



The man born blind received much more than his sight from Jesus. He also received the light of faith. Whereas those who questioned him became blinder in the darkness of unbelief, the man born blind grew in faith until he could finally see and worship Jesus as God. His experience of Jesus gave him the courage to answer hostile questions and stand by the truth even under persecution. In Baptism, we too have received the light of faith. It remains for us to walk by this light, or to prefer the darkness.

Father Joseph



LENTEN MISSION

- Ernie Valencia

Our Lenten Mission will be held March 30, 31, and April 1 beginning at 7 PM. We welcome once again Rev. William J. Jarema. The topic for March 30 is "Let's Celebrate What's Right with the World."



Lent

The topic for March 31 is "The Nine Heavenly Habits for Growing in Wisdom and Grace." April 1 is "Learning the Language of Heaven: Spirituality for Everyday Living." One dinner Will be provided by Mark Czaus and another By the Knights of Columbus. The dinners Will be served from 5-6:30 PM in Curran Hall. Please join us!

ADORATION

(Praise and Worship Fest)
8-9 PM, April 8 – Sanctuary

- Ernie Valencia

Everyone is welcome to join us for an hour of praising the Lord in Adoration through singing. "Singing is praying twice," *St. Augustine* Hope to see you there! (Sponsored by Life Teen.)



Attention Newcomers

Registration sheets are available at both entrances of the church. Please fill out and return the registration form to the parish office or you may place it in the collection basket. If you have any questions, please contact Gloria Perez in the parish office at (972) 279-6581, ext. 10.

GIFTS FOR GOD'S WORK

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
03/16/08	2321	\$16,686.00
03/15/09	1920	\$15,616.00

A second collection will be taken this weekend for Catholic Relief Services.



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Services



Thurs., April 9	7:30 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper (No Confessions)
Fri., April 10	3:00 PM	Good Friday Liturgy
	7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
EASTER MASSES		
Sat., April 11	9:20 PM	Easter Vigil Mass
Sun., April 12	7:30 AM	Sanctuary
	9:00 AM	Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	Sanctuary & Curran Hall
	1:30 PM	Sanctuary

Knights of

The St. Michael Golf Tournament is next Sunday, March 29, at 1 PM at Buffalo Creek in Rockwall. If you would like to play, call Jeff Muessig at (214) 533-1046 TODAY! If you have a door prize or want to be a hole sponsor, please call to let Jeff know.



Vacation Bible School

- Ernie Valencia

We have a group of young adults who are willing to assist anyone agreeable to coordinate Vacation Bible School. If you are interested, please call the parish office at (972) 279-6581 and speak with Gloria Prez.



MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, March 21

8:00 a.m. +Guillermo Ortiz by Hilda Ortiz
 5:30 p.m. +Bill Weldon by Laura & Cyndie Weldon

Sunday, March 22

7:30 a.m. S.I. Cresencia Pahela
 9:00 a.m. +Magno & Eugenia by Nilda Cotipngco
 10:30 a.m. +Danico Daniel by Villa family
 12:00 noon Mass for the People
 6:00 p.m. +Jackie Bracken by Mary Westman

Monday, March 23

8:00 a.m. +Pete Anguiano by Irma Anguiano

Tuesday, March 24

8:00 a.m. +Julia Ventrillo by Eugene Carelli & family

Wednesday, March 25

8:00 a.m. +Julia Ventrillo by Eugene Carelli & family

Thursday, March 26

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

Friday, March 27

8:00 a.m. +Julia Ventrillo by Eugene Carelli & family

Tabernacle candle is provided for the special intentions of safe pregnancy and healing for Kennedy by J.C.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 22, 2009



Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
 Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

THE WEEK AHEAD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY: March 22

11:00 a.m. St. Joseph's Altar – Kitchen
 9:00 a.m. RCIA – Library
 7:00 p.m. This Is Our Faith – Rm. 110/120

MONDAY: March 23

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts – Curran Hall

TUESDAY: March 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
 7:00 p.m. Parish Advisory Council – Rm. 110/120

WEDNESDAY: March 25

6:00 p.m. Littlest Angel Choir Rehearsal – Church
 7:00 p.m. The "EDGE" – Curran Hall, Rms & Church
 7:00 p.m. Life Teen BOB & WOW – Youth Room
 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Rm. 110/120

THURSDAY: March 26

6:00 p.m. Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help – Chapel

6:30 p.m. Mass – Chapel

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Parent/Committee Meeting – Library

7:00 p.m. Penance Service w/Confessions – Church

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

FRIDAY: March 27

8:00 a.m. Bishop Lynch Girls Retreat – Curran Hall
 5:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner – Curran Hall

6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross – Church

SATURDAY: March 28

10:00 a.m. Sacrament Meeting – Curran Hall
 4:30 p.m. Confessions – Chapel

Women's Craft Group

- Jean Hauptert
 The Women's Craft Group invites you to submit your favorite recipes to be included in a parish cookbook. Please use 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, May 29.



Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 6:30 PM

FASTING and ABSTINENCE

All Fridays in Lent are days of **Abstinence**. All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.



Rachel Kollhoff - Coordinator

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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.

NOTE: Life Teen will not be held tonight, March 22, due to spring break!

Upcoming Life Nights:

- **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

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March 25th, TOPIC: The Stations of the Cross/Eucharistic Adoration

We are excited that Father Joseph will be in attendance to lead us through The Stations of the Cross. Also, our 'EDGERS' will learn how they can grow in their faith by giving thanks to God in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

Calendar Dates to Remember:

April 1st Our 'EDGERS' will attend St Michael's Annual Lenten Mission, parents/families invited!

The topic for the evening is "Learning the Language of Heaven: Spirituality for Everyday Living."

A flyer will be sent home with more information on the evening. Thank you for your cooperation.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Be sure all of your paperwork has been turned in. Any questions?

April 2nd, **REQUIRED** - Confirmation rehearsal with your sponsor at 7:00 PM in the Curran Hall.

April 3rd, Confirmation Night! Please meet your core-leader in the Curran Hall at 6:30 PM. A reception in the Curran Hall will follow the Confirmation ceremony. We hope to see you there!

CURRAN HALL FOR RENT

- Ernie Valencia

Plan your next event at St. Michael's Curran Hall which is available to rent as follows:

Parishioners - \$500

Non-Parishioners - \$700

Call the parish office for more information.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 11862**

EVENTS CALENDAR

- March 27** Lenten Dinners, 5:30-8:00 pm,
Curran Hall
- 29** Golf Tournament at Buffalo Creek
- 30-31** Lenten Mission Dinners

Back by popular demand: "All-You-Can-Eat Catfish Dinners." Join us on Fridays during Lent for great food and Bingo too!

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

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

- Anna Quigley

Natural Family Planning classes are being offered at St. Michael's for married and engaged couples, especially couples involved in marriage preparation at this time. Classes will take place on Thursdays March 26, April 23, and May 28 from 6:30-9 p.m. in room 110/120. Completion of Natural Family Planning classes is a requirement for couples wishing to be married at St. Michael's. Bob and Colleen Fries, parishioners who are nationally certified, will facilitate the evenings. Please call Bob and Colleen if you have any questions at (972) 278-9228. Flyers can be found in the narthex.

Devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary: Introduction

- Bill Brandon

Catholics know that Mary points the way to Jesus, and so we have many devotions to Mary. Some are as old as the Church itself, and some are very modern. The oldest known prayer that seeks Mary's help originated in Egypt in the third century (about 250 A.D.). In this prayer, Mary was already being addressed as "Mother of God."

Devotions to Mary include the Rosary, the Brown Scapular, and the Miraculous Medal, and we honor Mary under many names. We often refer to The Immaculate Heart of Mary, a name that Mary herself gave us. Devotion to The Immaculate Heart focuses our attention on the love that Mary has for Jesus.

Bulletin notes in coming months will explain these devotions. We start next week with the First Saturday devotion, which began in 1925. Mary attached three promises to this devotion: The salvation of our own souls, the salvation of sinners, and peace in the world.

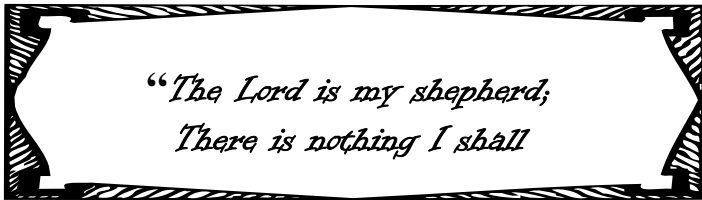
HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE

2009 Bishop Lynch Athletic Summer Camps

Registration is now open for the 2009 Bishop Lynch High School Athletic Summer Camps. Please visit the Bishop Lynch website at www.bishoplynch.org for the registration form, brochure and additional camp information.

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.



The St. Michael pictorial directories are in and may be picked up in the parish office.



Donate and Shop at Catholic Charities': *World of Goods Resale Store*

Shop or donate the gift of furniture in store or online. Call the store to schedule a furniture pickup now at (214) 342-8231. Now open 7 days a week Monday-Friday 10 AM-8 PM and Saturday and Sunday 10 AM-6 PM. The store is located at 10675 E. Northwest Hwy., Suite 240, at Plano Rd., Dallas, TX 75238, www.catholiccharitiesdallas.org. (Check out the virtual marketplace.)

Safe Environment Monitor

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.