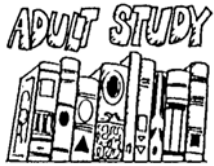




**Look, There Is The Lamb Of God!**

God always takes the first step in our relationship. He created us. Scripture says that God chose us in Him (Christ) before the foundation of the world (see Ephesians 1:4). Still, we have to respond if we are going to know the Lord as well as we can know Him. Samuel had to be listening; Andrew had to accept Jesus' invitation to come and see. The Lord calls each of us to a profound and personal relationship with Him. It is a relationship which will transform our lives and how we treat other people. But we do have to say "yes."  
 Father Joseph



**St. Michael's Adult Bible Study**

- Jaki Rutter  
 The Adult Bible Study will resume our "Come and See" Series on Wednesday, January 21, at 7 PM in room 110/120.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS' THE HOLY SMOKERS**



Plan your Super Bowl menu now. *THE HOLY SMOKERS* from our Knights of Columbus will be preparing barbecue for your family's Super Bowl dinner or party. Place your order now for some **Serious Texas Barbecue** - beef brisket, chicken, and ribs - all fully cooked, sliced, and ready to serve. For more details check with *THE HOLY SMOKERS* at their order table in the narthex after Mass, or call Gary Labac at 214-649-8043 or Jeff Muessig at 214-533-1046.



**GIFTS FOR GOD'S WORK**

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
01/13/08	2185	\$17,136.00
01/11/09	2259	\$20,245.00

A second collection will be taken this weekend for the Church in Latin America.

**Pro-Life News**



**"Fight FOCA Postcard Campaign" January 24-25**

The "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) is a radical piece of legislation that creates a "fundamental right" to abortion throughout the nine months of pregnancy. No governmental body at any level – federal, state, or local – would be able to "deny or interfere with" this right, or to "discriminate" against its exercise "in the regulation or provision of benefits, services, or information." For the first time, abortion would become an *entitlement* the government must fund and promote.

FOCA goes far beyond the Supreme Court's *Roe v Wade* decision of 1973. A broad range of laws currently allowed under *Roe* would be eliminated – informed consent laws, parental involvement laws, laws promoting maternal health, abortion clinic regulations, government programs and facilities that support childbirth and other health care without subsidizing abortion, conscience protection law, laws prohibiting a particular abortion procedure (e.g., partial birth abortion), laws requiring that abortions only be performed by a licensed physician, and so on. No other piece of legislation would have such a destructive impact on society's ability to limit or regulate abortion. FOCA would impose an extreme abortion regimen on our country. Despite its misleading name, it would deprive the American people of the freedom they now have to set at least some limits on the abortion industry.

The "**Fight FOCA Postcard Campaign**" sends the message to Congress that the radical policies of FOCA are out of step with the most basic values of the American people and should not become a part of our nation's laws. The Bishops voted unanimously to sponsor a nationwide "**Fight FOCA Postcard Campaign**." at the General Meeting of the U.S. Bishops in November.

Please fill out the postcard strips that are placed in the pews to express your objection of FOCA to Congress. A \$1 donation is requested to cover the postage which will be placed on the cards before mailing. Thank you.

**RCIA – Sunday at 9 AM in the Library. Please join us!**





**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, January 17**

8:00 a.m. S.I. Dorothy & Jaime Sanchez  
 5:30 p.m. +Melissa Perez by Esperanza Rios

**Sunday, January 18**

7:30 a.m. +Desmond Alton Cole by Terry Wilk  
 9:00 a.m. S.I. Joseph Le by Mareleine Tran  
 10:30 a.m. +Vicente, Beatriz, Helen, John & Jose Maria and all souls in purgatory by Fred & Dinah Gatela  
 12:00 noon Mass for the People  
 6:00 p.m. +Richard D. Brandon, Jr., by William Brandon & family

**Monday, January 19**

8:00 a.m. +Herbert White by Nita Davis

**Tuesday, January 20**

8:00 a.m. +Emma Smith by Jack & Marcy Smith

**Wednesday, January 21**

8:00 a.m. +Wilhelmina Brandon by William Brandon & family

**Thursday, January 22**

8:00 a.m. +Dorothy & Jaime Sanchez  
 6:30 p.m. +Wilhelmina Brandon by William Brandon & family

**Friday, January 23**

8:00 a.m. +Richard D. Brandon by William Brandon & family

Tabernacle candle is provided in memory of William L. Kleis by Mary Jane & Albert Merkle. Alar flowers are provided in memory of Kay Benninger by Steve Peroski.



**This Week in our Parish**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SUNDAY: January 18**  
 8:00 a.m. Boy Scouts Café – Curran Hall  
 8:30 a.m. Life Teen Fund Raiser – Narthex  
 8:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus - Narthex  
 8:45 a.m. Faith Formation – Curran Hall  
 9:00 a.m. RCIA – Library  
 3:00 p.m. Life Teen – Curran Hall

**MONDAY: January 19**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation – Curran Hall  
 7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends – Library  
 7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul – Youth Room  
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts – Curran Hall

**TUESDAY: January 20**

10:00 a.m. Women's Craft Group – Pit Area  
 7:00 p.m. Ministers Meeting – Curran Hall  
 7:00 p.m. St. Gregory Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary  
 7:00 p.m. 12:00 Noon Choir Rehearsal – Curran Hall

**WEDNESDAY: January 21**

6:00 p.m. Littlest Angel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary  
 7:00 p.m. The "EDGE" – Curran Hall, Rms, & SY  
 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Rm. 110/120

