



# ST. JOHN FISHER

## *Catholic Parish*

### A FAMILY OF FAMILIAS

#### MASS MISA

##### Tuesday/Martes:

Chapel/Capilla @ 8:00 AM

##### Wednesday/Miércoles:

Chapel/Capilla @ 8:00 AM

##### Thursday/Jueves:

Chapel/Capilla @ 8:00 AM

##### Friday/Viernes:

Chapel/Capilla @ 8:00 AM

##### Saturday/Sábado:

Church/Iglesia @ 6:00 PM English

##### Sunday/Domingo:

Church/Iglesia @ 8:00 AM Español,

10:00 AM English, 12:00 PM Español

#### CONFESSIONS

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##### Saturday/Sábado:

4:00 PM-5:00 PM

#### ADORATION

#### ADORACIÓN

##### Thursdays Blessed Sacrament/

##### Jueves Exposición del Santísimo

8:00 AM-6:45 PM

#### OFFICE HOURS

#### HORARIO DE OFICINA

##### Monday - Thursday/Lunes - Jueves

Monday- 8:00 AM-NOON

Tuesday- 8:00 AM-3:00 PM

Wednesday- 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Thursday- 8:00 AM-3:00 PM

(One hour lunch/Una hora de almuerzo)

12:00 - 1:00 PM

##### Friday/Viernes:

8:00 AM-NOON

#### ST. GABRIEL

#### SAN GABRIEL

713-225-5826

## JANUARY 10TH, 2020 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

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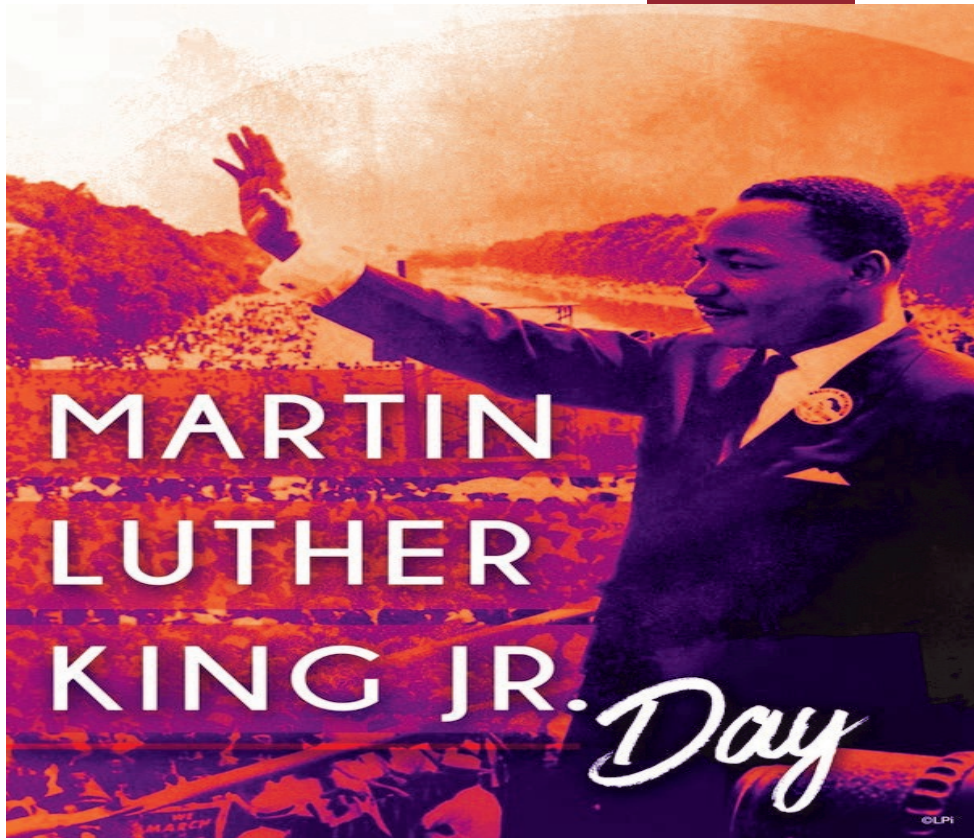
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# PRAYER & WORSHIP

