

*A Body you prepare for me...* In Jesus Christ, God has truly become one with us. Though He is completely God, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, Jesus took our nature to Himself, a nature which includes the reality of a human body and human will. How is it possible that the eternal, all powerful God was able to empty Himself so as to be one of us? That is a mystery which we may learn more about in the life to come. Why would God do such a thing as to unite Himself with that which is corruptible, weak and sinful? The answer is His great love for us, also a mystery.

Father Joseph

## Weekly Readings

### Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a/ Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19/ Heb 10:5-10/ Lk 1:39-45

### Monday, December 24

2 Sm 7:1-5,8ab-12,14a,16/ Ps 89:2-3,4-5,27&29/ Lk 1:67-79

### Tuesday, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Is 52:7-10/ Ps 98:1-6/ Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18

### Wednesday, St. Stephen, The First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59/ Ps 31:3cd-4,6&8ab,16bc&17/ Mt 10:17-22

### Thursday, St. John, Apostle, Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4/ Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12/ Jn 20:2-8

### Friday, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-2:2/ Ps 124:2-5,7cb-8/ Mt 2:13-18

### Saturday, December 29

1Jn 2:3-11/ Ps 96:1-2a,2b-3,5b-6/ Lk 2:22-35

## Mass Intentions

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 23</b>
8:30 AM	† Victorino & Jovita Legaspi by Family
10:30 AM	† LaVerne Ketter By Gary Ketter
12:30 PM	† Julio Valles by Luz & Jose Santiago
6:00 PM	Mass of the People
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 24</b>
4:00 PM	† Mary Hudson by Walter & Mary Czaus
7:00 PM	† Carolyn Lee Lehan by John Lehan & Family
Midnight	Christmas Novena
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 25</b>
8:30 AM	Christmas Novena
10:30 AM	† Carolyn Lee Lehan by John Lehan
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 26</b>
8:00 AM	Christmas Novena
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 27</b>
8:00 AM	† Marcy Smith by Mary Gaines
6:30 PM	Christmas Novena
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 28</b>
8:00 AM	Christmans Novena
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 29</b>
8:00 AM	Christmas Novena
5:30 PM	† Richard Kramer by Family

\* *Tabernacle Candle is for* (†) Carolyn Lee Lehan by John Lehan

## CHURCH OFFERING

<u>12/16/2012</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
Sunday Collection	1739	\$ 19,461.09
Electronic		\$ 2,264.70
Parish Reserve Fund		\$ 370.00
		\$ 22,095.79
<u>12/18/2011</u>		
Sunday Collection	2036	\$ 22,454.53
Electronic		\$ 881.79
Parish Reserve Fund		\$ 190.00
		\$ 23,526.32

There will be a second collection, December 29 - 30, for St. Vincent de Paul Society.

## The Week Ahead

<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>December 23</b> No Activities Scheduled
<b>MONDAY:</b>	<b>December 24</b> 4:00 PM Christmas Vigil - Sanctuary 7:00 PM Christmas Vigil - Sanctuary Midnight Christmas Vigil - Sanctuary
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	<b>December 25</b> 8:30 AM Christmas Mass - Sanctuary 10:30 AM Christmas Mass - Sanctuary
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	<b>December 26</b> No Activities Scheduled
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	<b>December 27</b> 6:00 PM Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help- Chapel 7:00 PM Boy Scout Parent's PLM meeting - Curran Hall 7:00 PM 8:30 Choir- Sanctuary
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<b>December 28</b> No Activities Scheduled
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>December 29</b> No Activities Scheduled

The Parish Office will be closed from December 24, 2012, thru January 1, 2013. The office will return to regular hours beginning January 2, 2013. Merry Christmas!

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Saint Michael the Archangel Boy Scout Troop 548

For more information contact:  
Scoutmaster Chris Fowler  
Email: [cdf364@att.net](mailto:cdf364@att.net)  
Phone: (972) 567-3175



### Divorce Ministry

The next Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide 12-week program will begin **Thursday, January 10, 2013, at 7 PM** in the Youth Room. This program is based on sound Catholic teaching and spiritual principles. Each session helps people find peace, power and passion that they lost through divorce. Registration forms are located in the Narthex in the Family Life section. The cost of the program is \$20 and includes one copy of **A Personal Guide**. Space is limited. Questions? Contact Fran Campbell, (214) 808-4825.

