



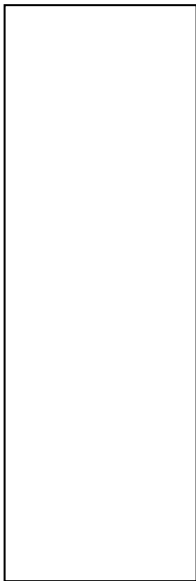
Saint David Men's Club

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Newsletter

St. David Men's Club
3900 S. University Drive
Davie, FL 33328



Club Officers

Your officers for the 2005-2006 club year are:

President	Bob Balandis	954-473-0244
Vice President	Bill Greco	954-966-8050
Treasurer	Pete Schroeder	954-452-2083
Secretary	Marco Mora-Enriquez	954-322-0652
Board Member	Fran Lixie	954-434-0466
Board Member	Ed Matula	954-476-0467
Past President	Vinnie Marino	954-382-9179

Please feel free to contact any board member with any questions or comments. Please meet at the monthly board meeting to ensure your issues are added to the agenda. Note: all board meetings are held two weeks prior to the general meeting at 7:30pm in the parish hall. Board meetings are open to all members.

Club Calendar of Events

Jun 01	General Meeting at 8:00 pm (Parish Hall)
Jun 02-04	Everglades City Fishing Trip
Jun 10	Installation Dinner & Dance (Location TBD)
Jun 22	Board Meeting (7:30 pm Parish Hall)
Jul 06	General Meeting at 8:00 pm (Parish Hall)

Sunshine Committee

The Men's Club Sunshine Committee exists to provide a way for all of us to express our sympathies to members and their immediate family who have experienced serious illness or the loss of a loved one. If you are aware of a member in this situation, please contact either Ray Wyman (954-473-2147) or Tom Vinceguerra (954-227-9940).

Newsletter

Any information you would like to see included in the newsletter, please feel free to contact Rick Clawson (954-327-0916 or rdhclawson@yahoo.com).

Humor

A man is struck by a bus on a busy street in New York City. He lies dying on the sidewalk as a crowd of on-lookers gathers around. "A priest. Somebody get me a priest!" the man gasps. A policeman checks the crowd---no priest, no minister, no man of God of any kind. "A PRIEST, PLEASE!" the dying man says again.

"Mr. Policeman," says the man, "I'm not a priest. I'm not even a Catholic. But for fifty years now I've been living behind St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church on First Avenue, and every night I've listened to the Catholic litany. Maybe I can be of some comfort to this man. The policeman agrees and brings the octogenarian over to where the dying man lay.

He kneels down, leans over the injured man and says slowly in a solemn voice:"B-4. I-19. N-38. G-54. O-72..."

"Hello, is this Father O'Malley?"

"It is"

"This is the IRS. Can you help us?"

"I can"

"Do you know a Ted Houlihan?"

"I do"

"Is he a member of your congregation?"

"He is"

"Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?"

"He will."

Morning Prayer

Dear Lord,

So far today Lord, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, nor over-indulgent. And I'm very thankful to you for that.

But.....In a few minutes, Lord, I'm probably going to need a lot more help because I'm going to get out of bed!!!!

Did You Know ??

The first Catholic Mass in an airship took place on the Hindenburg on May 5, 1936.

The first pontiff to fly in an airplane: Pope Paul VI (1963-1978) in 1964.

Pentecost means "fiftieth" in Greek; it falls 50 days after Jesus' crucifixion.

Amen is a Hebrew word that can mean "certainly," "truly," and even "so be it."

Longest name in the Bible: Mahershalalhashbaz, the second son of Isaiah.

The American Bible Society has distributed more than a billion Bibles since 1816.

On average, 47 Bibles per minute are sold or distributed around the world every day.

Pope John Paul II is the first non-Italian pontiff since Adrian IV (1522-1523).

Every pope since Sergius IV (1009-1012) has changed his name.

Top four countries with the most Catholic saints: Italy, Spain, France and Korea.

The United Nations declared the Vatican City a "war-free zone" in 1960.

Between 800 and 1,000 people live in Vatican City; roughly 4,000 people work there.

2006 Golf Tournament

The 2006 Golf Tournament was an outstanding success and may have been the best tournament the Men's Club have ever presented. Chairman Fran Lixie would like to extend special thanks to Ed Matula, Bob & Nancy Gemma and all of the members who participated to make this year's event memorable and financially successful. The Golf Tournament committee has taken steps to book the Plantation Preserve Golf course for next year's tournament also. Stay tuned for upcoming details.



*Al Leja, Steve Armstrong, Rich DeNunzio & Pete Lehman
accept the 1st place trophy from Bob Gemma*

Thank you to all members of the Men's Club who donated their time and efforts, those who participated in the Golf Tourney and those who donated gifts or made monetary contributions, and those who participated in the after-dinner auction, from the bottom of our hearts we **THANK YOU** for making the 2006 golf tourney a success

Committee Chairmen

For your reference, the list below summarizes all of various committee chairmen. If you would like to participate or otherwise like to assist with any committee, please feel free to contact the chairmen directly.

