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Newsletter of the St. John Vianney Men's Club for March, 2008

The St. John Vianney Men's Club is open to all men of the parish. There are no dues and no registration. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month. Come and enjoy a beer (or soft drink), an excellent meal, share some conversation with men of the parish and listen to an informative speaker (politicians, sport figures, church and business leaders etc.) If you haven't already, please give us a try. Bring a friend!

Next Meeting-Tuesday, March 4th, Speaker: Sal Guttilla, Director St. John Vianney Social Ministries.

Have you ever wondered what our Parish's social ministries are all about? Do you know how they identify needy families and individuals? Did you know that in 2007 they met with 2277 families and provided either food, clothing, financial assistance, bus tokens, advice, a bible and/or a referral to these families? The St. John Vianney Food Pantry provided 2933 bags of food to 1389 families. Some of the programs administered under Social Ministries are the Gabriel Project, Meals on Wheels, Christmas Adopt-a-Family, Joseph's Coat, the Food Pantry and Hope Bags. Our Social Ministries Director Sal Guttilla, started as a volunteer in 2004 after retiring from Aramco with 33 years of service. He was appointed Social Ministries Director in 2005. He has been a parishioner since 1986. Sal Guttilla will not just be discussing what social ministries does but what challenges and opportunities it faces as it expands service delivery for the future. Unfortunately, their business doesn't slow down with a slower economy.

The dinner menu for the meeting is Chicken and Sausage Jambalaya, mixed vegetables and a dessert. The evening begins with a social at 6:30 (beer, soft drinks and chips/snacks). Dinner is served at 7:15. After the dinner we will have a brief business meeting, followed by our speaker. The event cost is \$7, no reservations necessary. The meeting is in the St. John Vianney Activity Center.

The Men's Club is sponsoring the 2008 **Parish Lenten Fish dinners**. The first dinner on February 15th was a record turnout. We had lots of families that took advantage of our new offer of **free kid's dinners** for those under 12! The next dinner is Friday, February 29th from 5:30-7:30 pm. Please refer to the bulletin for more details. Profits from the Fish dinners and other Men's Club activities go to charitable causes.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Friday, February 29 th	Parish Fish Dinner 5:30-7:30 pm
Friday, March 14 th	Parish Shrimp Dinner 5:30-7:30 pm
Friday, March 14 th	Men's Retreat at Holy Name Retreat Center
Tuesday, April 1	Speaker from the Energy Corridor Management District
Sunday, May 4	Communion Breakfast and Frank Vargo Award
Tuesday, May 6	Meeting –Speaker to be announced

If you have any questions regarding the St. John Vianney Men's Club, contact Hank Wenzler at 281-599-0877 or John Chirichigno at 281-759-7309 for information, or visit our website at StJohnVianneyMens.org.