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## MASS+ INTENTIONS

JANUARY 9 † 6:00 PM  
By

JANUARY 10 † 8:00 AM  
By  
10:00 AM  
By

† Arturo Diaz 12:00 PM  
By Maury Rojas

January 11 **NO MASS**

January 12 † 8:00 AM  
By

JANUARY 13 † San Juana Sanchez 8:00 AM  
By Maria Barcenias

JANUARY 14 † 8:00 AM  
By

JANUARY 15 8:00 AM  
By

### THIS MONTH'S WINE SPONSORS

### THIS MONTH'S HOST SPONSORS

*Joyce LeBlanc & Family*

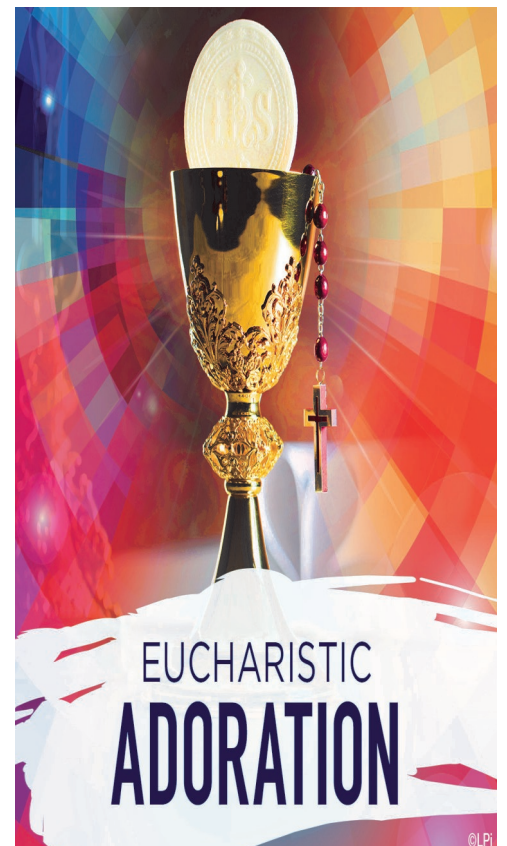
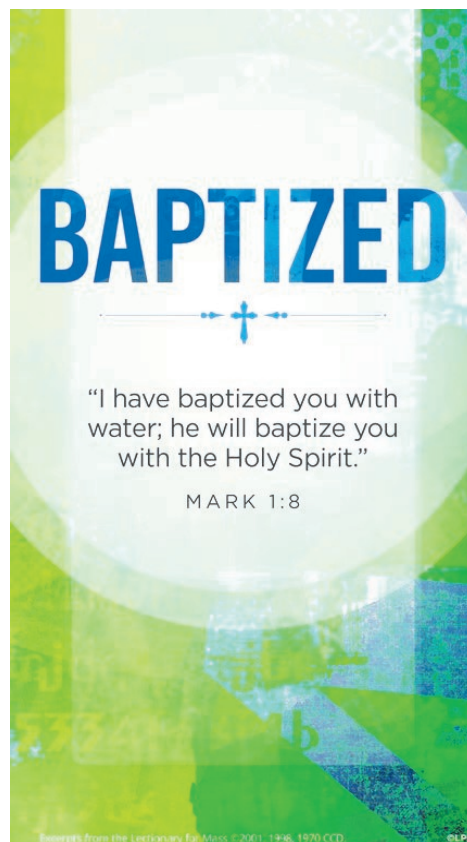
If you wish to be a sponsor please contact  
Cynthia Felan at 281-352-1011.

### SACRAMENT

For any Sacramental need, please call the  
Pastor to make an appointment. Each  
Sacrament requires a different preparation  
program, to be established in the initial  
interview.

### SACRAMENTO

Si desea celebrar algún Sacramento, por favor  
haga una cita con el párroco. Cada Sacramento  
requiere un tiempo de preparación para ser  
establecido en dicha entrevista.