**THURSDAY: January 22**

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. Altar Society Meeting – Rm. 110/120  
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Parent Meeting – Rm. 150  
 7:30 p.m. 9:00 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

**FRIDAY: January 23**

**SATURDAY: January 24**

8:00 a.m. Faith Formation – Curran Hall, Rms, & SY  
 4:30 p.m. Confessions – Chapel

**FR. MITCH PACWA, SJ is coming to St. Michael!**

- Sherri Williams

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.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT MONITOR**

- Adela Miller

A parish staff member is monitoring the restrooms and hallways during weekend Masses. For safety purposes, the monitor will not allow minor children to go into the restrooms alone. Parents or an adult MUST escort children to the restroom.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF January 18, 2009**



Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42  
 Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22  
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28  
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6  
 Thursday: Heb 7:25-8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12  
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85-8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19  
 Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-21



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 Be sure to check out our website for current info:  
[www.smlifeteen.com](http://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:

- **T-shirt pre-orders** are being taken in the narthex.
- **B.O.B. & W.O.W.:** Wednesdays in Youth Room from 7-9 PM. All high school teens are welcome!!

New semester of Life Nights will begin on *January 25*.  
 (SEMESTER TOPIC: Church & Sacraments)



CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Lisa Gonzales - Coordinator

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 As you might have guessed...our focus for the spring is PRAYER!

Wednesday, January 21: *Topic: The Lord's Prayer*

The **"EDGERS"** will come to a deeper understanding of the Lord's Prayer and learn how to apply the principles of this prayer to their daily lives! Any parent/sponsor who would like to participate in this **"EDGE"** night is welcome to join us!

**REMINDER TO ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES/ PARENTS/SPONSORS:** The Confirmation Retreat will be held Saturday, January 24, here at St. Michael. **Parents, please bring your student in to sign up. We must be sure all paperwork has been completed and turned in. If there is missing paperwork, your student will NOT be allowed to attend the retreat.** The Confirmation Retreat fee is \$75.00. This fee will include all supplies, food, t-shirt, and the Confirmation robe which will be worn by all Confirmation candidates. We will begin in Curran Hall at 9:45 am. and conclude after the 5:30 pm Mass. Parents/sponsors, please join us for this Mass. Our third SUPER SUNDAY will follow on January 25 from 1:30-3:30 pm.

I would like to take this time to **THANK YOU** for your cooperation!!!



**ST. MICHAEL YOUTH**

Show your pride in St. Michael and help Life Teen raise funds by purchasing a t-shirt for youth group events! The t-shirts come in adult sizes Small to 4XL. We have several great colors to choose from and they are only \$10 each! T-shirt sales will take place in the narthex.

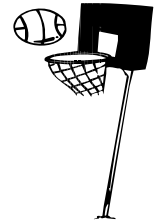


**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
 COUNCIL 11862**

**EVENTS CALENDAR**

- January 17-18** Super Bowl BBQ Pre-Sales – Holy Smokers
- 24-25** Super Bowl BBQ Pre-Sales – Holy Smokers
- 25** Free Throw Contest, 1 p.m.

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



**Knights of Columbus  
 Basketball Free Throw**

- What:** Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw
- Who:** Boys and girls (need not be Catholic) who are ages 10-14 as of January 1
- Where:** Audubon Rec Center, 342 W. Oates Rd. (next to Wave Pool)
- When:** Sunday, January 25- practice 1:30-2:00 - competition begins at 2:00 PM.
- What to bring:** Basketball, parent or legal guardian (to sign permission form), and copy of birth certificate.



We would like to thank all the parishioners of St. Michael for their thoughts, prayers, and wonderful support during Stephanie's hospitalization. She is on her way to a great recovery. All the support aided her healing and the doctors were pleasantly surprised. Thank you and may God bless you all!

The Ojedas

*Here Am I, Lord;*  
**I COME TO DO YOUR WILL.**

## Meetings This Week

– CORRECTION –

### MINISTERS MEETING

A Ministers meeting will be held Tuesday, January 20, with the Lectors at 7:00 PM and the Eucharistic Ministers at 7:30 PM in Curran Hall.

### ALTAR SOCIETY

The Altar Society will meet Thursday, January 22, at 7 PM in room 110/120.

### BOY SCOUT PARENTS

Boy Scout Parents meeting will be held Thursday, January 22, in room 150.

### Ever Dream of Adopting a Child?

Information session on January 20 at 6:30 PM at St. Francis of Assisi church library, 861 Wildwood Ln., Grapevine, TX 76051. Session is free and open to the public. For more information contact Linda Christianson at (214) 526-2772, ext. 112, or 1-800-BABY-DUE.

## The Bishop's Gala

**What:** 11<sup>TH</sup> Annual Bishop's Gala for Catholic Charities  
**When:** January 24, 2009  
**Where:** Hilton Anatole, Chantilly Ballroom  
**Time:** 6:00 pm-11:30 pm  
**Featuring:** Concert with Michael McDonald, dinner, live auction, and car raffle (BMW 128i)  
**Tickets:** \$300.00 each  
**For More Info:** 214-520-6590, ext. 126 or email [rtaranqioli@central.catholiccharitiesdallas.org](mailto:rtaranqioli@central.catholiccharitiesdallas.org)

## THANK YOU!!

Sincere thanks to the St. Michael Community from the Food Pantry for all your support during the holiday season. In December we helped 242 families! The Food Pantry acknowledges the generous support of Boy Scout Troop 548, Kroger Grocery Stores, Mr. Shawn Broussard of Service First Mortgage, Echo Labs and the staff of Roquemore and Roquemore, Inc. Thank you so much!!