

God's word is powerful and effective. He has promised that it will achieve the purpose for which it is spoken. Of course, that Word is Jesus Christ Himself. He has been spoken by the Father. He has gained the victory over sin and death. The Word, Jesus has changed everything. As for us, we cannot keep God from loving us or prevent the Salvation His Son has won. But if we are not open to the Word, or if we let other things be more important, we will fail to produce the rich harvest that we are called to make.

Father Joseph

GIFTS FOR GOD'S WORK

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
07/08/07	1759	\$15,061.00
07/06/08	1976	\$14,030.00



Parents, it is not too early to register your middle school child for Wednesday night's Catholic Middle School Youth Ministry. **"THE EDGE"** is a radical new Catholic centered youth ministry aimed at these young adolescents. **"THE EDGE"** is designed to meet their educational, spiritual, emotional, and social needs. As part of the Catholic Church's mission to evangelize and spread the gospel message of Jesus Christ, middle school youth are encouraged to go out and bring their friends to **"THE EDGE."**

The middle school concept has forced many parishes to look at how they minister to their young adolescents. Catechesis and educating our middle school youth in the Catholic Faith is an important component of ministering to our middle school youth, but it is inadequate if it is the only component. The classroom approach does not meet the communal, spiritual, psychological, or social needs that a middle school youth ministry program would incorporate into its process. It creates an environment where the youth are part of a community rather than isolated in a classroom.

This year our **"EDGE"** program will include ALL middle school youth on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 PM-8:00 PM. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, or if you are interested in ministering as a core-leader or volunteering for **"THE EDGE,"** please contact Lisa at 972-279-6581, ext. 11, or lisa.gonzales56@sbcglobal.net. We would like to thank all parents for their cooperation during the transition period for our middle school youth.



MEXICAN BREAKFAST

- Community Social Events Group

A traditional home-style Mexican breakfast will be served in the Curran Hall on Sunday, July 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.

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



St. Michael's
FAMILY FUN DAY AT
HAWAIIAN FALLS
SATURDAY, JULY 26



Tickets will be sold after all Masses today and July 20. Full day ticket prices are \$10.99 per person whose height is 48 inches or more, \$9.99 per person with height under 48 inches and free for little ones 2 and younger. **Parents must accompany** their children. Join us for a great time! Flyers are in the narthex and at the Family Life bulletin board.



**FAITH FORMATION
REGISTRATION SCHEDULE**

The following is a registration schedule for the '08-'09 school year. Registration for all dates listed will be during and after the following Masses: 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12 noon.

July 20 & 27, August 3 & 10.

Please register on these dates to avoid any late fees. There will be an additional fee for non-parishioners.





Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 13

- 7:30 a.m. +Melecia De Castro by Nevada family
- 9:00 a.m. +Eugene Duffey by his family
- 10:30 a.m. +John Searles by Deacon Joe & Gloria Perez
- 12:00 noon Mass for the People
- 6:00 p.m. S.I. Kathy Gutierrez by Life Teen

Monday, July 14

- 8:00 a.m. S.I. Dorothy & Jaime by Sanchez

Tuesday, July 15

- 8:00 a.m. S.I. Jon Griffiths by Life Teen

Wednesday, July 16

- 8:00 a.m. S.I. Joseph Flores by Life Teen

Thursday, July 17

- 8:00 a.m. S.I. Andrew Lalonde by Life Teen
- 6:30 p.m. +Delia Cueto by Nunez family

Friday, July 18

- 8:00 a.m. +John S. Avon Jr. by Sarah Loughney

Saturday, July 19

- 8:00 a.m. +John Burton Brosseau family
- 5:30 p.m. +Bill Weldon by Laura & Cyndi Weldon

Tabernacle candle is provided in memory of Concepcion Barrera by Bert & Alice Nunez. Altar flowers are provided in memory of Carmen Perez by Joe & Lorena Perez.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
JULY 13, 2008**

- Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rm 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23
- Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mt 10:34, 11:1
- Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14, 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30
- Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12, 16/Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21



This Week in our Parish

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY: July 13, 2008

- 8:00 a.m. Blood Drive – Curran Hall
- 8:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast - Curran Hall

MONDAY: July 14, 2008

- 7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul – Youth Room

TUESDAY: July 15, 2008

- 8:00 a.m. Y-Teen – Curran Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Craft Group – Pit Area
- 7:00 p.m. 12:00 Noon Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Financial Committee Meeting – Rm. 140

WEDNESDAY: July 16, 2008

- 7:00 p.m. Y-Teen – Youth Room
- 7:30 p.m. St. Gregory Choir - Sanctuary

THURSDAY: July 17, 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 – Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Rosary Makers Guild – Rm. 140
- 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Business Meeting – Curran Hall

FRIDAY: July 18, 2008

SATURDAY: July 19, 2008

- 9:00 a.m. Teacher In-Service – Curran Hall
- 3:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Officers – Curran Hall
- 4:30 p.m. Confessions – Chapel



The nursery is available during Mass for children ages newborn to three years old.



