

Welcome to our Community of Faith



SANTA CRUZ CATHOLIC CHURCH

PASTOR:
Fr. Kirby Garner

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**HOPE JOY
LOVE PEACE**



OFFICE HOURS HORARIO DE OFICINA

Monday - Friday: 9:00a - 5:00p
Office Closed Saturdays and Sundays
La oficina esta cerrada
los Sábados y Domingos

LITURGY & SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday/Sábado 5:30p ENG
Sunday/Domingo 8:30a ESP
11:00a ENG
5:00p ENG

Daily Masses/Misas Diarias

Please see inside the bulletin for details
Para más detalles favor de leer el boletín

Penance/Confesiones

Saturdays 4:00-5:00p or by appt.
Sábados: 4:00-5:00p o por cita

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Mass Intentions: December 12-20, 2015

DAY	DATE	TIME	ENG/ESP	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
Sat	12/12	6:00 AM	Esp	Church	† Lupe Chapa
		5:30 PM	Eng	Church	† Andy Gutierrez
Sun	12/13	8:30 AM	Esp	Church	† Maria Guadalupe Romero
		11:00 AM	Eng	Church	† Lupe Chapa
		5:00 PM	Eng	Church	All Parishioners of Santa Cruz
Mon	12/14	3:45 PM	Eng	Chapel	† Antonio Perea
Tue	12/15	3:45 PM	Eng	Chapel	† Jake Jacobson
Wed	12/16	7:00 AM	Eng	Chapel	† Domingo Perales, Jr.
Thu	12/17	7:00 AM	Eng	Chapel	† Federico López
Fri	12/18	8:00 AM	Eng	Church	David Martinez (Intention of)
Sat	12/19	5:30 PM	Eng	Church	† Robert Dembowski
Sun	12/20	8:30 AM	Esp	Church	All Parishioners of Santa Cruz
		11:00 AM	Eng	Church	† Dell & Elvin Svoboda
		5:00 PM	Eng	Church	† Gilbert & Maria Luisa Hernandez

Note that a Mass in English is celebrated at 12:00 Noon on Tuesdays at the Seton Hays Chapel.

Our Holy Father has proclaimed this year the *Year of Mercy* and to help us with daily inspirations and other informational resources please see the new (& free) application from *Our Sunday Visitor* designed especially for the Year of Mercy.

Our Sunday Visitor's **365 Days to Mercy app**, free in the iTunes and Google Play app stores, is designed to accompany you on a spiritual journey during the Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis. The official Year of Mercy is December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016, but daily inspiration, stories, and news will be in the app beginning November 20, 2015, giving you a full **365 Days to Mercy**

The theme for the year is "*Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful*," reflected in the elements of the app:

- An explanation of the Year of Mercy
- Daily Mercy reflections
- Everyday Scripture reflections
- OSV Bookshelf excerpts
- Year of Mercy resources
- Daily Pope tweets
- Year of Mercy news stories
- Chaplet & Novena of Divine Mercy



That Man is You!

We are meeting this **Wednesday at 6:30PM** in room ED116 (Library). We will also meet **Thursday mornings at 5:30AM** in the Youth Room (room 120). If you are planning on joining us Thursday morning, please park on the east side of the chapel, for easy access to our meeting location! For more information please contact Victor Rubio at varubio1@hotmail.com or (512) 574-1351.

PARISH FINANCES/FINANZAS

December 6th Collection

Weekly Budget\$28,673
Actual Collection\$25,338
Variance (Under) (-\$3,335)

New FY 2015 Year to Date Budget.....\$659,479
New FY 2015 Year to Date Collection.....\$582,028
Year-to-date Budget (Under Budget)..... (-\$77,451)

