

Upcoming events

As soon as possible - Mail in your pledge for the Future is Now Building Campaign

May 7 - Derby Day at LoneStar Park

May 13 - Global Living Rosary Event at Cotton Bowl

June 13-17 - Vacation Bible School

June 13-17 - Community Work Week for Youth Group

June 25 - Roughriders Game with Men's Club

Become a Member of Hospital & Home Ministry!

St. Paul the Apostle Parish ministers to the sick or elderly by offering visits and the gift of the Eucharist. Remember - there is always training available to become a Eucharistic Minister! Please contact Deacon Carl Thelin 972-530-3004 or deaconcarlthelin@comcast.net to help at Medical City, or Therese Reittinger at 972-231-1868 to provide assistance at a local nursing home.



St. Paul Makes and Shares the Rosary

Rosary Makers meet the first Wednesday of the month and active members include: Leader Mary Kaniss, Dinny Kouba, Mamie Piccolla, Gerry Mansour, Rosalie Toay, Mary Stenicka, Lydia Luckett, Flo Goss, Margarite Pirro and Ans Cordero. Once a rosary is made, Barbara Thelin bags each one with a printed piece about *How to Pray the Rosary* for distribution.

Most of these rosaries are given by our pastoral care volunteers who visit patients at Medical City Hospital on Sundays, Tuesday and Thursday. (New mothers are given either a pink or blue rosary for their baby.) Occasionally they are provided for other parish and pastoral needs.

The materials for the rosaries are provided by the parish and our Council 12021 of the Knights of Columbus. The Rosary Makers group has been making 150-350 rosaries each month since the summer of 2002. They have made a difference to someone more than 6,000 times so far! If you would like to find about more about the Rosary Makers, please call Mary Kaniss at 972-644-6496.



Time is Right for New Activity Center! Please Help with the *Future is Now* Campaign

When you need to make decisions about the future, it's good to take a look back. With that in mind, here are a few milestones in St. Paul the Apostle Parish history.

- * Church founded - 1956
- * St. Paul School began - 1957
- * Church building opened - 1988
- * St. Paul Named National Blue Ribbon School - 2000
- * Finished paying for our Church facility - 2004

Over those years St. Paul grew and the number of organizations and activities held at our facilities increased. Some years ago we looked into building a new activity center, but didn't like that we could only get a rather small facility for a very big price. We're not the kind of Parish that rushes out to spend a lot of money.

But the need for more space didn't go away. So when an existing building across the street became available, several parishioners began to research the possibilities. They soon knew that the 900 St. Paul Dr. facility is an absolutely awesome opportunity for us! With this building St. Paul can gain:

- * up to 135% more space for activities
- * 135% more parking
- * more flexibility for meeting times/space
- * added fellowship opportunities

Adding a Community Activity Center is a very logical next step in the life of our St. Paul Parish. After sharing the news and seeing your excitement about this building, we signed the contract in early 2005. We hope to finish a 90-day diligence period soon so that we can close in May!



To make sure we're ready, our "Future is Now" building campaign is now in full swing. While this building is a great value, it's going to take all of us contributing to buy it.

So far, we have about 215 pledges and commitments for nearly \$1 million in contributions over the next five years. We are extremely grateful for pledges we've already received. For those of you who haven't pledged yet, we ask you to pledge as generously as possible. We will continue to gather your input and welcome your involvement on determining how the space can be used for our Parish. The plan is to only use as much of the building as we need, so that we keep a good control on overhead costs.

Thank you for helping us to make the next milestone in St. Paul history.

Father David Flori

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St. Paul History . . . St. Paul History . . . St. Paul History

Next year, St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Community will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its founding. As we approach this blessed event, St. Paul People will highlight interesting facts from parish history.

- *The site of St. Paul's was once a cotton field on the Hughes family farm. The 10-acre site was purchased by the diocese for the token price of \$10.*
- *The first classes at St. Paul School were held in September, 1957. The first graduating class of eighth-graders consisted of eight students.*
- *The first Spanish-language mass at St. Paul's was celebrated by Fr. Edward Fernandez in 1991.*

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Stewardship Makes a Difference

Pianist Vivian Marino who plays with the 9:15 choir said, "I resisted for a long time, but if you have the talent, you should just try it!"

She explained that Choir Director Bernie Gotway inspires dedication, and Vivian is truly amazed at how he pulls people of so many ages together with music. These choir members are already very busy people, yet they come at 8 a.m. to practice each Sunday to be ready to give their best during Mass. Vivian is a perfect example. Each Sunday she arrives to be a "greeter" and sometimes "lectors" at 8 am Mass, yet she has made time to participate in the 9:15 Mass choir as well.

During the week you'll find Vivian handling practices and arrangements for the students at Mary Immaculate School in Carrollton, where she has been the Music Teacher for 14 years. "After being in charge all week it is nice to just come and play," she said. This is the best way to share your talents, while you're praising the Lord!"

