

**I am the VINE, you are the branches. Apart from me you can do nothing.**



Being a Christian is not simply a matter of professing that Jesus is the Lord and Christ. Many demons said as much before Jesus expelled them. To be a Christian requires action and not just fine words. Saint John

exhorts us to the Christian life by loving God and our neighbor through obedience to the commandments, by obedience to the Truth. To live in this manner is to have Christ's life living within us and shining through, but without Jesus, we will just wither.  
*Father Joseph*

GIFTS FOR GOD'S WORK		
<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
05/04/08	2044	\$15,900.00
05/03/09	2131	\$21,898.00

**Help Us Connect the World with God's Word!**

- Ernie Valencia

Next week's Collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Through your generous donations, CCC is able to spread the gospel message in our community and all over the world. CCC funds the development of traditional and new media programs that inspire and minister to their audiences. Half of the Collection from our diocese stays here to support local communication efforts, while the other half supports national Catholic media initiatives. Please give generously in next week's Collection to help us spread the Good News. To find out more about the work of CCC, please visit [www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org](http://www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org).

## Casino Night

A Casino Night planning meeting will be held Thursday, May 14, at 7 pm in room 110/120. All of the wonderful, energetic people that helped plan the event last year are invited, as well as any other highly motivated people who would like to plan this event. Call Anna if you plan on attending at (972) 279-6581, ext. 14.

## Shoe Drive



*"Look after orphans and widows in their distress..." James 1:27. "Truly I say to you, to the extent that you do this for one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you do it for Me," Matt. 25:40.*

Girl Scout Troop 2339, Shoes for Orphan Souls (SOS), and St. Michael's Parish is conducting a shoe drive on Sunday's May 17 & May 24. Please assist us by bringing a new pair of shoes, to fit male or female, all sizes and drop in the SOS box located in the narthex. Any new pair of shoes will be accepted; however, special needs are black matte Oxfords for boys; plain black Mary Jane's for girls, and athletic shoes for both. New socks and shoe laces are also needed. You may insert a brief note inside the shoes. The shoes are distributed in the US and worldwide to orphans in need from the SOS warehouse in Mesquite. Thank you for your participation. For more information call Sally at (214) 725-1250.

## Reminder!

There will NOT be Confessions on Thursday, May 21. Just say an "Act of Contrition" and go to confession at your earliest convenience or you may contact Fr. Joseph for an appointment for a private confession. Through the parish office. God Bless you.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED

Being a liturgical volunteer is one way to contribute to the community of St. Michael.

Lectors, ushers, altar servers, musicians, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are the backbone of every successful liturgy, and more are needed all the time. When you volunteer to be a liturgical minister, you receive training on the specific duties you will be expected to carry out, so you always know exactly what to do. Then, a schedule is prepared assigning you to whichever Mass you and your family like to attend. When members of a family choose different ways to volunteer, you are all assigned at the same Mass. This becomes very meaningful for many families who value the opportunity to serve St. Michael together.

Pray with your family members about becoming a liturgical volunteer for St. Michael. Call Ann Buckley or Penny Mione with any questions.



**MASS INTENTIONS**



**Saturday, May 9**

8:00 a.m. S.I. Raymond & Lucy Perez  
 5:30 p.m. +Melissa Perez by Elida Hinojosa

**Sunday, May 10**

7:30 a.m. Novena for Mother's Day  
 9:00 a.m. Novena for Mother's Day  
 10:30 a.m. Novena for Mother's Day  
 12:00 noon Mass for the People  
 6:00 p.m. S.I. Omenukor Family

**Monday, May 11**

8:00 a.m. Novena for Mother's Day

**Tuesday, May 12**

8:00 a.m. Novena for Mother's Day

**Wednesday, May 13**

8:00 a.m. Novena for Mother's Day


**Thursday, May 14**

8:00 a.m. Novena for Mother's Day  
 6:30 p.m. Novena for Mother's Day

**Friday, May 15**

8:00 a.m. Novena for Mother's Day

Tabernacle candle is provided in memory of Mack Gonzales by Deacon Joe and Gloria Perez.



