

# Holy Family Catholic Church



## FAMILY PRAYER

God Made us a family.

We need one another.

We love one another

We forgive one another.

We work together.

We play together.

Together we learn God's Word.

Together we grow in Christ.

Together we love all people.

Together we serve our God.

Together we hope for Heaven.

These are our hopes.

Help us obtain them, Father,  
through Jesus your Son, our Lord. Amen.

### Mailing Address: P O Box 482

Van Alstyne TX, 75495

Parish Office: 903-482-6322

For a Priest: 972-542-4667

Website: [www.holyfamily-vanalstyne.org](http://www.holyfamily-vanalstyne.org)

### Clergy

Fr. Salvador Guzmán, Pastor

Fr. Eugene Azorji, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Patrick A. Hayes

### Mass Schedule

Sunday: 9:00 am - English Mass

12:00 pm - Spanish Mass

Thursday: 9:00 am - Daily Mass

**Baptism**

Baptisms in English: 2nd Sunday of each month  
 Baptisms in Spanish: 1st Sunday of each month

**Pre Baptismal Class Registration:** Registration required by the Sunday before class begins. Classes are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. **Parents:** Bring copy of child's birth certificate. Both parents must attend class. **Godparents:** Must be practicing Catholics. Copy of marriage certificate through the Catholic church. Both godparents must attend class. **As a courtesy, please do not bring children to class.**

**First Communion**

April 26, 2014 10:00 am

**Confirmation:**

March 1, 2014 10:00 am

**SACRAMENTS**

**Anointing of the Sick**

Please call the Parish.

**Reconciliation/Confession**

Immediately following the 1st Mass

**Marriage/Wedding**

Both must be free to marry in the Catholic Church. Arrangements should be made at least 6 months prior to planned Wedding date.

**Holy Orders/Priesthood**

Talk to your Parish priest or call Fr. John Szatkowski, Director of Vocations of the Diocese of Dallas at 214-379-2860.

Courtney Hicks  
 Mirna Caldonia  
 Rita Christian

**PRAY  
 For**

Arnie Clark  
 Joseph Travers

**Weekly Calendar**

**Sunday, February 16**

8:00 am- 3:00 pm Our Lady Of Fatima Visitation  
 8:30 am Rosary  
 9:00 am Mass  
 10:15 am-11:15 am Faith Formation  
 12:00 pm Spanish Mass

**Monday, February 17**

9:00 am Rosary

**Tuesday, February 18**

7:00 pm Spring Fest Meeting  
 7:00 pm RCIA Meeting

**Wednesday, February 19**

6:00-7:00 pm Faith Formation

**Thursday, February 20**

9:00 am Mass  
 9:30 am Bible Class  
 7:00 pm Spanish Youth Choir

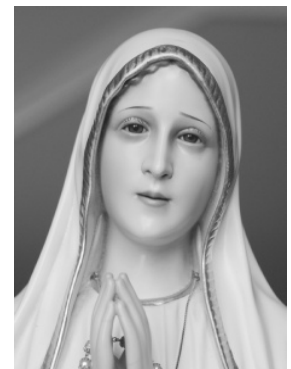
**Friday, February 21**

7:00 pm Spanish Adult Choir

**Saturday, February 22**

Quince

**Holy Family has been  
 Blessed By Her Visit**



Names were removed as of this Bulletin, February 16th as the Parish has not been called asking that the name remain. Names can only remain on this list for four weeks without a call. Thank You Call 903-482-6322.

**Offering**

Attendance	February 9, 2014	695
Offerings:	February 9, 2014	\$ 1,996.58
Building Fund:	February 9, 2014	\$ 7,237.00

**Did You Know???**

**Holy Family Web Site/Face Book**  
[www.holyfamily-vanalstyne.org](http://www.holyfamily-vanalstyne.org)

**CHECK IT OUT**

**Keep up with all events and the Building Expansion, Faith Formation Dates and Spring Fest plans as they progress.**

**Ya te enteraste???**

**La Iglesia de la Sagrada Familia tiene una muy Buena pagina de internet y tambien nos encontraran en Facebook.**  
<http://www.holyfamily-vanalstyne.org/>

**PASA A VISITARLA**

**te tendra al tanto de eventos, expansion del edificio, clases de Formacion de Fe y el progreso de los planes del Festival de Primavera.**

**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

February 21, 2014 4:30- 9:30 Twilight Confirmation Retreat  
 February 25,2014 6:00 pm Confirmation Practice Sponsors, Students, and Parents meeting (required),  
 March 1, 2014 10:00 am Holy Family Confirmation  
 March 5, 2014 Ash Wednesday

**Recordatorio de fechas proximas**

Febrero 21, 2014 4:30 a 9:30 P.M. Retiro de Confirmacion por la tarde.  
 Febrero 25, 2014 6:00 P.M. Practica para la Confirmacion.  
 \*\*\*\*\*ver cambio de fecha para practica\*\*\*\*\*  
 Marzo 1, 2014 10:00 A.M. Primera Comunion.  
 Marzo 5, 2014 Miercoles de Ceniza.

