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To spread the good news of Jesus Christ to all God's people by word and action.

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New Web Site for St. Mark

After almost a year and a half, St. Mark is getting a facelift. The "new image" is an update of the old web site. The newer one is in place and ready to serve you.

It has many new features and is easier to search for the information you need. Shane Hamilton is now in charge of the site. He has been updating it as fast as possible.

Please examine the new home page and format at www.stmarkevangelist.com.

If you see something that needs changing, contact Shane at 494-1959. We are always looking for your input to make it better.



Archbishop Makes a Visit to St. Mark

On January 16, Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller visited St. Mark to celebrate Mass at 10:00 am. He wanted to come back to thank the parishioners for the hospitality he received when he was installed as the 6th Archbishop of San Antonio. After Mass, he visited with many parishioners in Shalom.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Archbishop's Appeal needs everyone to participate. Page 4
- The 2011 Vacation Bible School goes green. Page 5
- Your special Lenten Calendar ready to read and to post on your fridge. Pages 6-7
- For the first time, here is your special Lenten Calendar for children. Pages 8-9

Give whatever you are doing and whoever you are with the gift of attention.

SPECIAL BINGO FROM THE KNIGHTS

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Council #7613 is conducting a SPECIAL BINGO session at Jackpot Bingo Parlor, 13307 San Pedro, on Saturday, March 5. Doors open at 12:30 pm. There will be two sessions with \$3,800 in jackpots along with over \$1,000 in door prizes. Cost to play each session starts at \$10. Your participation directly contributes and supports St. Mark the Evangelist Parish. To learn more about "Bingo with the Knights of Columbus," call Jackpot Bingo on Sunday or Monday evenings at 490-9425.

Quilt to Benefit Scholarships

St. Mark Quilters stitched a beautiful quilt for this year's quilt raffle to benefit St. Mark graduating high school seniors. The pattern is "Vintage Lace" and the size of the quilt is 91" by 91" (a generous size for a queen size or even a king size bed). The colors of the blocks are muted red, black and beige. The drawing for the winner of the quilt will be held at the St. Mark Women's Guild luncheon on Saturday, March 5, 2011. Each of the quilt blocks was lovingly made by different quilters and much of the work was done at our weekly Quilting Bees on Fridays at Christopher Hall. The quilt will be on display at the luncheon and we hope you will stop by to see it in person.



Squires on the Move

The Squires represent the young men of the Knights of Columbus. For those of you unfamiliar with the Squires, the program is designed to help develop their leadership skills. We also focus on spiritual development. Plus, we have a lot of fun. Please let me know if you have any questions.



Bruce Magnuson
Grand Knight

- April 15-17 – Squires Camping Trip: This year we are going to Inks Lake (north of Marble Falls). I've reserved space for 40 people. Fathers are invited; you do not need to be a Knight to participate. More details on this coming soon; please mark your calendars now. April 15 is a school holiday so we will leave early in the morning. The sooner you RSVP the better.
- April 23 @ 8:00 am in the St. Mark's circle: Easter Egg Hunt and Rosary. The Squires will hide the eggs again this year. Afterward, everyone is invited to pray the living rosary led by the Squires.
- May 21 @ 2:00 pm- Squires vs. Knights Putt Putt tournament: Once again we will battle on the field of honor (Embassy Putt Putt). Afterward, there will be a cookout at Ryan Lee's house.

Contact Us

You can submit an article for publication in *The Winged Lion* by bringing it to the Pastoral Office in person or by mailing the article to Don Williams. The best way is to submit your articles for the Parish Newsletter via email to:



We want to read fresh ideas for your newsletter.

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The Winged Lion is now published quarterly until further notice. The months scheduled for the newsletter will be February (with the Lenten calendar), May, August, and November (with the Advent calendar).

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He can who thinks he can, and he can't who thinks he can't.
This is an inexorable, indisputable law.

Vocation Discernment Weekend

LIFE AWARENESS

Religious Vocation Discernment Weekend
JUNE 3-5, 2011



Come with Me
into the fields



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- Register online at www.savocations.org/lifeawareness
- Partial assistance is available upon request
- For more information contact Sr. Jane Mary Gawlik at jane.gawlik@archsa.org • 210-735-0553 or Sr. Gloria Ann Fiedler at gafiedler@cdptexas.org • 210-434-1866



Mass celebrated by
Most Reverend Gustavo Garcia-Siller
Archbishop of San Antonio

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Fasting and Abstinence During Lent

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is also permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening—depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal. **Abstinence** forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.



