

Prayer for Vocations

Beloved and Generous God,
it is You who calls us by name
and asks us to follow You.

Help us to grow in love
and in the service to our church.

Give us the enthusiasm
and the energy of Your Spirit
to prepare its future

Give us leaders full of faith
that embrace the mission of Christ
in love and in justice

Bless the Church
with leaders from our families
that will dedicate their lives
to the service of their people
as priests, deacons, and religious sisters

Inspire us to get to know you better
and open our hearts
to hear Your calling

Amen.

Your Personal Stewardship Plan

Stewardship is a way of life. It involves intentional, planned and proportional giving of time, talent and treasure. Stewardship is taking the chance to give back to God a portion of the blessings you have received.

How you can give?:

- Be with God in prayer and worship
- Share our love with family and friends
- Volunteer time in Church and community activities that help others.

If you'd like to talk more about developing your own personal stewardship or if you have any questions about how you can provide help at St. Paul Parish, please contact Don Wass at Tectexas@aol.com or 972.231.1586.



A Note from Father David Flori

When you want to know what is going on in the world, you can watch the TV news, read the newspaper or a magazine. To find out what is going on in your Parish community, now there is our own quarterly newsletter, *St. Paul People*.

While the newsletter will contain useful information about what is going on in our Church and School, we also want to feature news about individuals. Many of you are involved in one or more of our parish organizations and so you are familiar with the activities of those groups and you have the opportunity to know other members. Because your time is limited, however, you probably know little about the other organizations and/or their members.

We believe that a newsletter is a great way to spread the news about the St. Paul Community. Although our newsletter will not allow us to feature every member, it might help you realize that the person sitting next to you at Mass is someone worth getting to know. We hope that you will take the opportunity to meet more of our members and discover for yourself that we have some very special people here. Better yet, the newsletter might help you to identify an organization or activity that interests you, so that you will get involved and get to know many more St. Paul people!

For those of you who are already involved in parish organizations and activities, I sincerely THANK YOU. I encourage you to let us know if you have ideas about what we should cover in this newsletter. The reason that St. Paul is such a great community is because of you and that is why we are so glad to introduce you to *St. Paul People*.

Father David Flori

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Un Mensaje del Padre David Flori

Cuando quiere saber lo que esta pasando en el mundo, usted puede ver la television, leer el periodico o una revista. Para enterarse de lo que esta sucediendo en la comunidad de su parroquia, existe ahora nuestra publicacion trimestral "St. Paul People" (Gente de San Pablo).

Mientras que la publicacion contendra informacion util acerca de lo que esta ocurriendo en nuestra Iglesia y Escuela, tambien queremos incluir informacion y noticias sobre individuos en nuestra comunidad. Muchos de ustedes estan involucrados en una o mas de las organizaciones de nuestra parroquia y, por lo tanto, estan familiarizados con las actividades de estos grupos y tienen la oportunidad de conocer a otras gentes en el grupo. Debido a que su tiempo es limitado, sin embargo, usted conoce poco acerca de las otras organizaciones y miembros.

Nosotros pensamos que esta publicacion es una excelente manera de "correr la voz" acerca de la comunidad de San Pablo. Aunque nuestra publicacion no nos permitira hablar acerca de todos los miembros, tal vez si le ayude a dars cuenta que la persona sentada al lado de usted en Misa es alguien quien vale la pena conocer. Esperamos que usted tome la oportunidad de conocer a mas de nuestros miembros y descubrir que tenemos gente muy especial aqui. Mejor aun, esta publicacion tal vez le ayude a identificar una organizacion o actividad que le interese para que pueda involucrarse y llegar a conocer a mucha de la gente de San Pablo.

Para aquellos que están involucrados en las organizaciones y actividades de la parroquia, quiero darles mis más sinceras GRACIAS y les pido que nos den a conocer sus idea sobre lo que deberíamos cubrir en esta publicación. La razón por la cual San Pablo es una gran comunidad es por usted y es por eso que nos complace presentarle a la "Gente de San Pablo."

Father David Flori

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Comfort Food

Have you ever lost someone you love? If so, then you know that it is a great relief to have people step forward to offer help. Thanks to the Women's Guild Family Emergency Committee, parishioners can feel a sense of relief when it comes to feeding their family and friends who attend a service at or affiliated with St. Paul's Church. "These ladies make things a little bit easier, and they love what they do," explained Mary Stenicka, this year's head of the Family Emergency Committee.