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2021

<b>SUN 1/10</b>	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
<b>MON 1/11</b>	Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20
<b>TUE 1/12</b>	Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28
<b>WED 1/13</b>	Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39
<b>THR 1/14</b>	Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45
<b>FRI 1/15</b>	Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12
<b>SAT 1/16</b>	Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17
<b>SUN 1/17</b>	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2021

<b>Sunday:</b>	The Baptism of the Lord
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
<b>Sunday:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

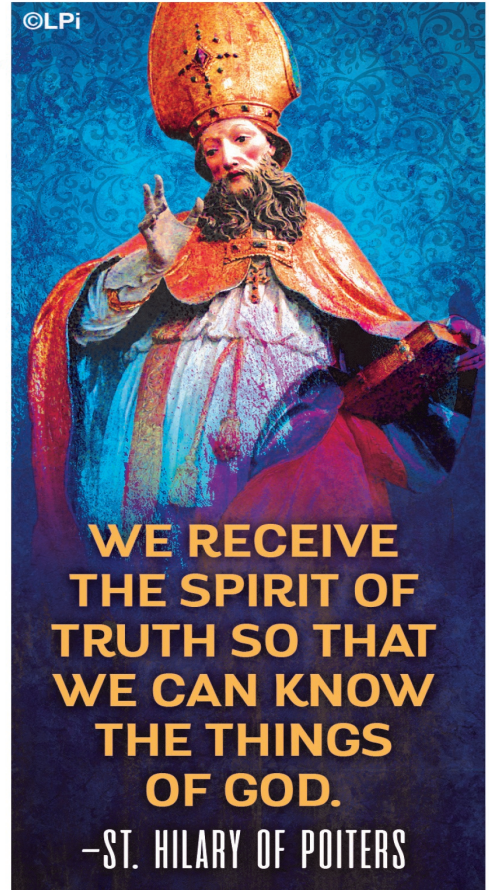
### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

We carry a greater depth of self-confidence and chance of succeeding when we have affirmation, a sense of direction and clear purpose in life. Each of these serve to provide our lives with meaning, allowing us to clearly establish priorities and goals. They also are necessary for integrity, which is the conviction and single mindedness that keeps us grounded in the truth of who we are. "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Jesus' baptism provides him with exactly what he needs to get about the business of his mission as the Son of God. He is given what he needs to be successful in fulfilling the purpose for which he was sent. Our baptisms give us these same gifts. We receive the affirmation we need from God, knowing that we are one of his beloved daughters and sons. We are gifted with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Are we ready and willing to answer the call?

**BAPTISM**  **OF THE LORD**

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*The future  
starts  
today, not  
tomorrow.*

— ST. JOHN PAUL II

# PARISH INFO

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**READ THE  
GOSPEL AND  
COMPLETE A  
PUZZLE!**

## SHARING THE GOSPEL

"Keep trying. You're doing great. I'm so proud of you." Every child should hear words like that. Every child wants to feel God's love. As Jesus grew from a boy to a man, he showed he was ready to live for God. At Jesus' baptism, God told Jesus, "You are my own dear Son, and I am pleased with you." God loves you as his child, too.

## PRAYER

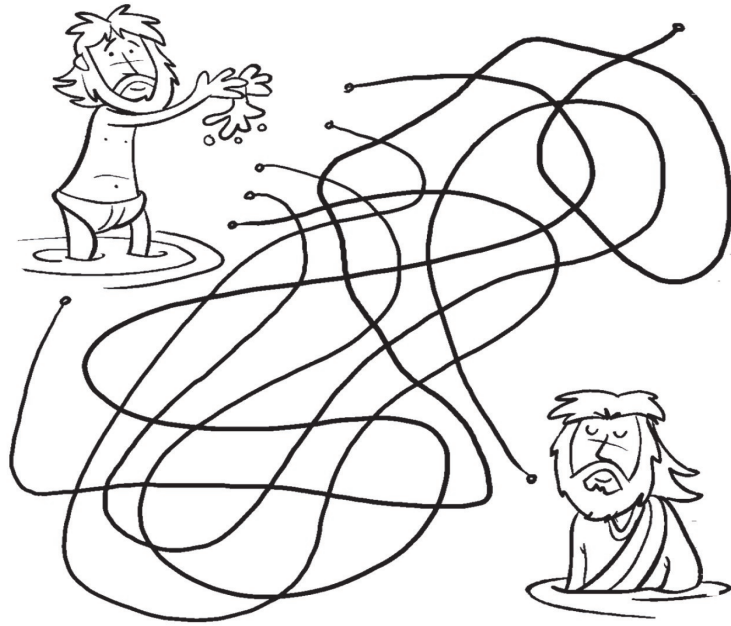
God, I am so glad you love me.

## MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Be careful to use kind words with your family and friends.

## KIDS CORNER

Show John the path to baptize Jesus.





