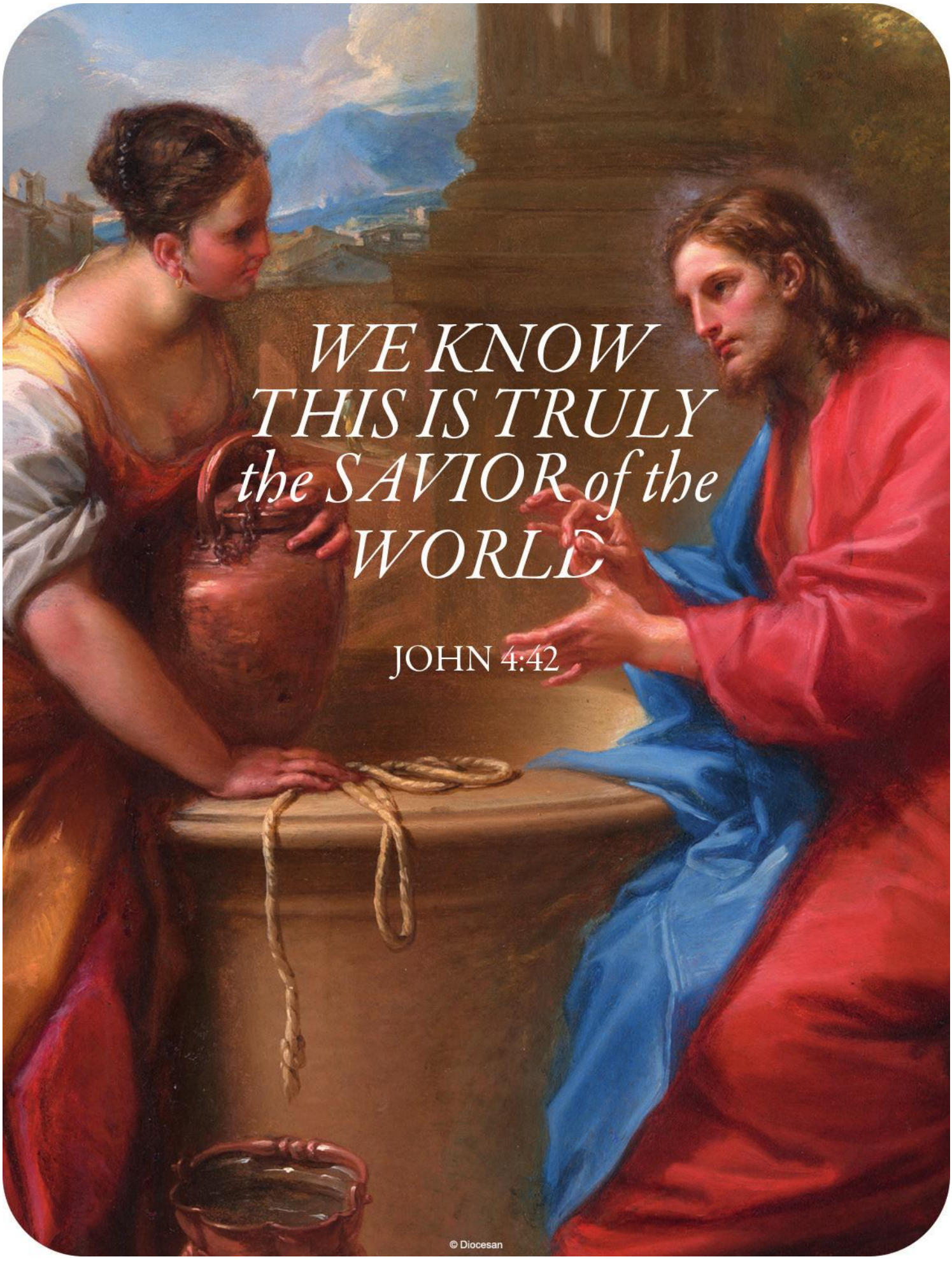
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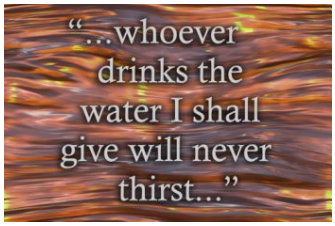