Catholics often confuse the act of fasting with the practice of abstinence. These forms of denial are completely different. Fasting usually refers to the limited consumption of food. Abstinence is not eating meat (pork, beef and chicken). Both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. More frequent use of the sacrament of Reconciliation and attendance at daily Mass are encouraged during Lent, as well as other practices of penance and self-sacrifice.

Visit our Website.
www.stmarkevangelist.com

What is missing from our website? What would you like to add? Is your ministry represented? Is your event listed in the calendar? Do you have some parish news that you would like to share? These and other questions can be answered by calling the Development Office and asking for Don Williams or Shane Hamilton. We want to make your website user friendly, but we need your help. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

KUDOS KORNER

Thanks to those who will read the Lenten Calendar and use the information printed on it. Please keep the calendar in an area that can be read by all in the family.

Writing is the gold standard of communication. Learn to do it well, and see more gold.

Archbishop's Appeal Needs You

Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the 2011 Archbishop's Appeal. Children, seminary students, the sick and the aged, the needy—they all depend on our generosity. Thank you for pledging to help meet our parish goal of \$170,000 and assure the continuation of these programs and services.

While our Archdiocese continues to grow in size, the number of families who participate in the Archbishop's Appeal remains virtually the same. So, today, I would like to take a few minutes to share the work the Archbishop's Appeal is doing.

Did you know that when an engaged couple receives education and counseling in preparation for marriage, the Appeal is at work? When a catechist receives training or a needy family can afford to send their child to Catholic School, the Appeal is at work. When a baby's life is saved from abortion or a homeless person receives a warm bed and a meal, the Appeal is at work. There are things at work every day throughout the Archdiocese supported by your donations to the Archbishop's Appeal. You know many of them—Catholic Charities, Seton Home, St. Peter-St. Joseph Children's Home, Project Rachel, Allied Women's Center, Hope for the Future, Sister's Care, Daughters of Charity—and we would miss them if they were gone.

It is your donations that make possible the continuation of these services. If you have already made a pledge to the Archbishop's Appeal, I thank you for answering the call to serve others.

If you have not yet made a pledge, I would like to remind you that the theme for this year, Working

Together to Build God's Kingdom, says that we are all Disciples of Christ. Being Catholic is much more than being a member of a

parish and going to Mass on weekends—it's about living our faith and following Jesus. I've seen some of the amazing ways that our community has pulled together in difficult times to help each other and to help those outside of our community—that is what it means to be Catholic.

Let me say again, if you have never pledged before, a pledge of \$1 for each day of the year, \$365, or \$1 for each week of the year, \$52, would go a long way toward helping us to meet our goal. However, any gift you can give will be truly appreciated.

No amount is too small. Maybe you can think about it in these terms. Could you sacrifice the price of a soft drink a day or a cup of coffee a week to the ministries of the Archdiocese? Those dollars could go a long way to benefit the Catholic community in our Archdiocese.

Please make a pledge to support the Appeal—because the Appeal supports you. Don't think of it as an obligation, your ability to support all these ministries is really a privilege!

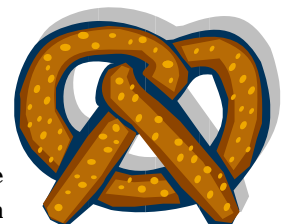
Thank you again in advance for your pledge.



Traditional Food for Fasting

Did you know that pretzels are a Lenten food? Their name comes from *bracellae*, "little arms," for their shape of two arms crossed in prayer. These are easy and fun to make.

Mix 1 pkg. active dry yeast with 1 Tbs. sugar in 1 1/2 cups lukewarm (100-110 degree) water. Mixture should bubble. Stir in 1 tsp. salt and 4 cups flour. Place on floured board and knead in 1/2 cup more flour. Knead about 8 minutes. Divide into pieces, roll into ropes, and shape into pretzels. (As you fold the "little arms" pray the Lord's Prayer or another Lenten prayer.) Let rise until about double in size. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Place pretzel on greased cookie sheet. Brush with mixture of 1 egg yolk mixed with 2 Tbs. water, and sprinkle with kosher salt. Bake 12 minutes or until golden brown.



I believe... that every human mind feels pleasure in doing good to another.

Faustina's Diary - the story continues

With each printing of the Winged Lion, the ministry of Divine Mercy will familiarize you with the journey of Maria Faustina's religious life.

This is how I was accepted. However, for many reasons I still had to remain in the world for more than a year with that pious woman [Aldona Lipszycowa], but I did not go back to my own home.