# PARISH ACTIVITIES

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## WORSHIP & MEDITATION



### FIRST READING

Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call him while he is near.  
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,  
and the wicked man his thoughts;  
Let him turn to the LORD for mercy;  
to our God, who is generous in forgiving  
(Is 55:6-7)



### PSALM

You will draw water joyfully from the springs  
of salvation. (Is 12:3)



### SECOND READING

This is the one who came through  
water and blood,  
Jesus Christ,  
not by water alone, but by water and blood.  
(1 Jn 5:6)



### GOSPEL

And a voice came from the heavens,  
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am  
well pleased." (Mk 1:11)

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### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?



# PASTOR'S DESK

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## DEAR ST. JOHN FISHER FAMILY,

Today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the official end of the Christmas Season in the Church. Every ending marks a new beginning. In fact, baptism itself is a rebirth. So as we begin the new season of Ordinary Time, we assess the past while looking to the future to determine what God wants us to focus on in the present moment. Many of us make resolutions for the New Year. Some, we actually manage to keep, others are quickly forgotten. But here are a few resolutions for our parish this year.

We will be focusing on keeping each other safe from COVID-19, and following the guidelines that come to us from the state and from the Bishop's office. As people are increasingly vaccinated, we will gradually resume normality including the CCE program, the parish office, all fundraising activity, spiritual formation, and meetings of all sorts.

Let us not forget we still have a 1.3 million dollar debt for the construction of the church that we have to pay back. COVID put a damper on our fundraising efforts, but as soon as we can, we will roll up our sleeves and get back to work. In the meantime, we continue to do as Matthew 6:33 tells us: *"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides."*

I also want to remind you about our bulletin. The advertisements on the back of the bulleting pay for the printing and shipping of our weekly bulletins! Businesses and individuals support our parish by buying space on the back of it, so please support them by utilizing their services whenever you can. Local businesses have many choices for spending their advertising dollars and we REALLY want them to select our St. John

Fisher bulletin as part of their marketing program. Please make it a point to not only support these businesses by utilizing their services, but if you will, go out of your way to thank them for choosing St. John Fisher as a partner. This way, they'll know their ads are having a positive effect in their business efforts.

Finally, this January 7 marked my 2-year anniversary of being assigned to St. John Fisher! As I look back on these 2 years, I see how much healing has taken place, and continues to take place. I see how faith is restored in many of you, and how I have grown close to so many of you as we shared many sorrows but also many joys. As I look to the future in order to understand what God wants of me, of us in the present moment, I know He wants these bonds to keep growing strong as we move forward on life's journey, making the Kingdom of God more tangible and palpable among us, while we journey together growing in holiness as we grow in communion. I am so grateful to God for each one of you!

On this Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, let us start anew together, each one on their ray of the will of God. If we walk on the specific will of God his love marks for us, we will be walking in the same direction, that is, toward the sun (God). But the closer the rays get to the sun, *the nearer they draw to each other!* So then, let us each walk on our respective sunray, and together toward the sun!

*Fr. Jesse Garcia*

## QUERIDA FAMILIA DE ST. JUAN FISHER,

Hoy celebramos la Solemnidad el Bautismo del Señor. Con esta fiesta se termina oficialmente la temporada navideña en la Iglesia. Cada finalidad da vida a un nuevo comienzo. De hecho, el bautismo en sí mismo es un renacimiento. Entonces, al comenzar la nueva temporada del Tiempo Ordinario, es bueno evaluar el pasado mientras miramos hacia el futuro para determinar en qué quiere Dios que nos enfoquemos en este momento presente. Muchos de nosotros hacemos resoluciones para el Año Nuevo. Algunas de ellas logramos realizar, otras se nos olvidan en seguida. Les presento algunas resoluciones hacia las cuales nuestra parroquia estará empeñada a cumplir.

Seguiremos haciendo el esfuerzo de protegernos del COVID-19 y seguir las pautas que nos llegan del estado y de la oficina del obispo. A medida que las personas se vacunen, recuperaremos gradualmente la normalidad, incluido los programas de la catequesis, la oficina parroquial, todas las actividades de recaudación de fondos, la formación espiritual, y los encuentros de todos tipos.

