

FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Angels,

Our children will be receiving First Holy Communion on the morning of Saturday, April 12, so there will be no 8:00 Mass that day. Our parish family congratulates the first communicants, and we will all remember to pray for them and their families.

Our Scripture lessons for today have one common theme of encouragement: No matter what happens in our lives, the Risen Jesus is always with us. God is near to those who seek Him and who want to live in His presence doing His will. The Emmaus incident is the story of a God who will not leave us alone when we are hurt and disappointed. As Francis Thompson puts it, He is the Hound of Heaven who relentlessly follows us even if we try to escape from His love.

The message of today's scripture is that the followers of Jesus are to maintain contact with their risen Lord through the Eucharist and the Bible. It also reminds us that our belief in Jesus' presence in the Bread and Wine can help us better understand His presence in the believing community. Putting the two appearances (to the Emmaus disciples and to Peter) together, it is clear that the risen Jesus wants Peter to act as spokesman for Him. The faithful who wish to follow Him seek His company through the Eucharist and the Bible with the guidance of Holy Mother Church.

I would like to thank all those who helped celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Peter Chinnappan

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.

GIFTS FOR GOD'S WORK

<u>Divine Mercy Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
04/15/07	2376	\$17,554.00
03/30/08	2133	\$14,323.00

2007 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income		
Sunday		874,274
Holy Days		22,501
Diocesan 2 nd Collections		29,272*
Faith Formation		20,350
Interest Earned		9,018
Misc. Income		7,136
		\$962,551
Expenses		
Assessment (Diocese)		124,386
Assets: Pipe Organ (final)		9,607
Books/Manuals		13,150
Charity		890
Church/Mass Supplies		12,817
Clergy Education		450
Computer Equip/Maint		9,293
Confs/Retreats/Seminars		10,307
Diocesan Remittance (2 nd Col.)		29,272*
Dues/Memberships		1,148
Facilities Maint/Repairs/Supplies		25,419
Instructional Supplies		3,386
Insurance		85,156
Mother's Day Out		972
Meals/Refreshments		19,353
Medical Expenses		2,073
Misc. Expenses		29,541
Office Equip/Maint/Supplies		30,647
Parish Events		443
Payroll (Priests & Lay)		367,667
Postage		3,005
RCIA/RENEW		2,108
Rectory		12,581
Retirement (403b)		14,401
Subscriptions		30,645
Transportation		6,081
Utilities		57,755
Visiting Clergy		20,375
Capital/Extraordinary Items:		35,805
Remodel/Furnish	30,231	
Roof Repair	5,574	
		\$958,733
Net Income		\$3,818

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP GROUP - Anna Quigley

The Family Fellowship Group will meet in the Parish Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 11. All families are invited to join the group for an evening of fellowship. Please bring a dish to share. If you would like information about the group, please call Carla Boshart at (972) 613-7224.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 7:30 a.m.	April 6 +Robert Daniel Langston by Martinez family
9:00 a.m.	+Victor E. Rivera by Guajardo Reunion
10:30 a.m.	+Leonardo Matta, Emeliana & John Binueza by Rosemarie & Herman Matta
12:00 noon	Mass for the People
6:00 p.m.	
Monday 8:00 a.m.	April 7 S.I. of Omenukor family
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.	April 8 +Antonio & Catherine Lombardo by Virginia & Ray Phillips
Wednesday 8:00 a.m.	April 9 S.I. of Diana Morales by Minerva Moreno
Thursday 8:00 a.m.	April 10 +Michael Melvin Rutledge by Moreno family
Friday 8:00 a.m.	April 11 S.I. of Walt & Mary Czaus
Saturday 9:00 a.m.	April 12 +Victor E. Rivera by Guajardo Reunion
5:30 p.m.	S.I. of Lisa by Macias family +Quirino & Olivia Gonzalez by Gonzalez family

Tabernacle candle and altar flowers are in memory of Antonio & Catherine Lombardo by Virginia & Ray Phillips.



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
April 6, 2008**

Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

MASS INTENTIONS AND TABERNACLE CANDLE SPONSORS - Ernie Valencia

Sponsoring a Mass or Tabernacle candle is a wonderful way to remember a loved one or special intention. Mass Intentions envelopes are available in the narthex and office. Please contact Gloria Perez in the parish office if you can help with these projects.

PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	April 6, 2008 Boy Scouts Donuts – Parish Hall RCIA – Library First Communion Rehearsal – Parish Hall & Sanctuary
MONDAY: 4:30 p.m.	April 7, 2008 Parish Catechetical Leaders Meeting - Library
7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul – Youth Room Boy Scouts Meeting – Parish Hall
TUESDAY: 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	April 8, 2008 Women’s Craft Group – Pit Area 12:00 Noon Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY: 6:30 p.m.	April 9, 2008 “The Edge” – Parish Hall & Classrooms
6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Angel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary Life Teen – Youth Room St. Gregory Choir - Sanctuary Adult Bible Study – Rms. 110/120
THURSDAY: 6:00 p.m.	April 10, 2008 Novena for Our Mother of Perpetual Help – Chapel
6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass – Chapel Confessions - Chapel K of C Officers’ Mtg. – Rm. 140 9:00 Choir Rehearsal – Parish Hall
FRIDAY: 7:30 p.m.	April 11, 2008 Family Fellowship – Parish Hall
SATURDAY: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	April 12, 2008 First Communion – Parish Hall & Sanctuary Confessions - Chapel

EWTVN COVERAGE OF POPE BENEDICT'S VISIT

- Lili Rivera
EWTVN will be offering LIVE, complete, commercial-free coverage of Pope Benedict's trip to the US from April 15-20. Tune in to get accurate, in-depth reporting with a Catholic perspective not found on any other television network.



