



When Jesus healed the paralytic through the forgiveness of his sins, the paralyzed man had been unable to bring himself to our Lord. It was the faith of his friends, and their determination to bring him to Jesus that made the difference. Some of us may be called to do the same for our friends. There might be someone so trapped by sin that he or she cannot come to Jesus on their own. It might even seem impossible for them to get close enough to our Lord to even have a chance. But we should imitate the faith of those friends in the Gospel and strive our hardest. We might not need to tear up the roof, but we can certainly pray, pray, pray to obtain God's mercy for our friends. *Father Joseph*

GIFTS FOR GOD'S WORK		
<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
02/17/08	2121	\$16,996.00
02/15/09	2140	\$17,800.00

There will be a second collection on February 25 (Ash Wednesday) for Aid to the Church in Eastern Europe.

There will also be a second collection next weekend for Black and Indian Missions.

**Organ Recital at St. Michael**

Dale Peters, friend and colleague of Father Sharp, will present an afternoon of fantastic organ music on Sunday, February 22, at 3 PM.



Dr. Peters served at the University of North Texas from 1959 to 2005 where he was Associate Dean of Music for Academic Affairs. During those years he taught organ, harpsichord, keyboard literature, church music, music theory and music history. Dr. Peters' music studies began at the University of North Texas, continued at Columbia University and the University of Copenhagen (Fullbright scholarship along with Father Sharp), and concluded at the University of Illinois.

Dr. Peters' repertoire will include traditional organ selections as well as two very contemporary selections. Because of the individual nature of pipe organs with each one offering unique characteristics, this recital will allow you to hear, with clarity, St. Michael's organ played at its absolute best. Don't miss this opportunity to fully appreciate our instrument played by an artist who can really bring it to life!



**Boy Scout Troop 548 Annual Scouting for Food**

Boy Scout Troop 548 will be collecting food donation bags after all Masses this weekend.

St. Michael is now a drop-off center and all food collected will stay in our Food Pantry. Our food drive goal is 10,000 lbs. this year, so we need everyone's help to reach this goal. Please be generous.



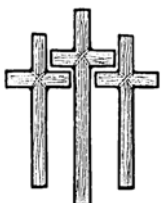
**Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus: Acts of Reparation**

- Bill Brandon

For centuries, Catholics have honored the Sacred Heart of Jesus. These devotions focus attention on Jesus' physical heart as a symbol of His redemptive love. Jesus told St. Margaret Mary Alacoque what he desired people to practice in devotion to His Sacred Heart. He asked for acts of reparation, for frequent Communion, for Communion on the First Friday of the month, and for the keeping of the Holy Hour. Notes in St. Michael's bulletins will explain these practices. This week's note addresses acts of reparation:

**An act of reparation is a prayer or devotion made with the intent to repair the sins of others.** Jesus specifically asks for acts of reparation for sins, blasphemies, ingratitude, and unfaithfulness to His Sacred Heart. Offer your day, your Communion, your Holy Hour, and your sacrifices to Him as acts of reparation. Say the following Act of Reparation frequently to the Sacred Heart of Jesus: *"Jesus, Son of God and our Savior, have mercy on all who wound Your Sacred Heart by sin, unfaithfulness, and neglect. O loving Heart of Jesus, broken by our ingratitude, pierced by our sins, yet loving us still, accept in reparation the offering I now make to you of all that I am and all that I have. Draw me ever nearer to Your Sacred Heart; there where I can learn best, teach me, Jesus, Your blessed way to eternal life. Amen."*

**This is Our Faith**



**This Is Our Faith** will begin a Lenten Series on March 1 at 7 PM in room 110. **This Is Our Faith** is an informal faith sharing group whose purpose is to grow in understanding of the Catholic Faith. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Lynette Schnitzius at (972) 286-0648.

