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INFANT BAPTISM

1st and 3rd Sunday. No unscheduled baptisms are performed. Parents and Godparents must attend baptism classes on the 2nd and 4th Monday, 7:00 p.m.

months before the desired wedding date.

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

Friday, 9 days before Sunday publication.

ST. EDWARD CATHOLIC CHURCH WELCOMES ALL NEW PARISHIONERS.

Registration forms can be found in the Narthex of the Church and on our website.





Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Mass Schedule

December 315:30pm **January 1**9:30am

Nearly 100 parishioners came together on December 12th to decorate gingerbread houses in the Gym as part of a Family Ministry sponsored event. Each family walked away with one or more beautifully decorated treasures to display during the holidays! Thank you to everyone who donated their extra Halloween candy for this effort - we had an abundance!

Watch the bulletin in the Spring for the next Family Ministry event.



Help! "My House is Your House"

We need some good people to pick up, launder and iron the small size linens used at every Mass. You only do one week's worth of linens. You will be called on 5 or 6 times a year out of the 52 week schedule. You would start in January. Contact Bonnie Diffley at 281-288-1448.

MEN'S RETREAT

"Warning! A retreat may treat you to a new way of living".



Come and join the men of our parish and make a retreat at Holy Name Retreat Center on January 15-17, 2016. Phone John Zak 713-569-1364, Mike Little 281-465-0433, or Joe Notaro 281-355-5402 for more information, or www.passionist.org/holyname/weekendretreats. Some retreatants' comments: "Truly Catholic—not generic—just what I needed." "From the heart, Thanks."

SPONSOR COUPLE TRAINING

Teresita Johnson the Associate Director of the Family Life Ministry Office of the Archdiocese will be coming here to St. Edward on Saturday January 9th from 9:00AM to 4:30PM in the Parish Life Center to provide our Marriage Preparation Sponsor Couples a full day retreat of continuing education in our ministry. The Day will take an in depth look at the 2009 USCCB document Marriage: Love & Life In The Divine Plan. Books/materials, breakfast and lunch for the day are provided by the parish. The day will conclude Reconciliation and Mass. It is not often that our ministry is singled out for Spiritual Growth in the parish. It would be wonderful if we could all participate in this event.

Please RSVP to Deacon Nick Thompson nthompson@saintedward.org to assure materials are available for everyone.

There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on New Years Day.

THE WEEK AHEAD

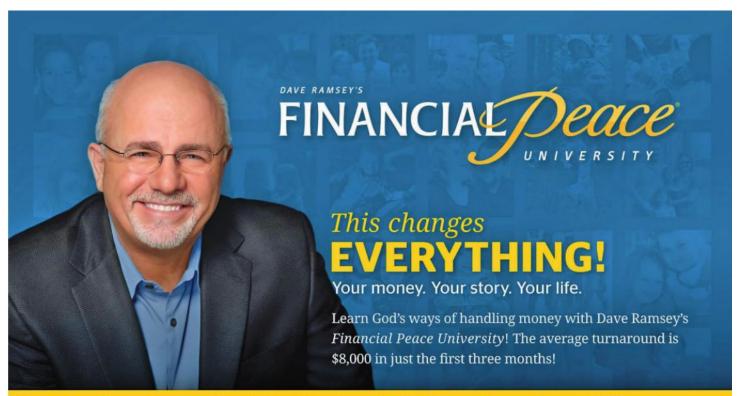
MON., DECEMBER 28 No Events Scheduled TUES., DECEMBER 29 No Events Scheduled WED., DECEMBER 30 No Events Scheduled THUR., DECEMBER 31 No Events Scheduled FRI., JANUARY 1 New Years Day-Offices Closed (No Adoration Today) SAT., JANUNARY 2 Altar Society, PLC MR, 8:30am Confessions, Church, 4:00pm SUN., JANUARY 3 No Events Scheduled

