

From the Pastor

There are many measures to greatness in the world: political savvy, military ability, sports prowess, intellectual knowledge, public speaking facility, musical talent, etc. Jesus identified Saint John the Baptist as being the greatest man who ever lived, as far as human accomplishments go. But our Lord also said that the least born into the kingdom of God is greater than John. That is, to be a child of God is far greater than to reach the pinnacle of human development or endeavor. Oh that we would be the best of children, that we might not lose, through sin, this great gift of Divine sonship we have received from God the Father through His Son Jesus Christ.

-Father Joseph

Weekly Readings

Sunday, Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/ Jas 5:7-10/ Mt 11:2-11

Monday, Saint Lucy

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/ Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9/ Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, Saint John of the Cross

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/ Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 & 23/ Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, Blessed Mary Frances Schervier

Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/ Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14/ Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday, Blessed Honoratus Kozminski

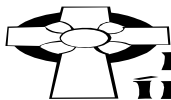
Is 54:1-10/ Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-8, 11-12a & 13b/ Lk 7:24-30

Friday, Lazarus

Gn 49:2, 8-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 3-4a, 7-8, 17/ Mt 1:1-17

Saturday, Blessed Anthony Grassi

Jer 23:5-8/ Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/ Mt 1:18-25



mass intentions

Saturday

- 8:00 a.m. + Julia Ventrello by Ross & Steve Ventrello and Cheryl Verrick
5:30 p.m. + Tewolde Okfamikael by His Children & Family

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. + Donnie Dunnavant by the Homes & Rogers Family
10:30 a.m. + Mike Wifle by Jane Wifle
12:30 p.m. Mass for the People
6:00 p.m. + James Matthews by DiBernardo Family

Monday

- 8:00 a.m. + Pedro & Franciss Martinez

Tuesday

- 8:00 a.m. SI Gabriel Family by Francisco Gabriel

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Thursday

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6:30 p.m. + Don Dunavant by Camille M. Sardisco

Friday

- 8:00 a.m. Special Intentions by Reyes Family
* Tabernacle Candle is for the Special Intention of Bill Geese by Kuebler Family

CHURCH OFFERING

Weekend	Mass Count	Contributions
12/06/09	1802	\$19,730.00
12/05/10	1928	\$18,838.00



The Week Ahead

SUNDAY:

- 8:00 a.m. K of C Blood Drive – Curran Hall
8:30 a.m. Faith Formation – Classrooms
9:00 a.m. RCIA - Library
7:00 p.m. LifeTeen – Curran Hall
7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Reception – Narthex
7:00 p.m. This is our Faith – Rm. 110/120

MONDAY:

- 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation – Classrooms
6:45 p.m. Boy Scouts – Curran Hall

TUESDAY:

- 9:15 a.m. MDO – Rm. 110/120 & Nursery
7:00 p.m. St. Gregory Choir - Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Pope Pius XII Class – Rm. 200
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul – Youth Room
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Den Meeting – Curran Hall

WEDNESDAY: December 15

- 6:00 p.m. EDGE – Curran Hall
6:00 p.m. Life Teen BOB & WOW – Youth Room

THURSDAY:

- 9:15 a.m. MDO – Rm. 110/120 & Nursery
6:00 p.m. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Chapel
7:00 p.m. Reconciliation - Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus – Curran Hall

FRIDAY:

December 17

SATURDAY:

December 18

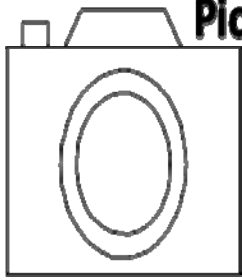
- 8:00 a.m. Angel Food Ministries – Youth Room
5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Court of Honor – Curran Hall

Reconciliation

There will be a special Penance Service on Thursday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will have four visiting priests in addition to Father Joseph and Father Dankasa to help with this service. Please make plans to attend.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec. 24	8am, 4pm, 7pm, Midnight
Dec. 25	9am, 11am
Dec. 26	8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, 6pm
Dec. 27	8am
Dec. 28	8am
Dec. 29	8am
Dec. 30	8am, 6:30pm
Dec. 31	8am, 7pm Vigil, 8-12mid Adoration, Midnight Benediction
Jan. 1	8am, 5:30 pm



Pictures with St. Nicholas

If you had your picture taken with St. Nicholas last Sunday, you may pick up your picture in the Narthex. The pictures are in a basket labeled Pictures with St. Nicholas.



