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+ A Place of Healing +

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Spring Newsletter, 2017

Sunday, April 2 – Celebrate Lent with us in a very special way-- an Hour of Adoration at 2:00 p.m. with Deacon John Mc Court, followed at 3:00 p.m. by a Sunday Mass and Healing Prayers with Father Robert Guerra. All are welcome.

Parking for Events – If the grounds are dry, parking is available anywhere on the Monument grounds. Otherwise, stay on graveled areas. If you park on the circular road around the Monument, stay to the right so cars can pass.

Thanks – The Mass of the Holy Innocents, December 28, was glorious and the fellowship afterwards, a delight. On top of that, the weather was warm and wonderful -- praise God! A very special thank- you to the many who helped.

Visitors – During the Year of Mercy, hundreds of pilgrims visited the Chapel of the Holy Innocents. Most were from Texas, but there were also visitors from other states, far and near– and one person from Ireland! Nicely, this year some of those visitors have been returning with family and friends!

Pews -- As mentioned before, with a \$1,000 donation, you may sponsor one of our new pews. A plaque will be engraved with the donor name and the name or names of those being memorialized or honored.

Ken Andrews, bless his soul, is at it again. After making 8 benches and 24 pews, he is now working on four more benches. Sponsorship for a bench, which includes a plaque, is \$250.

Special Cemetery – I have long hoped for a place at the Refuge to bury

babies who were miscarried or aborted. We have the land and a donation to get things started; now we need someone to be in charge of the whole project. It will be a huge, multifaceted, on-going job -- without pay. If interested, please give me call -- the sooner the better.

Retirement – Age has been taking its toll -- I will retire in July, 2018. Please cover the Refuge with your prayers as we enter this next, unknown phase. As Mother Teresa (*Heart of Joy*) said: “We need prayer just like we need air. Without prayer, we can do nothing.”

Chapel Walls – Locating specific baby blocks in the walls of the Chapel is now easier. Sections have been labeled, A –J. There is also a directory in the sacristy area.

Divine Mercy Chaplet – A reminder -- you are welcome to join whomever may be at Chapel on Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. to pray the Chaplet. There will be no leaders – we will just pray together. There are cards available for any who do not know the words.

Board Members



-- Pictured are myself, Hilary Francis (Bryan), Robyn Machac (Hallettsville), Fr. Tommy Chen (Port Lavaca), Randy Steinhauser (Flatonia), and Hank Novak (Flatonia). Missing are Pastor Tim Rowell (Flatonia), Rex Moses (Nassau Bay), and Karen Winget (Liberty Hill). Following 11 years of service, Hank has recently resigned from the Board. He will certainly be missed.

*Blessings,
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