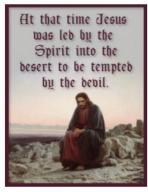
# PRAYER PENANCE ALMSGIVING



Every year on the first Sunday of Lent, the focus is on temptation. Adam and Eve are tempted by the serpent in the garden of Eden. Jesus is tempted in the desert by the devil. Though the temptations in our life may not be as dramatic as those in Genesis or the Gospels, they may be just as powerful. As we celebrate today's liturgy, let us pray to God for strength to resist temptation and for mercy when we fall.

# Readings for the Week of March 1, 2020

	Sunday	First Sunday of	of Lent
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Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17;

Rom 5:12-19 or Rom 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15;

Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19;

Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday Saint Casimir

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab,

2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

**Friday** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8;

Mt 5:20-26

Saturday Saint Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22;

2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



# FATHER DWIGHT!



#### SAVE THE DATE

Our Lenten Penance Service is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11th at 7:00 PM.

#### Mass Schedule and Liturgy Intentions February 29-March 8, 2020

SATURDAY	5:30 PM	+Emil Kubesch +Cecile Lippman
1st Sund	day Benediction (	@ 7:15 AM in the Church
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
	9:30 AM	+Ed & Dorothy Jurecka +Dcn. Gary Forse
	11:00 AM	+Stephanie Harris Antony Thomas Family
TUESDAY	5:30 PM	+Nick Česarini +Lucilla Henderson
WEDNESDAY	8:30 AM	+Agnes & Charlie Kieler +Jack Lippman
THURSDAY	5:30 PM	+Richard Merck +Donna Schwertner
FRIDAY	8:30 AM	+Frank Kiefel +Brad Armintor
SATURDAY	5:30 PM	+Jeanette Matzke
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	+Kay Jones +Randy Rod +Vickie Kaatz
	9:30 AM	People of the Parish
	11:00 AM	+Florence Shaw +Loney Berteau

**Homebound or Hospitalized?** Please notify the Parish Office if you would like to receive Holy Communion.

#### Pray for those who are ill:

Ruth Cleaver, Frank Drabek, Paul Garcia, Bobbie Jasek, Sarah Langston, Tom

Loftus, Bubba Moore, Paul Perdue, Lori Sipple, Dorothy Vitek, Eddie Wleczyk, "Boots" Ermis, Fred Weatherly, Paula Price, Vera Bennett, Ray Villarreal, Judy & Nolan Link, Wilhelmina Muniza, Edith Hall, Mirella Sherman, Kate Shaw, Belia Hue, Ross Falcon, Ann Riedel, Jack & Barbara Yonge, Monica Caraballo, Susan Jurecka, Janie Gonzales

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT HUNGER IN OUR WORLD

When Jesus fed the 5,000, he said, "Give them some food yourselves." Reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How can you contribute to support the hungry in your community? Visit *crsricebowl.org* for more.



Join the Knights in Wleczyk Hall every Friday of Lent at 5:00, with drive-through available at 4:30. Adult plates are \$12, children's plates are \$6, both with all the trimmings.

THEN JOIN US FOR:

Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7 pm



Dear Parish Family,

Last Wednesday, we had ashes traced in our foreheads to remind us of our mortality and the need of penance in our lives. As an appropriate gesture, we have fasted by eating one full meal and we have abstained from eating meat during the day. Yes, the Holy Season of Lent has begun.

As with many past seasons of Lent in our lives, we ask ourselves what we will give up for Lent, what sacrifices should we make this time? After all, the things we give up, and the sacrifices we make are part of our journey with the Lord into His suffering and death on the cross. Allow me to suggest something different this year. Maybe we need to GIVE rather than to GIVE UP something. Maybe it's "living up" instead of "giving up", as in aspiring to live up to certain spiritual goals or ideals. While sacrifice remains an important Lenten theme, I believe we can greatly appreciate a fresh spiritual challenge. Try this: Pray for a stranger or someone you don't even like. Take time to write a soldier stationed overseas. Visit an elderly neighbor, the ailing and homebound. Say a rosary for peace. Pray for all those who are lost, frightened, uncertain and alone. Buy a doughnut, or a hamburger to that man standing in the street corner with a sign around his neck that said 'Hungry'. In short we begin the season of Lent by giving.

