute need we have for God’s gift of mercy and salvation. The first reading from II Chronicles warns us that what happened to the people of Israel can easily happen to us Christians today. Early on Israel was blessed with unity and peace under the leadership of King David and his successors. But the people gradually drifted away from adherence to the covenant and this final chapter from the II Book of Chronicles records the collapse of this once great kingdom. The reading declares that “early and often” God sent messengers to the people hoping that they would listen and change their hearts. The sacred author wants us readers to appreciate how compassionate and patient God was in giving the people every opportunity to repent of their sins. The reading describes the terrible events that took place in 587 B.C. when the Babylonian army destroyed the city of Jerusalem and the temple of Solomon. Thus began the Babylonian exile for the people of Israel, a truly sorrowful time described as a land longing for its “lost Sabbaths.” The reading emphasizes that it was not the power of pagan Babylon that brought down Israel, but Israel’s own sinfulness and infidelity. The message of the Word of God is quite clear for us: sin destroys human beings and their ability to live in unity. Each time we act selfishly, we become less capable of acting with charity and concern for others. Each time we turn inward and focus on ourselves, we become less capable of reaching out to other people and to God. By gradually eating away at the values upon which human life must be built, sin cripples us and inhibits our ability to live in God’s Kingdom as his children. We move into a world that we have created ourselves by ignoring God’s way. We move into a world cut off from love, joy, and God’s grace. It is a world marked by frustration and a deep sense of failure and hatred.

However, if the effects of sin are inevitable for those who choose to live in that type of selfish world, so too are the saving effects of God’s grace for those who choose to change their lives and live in God’s Kingdom. The Gospel text from John has Jesus promising Nicodemus that all people can be saved from sin and be able to live eternally in God’s presence. This is God’s desire and plan. God has sealed this pledge or covenant with the life of his own Son: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life” (John 3:16). This is also the Church’s central message during the season of Lent. We are called to return to the Lord with all our heart and listen to God’s plan for us. No one of us should be the least worried or anxious about what God has in store for us or what he truly intends for us. God desires the fullness of life for each of us. God desires that each of us be saved and live always in his presence. The only concern that any of us should ever have about our success or failure as human beings is whether we desire what God wants for us.

Fr. Chester Borski

From the Pastor

St. Martha’s Music Ministry once again invites all to the third Thursday Sung Vespers to be held at 7:30 PM on March 15 in the Church. Come continue the Lenten season in song and prayer with this special universal prayer of the Church!
ST. MARTHA'S GRIEF SUPPORT PROGRAM—
St. Martha's grief support program welcomes all who are experiencing grief of a loved one to join us for the currently meeting grief support group on Tuesdays, from 7-9 PM at the Woodland Hills campus in Room 2. These sessions will continue through Tuesday, March 13. If you have questions please call Laurie at 281-360-2714, or e-mail lauriecardella@outlook.com.

Are You Interested in Looking Into the Catholic Church or Completing your Sacraments?
The RCIA is your answer! RCIA is a process for adults: unbaptized and those baptized in another Christian faith
- Who wish to know more about the Catholic faith.
- For Catholics who need to complete their sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.
We will have a new Inquirer group beginning soon! For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Charles or Lisa Ferguson at the RCIA office via email at: rcia@stmartha.com or call 281-713-8972 x258.

Revelation 3:20
“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.”

What is Catholics Returning Home?
Catholics Returning Home is a program that invites non-practicing Catholics to return home to the Catholic Church and resume active practice of their faith. If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while, this invitation is for you! No matter how long you have been away and no matter what the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Please join us for informal listening/Q&A sessions and an update of the Catholic faith, facilitated by former non-practicing Catholics. Next 6-week session starts Tuesday, April 10 7-8:30 PM.

