



Jesus' view is that mutual lifelong self-donation of the spouses to one another is the true nature of marriage and the will of God. Anything which opposes the lifelong commitment of the spouses to one another risks telling an untruth about God's love for us. For this level of commitment to

be possible, spouses must love one another with the love of Jesus Christ. Only if Jesus is the center of their lives can they love this way.

Father Joseph

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of the 2009 Feast of St. Michael raffle!!

- \$500 Visa Gift Card: Annette Newman
- \$100 American Express Gift Card: Malicia Arriaga
- CRO Dining Card: Gen Mingo
- DONATED PRIZES:**
- El Chico Dining Card: Rosa Muckle
- El Chico Dining Card: Adam Fernandez
- El Chico Dining Card: Charles Kopca
- El Chico Dining Card: Lisa Martinez
- Cantina Laredo Dining Card: Rosa Muckle
- Ruth Chris Steakhouse Gift Card: Pat Case

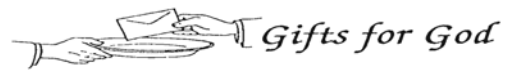
THANK YOU to the Holy Smokers for another delicious dinner. THANK YOU also to the volunteers who helped throughout the evening. Your help is appreciated!

VIRTUS PROGRAM

- Adela Miller

Last March our parish implemented the VIRTUS program as mandated by The Diocese of Dallas. Lesson 1 was introduced. The VIRTUS program called "Protecting God's Children" educates our children about appropriate touching. All children in Catholic schools, parish catechetical and youth ministry programs are required to participate. This program is **not** about sex education, but rather to help create and maintain a safe environment for children/teens and to give them the tools to protect themselves.

Beginning October 11 we will be presenting Lesson 2. Notification of scheduled training will be sent home with students enrolled in our Faith Formation Program, Edge, and Life Teen a week prior to training. This training will be held during their regular scheduled class time. Parents are invited to attend with their child. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Faith Formation Office, (972) 279-6581.



| <u>Weekend</u> | <u>Mass Count</u> | <u>Contributions</u> |
|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 09/28/08 | 2221 | \$14,714.00 |
| 09/27/09 | 2077 | \$16,372.00 |



Halloween Carnival

We are in need of candy for our Carnival on October 17. Please consider donating a bag or two of individually wrapped candy for the many children that will attend the event. Also, we will need cakes, cupcakes, or cookies for our very popular cake walk. Please bake your favorite dessert and donate it to the Carnival. Candy donations can be dropped off in front of the Parish secretary's office from now until the night of the Carnival. Cake walk donations can be donated on Friday, October 16, from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and from 1:30-3:00 p.m. We will also accept donations on Saturday, October 17, beginning at 5 p.m.

Candlestick Campaign

- Lili Rivera



"Tell the Israelites to take a collection for me. From every man you shall accept the contribution that his heart prompts him to give me." Ex.25:2

"They shall make a sanctuary for me, that I may dwell in their midst." Ex.25:8

Another collection will be taken up for the Candlestick Campaign the weekend of October 10-11. Please place your contribution in the collection basket during the offering. Please distinguish your Candlestick contribution by noting "**Candlestick Campaign**" on an envelope or by using a specially marked envelope that may be picked up in the narthex, for your convenience.



New Day Grief Ministry



NEW DAY Grief Ministry program will begin at St. Michael from October 16 through December 11. This is a nine-week program that will meet on Fridays from 7-9 pm in the library. This is a program for those who have suffered a loss through death and allowing us the opportunity to move on the journey from grief to healing. Contact Gloria Perez or Lisa Gonzales at (972) 279-6581 for more information.

**CELEBRATING
LITURGY**



Saturday, October 3

8:00 a.m. +Cynthia Vanderstraan by Toni & Tony Sookoor
5:30 p.m. +Regina Tristan by Tristan family

Sunday, October 4

8:30 a.m. +Esteban Pahela by Cresencia Pahela
10:30 a.m. +Sister Jeannie by Atkins family
12:30 p.m. Mass for the People
6:00 p.m. +Carmen Martinez by Dolores Lucio

Monday, October 5

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

Tuesday, October 6

8:00 a.m. S.I. Sandra & Baby Jason Eke for healing by Lilian

Wednesday, October 7

8:00 a.m. S.I. Sandra & Baby Jason Eke for healing by Lilian

Thursday, October 8

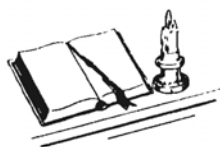
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Friday, October 9

8:00 a.m. S.I. Sandra & Baby Jason Eke for healing by Lilian

Tabernacle candle is for the special intentions of the Lucy Kim family.

