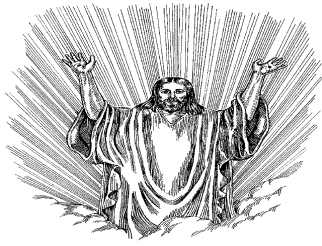


FROM THE
PASTOR

Dear Angels,

The common theme of today's readings is metamorphosis or transformation. The readings invite us to transform and renew our lives during Lent to radiate the grace of the transfigured Lord through our Spirit-filled lives. In today's gospel the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain reminds us that the way of the cross leads to resurrection and eternal life. The purpose of Lent is to help us better enter into those mysteries. Both the first and second readings present Salvation History as a response to God's call, a call going out to a series of key persons beginning with Abraham and culminating with Jesus Christ and His Apostles. Faith is presented here as the obedient response to the call of God, which opens channels for the redemptive action of God in history to transform the world. In answering this call both Abram and Saul broke with the experiences of their past lives, and they moved into an unmapped future to become "people of the Promise" for new life. The first reading presents the change or transformation of the patriarch Abram both in name (into 'Abraham') and faith (into a man of faith in one God and the father of the chosen people, Israel). The second reading from St. Paul's letter to Timothy explains the type of Lenten transfiguration that is expected of us.

I would like to thank you all for coming to our wonderful Lenten mission. I am very grateful to those who made a generous contribution for the meals, the Knights of Columbus, and all others who volunteered to help produce this mission. A special thanks to Fr. Bill Jarema who inspired us in our Lenten journey.

Have a blessed Week!

Fr. Peter Chinnappan



GIFTS FOR GOD'S WORK

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
02/11/07	2405	\$15,640.00
02/10/08	2083	\$14,765.00
2nd Collection for Black & Indian Missions		\$2,106.00

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL - Felipe Salazar

The Parish Advisory Council (PAC) exists by mandate of the bishop of the diocese. The council is established to listen and respond to the Spirit of God, organize lay participation and cooperation, facilitate shared practical wisdom, do parish planning, envision along with the pastor, and speak for the parish community. The Priest, Priest-in-Charge, or Pastor Administer must approve all appointments and determine the selection process. Members serve a two, three, or four year term expiring on June 30 of the appropriate year.

The current criteria to serve on the Parish Advisory Council are: (1) be involved in ministries at St. Michael, (2) be a practicing Catholic, (3) be able to communicate with parishioners, staff, clergy, and community, (4) devote time and talent to the PAC and St. Michael, and (5) not be directly related to another member on the PAC or employee of the church.

The current selection process involves: (1) recommendations received from staff, clergy, parishioners, and PAC members, (2) discussion during PAC meetings of the recommended individuals, (3) potential members verified as active parishioners at St. Michael, (4) potential members invited to observe a meeting, (5) potential members offered a formal invitation to join the PAC, (6) upon acceptance new members take a pledge of "confidentiality." Since the PAC is a planning and advisory council some matters that are discussed may never develop. Some advice given to staff or clergy may be sensitive in nature or involve legal issues and should not be disclosed in order to protect St. Michael. Thus there is a reason for "confidentiality."

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S TRAINING

- Sheila Seifert

A training class for Eucharistic Ministers will be held on Monday, Feb. 25, and Monday, Mar. 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Sign-up forms are in the narthex.



MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday

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

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

Monday

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday

8:00 a.m.

Thursday

8:00 a.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m.

Saturday

8:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

February 17

+Joe Baca by Valencia family
+Mary, Ed, & Alvina Renze by Eddie & Kristy Gonzalez
+Irene Pusung by Durant family
Mass for the People
+Carlos Baca by Valencia family

February 18

+Jesucita & Joe Baca by Valencia family

February 19

+Angelita Valencia by Valencia family

February 20

+Rosa Baca by Valencia family

February 21

S.I. of Diana Rodriguez by Deacon Joe & Gloria Perez

February 22

+Sylvia M. Chavoya by Macias family

February 23

+Marceb Mabutias by Benita Soloman
S.I. of Caroline Enriquez by Felipe & Diane Salazar

Tabernacle candle is for provided for the special intentions of Lilia Rivera by Lili Rivera.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF February 17, 2008



Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



At 6:30 PM Friday

PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY:

February 17, 2008
9:00 a.m. Boy Scouts Donuts – Parish Hall
9:30 p.m. RCIA - Library
1:15 p.m. Quiceañera Parents & Daughter Meeting – Rm. 110/120
7:00 p.m. This Is Our Faith – Rm. 110/120

MONDAY:

February 18, 2008
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul – Youth Room
7:30 p.m. Building Committee Meeting – Rm. 110/120

TUESDAY:

February 19, 2008
9:30 a.m. This Is Our Faith - Library
10:00 a.m. Women's Craft Group – Pit Area
7:00 p.m. This Is Our Faith – Library
7:00 p.m. RCIA – Rm. 110/120
7:00 p.m. 12:00 Noon Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY: February 20, 2008

1:00 p.m. Young-At-Heart – Parish Hall
6:30 p.m. **"The Edge"** – Parish Hall, Classrooms, & Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Angel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. **Life Teen** – Youth Room
7:30 p.m. St. Gregory Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. **Adult Bible Study** – Rm. 110/120

THURSDAY: February 21, 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
7:00 p.m. K of C Business Meeting – Parish Hall
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Parent Meeting – **Rm. 140**
7:00 p.m. Rosary Makers Guild – **Rm. 110**

FRIDAY: February 22, 2008

5:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Fish Fry – Parish Hall
6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross – Sanctuary

SATURDAY: February 23, 2008

9:00 a.m. Altar Servers Training – Sanctuary
4:30 p.m. Confessions – Chapel

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

YOUNG-AT HEART

- Rich & Judy Fujia
Let's play BINGO!! Join us here at St. Michael on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 1 p.m. for Bingo, goodies, and fun in the Parish Hall. Questions? Please call Rich & Judy Fujia at (972) 686-4754.