*Liturgy Intentions*  
*For The Week*

**Saturday, February 21**

8:00 a.m. +Edward Kahaly by D'Augustine family  
5:30 p.m. +Robert Czaus by Walt & Mary Czaus

**Sunday, February 22**

7:30 a.m. +Sylvia Chavoya by Macias family  
9:00 a.m. +Jaime L. Ruiz, Sr., by Jaime A. Ruiz, Jr.  
10:30 a.m. +Joe & Paul Leake by Agnes Leake  
12:00 noon Mass for the People  
6:00 p.m. S.I. Omenukor family

**Monday, February 23**

8:00 a.m. +Sophie Wilkinson by Michaela Kay Sansonie

**Tuesday, February 24**

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

**Wednesday, February 25**

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

**Thursday, February 26**

8:00 a.m. +Wilhelmina Brandon, by William Brandon family  
6:30 p.m. +Richard D. Brandon by William Brandon family

**Friday, February 27**

8:00 a.m. +Robert Czaus by Walt & Mary Czaus

Tabernacle candle is provided for the special intentions of Bill & Edwina Cernosek on their anniversary.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
**OF**  
**February 22, 2009**



Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/Ps 41:2-3, 4-5, 13-14/2 Cor 1:18-22/Mk 2:1-12  
Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29  
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SUNDAY: February 22**

8:00 a.m. Boy Scouts Food Bag Collection – Narthex after all Masses  
9:00 a.m. RCIA – Library  
3:00 p.m. Organ Recital - Church  
3:00 p.m. Life Teen – Curran Hall

**MONDAY: February 23**

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts – Curran Hall

**TUESDAY: February 24**

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

**WEDNESDAY: February 25**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus – Curran Hall  
7:00 p.m. The "EDGE" – Curran Hall, Rms. & SY  
7:00 p.m. Life Teen BOB & WOW – Youth Room  
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Rm. 110/120

**THURSDAY: February 26**

6:00 p.m. Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help – Chapel  
6:30 p.m. Mass – Chapel  
7:00 p.m. Confessions - Chapel  
7:30 p.m. 9:00 Choir Rehearsal – Church

**FRIDAY: February 27**

5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner – Curran Hall

**SATURDAY: February 28**

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation First Communion Workshop – Church & Curran Hall  
4:30 p.m. Confessions – Chapel  
5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Food Bag Collection – Narthex  
6:30 p.m. Quinceañera Class – Curran Hall

**ASH Wednesday Services**

**8:00 AM**  
**12:00 PM** Service of the Word with distribution of ashes (No Mass)  
**6:00 PM**  
**7:30 PM**



**Stations of the Cross**

**Fridays at 6:30 PM**



Rachel Kollhoff - Coordinator
sm youth@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 begins with Life Teen Mass at 6 PM followed by a Life Night that ends at 9 PM.

Upcoming Life Nights:

- February 22 - "Freeze" (Structure & Teaching Authority)
\*\*\* St. Michael First t-shirt orders can be picked up after all Masses. \*\*\*
- B.O.B & W.O.W: Wednesdays in Youth Room from 7-9 PM. All high school teens are welcome!!
- Life Teen Retreat: May 1-3 - at Sabine Creek Ranch. Sign-up today!! ☺ Cost \$90
- Jr. & Sr. Camping Trip: June 19-21 - Sign-up Today!
- Steubenville Mid-West 1 at Springfield, Missouri: July 10-12, 2009. Spots are limited so sign-up today!! Cost \$210



CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY
Lisa Gonzales - Coordinator

lisa.gonzales56@sbcglobal.net 972-279-6581, ext. 11
February 25 - Topic: Ash Wednesday Mass (broadcast from the church). Parents of "EDGERS" are welcome to sit downstairs with their student.

Confirmation Candidates/Parents/Sponsors: Our 4th and final SUPER SUNDAY will be held Sunday, March 1, from 1:30-5:30 PM. We will end the day with the Life Teen Mass at 6:00 PM. We are asking all parents and sponsors to bring a pot luck dish or drinks to this last SUPER SUNDAY. St. Michael's will provide the entrée. Please call and let me know what you plan on bringing. A flyer will be sent home with further details. Thank you for your consideration!