Catholics Returning Home sessions provide updated information on the basics of Catholicism in an informal, support group format. Topics include:
- Welcome and Overview of the Series: Sharing by Team and Participants
- The Church Today – Changes since Vatican II, Q&A
- Explanation/Walk through of the Mass, Q&A
- The Creed: What Catholics Believe, Wrap-Up, Q&A
- Explanation of Reconciliation, Q&A

If you would like more information or to participate, please contact: Carla Lewton, carlal@stmartha.com, 281-713-8968 or Vicki Ruck, vickiruck@suddenlink.net, 713-927-8815

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY – LEVEL 2
Ministry to the sick at home, in nursing homes, and in hospitals
Location: Here at St. Martha
Time: 7–9:30 PM Monday evenings
Dates: 12 weeks from Aug. 20 to Nov. 12
Cost: $150 per person
Application and interview by the Chaplain Corp for admittance
Pick up application form at kiosk in the Narthex
For more information, contact Sheila Yepsen at 281-782-4078

Catholic Chaplain Corps

ST. MARTHA’S ACTS RETREAT
March 22-25, 2018
Registration for the March Women’s English ACTS Retreat has begun. The ACTS retreat is a three day/three night retreat that focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service and is presented by parishioners of St. Martha’s. Registration is limited and is on a first-come first-served basis and must include a non-refundable deposit of $50. The cost of the retreat is $190 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, Melanie McTaggart at 832-675-0694 or mmctaggart@hartenergy.com. Registration forms available on-line at www.smcsactsw22.com

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON -
St. Patrick’s Day
Top of the morning to ya! It’s no "blarney", wear your "green", find your "lucky shamrock" and join us on Wednesday, March 14 at St. Martha's Family Life Center for our Annual St. Patrick's Day celebration. Bingo begins at 11 AM, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 PM. If you are new to our community or have never been, try us out. Bring a friend and join the fun! We meet on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesday of each month for fellowship, bingo and lunch. If transportation is needed, contact Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

ST. MARTHA’S FAITH FORMATION OFFICE will be closed on Friday, March 16, for Spring Break. We will re-open on Monday, March 19.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older, on Wednesday, March 14, to talk/drink/eat at 7 PM at Culver’s Burgers, 331 Northpark (at Highway 59) in Kingwood. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

Feast of Divine Mercy
The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated on April 8, at 3 PM in the Church with Holy Hour, special prayers and graces granted with Plenary Indulgence under conditions attached to Mercy Sunday obligations. Please join us on this joyful Feast day celebration!

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.

St. Martha Rosary Guild
Enjoy an afternoon of fun, fellowship and making rosaries. We can teach you how to make a rosary and you can make rosaries at our regular meetings or/and you make them at home. Classes will begin March 11th on “How to Pray the Rosary” in Room 2, Woodland Hills Campus, 1-3 PM. Limited seating. RSVP text to Flora at 281-650-6834 or fkattijari@gmail.com for more information, membership, rosary supplies, and rosary requests.

Galveston Harbor & the Strand Historic District Tour—Tuesday, April 17, 8 AM - 5:30 PM
Cost of each Tour: $35 per person* Must be 50+ years old to attend. Limited number of seats!
The tour bus will depart from Building 3 on the St. Martha Faith Formation Campus at 8 AM.
*Please note that meals are not included in the tour price. Please register and pay for the tours at the Parish office between 9 AM—4 PM, Monday-Friday. For more information, please contact Annunciata Hopkins at 281-360-1258 or 713-665-9583.

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March meeting schedule—Room 2 on the Woodland Hill Campus
Second Sunday 1 - 3 PM
Fourth Wednesday 11:30 AM - 3 PM

Please contact Gilda Womack, at 281-989-4241 or gawomack@hotmail.com for more information, membership, rosary supplies, and rosary requests.

COME AND TASTE IT.
APRIL 28, 2018 7 – 10 PM
Saint Martha's FLC • 3702 Woodland Hills Drive, Kingwood, TX 77339

Come out for an evening of fun, food, and BEER with the Knights of Columbus as we raise funds for worthy local charities. Our Arts and Crafts Committee has chosen six local beers, each crafted with a food pairing to highlight the flavor of each beer. Each ticket will also include entry for door prizes, games, and commemorative pint glass filled with your choice of our beer selections!

TICKETS: $35 – Available online at: www.kofcbeerfest.com

100% OF NET PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITIES
PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

“Could you not watch one hour with Me?”

Our parish is incredibly blessed to have Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration available in our adoration Chapel 24 hours a day. Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because of His infinite love for each of us, 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 this time. Even if you do not have a regular hour, please feel free to visit our Blessed Lord at any time knowing that He is always waiting for us with joyful anticipation.

