

It was common for the Jews of those days to call the Gentiles "dogs" because the Gentiles were ritually impure. At the same time the promises made through the prophets spoke of opening up God's kingdom to all people, whether Jew or Gentile. In the new Covenant, however, the relationship was not going to be based on bloodlines or family ties, but rather faith in Jesus. So Jesus tested the woman who desired the healing of her daughter. Her response brought forth our Lord's approval and He held it up as an example for us all. Jesus seeks faith and trust.

Father Joseph

GIFTS FOR GOD'S WORK		
<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
08/12/07	1884	\$16,115.00
08/10/08	2143	\$12,018.00



Sometimes we need to be reminded of just how important we are when it comes to fulfilling God's plan. Each of us is called to witness to the risen Christ in unique ways. If we don't, God's plan loses some of its beauty. Your Faith witness is very important to all of our young people.

Our 'EDGE' middle school youth program and Faith Formation program are only strong and successful when we have enough volunteers willing to share their time and talents. We have all heard the saying, "Volunteers are not paid... not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS."

Please consider helping us this year as our enrollment continues to increase. The requirements for volunteering are compassion, unselfishness, caring, patience, love of God, and just plain love for one another! If you can help with this very important ministry, please pick up a volunteer form in front of the Faith Formation office or call the office at (972) 279-6581.

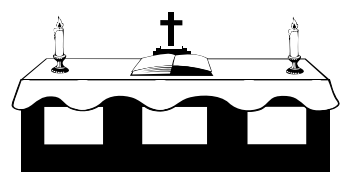
**DO NOT DECEIVE YOURSELVES BY JUST LISTENING TO 'HIS WORD'. INSTEAD, PUT IT INTO PRACTICE.**

*James 1:22*

## A "Night in Las Vegas"

- Felipe Salazar

Excitement is building! A BIG THANK YOU to those who have helped! We do still need MORE PRIZE DONATIONS in order to make our Casino Night a success. If you can donate gift cards, gift certificates, tickets to events, services (lawn care, nail care, beauty, etc.), cosmetics, gas cards, groceries, a boat, CAR or TRUCK, call Edwina Cernosek at (972) 278-6650. You or your business will get free advertising at the Casino Night, acknowledgement in the bulletin, and the satisfaction of helping with the Curran Hall Renovation Fund.



### Ministers of Hospitality

- Penny Mione

Ushers provide an invaluable service to all those attending liturgies at St. Michael. They do much more than circulating baskets at the Offertory and distributing bulletins as we leave church. This practically invisible ministry often goes unnoticed and unappreciated, but that is about to change.

An **Ushers Recognition Banquet** is being held on Tuesday, September 2, at 6:30 p.m. in Curran Hall. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend, so that we can say "Thank You" for all your service.



### Trick or Treat

- Anna Quigley

It sounds a little early to plan, but October is just around the corner! The Community Social Events Group is looking for volunteers to help with a Halloween carnival. We will meet in room 150 at 7 p.m. on **Thursday**, August 21, to start preparations.

If you would enjoy working with a fun group of people who like doing things for our church families, please join us. Call Anna at (972) 279-6581, ext. 14, if you have questions. Otherwise we hope to see you at the meeting!

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, August 17

7:30 a.m. +Reynaldo Santiano by Raquez family  
 9:00 a.m. +Eugene Duffey by his family  
 10:30 a.m. +Ignacio Luna by Gloria Figueroa  
 12:00 noon Mass for the People  
 6:00 p.m. S.I. Margie Dysart by Life Teen

