

THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Hosea 2:16, 17, 21-22; Psalms 103; 2 Corinthians 3:1-6; Mark 2:18-22 (#1093)

- 8:00 a.m. †John Melton
by The Melton Family
FOR THE PEOPLE
- 10:00 a.m. †Guadalupe Acosta
by Alejandro Garcia and Yolanda Castillo
- 12:00 p.m. †E. J. (Bill) Bilodeau
by Laura Bilodeau
- 5:30 p.m. †E. J. (Bill) Bilodeau
by Laura Bilodeau

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

1 Peter 1:3-9; Psalms 111; Mark 10:17-27

- 6:30 a.m. The Altar Society
by The Altar Society

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

1 Peter 1:10-16; Psalm 98; Mark 10:28-31

- 6:30 a.m. †Eugene Matthews
by Arthur and Margaret Eckroat

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1- ASH WEDNESDAY

Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 51; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

- 6:30 a.m. †Lester Walter Sr.
by Mary Coody
- 8:15 a.m. AJ Valdez
by The Valdez Family
- 12:00 p.m. Mike Bernardy
by Chris and Karen Bernardy
- 6:00 p.m. †Judy Fairless
by Martha Hoey
- 8:00 p.m. †Aurelia Santana
by Hispanic Council

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalms 1; Luke 9:22-25

- 8:15 a.m. †Dr. Bob McLaughlin
by Rosemary McLaughlin

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

Isaiah 58:1-9; Psalms 51; Matthew 9:14-15

- 6:30 a.m. †Patricia and Steve Kelley
by Kerry Kelly and Mary Frantz

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

Isaiah 58:9-14; Psalms 86; Luke 5:27-32

- 5:00 p.m. †Bob Landers
by Sue Landers

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

Genesis 9:8-15; Psalms 25; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15 (#1096)

- 8:00 a.m. †Tully Jo Keltner
by Arthur and Margaret Eckroat
FOR THE PEOPLE
- 10:00 a.m. †Sister Eva Swartz
by Alejandro Garcia and Yolanda Castillo
- 12:00 p.m. †Joseph Bau Hoang
by Doan and Nguyet Pham
- 5:30 p.m. †Joseph Bau Hoang
by Doan and Nguyet Pham

MASS ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 18-19, 2006

5:00 p.m.	194
8:00 a.m.	75
10:00 a.m.	182
12:00 p.m.	228
5:30 p.m.	116
Total	795

Dear Friends in Christ,

The winter weather that struck OKC last weekend kept many people away from Sunday Mass (we had less than 1/2 of our usual attendance) and also meant a collection that was cut in half (about 1/2 of the usual number of contribution envelopes as well). In last Sunday's bulletin I wrote about the weekend of Feb. 25-26 (this weekend) being a special time of prayer by Catholics throughout our Archdiocese asking God to help us bring an end to violence against women. Signatures on a declaration condemning violence against women were collected from parishioners last weekend and were sent on to Archbishop Beltran. The Archbishop presented an estimated 15-20 thousand signatures from Catholics throughout the Archdiocese at a meeting of religious leaders at the Capitol this past Wednesday.

This Wednesday another Lenten Season begins with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Bring your blessed palm branches by the parish office so they can be burned and used as ashes. The Lenten regulations for fasting and abstinence are on the facing page as well as the Ash Wednesday Mass schedule. Our parish will give away the collection for Ash Wednesday to Mustard Seed Development Corporation, directed by parishioner, Dan Short. Mustard Seed helps people to help themselves through development projects in the North Highlands neighborhood, an impoverished section of Oklahoma City that falls partly within our parish boundaries.

Pope Benedict XVI's Lenten message is centered on the development of peoples and offers a challenge to Christians as they assess the response of their governments to the needs of the poor. The Pope chooses as his theme the message of the Gospel text from Matthew: "*Jesus, at the sight of the crowds, was moved with pity*" (Mt. 9:36). In addressing the question of development of peoples, of improving the plight of those who are impoverished throughout the world, the Pope states that "*the Church knows that if we are to promote development in its fullness, our own 'gaze' upon mankind has to be measured against that of Christ. In fact, it is quite impossible to separate the response to people's material and social needs from the fulfillment of the profound desires of their hearts. This has to be emphasized all the more in today's rapidly changing world, in which our responsibility towards the poor emerges with ever greater clarity and urgency.*" A little further on in his message, Pope Benedict contrasts the inward turning gaze of selfishness with the compassionate outward-looking gaze of Christ. "*In the face of the terrible challenge of poverty afflicting so much of the world's population, indifference and self-centered isolation stand in stark contrast to the gaze of Christ. Fasting and almsgiving, which, together with prayer, the Church proposes in a special way during the Lenten Season, are suitable means for us to become conformed to this 'gaze.'*" The important conversion that takes place is "*that gift of self to another through which charity is expressed.*" The Pope says the Church petitions those with power to "*promote development based on the respect for the dignity of every man and woman.*" With these insights from the Pope, I can see more clearly how the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving prepare us to make the gift of self in love to others, especially people who are impoverished in any way.