### Pilgrimage

A pilgrimage to visit *The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament* in Hanceville, Alabama, and EWTN Studio and Live Show in Irondale, Alabama, is planned for April 22-25, 2013. The cost is:  
**\$300– individual price (double occupancy-sharing a room)**  
**\$384– individual price (private room-not sharing a room).**  
A \$75.00 deposit will secure your seat on the bus and a copy of the agenda will be given to you at that time. Seats are limited, so be sure to sign up as soon as possible. Full payment is due by March 8, 2013. Please see Diane Salazar in the Family Life office to submit your deposit.

### Christmas Novena

If you would like your loved one to be remembered during the Christmas season, a Novena will begin December 24. Envelopes can be found in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Gaines in the parish office.

*May the Peace  
of the  
Holy Family  
be with you  
always.*



Dec. 22-23	4th Sunday of Advent - Final Christmas Raffle Sales (5:30 PM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 12:30 PM Masses)
Dec. 23	Christmas Raffle Drawing - 2 PM, Curran Hall
Dec. 25	Merry Christmas
Jan. 1	Happy New Year!
Jan. 5-6	Membership Blitz/Super Bowl BBQ sales Begin
Jan. 10	Officers/Directors Meeting - 7 PM, Room 110
Jan. 12	Membership Social - 6-9 PM, Curran Hall
Jan. 12-13	Super Bowl BBQ Sales Continue
Jan. 13	Knights Breakfast/BBQ Sausage Sales - after the 8:30 and 10:30 AM Masses

### American Wheelchair Foundation

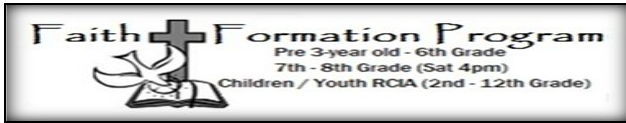
To date, the parishioners and Knights of St. Michael the Archangel have donated enough shoes to purchase a minimum of 9 wheelchairs. A sincere thank you to all EVERY-ONE for your help and support!

### Did you Know?

Over the past two years, the Knights of Columbus "Healing Haiti's Children" program - in conjunction with Project Medishare - has been an overwhelming success by any measure. Through the program, the Order committed to providing each child who lost a limb in the 2012 earthquake that devastated Haiti with a series of prosthetic devices over the next two years, refitting the devices as they grow.

Make a difference in the world! Be a Knight! To learn more about the Knights of Columbus and the many reasons for joining our Council at St. Michael, contact Bill Brandon: [vmbrandon@gmail.com](mailto:vmbrandon@gmail.com) or (972) 284-9356.

**The Knights of Columbus Council 11862 wishes all a very blessed and joyful Christmas.**



For more information contact Gloria Gove, PCL, at  
(972) 279-6581, ext. 11.

**Faith Formation Class Schedule will Resume**

Wednesday, January 09, 2013  
Saturday, January 12, 2013  
Monday, January 14, 2013

**Volunteers are needed for the Faith Formation Program.**

There are several teaching positions open, as well as assistants, office aids, hall monitors and translators. If you can volunteer in any area, please contact Gloria Gove in the Faith Formation office at (972) 279-6581, ext. 11, or at [pcl-gloria@stmichaelgarland.org](mailto:pcl-gloria@stmichaelgarland.org).



RCIA for Adults, Children and Youth may serve your needs if:

- \* you or your child (2nd through 12th grade) is not Baptized
- \* you come from another faith tradition and/or have had no formal Catholic Faith Formation
- \* you want to prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Confirmation

Our faith journey goal: Conversion to a life in Christ Jesus. For more information on how you and your child would benefit from this program, please contact Gloria Gove, PCL, at (972) 279-6581.

