

Alleluia!



Dear Angels,

During the season from Easter to Pentecost the Scripture readings focus on the promises of Jesus to His disciples and on the early apostolic preaching of the Good News of Salvation. Today's readings provide answers to puzzling questions about who the Holy Spirit is, what He does, and how we experience Him in our daily lives. They show us how the Spirit works in the everyday activities of Jesus' first followers. The first reading describes the success of Philip, evangelist among the despised Samaritans, and explains how the converted Samaritans received the fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit through the imposition of hands by the apostles Peter and John. According to today's psalm, the Spirit enables believers in every age and place to personally experience the same marvelous acts of divine liberation. The second reading explains how the Holy Spirit inspires God-fearing lives in the midst of opposition and persecution. Today's Gospel, which is a part of Jesus' "Last Supper Discourse", describes the gift of the abiding Spirit as a Paraclete. Jesus was preparing His disciples for the day when He would no longer be with them physically. He promised to send His Spirit upon the Church; Jesus is truly present in the Church. The Holy Spirit gives meaning and purpose to all we are and all we do in His name. The Spirit reveals to us what God is really like by empowering us to practice mutual love and by providing us with trustworthy guidance. This indwelling Spirit enables us to manifest our love of God by observing the commandments of Jesus, especially the Commandment of Love. This commandment instructs us to recognize Jesus in the neediest, in the poor, in the sick, in the marginalized and even in the criminal, and to be agents of healing and reconciliation in a broken and divided world.

Have a Blessed week! Fr. Peter Chinnappan

TIM STAPLES, CATHOLIC APOLOGIST AND CONVERT - Lili Rivera

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. Tim will also have a special presentation on Mary, Mother of God. Make plans to attend and hear this dynamic presentation.

GIFTS FOR GOD'S WORK

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
04/22/07	2072	\$18,405.00
04/20/08	2189	\$14,169.00

A second offering is being collected this weekend for Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Please be generous.



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 conclude this year. Registration will be held today, April 27, after the 9:00, 10:30, and 12 noon Masses.

New families or 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.

Vacation Bible School

- John Krajca

The saints know the secrets... now it's your turn to uncover the mystery!

Embark on a journey to discover the mysteries of the timeless virtues of faith, hope, and love. Travel to distant lands with Saint Brigid of Ireland, Saint Nicholas of Myra, Saint Juan Diego, Saint Martin de Porres, and Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

Join us this summer for a totally Catholic and totally fun VBS June 23-27!

Registration forms can be found in the narthex. Adult and teen helpers are needed to make this year's VBS program a success. Please consider donating one week of your time to the children of our parish. You can serve others and have a blast at the same time! Volunteer forms can be found in the narthex. Call the parish office if you have questions or need more information.

MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday 7:30 a.m.	April 27 +Gerald Smith by Jack & Marcy Smith
9:00 a.m.	+Virginia Leija by Deacon Joe & Gloria Perez
10:30 a.m.	+Francisco & Rosario by Jorge & Violeta Sosing
12:00 noon	Mass for the People
6:00 p.m.	S.I. of Anna Leelamma by Lini Lukose
Monday 8:00 a.m.	April 28 +James Wolden by Angela Wolden
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.	April 29 S.I. of Anna Leelamma by Lini Lukose
Wednesday 8:00 a.m.	April 30 +Sophie Wilkinson by Carl Wilkinson
Thursday 8:00 a.m.	May 1 S.I. of Wanzie Cadvey
Friday 8:00 a.m.	May 2 S.I. of Egboh family by Bibian Egboh
Saturday 8:00 a.m.	May 3 +Sophie Wilkinson by Carl Wilkinson

Tabernacle candle is provided for the special intention of Pedro Alvarez by Felipe & Diane Salazar.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
April 27, 2008**



Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
Monday:	Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	(Easter Weekday) Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14

Attention Moms & Dads

- Bob Mione

Beginning in June, children may bring non-perishable food items to the altar when they get their Children's Bible Study leaflet during the Offertory. On the first Sunday of each month we will take these items, especially canned meat, to our Food Pantry. Let's start a new tradition at St. Michael and teach our children the joy of sharing with those less fortunate.

PARISH SCHEDULE

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY: April 27, 2008
 8:30 a.m. Pre-School Graduation – Parish Hall
 9:30 a.m. RCIA – Library
 10:30 a.m. Adult Confirmation – Library

MONDAY: April 28, 2008
 6:30 p.m. Pre-School Graduation - Parish Hall
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting – Parish Hall
 7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul – Youth Room

TUESDAY: April 29, 2008
 10:00 a.m. Women's Craft Group – Pit Area
 7:00 p.m. 12:00 Noon Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY: April 30, 2008
 6:30 p.m. "The Edge" – Parish Hall & Classrooms
 6:30 p.m. Angel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. Life Teen – Youth Room
 7:30 p.m. St. Gregory Choir - Sanctuary
 7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Rms. 110/120

THURSDAY: May 1, 2008
 6:00 p.m. Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help – Chapel
 6:30 p.m. Mass – Chapel
 7:00 p.m. Confessions – Chapel
 7:00 p.m. 9:00 Choir Rehearsal – Parish Hall
 7:00 p.m. Pre-Baptismal Class – Rms. 110/120

FRIDAY: May 2, 2008
SATURDAY: May 3, 2008
 10:00 a.m. Tim Staples – Sanctuary
 4:30 p.m. Confessions – Chapel
 6:30 p.m. Teacher Appreciation Dinner – Parish Hall

MOTHER'S DAY MEMORIAL MASS CARDS - Gloria Perez

If you would like your mother remembered during Mother's Day Masses, please pick up a card in the narthex, fill out the information, and return it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket.