Vivian's family is supportive of her activities and you might even see her husband, Dennis, bring her a few donut holes to sustain her through the busy morning. "This choir's about the nicest group you could meet," Vivian added, "And once I tried playing with them, I really liked it. I feel so good at the end of Mass."

If you'd like to give choir a try, just let Bernie know after 9:15 Mass, email bernie@gotway.com or call 972-918-9333. The other choirs also welcome your singing and playing talents; please visit with the Choir Director Charles McCullough after the 5:30 pm or 11 am Mass or Valerie Stagarman after the 1:30 pm Spanish Mass.

Religious Education

- * We have nearly 650 Religious Education participants
- * Congratulations to the more than 150 parishioners who received their First Communion this Spring!
- * Congratulations also to the approximately 100 parishioners who will receive their Confirmation this Spring!

Changes coming for 2005-2006:

- * Wednesday evening classes will move to Sunday morning: 9-10:15 a.m. and 10:30-11:45 a.m.
- * Beginning this Fall, confirmation will be held in October. Watch the bulletin for more information about our New Young Adult Group, ages 18-25!



Watch for the Catholic Daughters Raffle for an absolutely gorgeous Handmade Quilt

Live Rosary on May 13th!!!

The Eucharistic Family Rosary Crusade will be an historic event and a moment of grace for all of us. It will be an evening of adoration at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas on May 13th involving tens of thousands of people worshipping together. It is organized by a coalition of Catholics, however, ALL people of any faith are invited to attend. For those that cannot be with us in person, we invite them to participate in our "Global Rosary Around the World" in which groups of people from all over the world will unite with us in prayer on May 13th, celebrating the anniversary of the first apparition of Mary at Fatima, Portugal in 1917! We will also recognize May 18th, which would have been Pope John Paul II's birthday. Please visit the website (www.global-rosary.org) for more information on this glorious event. If interested in bus transportation from St. Paul's, please call the Parish office at 972-235-6105.



Thank you to the Men's Club for hosting three Fish Fries through Lent and for Pack 728 Webelos and St Paul Youth Group who provided clean up services.



At the February Home & School meeting, students performed a variety of songs and some scenes from the Wizard of Oz.

Attention students who attend other schools:

We want to hear **your** school news!

Please see how to contribute information below so we can show how St. Paul the Apostle parish kids are making a difference!

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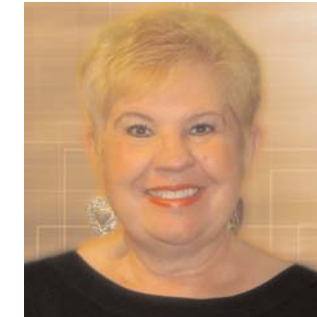
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St. Paul School News

New Principal: We are grateful for her contributions to our school since she joined us in the Fall of '04, but have recently said farewell to Dr. Gail Hartin who decided to pursue volunteer work for Our Lady of Perpetual Help. So, effective April 4, Carol Regeci became the new principal of St.



Paul the Apostle School. Carol has served as the assistant principal for ten years and has been teaching at St. Paul since 1989, so she is ready, willing and able to jump right into her new role as principal.

"Every child is very important to me, and I want to continue to build a strong faith community and offer an excellent education," she said. "I will work diligently to make this vision a reality."

Carol attended Catholic grade school, high school and college. She received her degree in elementary education and English from Seton Hill University in Pennsylvania. She and her husband Joe have been married for 31 years. Their two daughters are both graduates of Ursuline Academy and Loyola University in New Orleans. Shannon, the eldest, will graduate from Loyola University Law School in May. We look forward to working with Carol as she leads our school!

Annual Auction: Held March 5th, this year's fund-raiser brought in more than 300 people and more than \$104,000! Huge thanks all the faculty, students and parents, especially Chairperson Tricia Doxey!

Student Council: Raised money for the Red Cross-hurricane relief, Catholic Relief Services-tsunami and Vincent DePaul Society. They also helped with the Boy Scout Food drive, and family "adoptions" at Christmas time (giving money or new/gently used items collected for needy families). Special thanks also to the Thealls who hosted a Garage Sale from St. Paul family's donations that raised money for an orphanage in Vietnam.

Also, in February sixth-graders Josh Simpson, Spencer Adamson, Tommy Evans and Austin Scheets visited the Appletree Court assisted living facilities. The residents were very appreciative and thanked the boys many times for their thoughtfulness.



What Can RENEW Do For You?

Nearly two years since it began, the RENEW program continues to provide many parishioners with support, fellowship and spiritual growth. Eighteen small RENEW groups recently concluded Season 4 of the program, which began at St. Paul in the fall of 2003. Since then, participants have made new friends, deepened old friendships, shared their faith and learned from each other's experiences.

RENEW logo

"To me, my RENEW group has been like a drink of water," said Helen Allison, who with her husband, Charlie, serves as a group leader. "I am reminded of the story in the Gospel of John of the Samaritan woman whom Jesus talks to at the well. I'm like the Samaritan woman, and the people in my RENEW group have been Christ to me, offering me that water."

