

SENIOR CITIZENS

**ST. MATTHEW SENIOR CENTER IS OPEN
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY FROM
7 AM UNTIL NOON. MEMBERSHIP IS AVAILABLE
TO ANYONE WHO IS
60 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.**

**OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE A SAFE, FRIENDLY,
AND INTERESTING PLACE WHERE OUR SENIOR
CITIZENS CAN COME AND SPEND SOME TIME
WITH OTHER SENIORS. NEW FRIENDSHIPS HAVE
BEEN MADE AND SOME OLD FRIENDSHIPS HAVE
BEEN RENEWED.**

**VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ARE SPONSORED BY ST.
MATTHEW PARISH DURING THE MORNING
HOURS. THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO,
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVES,
ELDERLY AND DISABLED SERVICES DIVISION,
PROVIDES THE CENTER MEMBERS WITH A
NUTRITIOUS LUNCH AT 11:15 AM EVERY DAY.**

Pre-registration is required for the lunch program.

If you are interested in becoming a member, or have any questions concerning the Senior Center, please call Georgia Wall at 210-478-5017.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

The following activities start at 9:00 AM and end at 11:15 AM.

Monday – Bingo

Tuesday – Quilting Group (no instruction is offered with this group), Bunco, and Ceramics

Wednesday, - Bingo, Quilting by sewing machine and Swing Crafts (no instruction is offered with this group)

Thursday – Ceramics, Jewelry Making, Instructional Art

Friday – Bingo

SENIOR CENTER MEMBER ON CITY TASK FORCE

Ursula Rodriguez, an active member of the St. Matthew Senior Center, was recently asked to be one of the District 8 representatives for the Senior Task Force for the city of San Antonio. This task force is doing a study on how the city can best improve city services for senior citizens throughout San Antonio.

Ursula is originally from Germany, and upon her arrival in San Antonio became a very active member of St. James Parish, including the Athletic Assn., PTC, Altar Society, Our

Lady of Guadalupe, Parish Pastoral Council, and the School Board. Ursula then took a break from her church duties and furthered her education at St. Mary's University. She received an accounting degree from St. Mary's University. She then continued her involvement at St. James Parish, and eventually moved to St. Matthew Parish where she is now actively involved in the Altar Society, the VIP Club, is a lector/commentator, and is active in the Senior Center. Ursula has a varied background that will help her to be an effective member of the Task Force that will benefit seniors from all over San Antonio.

WE THANK HER FOR GIVING HER TIME AND ENERGY TO THIS VERY WORTHY CAUSE OF HELPING OUR SENIOR CITIZENS.

HAIR CUTS IN THE SENIOR CENTER (PARISH HALL)

THE NEXT DATE FOR HAIR CUTS: (TO BE ANNOUNCED)

Haircuts are offered for \$7.00 on the first Monday of every month from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM. 10% of the profits benefit the Senior Center. This service is open to all parishioners.

JEWELRY MAKING CLASSES

Classes are held on every other Thursday. The class will be held from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM. A small monetary contribution to cover the cost of materials is required from class participants at each session. If you have any questions or want to register, please call Georgia Wall at 210-478-5017.

THE SENIOR CENTER WILL APPRECIATE ANY DONATIONS OF BEADS AND TOOLS THAT CAN BE USED IN THE JEWELRY MAKING PROCESS.

ITEMS INCLUDE:

LONG NOSE PLYERS

CRIMPERS

WIRE CUTTERS

ALSO, ANY BEADS, CRYSTALS, OR OTHER ITEMS THAT ARE USED FOR JEWELRY.

We wish to thank all those who have donated any of the items mentioned above for our jewelry making class.

All of your donations are greatly appreciated!!

