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**STEWARDSHIP REPORT  
Weekly Contribution**

Collection for February 28<sup>th</sup> – \$4466.06

Your faithful stewardship helps us meet our Fiscal needs.

**“His Mercy Endures Forever - Psalm 136**

**“We are called upon to focus on the heart to see how much generosity everyone is capable of.”**

**Pope Francis**

The Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) helps all of us fulfill Christ's mission here on earth by supporting those programs and services that cannot be accomplished by one parish alone.

**Please help us reach our goal of \$25,000.00 with your participation.**

**PRAY FOR/Ruega Por Ellos:**

James Saccomanno, Roy Martinez, Liz Fernandez Strickland, Ignacio Damian Sr, Eddie Virgil, Will Windham, Alan Neff, Melissa Garcia, Angelica Silva, Edward Coufal, Maria Cerda, Gary W. Callaway, Mary Valdez, Joyce Hargrove, Tim Kolafa, Joan Horr, Leon Quintanilla, Regina Martinez, Chano Lopez, Pat Matula, Francis Emily Cyr, Justin Salazar, Sherrie James, Craig Cameron, Jennifer Hermosillo, Lou Roberts, Bridgett West, Robert Gonzales, Jesse Chavez Sr., Josephina Chavez, Emma Gutierrez, Marcia Meeks, Leong Mendoza, Joe Tynner, Margaret Martinez, Chris Martinez, Alberto Garcia Sr, Graciela Garcia, Dolly Gallardo, Levi Damian, Nadia Mendoza, Lupe Mendoza.

*And for all those whose names that have not been made known to us.*

**Altar Wine**

You may sponsor the Altar wine for one month at \$75 in memory of or in honor of a family member or members. If anyone is interested in sponsoring, please call the parish office at 979-233-5271.

**March – In loving memory of her father  
+Jesus Guevara Sr. requested by  
his daughter Yolanda Garcia**

**Sponsor of the Week**

[En Memoria de Maria]



Saint Augustine (354-430), Bishop of Hippo (North Africa) and Doctor of the Church  
*A Commentary on the Psalms, Ps 139[138], 5-6; CCL 40, 1992-1993 (©Friends of Henry Ashworth, alt.)*

**"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him"**

"O Lord, you have read my thoughts from afar; you have marked my path and my journey's end; you have foreseen all my ways." In other words, while I am still a pilgrim and have not yet reached my true country, my thoughts are an open book to you. Think of the younger son of the parable... Not so the elder son; he stayed at home and worked in the fields, representing those holy men of the Old Testament who carried out the duties imposed by the law and obeyed its precepts.

But the rest of the human race by its lapse into idolatry had left for a distant country. Nothing, in fact, he moves us further from the God who made us than the false gods we make! For ourselves. The younger son, then, left for a distant country, taking his money with him, and, as the gospel tells us, he squandered it... When he was worn out by hard labor, affliction, and want, his thoughts turned to his father, and he made up his mind to return to him. "I will arise," he said, "and go to my father"... But is not he whom I have forsaken everywhere? "You have read my thoughts from afar." In the gospel story the Lord tells us that the boy's father went out to meet him because he had read his thoughts from afar, he had marked all his paths. What was this path but the ill-chosen road which the boy took when he left his father, furtively trying to escape observation and punishment? Would he have been worn out by hardship or sent to feed pigs unless his father had wanted him to be punished in his absence so that he could welcome him on his return?...

So he was caught like a runaway slave, overtaken by the well-deserved chastisement of God who punishes us for our unlawful desires, no matter where we go or how far we travel. So, like a slave caught on the run, the son says: "You have marked my path and seen all my ways." However long my path, it could not hide me from your eyes. I had walked a great distance but you were there at my destination. Before I had even entered, before I had even set out, you saw it all beforehand. And you allowed me to follow my paths in hard labor so that, if I should not want to labor any more, I might return to your ways... I confess my sin before you: I went my own way and wandered far from you; I left you with whom my best interests lay, and it was for my own good that everything went wrong for me without you, for if all had gone well for me without you, the chances are that I would never have returned to you.

