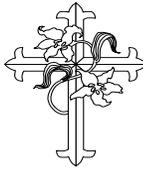


FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Angels,

Pope John Paul in his homily on the first universal celebration of Divine Mercy said, "It is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offer to humanity at the dawn of the millennium." He continued saying that this miracle of mercy has radically changed humanity's destiny. It is a miracle which has unfolded the fullness of the love of the Father who, for our redemption, does not even draw back before the sacrifice of His Only-begotten Son.

In the humiliated and suffering Christ, believers and non-believers can admire a surprising solidarity, which binds Him to our human condition beyond all imaginable measure. The Cross, even after the Resurrection of the Son of God, "speaks and never ceases to speak of God the Father, who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man. Believing in this love means believing in mercy."

Let us thank the Lord for His love, which is stronger than death and sin. It is revealed and put into practice as mercy in our daily lives and prompts every person in turn to have mercy towards the Crucified One. Is not loving God and loving one's neighbor and even one's "enemies," after Jesus' example, the program of life of every baptized person and of the whole Church?

Jesus said to Sr. Faustina one day: "**Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to my Mercy.**" (Diary, 300)

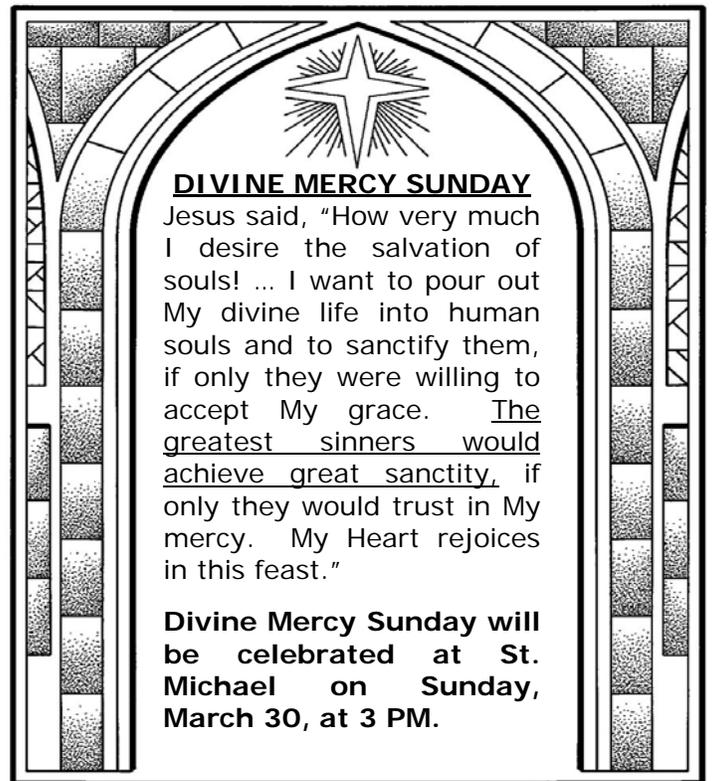
Let us turn to Him for His mercy. I would like to invite everyone to participate in this celebration.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Peter Chinnappan

<u>GIFTS FOR GOD'S WORK</u>		
<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
03/25/07	2283	\$16,867.00
03/23/08	3387	\$20,070.00

THANK YOU - Ernie Valencia

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Altar Society, RCIA team, ushers, lectors, extraordinary ministers, altar servers, and music groups for a job well done. Without the help of these volunteers, we would not have been able to function as a Community or Church.



DIVINE MERCY AND PLENARY INDULGENCE

A person may gain a Plenary Indulgence for oneself or a soul in purgatory by devoutly participating in the Celebration of the Divine Mercy.

What is a Plenary Indulgence? When we sin, there is a temporal (worldly) punishment due to each sin. This punishment accumulates over a period of time. When we go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), our sins are taken away but the temporal punishment is not. It can be reduced or completely taken away by saying certain prayers or performing certain corporal or spiritual works of mercy to which the Church is attaching graces received from the merits of Christ's Death and Resurrection. These graces are attached by the Church to encourage us to live better lives in accordance with Christ's wishes.

Three conditions are also required to receive the Divine Mercy Sunday Plenary Indulgence:

- a) Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday
- b) Say the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- c) Receive Holy Communion and say one Our Father, the Creed and Hail Mary for the intentions of Pope Benedict XVI.

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.

