



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. It is a day when we reflect on our own mortality and the need for repentance because the end can come at any time. The ash cross that we receive on our forehead is a physical reminder that we will someday return back to dust. During this day, Catholics are placed into a proper mindset for the Lenten Season. While preparing for Easter, Catholics purify the body and soul through fasting, abstinence, prayer, confession, and works of mercy. In other words, mortification and penance. The focus on our own mortality during Ash Wednesday sets us up for a good Lent that is then counter balanced by the celebration of Christ's triumph over death at Easter.

Ash Wednesday Mass

February 10, 2016
8 AM, 12 PM (Reading and Ash only),
5 PM & 7 PM

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 6:30 PM

Parish Lenten Penance Service

February 18, 2016
Confession at 6:30 PM-9 PM

LAWS OF FAST & ABSTINENCE

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops has determined that the following practice shall prevail in the U.S. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all those who have celebrated their 18th birthday and have not yet celebrated their 60th birthday.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent by all who have celebrated their 14th birthday.

The Week Ahead

- Sunday: January 31**
9:00 AM Faith Formation - Classrooms
9:00 AM Adult RCIA - Room 110/120
9:30 AM Good Shepherd School - Narthex
9:30 AM Boy Scouts Café - Curran Hall
11:00 AM Faith Formation - Classrooms
7:00 PM Life Teen - Youth Room
7:00 PM This is Our Faith - Room 110/120
- Monday: February 1**
6:30 PM Faith Formation - Classrooms
7:00 PM Boy Scouts - Curran Hall
- Tuesday: February 2**
6:30 PM Cub Scouts - Curran Hall & Rooms 240-260
7:00 PM Adult RCIA - Room 110/120
7:00 PM Mercy Bible Study - Sanctuary
7:00 PM M.O.M.S. Attending Bible Study - Sanctuary
- Wednesday: February 3**
12:00 PM Catholic Study Group - Room 140
5:30 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
6:30 PM EDGE - Curran Hall
6:30 PM Faith Formation - Classrooms
7:00 PM BOB & WOW - Youth Room
- Thursday: February 4**
10:45 AM Mercy Bible Study Class - Room 110/120
5:30 PM Rosary - Chapel
6:00 PM Novena to Our Mother Perpetual Help - Chapel
6:30 PM Mass - Chapel
7:00 PM English Pre-Baptism Class - Room 110/120
7:00 PM Confession - Chapel
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:00 PM Divorce Ministry - Room 140
7:00 PM Grief Ministry - Room 200
7:00 PM Pro-Life Committee - Room 150
- Friday: February 5**
8:00 AM Daily Mass - Sanctuary
- Saturday: February 6**
9:00 AM Boy Scouts Food Drive - Youth Room
7:00 PM Mardi Gras Family Dance - Curran Hall

Mass Schedule

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jer 1:4-5, 17-19, Ps 71, 1 Cor 12:31-13:13, Lk 4:21-30

- 8:30 AM Mass of the People
10:30 AM (SI) Bob and JoJo Fuentes, OFS by the Sosing family
12:30 PM (SI) Luz Bautista by the Sosing family
6:00 PM † Mary and (SI) Walter Czaus by Deacon Joe & Gloria Perez

Monday, February 1 - 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13, Ps 3, Mk 5:1-20

- 8:00 AM † Sharon Beal by Werner family

Tuesday, February 2 - Presentation of the Lord - Mal 3:1-4, Ps 24, Heb 2:14-18, Lk 2:22-40

- 8:00 AM † Leo, Basil, Lydia by Richard and Maria Dsouza

Wednesday, February 3 - St. Blaise - 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17, Ps 32, Mk 6:1-6

- 8:00 AM (SI) Sophie and Mother by Jack Smith

Thursday, February 4 - 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12, (Ps) 1 Chr 29, Mk 6:7-13

- 8:00 AM † Esteban Pahela by Cresencial Pahela
6:30 PM † Milica Stegnar by Ivanna Sopianac

Friday, February 5 - St. Agatha - Sir 47:2-11 Ps 18, Mk 6:14-29

- 8:00 AM † Mary, Michael and Thomas by Dawn

Saturday, February 6 - St. Paul Miki & Companions - 1 Kgs 3:4-13, Ps 119, Mk 6:30-34

- 8:00 AM † Gabriel Macias by the Macias family
5:30 PM † Lois Williams by Kim and Sherri Williams

*Tabernacle candle is burning in Thanksgiving for
(SI) Alvine Monique*

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Formation & RCIA

All 2nd grades, RCIA (2) year & 8th grade Edge Parent Workshop #4

Please plan on attending one of the two offered classes. Remember to sign in.

- * Sunday, February 7 - Youth Room, 11 AM
- * Monday, February 8- Youth Room, 6:30 PM

Teaching Mass (Required for Sacrament families)

All Faith Formation, RCIA and EDGE families are invited.