I will be gone from Thursday evening, March 2 – Sunday evening, March 5th while serving as one of the Spiritual Directors for Men's Cursillo #84 at St. Eugene Church in Weatherford. (I will return briefly Sunday morning for the 10 a.m. and 12 noon Mass.) *In the peace of Christ,*

Rev. Joseph A. Jacobi

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS (07-01-05-to 06-30-06)

Goal for Fiscal Year ending 6/30/06 is \$1,404,000.00

Week Ending	02/19/2006	Year to Date
Parish Support	\$14,437.20	\$918,923.20
Bldg. For Mill. (Debt)	445.00	90,773.00
Children's Envelopes (34)	37.00	2,167.00
TOTAL COLLECTED	\$14,919.20	\$1,011,863.20
Budget	27,000.00	918,000.00
SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)	(12,080.80)	93,863.20
New Church Fund	655.00	157,385.00
School Scholarship	100.00	45,887.00
High School Scholarship	0	12,159.00
Envelopes Used 152		

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lenten Schedule:

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m. 12:00 Noon
6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Lenten Dinners/Stations of the Cross Schedule

6:00 Stations of the Cross (English),
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Lenten Meal in Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

Parish Mission Schedule: March 22-24

Wed: March 22: 6:00 - 7:00 Dinner
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Mission

Thurs: March 23: 6:00 - 7:00 Dinner
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Mission

Fri: March 24: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Penance Rite

LENTEEN REGULATIONS

Church law considers every Friday and the season of Lent as penitential time. The practice of penance is part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus Who Himself recommended it as necessary to His followers and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting.

The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that **fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of abstinence from meat is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.**

- Who must fast?** All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60th year.
- Who must abstain?** All Catholics who are 14 years and older.
- What does fasting mean?** The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.
- What does abstinence mean?** The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance.
- Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/or abstinence?** Individuals with just cause may be dispensed by a priest. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation. If they do so, they then need to compensate with prayer and other voluntary penance.

All-Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Ash Wednesday - March 1 Schedule

Adoration will close at 5:00 P.M.
due to Evening Masses

6:30 a.m. Holy Mass
7:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
3:00 p.m. Anointing of the Sick
5:00 p.m. Closing Prayer

TOWN HALL MEETING

Town Hall Meeting, Sunday, February 26, 1:30 PM St. Eugene Meeting Rooms 2/3, Guest speakers **Shirley Cox and Stan McKay** Immigration Attorneys with Catholic Charities of Oklahoma City.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: *Legislation on Immigration:* The New Bills being introduced at the House of Representatives and Senate to reform Immigration laws.



Sunday February 26

Special Sacramental Preparation classes 11:00 - 11:50 a.m.

Confirmation I & II Life Night 6:30 p.m..

Wednesday, March 1 Ash Wednesday **NO RE CLASSES**

St. Vincent de Paul

Our pantry shelves still need supplies. When we have requests for food, we fill 2 or 3 grocery bags with macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, crackers pasta and spaghetti sauce, cereal, canned fruit, vegetables, soup, tuna and meat, and other non-perishable staples that we have available. Please bring contributions to the St. Vincent de Paul box in the church vestibule.

BAPTISM SEMINARS

Baptism preparation classes are offered on the **second Monday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** All parents and Godparents should attend a class. Parents must be registered and active members of the parish for at least three months before Baptism. Please call **Jerry and Carol Anne Rakosky, 341-2805**, to register.

Seniors

Our Tenth annual **St. Patrick's Day Brunch** will be at The **Greens Country Club** on March 12, 11:30. Make your reservations with Irene Alsobrook, 752-6065 or Ellen Knebel, 751-7162.



¡Viva España!

Our 2006 parish pilgrimage to enchanting Spain has been moved to October 8-18, 2006. The move has allowed us to enjoy basically the same itinerary (minus 3 dinners) at a cooler time of year and at a lower price of \$2995 based on 30 pilgrims. \$700 deposit due by March 31. Please call Judi for more information, 751-7115 ext. 115.



