

# 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: MONDAY, SEPT. 13**

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

*Altar Flowers for this weekend, August 14-15, were donated in celebration of the wedding anniversary of Paul & Mary Caciola by the couple.*  
*We thank you for your generosity.*

**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. 102** McDonald Family Center beginning September 13, 2010, and will continue for 10 weeks.

**CONGRATULATIONS  
NEW ACTS CORE OFFICERS**

**President     Annette Smith**

**Vice President     Irene Chapa-Einkauf**

**Secretary     Annamarie Medina**

**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***

**THE DESTINY OF ALL MORTAL FLESH**

The celebration of today's feast on a Sunday is unusual on our Roman Catholic calendar. Our observance of the Lord's Day is held in such high esteem that few other feasts replace it. Occasionally there is a feast—usually of one of the saints—in which the saving power of God in Christ is so uniquely focused that the Roman rite deems it worthy of celebration on the Lord's Day. Today is such a feast. Yet some are surprised at the brevity of the dogma in its entirety: “We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.” The Roman Catholic Church never defined any specifics or particulars about the event itself. It is not in the scriptures. There are no verifiable eyewitness accounts. At its core, the dogma reveals in Mary the destiny of all mortal flesh, and reinforces our creedal belief in resurrection of the body. This feast strengthens our faith, defined last week in Hebrews as the realization of things hoped for. We find, in Mary, that realization of what we all hope for, what Paul today affirms: “In Christ shall all be brought to life” (1 Corinthians 15:22).

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## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**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! **THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE/ PARENT MEETING ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH AT 7:15 P.M. IN THE GYM. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.** 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.

### THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR TEENS

The High School Religious Education Program will be offering “Theology of the Body for Teens” this year for all Juniors and Seniors who have been confirmed. This class will help teenagers to discover God’s plan for love and for life. This class helps bring Pope John Paul 11’s landmark teaching known as the Theology of the Body to our teens in such a way that engages their minds and their hearts. The curriculum is both catechetical and evangelistic. Theology of the Body for teens is not a list of rules, but a map that answers questions like: Who am I?, What is my purpose in life?, How can I find true happiness here on earth? This class will be offered on Sunday evenings from 7:15 – 8:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria starting September 26th. Classes will meet at least once a month, sometimes twice a month. Call Michelle Weekley for more information.

### CATECHISTS, SUBS AND HELPERS 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. We are also looking for substitute teachers and people who can help Michelle on Sundays. 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.

Meetings for August:

- August 18 – Praise and Worship – see above for more info
- August 20 – End of Summer Bonanza 6:30-8:30 at the VJ House
- August 25 – Meeting 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the VJ House
- August 29 – Social Sunday – see above for more information

\*\*\*Notice there has been a time change for High School Youth Group to 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to allow for much more needed time.\*\*\*

### 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!!!

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