EWTVN can be seen on the following channels: Time Warner- 18 (basic), 140 (digital), DirectTV - 370 and Dish - 261.

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 April 13. A box will be set up for donations. Come and enjoy a great breakfast and fellowship.



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NO LIFE NIGHT TONIGHT (4/6)

LOST & FOUND – LT Spring Retreat

Please pray for the high school students while they are on retreat this weekend.

LIFE NIGHT 4/13: "Home Sweet Home"

Heaven and Eternal Life

Confirmation Rehearsal: Thursday, Apr. 17, at 7 PM

Confirmation: Friday, Apr. 18, at 7 PM



STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Parish Advisory Council (PAC) has been in the process of reviewing all the project worksheets that were developed by the Faith Sharing, Faith Experiencing, and Faith Living committees. Everyone involved knew that this was not going to be an easy process. Those involved with the input have done a wonderful job of documenting their suggested goals. PAC is trying to devote enough time to the various areas to make thoughtful, appropriate decisions because your time, thoughts, and ideas are valuable toward the growth of our parish. Some of the Strategic Planning ideas will be implemented in the near future and we will publish information about them in the bulletin.

CURRENT PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER BIOGRAPHY

Steven Baldauf has been a member of St. Michael for 25 years. Steven is married and the father of two sons. He is an usher and a member of the Parish Advisory Council (serving a 2-year term due to expire on June 30, 2009). Steven is employed as a professional engineer and is involved in community organizations.

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

- Adela Miller

April is National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. During the month of April safety tips on protecting young people will be published in our bulletin. Look for safety tips under the heading of "DID YOU KNOW?"

WHERE DO YOUR KIDS SPEND THEIR TIME?

- Adela Miller

You can help keep your children safe by knowing where they spend their time. Get to know the adults who show up at the various locations in the community where children gather and where they play together. Be wary of any adult who seems more interested in creating a relationship with a child than with other adults. Pay attention when an adult seems to single out a particular child for a relationship or for special attention. Warning signs include treats, gifts, vacations, or other special favors offered only to one specific child.

(Source: Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection; U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; courtesy of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.)

ROSARY AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

- Tom Clark

A rosary sponsored by Texans Opposed to Planned Parenthood (TOPP) will be recited near the Planned Parenthood Abortion Center at 6:30 p.m. on April 8. We will meet in front of Jason's Deli, located at 7412 Greenville Ave. south of Walnut Hill Lane. After the rosary we will go into Jason's Deli for food, Christian fellowship, and pro-life discussion. You may park in the Jason's Deli parking lot. This is a monthly event on the second Tuesday. Contact Daniel Vinzant at 214-566-2298 with any questions.

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.

YOUNG AT HEART

- Rich & Judy Fujia

Let's play BINGO!! Join us here at St. Michael on Wednesday, April 16, at 1 p.m. for Bingo in the Parish Hall. Questions? Please call Rich & Judy Fujia at (972) 686-4754.

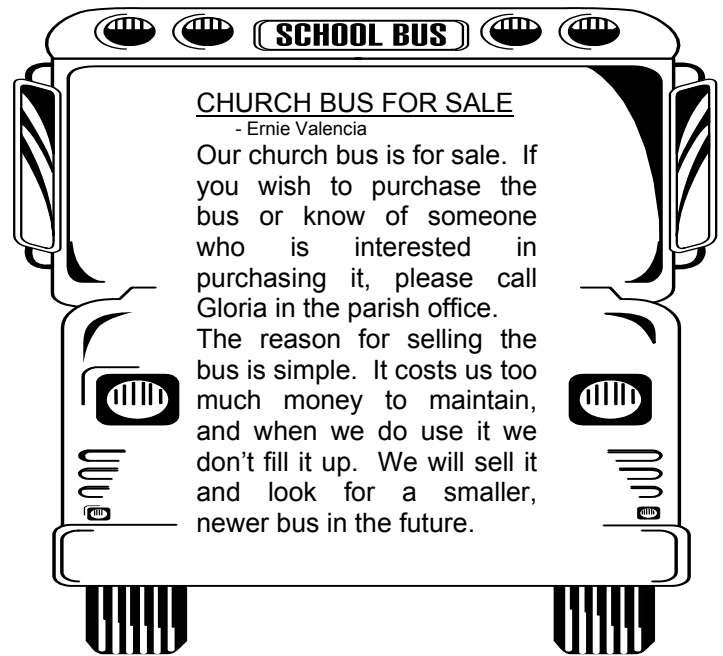


"Lord, you will show us the path of life."

PSALM 16:11

THANK YOU - Anna Quigley

THANK YOU to the families that attended the Family Night Out on March 28 with Mary Lee Becker. We enjoyed an evening of faith sharing and received information that will encourage rituals and conversation in our homes with our families.



A simple line drawing of a bunch of spaghetti.	<p><u>BOY SCOUTS</u> Spaghetti Dinner - April 19 at 6:30 p.m. after Mass. Boy Scout Troop 548 will be hosting a home-style Italian Spaghetti Dinner. More details to follow.</p>
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ST. MICHAEL FOOD PANTRY - Bob Mione

The St. Michael Food Pantry is in need of baby diapers of all sizes. Please place donations in the baskets located in the Narthex. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you!!



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.

