

The other day, I heard that the enemy of greatness is the willingness to be "good enough." But those who aspire to be followers of Jesus Christ really should not be satisfied with being "good enough." Rather, we seek to imitate Jesus Christ. True greatness as a Christian will result when we are emptied of self importance and instead take on the attitude of Christ - humility. By emptying Himself even of His importance as Lord and God, Jesus obtained for us salvation and glory. His Name is exalted above every other name and He calls us to the same glory in the Father.

Father Joseph

LIVING ROSARY - Gloria Perez



A Living Rosary will be recited on Tuesday, October 7, at **6:30 PM**. Fifty-nine people are needed to portray the beads of the rosary. Please sign up by calling Gloria in the parish office at (972)

279-6581, ext. 10, if you wish to be a "bead." "Beads" will line up at 6:00 PM in the narthex. Everyone is welcome to attend!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Jaki Rutter

New fall program begins October 15. We'll meet in Room 110/120 on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 PM.



****New member pre-registration on October 8, same time and room.**** We will complete a 7-week study of "Letter to the Hebrews," using the new Scott Hahn Ignatius Catholic Bible commentary. Bring your Bible and join our study group where you will find new friends, fellowship, small group sharing, and supportive community prayer. See our new fall schedule on the literature rack in the narthex. Inquiries are welcome. Please call Jaki or Marvin Rutter at (972) 686-6367.

MOTHER'S DAY OUT - Hilda Rodriguez

Due to low interest Mother's Day Out is temporarily not being offered. We will propose it again in December. If you have any questions, please contact Hilda Rodriguez at (469) 471-1612.

GIFTS FOR GOD'S WORK

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
09/23/07	2181	\$13,938.00
09/21/08	2165	\$14,662.00
Hurricane Relief		\$4,238.95



****A REMINDER TO ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND PARENTS****

Our first, in a series of four, Confirmation "SUPER SUNDAY'S" will be held Sunday, September 28, from 1:30-3:30 PM in Curran Hall. The series of "SUPER SUNDAY'S" is required for parents, students, and sponsors who will be participating in the sacrament of Confirmation on April 3, 2009. Please remember to bring all completed paperwork that is due at that time. Parents should have received the Confirmation packet at the required Confirmation meetings. If you do not have the packet, please stop by the Faith Formation office and pick one up. This information will give you all the Confirmation requirements and answer any questions you may have. Should you need further assistance, do not hesitate to call our FF office at (972) 279-6581 or lisa.gonzales56@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of our FF programs.

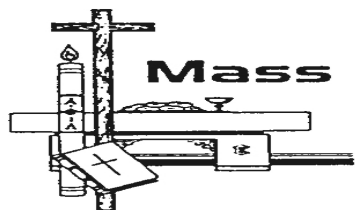
CASINO NIGHT - Felipe Salazar

A quick look at Curran Hall's tables, chairs and stage illustrates how much they need to be replaced. You can have some fun and help raise funds to refurbish the hall at a Casino Night. The winnings from your gambling that night will be converted to raffle tickets to be used for prizes. There will be gaming lessons, bingo, silent auction, music, drinks, and food! If you cannot attend Casino Night, please consider being a sponsor of this event.



35th ANNUAL HIKE FOR LIFE - Tom Clark

The H4L is Dallas' oldest Pro-Life event. Since 1973 Hike for Life has raised money for crisis pregnancy centers of Dallas. Please plan on attending the hike which begins at 8:00 AM on Saturday, October 4, in Audubon Park of Garland (near wave pool). For more information, please go to www.hikeforlifetx.org or call Tom Clark at (214) 282-6297.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 27

8:00 a.m. S.I. Lisa by Mary Lou & Irma
 5:30 p.m. +Julie Bond by Doc & Mary Jo

Sunday, September 28

7:30 a.m. +Julie Bond by Doc & Mary Jo
 9:00 a.m. +Eugene Duffey by his family
 10:30 a.m. S.I. Martinez & Rangel families by Maria
 Martinez-Rangel
 12:00 noon Mass for the People
 6:00 p.m. S.I. Ava Sunstrom by Life Teen

Monday, September 29

8:00 a.m. +Gabriel Castro by Ojeda family

Tuesday, September 30

8:00 a.m. S.I. Egboh family by Bibian Egboh

Wednesday, October 1

8:00 a.m. +Julie Bond by Doc & Mary Jo

Thursday, October 2

8:00 a.m. S.I. Ben Gonzales by St. Michael Staff
 6:30 p.m. +Magno & All Souls by Nida Coteangco

Friday, October 3

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

Tabernacle candle is provided in memory of John Cernosek by Bill & Edwina Cernosek.