Some RENEW groups are made up entirely of couples, couples with children, or women, while others are mixtures of individuals, couples and friends. Groups meet once a week, using the RENEW program guide as a starting point for prayer, scripture reading and discussion.

Karen Eddy joined her group in the middle of Season 3 and wound up serving as group leader for Season 4. Her group, consisting of up to five women with school-aged children, meets on Wednesday mornings after the moms drop their kids off at school.

"Some of the ladies I had talked to before, but maybe only a 'hi, how are you?'" Karen said. "You start out not being that close, but by the end of the sessions you are really close. I feel like I'm coming into unity with this group."

At least two of the women in her group also belong to other RENEW groups, Karen said. This past season, some members heeded a suggestion in one of the lessons to get involved in a community project. They volunteered to help sort food donations at the Network of Community Ministries. "It really opens your eyes," she said.

Season 5 of RENEW begins in October, and it's never too late for newcomers to join in. There are groups meeting each day of the week. Groups meet once a week for six weeks. If you'd like to get involved, contact the parish office and get ready to RENEW your faith!

Landscaper Keeps St. Paul's Seeing Green

With the warmer weather here, many of us turn our thoughts back to the outdoors and getting our yards in shape. Fortunately for St. Paul's, one parishioner is busy keeping the church and school environment looking great all year round.

Bob Landwermeyer has been taking good care of St. Paul's grounds for two decades. It was Bob, a professional landscaper for more than 40 years, who worked with Fr. Fernandez on the original landscaping around the church when it was built in the late 1980s.

"It was a parking lot when we started," Bob says. He hauled in tons of dirt and planted all the trees, shrubs and grass around the new sanctuary.

Over the years, he landscaped and installed sprinkler systems at the parish's three houses on James Drive and the St. Paul football field. Bob and his wife, Evelyn, also installed the fences around the football fields, "one winter when it was really cold," he recalls.

Bob and his crew can be seen at the church and school almost daily, trimming, pruning, mowing, fertilizing and generally cleaning up. Bob's team also installs the Christmas lights and decorations inside and outside the church each year.

It's a big job, but it's a labor of love and faith for Bob. "I've been fortunate enough to work on it all these years," he says. "To me the church is the house of God. If you're going to do something for God, you're going to do your best."

Knights of Columbus to Donate \$300,000 for Inner-City Catholic Schools

Over the next three years the Knights of Columbus will donate \$300,000 to the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) to find ways to strengthen these schools. Enrollment at Catholic schools declined sharply between the 1960s and 1990s, but has now stabilized with more than 2.4 million students now attending nearly 7,800 Catholic elementary, middle, and high schools. 44.2 percent of those schools are located in urban and inner-city areas. While 173 Catholic schools closed last year, 37 new schools were opened, and 2,543 Catholic schools now have a waiting list for admissions.

Pro-Life Advocate Keeps the Faith

Every rosary prayed, every penny collected, every hour spent in prayer outside an abortion clinic -- it all makes a difference in Ed Butschek's view. Even though more than 30 years have passed since the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion on demand, pro-life Catholics like Ed keep hope alive that one day unborn children will enjoy the fundamental right to life.



Ed is one of the leaders of a committed group of St. Paul's parishioners who work to keep the parish aware of and involved in pro-life activities. Ed serves as pro-life representative on the St. Paul's Organizations Council (SPOC) and as treasurer for pro-life fund-raising activities, including the "penny banks" at

Christmastime and orchid sales for Mother's Day. Funds raised go to the White Rose Center to support its mission of helping struggling unwed mothers to choose life and care for their newborns.

Recently a number of parishioners participated in "40 Days for Life," a diocese-wide effort that included prayer, fasting and a 40-day, around-the-clock vigil at the Aaron's abortion center on LBJ Freeway. The vigil concluded Jan. 22, the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Grahmann and a March for Life from the Cathedral downtown to the Fairmont Center abortion clinic.

St. Paul's Knights of Columbus, of which Ed is a member, have been active supporters of pro-life activities in the parish. Ed credits parishioners Mark and Monica Woodson for getting him involved in pro-life activities several years ago.

He also says his own experiences have helped him appreciate the value of every human life. For example, his parents raised 12 children, including three cousins whose parents had died. Ed and his wife, Zina, raised two adopted children along with their own daughter.

Ed says he's encouraged by recent actions by President Bush and Congress to curb abortion on demand, including the ban on partial-birth abortions that was passed by Congress but has been stalled in the court system. Other ongoing pro-life issues include stem-cell research, human cloning, parental consent for minors having abortions, and the right of medical professionals not to participate in abortions.

With all of these concerns, the fasting, fund-raising and vigils will continue as Catholics everywhere ask for God's help in protecting the sanctity of life. As Ed says, "It takes everybody doing a little bit" to be successful.

For more information on Catholic pro-life activities, visit www.prolifedallas.org or www.texlife.org.

