



Dear Friends,

The Stations of the Cross are going very well. There has been good attendance so far, and it is great to see so many of you joining us to pray and meditate on the Passion of the Christ. The parish staff has already presented the Stations, composed by Pope John Paul II. These Stations of the Cross were taken completely from the accounts in the Gospels. We had a Lenten Supper after the Stations, and there were no reports of anyone getting weak or feeling woozy as a result of Fr. Niall's and the parish staff's lentil soup or very garlicky bread! Your donation of \$150 for the supper was very much appreciated by Mission of Yahweh. Last Friday, the children and the volunteers from the Sunday 11:15 a.m. mass Liturgy of the Word Group presented the Stations from their perspective and in their age-appropriate language. They offered all who prayed the Stations a supper of cheese pizza and a simple salad. The donation received will also be forwarded to help Mission of Yahweh. This coming Friday the Stations and Lenten Supper will be presented by the Knights of Columbus. Through all this we are rediscovering our ancient tradition of keeping "prayer, fasting, and almsgiving" united and continuing to grow as a caring and prayerful faith community. Our Lenten Stations of the Cross are involving as many groups of differing ages and perspectives as possible – something, I think, a parish should always strive to do and be.

Deacon Lee and I have gone to great lengths to upgrade the headphones for those of you who might be ever so slightly hard of hearing. All we would ask of you is to use them, and if you don't like the homily, do as my father does when he decides he had heard enough. He takes his earphones out and goes back to blissful silence - to meditate, of course!

One of my most hated subjects now follows: Money, and worse, asking for it! The archdiocese has sent us a report on our Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) contributions to date.

St. Catherine's Parish

assigned goal for 2010: \$39,893.00

Total amount paid to date: \$4,418.75

**Total number of participating families/households:
48 out of approx. 500**

Please remember that St. Catherine's Parish will be responsible for the outstanding balance. Thankfully, last year our parish reached its assigned goal and, I hope, with your generosity we will do the same again this year.

Those of you who are registered parishioners should have received your DSF envelopes by now. There are extra envelopes on the table beneath the bulletin board in the corridor for all who would like to support the archdiocese in its essential social ministries.

Thank you all for your generosity in time, talent, and treasure,

Fr. Niall

2010 DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND. If you have not already offered your pledge to this year's Diocesan Services Fund, please do so today. We are counting on you to head Christ's call— "Follow me." (Mk. 2:14). Through your generous support of DSF, we can bring Christ's comfort and support over sixty ministries of the many pressing needs and priorities that cannot be address individually or by one parish alone. For those of you who have already responded with a gift, please accept our sincere gratitude and know of our prayer that your gift will be returned to you through Christ. Please help us reach our parish goal. To donate online, use www.archgh.org/dsf

THANK YOU BISHOP VASQUEZ. You are cordially invited to a Mass of Celebration honoring Auxiliary Bishop Joe S. Vasquez, Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Austin, on Monday, March 1 at 7:00 pm at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Parkway. Parking is available at the Chancery lot at Fannin and Jefferson.

VOCATION EXPO "UNITED IN PRAYER" will be Saturday, March 13 from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm at St. Mary's Seminary, 9845 Memorial Dr. All those who would like to promote vocations are invited. Registration may be done by via mail, fax or email. For more information, please call 713-652-8239, fax 713-759-9151 or the vocations department at vocations@archgh.org. Daniel Cardinal DiNardo will be the keynote speaker.

RECYCLING. Please continue to bring all your paper to our recycling bins. Recycling in good for the environment and it helps our parish financially. We get paid by the ton. You can't miss the three two tone dumpsters near the main building and next to the BBQ pit.

PRAYER CHAIN An important aspect of our Christian faith calls us to pray for each other. If you would like to pray for the sick of our parish, or ask for prayer for you and your loved ones, you can call **Merryl Piper** at (713) 465 9089.



February 27-March 7, 2010

- Sat. 02/27** 5:00 pm † Glada Fern McAvoy
- Sun. 02/28** 8:30 am † Marge Burzawa
11:15 am S.I. Antonio Hinojosa
- Mon. 03/01** 12:15 pm † Jeanne Hoffman
- Tue. 03/02** 12:15 pm † Helen Ahlschlager
- Wed. 03/03** 12:15 pm S.I. Sarah & Jason Mossman
- Thu. 03/04** 12:15 pm † Marge Burzawa
- Fri. 03/05** 12:15 pm In thanksgiving
Fernando Campoverde
- Sat. 03/06** 5:00 pm S.I. Richard Nerios
- Sun. 03/07** 8:30 am S.I. Glen Mauldin
11:15 am † Ethyl Kelly

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land.” (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday:** Gn 37:3-4,12-13a;17b-28a;Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103;
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1

CHURCH CALENDAR



- Sat. 02/27** **Second Sunday of Lent**
Diocesan Services Fund Sunday (DSF)
5:00 pm Mass
- Sun. 02/28** *Diocesan Services Fund Sunday (DSF)*
8:30 am Mass
11:15 am Mass *KC's in attendance*
12:15 pm *KC Fellowship*
3:00 pm Indonesian Mass
- Mon. 03/01** 12:15 pm Mass
- Tue. 03/02** 12:15 pm Mass
- Wed. 03/03** 12:15 pm Mass
6:30 pm *CCE Classes*
- Thu. 03/04** 12:15 pm Mass
- Fri. 03/05** 12:15 pm Mass
7:00 pm *Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Charity Supper*
- Sat. 03/06** **Third Sunday of Lent**
5:00 pm Mass
- Sun. 03/07** 8:30 am Mass
9:30 am *KC Breakfast*
11:15 am Mass

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Second Sunday of Lent;
- Wednesday:** St. Katharine Drexel
- Thursday:** St. Casimir
- Friday:** World Day of Prayer;
Day of Abstinence

Thank you for your faithful support

02/21/10	Stations of the Cross	150.00
02/21/10	Capital Improvement	135.00
02/28/10	Regular contributions	\$ 6,757.04
02/28/10	Black and Indian Missions	<u>\$ 1,955.00</u>
		8,997.04