SHARE YOUR FAITH

**BE A MODERN-DAY ST. PAUL
The RCIA is looking for men and women to share their Catholic faith with non-Catholics as group leaders and personal sponsors.
For more information contact Deacon Norman at 478-5060 or 525-8245.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to donate altar flowers in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion and you have a particular weekend in mind, please call Bernard at 478-5001 to schedule your request. Cost is \$85 for one large arrangement or \$150 for all three arrangements (2 small & 1 large).

THE RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

The RCIA will begin classes on September 1, 2010. We always meet on **WEDNESDAY** nights from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Rm. 106, McDonald Family Center. **YOU NEED TO REGISTER NOW.** For registration and/or additional information, please call **ELDA MARIA ESTRADA** at 478-5007.

RCIA SPONSORS are an important part of the RCIA process. While candidates are on a faith journey, sponsors walk along with them giving them support and friendship all the way. Sponsors serve as a sounding board for the candidates but are not expected to “have all of the answers.” Faith develops where it is nurtured and that is the role of a sponsor - to be a nurturer. Call **ELDA MARIA ESTRADA**, 478-5007, if you are interested in the role of sponsor. You won't be sorry!

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you are a catechized, active, adult Catholic and want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please call **Elda Maria Estrada**, 478-5007, in order to pre-register. Classes will be held on Monday nights from 7:00—8:30 p.m. in Rm. 101 McDonald Family Center beginning September 13, 2010, and will continue for 10 weeks.



Save the Date
September 11th,
Casino Night * Slots* Poker
Enjoy Music *Gourmet meal
Sky Room at
University of the Incarnate Word.

Contact Joe Hemmi (210) 913-5500
or email jhemmi@actsrf.org

The ACTS Retreat Foundation;
Our passion to help others go on an
ACTS Retreat, please help by
contributing to this event.
Tickets \$100 admits two

Adoration Community Theology Service

PERSONAL GROWTH CENTER

DIVORCE RECOVERY MINISTRY

This group is for you if you have experienced in the past, or are currently experiencing the pain and fragmentation of separation/divorce.

Our focus is on facilitating healing in your psyche and soul through support, sharing and fellowship with other members of the Catholic community.

Please call Dr. Maria Leavy Hoelscher at 478-5005 for the next series of support.

When: Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Where: Admin. Bldg.

***Facilitator: Dr. Maria Leavy-Hoelscher
478-5005***

WIDOW/WIDOWER:

COPING WITH LOSS GROUP

Grieving is a very powerful emotional journey that helps you adapt to drastic changes in your life. Sharing and walking with others who have experienced this type of loss is very helpful and healing.

When: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Where: McDonald Center, Rm. 104

Facilitator: Sr. Lucille Gardner

Next Meeting/s: August 17

GIVEN MUCH

“Much will be required of the person entrusted with much” (Luke 12:48). Whew! At least the Lord hasn't entrusted me with much! Thank goodness that the work of the reign of God on earth has been entrusted to somebody else. This must be the “good news” of today's Gospel, right? Wrong!

In the mentality that has come to be known as “keeping up with the Joneses” we can gear ourselves toward a comparison with those who have more or who have been given more, even by God. Unfortunately, nowhere does Jesus say: “Not much will be expected of those who have been given only a little bit.” Each of us, in our own way, has been given something, some gift or treasure that we can put toward the work of the reign of God. This is the vocation of Christian discipleship. Perhaps others seem to have been given more; evaluating this is not the disciple's concern. The concern of each of us in the vocation for which we have been chosen is to take what we have been given, and consecrate it for the continued in-breaking of God's kingdom of justice, joy, peace, and beauty. Then will we come to realize that we have indeed been given much.