Baptisms

- Felipe & Diane Salazar

A pre-baptismal class will be held Thursday, May 1, at 7 p.m. 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.

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.



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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

TONIGHT'S LIFE NIGHT (4/27): Dis-STRESSED
 Feeling stressed? It's that time of year when everyone gets a little stressed ... a LOT stressed. Come learn some good holy ways to deal with stress.

LIFE NIGHT (5/4): Your Mom Goes to Life Night!
 She does – her name is Mary. Come find out everything you wanted to know about Mary. Be able to answer all your friends' questions when they ask you about her.

NO LIFE NIGHT ON MOTHER'S DAY (5/11)

SENIOR SUNDAY (5/18): All graduates and their families are invited to join us for the Life Teen Mass at 6 PM and a dinner reception at 7 PM. Be sure to RSVP to Angela by May 11.

SUMMER SCHEDULE: Check out all the forms, details, and updates at www.smlifeteen.com.

Upcoming Life Night Events:

Mission Possible: June 8-12

Steubenville Youth Conference: July 11-13

Breakfast of Champions: Most Tuesday mornings this summer.

BOB & WOW will continue through the summer on Wednesday nights.



CASINO NIGHT! - Anna Quigley

We need your help! The Community Social Events Group and the Faith Living Project invite you to a planning meeting on Tuesday, May 6, at 7 p.m. in Room 110/120. We will discuss the possibility of having a CASINO NIGHT this year. All members of the Faith Living Group are asked to attend this very important meeting. Any parishioner who is interested in helping plan the Casino Night is welcome to attend. Questions or comments? Call Anna at 972-279-6581, ext. 14. Proceeds will go to the Parish Hall Renovation Fund.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME! - Nick Nicholson

Knights of Columbus are selling Texas Ranger Tickets for the game on Saturday, May 31, vs Oakland at 7:05 PM. Tickets are \$27 each and include bus ride, drinks, and snacks. Contact Bill Cernosek at 972-278-6650 or Nick Nicholson at 972-240-1494.



Craft Fair

- Jean Hauptert

St. Michael Women's Craft Group will have two bake and craft fairs this year. Please note that the date of the next bake and craft sale has been changed to May 18 after all morning Masses. Please support our sale since there will not be a Winter Bazaar. All proceeds will benefit the Food Pantry.



Book Fair

- Anna Quigley

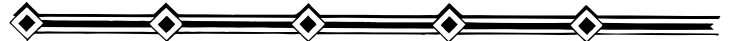
Please help raise money to renovate our parish hall and stock up on books for your children's summer reading at the same time. The Book Fair will be open at the following times:

Tuesday, May 13	1-3 p.m.
Wednesday, May 14	6-8 p.m.
Thursday, May 15	1-3 p.m.
After all Masses	May 17 & 18

Since this is a fundraiser we will not offer the "Buy One, Get One Free" option. Please be generous!



BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS are needed! Please call Anna if you are interested in helping us with book sales during the times listed above. 972-279-6581, ext.14.



HOLY SMOKERS BAR-B-QUE - Gary Labac



Plan your Mother's Day menu now! The **Holy Smokers** from our Knights of Columbus will be preparing bar-b-que for your family's Mother's Day dinner. Place your order now for some **serious**

Texas Bar-b-Que – beef brisket, chicken, and ribs are fully cooked, sliced, and ready to serve. For more details check at the **Holy Smokers** order table in the narthex after Mass or call Gary Labac at 214-649-8043 or Jeff Muessig at 214-533-1046.

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.

Did You Know

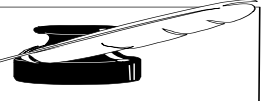
Sunday, April 27th, is known as National Blue Sunday. We join churches across the nation to pray for the victims of child abuse and raise awareness in the community. We also focus on ways to protect children from abusive environments and, more importantly, to prevent abuse from occurring. It's up to all of us to prevent any child from becoming another heartbreaking statistic. Be part of the solution. You CAN help stop Child Abuse. Report suspected abuse to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at 1-800-252-5400. For more information on Blue Sunday visit www.bluesunday.org.

Happy Mother's Day

- Anna Quigley

Mother's Day Dance tickets are on sale after all Masses. Please join us on Saturday, May 10, from 8 p.m. to midnight in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$10 each in advance or \$12 each at the door. Music provided by Affinity Presentation Services. Questions? Call Anna at 972-279-6581, ext. 14.

A Note of Thanks



- Community Social Events Group

The Community Social Events Group would like to thank the parishioners of St. Michael for their support of last week's Taquito Breakfast. Two hundred twenty breakfast tacos were served along with Mexican pastries. We had 97 families join us for breakfast and raised \$467.23 for the Parish Hall Renovation Fund. Special thanks to all the volunteers and the donors of supplies who made this event a success. Any cultural group that would like to host a similar event to raise money for the Parish Hall Renovation Fund, to promote fellowship, and to showcase their food, art, music, dance, etc., should contact Diane Salazar of the Community Social Events Group at 972-686-0832 or salazar.d@tx.rr.com.

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 7:00 p.m. Please join us in making rosaries that will be sent to Catholic Missions.