Lenten Mission

In February, St. Paul the Apostle's Lenten Mission was led by Nancy K. Dunkerly. Nancy has studied at the University of Dallas, the Quinas Institute in St. Louis, University of Incarnate Word in San Antonio, received a Doctor of Ministry from Perkins School of Theology at SMU and she is experienced as a retreat leader and spiritual directory as well as workshop presenter and Christian educator. Thanks to our Parish Pastoral council for bringing as this event, and to the Women's God who provided refreshments for the 40 or so people who attended each of two sessions.

Boy Scouts Stay Active and Welcome New Members

We have a very active Boy Scout Troop associated with St. Paul the Apostle Church. In March they attend a Camporee at Camp James Ray on the south side of Lake Texoma, east of Pottsboro. It included many competitive events challenging the scouts to display their Scout Spirit. 491 Scouts attended the event, as well as 241 adult leaders, representing 28 Troop Units. (And 74 Webelos II Scouts who are preparing to become Boy Scouts also attended the Camporee.)

Annual Broken Bow Lake Canoe Trip in S.E. Oklahoma took place April 15-17.



Back row (Indians): Kyle Morse, Bill Tennant, Joseph Carrier, Scott Miller, Drew Vela; Front row (new Boy Scouts): Robert Stiborek, Sean Payne, Andrew Dudasko, Josh Whitehead, Collin May

Congratulations to Pack 728 Webelos II members who participated in the April 10 CrossOver ceremony making them members of Troop 728 Boy Scouts!

St. Paul parishioners made a joyful noise that will echo for years to come during the second annual Christmas Sing-Along in December. The Sing-Along was attended by more than 250 people, who joined in singing traditional Christmas songs and listened as members of all the St. Paul choirs and orchestras displayed their talents on solo and special pieces.

Leading the efforts behind the Sing-Along were Bernie Gotway, director of the St. Paul Youth and Family Choir and Orchestra; parishioner Pat Martin, development director of Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving; and St. Paul's Knights of Columbus Council 12021.

Besides bringing parishioners and musicians together for an evening of joy and fellowship, the Sing-Along generated donations of \$14,587 for the Seminary Project at Holy Trinity. And thanks to a matching grant to Holy Trinity from the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, Okla., all the contributions from St. Paul parishioners and the Knights were "doubled," meaning the event resulted in more than \$29,000 going to the renovation effort. Combined with last year's donations, St. Paul's efforts total \$41,343.02 so far through two out of our three year commitment!

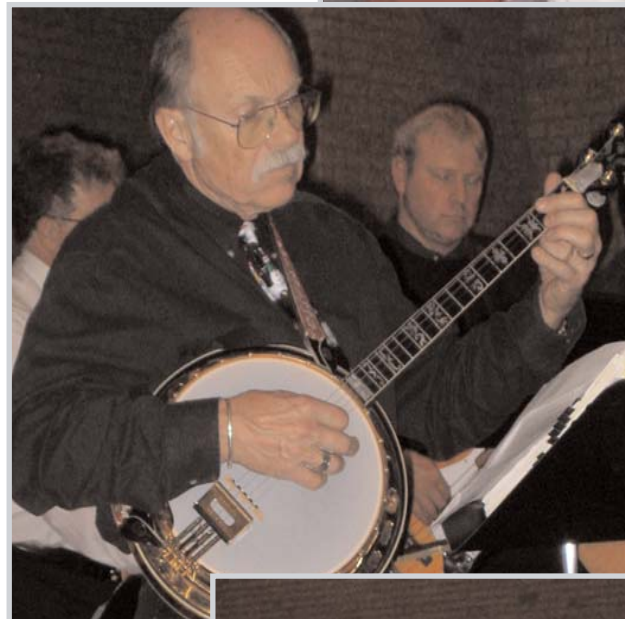
"Our rector, Fr. Michael E. Duca, and I came to the Sing-Along and truly enjoyed the music and fellowship," Pat Martin said. In 2003 the Knights decided to raise funds for the project, and Bernie suggested a sing-along as a fund-raising event and as a way to bring parishioners together at Christmas time. That first Sing-Along raised \$728, "with the smallest donation 47 cents from a little girl," Pat said.

"We had only two rehearsals," Bernie said of this year's event. We have some very good musicians in our parish and are gifted to have them volunteer their time and talent." Big thanks to Jim Massey of the Knights who has been key in making these Sing-alongs successful. Bernie added his thanks to his wife, Cathy, "who has to put up with all my mess and clutter while I work on these projects."



Pat Martin explained that "Plans are to completely renovate the Chapel, a Eucharistic Chapel for private prayer, a walkway surrounding the interior and a new organ and piano."

Christmas Sing-Along Makes More Than Beautiful Music



Not sure what SPOC is? SPOC is an acronym that means St. Paul Organizational Committee. It is a group with a representative from each of our community organizations who gather each first Monday of the month.

Jim Massey, current president of SPOC, explained, "We exchange a lot of information at our meetings and each representative is supposed to share it with their group, yet we've been looking for a way to share it with everyone. So, starting this Fall, your SPOC group will provide our meeting notes for you in the Narthex.