Sunshine Committee

Ray Wyman (954-473-2147)
Tom Vinceguerra (954-227-9940)

Telephone Committee

Al Wiczorek (954-475-2150)

By-laws & Communications (Web Site & E-mail)

Jim Blanchard (954-583-8674)

Newsletter

Rick Clawson (954-327-0916)

Pancake Breakfast

Steve DiSalvo (954-434-1505)

Golf Tournament

Fran Lixie (954-434-0466)

Christmas Trees

Doug Blau (954-693-8988)

Men's Club Shirts

Men's Club shirts are a great way to identify yourself as a member of the Men's Club at all functions. Shirts are available in either Green or White with our club Logo and embroidered with your first name. Shirts cost \$20 each.

Contact Fran Lixie at 954-434-0466 for additional information.

2006 Retreat

Our Lady of Florida hosted its annual Men's Retreat for the parishes of St. David, St. Gregory, St. Bonaventure, St. Bernadette and St. Sebastian over the weekend of April 22 & 23. The topic was living as a Christian in the world today.

Attendance from St. David was down from last year with 8 participants. The retreat offers an opportunity for reflection, relaxation and a chance to re-charge the batteries once a year.



***Fr. Damian, Sr. Roberta, Fr. Francis and the
2006 St. David Retreatants***

Please consider treating yourself to the benefits of attending a retreat next year, you'll be glad you did!

Father Francis extends his thanks to the Men's Club for our annual donation of \$1000 to defray the expenses of those who are unable to pay for their retreat.

2006-2007 Club Elections

The suspense was eliminated and there will be no elections as there was only one nominee for each board position that was open. Your new officers for the upcoming year are:

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Installation Dinner

Please keep an eye on your e-mail and listen up for the phone committee to be calling you soon when the details for the annual Installation Dinner & Dance will be announced.

This event is tentatively scheduled to occur June 10th, at a location to be announced. If anyone would like to chair this committee, feel free to step forward, you'll get plenty of assistance. This is an excellent opportunity to increase your involvement in the club with only minor efforts required.

Softball Team

The Saint David Men's Club is back in the sport of softball at Bamford Park. Upcoming Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Field</u>
06/02/06	8:15 pm	White Sox

All games are played at Bamford Park in Davie (at the corner of Orange Drive & Pine Island Road). Contact Coach Blau for additional information 954-693-8988.

Tuesday Night Basketball

Every Tuesday night, members of the Men's Club meet at the parish Activity Center for an evening of basketball. The games are played just for fun. So get off the couch and slip down to the church for a little exercise and a few laughs with your fellow club members.

2006 Golf Tournament Sponsors

The following organizations and individuals helped make our 2006 Golf Tournament a success. Please thank these folks with your future business...

- Continental Connection operated by Gulf Stream International
(Treasure Cay Bluff House & Pelican Bay Bahama vacations)
- Van Kirk & Sons (Pool Cleaner)
- St. David Men's Club (weekend in Everglades City)
- DiSalvo's Restaurant (Golf Bags and Gift Certificates)
- Karen Staruch All State Insurance (Bass Pro Gift Certificates)
- Kay Reardon State Farm Insurance (Golfing Gift Bags)
- 3J's Cigar Emporium (Box of fine Cigars)
- C&F Electric (Ping Golf Bags – Electric Putting Green)
- Matula Family (20" Television and set of Irons)
- Fitzgerald Family – (Hillcrest Country Club 4some)
- Plantation Preserve – (Preserve 4 some)
- Men's Club (Baskets of Cheer)
- Blue Moon Restaurant (Gift Certificate)
- Edward Jones (Gift Certificates)

A Prayer for Fishermen

(www.catholicdoors.com)

O God,
Who brought our fathers through the Red Sea
and carried them safely through the deep
as they sang praises of Thy name,
we humbly beseech Thee
to guard Thy servants aboard ship,
and having repelled all adversities,
bring them to the desired port after a calm voyage.
Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Thy Son,
Who lives and reigns with Thee
in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end.

Amen.

June Fishing Trip

Bill Cull is putting together another fishing trip to Everglades City on June 2 – 4. There will be a BBQ Friday night under the Tiki hut, followed by a full day of fishing on Saturday and dinner at the Captain's Table restaurant Saturday night. After a Sunday morning breakfast, everybody will head back home.

The cost of the trip is \$175 per person, which includes your meals, hotel room and bait.

Please plan to register early as the number of available hotel rooms is limited. Bill will be collecting names at the meeting this Thursday and attendance will be limited to first come, first served.

Please feel free to give Bill a call if you need additional information (954-435-8954).

Catholic Websites

- Our Parish <http://www.saintdavid.org/>
- Our Diocese <http://www.miamiarch.org/ipHome.asp?op=XHome>
- Our Retreat Center <http://www.ourladyofflorida.org/>
- Our Pope http://www.vatican.va/phome_en.htm
- A good Charity <http://www.crs.org/>
- Catholic TV <http://www.ewtn.com/>
- Catholic Bible <http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/>
- Catholic Encyclopedia <http://www.newadvent.org/>
- American Catholic <http://www.americancatholic.org/>
- Catholic Online <http://www.catholic.org/>
- Catholic Magazine <http://www.claretians.org/>
- Catholic Calendar <http://www.catholic-pages.com/start/>
- Catholic Prayers <http://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/>
- Catholicism with an Edge <http://www.godspy.com/>
- Interesting Catholic Blogs:
- <http://catholicapologeticsofamerica.blogspot.com/>
- <http://amywelborn.typepad.com/>
- <http://rod-bennett.blogspot.com/>
- <http://www.americanpapist.com/blog.html>