When Parish Secretary Adrienne Bochantin learns about a death in one of our parish families, she alerts the committee. With that one phone call, Mary and her unsung heroines start buying, cooking, chopping and baking a wonderful home-cooked meal.

Whether the grieving family would like a meal offered after services in the St. Paul School cafeteria or activity center, or in their home, they can count on the Women's Guild to provide a complete meal and several ladies to serve and clean up.

"We rotate through our Guild members asking for volunteers and everyone is always very receptive about bringing something or helping," said Mary. "Several amazing ladies, including Dixie Dreher, Anne DiFiore, Helen Hodges, Virginia Huston, Chrissie Keffler, Randhi Parsons and Doris Reha to name just a few, have been helping these families for many years now."

In addition to this Family Emergency Committee, the Guild also cleans the altar and linens each week and makes baptismal stoles for all parish baptisms. Overall the Women's Guild works to unite the women of our parish for the glory of God and the spiritual and material goal of the parish family. If you want to learn more, please come to a meeting at 7 p.m. in the St. Paul Cafeteria on any second Wednesday of the month.

Fellowship Grilled to Perfection!

In the grand scheme of things, a grill is just that - a grill. But a new grill has sure brought some excitement because it represents a wonderful opportunity for Parish organizations to spend more time together in fellowship!

The grill has been constructed on the south side of the school, replacing the one that was torn down to make room for the new storage building.

Built as an Eagle Scout project by Trey Florance, the grill is dedicated to the memory of Leroy Jetton, one of the first members of St. Paul Parish when it was founded in 1956.

Phil Hopman, president of the St. Paul Men's Club, says he anticipates the Boy Scouts, Youth Group, Knights of Columbus and Men's Club will all use the new grill. Any Parish organizations may use the grill, as long as common-sense safety and clean-up rules are followed.

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We have also set up a special ST. PAUL PARISH NEWSLETTER box that is now located in the Church Narthex.

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St. Paul School Notes

Like our Church, St. Paul School (SPS) is a treasure tucked away in a neighborhood that you may not stumble into by accident. But it's no accident that students and parents love SPS when they find it! Alongside parents, SPS works to provide religious, intellectual, moral, physical, esthetic and social formation of our children. This past year, our first with Principal Dr. Gail Hartin, was a particularly exciting and fulfilling! Here are some of the highlights; many of these events will be repeated again this year.

- A wonderful community Halloween Carnival.
- Our fifth grade class enjoyed an environmental learning trip to The Pines Catholic Camp.
- The entire school participated in the Veterans parade.
- Coach Sanders and the varsity football team brought home DPL Championship for the second time in three years!
- Allison Zugelder won a 1st-place speech award from the Richardson Optimist Club.
- SPS Won an award for our live nativity scene entry in the Richardson Christmas parade.
- Our school's largest fundraiser, the Medieval Night Auction, was a great success.
- Coach Sanders and the 7th grade boys basketball team brought home a DPL title!
- Fifth graders visited the Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving.
- Sound of Music favorites were performed by our 3rd - 5th grade students.
- A musical revue of Joseph's Technicolor Dreamcoat featuring our 8th graders.
- There was also a talent show highlighting several 2nd through 8th-grade students.
- Working together with Parish Religious Education Dept., we prepared our second graders for first reconciliation and first communion and our eighth graders for confirmation.
- Student outreach projects to needy families, to military troops and to pro-life efforts.
- SPS held a successful book fair.
- Kathleen Hever organized a volunteer greeter program for the school. It not only helps us to increase safety, it allows us to give a friendly welcome to visitors!
- The Catholic Formation and Conference Center awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Catholic Foundation. This money has been used to purchase text books and other instructional materials.
- We celebrated graduation of 58 students (nearly all of them will go on to Catholic high school)! We're pleased to note that many received scholarships for excellence in academics in leadership.

School began August 18, 2004, this time with our new Pre-K program for 4 year olds! It's sure to be another successful year ahead! <http://www.saintpaulschool.org>



We Want News About Parish Students at Other Schools, too!

Students of other schools who attend St. Paul Parish - Please send us your news and photos!

We want to share St. Paul Parish students' news in future newsletters, so please send us your information. If you have been involved or achieved something in academic, sports or special projects - please help us share your news with our St. Paul Community.

