



**Catholic Charities of
Northwest Florida
Fort Walton Beach**

The Quarterly

Providing Help, Creating Hope, Serving All

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month

Call now to become a **VOLUNTEER** or become a **SPONSOR** of Catholic Charities.
"The mission of Catholic Charities in Okaloosa and Walton County is to offer assistance to the most vulnerable families and individuals, regardless of race, religion, or national origin."

For more information on how to serve your community through Catholic Charities, please call (850) 244-2825.



BARBECUE WITH THE BISHOP

On March 8th, Catholic Charities had its second annual Barbecue with Bishop Ricard at Shoal Sanctuary. This was a wonderful fundraiser and was well attended by the local community. The barbecue was prepared by Chris Hughes, Okaloosa County Tax Collector who has a Television Program on cooking.

The Shoal Sanctuary is a nature preserve owned by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Larson who graciously offered their estate for the event. It is close to Mossy Head and takes some time to find it along the Shoal River. It is well worth the trouble, as the vistas and the wildlife are lovely.

This will be an annual event each spring and we thank those who prepared food and worked to make this a delightful day. We thank God for providing the beautiful spring weather.

FOOD FOR THE PANTRY

We would like to thank St. Mary's, St. Peters and Resurrection Church for all the food that was donated to help stock our pantry. The sad news is that we can't keep the pantry stocked to help all the people in need. Our estimation is that we give out an average of \$2000 per week of food to all the needy families in the community.

Please continue to spread the word that we are always in need of non-perishable items. Thank you for your help!

We are grateful and thank our many loyal volunteers who make a wonderful difference

Catholic Charities Spring Golf Tournament

April 20, 2008

Place: Adara Country Club—111 Shoal River Drive—Crestview
Time: Showtime No later than 11:00AM Shotgun starts at 12 Noon
Prizes: Win a 7 day, 6-Night Beach Vacation Package @ Sundestin
Any hole in one on #7!!

Drawings to be held for sets of personalized irons!

Lots of Door prizes!!

Silent Auction!!!

For further information contact: **Vern Quast 267-3488**
Bob Webb 685-3709
Steve Maleszewski 837-2285

Registration Fee: \$50.00 per person-includes Green Fees and cart
After round awards ceremony and dinner (5:00 PM)
See registration form for details.

Free Lunch Before Tournament

Free Dinner for players and families provided by:
Knights of Columbus—Destin Council 11893

PROGRAMS AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

CROWN MINISTRIES

Catholic Charities of Fort Walton Beach is launching its first financial planning class. Many struggle with money all of their lives. How we handle money affects much of our life including our relationships with others, and our relationship with the Lord. This 10 week course provides answers to money struggles and teaches us to be better stewards of what God provides.

It is open to all income levels and begins April 1 at St. Peter Catholic Church in Mary Esther to sign up for the class call 244-2825. As you learn to follow the scriptural principles of how to handle money, we draw close to Christ and learn to be content in every circumstance.

COUNSELING

We are pleased to welcome Ann Imburgio, LMHC to our staff. She brings diversified experience and maturity to our counseling program. She enjoys working with marriage, individuals and family. She and her family attend St. Michael's Chapel on Eglin Air Force Base.

PARENTING CLASSES

One of our counselors Pat Ell will begin teaching parenting classes in April at Catholic Charities office. Many of our clients are in need of better skills to parent. Coursework will be provided to each family member present over the course of 10 weeks.

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