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YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 10 – Roller skating at the RollerCade** – 6-8 p.m. Come join us for an evening of roller skating. Permission forms are required – see the website for registration forms and bring \$6.00. We will be leaving the Administration Building at 5:30 p.m.
- **August 14 – LIFETEEN AT FIESTA TEXAS** – This is an all day event filled with fun games and activities as well as powerful speakers, an incredible Catholic Liturgy, and Praise & Worship that will leave you wanting more. If you are interested in going, contact Michelle Weekley at 478-5011 to register. The cost will be \$40 for those who do not have a Fiesta Texas pass and \$15 for those who do. Register as soon as possible, seats on the bus are limited, unless parents want to help drive. Registration Forms can be picked up at the Admin Building or downloaded from the website. Don't miss it.
- **August 18 – Praise and Worship at the VJ** – 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Come join us for a night of praise and singing!!
- **August 20 – End of Summer Bonanza at the VJ** – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Come say good bye to Summer with a backyard party at the VJ!!
- **August 29 – Youth Ministry hosts Social Sunday** - after all morning masses. Here is a chance for service hours that everyone, especially Confirmation candidates will need for this year. See Michelle to sign up!!!

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

Registration Packets for Religious Education classes and Confirmation will be sent out in mid August. Please watch for them in your mailbox. If you do not receive one, contact Michelle to have one mailed to you. Registration will also be held during masses the middle of August. Classes will begin September 12th. Schedules and registration forms will soon be available on the website. The Sophomore class will receive Confirmation preparation, and will be confirmed in the Spring of 2011. Catholic School Students will be attending classes all year with the public school students – space may be limited, so register early! Any Juniors or Seniors who have not yet been confirmed can also register for Confirmation classes. There will also be a Freshman and Junior/Senior class available. Call Michelle at 478-5011 if you have any questions in the meantime.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

The High School Religious Education program is in need of catechists (teachers) for school year 2010-2011. We are in need of at least 2 more confirmation teachers and a teacher to teach our Junior/Senior bible study. We are also looking for substitute teachers. We provide all the materials you need to share your gift. What does a catechist do? Catechists share the teachings of Jesus Christ, but also help our Youth to become the type of people the Lord intended them to be by helping them to learn more about their faith and deepening relationship with God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The

rewards are numerous and a deep satisfaction is gained from nurturing these young people in their journey of faith. Classes will begin September 12th. Interested people can contact Michelle Weekley at 478-5011. Thank you for prayerfully considering being a part of this very important ministry.

RCIA FOR TEENS

This program is designed for any teenager who would like to know more about the Catholic faith, as well as for any teenager who would like to prepare to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. If a teen has been baptized, but has not received first Eucharist or Confirmation, these classes will guide him/her through the preparation process for these sacraments. Registration will begin again in August, with classes starting September 12th and running through June. If you have any questions, please call Michelle Weekley at 478-5011.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group is for all teenagers who are classified as High School students. The meetings are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. at 11039 Vance Jackson Dr. (the pink brick house just past the first station). If you are interested in joining with a group who share your Catholic Christian beliefs, come and be a part of the great social and spiritual activities that members of the Youth Group participate in. There is free food too!!! Call Michelle Weekley at 478-5011 for additional information.

- **August 10 – Rollerskating at the RollerCade** – 6-8 p.m. – see above for more info
- **August 11 – Meeting** 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the VJ House
- **August 14 – LIFETEEN** at Fiesta TX – see above for more info
- **August 18 – Praise and Worship** – see above for more info
- **August 25 – Meeting** 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the VJ House
- **August 29 – Social Sunday** – see above for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL FALL RETREAT

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!! MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE HIGH SCHOOL FALL RETREAT!!!

The High School Fall Retreat is scheduled for the weekend of 8-10 October at TECABOCA (otherwise known as "Heaven on Earth") which is located off of IH-10W, approximately 20 miles past Kerrville. The High School Student team and adults who work with the retreat team are already planning a spiritually enhancing and fun filled weekend for the retreatants. The High School Retreats are designed to help the students to nurture a closer relationship with their God, and to help them become more aware of what it means to lead truly Christian lives. Leave your hectic schedule behind for a weekend and join with other Catholic Christian teens for a weekend of fellowship and Fun!!!