## MASS INTENTIONS



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 30</b>
7:30 a.m.	
9:00 a.m.	+Betty Hefner by Durant family
10:30 a.m.	+Carmen Martinez by her family
12:00 noon	Mass for the People
3:00 p.m.	S.I. of Felipe Salazar by Salazar family
6:00 p.m.	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 31</b>
8:00 a.m.	S.I. of Omenukor family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 1</b>
8:00 a.m.	S.I. of Omenukor family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 2</b>
8:00 a.m.	+Betty Ann Kiley by Dysart
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 3</b>
8:00 a.m.	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 4</b>
8:00 a.m.	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 5</b>
8:00 a.m.	
5:30 p.m.	

Tabernacle candle is in memory of Leonard Zultanski by Walt & Mary Czaus.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF  
**March 30, 2008**

Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
Monday:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

**ADULT CONFIRMATION** - Lynette Schnitzius

If you were baptized as a Catholic and have received First Holy Communion, but have not been Confirmed, there will be an opportunity available to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 11, during the 10:30 AM Mass here at St. Michael. A series of four classes on April 13, 20, 27, and May 4 will be required. The classes will be at 10:30 AM in the church library. If you feel that God is calling you to be in full communion with His church, please call to register for the classes. Contact Lynette Schnitzius at 972-286-0648.

**PARISH SCHEDULE**

<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>March 30, 2008</b>
9:00 a.m.	Boy Scouts Donuts – Parish Hall
9:30 a.m.	RCIA – Library
3:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Mass – Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Reception – Parish Hall
<b>MONDAY:</b>	<b>March 31, 2008</b>
4:30 p.m.	PCLS - Library
7:00 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul – Youth Room
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting – Parish Hall
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	<b>April 1, 2008</b>
10:00 a.m.	Women's Craft Group – Pit Area
7:00 p.m.	12:00 Noon Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	<b>April 2, 2008</b>
6:30 p.m.	<b>"The Edge"</b> – Parish Hall & Classrooms
6:30 p.m.	Angel Choir Rehearsal - Library
7:00 p.m.	Life Teen – Youth Room
7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study – Rms. 110/120
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	<b>April 3, 2008</b>
6:00 p.m.	Novena for Our Mother of Perpetual Help – Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Mass – Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Confessions - Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Rosary Makers Guild – Rm. 140
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Parent Mtg. – Library
7:00 p.m.	9:00 Choir Rehearsal – Parish Hall
7:00 p.m.	Pre-Baptismal Class - Rms. 110/120
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<b>April 4, 2008</b>
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>April 5, 2008</b>
4:30 p.m.	Confessions - Chapel

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP)** - Anna Quigley  
Natural Family Planning classes will be held at St. Michael on Thursday, April 24, May 22, and June 26 at 7 p.m. in Room 140. Married and engaged couples are encouraged to attend these classes to discover a natural way to postpone or achieve pregnancy. NFP is 100% natural, safe, and has no health risks. The classes will be facilitated by St. Michael parishioners Bob & Colleen Fries. They are nationally certified teachers of NFP. Please call Bob & Colleen at (972) 278-9228 with questions or to register for the sessions. Cost for the sessions is \$75. Flyers can be found in the narthex.

**CURRENT PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER BIOGRAPHY**

Mark Czaus has been a member of St. Michael for 23 years. Married for 20 years, Mark is the father of three children. He is currently serving as the Vice President of the Advisory Parish Council (serving a 4-year term due to expire on June 30, 2011). He has worked in the restaurant business for 28 years and has been with Consolidated Restaurant Operations (CRO) for the last 21 years and is involved in various community organizations.



Angela Wolden – Coordinator  
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Be sure to check out our web site for current info at [www.smlifeteen.com](http://www.smlifeteen.com)

**LIFE NIGHT TONIGHT (3/30): *WE love Jesus!***

All teens are welcome. HS Confirmation students MUST attend and bring any paperwork still needed, including service project!

**LOST & FOUND – LT Spring Retreat (April 4-6)**

Registration has begun! It will fill up fast so get your spot today. We are heading to Rockin' C Ranch for a time to get away, pray, and have lots of fun. Permission slips and details are on the youth table and on the website.



**BABY BANKS** - Tom Clark

Please return your Lenten Baby Banks this weekend, March 29 and 30. Members of the Knights of Columbus and the Squires will be on hand to collect them. Thank you very much, and may God bless you.



**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.

**PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS** - Felipe & Diane Salazar

A pre-baptismal class will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, 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.