DIRECTOR OF YOUTH FORMATION

- Ernie Valencia

We are seeking a Director of Youth Formation. The Director will be responsible for the development, coordination, supervision, and implementation of parish programs designed to engage and educate the youth of St. Michael. The Director will also act as an advocate and link for youth and their families to the Pastoral Team, the parish family, and the surrounding community. Interested applicants should send a resumé and cover letter to Ernie Valencia, General Manager.

EWTN'S COVERAGE OF WORLD YOUTH DAY

- Lili Rivera

ETWN will offer complete, LIVE coverage of "World Youth Day 2008" from Sydney, Australia, on July 15-20. EWTN can be seen on Time Warner 18 (Basic), 140 (Digital), DISH Network 261, and DIRECTV 370.

MEETINGS

Rosary Makers Guild

- Lili Rivera

The next meeting of the St. Michael Rosary Makers Guild will be held Thursday, July 17, in Room 140 at 7 PM. Please join us in making rosaries that will be sent to Catholic Missions.



Casino Night!

A "Night in Las Vegas" is coming to St. Michael on November 8 to raise funds for the Curran Hall Renovation Fund. If you own a business and would like some free advertising and help your parish, donate a service, product, or gift certificate for our Casino Night. Contact Edwina Cernosek at 972-278-6650 for more information.

The next planning meeting for the proposed Casino Night event will be Tuesday, July 15, at 7 PM in Rooms 110/120. All members of the Faith Living Group are asked to attend. Any parishioner interested in helping is also welcome.



Summertime Training for Altar Servers

- Penny Mione



Two training sessions are being planned for current and brand new altar servers. The dates are July 28 and 29 from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the sanctuary. If transportation is an issue, or if you have any questions regarding this training, please contact Penny Mione in the parish office.

Altar service is open to boys and girls going into the 4th grade. It is a ministry that must be approached seriously, humbly, and reverently. Both child and parent must be committed to the ministry of altar service, so prayerful discernment is necessary for the commitment necessary.

God lives to help him who strives to help himself

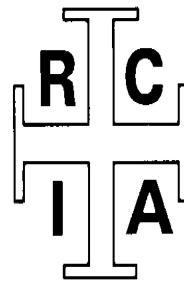


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11862

EVENTS CALENDAR

- July 10** Officers Meeting 7:00 PM - Rm. 140
- 13** Blood Drive – Curran Hall
Pancake Breakfast – FREE to all blood donors
- 17** Business Meeting 7:00 PM – Curran Hall
- 19** Officers Installation 4:00 PM – Curran Hall
Council Corporate Communion
Mass 5:30 PM
Dinner after Mass – Curran Hall
- 19-20** Passbook Sales – After all Masses
- 26-27** Passbook Sales – After all Masses

If you are interested in obtaining information about the Knights of Columbus, contact Gary Labac at 214-649-8043.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

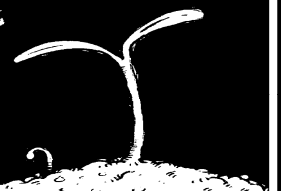
- Lynette Schnitzius

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please join us on July 27 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 110. This will be an informal meeting to answer questions about becoming Catholic. We would love to have you join us.

NOTICE

Purchases from the Catholic Book and Film Fair can be picked up at the Religious Goods counter this weekend. A big thank you to all the volunteers and supporters of this very successful event!

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.





Why do Catholics do that?

Why do we make the sign of the cross?

One of the most familiar and ancient Catholic gestures, the sign of the cross, is a concise way, expresses the basic truths of faith: the Trinity, and the redemption by Jesus on the cross, by the words, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Dipping the fingers into the holy water font on entering the church is a reminder of one's commitment to Christ in baptism. When it is done consciously with attention, this gesture serves as a powerful personal reminder of one's Christian faith. The sign of the cross is used in liturgical celebrations, sacraments, blessings, personal prayer, and devotions.

The most common way to make the sign of the cross is by touching the forehead, the chest, and the left and right shoulders with the fingertips of the open right hand. A priest blesses by tracing the cross in the air with his palm outstretched or while holding a crucifix. He may trace a cross with his thumb on the object he blesses.

SUMMER WORKSHOP Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House Lake Dallas, TX

What are you doing? How does your faith integrate into your daily living? What happens after you attend ACTS, Woman of Grace, Renew, and This Man is You? Come find what and how at the Montserrat Retreat Workshop, "Bringing Christ's Light to Your Life World" directed by Fr. Bernie Owens, S.J., August 1-3. Register online at montserratretreat.org or call 940-321-6020.



COURAGE

Are you or a loved one experiencing homosexual attractions and looking for answers? Do you seek to know the truth about homosexuality and to live that truth in love? **COURAGE** is a support group for men and women who desire to live the truth in the Church's teaching on homosexuality. For more information call 972-938-LIFE (5433), CourageDFW@Catholic.org, or www.CourageRC.net.

COURAGE is endorsed by The Pontifical Council for the Family and is sponsored by The Catholic Dioceses of Dallas and Fort Worth.