In the meantime, here's a reminder of the **St. Paul the Apostle Organizations:**

Boy Scouts

Where boys can develop and maintain a strong sense of self-confidence and develop goals and values.

Catholic Daughters

Provides creative and spiritual programs that influence the welfare of our Church and all people. Promotes justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and dignity.

Communications

Find and share news for parishioners through a variety of communications opportunities.

Girl Scouts

Support system for girls that helps them develop a strong sense of self-confidence, goals and values.

Hispanic Council

Charismatic Prayer Group, Committee Council

Hospital & Home Ministry

Medical City, Nursing Homes

International Committee

Encourage parishioners to come forward and introduce their culture to recognize and celebrate our diversity.

Knights of Columbus

Men dedicated to charity, unity, fraternalism and patriotism. Strong sense of duty to God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, to family, and to neighbor is part of their beliefs.

Liturgical Committee

Eucharistic Adoration, Lectors, Ushers, Devotions, Nursery, Special Services

Eucharistic Ministers - members can assist the celebrant in the distribution of communion, even outside of Mass when needed

Altar Servers - fifth grade or beyond can assist the celebrant during Mass.

St. Paul Organizational Committee News Coming Soon!

Ushers - assist with seating, recruit offertory Family, distribute bulletins, tidy the Church following Mass.

Lectors - members who read the scriptures and responsorial psalm and petitions.

Greeters - welcome everyone who enters the Church to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Men's Club

This service organization provides parish unity and spirit. Fosters the growth of our parish through social and spiritual action.

Music Ministry

Adult Choir, Hispanic Choir, School Choir, Youth & Family Choir/Orchestra

Parents Day Out

A quality developmental program in which children can interact with others.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

Promotes community while identifying needs, discerning strategies and programs to achieve parish goals and encourage spiritual growth.

Right to Life

Prayer, education, political action, public witness and supportive services for mother and child before and after birth.

Silver Set

Fellowship for those 55 and over, plus ministering to the sick or distressed members and assisting the families of recently deceased.

St. Paul the Apostle School

Religious, intellectual, moral, physical, esthetic, and social formation of the children of our school, enabling the children to apply Christian principles to all facets of their lives. Home and School Association, Packers, School Board

St. Paul Religious Education

Adult Education, Children's Education (CCD), RE Board RCIA, Vacation Bible School, Youth Ministry

St. Vincent de Paul

Help those who are suffering regardless of race, color, creed or origin. Network, Vision Foodshare.

Women's Guild

Altar care, Family Emergency, Hospitality, Meals on Wheels, Ways and Means

This covers most, but there are even more. See one that interests you? We're always looking for more participation from St. Paul parishioners and we welcome you to find out more about these organizations meeting times and other events by calling the parish office at 972-235-6105.

Defensor de Pro-Vida Mantiene la Fe

Cada rosario rezado, cada centavo recaudado, cada hora pasada en oración enfrente de una clínica de abortos - todo eso hace la diferencia desde el punto de vista de Ed Butschek. A pesar de que han pasado más de 30 años desde que la Suprema Corte tomó la decisión en el caso Roe v. Wade legalizando el aborto en demanda, Católicos como Ed Butschek, que abogan a favor de la vida, mantienen viva la esperanza de que algún día los niños no nacidos disfrutarán del derecho fundamental a la vida.

Ed es uno de los líderes de un grupo de miembros de la comunidad de San Pablo comprometidos a mantener a la parroquia informada y envuelta en las actividades de pro-vida. Ed sirve como representante de pro-vida ante el Consejo de Organizaciones de San Pablo (SPOC) y como tesorero para las actividades para obtener fondos para el movimiento pro-vida. Los fondos recogidos van al Centro Rosa Blanca (White Rose) para apoyar su misión de ayudar a las madres solteras en su lucha por elegir la vida y tener cuidado para sus recién nacidos.

Recientemente, un grupo de feligreses participó en "40 Días por la Vida," un esfuerzo de la Diócesis que incluyó oración, ayuno y una vigilia de 24 horas durante 40 días frente al centro de abortos Aaron en la carretera LBJ. La vigilia concluyó el 22 de enero, fecha del aniversario de la decisión Roe v. Wade, con una Misa celebrada por el Señor Obispo Grahmann y una Marcha por la Vida, desde la Catedral hasta la clínica de abortos Centro Fairmont. Ed, joven de 86 años de edad, estuvo entre los participantes de esta marcha.

El consejo de los Caballeros de Colón, del cual Ed es miembro, también ha estado muy activo apoyando las actividades del movimiento pro-vida de nuestra parroquia. Ed da crédito a Mark y Mónica Woodson, miembros de nuestra parroquia, por haberlo involucrado unos años atrás en las actividades de pro-vida. El dice también que su propia experiencia lo ha ayudado a apreciar el valor de cada vida humana. Da como un ejemplo, a sus padres que criaron 12 hijos, incluyendo tres primos que eran huérfanos. Ed y su esposa, Zina, criaron dos hijos adoptados además de su propia hija.