The Week Ahead

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY: September 28, 2008

9:00 a.m. RCIA – Rm. 140
 3:00 p.m. Y-Teen – Curran Hall

MONDAY: September 29, 2008

7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul – Youth Room
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting – Curran Hall
 7:30 p.m. Compassionate Friends – Library

TUESDAY: September 30, 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

WEDNESDAY: October 1, 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: October 2, 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. Pre-Baptismal Class – Rm. 110/120

7:30 p.m. 9:00 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

FRIDAY: October 3, 2008

SATURDAY: October 4, 2008

4:30 p.m. Confessions – Chapel

PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS - Felipe & Diane Salazar

A pre-baptismal class is held at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month 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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF September 28, 2008



Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
 Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or RV 12:7-12ab/Ps138 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
 Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88: 2-3, 5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Jb 19:21-17/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) - 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 inquiry sessions adults are helped to discern and decide their "Life of Faith".

RCIA sessions are held in room 140 on Sunday mornings at 9:00. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, we would like to extend an invitation to meet with the St. Michael RCIA Team to ask any questions you may have. Or if you would just like to learn more about the Catholic faith, please join us.

"ALL HOLIDAY BAZAAR"

- Jean Hauptert

"All Holiday Bazaar" will be held Saturday, October 11, 10 AM-6:30 PM and Sunday, October 12, 7 AM-1 PM in Curran Hall. Please support this important event whose proceeds are donated to St. Michael Food Pantry. The bazaar is sponsored by the Women's Craft Group.



Rachel Kollhoff – Coordinator

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Make sure to check out our website for current info.

www.smlifeteen.com

Each Sunday we attend Life Teen Mass at 6 PM followed by a Life Night that lasts until 9 PM.

Upcoming Events:

B.O.B & W.O.W: Wednesdays in Youth Room from 7-9 PM. All High School teens are welcome!!

Hike 4 Life: October 4, 2008, Audubon Park

Sign up to have fun raising money for a great cause!! This is an awesome service project for Confirmation students!!!

World Youth Day: October 26

Sign up today. SPACES ARE LIMITED!!! Permission slips can be found on the Life Teen Youth Table or on the Life Teen Website.

Volunteer positions that still need to be filled:

Safety Monitors during our Life Night sessions on Sunday nights! We really need YOU!



HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Saturday, October 25

6:30-9:00 PM

Curran Hall

- Anna Quigley

Many volunteers are needed to:

- 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 on Friday, Oct. 24, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM or Saturday, Oct. 25, 10:00 AM-1 PM



Volunteer forms can be found in the narthex. Complete and return forms 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!**



Lectors, Ministers of the Eucharist, and Altar Servers: New ministry schedules have been emailed or are available in the sacristy. Pick yours up during the week or on Sunday. Schedules with names are stored behind the sacristy door. Thank you for your service!

EAGLE SCOUT ALEX NEWTON

- Chris Fowler

A cradle Catholic member of our parish, Alex Newton has been in Scouts since the age of 5. His parents are Kurt and Claire Newton. Alex is a senior at North Mesquite High School where he is the captain of his academic team. His hobbies are tennis and decathlons. He is active in Troop 548 as a Junior Associate Scoutmaster. We are very proud of this accomplished Eagle Scout!

Congratulations!!

Lighthouse Catholic Media

Featured CD:

“UNDERSTANDING THE LORD’S PRAYER”

by Dr. Scott Hahn

The Lord’s Prayer is the centerpiece of the most famous sermon ever preached, The Sermon on the Mount. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that this prayer “is truly the summary of the whole Gospel.” By blending Scripture with incredible insights of the early Church Fathers, Dr. Scott Hahn helps us discover the critical importance of The Lord’s Prayer in our daily journey of faith. Be sure to pick up your copy of this CD in the narthex.

HONDURAS MEDICAL MISSION

- Deacon Charlie Stump

The Diocese of Dallas asks that you donate your used eyeglasses and sunglasses to its Medical Team for the annual mission to Honduras. Glasses are much appreciated by the poor who have no resources to buy their own. Please leave donated glasses in the basket on the table outside Gloria Perez’s office.



Also the priests from Trujillo, Honduras, have asked if we would collect family-oriented DVDs in Spanish or with Spanish subtitles. There are no theaters in the areas they serve, and occasionally the priests would like to show movies to their parishioners.

YOUNG-AT-HEART - Rich & Judy Fuja



Let’s play Bingo!! Join us in Curran Hall on Wednesday, October 15, at 1:00 PM. You’ll enjoy a great time of fun and fellowship. Light snacks will be served. Hope to see you there!!

LITTLEST ANGELS CHOIR - Penny Mione

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

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.



The bulletin and all events can be viewed on our website: www.stmichaelgarland.org.

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 sponsored by The Catholic Dioceses of Dallas and Fort Worth.

***Rachel's Corner***

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