

Dear Angels,

Today we celebrate the feast of the Good Shepherd. All spiritual guides hope to show us the source of life and the way to life, but they can not ensure life to us. Jesus does not lead us to life; instead He gives us life itself. He is the Life which he gives us, not in small measures but in abundance. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who does not just lead His flock but is Himself the abundance of life to His flock. Again, Jesus is not a shepherd who shows us the way to the Father and to eternal life, but He actually is the Way to the Father. Jesus tells us, "I am the Way" (Jn 14:6) and "I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture." (Jn 10:9) Therefore, He is not one of the ways to have life and salvation; He is the door as well as the life. Jesus is the means and the end.

I congratulate the 93 little angels of our parish who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 12. It was a moment of joy and happiness, not only for them, but also for the entire community.

On Friday, April 18, ninety-eight young people from our parish will be confirmed by our Bishop Farrell at 7:00 p.m. I invite and encourage all our parishioners to participate in the liturgy and pray for them.

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI will be making his pontifical visit to our country from April 15 to April 20. Please pray for him.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Peter Chinnappan



EWTN COVERAGE OF POPE BENEDICT'S VISIT

- Lili Rivera



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

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

GIFTS FOR GOD'S WORK

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
04/22/07	2072	\$16,404.00
04/06/08	2124	\$17,384.00



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION - Lisa Gonzales
To the parents of returning Faith Formation students ONLY: We will offer you the option to register your child for the 2008-2009 school year before classes end this year. Registration will be held on Sunday, April 20, and Sunday, April 27, after the 9:00, 10:30, and 12 noon Masses.

New families and returning families that have not registered with the parish should check the bulletin in July and August for registration dates. There will be changes of class days and times for some of our grade levels.

If you have any questions, please call 972-279-6581, ext. 11, or come by the Faith Formation office.

- Parish Advisory Council

Did You Know

Did you know that our parish has not invested in any major improvements to our parish hall since it was built? Well... it's time to bring it into this century. We would like to start a Parish Hall Renovation Fund in order to replace our stage and update the audio/video system with current technology. These are improvements that will benefit all parish gatherings, especially those for our youth. The renovations would also enhance the value of the facility and our ability to rent it. Please support the events being planned to help raise these funds.

Tim Staples, Catholic Apologist and Convert, will be here Saturday, May 3, at 10 AM in the sanctuary to speak on the Eucharist: God's Extravagant Love. He will show how Scripture supports the Catholic belief of the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Tim will additionally have a special presentation on Mary, Mother of God.

Make plans to attend and hear this dynamic presentation!

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.

6:30 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m.

Saturday

8:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

April 13

+Pete Anguiano, Jr., by Macias family

+Rolando Martinez

+Sebastian & Soledad Macabare by Jorge & Violeta Sosing

Mass for the People

April 14

S.I. of Omenukor family

April 15

+Diana Morales by Minerva Moreno

April 16

+Jirvancia B. Rojas by Cresencia Pahela

April 17

+Gabriel D. Macias by Macias family

+Tom Buckley by Deacon Joe & Gloria Perez

April 18

+Michael Melvin Rutledge by Moreno family

April 19

+Victor E. Rivera by Guajardo Reunion

S.I. of Irma Anguiano by her mother

Tabernacle candle is provided in memory of Moises & Saluad Cruz by Lillian Gio. The altar flowers are provided in memory of Quirino Gonzalez by the Gonzalez family.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
April 13, 2008

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

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.

MONDAY:

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY:

10:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: April 16, 2008

6:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY: April 17, 2008

6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY:

7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY: April 19, 2008

4:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

April 13, 2008

KC Pancake Breakfast – Parish Hall

RCIA – Library

April 14, 2008

St. Vincent de Paul – Youth Room

Boy Scouts Meeting – Parish Hall

April 15, 2008

Women's Craft Group – Pit Area

12:00 Noon Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Finance Committee Mtg. – Rm. 140

Homebound Ministry - Library

April 16, 2008

"The Edge" – Parish Hall & Classrooms

Angel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Life Teen – Youth Room

St. Gregory Choir - Sanctuary

Adult Bible Study – Rms. 110/120

April 17, 2008

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help – Chapel

Mass – Chapel

Confessions – Chapel

Confirmation Rehearsal – Sanctuary & Rms. 110/120

9:00 Choir Rehearsal – Parish Hall

Rosary Makers Guild – Rm. 140

K of C Business Meeting – Parish Hall

April 18, 2008

Confirmation – Sanctuary & Rms. 110/120

April 19, 2008

Confessions – Chapel

Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner – Parish Hall

TAQUITO BREAKFAST - Community Social Events Group

A traditional home style taquito breakfast will be served in the parish hall on Sunday, April 20, after all morning Masses. This was organized to help raise funds to update the audio and video equipment and replace the stage in our parish hall. Our Youth Ministry will be hosting Mission Possible this summer, so having better equipment in place would be of great benefit for the visiting youth and also for our parish.