At that time I had to struggle with many difficulties, but God was lavish with His graces. An ever greater longing for God began to take hold of me. The lady, pious as she was, did not understand the happiness of religious life and, in her kindheartedness began to make other plans for my future life. And yet, I sensed that I had a heart so big that nothing would be capable of

filling it. And so I turned with all the longing of my soul to God.

It was during the octave of Corpus Christi [June 25, 1925]. God filled my soul with the interior light of a deeper knowledge of Him as Supreme goodness and Supreme Beauty. I came to know how very much God loves me. Eternal is His love for me. It was at vespers – in simple words, which flowed from the heart, I made to God (6) a vow of perpetual chastity. From that moment I felt a greater intimacy with God, my Spouse. From that moment I set up a little cell in my heart where I always kept company with Jesus.

At last the time came when the door of the convent was opened for me – it was the first of August [1925], in the evening,

the vigil [of the feast] of Our Lady of the Angels. I felt immensely happy; it seemed to me that I had stepped into the life of Paradise. A single prayer was bursting forth from my heart, one of thanksgiving.

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For further information about St. Faustina, her diary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, you may contact

Jeri Minyon at 599-8928.

ReNew: The Green VBS - July 11-15

ReNew is focused on the stewardship of God's creation in new and innovative ways. Grounded in the Jesus' Parable of the Sower (Mark 4:1-9); this allows kids to explore the parable in-depth. ReNew empowers kids through hope, opportunity, and service.

Digging into the story from the perspectives of Self, Community, and World also allows kids to relate to the text and build a relationship with the Bible. Even more importantly, ReNew weaves together rich Biblical imagery with engaging activities kids love, resulting in a deeper, more memorable experience of God's Word.

Each day at ReNew, kids hear the entire Bible story, but then focus on one section of it to discover what the passage means for them and how it relates to caring for God's creation. From Day One's "A Sower Went Out to Sow" to Day Five's "Good Soil", each lesson is centered on

stewardship. Kids learn, create, and change the world while putting their faith into action to impact your community.

Registration for ReNew VBS will begin on Monday, May 2nd for children of registered parishioners and on Wednesday, June 1st for non-parishioners. Teen Volunteer registration will begin in mid-May. Keep checking the bulletin for updates and more information.

Adult and teen volunteers are needed to make this event happen; please contact Theresa Crow to help. tcrow@stmarkevangelist.com or 494-7434.



Fish Dinners Return on Fridays During Lent

The Knights of Columbus at St. Mark, Council 7613, are offering fish dinners during the Fridays of Lent. Stop by the Community Center between 5pm and 7pm for eat-in or take-out. Donations are accepted. *The Way of the Cross* starts after the dinner at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.



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Lent, Triduum and Easter Calendar 2011

SERVICE	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
ASH WEDNESDAY	MARCH 9 6:30 AM, 8:15 AM, 12:00 NOON 5:30 PM, 7:30 PM	MAIN SANCTUARY
WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE	MONDAYS - 8:15 AM & 6:30 PM TUESDAYS - 6:30 AM WEDNESDAYS - 6:30 & 8:15 AM THURSDAYS - 6:30 & 8:15 AM FRIDAYS - 8:15 AM	DAY CHAPEL
LITURGY OF THE HOURS (EVENING PRAYER)	WEDNESDAYS MARCH 16, 23, 30 - 7:00 PM APRIL 13 - 7:00 PM	DAY CHAPEL
WAY OF THE CROSS (STATIONS)	FRIDAYS MARCH 11, 18, 25 - 7:00 PM APRIL 1, 8 - 7:00 PM	MAIN SANCTUARY
MASS OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK	SATURDAY APRIL 2, 10:30 AM	MAIN SANCTUARY
PARISH RECONCILIATION	WEDNESDAY-APRIL 6 - 7:00 PM & SATURDAY-APRIL 9 - 9:00 AM	MAIN SANCTUARY