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK  
OF  
May 10, 2009**

Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES**

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES are available in the office for those who had their picture taken. Come by the parish office to pick up your copy. Office hours are 9 am-12:30 pm and 1:30-5 pm, except on Friday when the office closes at 3 pm.



**THE WEEK AHEAD**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

**SUNDAY: May 10**  
 7:00 a.m. Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast & BBQ Pickup – Curran Hall  
 9:00 a.m. Mystagogia – Rm. 260

**MONDAY: May 11**  
 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation First Communion – Curran Hall, Rms., & Church  
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting – Curran Hall

**TUESDAY: May 12**  
 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 – Curran Hall

**WEDNESDAY: May 13**  
 6:00 p.m. Littlest Angel Choir Rehearsal – Church  
 7:00 p.m. The 'EDGE' Appreciation Dinner – Curran Hall  
 7:00 p.m. Life Teen BOB & WOW – Youth Room  
 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Rm. 110/120

**THURSDAY: May 14**  
 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. Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting – Rm. 140  
 7:30 p.m. 9:00 Choir Rehearsal – Church

**FRIDAY: May 15**

**SATURDAY: May 16**  
 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation First Holy Communion – Curran Hall, Rms., & Church  
 4:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Wall of Honor Dedication – Church  
 4:00 p.m. Community Social Events Group – Kitchen  
 4:30 p.m. Confessions – Chapel  
 6:30 p.m. Quinceañera Class – Curran Hall

**MEXICAN FIESTA**

- Anna Quigley

St. Michael's Community Social Events Group will sponsor a MEXICAN FIESTA on May 17 after the 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon Masses. Make plans to enjoy homemade carne guisada, beef enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, dessert and a drink all for only \$5 adults; \$3 children 10 and under. We're pretty sure you'll love the food! Proceeds will go toward the Curran Hall Renovation Fund. Please be generous.

**I will praise you,  
LORD, in the assembly  
of your people.**



Garland, Texas

Rachel Kollhoff - Coordinator

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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 begins with Life Teen Mass at 6 PM followed by a Life Night that ends at 9 PM. Open to all 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> high school students.

Upcoming Events:**May 10, "No Life Night" (Mother's Day)****May 17, "Consumed" (TOPIC: Eucharist)**

**\*\*NOTE:** May 17 Life Night - All 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to start coming to Life Teen! We hope to see you there!!\*\*

**May 24, "Senior Sunday"**

**May 31, "Mess Fest" (Last Life Night of the semester. Please bring towels and a clean set of clothes. The name speaks for itself!!)**

B.O.B &amp; W.O.W (Band of Brothers &amp; Women of Wisdom):

**Wednesdays in Youth Room from 7-9 pm. All high school teens are welcome!!**

\*\*\*\*Mission Possible sign-up is here, and deadline is May 11. Spots are limited first-come first-serve. Open to all 8th-12th graders and graduating seniors. Cost is \$50. Please contact Rachel Kollhoff at (927) 279-6581, ext. 17, or smyouth@sbcglobal.net for more information.\*\*\*\*



CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Lisa Gonzales - Coordinator

[lisa.gonzales56@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lisa.gonzales56@sbcglobal.net) 972-279-6581, ext. 11Parents of **'EDGERS,'**

Where did the time go? We are saddened that the year has ended, but we are looking forward to a new and improved year beginning in September! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing us to minister to your middle school youth this year. I hope they enjoyed being in the **'EDGE'** as much as we enjoyed having them. Please keep your eye on the bulletin for registration dates for all new **'EDGERS'** and returning **'EDGERS'** that have not registered.

Confirmation candidates, don't miss out on the St. Michael's service projects we will offer throughout the summer. The bulletin will also have information on upcoming **'EDGE'** summer activities.