Angela Wolden – Coordinator

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

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

THIS WEEK'S LIFE NIGHT: "Dinner Time" – The MASS!

Have you ever wondered why we stand, sit, kneel, genuflect, cross ourselves, and do the same things at Mass every week? Has anyone ever asked you? This is a very important Life Night, so join us and be sure to bring all your friends who wonder about such questions too!

NEXT WEEK (2/24): Discernment

What do you want to be when you grow up? What college are you going to? Should you get married? What if you're supposed to be a priest or religious? How to make the BIG decisions...

VOCATIONS CAMP: Feb. 29 & Mar. 1

We would like all teens (guys and girls) in grades 8-12 to join us for this awesome opportunity to learn about religious vocations. No pressure, just amazing lives! This event is totally FREE, so join us for a day of learning and discerning. We'll have plenty of fun too!

Mexico Mission Trip registration will begin soon! Look for forms on the youth table and online!

www.smlifeteen.com.



DAILY ADORATION by Sheila Seifert



What do you actually do during adoration? You may sign up to be an "adorer" which allows you to schedule yourself for one or more hours per week to pray before the very presence of Our Lord exposed in the monstrance. It

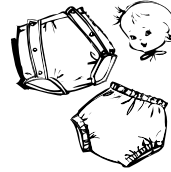
means that you can have some time alone with Jesus to recite your favorite prayers, read the Bible, or do whatever type of prayerful devotion that suits you before Our Lord. For more information please call Sheila at 214-552-0636.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT MONITOR - Adela Miller

A parish staff member is monitoring the restrooms and hallways during weekend Masses. For safety purposes, the monitor will not allow minor children to go into the restrooms alone. Parents or an adult **MUST** escort children to the restroom.

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 at 972-279-6581, ext. 19.



ST. MICHAEL FOOD PANTRY -

Bob Mione

The St. Michael Food Pantry is in need of baby diapers of all sizes. Many thanks for your generous response to the Scouting for Food Drive. Please place donations in the

baskets located in the narthex.

IS SOMEONE AMONG YOU ILL?

If a member of your family is going into surgery, recovering from surgery, or suffering from a life-threatening illness or injury, call Gloria Perez in the parish office at 972-279-6581, ext. 10, or leave a message on her extension with your name and phone number. The name of the person to be remembered will also be included in the Prayers of the Faithful during Sunday Masses.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) - Lynette Schnitzius



The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the process through which interested adults are gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic faith

and way of life. The RCIA is the result of directives from Vatican Council II to restore the ancient process of initiating adults into the Catholic Christian Community. St. Michael Parish has implemented this practice through a dismissal session every Sunday morning at the 10:30 Mass, along with a Tuesday night catechetical session at 7 p.m. Please greet and welcome these adults as they make their journey to conversion over the next few months. **Please join us** at their full initiation into the St. Michael Parish Community at the Easter Vigil. Our candidates and catechumens may be identified by a wooden cross worn on their person. Contact Lynette Schnitzius at 972-286-0648 if you are interested in joining this ministry.

ST. MICHAEL ROSARY MAKERS GUILD

- Lili Rivera



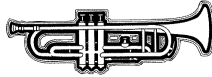
The next meeting of the St. Michael Rosary Makers Guild will be held on Thursday, Feb. 21, in Room 140 at 7 p.m. Please join us in making rosaries that will be sent to Catholic Missions.

MUSIC NOTES - Penny Mione



Angel Choir practice resumes this Wednesday at 6:30 in the sanctuary. The next time the Angel Choir will sing is March 2 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

The St. Gregory Choir is looking for a few good instrumentalists: 2 trumpets, 2 trombones, 2 flutes, and tympani are needed for Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday Masses. Contact Penny Mione in the church office for more details.



LITURGICAL CATECHESIS FOR LENT - Penny Mione

Lent, more than any other season, offers a penitential perspective to the liturgy. The colors, music, and prayers reflect the scriptures and remind us to "Return to God, with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy." Even if you don't consider yourself to be a singer or if you don't think you know a particular song, open the hymnal and follow along with the words. You'll be inspired by the message contained in the songs.

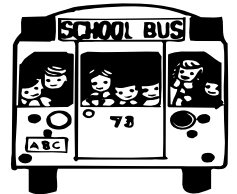
RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE - Lili Rivera

The Religious Goods Store is open before and after the 5:30 Saturday and the 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 12:00 noon Sunday Masses between Labor Day and Memorial Day, with the exception of holiday weekends.

CHURCH BUS FOR SALE - Ernie Valencia

Our church bus is for sale. If you wish to purchase the bus or know of someone who is interested in purchasing it, please call Gloria in the parish office.

The reason for selling the bus is simple. It costs us too much money to maintain, and when we do use it we don't fill it up. We will sell it and look for a smaller, newer bus in the future.



MOTHER'S DAY OUT (MDO) - Hilda Rodriguez



Mother's Day Out is accepting applications for children ages 3-5. We have one opening for a 6-month to 2 1/2 year-old. Please come by the MDO office on a

Tuesday or Thursday for an application, or call the parish office.