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SERVICE	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
PALM SUNDAY	APRIL 16 & 17 (Sat) 5:00 PM (Sun) 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 5:00 PM	MAIN SANCTUARY
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	APRIL 21 - HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 PM	MAIN SANCTUARY
GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION	APRIL 22 - GOOD FRIDAY 3:00 PM 7:00 PM	MAIN SANCTUARY
EASTER VIGIL	APRIL 23 - HOLY SATURDAY 8:00 PM	MAIN SANCTUARY <i>(No Sacrament of Reconciliation or 5:00 PM Mass today)</i>
EASTER	APRIL 24 - EASTER SUNDAY 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 NOON, 5:00 PM	MAIN SANCTUARY
DIVINE MERCY NOVENA	APRIL 22 (GOOD FRIDAY) 2:15 & 6:15 PM	ADORATION CHAPEL
DIVINE MERCY NOVENA	APRIL 23 (HOLY SATURDAY) 7:15 PM	ADORATION CHAPEL
DIVINE MERCY NOVENA	APRIL 24 (EASTER SUNDAY) FOLLOWING 12:00 MASS	MAIN SANCTUARY
DIVINE MERCY NOVENA	7:00 PM APRIL 25 (MONDAY) APRIL 26 (TUESDAY) APRIL 27 (WEDNESDAY) APRIL 28 (THURSDAY) APRIL 29 (FRIDAY) *APRIL 30 (SATURDAY)	MONDAY - FRIDAY DAY CHAPEL *AFTER 5:00 PM MASS MAIN SANCTUARY
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	MAY 1 (SUNDAY)	AFTER ALL MASSES MAIN SANCTUARY

**Your profession is not what brings home your paycheck.
Your profession is what you were put on earth to do with such passion and such intensity that it becomes spiritual in calling.**

Children's Lent Calendar

Lent































Lent is a time for each of us to do more for God. We are asked to pray more, give more, and sacrifice more to allow us to come closer to Jesus. In the space below, write what you will do during Lent to come closer to Jesus.

I will say _____ prayers every day. (prayer)
 I will give up _____ (fasting)
 I will do _____ (almsgiving)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>13 Did you know that pretzels were first made as a Lenten treat? The loops and twists were meant to suggest arms in prayer. Have some pretzels today, and pray!</p>	<p>14 Spend some time outdoors today enjoying God's creation. Identify cloud pictures, go for a walk or a drive to the country, pick up litter to the park, begis and end your time with prayer.</p>	<p>Mar. 8 Today is Mardi Gras. Take time to decide what you will do for Jesus this Lent.</p>	<p>9 Ash Wednesday Masses: 6:30 & 8:15 am, 12 noon, 5:30 & 7:30 pm</p>	<p>10 Please keep our high school youth in your prayers this weekend as they go on retreat.</p>	<p>11 Way of the Cross Every Friday @ 7 pm during Lent.</p>	<p>12 Spring Break! March 12-20</p>
<p>LENTEN MEAL PRAYER Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. May our sharing in this food bring us closer to you. Amen.</p>	<p>16 First Sorrowful Mystery Agony in the Garden Knowing he would soon be arrested & put to death, Jesus went out to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray with his close friends. He prayed to his Father, "Not my will, but yours be done."</p>	<p>17 St. Patrick told people about Jesus, who can you share the story with today.</p>	<p>18 Way of the Cross Every Friday @ 7 pm during Lent.</p>	<p>19 Remember all fathers who work and care for their families as St. Joseph did.</p>	<p>20 Work as a family to clean your yard and prepare it for Spring. Help a neighbor do the same.</p>	<p>21 How are you following Jesus today?</p>
<p>22 Don't eat between meals today. Pray for those who will not have enough to eat today.</p>	<p>23 Second Sorrowful Mystery The Scourging of Jesus The soldiers brutally whipped Jesus - a severe punishment all by itself. Jesus endured this pain to show how much he loved us.</p>	<p>24 Take stock of your Lenten experience so far. • Have you avoided the things you gave up? • Have you kept up new spiritual habits? Grade yourself on your progress so far.</p>	<p>25 Way of the Cross Every Friday @ 7 pm during Lent.</p>	<p>26 Faith Formation Today Remember the magic words: "please," "thank you," "you're welcome," and "I'm sorry."</p>		