OPEN HOURS
SATURDAY 1-2 AM, 7-8 PM WEDNESDAY 4-5 PM
SECOND ADORERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS:

Monday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 5-6 AM
Tuesday: 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, MIDNIGHT - 1 AM
Wednesday: 2-3 AM, 4-5 PM, 7-8 PM, 11 PM - MIDNIGHT
Thursday: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 6-7 AM, 8-9 AM, 1-2 PM, 4-5 PM
Friday: 2-3 AM, 6-7 AM, 4-5 PM, 12 - 1 PM, 10-11 PM
Saturday AM: 1-2 AM, 5-6 AM, 9-10 AM, 10-11 AM, 11AM – NOON
Saturday PM: 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM, 4-5 PM, 7-8 PM, 9-10 PM, 10-11PM
Sunday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 10-11AM, 2-3 PM

If you are interested in participating in this ministry or would like more information, please contact: Carmen Ongando at 832-767-8826 or at carmenogando@yahoo.com.
If you need a substitute, please call your division leaders:
Robyn Laumbach for Midnight to 6AM (713-851-8768)
Karen Ehlig for 6AM to Noon (281-361-7127)
Annunciata Hopkins for Noon to 6PM (281-360-1258)
Beth Beckham for 6PM to Midnight (281-435-1439)

Baby Bottle Boomerang

WANTED

Baby Bottles: Full or Empty

Thank you to all the parishioners who generously donated to the Baby Bottle Boomerang! This year was our most successful campaign as we have raised over $23,000 for our mothers and babies! These ministries give hope to women facing crisis pregnancies and it is this hope that helps these women choose life.

We have received many bottles but over 600 bottles are still distributed. The bottles cost $1 a piece to replace and even if you can’t donate at this time, please return the bottles, full or empty to the church office. Thank you again for your continued support!

Serra Club Northeast of Houston

Invites You To Their Monthly Dinner and Meeting

Monday, March 26, 2018
6:30 PM Social, 7-8:30 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

Our guest speaker for March will be:
Dan Kidd, Director of the Shalom Center in Splendora
The Shalom Center is a residential treatment center for priests and religious.

RSVP: Eileen Benvegnu, eileenbenvegnu@yahoo.com
713-826-4943

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.

Holy Hour of Adoration for Vocations
Exposition & Benediction

- Second Tuesday: 7:30 - 8:30 PM
- Second Friday: 9 - 10 AM
Sponsored by Serra Club Northeast of Houston

Do not be afraid of Christ!
He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything!”
Pope Benedict XVI

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the PICKARD 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.
Parenting and Youth

St. Martha School Scoops

Our St. Martha School Family had a blast at Steps for Student on February 17th! We raised over $4000 and had almost 400 people register for a morning of fun, fitness, and fellowship in support of Catholic Schools!

Pictured left to right: Kindergartners, Maggie Wakefield and Lottie Hays

For more information about SMCS visit our website at www.stmarthacs.org or contact Registrar Jodie Richter at 281-358-5523.

St. Martha Catholic School provides an excellent Catholic education by developing mind, heart, and spirit as we share in community to form witnesses who transform the world.

Collegian Moms Prayer Group:
The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will meet on Monday, March 19, from 7-8 PM in the Adult Education Meeting Room 1 at the Faith Formation Campus (3702 Woodland Hills Drive). All moms with children preparing for college, currently enrolled in college, or recently graduated from college are cordially invited. If you have questions, please e-mail Gloria Gámez at mornglor@yahoo.com

Calling moms of all ages!
St Martha’s Moms Group
Motherhood Fellowship Nights from 7-8:30 p.m.
March 20: Lenten reflection
April 17: Dr. Brooke Jemelka of Caritas Women’s Care will be speaking
Be sure to join our Facebook group: St. Martha’s Moms (Kingwood, Tx).
For more information email Katie at stmarthasmoms@gmail.com
We look forward to meeting you.

SAVE THE DATE
VBS 2018
JUNE 11-15th
REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 3RD

Knights of Columbus Council #11326
Scholarship Applications

Two scholarships will be awarded this year. All college bound or currently enrolled undergraduate college students are eligible. One in the amount of $1,500.00 and another in the amount of $1,000.00.

Applications are available at the Parish office or on line from Marty Krupp - martybk@ymail.com

These documents must be delivered or postmarked by April 27, 2017.
UPDATE ON REPAIR WORK IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH.