Con todos estos intereses, los ayunos, la recaudación de fondos y las vigiliadas, actividades en las que toma parte los Católicos de muchos lugares, continuaremos pidiéndole a Dios que siga protegiendo la santidad de la vida. Como dice Ed, "El éxito se logra con un pequeño esfuerzo de todos"

Para más información en las actividades del consojo católico de pro-vida, visite www.prolifedallas.org o www.texlife.org



On Good Friday we were able to relive the Passion in Spanish, thanks to some of our parishioners, and it was very memorable. Photos by Carlos Rodriguez.)

Rosario en Vivo el 13 de Mayo

La cruzada del rosario y la familia eucarística será un evento histórico y un momento de gracia para todos nosotros. La noche de adoración será en el Cotton Bowl en Dallas, Texas el 13 de mayo, e involucrará decenas de miles de personas alabando, orando y adorando, en comunión la una con la otra. Este evento está organizado por la coalición de católicos; sin embargo, todas las personas de cualquier credo están invitadas a asistir. Para los que no puedan estar presentes con nosotros en el Cotton Bowl, los invitamos a que participen en nuestro Rosario Global alrededor del mundo, en el cual grupos de personas de todo el mundo se unirán con nosotros en oración el día 13 de mayo, celebrando el aniversario de la primera aparición de la Virgen María en Fátima, Portugal, en 1917. También reconoceremos el 18 de mayo que hubiese sido el día del cumpleaños del Papa Juan Pablo II. Visite la red www.globalrosary.org para más información acerca de este gran evento. Si está interesado en el transporte de autobús de S. Paul, llame por favor a la oficina de Parroquia, 972-235-6105.

¡Ahora es el Tempo Apropiado para un Nuevo Centro de Actividades!

Por favor ayude con la campaña "El Futuro es Ahora."

Al tomar una decisión acerca del futuro, es bueno echar una mirada al pasado. Con esto en mente, presentamos aquí algunos de los acontecimientos importantes en la historia de San Pablo:

- * La Iglesia se fundó en 1956
- * La escuela comenzó en 1957
- * El edificio de la iglesia se abrió en 1988
- * La Escuela San Pablo fue nombrada Cinta Azul a nivel nacional en el año 2000
- * El edificio de la Iglesia se terminó de pagar en el año 2004

A través de esos años San Pablo creció y el número de organizaciones y actividades que se llevan a cabo en nuestra iglesia ha aumentado. Algunos años atrás consideramos la construcción de un nuevo salón de actividades, pero no nos gustó que por un precio muy alto, íbamos a tener un lugar muy pequeño. No somos una parroquia que se apresura a gastar mucho dinero.

La necesidad de más espacio continuó. Por eso cuando el edificio al cruzar la calle estuvo disponible, algunos feligreses comenzaron a investigar la posibilidad de adquirirlo. Pronto se dieron cuenta de que el edificio localizado en el 900 de St. Paul Drive es absolutamente una oportunidad magnífica para nosotros. Con este edificio San Pablo podría ganar:

- * hasta 135% más de espacio para actividades.
- * 135% más de espacio para estacionamiento
- * más flexibilidad en tiempo y espacio para juntas
- * más oportunidades para convivencias



El añadir un Centro de Actividades es el siguiente paso más lógico en la vida de la Parroquia de San Pablo Apóstol. Después de compartir y ver el entusiasmo con el que se recibió esta noticia sobre la posible adquisición de este edificio, firmamos el contrato al principio de este año. Esperamos que pase pronto el período de 90 días para asegurarnos de que todo está en orden y cerrar la compra en mayo.

Con el fin de asegurarnos de que estamos listos, nuestra campaña "El Futuro es Ahora" está ahora en plena marcha. Aunque este edificio es una gran adquisición, se necesitara la contribución de todos nosotros para comprarlo. **A fines de abril, nosotros tenemos cerca de 215 promesas y compromisos que alcanzan casi \$1 millón en contribuciones durante los próximos cinco años.** Estamos extremadamente agradecidos por los compromisos que ya hemos recibido. Para aquellos que aún no han ofrecido su compromiso, les pedimos que sean tan generosos como les sea posible. Continuaremos recogiendo sus ideas y comentarios y acogemos con agrado su deseo de involucrarse en el proceso de determinar el mejor uso que se le pueda dar al espacio. El plan es usar solamente el espacio que necesitamos del edificio, de manera que podamos controlar los gastos de mantenimiento. Definitivamente ahora es el tiempo apropiado. Gracias por ayudarnos a alcanzar nuestro próxima meta en la historia de San Pablo.

Historia de San Pablo

El próximo año la Comunidad Católica de San Pablo celebrará el 50vo aniversario de su fundación. Al acercarnos a este evento, la gente de San Pablo enfatizará algunos factores interesantes en la historia parroquial.