- * February 24 at 6:30 PM

NO Classes

- * February 10 - Ash Wednesday
- * Monday, February 15
- * Sunday, February 28

Spring Break
March 6-12

First Reconciliation & Communion Workshop

First Confession

All First Communicants must attend
Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 6 PM in the Sanctuary.

Communion Workshop

Saturday, February 27, 2016 - Curran Hall, 8 AM-12 PM

RCIA 2nd Year 3rd-12th

- * January 31 - Sacrament interviews begin
- * February 22 - Letter to Father Joseph is due
- * February 29 - Service hours are due

RCIA Rehearsal & Easter Vigil Mass

- * Saturday, March 26 - Rehearsal meet in classrooms 9 AM
- * Saturday, March 26 - Easter Vigil Mass arrive at 7:30 PM

1st Communion Rehearsal & Mass
2nd Grade

- * Thursday, April 28 - Rehearsal meet in classrooms 7 PM
- * Saturday, April 30 - 1st Communion Mass, 9:30 AM

For more information contact Sherri Williams, PCL, at
SWilliams@stmichaelgarland.org or (972)279-6581, ext. 11.

SAVE THE DATE

23rd Annual Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner
April 16, 2016
Irving Convention Center

Middle School Youth Ministry

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Save the Date for the next Parent Sacrament Class
All 2nd grades, RCIA (2) year & 8th grade Edge Parent Workshop #4

Please plan on attending one of the two offered classes. Remember to sign in.

- * Sunday, February 7 - Youth Room, 11 AM
- * Monday, February 8 - Youth Room, 6:30 PM

Save the Dates

- * May 4 - Confirmation Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 6:30 PM
- * May 5 - Confirmation Mass - Sanctuary, 7 PM

Life Teen will present Living Stations of the Cross Good Friday, March 25

Live Stations of the Cross needs actors and participants to help make the reenactment come to life. Open to all middle and high school youth. If you would like to participate, please contact Richard Sesbino.

Rehearsal for Living Stations Every Sunday

January 31	3-4 PM
February 7	3-4 PM
February 14	3-4 PM
February 21	3-4 PM

8th grade EDGE Confirmation Class and RCIA High School are invited to attend the Life Teen Retreat. Retreat forms are located at the Youth table.

Parental Consent forms can be obtained at www.smlifeteen.com or contact Richard Sesbino at (972) 279-6581, ext. 17, RichardS@stmichaelgarland.org.

High School Youth Ministry

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Life Teen begins with Sunday Youth Mass at 6 PM followed by Life Night that lasts until 8:30 PM. Dinner is served until 9 PM.

Life Nights - Every Sunday

February 7 - No Life Night

BOB & WOW - Wednesdays

February 10 - No BOB & WOW

All forms, information, and details about events activities may be found on our website: <http://www.smlifeteen.com>.

Contact Richard Sesbino at (972) 279-6581, ext. 17, or Richards@stmichaelgarland.org

Marriage Convalidation

Are you married by the Catholic Church? No?
Did you know you can have a Convalidation?

If you have questions or would like to have a Convalidation, please contact Diane Salazar, Director of Marriage & Family Life, at (972) 279-6581, ext.19, or DianeS@stmichaelgarland.org.

St. Michael Ladies Tea

Ladies, our parish Tea is scheduled for **Saturday, April 23, 2016**, at 2 PM in Curran Hall. Please mark this date on your calendar. We invite you to join us! Ticket price is \$15. Ticket sales will begin after Masses on February 6 and 7. Please consider being a table hostess or helping on a committee. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the St. Michael food pantry and St. Vincent de Paul ministry. Questions? Contact Diane Salazar in the family Life office, (972) 279-6581, ext. 19, or DianeS@stmichaelgarland.org.

Pre-Baptismal Class

The next **English Pre-Baptismal class will be held Thursday, February 4, at 7 PM in room 110/120. The Spanish class will be held Thursday, February 11, at 7 PM in room 110/120.** Pre-registration is not needed. If you wish to baptize a child who is age 7 or over, please contact Sherri Williams in the Faith Formation office.

Mercy Retreat for Seniors

The Family Life Department of the Diocese of Dallas will be hosting a Lenten Retreat for seniors which will include Mass, adoration, prayer, music, and food. Presenter is Tom Grossman and Communities of Prayer on Thursday, February 11, 2016, from 10 AM-12 PM at Prince of Peace Parish, 5100 W. Plano Pkwy., Plano 75093.

Please RSVP by February 5, 2016. For online registration: [Mercy_Retreat_for_Seniors](#) or call Delia Garcia, (214) 379-2878, or email mgarcia@cathdal.org. This event is free; donations are greatly appreciated. Invite a friend to join you!