SECOND COLLECTIONS/SEGUNDA COLECTA

This Week.....Clergy Medical - Retirement
Next Week St. Vincent de Paul

PARISH ATTENDANCE/ATENDECIA

Church Attendance: 12/06/15.....2,461
(Saturday 5PM: 276;
Sunday: 8:30 AM: 805; 11AM: 967; 5PM: 413)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;
Mt 21:23-27
St. John of the Cross
Tue: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23;
Mt 21:28-32
Wed: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thu: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Fri: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Sat: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;
Lk 1:5-25
Sun: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a;
Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
San Juan de la Cruz
Martes: Sof 3:1-2, 9-13;
Sal 34 (33):2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Miércoles: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25;
Sal 85 (84):9-14; Lc 7:18b-23
Jueves: Gén 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17
Viernes: Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25
Sábado: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25
Domingo: Mi 5:1-4a; Sal 80 (79):2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
Heb 10:5-10; Lc 1:39-45

You can find the *Reflection of the Week*, our *Weekly Calendar of Events* and the *bulletins* posted at:

www.santacruzcc.org

Usted puede encontrar la *Reflexión de la Semana*, nuestro *Calendario de Eventos* semanal y el *boletín* en:

www.santacruzcc.org

PRAYER REQUESTS / PETICIONES DE ORACIÓN

*Please pray for our parishioners who are serving in the military:
Favor de orar por nuestros feligreses que están en el servicio militar:*

We continually update our list of parishioners serving in the military. Please call Alma Tamayo in the church office so that we can have an accurate list of active military personnel who are parishioners at Santa Cruz. Thank you.

Rolando Ríos, Jr. son of JoAnn Ríos,
Neil Dodson, son of Scott & Sandy Dodson,
Eddie Xavier Díaz Conde, grandson of Marie Gamboa,
Meghan Ramos, daughter of Onofre Ramos,
David Patterson, son of Anne & Douglas Patterson,
Rashad Salters, husband of Denise Salters,
SSG Joshua Wood, husband of Cynthia Wood,
Veronica Ross, daughter of John & Mary Hinojosa,
Andrew DiCarlo, son of David & Jacquelyn DiCarlo

*Please pray for the faithfully departed, especially for:
Favor de orar por nuestros difuntos, especialmente por:*

Rosaura Amezcua

ORDER OF DAUGHTERS OF MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY

We are happy to welcome two (2) religious sisters to our Santa Cruz family.

Their congregation is called Daughters of Mary Mother of Mercy. It originated in Nigeria and was founded in 1961 by the late Bishop Anthony Gogo Nwedo. Their motherhouse is located in the State of Nigeria.

They are an Institute of Pontifical right whose members take the three evangelical vows of obedience, poverty and chastity. Their charism is bearing witness to the Mercy of God. Their apostolate is teaching in schools, working in the hospitals, various group homes, orphanages, caring for the elderly, caring and providing spiritual and emotional needs for the people entrusted to their care. The headquarters for the American sisters is in Canada.

The two sisters here in Buda are: Sr. Chima Stella Nwachukwu and Sr. Julia Mbata. Sr. Chima S. is a registered nurse and a student and Sr. Julia does pastoral work and is also a student.

ORDEN DE LAS HIJAS DE MARÍA, MADRE DE LA MISERICORDIA

Nos alegra dar la bienvenida a dos religiosas a la familia de Santa Cruz.

Su congregación se llama Hijas de María Madre de la Misericordia. Se originó en Nigeria y fue fundada en 1961 por el finado obispo Anthony Gogo Nwedo. Su casa matriz se encuentra en el estado de Nigeria.

Son un Instituto de derecho Pontificio cuyos miembros toman los tres votos evangélicos de obediencia, pobreza y castidad. Su carisma es el ser testigos de la Misericordia de Dios. Su apostolado es la enseñanza en las escuelas, trabajando en los hospitales, varios hogares, orfanatos, cuidan ancianos, atienden y proporcionan apoyo a las necesidades espirituales y emocionales de la gente a quienes cuidan. La sede de las hermanas estadounidenses está en Canadá.

Las dos hermanas de Buda son: Sr. Chima Stella Nwachukwu y Sor Julia Mbata. La hermana Chima ya es una enfermera registrada y es estudiante y Sor Julia hace trabajo pastoral y es también estudiante.

PLEASE STAY REGISTERED IN THE PARISH!

With over 2,775 households in the parish it is a big task to keep up with everyone! Santa Cruz is larger than many towns in Texas.

We try to **update our census** each year.

