St. Michael the Archangel

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Dear Parish Family,

We are in the month of February. This is the month that we are asked to broaden our focus. We are asked to look beyond the needs of self and the parish and to be again aware of our Archdiocese and its needs.

This Sunday is Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) Sunday when we are asked to pledge to our Cardinal our support for the needs of our Archdiocese. Each year he asks us for our help to provide funds for services the Archdiocese manages like support to house and provide an income (same as a parish salary) for our chaplain corps. These are the priests who are there when we need them to care spiritually for the sick at the various Medical Centers in Houston and Galveston. We also reach out and help the chaplains in the jail ministry, the office of vocations, the office of catechesis and evangelization, Catholic Charities and many other ministries. Yes, we are asked to again pledge to care for the sick and the imprisoned, to guide the youth and to feed the hungry.

Last year we have accomplished our DSF goal and I am very grateful for your generosity. Many of you shared more and some could just give what they could. But each of us needs to look within and see our gift of faith and the gifts that God has given us and respond to the needs. We too have our responsibility to our Archdiocesan church. Yes, it is a prayer and it is reaching out to others when we support DSF.

So as we begin the 2nd month of this new year, I ask your prayers for a successful DSF 2021. The Cardinal asks us to "Walk in the Light of Christ". May we at St Michael Parish say 'Yes!'

Thanks for Caring,

Fr. Dwight

P.S. The Knights have their Chicken Sunday this weekend. You can get them after the 8:00am and 10:00am masses and if you wish, you can pre-order them at www.osvhub.com/smlj/forms/kc-chickens . Delivery is available.