

Through the prophet Nathan the Lord promised to build David a house, that is, a dynasty. Just as the Lord had chosen David from among his many brothers, the Lord would accomplish the establishment of the true and lasting Kingship. That promise is fulfilled in the Son of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Son of God Himself has taken the throne of David. Jesus' reign will never end.

Father Joseph

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
12/16/07	2055	\$16,467.00
12/14/08	2094	\$20,409.00
Religious Retirement Fund		\$2,493.00

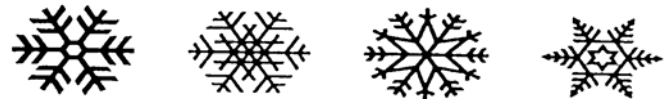
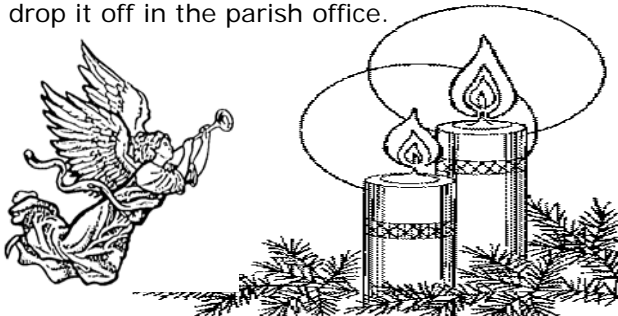


Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ, is coming to St. Michael

Celebrate the Year of St. Paul! Fr. Mitch Pacwa SJ will speak on the "Introduction to Saint Paul: Steward of the Mysteries" at 9:00 AM and "St. Paul and the Family" at 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 31, in the sanctuary. He will provide valuable insights into St. Paul's background: Who was this Pharisee turned Christian, and how did his identity affect his writings and his approach to the Faith? Make plans to attend.

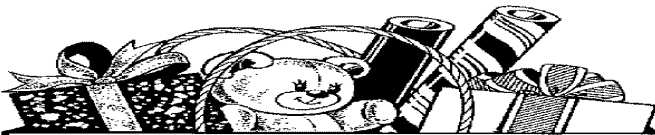
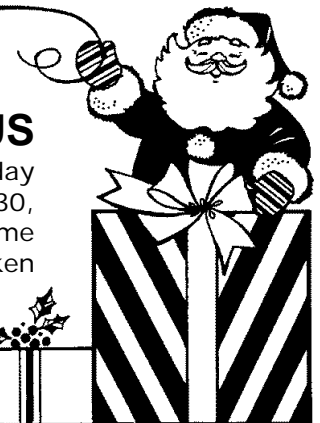
Remembrance Masses

Remembrance Masses will be offered on December 24 & 25. To request a Mass fill out a Mass card, which you can obtain in the narthex, and place it in the collection basket. Or drop it off in the parish office.



SANTA CLAUS

is in Curran Hall today after the 9:00, 10:30, and noon Masses. Come have your picture taken with Santa for only \$2!

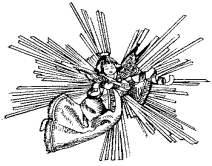


MOTHER'S DAY OUT

- Hilda Rodriguez

Mother's Day Out is offering babysitting on Tuesday from 9 AM-1 PM, so parents can Christmas shop and know that their little ones are in good hands. The cost is \$20. Contact Hilda Rodriguez at (469) 471-1612.





MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 20

8:00 a.m. +Wilma Rottman by Rottman family
 5:30 p.m. +Reynaldo Santiano by Roque & Santiano Family

Sunday, December 21

7:30 a.m. S.I. Egboh family by Bibian Egboh
 9:00 a.m. +Reynaldo Santiano by Roque & Santiano family
 10:30 a.m. +Diana Rodriguez by Deacon Joe & Gloria Perez
 12:00 noon Mass for the People
 6:00 p.m. +Melissa Perez by Sheila Seifert

Monday, December 22

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

Tuesday, December 23

8:00 a.m. +Joe & Kevin Bryne by Bryne family

Wednesday, December 24

8:00 a.m. Christmas Remembrance Mass

Thursday, December 25

8:00 a.m. Christmas Remembrance Mass

Friday, December 26

8:00 a.m. +Antonio & Catherine Lombardo by Gina & Andy Saldana

Tabernacle candle is provided in memory of Joe & Kevin Bryne by the Bryne family.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
 December 21, 2008**



Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
 Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
 Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79
 Thursday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
 Friday: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
 Saturday: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20



The Week Ahead

Fourth Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY: December 21

10:00 a.m. Pictures with Santa – Curran Hall
 9:00 a.m. RCIA – Rm. 260
 3:00 p.m. Y-Teen – Curran Hall

MONDAY: December 22

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

TUESDAY: December 23

WEDNESDAY: December 24

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass - Sanctuary
 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass - Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass – Sanctuary
 8:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass – Sanctuary
 12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass – Sanctuary

THURSDAY: December 25

9:00 a.m. Christmas Mass – Sanctuary
 11:00 a.m. Christmas Mass - Sanctuary

FRIDAY: December 26

SATURDAY: December 27

4:30 p.m. Confessions – Chapel



Mass Schedule for Christmas

December 24

4, 5:30, 7, 8:30 & Midnight

December 25

9 & 11 AM

VIGIL FOR THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

December 31

7 PM

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1

8 & 10 AM



JOY TO THE WORLD!