So let's plant these small seeds of sacrifice. Tend to them. Nurture them. Cultivate them. You may well be surprised at the graces that have blossomed by Easter morning!

A Blessed Lent to you! Father Dwight

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#### **Attention Current and Prospective**



Please choose **ONE** of the following dates for training:

March 2, 5:30-6:45 pm March 7, 8-9:45 am March 8, 5-6:15 pm March 9, 5:30-6:45 pm March 14, 8-9:45 am March 15, 5-6:15 pm

All trainings will take place in the Church. We encourage all young parishioners in grades 4-12 who have made their First Holy Communion to participate. Please contact **John Kyle** to sign up at 979-236-9464/johnckyle1@gmail.com.



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> Weekend Liturgies Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm Sunday 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am Sacrament of Penance

Tuesday 5:00-5:20 pm Saturday 4:00-5:00 pm

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#### ATTENTION ALL ST. MICHAEL VOLUNTEERS!

EVERYONE who volunteers in ANY ministry is required to be trained in the SAFE HAVEN program.

THANK YOU to all who volunteer here at St. Michael!

Safe Haven training consists of 3 vignette style training videos that is approximately 60 minutes and will include a criminal background check that must be completed. These trainings are available in English and Spanish. *All Safe Environment trainings will only be available online.* 

- EVERYONE who is a volunteer in ANY ministry at St. Michael is required by the Archdiocese to be trained in the SAFE HAVEN program.
- A refresher training is required every 5 years. \* DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT TO TAKE THE REFRESHER.

As the 5-year anniversary date is met, you will need to log into **CMGConnect** with your previous personal VIRTUS user ID and **1234** as the password. Once you have logged in to CMGConnect account, you will be able to change your PASSWORD. You must log in with **Google Chrome**, only.

\*If you do not remember your user ID, contact: Melanie Viktorin at 979-297-3041/melanie@smlj.org

#### ST MICHAEL ANNUAL CHURCH BAZAAR

May 31, 2020

Thank you to all who have donated to sponsor our Bazaar so far — we appreciate your help toward making it a success.

We are now accepting items for our **live and silent auctions**. Please bring all items to the Youth Office. Items should be NEW or antiques/collectables.

(If we are unable to use an item it will be donated to another organization.)

If you have any questions, please contact Betty Jo Jurries at 979.297.2962

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St. Michael donation receipt documents were emailed on January 15th. If you did not receive yours, please email dee@smlj.org with your correct or updated email address.

The Ministry Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Sunday, March 8th after 11:00 Mass. If you are involved in a ministry, please sign up in the Family Life Center after all masses.

March 16-17 2020

#### SAVE THE DATE

The Women of St. Michael Present:

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Our **SVDP** pantry is currently in need of canned meats, cereal, complete pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter, jelly and snacks for kids. As always, thank you for your support of this ministry.

# **Adoration Chapel Security**

St. Michael is blessed to have access to an Adoration Chapel where anyone can stop in to spend time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. This gift comes with a responsibility to keep not only the Blessed Sacrament safe, but also those who visit. Unfortunately, there have been incidents where safety has been compromised. One only needs to watch the news to know that we may experience unsafe conditions at any time.

In order to keep our parish family and Our Lord safe from any harm, we have placed a keypad lock on the Adoration Chapel door. It will be locked at dark and will stay locked over the weekends. This is not intended to make the chapel "exclusive" or to keep people out. Anyone who would like after-hours access to the chapel may come to the parish office to receive the keypad code.

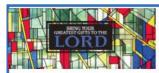
In order to protect your fellow parishioners as well as our Lord, we request that you do not open the door for anyone once it is locked, and also do not give the code to others. Again, the code may be obtained from the parish office.

