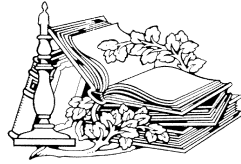


FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Angels,

The Beatitudes are clear directions for faithful discipleship. Jesus tells us to show mercy, to be poor in spirit, to be meek, to be peacemakers, to accept persecution for the sake of righteousness. How far do we live in the light of Beatitudes?

This week we will celebrate Ash Wednesday, a day of universal fast and abstinence. The annual holy season of Lent is a time of preparation to participate in the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ and to celebrate His Resurrection. We are called to holiness. We are called to pray. We are called to love. We are called to convert from sinful life and do penance. We are called to a life of sacrifice.

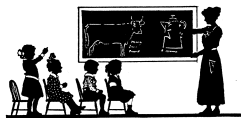
Let us make use of the Lenten Mission as a wonderful opportunity to meditate on the Passion of Jesus Christ and to experience the **mercy of God our Loving Father.**

Our Lenten mission is Feb. 11-13.

Have a blessed Week! Fr. Peter Chinnappan

FAITH FORMATION - John Krajca

Faith Formation is in need of adult teachers, co-teachers, and office aides for pre-school, elementary and middle school. All materials are provided. Please be willing to share one hour of your time and talent to help children develop a love and understanding of God and the Catholic faith. If you feel called to assist with this important ministry or if you have questions, please call 972-279-6581 and speak with a member of the Faith Formation staff.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT - Adela Miller

We are in need of Safety Monitors to work during Saturday and Sunday Mass times. This is a paid position. For more information, please contact Adela Miller, 972-279-6581, ext. 19.

GIFTS FOR GOD'S WORK

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
01/28/07	2545	\$15,847.00
01/27/08	2075	\$14,877.00
Weekly amount needed:		\$21,193.00



- Ernie Valencia

We are blessed to have Fr. William Jarema coming to St. Michael to host our parish mission. He is the founder of Mercy Center in Colorado Springs and its program director for Healing of the Whole Person. He is also the founder and spiritual director for the Society of Missionaries of Mercy. The Missionaries of Mercy are a lay institute committed to a spirituality of mercy and the vow of conversion of life. They host short-term mission projects throughout the world.

Fr. Jarema will be here on Feb. 9 to speak at all the weekend Masses.

The schedule for the mission will be:

- Mon., Feb. 11 – The Power of Forgiveness
- Tues., Feb. 12 – Empowered to Surrender
(Veneration of the Cross)
- Wed., Feb. 13 – Healing Mass

We invite you to make use of this wonderful opportunity to renew spiritual commitments.

Our parish mission was a big success last year with attendance of almost 1000 participants over three evenings. As we did last year, we are looking for sponsors to help provide free meals to mission participants. Any donations towards these expenses will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Ernie if you are able to help.



MASS INTENTIONS - Ernie Valencia

At every Mass the priest celebrating remembers the special intentions of parishioners and their loved ones. These remembrances can be an anniversary or birthday, the repose of the soul of a loved one or friend, an illness or impending surgery, or any special intention. Mass cards can be sent to the person or family being remembered. Contact Gloria Perez in the parish office for more information.

"Blessed are they..."



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday

7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.
12:00 noon
6:00 p.m.

February 3

S.I. of Gabe by his mother
+Mary, Ed, & Alvina Renze by Eddie & Kristy Gonzalez
+Gilseria by the Durant family
Mass for the People
+Joseph by Lilia Rivera

Monday

8:00 a.m.

February 4

+Regina Tristan by her parents

Tuesday

8:00 a.m.

February 5

+Antonio Coronado by Fide Valencia

Wednesday

8:00 a.m.

February 6

+Roberto Valencia by Ernie Valencia

Thursday

8:00 a.m.

February 7

S.I. of Sharon Perez by her family

Friday

8:00 a.m.

February 8

+Diana Coronado by the Valencia family

Saturday

8:00 a.m.
5:30 p.m.

February 9

+Salud Cruz by Lilia Rivera
S.I. of Stephen McMillan by Lilia Rivera

Altar flowers are provided in memory of Eugene & Martha Duffy by Mary Duffy.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF February 3, 2008

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

MOTHER'S DAY OUT

- Hilda Rodriguez

Mother's Day Out is currently accepting enrollment for children ages 2 to 5. Enjoy some free time while your child comes to join our happy group!!



PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: February 3, 2008
10:30 a.m. RCIA – Library
MONDAY: February 4, 2008
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul – Youth Room
TUESDAY: February 5, 2008
3:00 p.m. Olan Mills Photography – Parish Hall
6:30 p.m. Musicians Social – Parish Hall
7:00 p.m. RCIA – Rm. 110/120
WEDNESDAY: February 6, 2008
8:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Mass
6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meal Pickup – Parish Hall

7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass
8:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meal Pickup – Parish Hall
THURSDAY: February 7, 2008
6:00 p.m. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Chapel

6:30 p.m. Mass - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Confessions - Chapel
7:00 p.m. 9:00 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. New Day Grief Ministry – Library
FRIDAY: February 8, 2008
6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross – Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Fish Fry – Parish Hall
SATURDAY: February 9, 2008
4:30 p.m. Confessions – Chapel

Ash Wednesday

MASS SCHEDULE
(not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, Feb. 6
8:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m.