Public Announcement Rite of Candidacy for Stuart Neck



The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston formally announces that Stuart Neck will be admitted to candidacy for the permanent diaconate on February 20, 2016 at a Mass to be celebrated by Bishop George Sheltz. If any

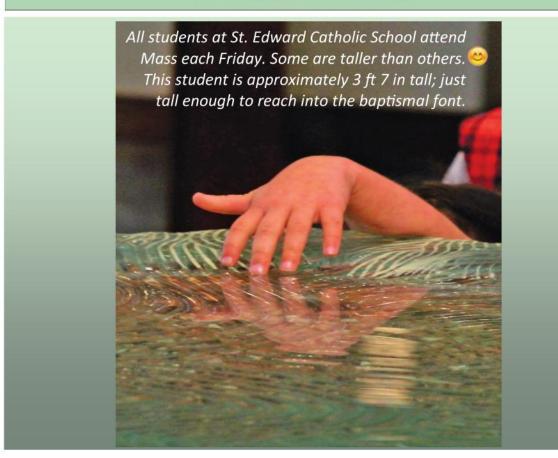
person knows of a serious reason why this Aspirant should not be admitted to Candidacy or continue to ordination to the permanent diaconate, please notify Deacon Rob Ward, Director of Formation, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston at 281 -723-1910 via email or rob.ward@smseminary.com. Please keep Stuart in your prayers as he is called to the Rite of Candidacy. May he always remain faithful to the vocation to which he is called. This announcement is in compliance with Canon 1051:2 of the Code of Canon Law.



Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Spring is hosting a nine week financial peace seminar from January 9-March 12 at 10:00am.

For more information e-mail welcome@cgsccdogh.org or register on Dave Ramsey's website http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/1010510/atid/l_In

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS



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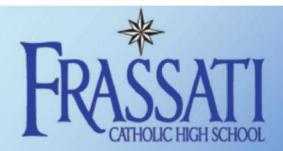
Respect Life Mass and Candlelight Rosary

Sunday, December 27, 2015 - Join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants for 6:30 p.m. Mass at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 3011 Telephone Rd Houston, followed by Candlelight Rosary at Planned Parenthood 4600 Gulf Freeway. This is a special family prayer event and children are encouraged to dress as Mary, Joseph, Wisemen or the Angels. For more information contact Vicky Whynott 832-875-5126 or Spanish, Viola Griselda Mendoza-Morales 832-660-3924.

Calling all persons with a devotion to **Our Lady of Guadalupe** in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston! You are invited to a Bilingual Listening Session for the Archdiocesan Association of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Saturday, January 9, 2016, 11:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m. at The Catholic Charismatic Center, 1949 Cullen Blvd, Houston, TX 77023. For more info contact the Office of Hispanic Ministry at 713-741-8727.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS! Come and join hundreds of young adults ages 18-35 years old celebrate the Jubilee of Mercy at the Archdiocesan Young Adult Day. "The Door of Mercy: Blessed be the Merciful" on Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 8:30a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Workshops, fun, music, prayer and Eucharist. Get inspired by international, national and local speakers who are living the works of mercy. Presented in English and Spanish. Closing Mass with Bishop George Sheltz. Location: St. Pius X High school 811 W. Donovan Street, Houston, TX 77091. Early Bird \$25 by January 31 or \$35 after February 1t. Group Discounts available. Register online www.archgh.org/yacm For more information, call 713-741-8778.

New Charis Ignatian Spirituality Retreat for Young Adults in their 20's and 30's During Lent join others ages 18-35 years old while they pause and take a look at the big picture: What is important in my life? What am I looking for? Where does Jesus fit in? Find out how other young adults answer these questions and take time to focus on your own spiritual journey. Retreat begins at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 11 and ends at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 12 (7738 Camp Kappe Rd, Plantersville TX 77363) \$55 per person. Sponsored by the Office of Young Adult & Campus Ministry at 713-741-8778. Register online www.archgh.org/yacm



Frassati Catholic High School seeks part-time bus drivers for the 2015-2016 school year. Most trips will take place during the week and after school hours. Drivers must have a current class B, CDL or be willing to obtain one. Prior bus driving experience is preferred.