There is no security in life,
only opportunity.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>March 27</p>  <p>Faith Formation Today</p> <p>If Jesus asked you for a drink of water, what would you say?</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>Notice the wind today and how it moves through everything. Think about how God moves through our lives.</p>	<p>29</p>  <p>Plant marigold seeds in a plastic cup watching them grow over the next days and weeks as a symbol of the new life possible in Jesus.</p>	<p>30</p>  <p>Third Sorrowful Mystery</p> <p>The Crowning with Thorns The soldiers made a crown out of thorns, and it hurt when they placed it on Jesus' head. But it also hurt that they were making fun of him for claiming he was the Son of God.</p>	<p>31</p>  <p>Add up all the ages of your family.</p> <p>Thank God for _____ year(s) of life.</p>	<p>April 1</p>  <p>Children's Holy Hour</p> <p>5:30 - 6:30 pm</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>Shower in fewer than three minutes. Pray for those who don't have the luxury of a bath or the dignity that comes with cleanliness.</p>
<p>April 3</p>  <p>Use your senses to learn more about God this week.</p> <p>Hospitality Sunday</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Remember in your prayers parents who have lost children as Mary did.</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>Jesus makes me new again!</p> <p>Reconciliation Services Wed., April 6 @ 7 pm Sat., April 9 @ 9 am</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>Fourth Sorrowful Mystery</p> <p>Jesus Carries His Cross Though he was God and could have escaped death, Jesus truly accepted the cross. Even to the last, Jesus chose to suffer for us.</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>Please remember to bring in items for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry this weekend.</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>Way of the Cross Every Friday @ 7 pm during Lent.</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>Faith Formation Today</p> <p>Read the Gospel and walk with Jesus during Holy Week.</p>
<p>April 10</p>  <p>Faith Formation Today</p> <p>Make a list of blessings in your life. Share it with your family at dinner and give thanks.</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>For the next two days, turn off the car radio as you travel. Use this time for quiet reflection. Give 10¢ for every mile you travel during these two days to the Holy Childhood Association.</p>	<p>12</p> 	<p>13</p>  <p>Fifth Sorrowful Mystery</p> <p>Jesus is Crucified and Dies There was no rescue at the last moment. Jesus really died, but his death was not the end.</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>Do an act of kindness today (wash dishes, sweep the porch, etc.) without taking credit. How do you feel?</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>Way of the Cross the Every Friday @ 7 pm during Lent.</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>Help prepare your home for Easter: clean house, color eggs</p> <p>Read John 13:21-35</p>
<p>April 17</p>  <p>Palm Sunday</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES</p> <p>During Holy Week, pray all the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.</p>	<p>19</p>  <p>This is the last week of Lent. Take time to reflect and write about how these past 40 days have been for you.</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>Fr. Kevin's Birthday is today.</p> <p>Please remember him in your prayers!</p>	<p>21</p>  <p><i>When Supper was ended He took the Cup...</i></p> <p>The Mass of the Lord's Supper</p> <p>7 pm</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>Good Friday Services</p> <p>3 pm - Stations 7 pm - Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>Easter Vigil</p> <p><i>Alleluia</i> 8 pm</p>

God of joy and gladness, we thank you for the joy and life your Son, Jesus, has brought to us. We pray to live each day in that joy, no matter what might happen. We pray for the grace to bring joy to others. Amen.



He is Risen!

Good habits are as addictive as bad habits,

and a lot more rewarding.

MEATING THE NEED

I wanted to give you all an update on the activities of Meating the Need and its mission in support of the Prospects Courtyard at the new Haven for Hope homeless facility in downtown San Antonio. The dining facility at the Prospects Courtyard feeds the homeless who live on the streets in downtown San Antonio. As the name implies, the courtyard facility is prospecting to try to get the homeless signed up for the rehabilitation program at the Haven for Hope main campus. The Prospects Courtyard food service is run by the St. Vincent de Paul Society and has been dubbed "St. Vinnie's Bistro." Presently, St. Vinnie is now feeding approximately 1000 meal a day (breakfast, lunch and dinner). Meating the Need has been delivering shipments of primarily meat to St. Vinnie's Bistro at the Prospects Courtyard every other Tuesday since July.

In addition to feeding the homeless and street people, St. Vinnie's Bistro is also preparing lunches (and sometimes breakfast and dinners) "to go" for the residents at the Haven of Hope who are now working and trying to rebuild their lives. Some of the meats we deliver go into making those brown bag lunches possible.

Last Thursday, I had the great pleasure of meeting the new Manager of St. Vinnie's Bistro and head chef, Mario Perez, down at the Prospects Courtyard. Chef Mario had previously worked for the San Antonio Food Bank. I told Chef Mario that our mission is to help him achieve his goal of providing high quality, nutritious meals for San Antonio's homeless population. While I was there, Chef Mario pulled out to show me the boxes of breaded steak fingers, breaded chicken chunks and hamburger patties which Meating the Need had delivered the previous Tuesday.

Meating the Need has now been in continuous operation, delivering food to the SVDP Dining Room at the SAMM Shelter and now to the Prospects Courtyard every other Tuesday since March of 2007. We are now a member organization of the San Antonio United Way and part of this year's Combined Federal Campaign. All Meating the Need's administrative costs are covered by the Board of Directors so that 100% of the money donated is used to purchase food for the homeless.