Altar flowers are not displayed during the Lenten season.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

- Nick Nicholson

The Knights of Columbus will be serving a pancake breakfast after the 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 a.m. Masses in the Parish Hall on February 14. A box will be available for donations. Come and enjoy a great breakfast and fellowship.





Angela Wolden – Coordinator

angela@smlifeteen.com

Youth Office: 972-279-6581, ext. 17

Be sure to check out our web site for current info at www.smlifeteen.com

NO LIFE NIGHT SUNDAY, FEB. 3

IMPORTANT MEETING: **Mexico Mission Trip**



Life Teen would like to take a group to Mexico this summer for a mission trip. An informational meeting for parents and teens will be held on Monday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. in the Youth Room. We would accompany

the youth from St. Francis in Frisco. Their leader, Steve Nasche, has led this mission trip for the past seven years and knows all the ins and outs. If you or your teen is interested in learning more about this trip, PLEASE ATTEND this meeting. We will go over trip details and safety precautions as well as answer your questions. Both Steve Nasche and our Safe Environment Coordinator will be present. It is important that we decide on this trip soon because everyone going will need to have a passport to cross the border. This can be an exciting and life changing opportunity for our teens. The trip is open to St. Michael high school students (must have completed freshman year).



THIS IS OUR FAITH - Lynette Schnitzius

During Lent we will continue our study of the teachings of the Catholic Faith with a focus on the sacraments. Please join us if you would like to learn more about our faith. Sessions are available on Sunday and Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. The Tuesday sessions will begin on Feb. 5 and the Sunday sessions will begin on Feb. 10. If you would like to attend, please call Lynette Schnitzius at 972-286-0648.



ST. MICHAEL FOOD PANTRY - Bob Mione

The Food Pantry is in need of a PC programmer to write a custom application. This would be a great project for an advanced programming student or a current professional programmer who desires to help the Food Pantry's efforts. If interested, please contact Robert Mione at 214-534-1900.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES

A series of three classes in the sympto-thermal method of Natural Family Planning will be taught by the Couple to Couple League at St. Jude Catholic Church in Allen. NFP provides fertility awareness for either postponing or achieving pregnancy. Classes begin Feb. 10 and meet once a month on Sundays at 3:30 p.m. Childcare is available by reservation. For more information or to register for the course, please contact Peter and Stephanie Reisinger at 214-509-0828 or nfp@reisingerfamily.net.

PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS - Felipe & Diane Salazar

A pre-baptismal class is held at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month in room 110/120. However if you wish to baptize a child who is seven years of age or older, please contact the Faith Formation office.



"CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE" - Jane Fletcher

Nationally syndicated Catholic radio show, "Catholic Answers Live," heard weekdays at 6:00 p.m. Eastern, 3:00 p.m. Pacific, on the EWTN Global Catholic Radio Network, is leaving the studio to produce the show for live audiences across the country. Join host Jerry Usher, along with speakers Tim Staples, Rosalind Moss, and Dr. Ray Guarendi as they kick off the "Catholic Answers Live" Second Decade Tour in Dallas-Ft. Worth on March 14-15.

The Second Decade Tour represents the start of a yearlong tenth anniversary celebration and the launch of the next ten years of "Catholic Answers Live" – radio's longest running apologetics program. Each event weekend includes an exciting live audience broadcast and reception, a jam-packed conference date, and a hosted dinner. The dinner gives audiences a chance to be a part of the show, meet Catholic Answers personalities, and hear top-notch apologetics speakers.

Day by day, week by week, "Catholic Answers Live" features some of the most prominent men and women in the Catholic Church – both clergy and laity – discussing issues that are timely and relevant to us all. Go to www.seconddecadetour.com for details and registration information. Media Contact: Jane Fletcher at 248-259-6564 or jane Fletcher@comcast.net.

Blessed are the poor in spirit;
the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs!
MATTHEW 5:3

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF FRANCE

- Fr. Bob Hilz

Pilgrimage to the Shrines of France with Fr. Bob Hilz on June 10-20, 2008. Direct flight from Dallas to Lyon, two flights within France, return flight from Paris. We visit: Lyon, La Salette, Paray Le Monial, Ars, Lourdes, Nevers, Lisieux, and Paris. Arrangements by 206 Tours: www.pilgrimages.com/frbobhilz or call Fr. Hilz at 214-202-1526.

Getting Married this Year - If you have had your appointment with the marriage minister, be sure your paperwork is turned in as soon as possible.

Engaged and Planning a Wedding - Contact the marriage minister six months in advance for preparation.

For more information, contact Anna Quigley in the Marriage Ministry Office, 972-279-6581, ext. 14.

ST. MICHAEL'S WEBSITE

If you would like to contribute photos, articles, or share information, please visit our website at www.stmichaelgarland.org.

MUSIC NOTES - Penny Mione

The Angel Choir will not have practice Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6. Rehearsals are in full swing for Pentecost, so all children interested in choir should come every Wednesday evening at 6:30 to the sanctuary.

The St. Gregory Choir practices every Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 in the sanctuary and sings most Sundays at 10:30. Fellowship and faith building come first with this group, so no auditions are required! All parishioners are invited to join this choir.

"Fat Tuesday" Pot Luck Supper will be held in the Parish Hall on Feb. 5 at 6:30 pm. All parish musicians and their families are invited to attend. Father Peter will be speaking to us about our Lenten journey. RSVP to Penny at 972-279-6581, ext. 15. Please bring a covered dish to share. If your last name begins with A through J bring a vegetable, K through R bring a salad, S through Z bring a dessert.