You can send it to Jane Koenecke, c/o jkoenecke@aol.com or 913 Northlake Dr., Richardson, TX 75080, or, you can look for the special ST. PAUL PARISH NEWSLETTER box that is now in the Church Narthex.

RENEW Completes Second Successful Season

RENEW is a program designed to help us deepen our relationship with God by meeting in small Christian groups that share reading, prayers and discussions. St. Paul is one of several parishes in the diocese to recently embrace this program, which has been implemented in many parts of the world since the 1980's.

Patti Fitch has been the leader of a group that has been together for two seasons so far. Patti said, "The sharing we do, the conversations we have, and the prayers we offer together have been truly amazing, and I feel a spiritual connection with each person in my group. She added, "As I reflect on our RENEW journey, it is easy to see that it has helped our group and the St. Paul community as a whole to feel the presence of God's love and grace."

Don Wass, coordinator of RENEW, explained that almost all of the more than 200 RENEW participants returned for the second season at St. Paul's, including several groups in our Spanish-speaking community. Paul Wearden, also coordinator of the RENEW program, added, "From the feedback received, it's clear RENEW has the potential to keep growing and making a meaningful difference for our parishioners."

And so St. Paul plans to offer another six-week session of RENEW in the Fall in preparation of Advent. Watch for sign up times in September! If you have some comments you'd like to share about this program, please forward them to Don Wass (972.231.1586 or tectexas@aol.com) or Paul Wearden (972.231.3916 or pwearden@flash.net).



St. Vincent de Paul - Fulfilling a Never-ending Need

You see the blue envelopes in your packet from St. Paul's. Perhaps you put something in them from time to time. You know your donation goes to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and will be used to help the poor and needy. But did you know you are carrying on a Catholic tradition dating back more than 300 years?

St. Vincent de Paul and Louise de Marillac began their ministry to the poor in France way back in the 17th century. In 1833, Frederick Ozanam founded the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Paris as a predominantly lay organization. Today, there are more than 900,000 members in 132 countries worldwide.

Volunteers at St. Paul the Apostle have been carrying on the work of the Society since 1982, when the parish conference was formed. It is one of 29 active conferences in the Dallas Diocese.

Since January 1, the Society has provided about \$20,302 in direct financial assistance to 78 families or individuals. Donations received to date are \$20,535, so you can see our Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society works very hard to put these funds to use quickly. Our Society has also referred three families to shelters and another 168 families or individuals to other assistance programs in 2004; most of the people referred live outside our parish area.

Assistance usually consists of helping pay for immediate needs such as shelter, utilities and food. In addition, the Society provides food from Network, furniture and clothing from Catholic Charities Home Center, and clothing from the Society's Thrift Center.

Funding comes not only via the blue envelopes but through direct contributions and food donated monthly to Network of Ministries (serving as the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry), and supplemental contributions from parish general funds.

Members sometimes dip into their own pockets to pay for food, gasoline, or other immediate needs, say Lou Neeb, current president of St. Paul's SVDP conference. Beyond the material support, members also provide spiritual and emotional support to those they serve.

"We operate from a philosophy that recalls the saying, "There, but for the grace of God go I," Neeb says. "In a small way, we often represent the practical expression of God's love to that individual. We are always looking for ways to help clients move to a position where they are self-sustaining. One of the real joys of our efforts is to see someone back on their feet."

Need help? Call the St. Vincent de Paul Hotline. English 214.675.6612, Spanish 214-906-2270.

Faith Journey AND Super Adventure

Everyone knows about superheros - Superman, Spiderman, Wonder Woman and the like. They are mythical people that have been given mythical powers to perform mythical acts. But did you know that St. Paul has its own set of superheros? Ninety of them to be exact. While these heroes do not wear a cape or fly (that we know of), they all are capable of spinning wonderful webs of faith and knowledge.

Last year's Religious Education (RE) program finished in May and is starting again in September. Each week about 625 young people gathered at Saint Paul School to learn more about their Catholic faith. RE is distinctive in that it takes place within the context of faith - faith as a body of knowledge and faith as a personal act of developing belief and trust in God.

The 3 to 18-year-old children who participate learn in a classroom environment with a teacher and an aide. One of the two educators in every RE class is bilingual to ensure proper communications between pupils and teachers.