The following parishioners will be **AUTOMATICALLY re-registered for 2016:**

- ✓ Those who use their **envelopes for CASH donations**
- ✓ Those who use a **CHECK to give their donation**
- ✓ Those who use the electronic (**automatic withdrawal**) giving

There are currently **1,120 families** who do not do any of the above. Therefore, it is difficult to know if these families are still committed to the parish. Between now and January 1, 2016, I ask these families [who wish to remain members in 2016] to return at least **ONE EMPTY ENVELOPE** in the collection.

Two priests have the responsibility of caring for over 14,000 individuals. All we are asking is (**not money**) but the "show of commitment" of **one empty envelope** before the end of the year. Unfortunately, those who do not respond in this minimal way will be deleted from the list of active parishioners in 2016.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

The schedule below lists events that all parishioners are generally invited to. To reserve your parish event, contact Barbara Pecuch at (512) 422-1485. For a more complete schedule, please view our calendar online at: <http://www.santacruzcc.org/> or check the day's events posted at our parish office.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

San Juan Chapel Cleaning 2:00 pm-3:00 p.m. San Juan Chapel
RE Monday Sessions I & II 4:00 pm-8:00 p.m. Education Bldg.;
Youth room & Library room

Pre-K-2nd grade

Christmas Pageant 6:00 pm-7:30 p.m. Deane Hall & Kitchen
Legion de Maria 7:00 pm-9:00 p.m. Church cryroom

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Confessions for the elderly
& night workers 11:00 am-12:00 p.m. Church
Boy Scouts 6:00 pm-9:00 p.m. ED212, 213 & 214
English CHRP Women 6:30 pm-10:00 p.m. ED205
Adult Advent Class 7:00 pm-9:00 p.m. ED120 (Youth room)
Advent Penance Service 7:00 pm-9:00 p.m. Church
Altar Society 7:00 pm-9:00 p.m. Deane Hall, kitchen & PAC301
Grupo de Oración
El Buen Pastor 7:30 pm-9:00 p.m. Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

San Juan Chapel Cleaning 2:00 pm-3:00 p.m. San Juan Chapel
RE Monday Sessions I & II 4:00 pm-8:00 p.m. Education Bldg.;
Youth room & Library room
School Christmas Pageant 6:00 pm-7:30 p.m. Deane Hall & kitchen
That Man is You! 6:30 pm-8:00 a.m. ED 116 (Library/Media)
English Choir practice 7:00 pm-9:00 p.m. ED118 (Music)
Singing Rosary 7:00 pm-8:00 p.m. San Juan Chapel

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

American Heritage Girls 6:00 pm-7:30 p.m. ED201 & 202
RCIA 6:00 pm-9:00 p.m. ED120 (Youth room)
Spanish Choir practice 7:00 pm-9:00 p.m. ED118 (Music room)
Evangelización de las
Familias-Kerigma 7:00 pm-9:30 p.m. Deane Hall & PAC321

Grupo Preciosísima

Sangre de Cristo 11:00 pm-3:00 a.m. San Juan Chapel

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

Arts & Environment-
Flower Storage All Day School workroom
K of C Christmas Party 12:00 pm-11:45 p.m. Deane Hall, kitchen & PAC301
San Juan Chapel cleaning 2:00 pm-3:00 p.m. San Juan Chapel
Christmas Pageant fitting 6:00 pm-9:00 p.m. ED120 (Youth room)
Spanish Rosary 6:30 pm-9:15 p.m. PAC313
Spanish CHRP
Men & Women meeting 6:30 pm-9:30 p.m. ED206, 207, 213 & 214
Movimiento Familiar Cristiano ... 6:30 pm-10:00 p.m. ED205, 208, 209, 211 & 212
Grupo Juvenil
Planning meeting 7:00 pm-9:00 p.m. PAC304 (Workroom)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

Arts & Environment-
Flower Storage All Day School workroom
SVDP Food Distribution 6:30 am-12:00 noon . Deane hall & kitchen
Choir Practice 9:00 am-12:00 noon . Church
Wedding 10:00 am-11:00 a.m. San Juan Chapel
Posadas 6:45 pm-10:00 p.m. Church grounds, Deane Hall & kitchen
Grupo Juvenil 7:00 pm-9:00 p.m. ED205