**READINGS FOR THE
WEEK OF
OCTOBER 4, 2009**



Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/
Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16
Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jonah 2:3, 4, 5,
8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-
8/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-
10/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, and
6/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and
16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-
12/Lk 11:27-28

This Week in our Parish

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY: October 4
9:00 a.m. RCIA – Rm. 110/120
9:00 a.m. Faith Formation – Curran Hall
9:30 a.m. Boy Scouts Café – Curran Hall
11:00 a.m. 12:30 Choir – Chapel
3:00 p.m. Life Teen – Curran Hall
MONDAY: October 5
6:30 p.m. Faith Formation – Curran Hall
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting – Curran Hall
7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends – Library
TUESDAY: October 6
9:00 a.m. Mother’s Day Out – Classroom & Curran Hall
10:00 a.m. Women’s Craft Group – Pit Area
7:00 p.m. Immaculata Prayer Group – Rm. 210
7:00 p.m. St. Gregory Choir – Church
7:00 p.m. 12 noon Choir – Curran Hall
WEDNESDAY: October 7
12:00 p.m. Bible/Spirituality Group – Rm. 110/120
6:00 p.m. Littlest Angel Choir - Church
6:00 p.m. Life Teen BOB & WOW – Youth Room
6:30 p.m. **‘THE EDGE’** – Curran Hall, Classrooms & Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Rm. 110/120
THURSDAY: October 8
9:00 a.m. Mother’s Day Out – Classrooms & Curran Hall
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. Young Adult Fellowship – Curran Hall
7:00 p.m. KC Officers Meeting – Rm. 140
7:30 p.m. 9:00 Choir Rehearsal – Church
FRIDAY: October 9
SATURDAY: October 10
8:00 a.m. Squires Garage Sale - PA
4:00 p.m. Confessions – Chapel
7:00 p.m. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Curran Hall

Adult Confirmation Class

- Lynette Schnitzius
There will be an adult Confirmation class for any adult who has been Baptized Catholic and has received First Communion. There will be a series of four classes. They will be October 25, November 1, November 8, and November 15 at 9:00 am in the library. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on November 22. Anyone who would like to come to the classes should contact Lynette Schnitzius at (972) 286-0648.

This Is Our Faith

- Lynette Schnitzius
The *This Is Our Faith* group will begin our six-week fall session on October 18. We will meet in room 110/120 at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing a bible study of the followers of Jesus. All are welcome. If you plan to attend, please contact Lynette at (972) 286-0648 so we will have enough books for everyone.

May the LORD bless us
all the days of our lives.



Garland, Texas

Rachel Kollhoff – Youth Minister

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Be sure to check out our website for current info:

www.smlifeteen.com

(All forms can be found on website.)

Life Teen Mass at 6 pm followed by a Life Night that ends at 9 pm. Open to all 9th-12th grade high school students.

Upcoming Events

- **Strike for Life October 10** - Each participant will need to raise \$50 to help with the C.P.L.C.
- **World Youth Day Oct. 25** - Youth Group will be going to Six Flags. There will not be a Life Night that night. Cost is \$36. Spaces are limited, so sign up A.S.A.P.

Wish list of supplies:

Bottled Water (20-24 pks.)

Snacks (variety pack chips, fruit snacks, cookies, etc.)

Soda (cans or liters)

Juice Boxes

INTERESTED IN BEING AN ADULT VOLUNTEER FOR THE YOUTH? IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT THE YOUTH OFFICE!! THERE IS A GREAT NEED FOR HELP!!



Lisa Gonzales - Coordinator

lisa.gonzales56@sbcglobal.net 972-279-6581, ext. 11

October 7, TOPIC: *Blessed are they who mourn; for they shall be comforted.*

Don't forget to turn in your t-shirt designs. We will vote next week, October 14, for our winning t-shirt design for the 2009-2010 school year. Don't be left out!