Youth Doings...

Youth News

Attention High School Youth (9 – 12)

Mark your calendar **February 26th** following 5:30 Mass. You won't want to miss out on the upcoming Life Night! entitled "Hand Me Downs" **The Olympics are coming** right here to St. Eugene Church. Come join the fun at the Life Night where you will compete with your friends while learning about the things handed down to us from the Apostles, their successors and the Church.

ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH: (6-7-8)

Beginning in March there will be some special Saturday events for the St. Eugene Middle School Youth. Watch for the calendar of events in next weeks bulletin!



WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT 2006

We are requesting nominations for the 2006 Woman of Achievement for St. Eugene. This a recognition for one woman in our parish who exemplifies outstanding service and spirituality, and who has made exceptional contributions to our parish life during her time as a parishioner.

We have been blessed to have MANY women who are worthy of the W of A designation in our parish. We need to hear from you about the woman who most impresses you. Please submit a letter, signed or unsigned, with the name of your nominee, and tell why she qualifies as our Woman of Achievement.

The letters should be sent to the Parish Office, Attention: Altar Society. The Altar Society president gives the letters to a committee of past Women of Achievement for review.

Nominations from prior years are included in the review process. **Deadline for nominations: 3/15/06**

St. Patricia's Guild, will meet March 2, in the Chapel praying the Stations of the Cross. We will adjourn to Meeting Room 1 immediately afterward. Please bring a favorite appetizer to share. Babysitting is available by calling De Schmidt for reservations, 752-1874, no later than February 27. For questions or additional information, call Grace Wanto, 720-6474, or Jane Solomon, 748-3497.

St. Rose Guild will meet March 1, 1:00 P.M. 11913 Mary Claire Dr. RSVP Wanda Hughes-Ray, 751-0643. We will have a guest speaker.

St. Theresa's Guild will meet Thursday, March 2nd 7:00 p.m. at Ellen Berkeley's home. Her home is located at 3217 Willowbrook, Oklahoma City, 755-3847. Our co-hostesses are Jean Ann Leiser and Carolyn Grosche. Guest speaker, Theresa Smith on behalf of St. Vincent de Paul will be there. For more information call Debby Jordan, 755-6107 or Tresia Miller, 751-1859.

ST. EUGENE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
SINGLE ADULT GROUP
FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

"Sunday, February 26, Legislation on Immigration from Catholic Charities", St. Eugene Catholic Church, 1:30 p.m.

"Tuesday Church of the Servant "February 28, 14323 North Macarthur, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

For information, contact Tom Clapper, 751-0415 or 521-5761

APOLOGETICS/SCRIPTURE STUDY

Want to feel more confident when explaining Catholicism to others? Join us on Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Current topic:

How to answer **Atheists and New Ages**

For information contact: Rick or LeAnn Hufnagel, 752-5297



THE NURSERY IS HERE TO HELP!

The Nursery is available to those who need this service for their young children during a Mass (except 8am) or a scheduled church activity, reserved for specific church organizations, Monday through Friday evenings. If you need a schedule of Nursery availability please call Angela Liddiard, Nursery Coordinator at 751-7115x118. We would also like to announce that we now have a wonderful new changing table so babies are certainly welcomed.

Parents Night Out is Back

Saturday, March 4, Fellowship Hall.

(RSVP by Wednesday, March 1), from 5p.m. to 9p.m.

Pizza, juice snacks, games, movies will be provided.

The cost is \$10.00 for the 1st child and \$5.00 child there after. Children MUST be potty trained. To reserve a spot for your child or if you have any questions, call Annette de Dios, 843-3917, or Debbie Blomquist, 751-7115, ext. 119. In order to provide adequate supervision reservations are a must. Next Parents Night Out- Saturday, April 1, May 20th

In Concert

George Wesley Jr. will appear concert at the Village Baptist Church, 10600 N. May Ave, **Sunday March 12,** 3:00 p.m. Donation \$10.00. This is a tribute to the late John Gaffney, who perished in a fire. John was an active member of Habitat of Humanity and Brit-Vil Food Pantry. Tickets can be purchased at the door or call Carolyn Grosche, 751-9742.

ESPAÑOL

MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA

TOWN HALL MEETING

Tema de Discusión: *La Legislación de Inmigración:*

Las nuevas leyes que están siendo presentadas ante la Cámara de Representantes y el Senado para reformar las leyes de inmigración.