**BAD COMPANY**

People who live solely for themselves are eventually corrupted by their own company.

—Anonymous

# Announcements

## Bishop's Annual Appeal

**Today In-Pew Signing:** Every family is asked to make a commitment to the Bishop's Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries. Our Parish Goal is \$ 8,000 we have always met our goal.

### Hoy Firmando cuando esten sentados:

A cada familia se les pide que se comprometan a la Peticion Annual del bispo para ayuda de los Ministerios Catolicos. La meta para nuestra iglesia es de \$8,000. Nosotros hemos siempre hemos podido llegar a esa meta.

### FAITH FORMATION

February 25, 2014 6:00 pm

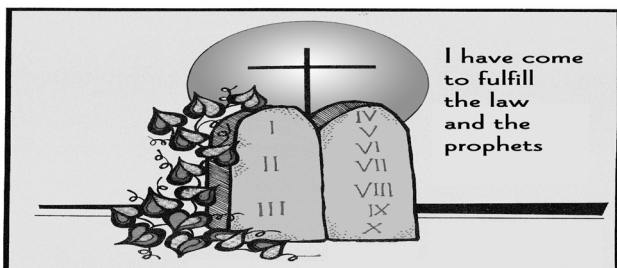
Confirmation Practice,  
Sponsors, Students, and Parents  
meeting (required),

El 25 de Febrero del 2014, a las 6 P.M.

Practica, Padrinos, Alumnos y junta  
para los Padres (es requerida).

### WISDOM

A wise old owl lived in an oak  
The more he saw the less he spoke.  
The less he spoke the more he heard.  
Why can't we all be like that wise old bird?  
—English nursery rhyme



**NEXT Meeting: Tuesday Feb. 25th at 7:00 pm**

Raffle tickets to be printed Feb. 17th. We need to make sure all items donated are turned in by Feb. 16th. Please if you haven't attended a meeting and have a donation, please contact Jesus Alanis,  
Stacy Demel, Wayne Silks, Lino Hernandez, or Janis

**PROXIMA JUNTA: Martes, 25 de Febrero a las 7:00 pm**

Tiquetes para la rifa se imprimiran el 17 de Febrero. Nosotros necesitamos estar seguros que todos los articulos que seran donados sean entregados para el 16 de Febrero. Por favor si no has asistido a ninguna junta y tienes una donacion, por favor hablar con Jesus Alanis, Stacy Demel, Wayne Silks, Lino Hernandez, o Janis Hicks antes del 16 de Febrero.

### YOUTH GROUP

**Meet immediately after 12:00 pm Mass. Come join 8th-12th grade. Alma and Julio Salas are our volunteer leaders. It's fun to be in a Faith based youth group that plans activities that will keep you close to God.**

**Meeting: TODAY February 16th**

**Junta inmediatamente despues de la Misa de 12:00.**

**Vengan alumnos de los grados del 8 al 12. Alma y Julio Salas son nuestros lideres voluntaries. Es divertido estar en un grupo de jovenes basado en la Fe que planea actividades que te mantendra acercarte mas a Dios.**

**Junta: HOY Febrero 16**

In our normal, daily lives we are invariably so self-preoccupied that we find it difficult to be able to accord others the same reality and value we give to ourselves. In brief, it's difficult for us to live in true empathy because we are forever consumed with our own heartaches and headaches. From two famous intellectuals, one speaking philosophically and the other psychologically, we get that same insight.

Rene Descartes, as we know, famously suggests that all true thinking must begin with our own reality: I think, therefore I am. His logic works this way: What's the only thing you can know that's real, beyond all doubt? His answer: Your own mind. You know that your own mind is real because you are inside of it. You are real, you can be sure that, but you might be imagining or dreaming everything else. Sigmund Freud, centuries later, coming from another angle, reaches basically the same conclusion. For Freud, we are forever so excessively self-preoccupied that we are unable to see other peoples' lives as being just as real as ours.

If that's true, and certainly there's truth there, then it's not surprising that real empathy and genuine generativity are a struggle for us since both are predicated precisely on being able to accord to other peoples' heartaches and headaches the same reality and importance that we give to our own. But it's hard to do this: It's hard to give to others without some level of self-interest being involved. It's hard to have wholly pure motives in serving others. It's hard to know other people's heartaches in the same way as we know our own. It's hard to be purely altruistic. And ... especially it's hard to overcome this!

Why? Don't sympathy and empathy come naturally to us? Sympathy and empathy do come naturally to us, but, like everything else, they come mixed with a lot of other things. What things?

First, sympathy and empathy come mixed with our more-primal instincts for survival. We aren't born generous and empathic, we're born needy, hungry, and instinctually driven for survival. As newborns, we are so consumed with our own survival that we have to grow into an awareness of the reality of others. Nature brings us into this world this way in order to ensure that we do what it takes to survive and this greatly mitigates our empathy. Moreover, beyond how nature has built us, our early experiences soon do further damage to our empathic capacities. Simply put, none of us gets loved purely and wholly and, long before we reach our adulthood, all of us have lost our wholeness. As adults, we are, all of us, to some degree, wounded, fearful, and given over to habits of self-preservation which weaken our empathy.