Please send a letter of interest and list of related qualifications to Chris Meredith, Director of Athletics, at c.meredith@frassaticatholic.org.

For questions, or more information, call 832-616-3222.



Adult First Aid & CPR Class
Saturday, January 16th
9:00am—1:00pm
Christ the Good Shepherd
18511 Klein Church Rd, Spring, 77379

Registration is required

Pre-register through December 30th via email welcome@cgsccdogh.org

Limited to 10 participants \$40.00 per person

Payment must be made to ensure registration

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Next Meeting:

A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: COME TO



RESPECT LIFE MEETINGS!

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, January 10, at 10:40 in the PLC meeting room. We would love to have you join us!

"Write For Life" Scholarship Essay Contest

Who: 7th and 8th grade students who will be attending St. Edward School or a Catholic High School in the fall of 2016.

What: Write an essay on what the Sanctity of Life means to you in one of these three categories:

- A) The Importance of Life
- B) Why Every Life is Worth Living
- C) Why am I Pro-Life

Essays should be between 500 and 700 words typed and double spaced and turned into the office or submitted electronically to write4lifescholarship@gmail.com.

Entries must be in by March 1, 2016.

Three scholarships will be awarded: 1st Place \$500.00; 2nd Place \$300.00; and 3rd Place \$200.00.

For more information please email write4life@gmail.com or call Marilyn Burns at 281-782-5555.

Did You Know?

You can learn about the illegal activities of Planned Parenthood, current pro life bills being voted on, and the latest headline news by going to www.lifenews.com and www.americanlifeleague.com.

If you would like to be put on our email list for RLM updates, please email Evelin Martinez at evelinmart@yahoo.com.



WHEN: Saturday, February 20, 2016 WHO: 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students

WHERE: St. Simon and Jude Catholic Church

TIME: 10:30AM – 9PM COST: \$40 per person

(includes t-shirt, lunch and dinner)

Go online at www.saintedward.org/youth Click on Junior High then forms! Register by January 18, 2016

Contact Lauren White at 281-353-9774 x819 or at lwhite@saintedward.org for more information.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Two sessions are required for both parents and godparents who have not attended a Baptism preparation program in the last three years. There is no cost for the sessions and pre-registration is not necessary. Birth certificate required for issuance of Baptism certificate. All questions will be addressed at the sessions.

<u>Session I:</u> The Theology & Ritual of Baptism: 7:00pm-8:15pm in the Parish Life Center on Monday, January 11.

<u>Session II:</u> The Domestic Church: Catholic Family Life: 7:00pm-8:15pm in the Parish Life Center on Monday, January 25. It is a <u>required</u> follow up session for new parents and godparents, but all parishioners are welcome.

To schedule Baptism, contact Deacon Nick 281-353-9774 at least 2 weeks before baptism date.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday, December 28 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8: Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday, December 29 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b -6; Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday, December 30 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10: Lk 2:36-40

Thursday, December 31 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

Friday, January 1 Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;Lk 2:16-21

Saturday, January 2 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd -4: Jn 1:19-28

Sunday, January 3 Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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Our Troops

Deanne Neyman

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE NEW PRAYER LIST, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 281-353-9774.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 28 8:30am † Alvaro Dias Tuesday, December 29 8:30am † Fr. Calderia Wednesday, December 30 6:30am 8:30am † Dottie Holloman Thursday, December 31 6:30am 8:30am 5:30pm + Silvestre Tapia Friday, January 1 9:30am † Gonzalo Jimenez

Saturday, January 2 8:30am † Dottie Holloman 5:30pm † Andy Duprey Sunday, January 3

7:30am People of Saint Edward 9:30am †Sydney Williams 11:30am † Eusebia Garcia Blas

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