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

Arts & Environment-
Flower Storage All Day School workroom
CT session 10:00 am-2:30 p.m. PAC304 Workroom
Bingo 2:00 pm-5:30 p.m. Deane Hall & PAC301/Kitchen
Family Youth Night 6:00 pm-8:00 p.m. ED120(Youth rm.),
Deane Hall&PAC301

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES 2015!
!SERVICIOS DE PENITENCIA DURANTE EL ADVIENTO 2015!
SAN MARCOS DEANERY

All Advent Penance Services listed start at 7:00 p.m./todas empiezan a las: 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday (martes), Dec. 15th
Santa Cruz Parish, Buda

Wednesday (miércoles), Dec. 16th
 Good Shepherd, *Johnson City*

Friday (viernes), Dec. 18th
 St. John's, *San Marcos*

Thursday (jueves), Dec. 17th
 St. Martin de Porres, *Dripping Springs*

Monday (lunes), Dec. 21st
St. Anthony's, Kyle

In addition, two Priests here at Santa Cruz will be hearing confessions on Tuesday, Dec. 15th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for the elderly, those who cannot drive & for those who work at night.

Además, para esas personas mayores de edad, para los que no puedan manejar y para los que trabajan de noche, nuestros Padres oirán confesiones el martes, 15 de diciembre de 11:00 a.m. a 12:00 del mediodía aquí en Santa Cruz.

POSADAS - Los Ministerios hispanos de



Santa Cruz invitan a toda la comunidad a las Posadas anual para el sábado, 19 de diciembre del 2015 a las 7:00 p.m. Iniciaremos con el Santo Rosario en la Iglesia y luego al salón parroquial para com-

partir una deliciosa cena y regalos para los niños. Les pedimos que traigan un postre para compartir.

POSADAS - The Hispanic Ministries are hosting an invite all the community to join for our annual Posada on Saturday, December 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. We will begin with a Rosary at the church and then continue with dinner and gifts for children in Deanne Hall. Please bring a dessert to share.

Sincere thanks to all who responded with suggestions for the **2015 Christmas schedule**. Even though no schedule will suit everyone, the hope is that this schedule will accommodate more people than in prior years!



Mi sincero agradecimiento a todos los que respondieron con sugerencias para el horario de **Misas Navideñas 2015**. A pesar de que ningún horario se adaptará a todo el mundo, la esperanza es que este horario complacerá a más gente que en años anteriores.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE!
¡HORARIO DE NAVIDAD!

Thursday/jueves, December 24th:

4:00 pm - Children's Mass in English
 6:30 pm - Misa para niños en Español
 9:00 pm - Solemn Mass in English & Latin

Friday/viernes, December 25th:

9:30 am - Misa Navideña en Español
 11:00 am - Christmas Mass in English

AN ADVENT PRAYER

May the God of peace make us completely holy.
 May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 Forever faithful is the One who calls us—God our Father!
 Expectant, let us live in joyful hope for the revelation of the glory of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!
 To him be glory forever!
 Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.
 —From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by World Library Publications. p. 127

ORACIÓN PARA EL ADVIENTO

Que el Dios de paz nos haga totalmente santos.
 Que conserve nuestro espíritu sin mancha, cuerpo y alma, hasta la llegada de nuestro Señor, Jesucristo.
 El que nos invita es siempre fiel —Dios nuestro Padre.
 Vivamos en esperanza gozosa de la revelación de la gloria de nuestro Dios y Salvador, Jesucristo.
 Que sea glorificado por siempre.
 Ven Señor Jesús. Que tu gracia esté en todos nosotros.
 —De *Oraciones Biblicas*, p. 11 por Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright 1979, Lucien Deiss. Publicado por World Library Publications.

THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL THE MASSES, YOUNG MEN FROM BETHLEHEM IN THE HOLY LAND WILL BE HERE TO SELL RELIGIOUS ARTICLES MADE OF OLIVEWOOD. THE PROFITS SUPPORT THE FEW REMAINING CHRISTIAN FAMILIES IN THE HOLY LAND.

