



That we find it in our hearts to pray for people that don't always treat us well. "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." Matthew 5:44 Love your

enemies, easier said than done. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for "my enemy." When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well.

Scripture Readings for the Week of February 19, 2023

Sunday	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12 -13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48		
Monday	Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29		
Tuesday	Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37		
Wednesday			
Tround and	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 &		
	17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18		

Thursday Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 9:22-25 **Friday** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14

Saturday

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday First Sunday of Lent

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-



Pray for those who are ill:

Sarah Langston, Paul Perdue, Paula Price, Nolan Link, Wilhelmina & Ray Muniza, Belia Hue, Ross Falcon, Barbara Yonge, Janie Gonzales, Carson

Thelan, Steve Pelletier, Mary Perez, Lucille Engelking, Barbara Lanier, Paul & Colette Garcia, Richard Keistler, Leslie Stein, Joyceline Nachtegaele, Joni Bergeron, Maurice Badeaux, Steven Rod, Ron Jones, Ronnie Hock, Carolyn and Earl Erickson, Judson McCann, Rene Damian



Ash Wednesday Liturgy Schedule February 22

6:30 am—Liturgy of the Word with Ashes 8:30 am—Mass and Distribution of Ashes Noon—Liturgy of the Word with Ashes 5:30 pm—Mass with Distribution of Ashes

7:00 pm—Liturgy of the Word with Ashes

Stations of the Cross—7:00 pm Each Friday during Lent

Mass Schedule and Liturgy Intentions February 18— February 26

SATURDAY	5:30 PM	†Chase Epps †Jessica Bullock Duncan		
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Fr. Dwight Canizares †Louise Smith		
	9:30 AM 11:00 AM	For the People of the Parish †Lillian Sablatura †Travis Knox		
TUESDAY	8:30 AM	†Charles & Carolina Trlica †Edwin Canizares		
ASH WEDNESDAY	8:30 AM	†Johnny Girouard †Robert Martinez		
	5:30 PM	†Annabelle Evangelista †Alfredo Larre		
THURSDAY	8:30 AM	†Agnes & Charlie Kieler †Ray Gustin		
FRIDAY	8:30 AM	Rick Cary-Knight of the Month Mike & Belinda Tavary- Family of the Month		
SATURDAY	5:30 PM	†Jim Solis †Lillian Sablatura		
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	†Sherry Aaron †Leo Crosley		
	9:30 AM	†Weldon Drapela		
	11:00 AM	†Ray Gustin For the People of the Parish		



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - Friday 9am-6pm, Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 12pm-6pm in the Please prayerfully consider making the Adoration

Chapel a part of your weekly prayer time. To volunteer or Pat Williams information contact more adoration@smlj.org. You may view the schedule and empty adoration hours on our website by clicking on "Ministries", then "Adoration Chapel".

IMMEDIATE ADORATION HOUR NEED:

2-3 pm Thursday

Adoration will be closed in the church on the following

There is no regularly scheduled Adoration on:

Ash Wednesday (Feb 22)

Wednesday -Holy Week (April 5)

Holy Thursday (April 6) - See below for note on Holy Thursday

Good Friday (April 7)

Easter Vigil-Holy Saturday (April 8)

Easter Sunday (April 9)

Holy Thursday: There will be Adoration after evening Mass on Holy Thursday (April 6) and is scheduled from 8:00pm to Midnight. You can sign up for those shifts on the app or contact Pat Williams at adoration@smlj.org

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parish Family,

What an honor and a special blessing for our parish of St. Michael to have another ordained minister added to the good number of what we already have. All in all our parish has been blessed with a good number of men and women who have responded to God's call to a life of service. We congratulate today Deacon John Kyle, his wife Debra and his family for this special gift from God. After six long years of hard work and study, Deacon John has achieved his goal. We as a parish are also proud of this yet another blessing bestowed on us by God. I hope that we continue to pray for Deacon John as he begins his ministry of service to God's people!