Why all the work? Immediately after the completion of construction of the church, it was reported to Turner Duran (the architects) of the excessive moisture on the first course of limestone along the front wall of the church. It was documented in our list of concerns on our initial close-out walk-through with the general contractor and the architect representative. Turner Duran did not accept that there was a problem in the initial design.

After several years it was observed in certain areas that the limestone was starting to deteriorate and crumble apart. St. Martha retained the services of French Engineering to investigate and report on the problem concerning the excessive moisture and deterioration of the limestone. After the investigation by French Engineering, it was determined that the cause of the excessive moisture was due to the lower course of the limestone being in contact with the sand bed of the paver system. This design flaw had to be corrected, otherwise the limestone would deteriorate completely from the moisture being collected by the sand holding water in and around the face of the wall system. French Engineering was contracted to develop repair construction documents to correct the problem of the initial design. French Engineering was also contracted to perform contract administration and quality insurance for the project.

After the repair construction documents were completed, they were submitted for bids. Chamberlin was rewarded the contract for the limestone repair project.

The actual repair work by Chamberlin is a tedious process. The entire lower course of limestone along the front wall where the paver system came in contact with the limestone had to be removed. Due to the type of masonry stack system, the lower courses which bear the weight of the masonry wall, had to be removed a section at a time. This resulted in considerable amount of time and labor to perform the repair work. After removing a section of limestone, a shoring system was installed to hold up the upper courses of masonry above while the work proceeded. After the removal of the limestone, a concrete brick ledge was installed along with flashing and waterproofing to elevate the new limestone above the top elevation of the paver system. After the completion of the new course of limestone, the paver system had to be reinstalled to complete the project.

St. Martha is currently working with the Archdiocese to get compensation for the engineering and construction costs for the limestone repair project. Hopefully the project will be completed by Easter and the problems will have been resolved.

Fr. Chester Borski

St. Martha’s is having a family-oriented soccer tournament with food trucks and something a little more competitive, once a month during the Spring. If you are 18 or older and would like to play, or if you would like your children to play, you must pre-register. Registration is free and doesn’t commit you to anything, but it’s needed in order to verify your Virtus training. Every adult player or the parent of the children who play must be Virtus trained. Questions or to pre-register, please call Monica (404-406-9510) or see our parish website.

1st game: March 18 (Plan B – April 8); 2nd game: April 29 (Plan B – May 6) 3rd game: May 27 (Plan B – June 3)
Stations of the Cross will be held at 7:30 PM in the church every Friday during Lent.

This weekend our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Please give generously to the CRSC, and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

For Lent we are expanding our confession times on Tuesday from 6-7 PM in the evening. Confession on Saturday are now 10 AM – Noon and 4:30-5:30 PM.

Food Fair at St. Martha’s
4301 Woodridge Parkway
March 21, 11 AM—1 PM
Please note: Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Call Alejandra at 832-860-4860 for more information.

Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help St. Martha save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide St. Martha with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season! Sign up today by going to our website at www.stmartha.com and scrolling down to the Electronic Giving Faith Direct icon or visiting www.faithdirect.net our church code is TX497. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

Knights of Columbus
Council 12320
“He Is Risen!” Yard Crosses for Sale!
$5 each
Available for purchase at the St. Martha Catholic Church Office at 4301 Woodridge Parkway or at every Lenten Fish Fry on Friday nights in the St. Martha Family Life Center.

2018 Annual Lenten Fish Fry
Kingwood Council #12320
Knights of Columbus

Friday Nights
Feb 16th, 23rd, Mar 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd
Serving from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM
Location
Family Life Center

Adult’s Dinner $10.00 Child’s Dinner $3.00
Adult Dinner Inc: Cajun Fried Catfish and/or Baked Lemon Dill Salmon, Coleslaw, Green Beans, Fried and Hushpuppies.
Children’s Dinner Includes: Fish Sticks, Vegetable Shells and Cheese, Fries and Hushpuppies. Drinks: Iced Tea, Lemon aide, and Coffee

Blessing of Easter Food
When: Noon on Holy Saturday, March 31.
Location: Church Narthex
According to custom, households may bring a sampling of their Easter meal (and/or food items from a child’s Easter basket) to church in a basket for the priest to bless. The blessing connects the Easter celebration with the ‘ecclesial’, the little Church of the home. The custom helps to bring Easter into the home around the family table.