San Agustín (354-430), obispo de Hipona (África del Norte), doctor de la Iglesia  
*Homilías sobre los salmos, Sl 138, 5-6; CCL 40, 1992-1993*

**"Estando todavía lejos, su padre le vio venir"**

"De lejos penetras mis pensamientos, distingues mi camino y mi descanso, todas mis sendas te son familiares" (Sl 138, 2-3). Cuando todavía soy un viajero, antes de llegar a la patria, has comprendido mis pensamientos. Soñar al hijo pequeño, marchado lejos... El mayor no se había marchado lejos, trabajaba en el campo y era símbolo de los santos que, bajo la Ley, observaban las prácticas y preceptos de la Ley.

Así el género humano, que se había extraviado dando culto a los ídolos, había "marchado lejos". En efecto, nada está tan lejos de aquél que te ha creado que esta imagen modelada por ti mismo, para ti. El hijo menor marchó, pues, a un país lejano llevándose consigo la parte de herencia que le pertenecía y, tal como nos lo dice el Evangelio, la malgastó... Después de tantas desgracias y desalientos, de pruebas y sin nada, se acordó de su padre y quiso regresar donde estaba él. Se dijo: "Me pondré en camino adonde está mi padre..." Pero aquél que había abandonado ¿no está en todas partes? Por eso en el Evangelio el Señor nos dice que su padre "echando a correr se le echó al cuello". Es cierto, porque "de lejos había penetrado sus pensamientos, todas sus sendas le son familiares". ¿Cuáles, sino los malos caminos que había seguido para abandonar a su padre, como si pudiera esconderse a su mirada que le llamaba, o como si la miseria abrumadora que le hizo llegar hasta guardar puercos no fuera ya el castigo que su padre le impuso en su alejamiento con el fin de recibirlo a su regreso?...

Dios castiga severamente nuestras pasiones, donde sea que vayamos, por mucho que nos alejemos de él. Así pues, como a un fugitivo a quien se detiene, el hijo dice: "Distingues mi camino y mi descanso, todas mis sendas te son familiares". Mis sendas, por largas que sean, no han podido alejarme de tu mirada. Había andado mucho, pero tú estabas allí donde llegué. Incluso antes de que entrara, incluso antes de que empezara a caminar, tú conociste mi senda por adelantado. Y permitiste que siguiera mis caminos con dolor para que, si no quería sufrir más, hiciera mi camino de regreso a ti... Confieso mi culpa ante ti: he seguido mi propio camino, me alejé de ti; te abandoné siendo así que contigo estaba bien; y, si ha sido doloroso para mí el haber estado sin ti, ha sido para mí bien. Porque si me hubiera encontrado bien sin ti, posiblemente no hubiera querido regresar a ti.

**Registrations for Steubenville on the Bayou are now open. A \$50 deposit goes towards the total cost of \$150. Deadline is May 31.  
This will take place on June 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

**Youth Confirmation Session  
March 20, 2016  
2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Easter Egg Hunt on March 30, 2016 during our Faith Formation Classes. Please help by donating and bringing candy to the office.**

**Búsqueda de huevos de Pascua el 30 de marzo durante clases de catecismo. Por favor, de asistir y traer donaciones de dulces a la oficina.**

**This Week in the Our Parish**

**March 7:**  
**NO MASS**  
7:00 – 8:30 pm: English Baptism Classes – HW#5

**March 8:**  
**8:30 a.m. – English Mass**  
9:30 am - LOM – (English) – HW Classroom #5  
6:00 pm - St. Vincent de Paul  
6:30 pm – Core Meeting – HW  
7:00 pm – Spanish Choir Practice – (C)  
8 pm - Alcohol Anonymous Meeting – Rms. #9 & #10

**March 9:**  
6:30 pm - English Mass  
5:45-6:15 pm - Confessions  
6:00 pm – Peace Rosary – (C)  
**NO Faith Formation/PK3-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes**  
6:00 - 7:00 pm – RCIA – (C)

**March 10:**  
9:00 am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
6:00 pm - Benediction  
**6:15 pm – Spanish Mass**  
2 pm – 8:40 pm – Life Touch Picture Taking – HW/Library  
7:00 – 8:30 pm: English Baptism Classes – HW#5  
8 pm - Alcohol Anonymous Meeting – Rms. #9 & #10

**March 11:**  
**8:30 am – English Mass**  
2 pm – 8:40 pm – Life Touch Picture Taking – HW/Library  
3:00 pm – Divine Mercy/Stations of the Cross  
Fish Fry: 5 pm – 7 pm – Parish hall  
7:00 pm- Stations of the Cross followed by Confessions until 9 pm