This coming Wednesday we enter once again the season of Lent. We journey with the Lord into His suffering and death on the cross. We begin this holy season with the ashes traced on our foreheads to remind us of our sinfulness and our need of God's forgiveness in our lives. After all, it is our sins that drove the Lord to the cross.

What are your plans for this Lent? What are the sacrifices you are planning to make or the things you plan to give up for Lent? Whatever your plans are, I hope and pray that they contribute to a holier you and a better follower of Him who suffered and died for us!

God bless!

Fr. Dwight

The **2022 contribution statements** were emailed out. If you did not receive yours, please check your spam folder. Those who do not have an email address on file with the office will receive their contribution statement in the mail.



Job Openings at St. Michael's

Facility Maintenance - ensures the proper upkeep of the buildings and assets on the parish campus. Performs typical maintenance and preventative maintenance tasks and coordinates any contracted maintenance. This is a 30 – 40 hour / week role.

Faith Formation Director - responsible for the religious education programs of the parish with direct responsibility for the Pre-K to 6th grade catechetical and sacramental preparation program. This is a 40 hour / week role.

Full medical and retirement benefits are available for these roles.

In Memoriam Gifts

If you are wishing to make on-line Memorial Gifts to St. Michael's in memory or in honor of a loved one, you can go to www.osvhub.com/smlj/funds and select



Memorial Gift.

Please note this is **not intended to be used for Mass Intentions** which need to be made in the office.

Save the Date

March 20 & 21, 2023

Lenten Day of Prayer

with Sister Mary Catherine "Astros Rally Nun"

Lenten Penance Service Schedule for 2023.

Parish	Date	Time
St. Mary's, Freeport	3/9	7:00 pm
St. John The Baptist, Alvin	3/21	6:30 pm
Sacred Heart, Manvel	3/22	6:30 pm
Most Holy Trinity, Angleton	3/23	6:30 pm

From Grief to Healing



We are looking for facilitators for a bereavement group that strives to live in the image of Jesus Christ who wept with those who mourned. We believe that no one in our faith community should grieve alone. Next training will take place on **February 23rd and 24th, 2023.**

If you are interested please call John White at 979-236-5219 or email thtta.38@gmail.com Genie Packard at 979-236-2422 or email Ihpackard@sbcglobal.net



Planning to be married in the Church?

Please contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance.

It is imperative that you meet with Father before setting a wedding date or reserving a reception venue.

For an appointment, call: 979-297-3041.

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The Knight of Columbus Lake
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drive through Fish Fry Dinners from
4:30 – 6:30pm each Friday during
Lent. The plates are available in front
of F-Wing. The dinners include fried

fish, beans, hush puppies and french fries for \$15. Meals will be served from 5 – 6:30 pm in the hall of the Family Life Center. Cash, check and credit cards are accepted.

Raffle Tickets are also available for sale with over \$1,800 in gift card prizes. Contact Dick Schneider at rcslj54@yahoo.com for tickets or info.

This is the Knights largest fundraiser and helps support the various ministries and charities the KC's fund.





Congratulations to Liam
Travis Frank son of
Steven and Amber
And

Alise Jade Martinez, daughter of Lorenzo & Juliann



The Knights of Columbus will be selling BBQ chickens on Sunday, March 5th after all Masses.

Rosary

Mondays at 7 pm in the Church Tuesdays-Fridays at 8 am. in the Church





St. Michael's Presents

Monday Night Fellowship

Vern Dosch



February 27, 2023

Vern Dosch is a radiant proponent of "being a servant leader". He credits that philosophy with attracting and retaining a talented workforce. A noted speaker and Author of Wired Differently: How to Spark Better Results with a Cooperative Business Model, Servant Leadership and Shared Values and President/CEO of National Information Solutions Cooperative, a technology company of 1,400 employees with diverse products and diverse workforce headquartered in North Dakota. Vern has been a guest lecturer at University of Mary Washington's cooperative business course and at North Dakota State University on ethics and leaderships. Husband to Lynne, Father to Zack, Brittany, & Fr. Jordan, Grandfather to Corline, Quinn, Thatcher, Declan, Judah, Jonna, Sloane and Titus. Grateful Lover of Life!



