

**ATTENTION: SAVE THE DATE: Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, 8am — St. Anthony Center**



**PGC (protecting God's children)** is for anyone who has the opportunity to work with the youth. If you help with the Bazaar, CCE, Free Throw, any event that the youth might attend. This is a 3 hours class. 9 am to 12 pm.

- ⇒ Please register on line at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)
- ⇒ Select the 2/24 session at St Antony's.
- ⇒ If you have trouble, please call Sue Powell 848-9293.
- The KGP (**Keeping God's promise**) is a 2 hour course, starts at 1pm. If you are not sure if you need this course, please contact Sue Powell.

From the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston: As you know, Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th this year, which of course is Valentine's Day. Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence throughout the entire church. We have received several inquiries requesting dispensation from fasting and abstaining from meat because of Valentine's Day and also the Asian New Year(TET). Because of the importance of this day in the church, we will **NOT** grant any dispensations from fasting or abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

Throughout the universal church, there are only two days of the year that we are required to observe abstinence and fasting, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In the United States, we are asked to abstain on all the Fridays during Lent.

*Most Rev. George A. Sheltz*



St. Anthony's Confirmation would like to thank all who donated towards the Souper Bowl of Caring. \$592.00 was collected. All monies will go to the St. Thomas Food Pantry in Angleton.

Thank you again for caring for those in need.



Thank you to Lexi Fief, Brian Vrazel and all the Youth who participated with Souper Bowl of Caring!

Thank you from the Military Moms and Wives of Brazoria County: On behalf of our brave American Heroes, thanks for your generosity. We had a successful Christmas mail out and could not have done so without strong community support such as yours. In 2017, Military Moms & Wives shipped 5500 care packages to men & women deployed overseas in combat zones. These boxes have a profoundly positive impact on troop morale, especially during the holidays. Thanks for being part of our mission.

*God bless, Mary Moreno*

**West Brazos Knights of Columbus Annual Bazaar and Fried Chicken Dinner**

Sunday, March 4th, 2018

Columbus Club Hall, 20632 Hwy. 36 N., Brazoria

Fried Chicken Dinner & trimmings—\$10 a plate  
(Green beans, Buttered Potatoes, Rolls/Bread, Tea and Dessert)

Homemade desserts provided by

Catholic Daughters Court 2289

Serving from 11am to 2pm

Live Auction starting @ 12:30 pm

Music by "Duke Gamino & Country Sounds"

*Everyone is welcome to come out, bring your family, friends, neighbors and enjoy the best fried chicken in Brazoria County*

## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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**God resists our evil and conquers it with good. Think about that. God shocks and stuns us into love. God does not love us if we change, God loves us so that we can change. Only love effects true inner transformation, not duress, guilt, shunning, or social pressure. Love is not love unless it is totally free. Grace is not grace unless it is totally free.**