Stations of the Cross will be held at 7:30 PM in the church every Friday during Lent.
Ministerio Hispano

¡SUPÉRATE! Formación Integral para la mujer
CAMBIA TU VIDA

- Familia
- Inglés
- Costura
- Evangéлизación

AMSIF Santa Martha
Iones de 10:00 a 1:00pm
832-860-4860
www.amsifusa.org

RETIRO DE HOMBRES DE ACTS
3 al 6 de Mayo, 2018

Las Inscripciones para el Retiro de ACTS en Español estarán abiertas a partir del 4 de Abril. Estaremos a sus órdenes los domingos en el Narthex después de la misa en Español.

El retiro de ACTS es una experiencia de 3 días y 3 noches que se enfocan en la Adoración, Comunidad, Teología y Servicio.

Para registrarse, hay que presentarse en el Narthex después de la misa en Español y dejar un depósito de $50 al momento de llenar la solicitud. El costo completo del Retiro es de $190. Por favor no deje pasar esta oportunidad, si necesita ayuda con el costo del Retiro o para preguntas contactar a cualquiera los directores del Retiro.

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St. Martha les invita a un torneo de soccer donde habrá food trucks, se hará una vez al mes a partir de la primavera. Si tienes +18 años y quieres jugar o si te gustaría que tu hijo(a) juegue; es necesario pre-registrarse (solo el adulto papa o jugador). No cuesta nada ni implica compromiso, pero es necesario inscribirse para verificar que cuenta con el curso de Virtus. Todos los adultos y al menos uno de los padres debe contar con Virtus.

Primer Partido: 18 de marzo (“plan B” – 8 de abril); Segundo partido: 29 de abril (“plan B” – 6 de mayo); Tercer partido: 27 de mayo (“plan B” – 3 de junio)

Esperamos se animen y podamos convivir y jugar! Si tiene dudas o para inscripciones llama a Elsa (832 233 8738) o vea nuestra página.

ST. MARTHA
Misión de Semana Santa en español
Nory Taliente y Julio Lago
Martes 3/27 y Miércoles 3/28 - 7PM
Capilla de Woodland Hills. Te esperamos!

HAAM
El banco de Comidas de Montgomery y HAAM estarán donando comida el día Miércoles 21 de Marzo de 11 AM-1PM.
En el estacionamiento de la Iglesia de Santa Marta 4301 Woodridge Pkwy. Porter, TX 77365
Por orden de llegada
Se necesitan voluntarios para repartir la comida si puede ayudar por favor llamar a Alejandra Gutiérrez al 832-860-4860

CABALLERO EN UN DÍA
SÁBADO
24 de marzo de 2018
WOODLAND HILLS CAMPUS
3702 WOODLAND HILLS DR
KINGWOOD, TX 77339

REGISTRO DE ADMISIÓN PARA 1er GRADO 7:30 AM, COMIENZA 8:15 AM
REGISTRO DE 2º Y 3º GRADO 9:00 AM, EMPIEZA 10:15 AM
PATROCINADOR Y CANDIDATOS PARA 1er GRADO TRAER SU FORMULARIO COMPLETADO 100.
LOS CANDIDATOS A MAYOR GRADO DEBEN TENER SU TARIFA DE MEMBRESÍA ACTUAL.
MEDALLÓN SERÁ PROPORCIONADO Y FACTURADO AL CONSEJO MÁS TARDE.
DESPAYO Y ALMUERZO SERÁ SERVIDO POR 58 PARA TODOS LOS NO CANDIDATOS.
CONTACTOS: JOHN STANTON OGN 281-630-6728
BOB SCHMIDT OGN 281-758-6837
LOS CONSEJOS SERÁN FACTURADOS $25 POR CADA CANDIDATO.
Misión Comité de Vocaciones

Nuestra misión es fomentar una cultura de la vocación en la parroquia de Santa Marta que promueva y afíme todas las vocaciones al sacerdocio, religiosa y a la vida consagrada a través de actividades de oración, educación, concienciación y afirmación. Nuestro objetivo es identificar a aquellas personas interesadas en la vida religiosa para prestar apoyo, e invitarlos a eventos vocacionales en nuestra parroquia y Arquidiócesis a eventos que les ayude en procesos de discernimiento. También ofrecemos nuestra asistencia a los padres y profesores mediante formas creativas para enseñar y promover la vida religiosa a nuestra juventud.