Pre-Kinder to 6th Grades Meet Wednesday evenings from 6:15pm to 7:30pm "Let us set out each day praying for one another, working together as witnesses of the peace of Jesus, by persevering in the same journey by our practical acts of charity and unity.

In all things, let us love one another from the heart."

- Pope Francis

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Safe Haven Training

EVERYONE who volunteers in **ANY** ministry at St. Michael's is required to be trained in the SAFE HAVEN program: https://galvestonhouston.cmgconnect.org/ If you do not remember your user ID, email melanie@smlj.org. **Please** do not create a new account if you already have one.

No Faith Formation Wednesday Night Classes on February 22nd, to allow everyone to attend the Ash Wednesday Services with their Family. Classes will resume March 1st.

SAVE THE DATE



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JULY 17-21
Volunteers needed. Please call
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Our condolences and prayers are offered to the family of:

† Gay Rayburn (mother of Sean Barrett)



EYE GLASSES Please donate prescription eye glasses you no longer use to the Crystal Crafters. A collection basket is located outside the library.

Thank you for helping us help others.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time A 1 *Leviticus* 19:1-2, 17-18

Love is Hard

Love and hate are not the only options. In between lies a range of emotions including concern and indifference. If someone offends us, we may respond in a variety of ways. Some people feel hatred, bear grudges, and seek revenge. It is a fairly easy choice. But others take the harder option.

The Book of Leviticus proposes this difficult solution. God said to Moses, "You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. ... Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

This command is one of the most challenging in the entire Old Testament, yet Jesus chose it as one of the greatest commandments: Love your neighbor.

The Book of Leviticus realizes that not every neighbor is lovable. "You may have to reprove your fellow citizen." People sometimes do the wrong thing. They should not continue such behavior. You may have the opportunity to offer correction. But correction is not a license for anger, or for the disruption of charity. When correcting your neighbor, Leviticus says, "do not incur sin." Be not hateful. Be loving.

It is easy to love the neighbor we like, but it is harder to love the neighbor who offends. That love can take many forms—even the form of charitable correction. But it should never deteriorate to hatred. There are other options.

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3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AT SAINT MICHAEL

February, Saturday 18 & Sunday 19, 2023

During the offertory at all Mass Celebrations

Your items will be placed in Large Baskets found by the church altar during the offertory.

If you will be attending Mass at another parish during the 3rd Sunday of the month, we would appreciate if you bring your donations to the church and place them in the large baskets by the altar during the week. Thanks in Advance!

ONLINE GIVING The process is very simple! You may go to our website, www.smlj.org and click on the <u>Online Giving icon</u>. Another option is www.osvhub.com/smlj. Thank you for continuing to support St. Michael's.

Welcome to St. Michael the Archangel

We welcome all visitors to our faith community and hope that your experience here was blessed with the spirit of Christ. If you are a new resident of the area and would like to



know more about our parish opportunities, please read this bulletin for more information or check out our website at www.smlj.org If you are interested in joining our parish as a registered member and receive parish communications, please fill out the registration form from our website or stop by or call our Parish Office, Monday - Friday; 9:00am-4:00pm for more information.



Next week is Commitment Weekend where we all can support the Diocesan Services Fund. DSF is our opportunity as a community of faith to answer God's call, through His son Jesus Christ, to joyfully love and serve the needs of others. Through your support of DSF, you proclaim the Gospel, help provide 64 ministries that no one parish can do alone and remind all around you that God is the strength of our hearts.



The SVDP food drop-off chest is located in the hallway of the Family Life Center for donations of non-perishable items. The Pantry is in GREAT need of ALL soups, ramen noodles, spaghetti sauce, canned fruits &, meats, kids snacks.

Thank you for your continued support!



IGNITE UPDATE

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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 2/12/23

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