

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.



In the Jewish religion, crucifixion was an unclean death. In the Roman empire, it was forbidden to execute Roman citizens by crucifixion because it was so terrible. Yet, as Christians, we exalt the Cross. We begin every prayer with the sign of the Cross. We adorn our churches and our homes with the Cross. Many of us wear a Cross around our necks. Why do we extol such a horrific instrument of death? Because Jesus Christ used the Cross to overcome the power of death, to forgive our sins, and to bring us Salvation. For that reason alone, the Cross is sweet.  
 Father Joseph

GIFTS FOR GOD'S WORK		
<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
09/09/07	2121	\$17,965.00
09/07/08	2147	\$18,009.00



We have a great year planned! Our 'EDGE' core-leaders and volunteers are ready to take on the challenge of sharing their time and talent with your middle school youth. We would like to thank all of our 'EDGE' volunteers! We could not have such a faith filled, successful program without them. Wednesday was our first night back, and we were ready to 'EDGE'cate your youth! All parents should have received a copy of 'THE EDGE' lesson plans for our Fall and Spring sessions. We want the parents to quiz your 'EDGER' on the nights lesson. They should pass with flying colors!

Also coming soon is our Faith Formation Newsletter. This will give you monthly information on all of our Religious Education Programs here at St. Michael. Should you ever have any questions, comments or concerns about 'THE EDGE' program, do not hesitate to contact Lisa at (972) 279-6581, ext. 11, or [lisa.gonzales56@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lisa.gonzales56@sbcglobal.net). Thank you for your cooperation.

## FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL

On September 27, Saint Michael will be celebrating our parish feast day. Saint Michael is the Captain of the Heavenly Host. He is also the patron of police officers, fire fighters, and emergency medical personnel. As part of our festivities, we are inviting them to the 5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass to receive a special blessing and to join the whole parish in celebrating our Patron Saint with a meal and entertainment in Curran Hall. Please make plans to attend our parish feast, to honor Saint Michael, to grow in fellowship with our parishioners, and to show support of those who serve us in the community.



### HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Saturday, October 25

6:30-9:00 PM

CURRAN HALL

- Anna Quigley

Many volunteers are needed!

Here are ways you can help:

- Set up - Saturday, Oct. 25, at 10:00 AM
- Help run a game booth - Saturday, Oct. 25, 6:30-9:00 PM
- Clean up after the carnival - Saturday, Oct. 25, 9:00-10:30 PM
- Donate candy or prizes (now thru October 24)
- Donate cakes/cupcakes for the cakewalk - Please bring them Friday, Oct. 24, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM and Saturday, Oct. 25, 10:00 AM-1 PM)

## A "Night in Las Vegas"

- Felipe Salazar

Pre-sale tickets for Casino Night will be occurring during the month of September. We need to do this in order to make all the preparations for this big event. Come to the ticket table and get information, purchase your tickets and Casino Money. As an individual, you can also become a Platinum, Gold, and Silver sponsor and automatically get some tickets to get into the Casino Night!



Volunteer forms can be found in the narthex. Please fill one out and return it to the box on the Family Life Office door next to the Religious Goods Store. Contact Anna at (972) 279-6581, ext. 14, if you have questions. **Confirmation students: great service project!**

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Wish List: Sponsors, Policemen, Bartenders, Airline Miles, and Prizes

# MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, September 13**

8:00 a.m. +Fr. James Brown by Minerva Moreno  
 5:30 p.m. +Issac Palomares by Minerva Moreno

**Sunday, September 14**

7:30 a.m. +Elida Villarreal by Minerva Moreno  
 9:00 a.m. +Eugene Duffey by his family  
 10:30 a.m. +Maria Alvarado  
 12:00 noon Mass for the People  
 6:00 p.m. +Teresita A. Belino by Belino family

**Monday, September 15**

8:00 a.m. +Eddie Villarreal by Minerva Moreno

**Tuesday, September 16**

8:00 a.m. S.I. Joel Salazar by his parents

**Wednesday, September 17**

8:00 a.m. S.I. Homer Rivera by Minerva Moreno

**Thursday, September 18**

8:00 a.m. +Frank Ivancic by Ivancic family  
 6:30 p.m. S.I. Dorothy & Jaime Sanchez

**Friday, September 19**

8:00 a.m. +Sophie Wilkinson by Carl Wilkinson

Tabernacle candle is for the special intentions of Gabriel Martinez Rangel by Maria Santos Rangel. Altar flowers are in memory of Joe & Edith La Vorgna and Jim Germany by Ken & Lorraine Nobra.