Eventos nacionales de vocaciones de la Arquidiócesis

Próximas Oportunidades de discernimiento vocacional:
http://www.houstonvocations.com/
Descubrir el camino menos transitado
Abril 12 - 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Marzo 15 (7-10 P.M.)
Descubre el camino menos recorrido: Reunión de discernimiento vocacional en español para jóvenes adultos solteros (hombres y mujeres) de 18 a 35 años de edad para conocer más sobre la vida sacerdotal y religiosa. Habrá convivencia, comida, música, oración y temas vocacionales presentados por sacerdotes, religiosas y seminaristas. Registración, videos, y detalles en www.houstonvocations.com/descubre

El propósito del cáliz de vocaciones, el cáliz consagrado, es proporcionar un punto focal para orar. Todos somos conscientes de la necesidad de vocaciones al sacerdocio, el diaconado y la vida religiosa. Sin embargo, a veces olvidamos lo poderoso que puede ser orar por un aumento en las vocaciones. Si oramos con la fe de la viuda de Zarepath, en 1 Reyes 17, ¡nuestra copa nunca se secará! Siempre tendremos sacerdotes para traernos a Jesús en la Eucaristía. El Concilio Vaticano II nos instruye que es el trabajo de los laicos orar y levantar vocaciones, y esto fue repetido por el Papa Juan Pablo II en muchas de sus enseñanzas. Para obtener más información y desear orar por las vocaciones favor comunícense con William Lasalle (Tony) al (210) 913-6728 o a su correo electrónico onairtonty@gmail.com

Legión de María—Somos una organización apostólica de laicos en la iglesia Católica, aprobada por los últimos tres Papas y endorsada por el Concilio Vaticano II. Realizamos reuniones semanales en donde se reza el Santo Rosario, se asignan trabajos leigonarios y se estudian temas informativos para hacer más eficaz el apostolado. Nuestros trabajos consisten en evangelizar y santificar hombres mediante visitas a: familias, cárceles, 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 7PM. En el salón #2 de la antigua iglesia Sta. Martha en el 3702 Woodland Hills Dr. Para más información pueden contactar a estos números 281-728-9843 Verónica Reyes ó 859-250-3687 Mildred García

INVITAMOS A TODAS LAS:
QUINCEAÑERAS

Y A TODAS LAS JÓVENES EN HIGH SCHOOL INTERESADAS EN PARTICIPAR EN:

- EL RETIRO PARA QUINCEAÑERAS
SÁBADO ABRIL 14 YOUTH CENTER
CAMPUS WOODLAND HILLS

- LA MISA DE QUINCEAÑERAS
SÁBADO ABRIL 28 IGLESIA DE ST. MARTHA @3PM

El costo del retiro y la Misa es de $50 por participante. Si eres quinceañera, es necesario acudir al retiro para participar en la Misa. Se invita a cualquier joven interesada que esté inscrita en High School a participar en el Retiro.

PARA MAYOR INFORMACIÓN:
YAZMIN LAGO, 281-713-2032,
YAZ_LAGO@MSN.COM

Fiesta de la Cerveza

28 de ABRIL del 2018 7 – 10 PM
FLC de Santa Martha –3702 WoodlandHillsDrive, Kingwood, TX 77339

Les Caballeros de Colón, te invitamos a una tarde llena de diversión, comida y CERVEZA. Nuestro comité de eventos ha elegido seis cervezas artesanales, y preparará seis platos exclusivos para ofrecerle el menú ideal para cada una de ellas. Todo esto con el motivo de recargar fondos, para diversas organizaciones de beneficencia de nuestra comunidad.

BOLETOS: $35 – Disponibles en línea en la página www.kofcbeerfest.com

El 100% de las ganancias serán donadas a organizaciones de beneficencia de nuestra comunidad.

Knights of Columbus Council 12320
"¡Él ha resucitado!"
Cruces a la venta!
$5 cada uno

Disponible para su compra en la oficina de la iglesia St. Martha en el 4301 Woodridge Parkway o cada viernes de cuaresma durante el fish fry en el centro familiar (FLC).