Rachel Kollhoff – Youth Minister

smyouth@sbcglobal.net 972-279-6581, ext. 17

Be sure to check out our website for current information.

www.smlifeteen.com

(All Forms for any upcoming events are posted on the website)

Meet every Sunday starting with 6:00 p.m. mass and dinner ending at 9:00 p.m.

We only have 1 more life nights left for the Fall Semester!

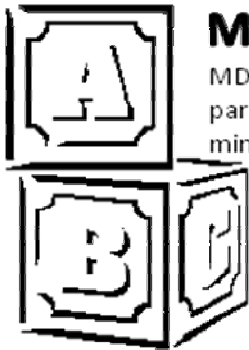
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The spring semester begins January 9th!

Parents: This Life Night is the last night of the Scripture semester. This night will focus on the Book of Revelation and how our earthly Mass is a foretaste to the "heavenly banquet." The following are a few discussion questions for home:

1. What do you think heaven will be like? W
2. How can we as a family help each other get to heaven? H
3. How has this Scripture semester changed your view on Scripture? H
4. How can I as your mom/dad help you in your faith journey? H



Mother's Day Out

MDO in need of supplies and parishioner support to keep this ministry running. They have placed a

Christmas tree next to the St. Michael statue by the west entrance, decorated with paper ornaments. On these ornaments are the supplies needed and where to get them.

Please take a look at what is being asked and consider what you and your family can comfortably give. Thank you and Happy Holidays.



CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Mary Rak – Middle School Youth Minister

MaryR@stmichaelgarland.org 972-279-6581 ext. 14

Meet every Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Take note of upcoming events for Middle School Youth:

Dec. 15 – The Edge – *Putting Christ in Xmas*

Dec. 22 – No Edge (Christmas Holidays)

Dec. 29 – No Edge (Christmas Holidays)

Jan. 5 – The Edge resumes – *It's a Mystery*

Confirmation Parents: We are still missing the Baptismal & First Communion certificates of several of our students. These must be turned in before the end of the year or your teen may not be able to be confirmed this year. If you are having a problem getting a copy to turn in, please call me at once and maybe I can help. Also, several of the teens have already used two or even all three of their absences for the 2010-2011 year. Please be sure your teens attend all Edge sessions, Super Sundays, and the Confirmation Retreat so that they can be Confirmed this year.

Thank you for all the time and effort that you put into helping your teen fulfill all his/her commitments for Confirmation. Your diligence is greatly appreciated!

Have a blessed week Edgers!

Saint Michael Youth Ministry

Young Adult Fellowship

When: Thursdays

1st Socials (TBA)

2nd & 4th Thursday Catholic Teachings (Rm. 110-120)

Time: 7:00-9:00 pm

Contact: Rachel Kollhoff

rachel@stmichaelgarland.org

What is Young Adult Fellowship?

A group open to individuals who are no longer in high school and are looking for a group of cool young adults to hang with while trying to live a Christ-Centered Life!!

This is a group that can help provide

support for being a radical for Christ. This is an opportunity to take the next step toward adding more growth and wisdom to your own personal relationship with God.

What are the requirements?

Anyone who no longer attends high school is eligible. This means those who either went straight to working or have attended or are attending college around the Dallas area.

For more information find YAF on Facebook!

