

May 2016

Get Ready, Get Set...

It's time to start building our teams for the Fall retreats! We're honored to have **Elsa Yzaguirre**, serving as director for the women's retreat. This retreat will take place October 20-23. The men's retreat will follow on December 1-4. With **Juan Hernandez'** past experience serving on teams, the Core, and also leading a prison retreat, he will make an excellent director for this men's retreat.

So, what can we do to support Elsa and Juan during their retreats? You can say "YES!" to the call to serve on a retreat team; you can support the activities surrounding their send off, candlelight, and you can bring food for their return at their Sunday celebration. Most of all, you can sign up on the Prayer Board to pray for the retreatants during their 3-day retreat.

And, what can we do NOW to make these retreats successful and further the spirit of 'oneness' at Holy Spirit? We can start reaching out to fellow parishioners whom we don't know. Introduce yourself. Get to know them. Share the opportunity to join one of these retreats. Don't push...just engage. 😊

Thank you, Elsa and Juan, for your leadership!

Upcoming Activities

May 6 – First Friday - See bulletin for Adoration services.

May 14 – CORE training workshop at St. Paul Parish Center in Richardson, TX

May 26 – ACTS Women's Pot Luck/Bunko night. Kathy Anderson will be sending the e-vite.

Spotlight on...



Albert and Elsa Yzaguirre

Recently married in November 2015, Albert and Elsa have been great supporters of our ACTS ministry. They each attended the first retreats that we held in 2013. Since then, Elsa has participated on 'team' three times and Albert once. They each have served a term as co-director.

Albert and Elsa are part of a family of ACTS members. Beginning with (Grandma) Isidra Lopez, (Mom) Mary Lindsey, (Aunts) Marina Lopez, Rosanne Wheatley, Vita Tovar, (Uncle) Ernest Lopez, and (Nieces) Lynsey and Caroline Tovar, they are a family united in Christ, and we all benefit from their ACTS leadership and participation.

Elsa is most grateful for the support of her new family and Fr. Joe as she embarked on her spiritual journey, which included annulment of a previous marriage.

Elsa is the 8th grade Youth teacher on Sunday nights and a teacher's aide for the 3rd graders on Sunday mornings. She is also part of Eva Rogowski's SCC on Tuesday nights.

Albert and Elsa are blessed with two children: Noah, age 14, and Lizzie, age 12. They enjoy family movie night with the kids and support Lizzy's soccer games and practices. As shown in the picture, they are great fans of the Texas Rangers and enjoy attending their games.

Albert and Elsa's favorite bible verse is Philippians 4.13, "There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength."

Featuring a Small Church Community (SCC)

This month, we focus on **Dianne McCorcle's** group of 6 women, who meet every other Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00. These women enjoy their book studies; one of which is The Cup of Our Life by Joyce Rupp. They are currently watching a 4-part video series, entitled Feast of Faith: the transforming power of the Eucharist, offered by Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio. Primarily, this group enjoys the fellowship with the other women. Dianne says that there is a 'peaceful energy' around each session, helping each of us 'power down' from our busy event-driven lives and 'be present in the moment.' As they discuss everyday life events and how God is working in their lives, it's comforting to have an environment where the river rules apply. If you wish to join this SCC, contact Dianne McCorcle at mmccorcle@sbcglobal.net.

Featuring a Holy Spirit Ministry

This month, we focus on **Marriage Enrichment**. Billy and Davida Callender have been actively facilitating this ministry since 2009, although it's been in existence for many years at Holy Spirit. Its purpose is to enable couples to become more aware of each other through active communication. One important way is to be mindful of the little things each does for each other and to say 'thank you'.

When Billy and Davida were first approached to facilitate this ministry, they felt a bit overwhelmed.

For more information on the ACTS ministry at Holy Spirit, visit our website at <http://holyspiritcatholic.com/acts-retreats>.

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Are we really the ones to serve as role models for marriage enrichment? Since then, they've discovered what a blessing this ministry is for them. They've grown closer together as they plan the books and programs to use and share in the preparation. While Billy is primarily responsible for the set up and organization, they each tag team on the facilitation.

The ministry is currently discussing the book, Intimate Graces, by Teresa Tomeo Pastore and Dominick Pastore., with the idea of incorporating Acts of Mercy into marriages – helping to feed and quench the thirst of partners. As Davida says, "Unless God is a part of all aspects of a marriage; it can be a fruitless marriage."

Those interested in being involved in Marriage Enrichment meet around the 4th week of the month (depending on the church's calendar) for a pot luck dinner, fellowship and discussion. They are working towards drawing in younger couples and new parishioners to support our church's 'all-inclusive community' environment.

For more information, you can contact Billy and Davida at billy-davida@hotmail.com.

And, in closing...

"The way of the Church is not to condemn anyone forever; it is to pour out the balm of God's mercy on all those who ask for it."

Pope Francis

GOD BLESS YOU!