It works this way: We come into this world with great adaptability. As babies, every instinct inside us works towards life and because of this, unconsciously, we do whatever it takes to stay alive and we adapt to whatever (food, shelter, clothing, language, environment) we need to adapt to in order to stay alive. The adaptations we make as young children help ensure our survival but then leave us wounded in ways that make genuine empathy difficult later in life.

What can we do about all of this? There aren't any easy answers, psychologically or spiritually, and to suggest that there aren't is helpful. We are dealing with deeply engrained instincts that don't sway just because they are intellectually understood and with wounds that need to be healed through the heart. At the end of the day, what would cure us and open our hearts to empathy and real generativity is the experience of genuine, non-exploitive love. But we can't make others love us in this way and we struggle mightily to feel God's love for us when others don't love us this way. Moreover we are caught-up in vicious circle: the very wounds that need to be healed through love are the very things that are making it difficult for others to love us. Love is the answer. It would make us whole, but we cannot will this love upon ourselves. So what can we do?

First, we can admit the problem, admit our lack of wholeness, admit our wounds, admit our excessive self-preoccupation, and admit our lack of empathy. That's a start. Second, we can humbly seek help from others, from family, friends, recovery groups, therapists. An honest, request for help, usually brings some help. Coupled with this, we can expose ourselves more regularly to the poor (of every kind) and their needs and this will help baptize us into empathy and generativity. Few things have the power to draw us out beyond our own wounds and help us to be self-forgetful as standing before the needy. Finally, we need to seek God's help by throwing ourselves, in prayer, upon God's wholeness, asking God to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves, namely, see others as being as real as we are.

**My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

Throughout the nine counties of northern Texas, The Diocese of Dallas, daily, embraces more than the one million Catholics who call this Diocese their spiritual home.

We are, ultimately, one body in Christ.

On the night of the last supper, as Christ looked forward to his suffering on the cross, so too do we, each Sunday, in the celebration of the Eucharist, look back to that saving event where our Lord secured our redemption.

Although our salvation was secured in his physical body, our Lord's suffering continues in the members of his mystical body, the Church. Each of us stands at the foot of the cross when one of our brothers and sisters in faith lacks the spiritual or physical necessities that are necessary for a joyful and productive life.

Understanding the profound bond that connects each of us in our family of faith throughout the Diocese of Dallas, we are called upon, with one heart and mind, to continue and sustain the healing, teaching, and redemptive mission of our Church.

Your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries ensures that the hungry will be fed, those who are troubled will be comforted, and those who seek the presence of the Lord will be spiritually nourished.

I would ask each of you, in the coming weeks, to think upon the many blessings that God has given you and to open your hearts in support of this critical annual program.

Thank you and may God bless you.

I remain, yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Kevin J. Farrell, D.D.

Bishop of the Diocese of Dallas

**Mis hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:**

A lo largo de nueve condados de Texas, la Diócesis de Dallas llega todos los días a más de un millón de católicos que la llaman su hogar espiritual.

Somos, en definitiva, un solo cuerpo en Cristo.

Así como Cristo en la noche de la última cena, esperó expectante su sufrimiento en la cruz, lo mismo hacemos nosotros cada domingo en la celebración de la Eucaristía, pues vivimos de nuevo ese acontecimiento salvífico en el que nuestro Señor aseguró nuestra redención.

Aunque nuestra salvación fue asegurada en su cuerpo físico, el sufrimiento de nuestro Señor continúa en los miembros de su cuerpo místico: la Iglesia. Cada uno de nosotros se encuentra al pie de la cruz cuando uno de nuestros hermanos y hermanas en la fe carece de las necesidades espirituales o físicas que son necesarias para una vida feliz y productiva.

Al comprender el vínculo profundo que nos une a cada uno a nuestra familia de fe a través de la Diócesis de Dallas, estamos llamados, a ser un solo corazón y una mente para continuar y mantener la sanidad, la enseñanza y la misión redentora de nuestra Iglesia.

Su apoyo a la Campaña Anual del Obispo para los Ministerios Católicos, asegura que aquellos que pasan hambre sean alimentados, que aquellos que están preocupados sean consolados y los que buscan la presencia del Señor sean alimentados espiritualmente.

En las próximas semanas les pediré a cada uno de ustedes que piensen en las muchas bendiciones que Dios le ha dado y abran sus corazones para apoyar este programa anual crítico.

Gracias y que Dios los bendiga.

Permanezco suyo en Cristo,

Excelentísimo Kevin J. Farrell, D.D.

Information Page

Holy Family Quasi-Parish

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Date: Sept 18, 2011

Janis Hicks 903-744-7999

Transmission Date / Time Tuesday 12:00pm

Special Instructions