Women's Craft Group

- Jean Hauptert

The Women's Craft Group has a new project. Everyone surely has a special recipe and we'd like to collect those recipes for a parish cookbook! We invite you to submit your favorites using the sheets provided in a box outside Gloria Perez's office. There is a second box for submission of completed recipe sheets. Please return all recipes by Friday, April 24. Let's see how many wonderful, different recipes we can collect! We hope to end up with a delicious variety that reflects the many different heritages and cultures of St. Micheal's.

YOUNG AT HEART

- Rich & Judy Fuja

Don't forget that our group has been invited to attend a play called "Pajama Game" at Bishop Lynch High School on Thursday, February 26, at 6:30 PM. We will meet you there!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 11862

EVENTS CALENDAR

February 27 Lenten Dinners, Curran Hall

Back by popular demand: "All You Can Eat Fish Dinners" will be prepared every Friday evening during Lent. Also featured will be our award winning pizzas. Come and join us for great food and fellowship!!

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

Knights of Columbus
FISH FRY DINNER

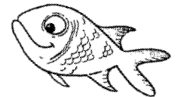
Ash Wednesday, February 25
Take out only - pick up after 6 PM Mass

Pre-sale dinner tickets in the narthex
February 21-22 after each Mass

Tickets for sale in Curran Hall after Mass
February 25

FISH DINNER - \$6.00

fish, tartar sauce, french fries, hushpuppies, and coleslaw



PIZZA baked in our own oven!

- Cheese Pizza - \$6.50
Pineapple Pizza - \$6.75
Jalapeño Pizza - \$6.75



LENTEN FRIDAY DINNERS - 5:30-8:30 PM

All-You-Can-Eat Fish \$7.00, includes french fries, hushpuppies, coleslaw, & iced tea (Take-out available at additional cost.)



Preparation for Lent 2009

- Lili Rivera

Come by the Religious Goods Counter and pick a copy of "Five Minutes with the Word, Lent 2009". This book contains a scripture meditation for each day of Lent. Cost is \$2.00 per booklet.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2009

- Ernie Valencia

A pledge drive to support the 2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal will be held at all weekend Masses next Sunday. Please be generous in your pledge toward our parish goal of \$89,000.00. Each and every pledge will make a difference, no matter the size. This is your opportunity to support the many facets of the Lord's work in our diocese.

**“Single Women – Homebuyer Seminar”**

Have you ever wanted to purchase a home but didn't know the process? A seminar will be held here at St. Michael on March 14 from 10 AM-12 PM in Curran Hall. Come learn about the \$15,000 tax relief and a “worry free mortgage program”. We will go over the process with you to help you qualify for the American Dream. Interest rates are at an all time low and there are lots of homes to choose from. Questions? Call Margaret McKee (214) 274-3324 or Diane Davalos (972) 278-5200.



**NOTICE**

- Felipe & Diane Salazar

Baptisms will not be performed during Lent. However pre-baptismal classes will continue to be held on the first Thursday of each month at 7PM in room 110.

**Sunday, Library**  
**9:00 AM**

**RCIA**

**Happenings Elsewhere****PRO-LIFE DINNER**

Reservations are now being accepted for the pro-life celebration of the year, the Bishop's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner: “Life, the First Right.” The Most Reverend Kevin J. Farrell, Bishop of Dallas, invites you to attend this inspiring event which benefits the Catholic Pro-Life Committee. It will be held on Saturday, March 28, in the Chantilly Ballroom of the Hilton Anatole, 2201 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas. The keynote speaker will be Gianna Jessen. We are expecting another sellout crowd, so please don't delay in making your reservation. Call (972) 267-LIFE (5433).

**Free Income Tax Preparation**

Catholic Charities of Dallas is offering free income tax preparation! If you are a low income worker, with or without dependents, you can qualify to have your taxes done at no cost. We have preparation sites throughout the Dallas area. For information about locations and schedules, call the Brady Center at (214) 826-8330.

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