

It has always seemed strange that the people who had eaten their fill of the five loaves would be asking Jesus for yet another sign before they would listen to Him. Maybe they were hoping that Jesus would provide another miraculous meal. They wanted to maintain authority

over Jesus and His message through their skepticism. But the signs He had already done were sufficient to demand the people's attention. At this point, Jesus is not going to play games with them. Jesus is going to tell them exactly what He is offering - the Bread of Life and the Cup of Eternal Salvation - Himself.

Father Joseph



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the process whereby adults prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. During a series of sessions, adults are receiving support in making decisions about their "Faith life."

Possible candidates for this Faith journey are:

- **Unbaptized adults** who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith and possibly become Catholic.
- **Baptized Christians** from other denominations who would like to learn more about, and possibly be received into, the Catholic Church.
- **Baptized Catholics** who would like to prepare for Eucharist and/or Confirmation by renewing their understanding of their Catholic Faith.

A new RCIA class will begin August 9 at 9:00 am in the Parish library. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, we would like to invite you to meet with the St. Michael RCIA team and ask any questions you may have.

- Rachel Kolhoff

Are you a college student? Are you 18 or older looking for a group to hangout or have fun with and learn more about your Catholic Faith?

the **Bible**
Study with us



Well, this is the group for you! Our first gathering will be Thursday, August 20, from 7-9 pm in the Youth Room of St. Michael's. We will meet every other Thursday. If this has sparked any interest, please contact Rachel Kollhoff for more details at (972) 279-6581, ext. 17.

GIFTS FOR GOD'S WORK

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
07/27/08	1908	\$16,321.00
07/26/09	2013	\$14,817.00

ATTENTION PARENTS!!!

Registration for all new and returning students who have not yet registered will take place during the following dates. This includes Faith Formation/RCIA, The 'EDGE,' and Life Teen BOB/WOW. Registration will be held during and after the 9:00, 10:30, and 12 noon Masses in Curran Hall.

- Sunday, August 2
- Sunday, August 9

We will require you to provide us with a Baptismal certificate for ALL students registered, please!



If you have any questions, please call our office at (972) 279-6581. Thank you!



St. Michael Summer Parish Service Project



The St. Michael summer parish service project benefits children in Garland, through the Urban League, who are in need of school supplies. As you pick up supplies for your children, please purchase one or two additional items for those less fortunate. If you do not have children, you may:

- Donate money. Please put your donation in an envelope marked "SCHOOL SUPPLIES" and drop it in the collection basket.
- Use Garland ISD school supply list that is posted in the stores to purchase supplies. Place the supplies in the box outside the parish office marked "**School Supplies.**"

With everyone's help the children of our community will get off to a great start this school year!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 1

8:00 a.m. +Erica Garrett by Ken Rowe Ramos
5:30 p.m. +Tom Martino by John & Mary Cormier

Sunday, August 2

7:30 a.m. +Diane Svrcek by Joe Svrcek
9:00 a.m. S.I. Doris Battaglia by Barbara
10:30 a.m. +Purification G. Ranit by Romero G. Ranit
12:00 noon Mass for the People
6:00 p.m. +Purification G. Ranit by Romero G. Ranit

Monday, August 3

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

Tuesday, August 4

8:00 a.m. +Esteban Pahela by Cresencia Pahela

Wednesday, August 5

8:00 a.m. +Jane Hofmeister by Mary Kay Ritchie


Thursday, August 6

8:00 a.m. S.I. Francisco & Maria Cazarez
6:30 p.m. S.I. Omenukor family

Friday, August 7

8:00 a.m. +Eleanor R. Reese by Eleanor Reese

Tabernacle candle is for the special intentions of Jessie, safe delivery and healing. Altar flowers are in memory of Diane Svrcek by Joe Svrcek.

 READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 2, 2009	
Sunday:	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
Friday:	Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

- INSPIRING CATHOLIC CDs -

Available now in the narthex!

Stop by and pick one up to
listen to throughout the
week!!!

THE WEEK AHEAD

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***SUNDAY:**

8:00 a.m. Boy Scouts Café – Curran Hall
9:00 a.m. Faith Formation Registration – Curran Hall
10:30 a.m. This Is Our Faith – Rm. 110/120

MONDAY:

1:00 p.m. Life Teen – Youth Room
7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends – Library

TUESDAY:

8:00 a.m. Life Teen – Curran Hall
10:00 a.m. Women's Craft Group – Pit Area
7:00 p.m. 12:00 Noon Choir – Curran Hall
7:00 p.m. St. Gregory Choir – Church

WEDNESDAY: August 5

6:00 p.m. Life Teen BOB & WOW – Youth Room
7:00 p.m. Grief Ministry New Day – Library

THURSDAY:

8:00 a.m. Life Teen – 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. Pre-Baptismal Class – Rm. 110/120
7:30 p.m. 9:00 Choir Rehearsal – Church

FRIDAY: August 7

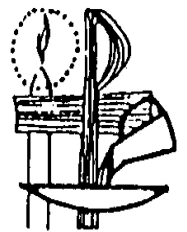
5:00 p.m. Life Teen Lock-In – Curran Hall & Classrooms

SATURDAY: August 8

5:00 a.m. Life Teen Lock-In – Curran Hall & Classrooms
10:00 a.m. The '**EDGE**' – Curran Hall
4:00 p.m. Confessions – Chapel

PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS

- Felipe & Diane Salazar
A pre-baptismal class is held at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month in room 110/120. However, if you wish to baptize a child who is seven years of age or older, please contact the Faith Formation office.





Garland, Texas

Rachel Kollhoff - Coordinator

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Be sure to check out our website for current info:

www.smlifeteen.com

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

EARLY REGISTRATION has begun and will continue through August 9 in Curran Hall after the 9:00, 10:30, and 12 pm Masses on August 2 and 9.