## This Week in our Parish

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**SUNDAY: September 14, 2008**

8:00 a.m. Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast – Curran Hall  
 8:00 a.m. Visitors & Welcoming Committee – Youth Room  
 9:00 a.m. RCIA – Library  
 1:30 p.m. Squires Meeting – Room 140  
 3:00 p.m. Y-Teen – Curran Hall

**MONDAY: September 15, 2008**

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting – Curran Hall  
 7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Training – Sanctuary  
 7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul – Youth Room  
 7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Squires – Youth Room  
 7:30 p.m. Compassionate Friends – Library  
**TUESDAY: September 16, 2008**  
 10:00 a.m. Women's Craft Group – Pit Area  
 7:00 p.m. St. Gregory Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary  
 7:00 p.m. 12:00 Noon Choir Rehearsal – Curran Hall  
 7:00 p.m. Financial Committee Meeting – Room 140

**WEDNESDAY: September 17, 2008**

6:00 p.m. Littlest Angel Choir – Sanctuary  
 6:30 p.m. "The Edge" – Curran Hall, RM & SY  
 7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Rm. 110/120  
**THURSDAY: September 18, 2008**  
 6:00 p.m. Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help – Chapel

6:30 p.m. Mass – Chapel  
 7:00 p.m. Casino Night Planning Meeting – Rm. 110/120  
 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting – Curran Hall  
 7:00 p.m. Marriage and Family Life – Library  
 7:30 p.m. 9:00 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

**FRIDAY: September 19, 2008**

5:00 p.m. Parish Retreat – Curran Hall

**SATURDAY: September 20, 2008**

8:00 a.m. Parish Retreat – Curran Hall  
 4:30 p.m. Confessions – Chapel

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

- Sheila Seifert  
 Training for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will be in the sanctuary on Monday, September 15 and 22 at 7:00 PM. **Both sessions must be attended.** Registration forms are in the narthex. Questions? Call Sheila at (214) 552-0636.



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF September 14, 2008**

Sunday: Num 21:4-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Ph 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
 Monday: Heb 5:7-9/Ps 31:2-3, 3-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17  
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31, 13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12, 22/Lk 7:31-35  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50  
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1, 6-7, 8, 15/Lk 8:1-3  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15

**PARISH RETREAT  
 SEPTEMBER 19 & 20**



**Mother's Day Out**

We have begun accepting applications. Your participation in our program is greatly needed. Please contact Hilda Rodriguez at (972) 681-4850 if you have any questions.



Rachel Kollhoff – Coordinator

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Make sure to check out our website for current info

[www.smlifeteen.com](http://www.smlifeteen.com)

**Life Teen is back and ready for a New Year!!**

Upcoming Events:

My Father's House - Sunday, September 14, 7:00 PM in Curran Hall (Life Night followed after Life Teen Mass)

Strike for Life Bowl-A-Thon - Sunday, September 21, 1 PM-4 PM. An afternoon filled with fun and bowling to help raise money for Pro-Life. Open to all high school students. A few spots are left, so sign up A.S.A.P.

Hike for Life: October 4, 2008

Sign up and have fun raising money for a great cause. This is a great service project for Confirmation students!

World Youth Day: October 26. Sign up today!! Permissions slips are on the Life Teen Youth Table or on the Life Teen website.

Volunteer positions that are still needed to be filled:

Safety Monitors during Life Night sessions on Sunday night. This is very important and they are in great need.



- Jaki Rutter

**Adult Bible Study** - New Fall program begins October 15 on Wednesday evenings

in Room 110/120 from 7-8:30 PM. We are beginning a 7-week study of 'Letter to the Hebrews,' using the new Scott Hahn Ignatius Catholic Bible commentary. COME, bring your bible and join our open, regular study group where you will find new friends, fellowship, small group sharing and supportive community prayer. See our new Fall schedule in the literature rack in the narthex. Inquiries are welcome; please call Jaki or Marvin Rutter at (972) 686-6367.