### Monday, August 18

8:00 a.m. +Samuel Guerra by Food Pantry Volunteer

### Tuesday, August 19

8:00 a.m. +Mauro Landeros & Santiago Rangel by Rangel & Landeros family

### Wednesday, August 20

8:00 a.m. S.I. Dorothy & Jaime family

### Thursday, August 21

8:00 a.m. +Mauro Landeros & Santiago Rangel by Rangel & Landeros family

6:30 p.m. +Guillermo Ortiz by Hilda Ortiz

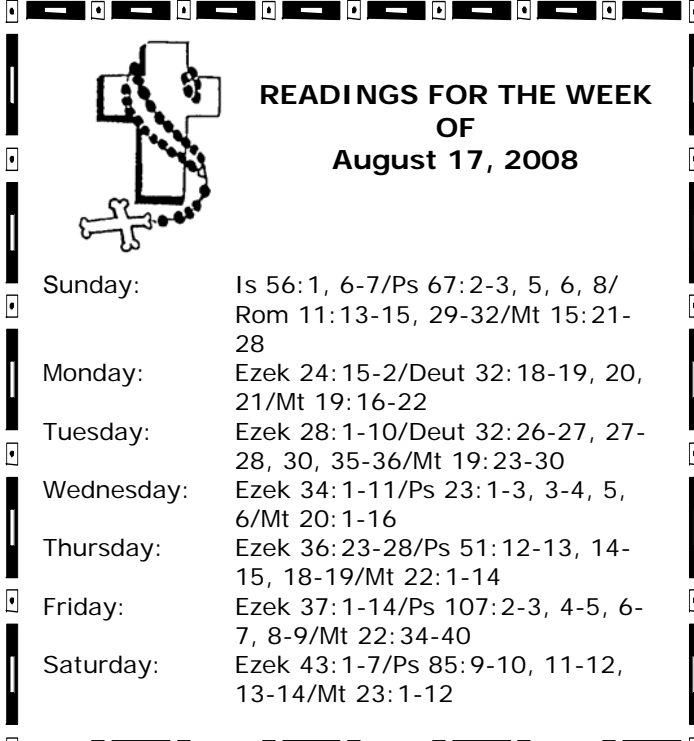
### Friday, August 22

8:00 a.m. +Walter Czaus, Sr., by Walt & Mary Czaus

### Saturday, August 23

8:00 a.m. +Tom Buckley by Ann Buckley  
 5:30 p.m. +Gertrude Saam by Trudi Claxton

Tabernacle candle is provided for the healing of Kennedy by Jassie.



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK  
OF  
August 17, 2008**

Sunday: Is 56: 1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/  
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Ezek 24:15-2/Deut 32:18-19, 20,  
21/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ezek 28:1-10/Deut 32:26-27, 27-  
28, 30, 35-36/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ezek 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5,  
6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ezek 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-  
15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ezek 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-  
7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ezek 43:1-7/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12,  
13-14/Mt 23:1-12

### HAVE A BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT?

Please email your bulletin announcement to [salazar.d@tx.rr.com](mailto:salazar.d@tx.rr.com) before 10 a.m. Monday for inclusion in the following weekend's bulletin.



## This Week in our Parish

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**SUNDAY: August 17, 2008**

8:00 a.m. Boy Scouts Café – Curran Hall

**MONDAY: August 18, 2008**

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

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting – Curran Hall

7:30 p.m. Compassionate Friends – Library

**TUESDAY: August 19, 2008**

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: August 20, 2008**

7:30 p.m. St. Gregory Choir – Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Rm. 110/120

**THURSDAY: August 21, 2008**

6:00 p.m. Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help – Chapel

6:30 p.m. Mass – Chapel

7:00 p.m. 9:00 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. K of C Meeting – Curran Hall

7:00 p.m. Halloween Planning Committee – Rm. 150

7:00 p.m. Rosary Makers Guild – Rm. 140

**FRIDAY: August 22, 2008**

**SATURDAY: August 23, 2008**

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation – Curran Hall

4:30 p.m. Confessions – Chapel

6:30 p.m. "After-Dinner" Evening of Dancing – Curran Hall

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

- Lynette Schnitzius

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is

the process whereby adults

prepare for the Sacraments of

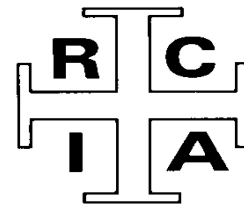
Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

During a series of sessions, adults are receiving support in making

decisions about their "Faith life."