ESTE FIN DE SEMANA LOS JÓVENES DE BELÉN, EN LA TIERRA SANTA, ESTARÁN AQUÍ PARA VENDER ARTÍCULOS RELIGIOSOS HECHOS DE LA MADERA DE OLIVO. LAS GANANCIAS APOYARÁN A LAS POCAS FAMILIAS CRISTIANAS QUE QUEDAN EN LA TIERRA SANTA.

SUPER BINGO - Our last Super Bingo of the year will be held this Sunday, Dec. 13th, at 2:00 PM in the Father Joseph Deane Hall. As usual, a total of 15 challenging and fun-filled games will be played with a *Guaranteed Super Jackpot Game of \$750.00*. This jackpot will buy a lot of Christmas gifts. A total of **\$2,250.00** will be paid out in guaranteed prizes. In addition, Pull Tabs will be sold with over \$1,000.00 in prize amounts up for grabs. Of course, our fantastic concession stand will be open to accommodate your dining pleasures. Bring the whole family and all of your friends and relatives for an afternoon of fun, excitement and socializing at the Santa Cruz Super Bingo this Sunday. And don't forget our special Christmas Bingo the following Sunday on Dec. 20th where every player will receive a Christmas gift and a free chance in our door prize raffle. Come and play our last two bingo games of 2015 - Super Bingo this Sunday and our special Christmas bingo next week. We look forward to seeing you.

MINISTRY FOCUS WEEKEND

Santa Cruz
Catholic Church
 1100 Main Street
 Buda, Texas 78610

Fr. Kirby Garner, Pastor

- * Do you know why this organization makes, at least, 46 home visits a year to pray the rosary? To promote the devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe encouraging and maintaining the family tradition of: **"praying together"**.

It is also the number representing the stars found on Our Lady of Guadalupe's robe.

- * The Bilingual Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month.
- * Everyone is welcomed!

For more information,
 please contact:

Rudy Lara
 (512) 920-8828

**Si le gustaría aprender
 más sobre nuestra orga-
 nización o sobre la
 Virgen de Guadalupe.**



Some awesome facts about our Lady of Guadalupe and primarily about the *"tilma"*, Juan Diego's cloak, on which the image of the Blessed Mother was imprinted:

- 1) Made primarily of cactus fibers, a *tilma* was typically of very poor quality and had a rough surface, making it difficult enough to wear, much less to paint a lasting image on it. The surface bearing the image is reportedly like silk to the touch, while the unused portion of the *tilma* remains coarse with no trace of any treatments.
- 2) In every attempt to replicate the image, while the original never seems to fade, the duplicates have deteriorated over a short time.
- 3) In 1979, when Callahan, the Florida biophysicist, was analyzing the *tilma* using infrared technology, he apparently also discovered that the *tilma* maintains a constant temperature of 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit, the same as that of a living person.
- 4) When Jose Aste Tonsmann, a Peruvian ophthalmologist, conducted a study, one of his tests involved examining the eyes on the *tilma* at 2,500 times magnification. With the images of the magnified eyes, the scientist was reportedly able to identify as many as 13 individuals in both eyes at different proportions, just as the human eye would reflect an image. The reflection transmitted by the eyes of the Virgin of Guadalupe is the scene on Dec. 9, 1531 when Juan Diego showed the *tilma* to the Bishop and others present at the time.
- 5) Over the centuries, two separate events had the potential to harm the *tilma*, one in 1785 and one in 1921 but the *tilma* and its glass case remained fully intact.

Our Mission

To live a communal life of faith, hope, and charity that moves us to love and serve God and others.

"Welcome to our Church!"

Nuestra Misión

Vivir una vida comunal en fe, esperanza y caridad que nos mueve a amar y servir a Dios y a todos.

"¡Bienvenidos a nuestra Iglesia!"