None of this would be possible without the financial support of St. Mark's Catholic Church, the Koinonia Sunday School Class at Alamo Heights United Methodist Church, The San Antonio Builder Guide, CB Richard Ellis Company, our great

supporters and partners at Sysco Foods, and the many individual donors and small groups throughout the San Antonio community and beyond. On behalf of the San Antonio homeless, we thank you.

Be sure to check us out on our new website at www.meatingtheneed.org or on our Facebook page.

Gary Ploetz



Gary Ploetz & Archbishop Gomez serving the 5 millionth meal to the homeless last spring.

Entrance to the Prospects courtyard.



Items purchased and delivered to St. Vinnies at the Prospect Courtyard on February 2, 2011 include:

- 1250 Breaded Chicken Chunks**
- 120 lbs Cut Frozen Chicken**
- 320 Beef Patties**
- 960 Breaded Beef Fingers**
- 72 lbs of Ham**
- 24 lbs of Bologna**
- 24 lbs of Salami**
- 20 lbs of Turkey**
- 27 lbs Cream Gravy Mix**

Traditions for Growth

Spring is the season when seeds start to sprout, beginning their pilgrimage through the cold dark earth into the light. The word "lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word for springtime, *lencten*. In springtime, sunlight, water, and rich soil help plants grow. Our Lenten growth is nurtured by the three disciplines of Lent: fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. Discipline is often associated with punishment, but it comes from the same word as disciple, a word that means learner or pupil. Be a learner this Lent and let God's grace help you to grow.

Have the dogged determination to follow through to achieve your goal; regardless of circumstances or whatever other people say, think, or do.

Information Please!

CURSILLOS OF CHRISTIANITY

The Cursillos of Christianity of the Archdiocese of San Antonio (CCASA) invite you to our 12th Annual Lenten Spiritual retreat on Fri & Sat March 4-5. It starts 6:00 PM Fri at Immaculate Heart of Mary in San Antonio [617 South Santa Rosa Ave. ,one block south of Durango next to I-35] and ends at 4:00 PM Sat -- ALL Catholics & Non-Catholics are invited!! Please contact us to register saenglishcursillo@gmail.com or call 210-492-8788 or visit our web site www.sa-cursillo.org. De Colores!!

WOMEN'S HAVEN NEEDS HELP

Counselor/Mentor volunteer opportunities are available. Call Iris Perez at 710-9160.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Construction of the next house began on February 25th. A total of \$51,000 is required to sponsor a house and we still need help. Please call Bev or Sam Szalwinski if you wish to donate. Their number is 496-6310.

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL FOR 2011

The goal of St. Mark is \$170,000. If

everyone would participate and give something, we would succeed in our goal. Please keep this Appeal close to your hearts and thank you for your commitment.

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

There is a Prayer Group at St. Mark that meets every first Saturday of the month in the Day Chapel. They do a Rosary and have a Communion Service. Come to St. Mark at 9:00 am on March 5. What a great way to get ready for Lent.

CATHOLIC BOOK GROUP

This new gathering begins on April 7 at 7pm in the Library. Contact Judi Patton jdth.patton23@gmail.com

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENT



St. Mark Youth Sock Hop Fundraiser for Summer Youth Events

When is the last time you've been to a SOCK-HOP?

If your answer is "a very long time" or "never!", here's your opportunity! On Saturday, May 1st from 4:45pm 'til 8:00pm, your St. Mark youth are hosting a SOCK-HOP fundraiser. We will be spinning up some 1950's tunes, serving up burgers and fries, dance contests and a couples photo booth will be available. Come help the youth raise money for Inspiration Tour, Steubenville, Leadership Conference and our San Antonio Neighbors Mission Trip. Tickets going on sale soon.

Call the Youth Office for more information at 494-1959.





The Women's Guild
of
St. Mark the Evangelist
Catholic Church

"Let the Good Times Roll"

Fabulous Luncheon • Quilt Raffle

Sensational Silent Auction

Cake Raffle • Fashion Show

Thrilling Door Prizes

March 5, 2011 11:00 – 2:30 pm

Community Center * 1602 Thousand Oaks * 210-494-1606

A portion of proceeds from the event provide scholarships to graduating high school seniors of our parish.

Contact:

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Tickets
\$ 25.00 each
Table (8) \$ 160.00