The aims of RE are to help the Saint Paul Parish Community youth:

- * know, love and worship God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- * know and love Jesus Christ and His Gospel;
- * know and understand the doctrinal and moral teachings of the Catholic Church;
- * develop their faith in the light of scripture, tradition and the teaching of the Church; and
- * accept Christian moral values and live according to them.

RE is split into the two sessions to accommodate the large number of students. Classes are taught on Sunday mornings (10:30 to 11:45 a.m. except for the three and four-year-olds who meet from 9:15 to 10:15 am) and Wednesday evenings (6:30 -7:45 pm).

With the high number of participants, teachers are always needed. For more information about joining our band of superheros (Don't worry, tights are not required!), please contact Jerri Brandenburg at 972.235.2598.

Big Thank you to our RE Teachers and Assistants!

Carlos Aguilar	Laura Guillen	Alyssa Reyes	Diana Wilkinson
Linda Aguilar	Ally Gump	Lucy Reyes	Edna Winnette
Maria Aguilar	Anna Hall	Mary Reyes	Kasey Zibton
Liz Alewine	Janie Hernandez	Shawn Richards	
Maria Elena Benavides	Marty Huster	Molly Richardson	
Liz Berlanga	Beatriz Ibarra	Charles Rodriguez	
Concepcion Bayona	Jenny Iriarte	Blanca Rosales	
Julie Black	Vickie Jannetti	Leopoldo Salazar	
Ana Bonilla	Jessica Jiles	Engie Sandoval	
Carmen Calleros	Carol Jones	John Seaman	
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Marika Dahlstrom	Laura Kernan	Haley Sexton	
Lora Davis	Drew Klein	Sara Sexton	
Claudia de la Sancha	Derek Klein	Rosa Silva	
Lisa Dossett	Linda Lange	Domi Smith	
Velmor Estillore	Adriana Latorre	Becky Soto	
Yekina Ferretiz	Devon Linex	Erwin Soto	
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Elizabeth Grisham	Ashley Reames	Guadalupe Villarreal	
Marty Grisham	Elizabeth Reames	Monica Wagner	

What Does the Parish Pastoral Council Do for You?

There are many councils in our world, and just as you would hope, the one that makes decisions for our parish is a pretty special one. And they have some interesting ways to maximize the wisdom of the group.

Shared Wisdom and Community Prayer are the concepts that drive our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). Believing in the supreme guidance of the Holy Spirit and in the wisdom of our parishioners, the PPC is made up of persons who have found a time in their life when they feel they have something to "give." Coming together with our Pastor Father David, plus Father Jose, Deacons Carl, Paul and Jesse, our nine-member PPC discusses the needs of our parish.

Benedictine Sister Mary Benet McKinney's *Sharing Wisdom* (Tabor, 1987) has been the force behind our PPC. In her book, the first item addressed was decision-making. There are many ways of making decisions and sometimes Councils become locked into one way: straight up-and-down voting. Sister McKinney suggests other ways designed to bring out the wisdom of the group.

The second thing *Sharing Wisdom* made clear was that we must not neglect the spiritual dimension of the council ministry. The Council Members are not managers, preoccupied with the business of the parish. With the help of Sister Mary Benet's book, the focus is on the Spirit of Wisdom. Note that the phrase "Spirit of Wisdom" is taken from chapter one of the Letter to the Ephesians, and it reflects the Old Testament wisdom tradition and describes our council's goal. They seek the Spirit of Wisdom, trying to apply it to various questions about the parish, God's plan for it, and St. Paul Community's mission.

Members of the St. Paul Community, who feel they are called to serve the parish in this capacity, enter a discernment process, usually in January. This process occurs over several month of study, prayer and discussion to determine if there is a call to this service. Some continue on to service while others decide to serve the parish in other ministries. The beauty of the process is the Holy Spirit's Guidance that calls people from various backgrounds and ages to serve together. Members serve for three years. Every year three members come off and three new members are commissioned. Previous members continue to serve the St. Paul Community in many and varied capacities.

Current members are: Chairperson: Kathleen Brown; Vice-Chairperson - Virginia Cardenas, Ken Brown, Marcus Abreu, Helen Allison, Ed Butschek, Kitty Danek, Hugo Espiritu, and Dan O'Connell.

Junior Catholic Daughters of America

The **Junior Court Our Lady of the Snow (Junior Catholic Daughters of America, or JCDA)** began way back in February. Our local court includes girls from St. Paul the Apostle, St. Joseph, All Saints and St. Mark parishes.