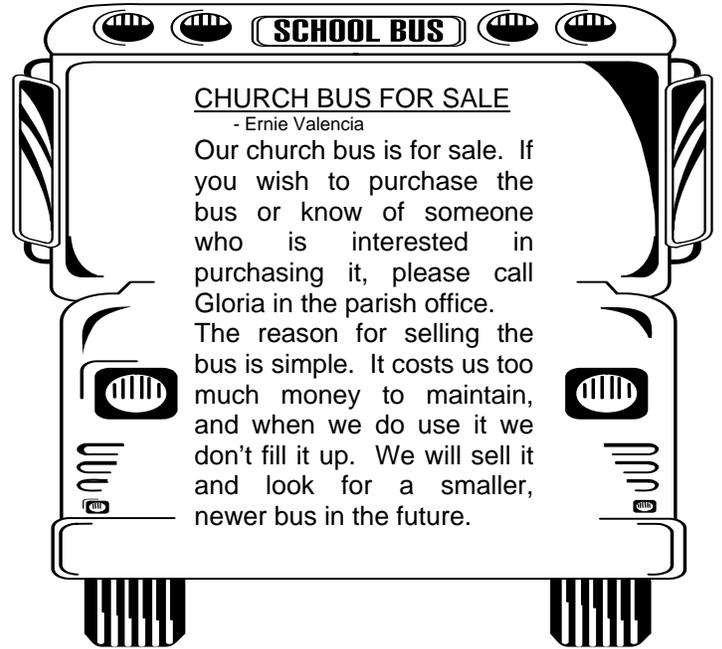


**ST. MICHAEL ROSARY MAKERS GUILD**

- 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.



**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.

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR** - Gloria Perez

We hope to have fresh flowers on the altar every Sunday. If you would like to provide flowers in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please contact the parish office by noon on Monday. Orders for flowers will be made through the parish office. The flower donor and intention will be printed in the bulletin following the notation about Tabernacle candles.



**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL LAY CARMELITE COMMUNITY** - Suzie Broussard

The Third Order: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Lay Carmelite Community invites members of the laity between the ages of 17-62 to "Come and See" if you have a vocation to the Lay Carmelite life of prayer, community and service faithful to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church. We will be welcoming visitors during the months of May and June. We meet at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Richardson the third Sunday of each month. For more information call 972-437-6377 or 972-496-4665.

***Rachel's Corner***

*O soul steeped in darkness, do not despair. All is not yet lost. Come and confide in your God, who is love and mercy.*

- Divine Mercy Sunday, Diary of Saint Faustina, #1486

Abortion AfterCare-Healing  
 214.544.CARE [healing@racheldallas.org](mailto:healing@racheldallas.org)

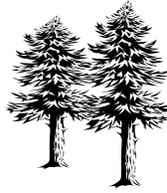
HOMEBOUND MINISTRY - Gloria Perez

St. Michael Church has a homebound ministry for anyone who is in a nursing home or ill and cannot leave their home to receive communion. These Eucharistic Ministers are trained to take communion to the home or nursing home. They also are cleared through our Safe Environment Program. Call the parish office to leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you to set up a time to visit.

PRAYER GROUP - Gloria Perez

St. Michael has a prayer group that prays for anyone that calls in a prayer request or fills out a Prayer Request form and places it in the Prayer Box in the narthex. If you are interested in joining this group, or if you need prayers for yourself or someone you know, call the parish office and leave your name and phone number. Once a month a prayer list goes out to all the group members, and they are asked to pray for everyone on the list at least once a day. For emergency prayers, call the parish office, and we will give your petitions to the staff, remembering 'where two or more are gathered in my name, I am in their midst.'

THE PINES CATHOLIC CAMP



The Pines Catholic Camp is hosting an Open House for all those interested in Summer Camp 2008 at The Pines. It will be held April 20 from 12-4 at The Pines Catholic Camp in Big Sandy, Texas. Please see our website,

[www.ThePines.org](http://www.ThePines.org), for more information and to RSVP or contact Marketing Director, Erin LaPointe at (214) 522-6533.



PARISH MINISTRIES

We would like to feature a different ministry each week, depending on bulletin space availability. Please submit a brief description of your ministry to [salazar.d@tx.rr.com](mailto:salazar.d@tx.rr.com).

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

**Engaged and Planning a Wedding** - Contact the marriage minister 6 months in advance for preparation.

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