No olvidemos que todavía tenemos una deuda de 1.3 millones de dólares de cuando se construyó la iglesia - y hay que pagarla. El COVID frenó nuestros esfuerzos en la recaudación de fondos, pero tan pronto como podamos, nos arremangaremos y nos pondremos a trabajar. Mientras tanto, continuamos haciendo lo que Mateo 6:33 nos dice: *"Por lo tanto, busquen primero su reino y su justicia, y se les darán también todas esas cosas."*

También quiero recordarles sobre nuestro boletín. ¡Los anuncios en el reverso de las viñetas pagan por la impresión y envío de nuestros boletines semanales! Las empresas y las personas apoyan a nuestra parroquia comprando un espacio en la parte posterior, así que apoyémoslos utilizando sus servicios siempre que se pueda. Las empresas locales tienen muchas opciones para

gastar su dinero en publicidades y POR SUPUESTO

queremos que seleccionen nuestro boletín de San Juan Fisher como parte de su programa de mercadeo. Por favor, asegúrese de no solo apoyar a estas empresas utilizando sus servicios, sino que hagan todo lo posible para agradecerles por elegir a nuestra parroquia como socio. Así sabrán que sus publicidades les están beneficiando.

¡Finalmente, este 7 de enero marcó el segundo aniversario de mi asignación a San Juan Fisher! Cuando medito sobre estos 2 años, veo cuánta sanación ha ocurrido y sigue ocurriendo. Veo cómo se restaura la fe en muchos de ustedes y cómo han crecido los vínculos con muchos de ustedes al compartir muchas tristezas pero también muchas alegrías. Cuando pienso en el futuro para entender lo que Dios quiere de mí, de nosotros en el momento presente, sé que El quiere que estos lazos sigan creciendo fuertes a medida que avanzamos en el camino de la vida, haciendo que el Reino de Dios sea más tangible y palpable entre nosotros, mientras caminamos juntos creciendo en santidad a medida que crecemos en comunión. ¡Estoy muy agradecido con Dios por cada uno de ustedes!

En esta solemnidad del Bautismo del Señor, comencemos de nuevo juntos, cada uno en su rayo de la voluntad de Dios. Si caminamos en la voluntad específica de Dios que Su amor nos marca, estaremos caminando en la misma dirección, es decir, hacia el sol (Dios). Pero cuanto más se acercan los rayos al sol, *¡más se acercan entre sí!* Entonces, ¡cada uno en su rayo, y juntos hacia el sol!

*P. Jesse Garcia*





# CALENDAR & EVENTS

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Alfred Arredondo, Miguel De La Torre, Antonia Flores , Lupe Garcia, Pedro Granados, Cecilia Gonzalez, Mark Lester, Gaston Lendasse, Ofelia Gonzalez Morales, Claudia Gonzalez, Leonard Martinez, Serafin Nuñez, Jesse Perez, Bryan Ramirez, Josefina Ramirez, Ramona Rosales, Joe Rosilez Sr., Aurora Sanchez, John Sanchez, Esteban Treviño, Tony Treviño, Joe Wiley, Victor Zuniga,

**Call the office with the names of those who need our prayers and also call to inform us when to remove the name from the list.**

**Llame a la oficina para informar sobre quienes están enfermos y podamos orar por ellos. Llámenos también cuando consideren que debemos sacarlos de la lista.**

## HOST AND WINE SPONSORSHIP

### Sponsors Needed

If you are interested in sponsoring our Hosts and Wine please contact Cynthia Felan at 281-352-1011

## ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

### Night Worship

Únanse a las Vigilias de Adoracion Nocturna velando con Jesus Eucaristia durante la noche cada primer Sábado del mes. Nuestra siguiente Vigilia será el 6 de Febrero comenzamos a las 8:00 PM a 4:00 AM del Domingo. Para más informacion llamé a Cesar Contreras 832-971-5836 o Elmer Cerna 832-759-0996.

## OFFICE HOURS

### Nuevo Horario de Oficina

Monday- 8:00 AM-NOON

Tuesday- 8:00 AM-3:00 PM

Wednesday- 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Thursday- 8:00 AM-3:00 PM  
(One hour lunch/Una hora de almuerzo)  
12:00 - 1:00 PM

Friday/**Viernes:**

8:00 AM-NOON

## DELICIOUS TAMALES

Made by fellow parishioners all year round at St. John Fisher. Please order before 4:00 PM on Tuesdays for pickup fresh and hot between 11:00 AM and Noon on Wednesdays, all proceeds go to St. John Fisher. This year our price has changed to \$12.00 per dozen. Please call the parish office to place your order.