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/EDUCACION RELIGIOSA: K-12 ~ YOUTH ~ ADULT RE & FAITH ENRICHMENT

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS/HORARIO DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

December 14-20, 2015

Mon. & Wed. (Lunes & Miércoles) 1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Tues. & Thurs. (Martes & Jueves): 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Fri.-Sun. (Viernes a Domingo): Office Closed/Cerrado

We are also available by appointment outside of the posted hours.

Please contact us at (512) 312-2520 to make arrangements.

RELIGIOUS ED (K-12TH GRADES)

Coordinators: JoAnna Rubio & Delia Blanco

Important Upcoming RE Dates:

- Dec. 13th / 14th / 16th - Regular RE classes meet
- Dec. 20th through Jan. 4th - NO RE - Christmas Break
- Jan. 6th - Regular RE classes meet
- Jan. 10th / 11th / 13th - Regular RE classes meet

RE/YM/AFF is holding a food drive to benefit our parish St. Vincent de Paul. We invite all parish families to bring can goods, beans, rice and pasta to the RE Office. There is a collection table set up in the hallway of the Religious Education Building, just across from our office. Thank you in advance for your donations.

RE/YM/AFF llevan a cabo una campaña de recolección de alimentos en beneficio de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul de nuestra parroquia. Invitamos a todas las familias de la parroquia a traer comida enlatada, frijoles, arroz y pastas a la oficina de RE. Tendremos una mesa situada en el pasillo del edificio de Educación Religiosa, enfrente de nuestra oficina. Gracias de antemano por sus donaciones.

ADULT RE & FAITH ENRICHMENT

Coordinator: Lupita Bodony

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT - already begun this year as well for all Adults/Parents of our RE Students in both English and Spanish and are being held at the same time as RE classes. Everyone is welcomed!

ENRIQUECIMIENTO DE LA FE PARA ADULTOS - ya comenzó, los mismos días y a la misma hora, de las clases de catecismo para niños. Se les invita a todos los adultos participar. ¡Los esperamos!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Coordinators:

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Alex Smith, (512) 789-0182, asmith.scym@gmail.com

& Adam Ramírez, aramirez.scym@gmail.com

Important Upcoming Youth Dates:

Dec. 20th - Family Youth Night hosted by the Youth Choir.
Come sing Christmas Carols with us, learn about the night Christ was born and make care packs for those in need.

Jan. 3rd - MS & HS Youth Night

Jan. 17th - Family Youth Night

DCYC - Come by the RE Office and register for DCYC! Space is limited, first come/first serve! You must be registered and participating in RE and your DCYC fees from last year must be paid in full.

Evento DCYC - ¡Pasa a la oficina y regístrate para DCYC! El cupo es limitado, se registraran por orden de llegada! Debes estar registrado y participar en educación religiosa y haber pagado sus honorarios DCYC del año pasado en su totalidad.



Family Youth Night

On December 20th the Youth Ministry Choir will host a Family Youth Night. We will provide a main course for dinner and we ask all joining us to bring a side or dessert to share. We will be singing Christmas carols, learning about the night Christ was born and making care packs to share with those less fortunate. We are asking for donations of the following items, which will be used for the care packs:

Travel toiletries • Socks

Gloves • Bottle water

Granola bars • Blankets

Please bring items to the RE Office or drop off at the main office and label "For Youth Ministry". Thank you in advance for your support and generosity. If you have any questions please contact the RE or Youth Ministry Office.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS / ORGANIZACIONES PARROQUIALES

SACRED HEART MEN'S CLUB

The Sacred Heart Men's Club wishes to Thank it's SHMC Members and the following people for contributed their time, their Labor-skills and their generous donation to our beautiful Christmas Nativity.

SHMC James Quezada Sr., Jaime Quezada Jr, Pablo Quezada, Gilberto Hernandez Urrutia, Angel Hernandez Urrutia, SHMC Michael Aguilar, SHMC Aaron Palacios, SHMC Cesar Galvez, SHMC Rick Ramirez, SHMC Adrian Gonzalez & SHMC Pedro Balderas. A Special Thank You to Charlie Hernandez Urrutia.

A Huge Thank You to Mr. Patrick Vallejo for his generous donation of bales of hay which are used to decorate around the Nativity Scene. Mr. Patrick Vallejo has been donating bales of Hay to The SHMC for the past few years. We are truly Blessed to have friends who are willing and eager to donate to the cause.