**Middle School Youth Ministry**  
Powered by



[www.smlifeteen.com](http://www.smlifeteen.com)

Meets every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 PM in Curran Hall.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:**

**JAN. 16** Confirmation Retreat Form & Fees AND Certificate of Sponsor Forms Due

**CONFIRMATION PARENTS:**

**JAN. 27** Confirmation Parent Workshop in Youth Room @ 11:30 AM

**Confirmation Retreat @ Camp Copass-** February 8-10, 2013  
(Cost of \$100 includes: bus transportation, t-shirt, lodging, & 4 meals.

Payment plans are available.)

**Confirmation Rehearsal -** Thursday, April 25, 2013

**Confirmation Mass -** Friday, April 26, 2013

**LOOKING for a SERVICE PROJECT/SERVICE HOURS?**

Live Stations of the Cross needs actors & participants to help make the reenactment come to life. If you would like to participate please contact Rachel Kollhoff.

**High School Youth Ministry**  
Powered by



<http://www.smlifeteen.com>

Life Teen begins with **Sunday Youth Mass at 6 PM** followed by **Life Night at 7 PM** and dinner at 8:30 PM.

Forms, information and details about events can be found at:

**LIFE NIGHT SCHEDULE**

**No Life Nights December 23 & 30**

**Resumes January 6**

**BOB & WOW SCHEDULE**

**No BOB & WOW December 26 and January 2**

**Resumes January 9**

**Upcoming Youth Activities**

March 8-10, 2013 Spring Retreat - Camp Copass (Cost \$100)

**Teen Volunteer Opportunity**

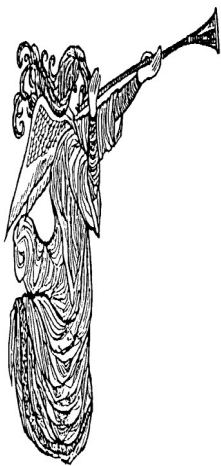
Looking for a way to become more involved in the Church, grow in your faith and develop leadership skills? Below are a few ministries that are in need of volunteers.

EDGE crew squad - middle school classroom aide

God Squad - singers & musicians

Youth office assistants

Questions? Contact Rachel Kollhoff at (972)279-6581, ext. 17, or [rachel@stmichaelgarland.org](mailto:rachel@stmichaelgarland.org).



**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Vigil of Christmas, December 24**  
4 PM, 7 PM, and Midnight

**Christmas, December 25**  
8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

**New Year's Eve, December 31**  
5:30 PM and 7 PM followed by Adoration and Midnight Benediction

**New Year's Day, January 1**  
**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**  
8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Parish Reserve Fund

Thank all of you for your donations and support in rebuilding the Parish reserves. Donations to date are **\$44,491.32**. Please be generous, and thank you for your continued support.

### Pre-Baptismal Classes

No Pre-Baptismal classes will be held in December. The next English class will be on **January 3, 2013**, and the Spanish class will be on **January 10, 2013**.

### St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to congratulate St. Michael's Church for the assistance given to hundreds of families in the past year. Many families avoided eviction and termination of utilities because of your generosity. May God continue to bless our parish.

**The St. Michael Food Pantry** is in need of the following items: boxes of macaroni and cheese, canned tuna, peanut butter, canned soup and canned meat. Donations are greatly appreciated.

### "The Joy of ACTS for Christmas"

Give your loved one a gift that will keep on giving; sign them up for an ACTS Men's or Women's retreat.

Men's ACTS Retreat - February 21-24

Women's ACTS Retreat - March 21-24

Please contact either Dan Denoy at [dan.denoy@verizon.net](mailto:dan.denoy@verizon.net) or Clara Carneiro at [clara.carneiro@tx.rr.com](mailto:clara.carneiro@tx.rr.com) for more details.

### Prayer Group

St. Michael has a **Prayer Group** who prays daily for those who have prayer requests. Your requests may be placed in the Prayer Box located in the Narthex.

If you would like to join this group and think you may be interested in this ministry, call Mary Gaines in the Parish office and leave your name and phone number where you can be contacted. A prayer list with all the names of the individuals asking for special prayers is mailed once a month to all ministers.. You may do this in the comfort of your home.

The prayer group would like to know if your prayers have been answered. They want to know how effective the group's prayers are in the lives of the people for whom they are praying. Drop a note in the prayer box with your name and if your intentions were granted; you do not have to say what or for whom you are praying.