JCDA is a unique organization, exclusively for Catholic girls ages 6-18, that features a threefold program of involvement include message, service and community. New members are always welcome. See the parish bulletin for meeting times or call Pat Carr at 972.234.5712.



Here are some of our JCDA members at their May Crowning! **1st row l to r:** Belema Somiari, Sarah Lockett, Tonye Somiari, Marissa Jaquez. **2nd row l to r:** Anna Kowalczk, Regina Soto, Julie Unger, Hailey Erickson, Piriye Somiari, Maya Cuellar. **3rd Row l to r:** Sarah Alanis and Melissa Alanis.

Comunidad Parrillada a la Perfeccion

Una parrilla no es mas que simplemente eso.... una parrilla. Sin embargo, una parrilla es ahora una excelente oportunidad para que las organizaciones de la parroquia pasen mas tiempo juntos en comunidad.

Justo a tiempo para los meses cálidos, se construyó una parrilla nueva cerca de la casita de almacenaje en el lado sur de la escuela. Esta parrilla reemplaza la que fue removida cuando se construyó el Nuevo edificio de almacenamiento

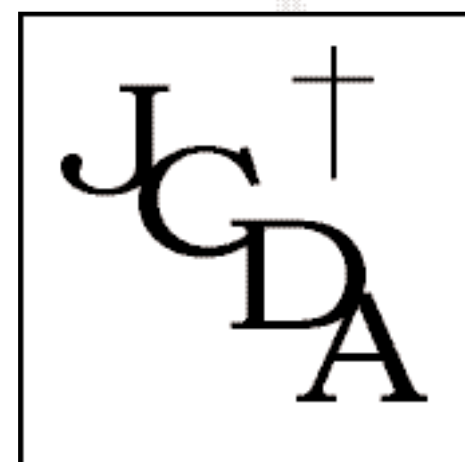
Construido como parte del proyecto de "Eagle Scout" de Matthew Florance, la parrilla fue dedicada a la memoria de Leroy Jetton; uno de los primeros miembros de la parroquia San Pablo cuando fue fundada el año 1956.

Phil Hopman, presidente del Club de hombres de San Pablo, dice que el anticipa que los Boy Scouts, el grupo Juvenil, los Caballeros de Colón y los miembros del Club de Hombres usarán la nueva parrilla. Cualquier organización puede usar la parrilla, siempre y cuando usen el sentido común de seguridad y limpieza.

La Corte Juvenil de Nuestra Señora de la Nieve... (JCDA)

Nos complace anunciar la institución de la Corte juvenil de Nuestra Señora de la Nieve (Hijas Católicas de América), que fue presentada en San Pablo el 15 de Febrero. Nuestra corte local incluye niñas de las parroquias San Pablo, San José, Todos Los Santos y San Marcos.

La Corte es una organización única y es exclusivamente para niñas católicas entre las edades de 6-18 años. Este programa involucra a las participantes una acción triple que incluye: mensaje, servicio y comunidad. Este programa es similar a lo que en Latinoamérica era conocido como "Las Hijas de María"



Aqui son algunas linea de nuestra miembros de JCDA el Coronamiento de Mayo! **1st row l to r:** Belema Somiari, Sarah Lockett, Tonye Somiari, Marissa Jaquez. **2nd row l to r:** Anna Kowalczk, Regina Soto, Julie Unger, Hailey Erickson, Piriye Somiari, Maya Cuellar. **3rd Row l to r:** Sarah Alanis and Melissa Alanis.

...Y tu me cuidaste

Es asombroso lo que puede hacer un momento de oración, una visita oportuna, o un pequeño regalo para levantar los ánimos de alguien confinado a una cama de hospital. Pero no es sorprendente para los voluntarios de San Pablo que visitan el hospital Medical City cada semana.

Desde 1981, miembros de San Pablo han hecho visitas regulares a los enfermos de Medical City. Este programa es parte del legado de servicio a la Comunidad Católica de Dalias y a San Pablo que nos dejó, la Hermana Dorice Suchowski, la última de las Hermanas religiosas que sirvieron a nuestra comunidad hasta su jubilación en año 2000. El programa, llamado en tiempos más recientes "El Ministerio Pastoral del Cuidado" funciona en conjunto con la oficina del clérigo, en Medical City.