**March 12:**  
10 am – 5 pm – Life Touch Picture Taking – HW/Library  
4-5 pm – Confession – C  
4:30 pm – English Choir Practice – Somerville  
**5:30 pm – English Mass/Hospitality - MFCC**

**March 13:**  
**9:00 am – English Mass/Hospitality - MFCC**  
**11:00 am – Spanish Mass/Hospitality - MFCC**  
**5:00 pm – English Mass**  
2 pm – LOM Meeting – Parish hall  
10 am – 5 pm – Life Touch Picture Taking – HW/Library  
NO Life Teen/ Edge Classes

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule**

**March 12, 5:30 P.M – English Mass**  
**Acolyte:** Chris Thompson  
**Altar Servers:** Cristian & Maria Chavez  
**Lectors:** Jimmy Mikes, Marilyn Saccomanno  
**EM's:** Jimmy Mikes, Marilyn Saccomanno

**March 13, 9:00 A.M – English Mass**  
**Acolyte:** Richard Moreno  
**Altar Servers:** Omar & Carlos Ramos, Fred Silbas  
**Lectors:** Rosemary Bravo, Johanna Blanchard  
**EM's:** Valentine Moreno, Tina Robledo

**March 13, 11:00 A.M – Spanish Mass**  
**Acolyte:** Richard Moreno  
**Altar Servers:** Tatyana & Sergio Diaz, Manuel & Jose Acuna  
**Lectors:** America Nunez, Isaura Gallegos  
**EM's:** Patricia Ramirez, Leobardo Ramirez

**March 13, 5:00 P.M – English Mass**  
**Altar Servers:** Larry & Leslie Lizardo, Bryan Chavez  
**Lectors:** Martha Iracheta, Cynthia Lopez  
**EM's:** Candelaria Castro, Noe Castro, Juan Castro

**ALTAR DUTY**

**March 1-15 - Elizabeth Heredia, Patricia Ramirez,  
Candelaria Castro**

**90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Mary's  
August 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Reception after each Mass**

**Afternoon gathering will be at 3:00 pm concluding with 5 pm Mass for the Feast of the Assumption. If you would like to help finance this celebration, pick up an envelope in the vestibule. Help us prepare a historic CD about St. Mary's Past by bringing in some copies of your memorable events at St. Mary's to the Parish office.**

**90 Aniversario de Santa María  
13<sup>a</sup> Agosto y 14 de 2016**

**Recepción después de cada misa  
Reunión de la tarde será a las 3:00 pm con 5:00 pm Misa de la Fiesta de la Asunción.  
Si desea ayudar a financiar esta celebración, recoger un sobre en el vestíbulo.  
Ayúdenos a preparar un CD histórico sobre el pasado de Santa María mediante la incorporación de algunas copias de sus eventos memorables en Santa María favor de traer a la oficina parroquia.**

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS**

**Divine Mercy and Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm every Friday during Lent until Holy Week.**  
Estaciones de la Cruz y la Divina Misericordia ala 3:00 pm todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma hasta la Semana Santa.  
**Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7:00 pm. during Lent until Holy Week.**  
Estaciones de la cruz cada viernes a las 7:00 pm en la Cuaresma hasta la Semana Santa.

**Local Lenten Reconciliation Services**

**Mon, March 14 – St. Michael's – 7 pm**  
**Wed. March 16 – Most Holy Trinity, Angleton – 7 pm**  
**Thurs. March 17 – St. John's West Columbia – 7 pm**  
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sweeny**  
**6:45pm-8:30 pm-St. Jerome, Clute – each Fri. of Lent**

**Lenten Fish Fry from 5-7 pm in the Parish hall every Friday during Lent until Holy Week.**  
**Venta de pescado de 5-7 pm en el salon parroquial todos los Viernes durante la Cuaresma asta la semana santa.**

**Stations of the Cross at 7 pm and Confessions following until 9 pm on Fri, March 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**Vía Crucis a las 7 pm y inmediatamente después, Reconciliación hasta 9 pm el viernes, 11 de marzo.**

**Knights of Columbus #3365**

**The Knights of Columbus has \$1,000 in Scholarship money available for graduating Catholic Seniors again this year. Applications are available through the Brazosport High School guidance counseling office, Nikki Lyster or Karen Munos.**