### First Annual 5K Race

First Annual 5K Race for Hope benefiting HELPING HANDS Medical Missions, a Catholic organization that provides medical care during weeklong trips to Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, Brazil, Venezuela, Philippines, and Ghana. To be held on September 20 at Katy Trail in Dallas. Please call the office at (972) 438-6900 or visit our website [www.bhmm.org](http://www.bhmm.org) for more information.

### Rachel's Corner

In a survey conducted by the Elliot Institute, ([www.afterabortion.org](http://www.afterabortion.org)) nearly three of every five post-abortive women had subsequent thoughts of suicide. Twenty-eight percent actually attempted suicide. We can help.

Abortion AfterCare-Healing  
214.544.CARE [healing@racheldallas.org](mailto:healing@racheldallas.org)



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL 11862**

### EVENTS CALENDAR

- September 6-7** Passbook Sales – After all Masses
- 11** Officers Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 14** Pancake Breakfast
- 18** Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 27** Holy Smokers – Feast of St. Michael

Football Sweepstakes tickets are available; your chance to win \$1,000.00. Tickets are \$10.00 each and good for 10 weeks. Contact Bill Cernosek at (972) 278-6650.

Feast of St. Michael is going to be a tremendous event; featuring award-winning food prepared by our Holy Smokers, live entertainment, and fun for the entire family. Encourage everyone in our parish to attend.

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

- Lynette Schmitzius

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 helped to make a decision concerning their "Faith life."

Possible candidates for this Faith journey are:

- ❖ **Unbaptized adults** who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of becoming Catholic.
- ❖ **Baptized Christians** from other denominations who would like to learn more 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.

RCIA sessions will begin today at 9:00 a.m. in the library. 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. Or, if you would just like to learn more about the Catholic faith, please join us.

Remember the bulletin is on St. Michael's web  
[www.stmichaelgarland.org](http://www.stmichaelgarland.org)



**CALLING ALL SINGERS!**

- Penny Mione

A combined choir is being formed for The Feast of St. Michael! No rehearsals are necessary since we are singing familiar patriotic music. Plan to come to the church on Saturday, September 27, at 4:30 PM. Wear something blue and we will fill up the choir section in the church! Call Penny Mione at (972) 279-6581, ext. 15, to reserve your seat. See you there!!

### **THE LITTLEST ANGELS CHOIR**

All elementary aged children from St. Michael are invited to join the Littlest Angels. This unique opportunity to sing in a choir teaches even young children how important it is to participate in the Mass. It really is a lot of fun! Rehearsals are held every Wednesday night from 6:00-7:00 in the church.

*Do not forget the  
works of the LORD!*

75247. This event will train and equip Hispanic leaders in issues and strategies related to the sanctity of life and family and will feature international pro-life leaders. To register, or for more information, visit [www.congresoprovidadedallas.org](http://www.congresoprovidadedallas.org) or call Aurora Tinajero at (972) 639-0259.

### **Young Serran Annual Fall Retreat**

*October 10-12, Crosspoint Camp on Lake Texoma, OK*  
If you are a young adult (married or single), come join the Young Serra Community of Dallas on a weekend get-a-way for prayer, spiritual renewal, food, and fellowship. Fr. Michael and the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will be leading our retreat. Father Austin of St. Rita's will also be in attendance. Registration (including lodging and food) ends September 26. For more information, contact Adrian Rodriguez at (512) 587-4115 or [acefalcon@msn.com](mailto:acefalcon@msn.com). For registration, contact Mai Le at (214) 563-4713 or [mhle7363@yahoo.com](mailto:mhle7363@yahoo.com).

### **Catholic Pro-Life Congress**

The Catholic Pro-Life Committee Spanish Ministry and Vida Humana Internacional will present the First National Hispanic Pro-Life Congress, September 19-21, 2008, at the Sterling Hotel, 1055 Regal Row, Dallas,