If you are interested in becoming part of our **'EDGE'** team and sharing your Catholic faith with our middle school youth, please contact the **'EDGE'** office at (972) 279-6581, ext. 11, or email [lisa.gonzales56@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lisa.gonzales56@sbcglobal.net). Thank you for your cooperation and participation throughout the year. A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all of our **'EDGE'** volunteers! They are truly a gift from God, "our angels on earth!" God Bless.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL 11862**

**EVENTS CALENDAR**

- May 10** Mother's Day - Pancake Breakfast and BBQ Pickup
- 14** Officers' Meeting, 7:00 p.m., room 140
- 16** Armed Forces Wall of Honor Dedication - After 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 21** Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Curran Hall (Election of Officers)
- 29-31** State Convention - Houston

Congratulations to the eleven members of our Council who elevated their knighthood to the highest level on May 9 and successfully completed their 4<sup>th</sup> degree.

If you are interested in obtaining information about the Knights, please contact Gary Labac at (214) 649-8043 or [labacg@verizon.net](mailto:labacg@verizon.net).

**St. Michael the Archangel  
Knights of Columbus Council 11862  
2009 Scholarship Awards**

This year St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Council 11862 will award two \$1,000.00 college scholarships - one for a high school graduate entering college this fall, and another for a current full-time college student.

To be eligible, applicants or applicants' family must be registered in the parish of St. Michael the Archangel in Garland, TX. Entry submissions begin on or before May 1, 2009, and conclude June 15, 2009.

Scholarship rules and entry forms are available in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call Gary Labac at (214) 649-8043.

**YOUNG-AT-HEART**

- Rich &amp; Judy Fuja

Join us for bingo on May 13 at 1 PM in Curran Hall. Light snacks will be served. Questions? Call Rich & Judy Fuja at (972) 686-4754.

**Dallas Diocesan Seniors Council**

The next quarterly meeting will be held Thursday, May 14, at St. Pius X in Dallas. The Mass will begin at 10 AM followed by a short meeting, covered dish luncheon and entertainment. Bring your favorite dish and join us. All seniors are members of the Dallas Diocesan Seniors Council and encouraged to attend.



**Devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary:  
Our Lady of Fatima**

- Bill Brandon

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared six times to three children near the village of Fatima in Portugal, between May and October, 1917. This was one of the most significant apparitions of the Twentieth Century. The message of Our Lady of Fatima continues to be important to us today as we prepare to celebrate her feast day on May 13.

At Fatima, Our Lady's message was the need for penance, prayer, and devotion to her Immaculate Heart. While many of her warnings in the six appearances had to do with events in the Twentieth Century, the enduring instructions from Mary include the obligation to make reparation for sin, the need to pray and make sacrifices for the conversion of sinners, and the importance of saying the Rosary every day for peace. The First Saturday devotion, which an earlier bulletin note explained, was also requested by Our Lady during these appearances at Fatima.

At St. Michael's, we say the Rosary every day, Monday through Saturday, after the 8 am Mass. In addition to praying for peace, we also pray for an end to abortion, euthanasia, and other sins against the right, dignity and sanctity of life from conception to natural death. Join us if you can, or, if you can't, at least find 15 minutes every day to say five decades of the Rosary. *Every Catholic should become familiar with the story of Fatima and Mary's message and should make every effort to heed her instructions.*

**Saint Michael the Archangel  
BSA Gray Owl District Troop 548**

May 11	Troop Meeting, 7 PM
May 18	Troop Meeting, 7 PM
May 25	No meeting due to Memorial Day Holiday
May 29-31	Troop Camping, TBA

For more information contact:  
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Phone: (972) 203-6126



**Rachel's Corner**

*O God of infinite goodness and mercy, fill our hearts with a great confidence in Thy dear Mother, whom we invoke under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary and our Lady of Fatima, and grant us by her powerful intercession all the graces, spiritual and temporal, which we need. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

- Our Lady of Fatima, Feast: May 13

Pray to Our Lady of Fatima, the Queen of Peace, and ask for Christ's goodness and mercy. We can help.

**Abortion AfterCare-Healing**  
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