THANK YOU Mary Lee Becker for the entertaining evening you provided us with. Your humorous way of educating us about our Catholic Faith is always a joy to have.

Confirmation Candidates: Be sure you have a Confirmation packet. This packet has all the info you will need for the Confirmation process! Questions, comments, suggestions? Please call 'THE EDGE' office.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR!!

- Jean Haupert

Holiday Bazaar will be coming up on October 24 and 25. Please bake!! All proceeds go to help support the St. Michael Food Pantry.

| Saint Michael the Archangel BSA Gray Owl District Troop 548 | |
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| October 4 9:30 am | Scout Café for Breakfast Curran Hall |
| October 5 7:00 pm | Boy Scout Meeting Curran Hall |
| October 12 | No Meeting |
| October 18 9:30 am | Scout Café for Breakfast Curran Hall |
| October 19 7:00 pm | Boy Scout Meeting Curran Hall |
| October 23-25 | Campout/TBA |
| October 26 7:00 pm | Boy Scout Meeting Curran Hall |
| Contact Scoutmaster Christ Fowler for more information: email: cdf364@att.net Phone: (972) 203-6126 | |



OPERATION POPCORN

Support our troops through **Operation Popcorn**, a Boy Scout program that sends popcorn products to our military worldwide. This is possible with tax-deductible donations of \$25-\$40. Troop 548 will be collecting donations during the next few weeks. In 2008 over \$300,000 was sent to our soldiers and their families from our council. Great way to send a thank you!



ALTAR SERVERS

- Ann Buckley

New altar server training will begin on October 16 at 4:30 p.m. for children in grades 3rd and up. For more information contact Ann Buckley at (972) 279-6581.



Wednesday, October 14, in Curran Hall at 1 PM. Come join us for some fun! Questions? Contact Rich & Judy Fuja, (972) 686-4754.

Devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary: Why pray the Rosary?

Here are ten reasons (among many) to say the Rosary every day:

- To grow in holiness and in your prayer life.
- To obtain peace in the world.
- Because no other devotion has been responsible for as many miracles as the Rosary.
- To call down blessings on your family.
- To heal the evils of our times.
- To receive the graces we each need every day.
- Because the Rosary and its Mysteries are a concise summary of the entire Gospel.
- Because the Rosary is Our Lady's gift to ordinary people, a priceless treasure inspired by God.
- Because meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary is an excellent way to prepare for Mass.

And most of all because Our Lady has asked us to do so.

St. Michael's Bible/Spirituality Group



- Anna Quigley

St. Michael's Bible/Spirituality Group will be discussing the book entitled "Spiritual Progress: Becoming More of the Christian You Want to Be," by Thomas D. Williams. You can purchase your copy online at Amazon or at a local bookstore. The group meets on Wednesdays, from 12-1:30 p.m. Please join us or call Sheila if you have questions, 214-552-0636.



HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE

Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America is an American history exhibit that opened on September 25 in The Women's Museum in Fair Park. It will be available throughout the Texas State Fair, and it will continue until December 13. This exhibit chronicles many of the actions and innovations of religious women, beginning with the arrival of the Ursuline Sisters in New Orleans in 1727. Artifacts and multi-media presentations help the visitor understand the exhibit. The Women's Museum in Fair Park is closest to Entrance #3, off of Parry Avenue. Check the website www.lcwr.org which carries more information about the exhibit.

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2nd Tuesday Night Rosary at Planned Parenthood Abortion Center, Sponsored by TOPP (Texans Opposed to Planned Parenthood) 6:30 p.m., in front of Jason's Deli, 7412 Greenville Ave., just south of Walnut Hill Ln., Dallas. After the rosary, we will go into Jason's Deli for food, Christian fellowship and pro-life discussion. Park in the Jason's Deli parking lot. This is a monthly event. Contact Daniel Vinzant, 214-566-2298.



Rachel's Corner

Rachel's Vineyard™ is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can reconcile past abortion pain and begin the process of restoration.

Abortion AfterCare-Healing
214.544.CARE healing@racheldallas.org