* el lugar donde está construida, originalmente era un campo de algodón de la hacienda de la familia Hughes. Los diez acres fueron comprados por la Diócesis de Dallas por el precio simbólico de \$10.00

* La Escuela abrió sus puertas en septiembre de 1957 y la primera clase de estudiantes de octavo grado estaba formada por ocho estudiantes.

* La primera Misa en Español fue celebrada por el Padre Eduardo Fernández en 1991

Educación Religiosa

* Tenemos cerca de 650 participantes en el programa de educación religiosa.

* Felicitaciones a los más de 150 feligreses que recibieron su Primera Comunión en primavera.

* Felicitaciones también a los casi 100 feligreses que recibieron el Sacramento de la Confirmación.

Cambios para el año 2005-2006

* La clase de los miércoles por las noches, se cambiará a los domingos en la mañana, de 9 a 10:15 y de 10:30 a 11:45.

* Comenzando este otoño, la ceremonia de Confirmación se celebrará en octubre.

Help Inactive Catholics Find Peace About the Church

About 18 million people have fallen away from the Church and they may feel alienated from our Catholic family.

Often they have feelings of anger, frustration, pain, and rejection about their once active Catholic faith. Based on research done by the U.S. bishops' Committee on Evangelization in 2000, most Catholics who drift away from the Church for these reasons:

- * Did not experience God's presence in their Catholic community,
- * Did not experience warm, personal, caring relationships with Catholics,
- * Saw Catholicism as complex and unrelated to their lives,
- * Experienced hurt from clergy or lay Catholics,
- * Came into conflict with Church teachings,
- * Were easily misled by people who attack the Church,
- * Were in marriages not recognized by the Church,
- * Got busy and did not take the time to get involved, or
- * Relocated but never reconnected with another Catholic parish.

What Can Each of Us Can Do To Help? In our daily lives we can show our faith in Jesus and our excitement and commitment to be part of the Catholic Church.

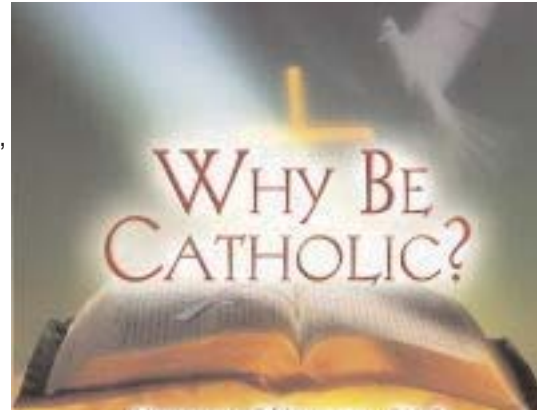
Catholics Can Come Home

We can also take a bigger step by inviting an inactive Catholic to consider a program provided at St. Paul the Apostle called, **Catholics Can Come Home**. This is a six-week series for non-practicing Catholics who seek answers about returning to the church. Sessions include discussion and sharing, topics such as "Changes Since Vatican II," "The Mass: Our Liturgy and Its History," "Reconciliation: A Discussion of Confession" and "Our Creed: What Catholics Believe."

Don Wass, who is organizing St. Paul's Program for the Dallas area (and it is part of a worldwide effort), said, "Let them know we're ready to discuss controversial issues frankly and honestly without denying the serious challenges that face the church today. At the very least, we hope this program can help people to resolve any questions or even bitterness about what happened to their relationship with the Church and with God. Of course, if a participant decides to work through the concerns about their Catholic faith, we will be thrilled and honored to welcome this person home again." Please contact Don Wass at 972-231-1586 or tectexas@aol.com or the St. Paul the Apostle Parish Office at 972-235-6105 to find out more.

Ayude a los católicos inactivos a encontrar Paz Acerca de la Iglesia

Cerca de 18 millones de personas han dejado de la iglesia y se sienten ajenos a nuestra familia católica.



Con mucha frecuencia tienen sentimientos de enojo, frustración, dolor y rechazo acerca de lo que una vez fue su fe católica activa. Basándose en una investigación sobre la Evangelización en el año 2000, hecha por el comité de Obispos de los Estados Unidos, se encontró que la mayoría de los católicos que abandonen la iglesia lo hacen por las siguientes razones:

- * No vivieron la experiencia de la presencia de Dios en la comunidad católica
- * No experimentaron una relación, personal, cálida, con los católicos
- * Vieron el catolicismo como algo complejo y sin relación a sus vidas
- * Sufrieron daño de parte del clero o de los católicos laicos
- * Entraron en conflicto con las enseñanzas de la iglesia
- * Fueron fácilmente mal guiados por gente que ataca a la iglesia
- * Vivían dentro de matrimonios que no eran reconocidos por la iglesia
- * Se ocuparon de otras cosas y no tuvieron tiempo para la iglesia, o se mudaron y nunca se reconectaron con otra parroquia católica.