La Hermana Dorice Comenzó el ministerio al ir a Medical City cada día a visitar a los católicos que estaban hospitalizados. Después de cerca de un año, ella vio la necesidad de expandir el ministerio y enlistó la ayuda de varios voluntarios de nuestros miembros dedicados a asistir con las visitas.

Cuando ella se jubiló en el verano del año 2000 y se mudó de San Pablo a su casa comunitaria en Sisinawa, Wis., el ministerio se había convertido en un programa que visita a cada paciente católico en el hospital Medical City los Domingos, Martes y Jueves de cada semana.

Hoy, el ministerio es administrado por el Diácono Carl Thelin con la ayuda de 21 voluntarios. En los últimos tres años equipos de seis o siete voluntarios han visitado el hospital 598 días y han asistido a 23,408 pacientes.

Además de orar con los pacientes y cualquier miembro de la familia que lo esté visitando, los voluntarios ofrecen pequeños libros de oración y dan la Eucaristía a quienes lo deseen y puedan recibirla. A parte de eso, a cada madre católica que da a luz en el Medical City, se le regala un rosario (color azul para los niños y rosado para las niñas) también se le entrega una tarjeta que contiene una oración para su hijo/a. Los pacientes que piden una visita sacerdotal son atendidos por el Padre José Luís o por el Padre David de acuerdo con las circunstancias y el tiempo lo permita.

Dado a que el Hospital Medical City goza de una buena reputación por los diferentes tipos de procedimientos médicos especializados, los voluntarios se han encontrado con pacientes de todas partes de los Estados Unidos y muchos otros países. Muchos pacientes se sorprenden y aprecian el haber sido visitados, confortados y haber tenido la oportunidad de orar con alguien de su misma fé aún estando lejos de sus hogares.

Según el Diácono Carl, cada uno de los voluntarios dice que ellos reciben mucho más de lo que dan al compartir un par de horas sirviendo a aquellos que lo necesitan y mostrándoles que los hermanos en la fe católica piensan y se preocupan por ellos. De acuerdo con las enseñanzas católicas y basado en el Evangelio según San Mateo, el visitar a los enfermos es un acto de misericordia. "Estuve enfermo... y me cuidaste" Mat 25:31-36.

El Ministerio siempre tiene cupo para más voluntarios. El único requisito, además de querer donar un par de horas a la semana, es que los voluntarios sean elegibles para ser Ministros Extraordinarios de la Eucaristía. Si a usted le interesa ser miembro de este equipo de voluntarios y voluntarias y desea más información, favor de comunicarse con el Diácono Carl Thelin al 972.530.3004.

Los Voluntarios Ministerio del Hospital: June Archer, Victoria Angustia, Katherine Berend, Mary Ellen Carvajal, Anne Connors, Marie Danna, Robert Dorsey, Javier Escobar, Clare Hartman, Pat Hatfield, Barbara Hoppman, Virginia Kouba, Patricia Lujan, Lorena Madrid, Martin May, Denis Morgan, Norma Newman, Carmen Vargas, Randhi Parsons, Rosemary Schaefer, and Edna Winnette.



Tuesday Crew (L-R)
Deacon Carl • Pat Hatfield • Clare Hartman •
Katherine Berend • Randhi Parsons • Javier Escobar



Thursday Crew (L-R)
Rosemary Schaefer • Edna Winette • Deacon Carl •
Marie Danna • Mary Ellen Carvajal • Denis Morgan

Spiritual Medicine

It's amazing what a moment of prayer, a timely visit, or a small gift can do to lift the spirits of someone confined to a hospital bed. But it's no surprise to the St. Paul volunteers (and a few members of other area parishes) who visit Medical City Hospital each week.

Since 1981, St. Paul volunteers have visited the sick at Medical City regularly. The program is part of the legacy of service to the Catholic Community of Dallas and St. Paul's parish left by Sr. Dorice Suchowski, the last of the Women Religious who served the parish until her retirement in 2000. The program, renamed in more recent times "The Pastoral Care Ministry," functions in conjunction with the Chaplain's Office at Medical City.

Sr. Dorice began the ministry by going to Medical City every day and visiting Catholics who were hospitalized. After about a year, she saw the need to expand the ministry and she enlisted a few dedicated parishioners to assist with the visitations.

By the time she retired in 2000 (and moved to her community's mother house in Sinsinawa, Wis.), the ministry had developed into a program that visits every Catholic patient in Medical City Hospital on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday of every week of the year!