Many, many Blessings to these men!

May you have a very Merry Christmas!!

CLUB DE HOMBRES DE EL SAGRADO CORAZÓN

El Club de Hombres del Sagrado Corazón desea dar Gracias a sus miembros del Grupo y a las siguientes personas por sus contribuciones, su tiempo, su talento laboral y por su donación generosa hacia nuestro Nacimiento de Navidad.

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¡Muchísimas bendiciones a estos hombres!

¡Esperamos que tengan una muy Feliz Navidad!!

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News from the Principal's Desk

This will be a busy week for our Santa Cruz students. The middle school will be taking Mid-Term Exams. The PreK-2nd graders have a Christmas Program on Monday night at 6:30 p.m. in Deane Hall, and the 3rd-8th graders have their Christmas Pageant on Wednesday night in Deane Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Buda's Trail of Lights began this weekend and continues on December 17th-20th. We will once again have a concession stand at the Trail. We will be selling hot dogs, hot chocolate, chips, nachos, pickles, donuts, popcorn, water, and cookies. Come out and get into the holiday spirit while viewing beautiful light displays and munching on tasty treats.

Our Christmas Holiday begins with noon dismissal on Friday, December 18th. School will resume on Monday, January 4th. We wish all of our Santa Cruz parishioners a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Have a blessed week,

Mrs. Flanagan



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The Santa Cruz Catholic School Advisory Board has an opening on its board. We are looking for a parishioner who has a love for development and could work with the Development Committee helping it with its fundraising events. If interested, please contact the school office for an Advisory Board Member Application. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Flanagan, Principal, at (512) 312-2137.

SÚPER BINGO - Nuestro último Súper Bingo del año se llevará a cabo este domingo, 13 de diciembre a las 2:00PM en el salón parroquial Deane. Como de costumbre, se jugarán un total de 15 juegos desafiantes y un divertido juego de un Súper Jackpot garantizado de \$750.00. Este premio va a comprar un montón de regalos de Navidad. Un total de \$2,250.00 se pagará en premios garantizados. Además, las boletas de lengüetas se venderán con más de \$1,000.00 en cantidades de premios. Por supuesto, nuestro fantástico puesto estará abierto para complacer sus paladares. Traiga a toda la familia y a todos sus amigos y familiares para pasar una tarde de diversión, emoción y socializar en el Súper bingo de Santa Cruz este domingo. Y no olvide nuestro Bingo especial de Navidad el siguiente domingo, 20 de diciembre, donde cada jugador recibirá un regalo de Navidad y una oportunidad gratis para poder ganar en nuestro sorteo de premio de puerta. Vengan a nuestros dos últimos juegos de bingo del 2015 - el Súper bingo este domingo y nuestro bingo especial de Navidad la semana que viene. ¡Los esperamos!

Noticias del Escritorio de la Directora

Esta será una semana muy ocupada para nuestros estudiantes de Santa Cruz. La escuela va a tomar exámenes de medio trimestre. Los grados de Pre-K hasta el 2do grado tienen un programa de Navidad durante la noche este lunes a las 6:30 p.m. en el salón parroquial Deane y los estudiantes del 3er grado al 8vo grado tendrán su obra Navideña la noche del miércoles en el salón parroquial Deane a las 6:30 p.m.

El sendero de luces de Buda comenzó este fin de semana y continuara hasta el fin de semana de diciembre 17 al 20. Una vez más tenemos un puesto en este evento donde se venderán hot dogs, chocolate, chips, nachos, pickles, donuts, palomitas de maíz, agua y galletas. Vengan para entrar en el espíritu navideño mientras admiran los bonitos arreglos de luces y disfrutan de la variedad de delicias.

Nuestro descanso de Navidad comienza a mediodía el viernes, 18 de diciembre. La escuela se reanudará el lunes, 4 de enero. Les deseamos a todos nuestros feligreses de Santa Cruz una Feliz Navidad y un bendecido Año Nuevo.

Bendiciones,

Sra. Flanagan



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