

Faith can be described as illumination or enlightenment. That is, in faith we see things as they really are. In faith, we can see that Jesus is Lord and God, and worship Him. In faith, we can walk in the Light of Truth instead of stumble in the dark of doubt and sin. Faith is a gift from God. In order to increase faith we must ask the Lord. Then, we can respond in faith, think in faith, pray in faith, make statements of faith, obey the Word of God (that is, trust God in how we live). These actions will strengthen our faith and open up our minds for deeper understanding.

Father Joseph

Mass Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Lent - 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ps 23, Eph 5:8-14, Jn 9:1-41

8:30 AM Mass of the People
10:30 AM † David Omenukor by the family
12:30 PM † Dominga Gonzaga & Raul Paredes by Gladys Paredes
6:00 PM Mass of the People

Monday, March 31 - Is 65:17-21, Ps 30, Jn 4:43-54

8:00 AM † Rose Marie Nieswiadomy by the Delfeld family

Tuesday, April 1 - Ez 47:1-9, 12, Ps 46, Jn 5:1-16

8:00 AM † Mary Minh by Dawn

Wednesday, April 2 - Is 49, 8-15, Ps 145, Jn 5:17-30

8:00 AM † Mark Joseph Montpas by Kathleen Day

Thursday, April 3 - Ex 32:7-14, Ps 106, Jn 5:31-47

8:00 AM † Guillermo Ortiz by Hilda Ortiz
6:30 PM † Jose Antonio Garcia by Barbara Rodriguez

Friday, April 4 - Wis 2:1a, 12-22, Ps 34, Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

8:00 AM † Esteban Pahela by Cresencia Pahela

Saturday, April 5 - Jer 11:18-20, Ps 7, Jn 7:40-53

8:00 AM (SI) Vincent Villarosa by Tina Villarosa
5:30 PM † For all deceased parishioners of St. Michael who have recently passed away in the month of March.

* Tabernacle Candle is for † *Thomas Martino* by the *Martino* family

Church Offering

<u>03/16/2014</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
Sunday Collection	1815	\$ 25,502.65
<u>03/23/2014</u>	1955	
Sunday Collection		\$ 20,194.24
<u>03/17/2013</u>	1974	
Sunday Collection		\$ 20,496.01
<u>03/24/2013</u>	2586	
Sunday Collection		\$ 21,037.76

* **There will be a second collection, April 5 & 6, for St. Vincent de Paul.**

The Week Ahead

Sunday: March 30

8:00 AM Boy Scout's Café - Curran Hall
9:00 AM Faith Formation - Classrooms
9:00 AM RCIA - Room 110/120
11:00 AM Faith Formation - Classrooms
7:00 PM Life Teen - Youth Room
7:00 PM This Is Our Faith - Room 110/120

Monday: March 31

5:30 PM Parish Lenten Mission Meal - Curran Hall
6:30 PM NO Faith Formation
7:00 PM Parish Lenten Mission - Sanctuary

Tuesday: April 1

10:00 AM Women's Craft Group - Pit Area
5:30 PM Parish Lenten Mission Meal - Curran Hall
7:00 PM Parish Lenten Mission - Sanctuary
7:00 PM RCIA - Room 140

Wednesday: April 2

12:00 PM Eucharist Holy Hour - Chapel
12:00 PM Catholic Study Group - Room 150
5:30 PM Parish Lenten Mission Meal - Curran Hall
6:30 PM NO Faith Formation
6:30 PM EDGE - Sanctuary
6:30 PM BOB & WOW - Youth Room
7:00 PM Parish Lenten Mission - Sanctuary

Thursday: April 3

6:00 PM Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Chapel
6:30 PM Pro-Life - Room 140

Friday: April 4

5:30 PM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - Curran Hall
6:30 PM Stations of the Cross - Sanctuary

Saturday: April 5

8:00 AM ACTS - Room 110/120
8:00 AM Altar Society Cleaning - Sanctuary

The Catholic Relief Services Collection

Today we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. You are invited to **give hope to Jesus in disguise**. Give hope to the community that has lost its livelihood to a crop disease. Give hope to the refugee child separated from her mother. Give hope to the immigrant trying to keep faith alive in a foreign land. *The Catholic Relief Services Collection* helps to fund programs that give hope to refugees, immigrants, and the impoverished, including victims of war, natural disaster, and drought. Through humanitarian, economic, pastoral, and advocacy efforts, *The Catholic Relief Services Collection* gives hope. **Please be generous in today's Collection.**

Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections to learn more about the programs and projects supported by *The Catholic Relief Services Collection*. Thank you and God bless you.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2014 Lent/ Easter Calendar

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 6:30 PM

Parish Lenten Mission

March 31, April 1 & 2, 2014, 7 PM

Penance Service

April 2, 2014, 6 PM

“The Light is on for You”

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

Confessions with Father Joseph 7 PM-9 PM

Vigil, Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion

April 12, 2014, 5:30 PM

Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion

April 13, 2014

8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM & 6 PM

Holy Thursday of the Lord’s Supper

April 17, 2014, 7 PM Mass

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

April 18, 2014, 3 PM

Passion of the Lord’s Service with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

Live Stations of the Cross

Followed by Veneration of the Cross

April 18, 2014, 7 PM

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

April 19, 2014, 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 20, 2014

8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12:30 PM

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have reached their 14th year.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

Universal days of Abstinence from Meat

Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of complete abstinence (from meat) for all who have completed their 14th year.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

April 1	Lenten Mission Dinner before Mission (starting before Lenten Mission at 5:30 PM)
April 3	Council Officers Meeting - Room 140, 7 PM ONE WEEK EARLIER
April 4	Lenten Fish Fry - before and after (Stations of the Cross, 6:30 PM)
April 5	21st Annual Bishop’s Pro-Life Dinner, Irving Convention Center
April 10	Council Officers Meeting - Curran Hall, 7 PM ONE WEEK EARLIER
April 11	Last Lenten Fish Fry - before and after Stations of the Cross, 6:30 PM (last one)
April 12	Fr. Abram J. Ryan Assembly 100th Anniversary Celebration - 5:30 PM, Council 799 Hall
April 27	Divine Mercy Corporate Communion Mass, 3 PM
May 18	6th Annual Leo Whelan Memorial Golf Tournament 1 PM, Duck Creek Golf Club, Garland

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

Officers and Business Meeting Date Changes!

The Council Officers and Business meetings for April will be one week earlier due to Holy Week observances 13-19 of April. See calendar above.

Support the Knights of Columbus Charities!

Make a difference by supporting K of C Charities. The 6th Annual Charity. The 6th Annual Charity and Leo Whelan Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, May 18. Tournament details along with online registration and credit card payment are provided in the Council website at <http://www.kofc11862.org>.

Why join the Knights?

Scan the QR Code with your smartphone, or visit:

<http://bit.ly/18arK9a>

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<https://www.facebook.com/KofC11862>

Make a Difference! Be a Knight!



Altar Society Cleaning

The Altar Society would like to invite anyone in the parish to join us in the cleaning of the Sanctuary. This cleaning will be to prepare the Sanctuary for Easter. The call is for men, women, and Confirmation students of our parish to join us on Saturday, April 5, from 8 AM until noon. If you have questions or concerns, contact Gloria Perez at gloria_felan@verizon.net.

Faith Formation Program

(Pre-3- year-old - 6th Grade)

Children & Youth RCIA (2nd - 12th Grade)

Faith Formation parents note there will be no class held on Monday, March 31, or Wednesday, April 2. Monday and Wednesday students, 1st through 12th grade, must attend with a parent one night of the mission for attendance credit. Confirmation students may receive spiritual service hours for attending two additional nights.

RCIA First Holy Communion and Confirmation Rehearsal:

- * Saturday, April 19, 2014, at 9 AM

RCIA First Holy Communion and Confirmation Mass:

- * April 19, 2014 - arrive at 7:30 PM for Easter Vigil Mass

Second Grade First Communion Rehearsal and Mass:

- * Dress Rehearsal - Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at 7 PM
- * Class and individual photos by appointment
- * Mass - Saturday, May 10, 2014, at 10 AM

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

St. Michael's Lenten Mission

Join Fr. Alfonse Nazzaro, pastor of St. Monica Catholic Church in the Diocese of Dallas, as he takes you on a Lenten journey March 31, April 1 & 2, at 7 PM. A light dinner will be provided nightly in Curran Hall starting at 5:30 PM.

Texas Rangers Tickets

Tickets to a **Texas Rangers** baseball game on **Saturday, April 12, 2014**, are available for purchase by calling the **Family Life office, (972) 279-6581, ext. 19**, or by emailing DianeS@stmichaelgarland.org. The Texas Rangers will play against the Houston Astros at 7:05 PM at the Globe Life Park in Arlington.