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!! Our Life Teen program is solely operated on donations made to our program. We are asking for a \$60-\$75 donation to help with food, supplies, and program expenses. We will be having a Second Collection in August and every bit helps!!

Summer Activities:**Every Monday "Movie Night"**

From 6-9 pm we will meet every Monday in the Youth Room. (Sometimes we will go to a movie theater. No Movie Night **AUG. 10.**)

Every Tuesday "Breakfast of Champions Starts"

Meets every Tuesday: 8 am-12 pm; Mass, Breakfast, activity. (Some activities will be offsite and will be announced: Six Flags, Burgers Lake, Surf and Swim, etc.)

Every Wednesday B.O.B & W.O.W (Band of Brothers & Women of Wisdom): Wednesdays in Youth Room from 7-9 pm. All high school teens are welcome!!

Beginning June 11 "Catholic Aerobics"

We will meet every Thursday from 8 am-12 pm. (Includes Mass, breakfast, and activity.)

Forms can be found on our website under "All Summer Events."

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

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A **BIG THANKS** to all in attendance at our last planning meeting for our 'EDGE' TRAVAGANZA. We have a GREAT

evening planned for our 'EDGERS' to kick off our new '09-'10 school year! Don't forget the date, Friday, August 14, 7-11 pm beginning in the Curran Hall. What does it take to get in, you ask? Two cans of food will get you in to a night filled with 'EDGE' CITEMENT! Why come alone? Bring a friend, and be prepared to meet some new friends! Remember, this event includes all previous year 'EDGERS' and new 6th graders. All food collected will be donated to St. Michael's Food Pantry to assist the needy in our community. Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!

PARENTS: We will be registering on Sundays until August 9 during the 9:00, 10:30, and 12 noon Masses in the Curran Hall. Confirmation candidates don't forget to pick up a Confirmation packet when registering. Please do not hesitate to call should you have any questions, or if you are interested in being part of our 'EDGE' TEAM on Wednesday nights! Thank you for your interest!



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 11862**

EVENTS CALENDAR

August 9	Passbook Sales after all Masses
13	Officers Meeting, 7 PM, Rm. 140
16	Passbook Sales after all Masses
20	Business Meeting, 7 PM, Curran Hall
21	Passbook Sales after all Masses

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

Saint Michael the Archangel BSA Gray Owl District Troop 548	
August 2 8:00 am	Scout Café
August 3 7:00 pm	Boy Scout Meeting Curran Hall
August 8	Mesquite Rodeo Night Boy Scouts Night
August 10	No Boy Scout Meeting
August 16 8:00 am	Scout Café
August 17 7:00 pm	Boy Scout Meeting Curran Hall

August 21-23	Campout/TBA
August 24	No Boy Scout Meeting
August 27 7:00 pm	Leader's Council Meeting Parish Library
August 31 7:00 pm	Boy Scout Meeting Curran Hall
Contact Scoutmaster Christ Fowler for more information: email: cdf364@att.net Phone: (972) 203-6126	



Devotions to the Blessed Virgin: The Militia Immaculata

The Militia of the Immaculata (MI) is a worldwide evangelization movement founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe in 1917. It encourages a total consecration to Mary Immaculate as a means of spiritual renewal for individuals and society. Marian consecration in the MI is a formal act of self-giving that does not stop at Mary, but is Christ-directed. It is really consecration to Jesus. The MI motto is, "To lead every individual with Mary to the most Sacred Heart of Jesus."

The MI employs prayer as the main weapon in the spiritual battle with evil. Members of the MI wear the Miraculous Medal as a sign of their consecration. St. Maximilian used to refer to the Miraculous Medal as "the bullet" in the war against evil, and many MIs give Miraculous Medals to anyone they meet, as part of their evangelization effort. MIs also immerse themselves in apostolic initiatives throughout society, either individually or in groups, to deepen the knowledge of the Gospel and our Catholic Faith in themselves and in others.

The MI is one of the few Vatican-approved public associations whose mission, like that of the Catholic Church, is universal. Although the MI is open to Catholics only, it encourages all people of good will to develop a trusting relationship with Our Lady.

On August 6, we will begin a novena here at St. Michael's to the Immaculata, concluding with Evening Prayer on August 14, the Feast of St. Maximilian. On Saturday morning, August 15, the Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, anyone who wishes to become a member of the Militia Immaculata is invited to participate in a public consecration and to receive a blessed Miraculous Medal. For more information about the Militia Immaculata and about consecration, brochures will be available in the Chapel, or visit <http://www.consecration.com>.

HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE

First Friday All-Night Adoration

First Friday All-Night Adoration in prayer for the advancement of the culture of life will be held on August 7 at the Discalced Carmelite Monastery, 600 Flowers Ave., Dallas 75211, located off of Jefferson Blvd. Security will be there throughout the night. Come as early as 5:00 p.m. Latin Masses at 8:00 p.m. Friday and 3:00 a.m. Saturday. Adoration ends just before the 7:00 a.m. Saturday Mass. These prayer vigils will be held every First Friday. The Cloistered Carmelites will also be praying all night. You may leave your personal prayer requests with them. There will be food and drink available in the evening. Request flyers & directions at carmelitevigil@aol.com or contact Vicki Middleton, (214) 542-4823

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Local Priests on USCCB Website

Please be sure to visit the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Ten of our priests from the Diocese of Dallas, including Bishop Farrell, will join priests from around the country in delivering daily reflections and scriptures in a streaming video format on the website beginning June 23rd and continuing through December 29. Be sure to visit www.usccb.org/video/reflections.shtml.