Possible candidates for this Faith journey are:

- ❖ **Unbaptized adults** who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith and possibly become Catholic.
- ❖ **Baptized Christians** from other denominations who would like to learn more about, and possibly be received into, the Catholic Church.
- ❖ **Baptized Catholics** who would like to prepare for Eucharist and/or Confirmation by renewing their understanding of their Catholic faith.



A new RCIA class will begin on August 24 at 10:30 a.m. in room 110. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, we would like to invite you to meet with the St. Michael RCIA team and ask any questions you may have.



## St. Michael Summer Parish Service Project

The St. Michael summer parish service project benefits children from area schools who are in need of school supplies. As you pick up

supplies for your children, please purchase one or two additional items for those less fortunate. If you do not have children, you may:

- Donate money. Please put your donation in an envelope marked "SCHOOL SUPPLIES" and drop it in the collection basket.
- Use Garland ISD or Mesquite ISD school supply lists posted in the stores to purchase supplies. Place the supplies in the basket outside the parish office marked "School Supplies."

With everyone's help the children of our community will get off to a great start this school year!



## St. Michael Rosary Makers Guild



- Lili Rivera

The next meeting of the St. Michael Rosary Makers Guild will be held Thursday, August 21, at 7 p.m. in room 140. Please join us in making rosaries that will be sent to Catholic missions.



## Natural Family Planning

- Anna Quigley

Please join us for this series of three monthly meetings for couples interested in the practical art of natural family planning. The next class will take place on Thursday evenings - August 28, September 25, October 23 - from 7-9:30 p.m. in Room 110/120. Bob and Colleen Fries, a nationally certified teaching couple, will facilitate the evenings. Please call Bob and Colleen at (972) 278-9228 if you have any questions or to register. Flyers can be found in the narthex.



**O God,  
let all  
nations  
praise you!**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL 11862**

## EVENTS CALENDAR

- August 9-10** Passbook Sales after all Masses
- 14** Officers Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 16-17** Passbook Sales after all Masses
- 21** Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 23-24** Passbook Sales after all Masses

Sign up now for the 34<sup>th</sup> annual K of C State Golf Tournament being held September 12-14 in Bastrop, TX. For information call Richard Fuja at (972) 686-4754 or Leo Whalen at (972) 686-7266.

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

**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 six months in advance for preparation.

For more information, contact Anna Quigley in the Marriage Ministry office at (972) 279-6581, ext. 14.



## DAILY ADORATION



- Sheila Seifert

Jesus invites all of us to spend time with Him in the chapel, where He is present in the Eucharist exposed in the Monstrance. He is asking each and every one to speak to Him, listen to Him, and petition Him to guide us through all the difficulties we face. You may recite your favorite prayers, read the Bible, or do whatever type of prayer devotion that suits you before our Lord. For more information, please call Sheila at (214) 552-0636.





- Penny Mione

The **St. Gregory Choir** provides the music at the 10:30 a.m. liturgy each Sunday. This wonderful collection of talented singers meets for fun, fellowship, and a little singing once a week. Beginning on September 9, rehearsals will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Anyone who is interested in praising God in song is invited to join. Singing in a choir is a lot of fun and is about much more than just singing. Come and see what we're all about!

The **Littlest Angel Choir** will begin the 2008/2009 season with a parent meeting on Wednesday, September 3, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Membership in this choir is taken from elementary school-aged children, grades 1-6. Parents, please talk with your children about becoming involved in ministry at this age. Nothing pleases God more than the sound of a child's voice in prayer!

**Praise God  
All You Peoples!**



### 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.



### Strike for Life Bowl-a-Thon

Join pro-life friends of all ages on Sunday, September 21, from 1-4 p.m. at the Plano Super Bowl, 2521 K Avenue in Plano, for an afternoon of bowling, door prizes, contest prizes, a silent auction, and snacks! Register online now at [www.prolifedallas.org](http://www.prolifedallas.org).