A Taste of St. Michael

Parishioners of St. Michael are invited to prepare and serve their favorite dish or dishes to share with everyone at **A Taste of St. Michael**. St. Michael has a number of ethnic groups in our parish, so it would be nice to get a taste of what each ethnic group prepares and serves their own family. It does not need to be a fancy dish - just something easy and simple that your family enjoys. This event is scheduled for April 6, 2014, from 1:30-3:30 PM in the Curran Hall. Food samples will be free! If you would like to participate, please contact Diane Salazar, (972) 279-6581, ext. 19, or DianeS@stmichaelgarland.org to ensure that a table will be set up for you.

Middle School Youth Ministry

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Meets every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 PM in Curran Hall

Attention Parents

- * Please begin reviewing Confirmation interview materials. Confirmation interviews are scheduled for **Sunday, April 6, 2014**. (Teens have been given interview times.)
- * Please begin preparing for your Confirmation interview. In order to be confirmed you must be cleared by the Confirmation interviewer. Also, contact your sponsor as they should be involved in helping you be prepared.

Confirmation Rehearsal - Thursday, May 8, 2014, at 7 PM

Confirmation Mass - Friday, May 9, 2014, at 7 PM

- * Individual pictures, before and after Confirmation Mass

LOOKING for a SERVICE PROJECT/SERVICE HOURS?

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

For more information contact Richard Sesbino, at (972) 279-6581, ext. 17, or RichardS@stmichaelgarland.org

High School Youth Ministry

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<http://www.smlifeteen.com>

Attention all high school teens grade 9-12. You are invited to join us after the 6 PM Sunday Mass in Curran Hall. Dinner will be provided! We hope to see you.

Upcoming Youth Activities

- * Live Stations of the Cross Rehearsal: (Sundays at 3 PM)
- * Need teens to volunteer

Registration

Parents of Teens - Youth Group registration is still open. Still in Need of Adult Volunteers!

- * Looking for a way to get more involved in church, grow in your faith and develop leadership skills, sign up now!
 - * The Life Teen Band is seeking an adult guitarist.
- For more information contact Richard Sesbino at (972) 279-6581, ext. 17. *All forms, information and details about events and activities may be found on our website:*

<http://www.smlifeteen.com>.

Pre-Baptismal

The next English and Spanish Pre-Baptismal class will be held Thursday, April 10. The English class will be held in the Youth room. The Spanish class will be held in room 110/120. The class begins at 7 PM. If you wish to baptize a child who is age 7 and older, please contact the Faith Formation office.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Pro-Life

Help Save Babies! Come Pray with Us!

Join us for the next Pro-Life Meeting Thursday, April 3, at 7 PM in room 140. St. Michael's Pro-Life Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM. Contact **Reg Platt** at (214) 392-4098 or prolifecentral@aol.com for more information.

Bishop Kevin Farrell invites you to "**Open Your Hearts to Life!**" at **The Bishop's 21st Annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner**, featuring a **musical performance and the pro-life story of award-winning singing sensation Colin Raye** on Saturday, April 5, at the Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas. This event raises critical funds to save babies, support families, and provide post-abortion healing and education. The annual event benefiting the Catholic Pro-Life Committee includes a wine pull and silent auction at 5 PM, followed by a seated banquet, live auction and program at 6:30 PM. For more information visit www.prolifedallas.org/dinner or call (972) 267-LIFE (5433).

Easter Egg Hunt

St. Michael's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on **Palm Sunday at 2:15 PM**. Please have your children gather in Curran Hall by 2 PM. Open to Pre-3 through 5th grade.

Ways you can help: Before the "hunt" drop off Easter eggs and candy donations in the basket by the Faith Formation office. For more information contact **Sherri Williams or Laura Grant in the Faith Formation office.**



Parish Reserve Fund

We thank all of you for your donations and support in rebuilding the Parish reserves. Donations to date are **\$74,454**. Please be generous and thank you for your continued support.

The Divine Mercy Devotion

Our Lord told St. Faustina, "... whoever approaches the Fount of Life on the Feast of Divine Mercy will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment. ... I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. *The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.*" This Feast is the only occasion, other than baptism, when souls receive this great gift.

The Feast of Divine Mercy this year is Sunday, April 27 at 3 PM. If you have been to Confession within a few days before the Feast of Divine Mercy and are in a state of grace when you receive Holy Communion on that day, this is sufficient to receive Our Lord's promise.



Young at Heart invites you to join them at bingo on Wednesday, April 9, at 1 PM in Curran Hall.