As unfortunate as it is to have to lock the Adoration Chapel during certain hours, we have a responsibility to keep our parishioners and visitors safe and to maintain the chapel as a reverent place of prayer and honor for our Blessed Lord.

May God bless us all! Fr. Dwight

Anyone who does not currently have a regular Adoration Chapel hour is invited and encouraged to open themselves to this great blessing! Contact the parish office at 979.297.3041.





Our 2020 **Diocesan Services Fund** (DSF) has begun in every parish throughout the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Christ calls us to serve one another and reach those who are sick or in need, to bless and serve them. Your compassion and generosity is needed by the Archdiocese. When you bring your greatest gifts to the Lord, you enable us to reach out to people in this parish and throughout the entire Archdiocese through

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Recently, all registered parishioners received a letter from Cardinal DiNardo, along with a personalized pledge card, inviting you to *Bring Your Greatest Gifts to the Lord.* Pray about your DSF 2020 commitment, then complete the enclosed pledge card and return it via mail in the special envelope provided or bring it to Mass. If you prefer, you may go online at www.archgh.org/dsf to make your donation. Your generosity will allow our Catholic community to continue many vital programs and services. Our parish goal for this year is \$125,660. Many companies offer matching donations. You may find this information and more on the St. Michael or Archdiocesan website.

### **SNAPSHOT OF SUMMER 2020** YOUTH ACTIVITIES

June 19-21 — Steubenville Lone Star June 28-July 1 — United Summer Camp July 11-18 (tentative) — Youth on a Mission July 31-August 2 — Archdiocesan Youth Conference (AYC)

more information contact Adam: adam@smlj.org or Janet: janet@smlj.org

Our Family Meal will take a break on March 4th and 11th. Join us on March 18th at 5:30.

Join us in nourishing body, mind, and soul with SoulCore - a prayer experience that combines the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening exercises. Classes will be offered Friday mornings during Lent at 10 am in the Wolters Room of the Spiritual Learning Center. To RSVP for more information, or peggyjpaul@gmail.com



The Knights will host the parish's second blood drive of the year THIS Sunday, March 1 in Wleczyk Hall from 8:00 - 1:00. Please join us and give the gift of life.



Beginning on March 2, on the first Monday of each month, Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of sales to St. Michael's Youth if presented with this coupon, or a picture of the coupon. So take a picture or this coupon or take the entire bulletin to Texas Roadhouse and let's support our Youth! Please confirm with your server before checking out.



Interested in meeting other young adults in the parish? Join the SML Young Adult Group to grow in your faith through study and Study fellowship. Meet us every Monday at 7pm in the Wolters Room.

Contact William Christian for information at bchristian14@gmail.com.

# Rite of Sending for Christian Initiation (RCIA)

At Saturday's Mass, those preparing to come into the Catholic Church celebrate the Rite of Sending, where our parish assesses their formation and then offers blessings and prayers as we send them to go before our bishop.

#### Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

On Sunday afternoon, the unbaptized (Catechumens) celebrate the Rite of Election, which marks the end of the Catechumenate (period of instruction) and the beginning of the Period of Purification and Enlightenment (prayer and self-reflection). The Church judges their readiness to become disciples of Jesus, after which the bishop gives them his blessing. They are now the Elect.

Those who have already been baptized (Candidates) celebrate the Call to Continuing Conversion, in which the bishop greets them, asks their sponsors to affirm them, and invites them to join in full communion at Easter with the Church by listening to God's call to continuing conversion.

For both Catechumens and Candidates, this combined rite marks a period of more intense preparation as they continue their journey towards the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) at Easter.

Please continue to pray for all those in RCIA formation:

Elect & Catechumens (unbaptized): Grace Pritchett, Juliet Pritchett, Katherine Pritchett, Ricardo Cambray, Jayden Sustaita, Casey Jones, Mike McDermott

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