Si usted no se encuentra actualmente registrado para votar, usted podrá llenar una planilla para registrarse si así lo desea. Además, habrá unas formas pre-definidas para que usted las pueda firmar solamente y enviarlas por correo al representante que usted eligió, expresando su desacuerdo con los proyectos de ley que se están proponiendo!

Niños y jóvenes de la Escuela de San Eugenio - durante El Domingo Febrero 26 a la 1:30PM se llevará a cabo un Town Hall Meeting en la Parroquia de San Eugenio.

Tendremos como conferencistas invitados a los abogados de inmigración Shirley Cox y Stan McKay de las Caridades Católicas de la Ciudad de Oklahoma.

TODOS ESTAN INVITADOS, POR FAVOR APOYENOS CON SU PRESENCIA PARA PODER HACER LA DIFERENCIA.

REGLAS DE LA CUARESMA

La ley de la iglesia considera cada viernes y la temporada de Cuaresma como un tiempo de penitencia. La práctica de penitencia es parte de nuestra fe y nuestra vida cristiana. Cuando hacemos penitencia, imitamos a Jesús quién lo recomienda como necesario a sus seguidores y les da el ejemplo de Sus oraciones y abstinencia.

La obligación de la Cuaresma, requiere que se haga ayuno en el miércoles de ceniza y el viernes santo. Abstinencia de carne se debe hacer el miércoles de ceniza y todos los viernes de Cuaresma.

- **Quién tiene que ayunar?** Todos los Católicos entre las edades de 18 y 59 años. Esta termina cuando alguien cumple los 60 años.
- **Quién tiene que abstenerse de comer carne?** Todos los Católicos de 14 años en adelante.
- **Qué significa ayunar?** Ayunar significa que solo puede tener una sola comida fuerte al día. Se permite tomar dos comidas ligeras más durante el día si es necesario para mantener la salud o fuerza física de cada uno. Comer entre comidas no está permitido.
- **Qué significa abstinencia?** Abstinencia significa no comer carne. También dejar de hacer cosas por diversión como espíritu de arrepentimiento.
- **Puede alguien ser excusado del ayuno o la abstinencia?** Alguien que esté enfermo o que tenga alguna razón fuerte pueden ser excusados pero deben compensarlo con oraciones o algún otro tipo de abstinencia.

Misa 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 12:00 p.m.,
6:00 p.m. en Inglés, 8:00 p.m. en Español

VIACRUCIS CADA Viernes De Cuaresma:

Viacrucis en Inglés 6:00 p.m.
Merienda en el gimnasio 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Viacrucis en Español 7:30 p.m.

MATRIMONIOS

PREPARACION PARA PAREJAS QUE DESEAN CASARSE POR LA IGLESIA Y RECIBIR LA BENDICION DE DIOS.

LAS CLASES DARAN - PRINCIPIO EL JUEVES 2 DE MARZO A LAS 6:00 P.M. PARA MAS INFORMACION LLAME A LA OFICINA HISPANA.

ADORACION DEL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO

Marzo 1 Miércoles de Ceniza

6:30 a.m. Santa Misa
7:00 a.m. Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento
3:00 p.m. Unción de los Enfermos*
5:00 p.m. Oración Vespertina y Bendición

Clases Gratis de Ingles

Las clases de inglés, empiezan el jueves 5 de enero de las 6:00 a las 8:30 de la noche. Todos están invitados. Para mas información llame a Mirtala, 751-7957, o a la Hermana Carmen, 751-7115, ext. 128. Las clases son GRATIS.

RED de Oración

Si usted tiene necesidad y desea que la familia de la parroquia rece por usted, llame al 751-7115, ext. 120.

**EL SEÑOR ES COMPASIVO
Y MISERICORDIOSO.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 25 - March 5, 2006

Saturday, February 25

10:00 a.m. Knitting Group - Meeting Room 3
12:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus -
Fellowship Hall/Meeting Rooms
3:00 p.m. Confessions - Reconciliation Room
5:00 p.m. Mass - Church
6:30 p.m. Marriage Blessing - Chapel
6:45 p.m. Hispanic Choir - Hispanic Office
7:45 p.m. MARDI GRAS - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 26