Today the ministry is administered by Deacon Carl Thelin with the help of 21 volunteer visitors. Over the past four years, teams of six or seven volunteers have gone to the hospital on 598 days and have visited 23,408 patients.

In addition to praying with patients and any family members who may be visiting, the volunteers offer small prayer books and give the Eucharist to those who wish to receive. Additionally, every Catholic mother who delivers a child at Medical City is presented with a holy card with a prayer for her new child. Patients who request a visit by a priest are cared for by either Fr. Jose Luis Azcona-Weber or Fr. David Flori.

Because Medical City enjoys a good reputation for many types of specialty medical procedures, the volunteer visitors have encountered patients from all over the United States and many foreign countries. Many patients express surprise and appreciation for having been visited, comforted and prayed with by someone of their own faith, even while far from home.

According to Deacon Carl, every one of the volunteers agrees they receive much more than they give by spending a couple of hours letting others know that fellow Catholics are thinking and caring about them. Visiting the sick is a corporal act of mercy, according to Catholic teaching, and finds its roots in the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew (Matt. 25:31-46): "For I was.... ill and you cared for me."

The ministry always has room for more volunteers. The only requirement, other than a willingness to donate a couple of hours a week, is that the volunteer be eligible to be an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. If interested, please call Deacon Carl at 972.530.3004.

Hospital Ministry Volunteers: June Archer, Victoria Angustia, Katherine Berend, Mary Ellen Carvajal, Anne Connors, Marie Danna, Robert Dorsey, Javier Escobar, Clare Hartman, Pat Hatfield, Barbara Hoppman, Virginia Kouba, Patricia Lujan, Lorena Madrid, Martin May, Denis Morgan, Norma Newman, Carmen Vargas, Randhi Parsons, Rosemary Schaefer, and Edna Winnette.



Tuesday Crew (L-R)
Deacon Carl • Pat Hatfield • Clare Hartman • Katherine
Berend • Randhi Parsons • Javier Escobar



Thursday Crew (L-R)
Rosemary Schaefer • Edna Winette • Deacon Carl •
Marie Danna • Mary Ellen Carvajal • Denis Morgan

Comida de Comfort

Cuando se pierde a alguien a quien ama, no se quiere pensar en más detalles de los necesarios. Y gracias al Comité de Emergencia del Grupo de Damas, nuestra comunidad puede sentir el alivio cuando se trata de alimentar a sus amigos y familiares que atienden un servicio en la Iglesia San Pablo. "Estas damas hacen todo un poco más fácil, y les gusta mucho lo que hacen," explica Mary Stenicka, la encargada del Comité este año.

Cuando la secretaria de la parroquia, Adrienne Bochantin, se entera de la muerte en una de nuestras familias, ella alerta al Comité. Con esa simple llamada, Mary y sus heroínas empiezan a comprar y a preparar una excelente comida casera.

Si la familia desea que se ofrezca una comida después del servicio en la cafetería o en el Salón de Actividades de la Escuela San Pablo, o en sus hogares, ellos pueden contar con el Grupo de Damas que no sólo proveerá una comida completa, sino que además se ofrecen para el servicio y limpieza.

"Nos rotamos a través de nuestro Grupo de Damas pidiendo la ayuda de voluntarias y todas siempre son muy receptivas a traer algo o a ayudar," dice Mary. Varias es un grupo asombroso de damas, que incluye a Dixie Dreber, Anne DiFiore, Helen Hodges, Virginia Huston, Chrissie Keffler, Randi Parsons y Doris Reha por nombrar a algunas nada más, han estado ayudando por muchos años a las familias en esos momentos tan dolorosos.

Además del Comité de Emergencias Familiares, el Grupo de Damas también se encarga de la limpieza del altar y los manteles cada semana y hacen estolas bautismales para todos los bautizos. En fin, el Grupo de Damas trabaja para unir a todas las mujeres de nuestra comunidad para la Gloria de Dios y para las metas espirituales y materiales de nuestra familia. Si desea conocer más, favor de venir a una junta a las 7PM en la Cafetería de San Pablo el Segundo miércoles de cada mes.

RENACER



RENEW (Renacer), es un programa diseñado para ayudarnos a profundizar nuestra relación con Dios a través de pequeños grupos Cristianos que comparten lecturas, oraciones y discusiones. San Pablo es una de varias iglesias en nuestra Diócesis que abrazan este programa que ha implementado en muchas partes del mundo desde los años ochenta.