<http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/group.php?gid=152176534934>



Saint Michael the Archangel Boy Scout Troop 548

December 13	Boy Scout Meeting 7 PM, Curran Hall
December 16	OA Chapter Banquet, 7:30 PM
December 18	Christmas/Court of Honor/Winter Campout
December 20	No Boy Scout Meeting – Christmas Holiday
December 27	No Boy Scout Meeting – Christmas Holiday

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



Knights of Columbus Christmas Raffle 2010

Raffle ticket prices: 3 tickets - \$ 5.00 8 tickets - \$ 10.00
18 tickets - \$ 20.00 25 tickets - \$ 25.00

PRIZES:

Grand prize: 47 inch Vizio led 1080p internet capable
HDTV with Bluetooth remote

2nd prize: 32gb Apple iPad with Wi-Fi

3rd prize: Sony Playstation 3 - 320gb console with
Move Bundle

4th prize: 32gb Apple iPod Touch with camera

5th prize: Fender Starcaster Electric Guitar with Amp

6th prize: \$200 Visa Gift Card

**Raffledrawing to be held Sunday, December 19th after
12:30 pm Mass by Father Joseph. YOU NEED NOT BE
PRESENT TO WIN.**

*All proceeds from the Christmas raffle will support our
council charities. Pro-Life, Seminarian support,
Catholic ministries, Catholic radio, Holy Smokers
functions, student scholarships, etc.*

**For more information contact Christ Fowler at 972-
567-3175**



St. Michael the Archangel will be hosting their annual blood drive for Carter Blood Care Sunday, December 12th. It will be in the Curran Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. As an added bonus if you give blood you can receive two platinum level tickets for the price of one to the Mavericks game. Contact Jeff Muessig if you have any questions at 214-533-1046.

Pray for Us

We are in need of Prayers for the Prayer Ministry. This ministry is easily done at home. Ministers will receive a list of people to pray for each month for the all know that when two or more are gathered in His name. Our Father hears those prayers.



If you are in need of having others pray for you and your family fill out the form located in the Narthex and drop it in the PRAYER box located at the east entrance of the Church. Once a month the names are given to Gloria Perez, who then sends a list to the members of the ministry.

If you would like to be a Prayer Minister or have a prayer request just call the Parish Secretary for more information.



Spanish Pre-Baptismal Class

A Spanish Pre-Baptismal class is offered the second Thursday of each month at 7 PM. The next class will be held in room 150. Pre-registration to attend the class is not required. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions. 972-279-6531.

Una clase pre-bautismal en español será tenida a las 7 de la tarde el segundo jueves de cada mes. El próximo clase será en el cuarto número 150. No es necesario para registrar para asistir la clase. Si tiene cualquier pregunta llame por favor la oficina de la parroquia al 972-279-6531.



Young at Heart

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Bingo will return in January! See you then.
-Rich & Judy Fuja



Marriage Tip

When you use that wonderful communication tool of active listening ("I hear you saying..."), remember that your goal is not necessarily to reach agreement, but rather to show your spouse you truly understand.

Facebook

Find us on Facebook! We now have a page administered by some of our staff and Father Dankasa. Simply search Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Parish Community and you will see a picture of our church. This will be the a fast, accurate way to receive information.

Beautiful Church

Greetings,

Over the last several months we have conducted several projects in re-beautifying the grounds and the building of St. Michael.

You also may have seen some improvements to the Landscape and the flower beds, thanks to our own Vic Atos. We would like to add more flowers, plants, etc. to continue to add beauty to our Church. Therefore, we are starting a new program:

Adopt a Garden

If you would like to make a donation, sponsor an area, or some specific plants please contact Johnny Martinez or Vic Atos to discuss cost and designs.

Parish Office Number: 972-279-6581 x22

WELCOME

Registration sheets are available at both entrances of the church. Please fill out and return the registration form to the parish office or 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.

Bulletin Deadline

If you have a bulletin announcement that you would like printed in the bulletin



please send it to Samanthas@stmicahelgarland.org by 10.00 a.m. Friday morning. You may also contact Samantha Silvas at the parish office at 972-279-6581 ext. 12 or drop off a copy of the announcement at the church.

Website



If you would like to contribute photos, articles or share information please contact Johnny Martinez at JohnnyM1@stmicahelgarland.org.

Pulpit Announcement

If you have something you would like announced at the ambo after mass please call Samantha Silvas in the parish office at 972-279-6581 ext. 12 by Friday morning.