Católicos Pueden Regresar a Casa

En nuestras vidas diarias podemos mostrar nuestra fe en Jesucristo y nuestro entusiasmo de ser parte de la Iglesia Católica. También podemos tomar pasos gigantes e invitar a un católico inactivo a considerar el programa que ofrece la Parroquia San Pablo Apóstol llamado "Católicos Pueden regresar a casa." Este programa es una serie de seis semanas para los católicos no practicantes que buscan respuestas acerca de cómo regresar al seno de la iglesia. Las sesiones incluyen discusión y participación en tópicos tales como "Cambios ocurridas a partir del Concilio Vaticano II", "La Misa: Nuestra Liturgia y su Historia", "Reconciliación: Una Discusión de la Confesión" y "Nuestro Credo: Qué Creemos los Católicos."

Don Wass, que es organizando este programa en San Pablo, (que es parte de un esfuerzo mundial) dice, "Déjenles saber que estamos dispuestos a discutir temas controversiales, franca y honestamente, sin negar los desafíos que la iglesia enfrenta hoy. Por lo menos, esperamos que este programa pueda ayudar a la gente a resolver cualquier pregunta o rencor acerca de lo que ha pasado en sus relaciones con la Iglesia y con Dios. Por supuesto, si un participante decide resolver sus conflictos acerca de la fe católica, estaremos maravillados y honrados en darle nuevamente la bienvenida a casa. Para obtener más información, por favor comuníquese con Don Wass al 972 231 1586 o tectexas@aol.com o con la oficina parroquial de la Iglesia San Pablo al 972 235 6105.

Inactive Catholics might also visit
www.OnceCatholic.org

Mass Mourning Pope John Paul II

Since the first of the month I have been glued to the news coming out of the Vatican regarding our beloved Pope. We watched in vigil during his last hours, we woke up at 3AM to see the funeral mass. When Father David announced that we too, at St Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Richardson Texas would unite with the universal church with two masses of mourning (April 11 and 14) we responded with eager gratitude and anticipation. We had seen the Polish Flags waving proudly in St Peter's Square, we had seen the young Catholic men and women carrying banners and candles and portraits to honor the life that has strived to imitate Christ for us this past quarter century. We responded in kind, forming our own impromptu procession before the evening mass with flags bearing the colors of the Vatican, with portraits of our Pope taken from our bulletin, with white handkerchiefs waving proudly from every hand, with white and yellow balloons launched in the pre mass procession, and a dove because the image of the Pope letting one loose was vividly etched into our Catholic imagination. It was time we gladly set aside to honor our Pope, to remember the courage with which he imitate Christ our Lord, it was time to shed tears of sorrow at our loss, and tears of gratitude that so humble a servant's head was now resting on the bosom of Abraham for a well deserved reward. It was a time to gather as a Catholic Community and proudly and publicly proclaim our faith. Thank you Fr. David, Fr. Jose Luis for the masses, thank you Eternal Father for your gift to us of Pope John Paul II.

Article submitted by: Charles Rodriguez Charles and his wife Patricia, and their children Eliana, Santiago, Andrea, Deana, Nick, Matthew, Teresita and Paul are members of St. Paul. Thank you for sharing your thoughts about John Paul II.

Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.

-Pope John Paul II

Desde el primero a abril, he estado pegado al televisor escuchando las noticias procedentes del Vaticano con relación a nuestro amado Papa.

Mi familia y yo estuvimos velando pendientes durante sus últimas horas; nos levantamos a las 3 de la mañana para ver la Misa del Funeral. Cuando el Padre David anunció que nosotros también, la Iglesia Católica de San Pablo Apóstol en Richardson, Texas, nos uniríamos con la iglesia universal con dos Misas de sufragio (abril 11 y 14), respondimos con genuina gratitud y anticipación.

Habíamos visto las banderas polacas ondeando orgullosamente en la Plaza de San Pedro, habíamos visto a los jóvenes católicos, hombres y mujeres, portando banderines, velas y fotos para honrar la vida de quien se esforzó por más de un cuarto de siglo para ser una imagen viva de Cristo para todo el mundo.



Nosotros respondimos con prontitud formando nuestra propia procesión improvisada, antes de la misa de la tarde, con banderines hechos con los colores de la bandera del Vaticano, globos blancos y amarillos que fueron lanzados al aire antes de la entrada y una paloma blanca, porque esa imagen del Papa soltando una paloma se ha quedado vivamente grabada en la imaginación de los católicos. Fue un tiempo, del que dispusimos para honrar a nuestro Papa,

para recordar la valentía con la que él imitó a Cristo Nuestro Señor, fue un momento de derramar lágrimas de tristeza por la pérdida, y lágrimas de gratitud porque la cabeza de un humilde siervo descansa ahora en el seno de Abraham, un premio muy merecido. Fue un tiempo para reunirnos como comunidad católica y orgullosa y proclamar públicamente nuestra fe. Gracias Padre David y Padre José Luis por las Misas. Gracias Padre Eterno por el regalo que nos diste en el Papa Juan Pablo II.