Rachel Kollhoff - Coordinator
 smyouth@sbcglobal.net 972-279-6581 ext 17
 Be sure to check out our website for current info:

www.smlifeteen.com

(All forms can be found on the website.)

Life Teen starts with Life Teen Mass at 6 PM, followed by a Life Night that ends at 9 PM.

Upcoming Events:

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

No B.O.B & W.O.W on these Dates: Dec. 24 & 31

(B.O.B & W.O.W will start back up January 7, 2009)

New Semester of Life Night will begin Jan. 25, 2009

(SEMESTER TOPIC: Church & Sacraments)

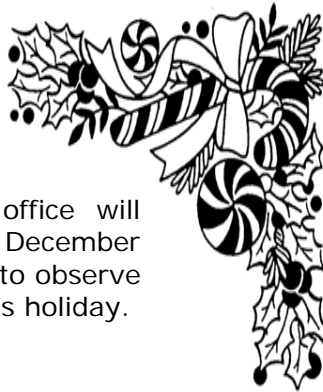


**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 COUNCIL 11862**

EVENTS CALENDAR

- December 21** Christmas Raffle Drawing 2 PM, Curran Hall
25 Merry Christmas!

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



The parish office will be closed December 24, 25 & 26 to observe the Christmas holiday.

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*Final Reminder for
 Christmas Food Drive
 December 24 last day*

- Bob Mione

Turkeys, canned hams up to 12 pounds, non-perishable food items such as canned vegetables/fruit/juice, and cash donations are still being accepted by the St. Michael Food Pantry. While the level of giving has stayed the same, requests for assistance have increased tremendously. So please be generous when you can. God bless you!

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**MUSIC
 MINISTRY**

- Penny Mione

The Contemporary Choir, which sings at 9:00 Mass, will be music ministers for 4:00 Mass on Christmas Eve. The Life Teen Band will be the music ministers at the 5:30 Mass. Terry May will cantor at the 7:00 and 8:30 Masses. The St. Gregory Choir, which normally sings at 10:30 Mass, will be the Music ministers at Midnight Mass and Begin with the Singing of carols Thirty minutes Before Mass.

INSPIRING CATHOLIC CDs

- Lili Rivera

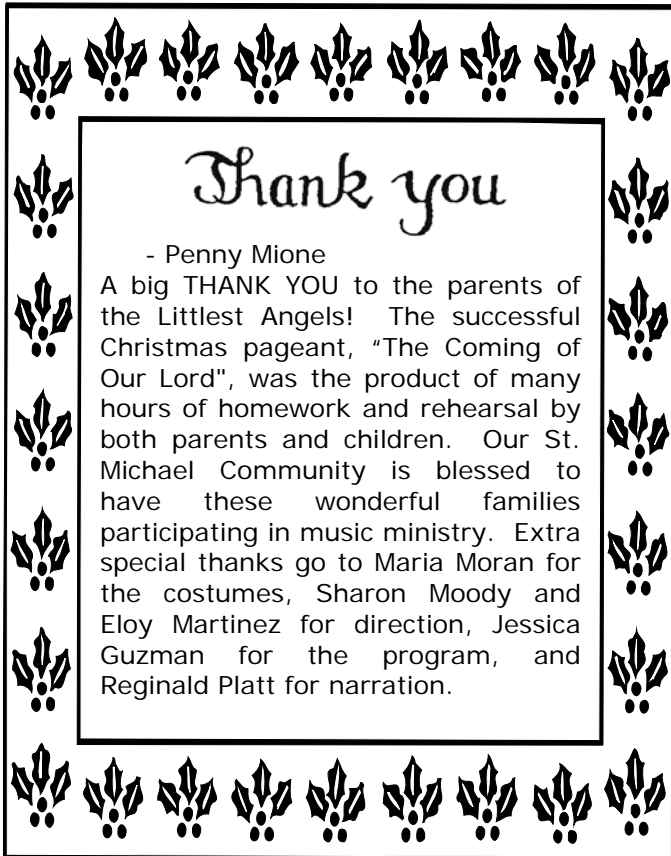
Give the gift of an **Inspiring Catholic CD** that might enlighten you or someone you love. Wonderful selections are available in the display in the narthex.



Have a Suggestion?

We have a suggestion box for your ideas, comments, concerns, or suggestions. This box will only be opened by Parish Council members. Staff and clergy will not have access to comments submitted in this box. The box has a "COMMENTS" label on it and is located on a table in the narthex.

Forever
I Will Sing
The Goodness Of The Lord.



Donate and shop at the Catholic Charities' World of Goods Resale Store

Want to help those less fortunate during the Christmas season? Donate the gift of furniture! Check out their website at www.catholiccharitiesdallas.org. Call the store to schedule a furniture pick-up now at (214) 342-8231.



INCREASED OFFERTORY APPEAL

Our Increased Offertory Appeal continues to meet with success. It is gratifying to learn that more and more of our parish families have answered Fr. Joseph's letter, by increasing the amount of their weekly offering. The additional income is providing the financial means to achieve the goals that were outlined at the beginning of this effort.

Just a reminder: please use the special commitment card to indicate your new level of offering, and then, in succeeding weeks, resume the use of your regular offertory envelopes.