Mardi Gras Family Dance

The annual Mardi Gras family dance will be held **Saturday, February 6, 2016**, from 7-9 PM in Curran Hall. All are invited to come and enjoy music, snacks, King Cake, crowning of "royalty," face painting, and the tossing of beads and goodies! Tickets at the door will be \$5 for singles and \$15 for families. This is a great fun family event for parents and grandparents to enjoy with their children or grandchildren! Questions? Contact the Family Life office, (972) 279-6581, ext. 19, or email DianeS@stmichaelgarland.org



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Jan. 30 Feb. 6	Holy Smokers Super Bowl BBQ Pre-orders
Jan. 30-31	Fifth Sunday Rosary - 20 minutes before all masses
Feb. 5	FAJR Assembly Mardi Gras Bingo - Kay-Cee Club (799), doors open at 6 PM
Feb. 7	Holy Smokers Super Bowl BBQ Order Pickup - Curran Hall, 9 AM-12:30 PM
Feb. 9	1st Degree Team Practice - Room 220, 7 PM
Feb. 11	Officers & Directors Meeting - Room 140, 7 PM
Feb. 12, 19, 26	Friday Lenten Dinner before & after Stations of the Cross - Curran Hall, 5:30 PM
Feb. 18	Business Meeting - Curran Hall, 7 PM
Feb. 26	1st Degree Exemplification - Rooms 110-160, 7 PM

Did you Know?

Tornado Recovery Assistance

Please call the St. Vincent de Paul hotline at (214) 373-2339 if you, or someone you know, were directly affected by the tornado of December 26, 2015, where property was damaged or destroyed, need help with furniture, household items, utility bills, hotel/motel rent, or relocation expenses. For other needs related to tornado losses, contact Bill Brandon, Knight of Columbus Council 11862, at (972) 672-6662 or wmb Brandon@gmail.com and he will try to direct you to the appropriate resource.

Super Bowl BBQ!

Don't cook on Super Bowl Sunday! The Holy Smokers of K of C Council 11862 will BBQ for you! Pre-orders are still being taken. Final sales are Saturday, February 6.

- * Brisket or Ribs \$14/lb
- * Sausage \$11/lb
- * 1/2 Chicken \$7
- * Coleslaw or Beans \$4/pint or 2 pints for \$7

Pick up your food from **9 AM-12:30 PM** on Sunday, February 7. A portion of the proceeds will support tornado victims. An additional donation of \$5 with your order will further help the victims of the tornado. Support will be provided through St. Michael's food pantry and St. Vincent de Paul.

Degree Schedule Calendar: Visit <http://www.kofc11862.org>

Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/KofC11862>

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The Gospel today shows us that trusting in Jesus and doing what He tells us to do can make a powerful difference in our lives! Allow Jesus to strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on April 1-3, 2016. Dates fill fast. To apply, visit their website at <http://www.dfwme.org/apply>.

Church Offering

<u>01/24/2016</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
Sunday Collection	1892	\$ 17,364.12
Electronic		\$ 1,958.34
		\$ 19,322.46

There will be a **Second Collection** for
St. Vincent de Paul Society,
January 30 & 31, 2016.

Please be generous in this second collection. The funds collected will go towards the tornado recovery. Thank you and God Bless.

CCHD Multimedia Youth Contest

The annual Multimedia Youth Contest is organized by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). It is a tool for schools and parishes to engage Catholics in grades 7 through 12 in learning about the root causes of U.S. poverty and the Church's response. Contest materials can be found at www.usccb.org/youthcontest. Creative work of any medium (e.g. video, song, painting, drama, poetry, etc.) is welcome!

Good Shepherd Catholic School Invites you to their Open House February 2, 2016, 9 AM and 6:30 PM. Contact Guadalupe Hernandez at (972) 272-6533 for more information and schedule a tour with the principle Mrs. Gail Richard-Bassett.

Food Pantry

The **St. Michael Food Pantry** is in need of the following items: boxes of mac & cheese, canned fruit, canned potatoes, and ready to eat canned foods like Ravioli, Spaghetti Rings, etc. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Pro-Life

Help Save Babies! Come meet with us!

Join us for the next pro-life meeting Thursday, February 4, at 7 PM in room 120. St. Michael meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM. Contact Reg Platt at (214) 392-4098.

Come Pray with Us!

Join St. Michael's Pro-Life Committee every 3rd Saturday of the month as we pray the Rosary at SW Women's Surgery Center (late-term abortion center), Royal and Greenville in Dallas. We carpool after 8 AM Mass at St. Michael and start a Rosary around 9 AM. Come be a peaceful, prayerful witness of God's love where miracles happen and hearts are changed when we pray to save the lives of innocent babies. Contact Mary Cormier at (972) 270-4572 or email Prolifecentral@aol.com for more information.