8:00 a.m. Mass - Church
10:00 a.m. Mass - Church
10:30 a.m. RCIA Dismissal - Meeting Room 2
10:30 a.m. RCIA Children - Meeting Room 1
10:30 a.m. RCIA Hispanic - School Library
11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts - Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. RE Special Sacrament Prep. - School
11:15 a.m. Small Faith Comm. Anneler -
Meeting Room 2
12:00 p.m. Spanish Mass - Church
1:00 p.m. Pan y Cafe - Fellowship Hall
1:30 p.m. Town Hall Meeting - Meeting Rooms 2/3
2:00 p.m. Marriage Blessing - Church
5:30 p.m. Mass - Church
6:30 p.m. Youth Confirmation - Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Spanish Classes - School

Monday, February 27

6:30 a.m. Mass - Chapel
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts # 57 & # 999 - Art Room
6:00 p.m. ESL - School
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - Art Gallery

Tuesday, February 28

6:30 a.m. Mass - Chapel
10:00 a.m. Women's Prayers Group -
Meeting Room 2
5:30 p.m. Contemporary Choir - Church
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts # 232 - Art Room
6:15 p.m. SLAA - Meeting Room 1
7:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul - Meeting Room 1

Please Pray for:

Rick Robinson, Tim Dowd Sr. Mortin Cuplin, Jeanette Gilmore, Kay Wasinger, Johanna Daily, Adele Byrd, Tina Mueller, Dawn Cowan, Judy Muylle, Alan Randolph, Greg McFarland, Esperanza Gallegos, George Girouard, Betsy Fleet, Shirley Roy, Corina Daniel, Marjorie VeerKamp, Laura Davidoff, Manuel Moran, Tom Fox, John Chyz, Amelia Torres, Pat Reynolds, Alan Giroux, Johnnie Cravotto, Bob Gilmore, Jan McLemore, Sally Curry, Keith Anneler, Donna Bay, Edna Gunter, Beverly Reeve, Cliff Poeling, Danny Goe, John Connors, Hans Brisch, Steve McKenzie, Mary Agnes Coody, Harrell Kennedy, Dora Ochoa, Mike Norfleet, Martin Guzman, Jose Mora, Natividad Ramirez, Carol Knox, Robert Mabe, Beverly Kowalski, Ruth Schmitz and Josie Vasquez.

Wednesday, March 1 ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30 a.m. Mass - Chapel

7:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8:15 a.m. Mass - Church
10:00 a.m. Homebound Communion Ministers -
Meeting Room 1
12:00 p.m. Mass - Church
3:00 p.m. Anointing of the Sick - Chapel
5:00 p.m. Evening Prayers and Benediction -
Chapel
6:00 p.m. Mass - Church
7:00 p.m. Parish Assessment Renewal -
School Conf. Room
7:00 p.m. First Communion Parents -
Meeting Room 1 (Spanish)
7:00 p.m. RCIA - Meeting Rooms 2/3
8:00 p.m. Spanish Mass - Church

Thursday, March 2

8:15 a.m. Mass - Church
9:30 a.m. St. Patricia's Guild - Meeting Room 1
6:00 p.m. Hispanic Marriage Seminar -
Meeting Room 3
6:00 p.m. ESL - School
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee -
School Conf. Room
7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Parents - School Library
7:00 p.m. Catholic Coming Home - Meeting Room

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Friday, March 3

6:30 a.m. Mass - Chapel
3:15 p.m. Daisy Scouts - Art Gallery
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross-English -Church
6:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner - Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. SLAA - Meeting Room 1
7:30 p.m. ViaCrucis/Stations of the Cross-Spanish
Church

Saturday, March 4

10:00 a.m. Rite of Election Practice/Reflection -
Church/Chapel/Meeting Rooms 2/3
3:00 p.m. Confessions - Reconciliation Room
5:00 p.m. Mass - Church
5:00 p.m. Youth Group- Parents Night Out
Fellowship/Meeting Room 1

Sunday, March 5

8:00 a.m. Mass - Church
10:00 a.m. Mass - Church
10:30 a.m. RCIA Dismissal - Meeting Room 2
10:30 a.m. RCIA Children - Meeting Room 1
10:30 a.m. RCIA Hispanic - School Library
11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts - Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. RE Special Sacrament Prep. - School
11:15 a.m. Small Faith Comm. Anneler -
Meeting Room 2
11:30 p.m. Confirmation II - School
12:00 p.m. Spanish Mass - Church
1:00 p.m. Pan y Cafe - Fellowship Hall
2:00 p.m. Convalidation - Chapel
3:00 p.m. Basketball - Gym
5:30 p.m. Mass - Church
6:30 p.m. Youth Confirmation - Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Youth - Kitchen
7:00 p.m. Spanish Classes - School