Please join us to support this parish project. Come enjoy great authentic Mexican taquitos, pastries, music, fun, and fellowship. Thanks in advance for your support.



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

LIFE NIGHT TONIGHT 4/13: "Home Sweet Home"

Heaven and Eternal Life

LIFE NIGHT 4/20: "THE END"

We will be discussing the topic of final judgment and the end times. It should be very interesting. All high school teens are always welcome to join us.

ATTENTION 8TH GRADERS:

Life Teen would like to invite you to join us for the last few Life Nights of the year. It will help you find out what to expect next year and allow you to meet some of our high school students. There's no reason to be nervous because we are excited to have you join us!

Upcoming Life Night Topics:

4/20 "THE END"

4/27 "Dis-STRESS" – How to deal with stress

5/4 "Your Mom Comes to Life Night" – 8th graders are also invited to join us for our summer activities and trips!

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

Confirmation: Friday, Apr. 18, at 7 PM



MOTHER'S DAY OUT (MDO) - Hilda Rodriguez



Mother's Day Out is offering parents of young children a night out on Friday, April 18, from 5:30-8:30. Enjoy yourselves without

worrying about your little ones! Please see flyers in the narthex for more information or call 972-681-4850. We are also accepting applications for summer enrollment!!

Rummage Sale

Mother's Day Out will be having a rummage sale on Saturday, April 26, from 8 AM to 2 PM in the church parking lot. Please contact Hilda Rodriguez at 972-681-4850 if you have items you would like to donate.



- Anna Quigley

Celebrate Mother's Day by joining us on Saturday, May 10, from 8 p.m. until midnight in the parish hall. A variety of music will be provided by Affinity Presentation Services. Tickets are \$10 each in advance or \$12 each at the door. Anyone under the age of 18 must be strictly chaperoned by their parents, since this dance is an occasion when you may bring your own beer and wine. Tickets will be sold after Masses beginning April 20. Questions? Call Anna at 972-279-6581, ext. 14.

Are you aware that...

changes in behavior, extreme mood swings, withdrawal, fearlessness, excessive crying, bed-wetting, nightmares, fear of going to bed, sleep disorders, and a fear of certain places, people, or activities can be signs that a child has been traumatized by sexual abuse?

(Source: Philip J. Lazarus, "Trauma and Children: A Parent Handout for Helping Children Heal," VIRTUS, 5/12/2003.)

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

- Adela Miller

A blue ribbon is the international symbol for Child Abuse Prevention. The color blue was chosen as a constant reminder that all of us have a responsibility to help keep children safe. Before today is over, 3 CHILDREN WILL DIE from abuse. At least one of them will be a baby less than a year old while the other two probably won't have celebrated their fifth birthdays yet. More than 510 children will be physically abused today and 270 will be sexually abused. In total, over 2,700 children will be abused today. Tomorrow the horror starts all over again for these children. It can help them if we all stay informed. Report suspected abuse to the Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-422-4453 or Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at 1-800-252-5400. Be part of the solution. You CAN help stop child abuse.

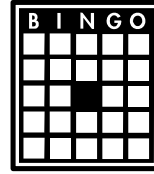
Website:

http://www.cardinalmccloskeyservices.org/blue_ribbon.shtml

CURRENT PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER BIOGRAPHY

Cathy Irby has been a member of St. Michael since the parish was founded (with an absence of five years in the nineties). Cathy is married to Dale and is the mother of Matthew and Sara. She has been an educator since 1973 and is currently an assistant principal in Garland ISD. In the early years of the parish, Cathy participated in the Women's Guild, taught religious education classes, and served on the parish school board. She has been a Eucharistic Minister and lector for many years, edits the weekly parish bulletin, and is a member of the Parish Advisory Council (serving a 3-year term due to expire on June 30, 2010).

YOUNG AT HEART - Rich & Judy Fujia




Let's play BINGO!! Come and join us here at St. Michael on Wednesday, April 16, at 1 p.m. for Bingo, fun, and fellowship in the parish hall. Questions? Please call Rich & Judy Fujia at (972) 686-4754.

MUSIC NOTES

Angel Choir practice is every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The next Mass when the Angel Choir will sing is **April 20 at Noon**.

A St. Michael Combined Choir is being planned for the 10:30 a.m. liturgy dedicating the Pipe Organ on **May 4**. This is an exciting chance to sing praise and glory to God with fellow parishioners; it is really fun to sing in a big choir! Contact Penny Mione in the church office, ext. 15, for more details.

CHURCH BUS FOR SALE
 - Ernie Valencia
 Our church bus is for sale.
 If you wish to purchase it or know of someone who is interested, please call Gloria in the parish office.



BSA Troop 548 is selling Scout Show Tickets. Card is good all year with great discounts at stores and restaurants.