"Al contestar el llamado de Dios a ser un líder en RENACER He sido bendecida al conocer a muchas buenas personas," dijo Patti Fitch. "El compartir que realizamos, las conversaciones que tenemos, y las oraciones que hacemos juntos han sido asombrosos. Siento una conexión espiritual con cada mujer en mi grupo." Ella añade, "Al reflexionar en nuestro camino RENACER, es fácil ver que nuestro grupo, y toda la comunidad de San Pablo, definitivamente ha sentido la presencia del amor y la gracia de Dios."

Don Wass, uno de los coordinadores de RENACER explica, "Casi todos de los más de 200 participantes de RENACER retornaron para la segunda temporada en San Pablo, incluyendo varios grupos en nuestra comunidad hispana." Paul Wearden quien también es coordinador añadió, "continuamos recibiendo buenos comentarios y es claro que RENACER tiene el potencial de poder seguir creciendo y de tener un impacto importante en nuestra comunidad."

Con la exitosa segunda temporada, San Pablo planea el RENEW una vez más el siguiente otoño, en preparación para el Advenimiento. Si usted tiene algún comentario que le gustaría pasarnos acerca de este programa, favor de mandarlo a los coordinadores de RENACER.

Viaje de Fe y Super Aventura!

Todos sabemos de los superhéroes - Superman, el Hombre Araña, la Mujer Maravilla y otros. Estos son gente de mitos a los cuales se les ha dado poderes mitológicos para poder ejecutar actos mitológicos.

San Pablo tiene a sus propios superhéroes - 90 de ellos para ser exactos. Ninguna de estas maravillosas personas (que nosotros sepamos) usa una capa o vuela en un jet invisible, pero todos ellos son capaces de impartir grandes conocimientos.

Cada semana, 625 jóvenes se juntan en la Escuela San Pablo para aprender más acerca de su religión Católica a través del programa de Educación Religiosa (ER). ER es distinta en que toma lugar en el contexto de fe - fe como un cuerpo de conocimiento y fe como un acto personal de reforzar la confianza en Dios.

Estos jóvenes, en edades de 3 a 18 años, aprenden en un salón de clases con un maestro y un asistente. Uno de los dos educadores en cada clase de ER es bilingüe para asegurar la buena comunicación entre maestro y pupilo y para que en realidad exista entendimiento legítimo, de las lecciones. Todas las clases de ER en San Pablo son presentada Inglés.

El propósito de la - ER es ayudar a los jóvenes de la comunidad de San Pablo a:

- Conocer, amar y adorar a Dios como Padre, Hijo y, Espíritu Santo
- Conocer y amar a Jesucristo y su Evangelio
- Conocer y entender las doctrinas y enseñanzas morales de la Iglesia Católica
- Desarrollar su fe a la luz de la Sagrada Escritura, Tradición y enseñanzas de la Iglesia.
- Aceptar los valores morales cristianos y vivir de acuerdo a ellos.

ER está dividida en dos sesiones para acomodar el gran número de estudiantes. Un grupo se reúne los Domingos en la mañana (10:30 a 11:45 excepto los de 3 y, 4 años de edad que reúnen de 9:15 AM a 10:15 AM), y los Miércoles en la noche (6:30 -7:45).

Debido al gran número de participantes. Siempre hay necesidad de maestros y asistentes. Si desea unirse a la banda de Superhéroes de ER y desea más información, favor de llamar al Departamento de Educación Religiosa al 972-235-2598 (lea los nombres de los Superhéroes de ER en el texto Inglés página 3).

Tu plan personal de Mayordomía

La Mayordomía es una forma de vida. Esta envuelve el dar tiempo, talento y tesoro en una forma intencional, proporcional y planeada. Es la oportunidad de darle a Dios una porción de las bendiciones que has recibido de El.

¿Cómo puedo dar?

- Estando siempre con Dios en Oración y alabanza;
- Compartiendo tu amor con la familia y amistades;
- Ofreciendo tu tiempo y talento en las actividades de la comunidad que ayudan a otros.

Si tu deseas desarrollar tu propio plan de Mayordomía o si tienes preguntas sobre como puedes ayudar en la Comunidad de San Pablo, comunícate con Don Wass al 972. 231.1586 o por medio del correo electrónico Tectexas@aol.com.