That we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" in our daily actions and decisions. "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." John 4:13 Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only comes when we follow Jesus - when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 12, 2023

Sunday	**Third Sunday of Lent** Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42
Monday	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday	**Saint Patrick, Bishop** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 & 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	**Saint Cyril, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday	**Fourth Sunday of Lent** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Christian Initiation (RCIA) celebrates the First Scrutiny at the 9:30 Mass. As part of this ancient rite, the Gospel reading focuses on *The Woman at the Well* (John 4:3-42). Our unbaptized Elect scrutinize themselves with self-searching and repentance through prayers meant to uncover and heal all that is weak, defective, and sinful, while strengthening all that is upright, strong, and good. The three scrutinies should complete their conversion and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ as they make their final steps toward receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist) at the upcoming Easter Vigil. Please continue to pray for our Elect: Felicia, Isabella, Brielle, and Hunter as well as our baptized candidates: Evelyn and another to be named later.

Mass Schedule and Liturgy Intentions March 11 — March 19

SATURDAY	5:30 PM	† Chase Epps † Bettie Carmody
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	† Charlie & Irene Dirba † Bill Cook
	9:30 AM	For the People of the Parish
	11:00AM	† Jim Solis † Lillian Sablatura
TUESDAY	8:30 AM	† Msgr. Boleslaus Zientek † Alyssa Nactegaele Danford & all Family Members
WEDNESDAY	8:30 AM	† Jack Lippman † John Kubesch
THURSDAY	8:30 AM	† Lori Sipple † Ray Gustin
FRIDAY	8:30 AM	Bill Wharmby Knight of the Month Ron & Cisi Pisklak Family of the Month
SATURDAY	5:30 PM	† Sandra Worth † Jim McGown
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Paul & Lina Gamino † Boots Ermis
	9:30 AM	† Ray Gustin † Matthew Anderson
	11:00AM	For the People of the Parish

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - Friday 9am-6pm, Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 12pm-6pm in the **Church**. Please prayerfully consider making the Adoration Chapel a part of your weekly prayer time. To volunteer or for more information contact Pat Williams at **adoration@smlj.org.** *You may view the schedule and empty adoration hours on our website by clicking on "Ministries", then "Adoration Chapel".*

If you would like to remember or honor a loved one with an Easter flower for the church during the Easter season, please contact Melanie at 979-297-3041. The requested donation is $15.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 3/5/23

Collections and Mail:	$ 16,937.00
OSV Online Giving:	2,986.00
	$ 19,923.00

Dear Parish Family,

There are many touching and moving experiences in the life of a priest as he ministers to God's people. Those God moments as I prefer to name them, many times make my days as your pastor truly special. One such moment happened a few days ago. Fr Leo , Fr Jorge and myself were just finishing confessions with our children from Faith Formation.

From where I was hearing confessions, I noticed a class together with their teacher starting to do the Stations of the Cross. Observing them going from one station to the next, praying devoutly and journeying with the Lord into His suffering and death on the cross, I could not help but be moved by what I saw. Such a young age and yet have shown their love for the Lord who suffered for them.

I am sure their young minds were not able to understand why Jesus suffered , only that He did it for love of us. From station to station, they not only read the prayers of each station but have entered into and felt them. What I saw moved my heart. It certainly was a God moment for me to see that.

I believed that what I saw does not only happen to children. It can happen to anyone of us especially when we devote a time to journey and retrace the steps of the Lord who suffered and died for us. We do not just enter into it but feel in our hearts what He underwent for us! Every Friday during Lent I invite you to join me in this powerful devotion together with your parish family. If it is inconvenient for you, you can certainly do it on your own. We will be putting pamphlets for you to use.

Prayerfully,

Fr. Dwight

Seniors 2023!

Senior letter, scholarship application and lunch reservation forms are available online. https://smlj.org/youth-ministry.
Hard copies are also available right outside the youth office.
Deadline for scholarship applications to be turned in is Tuesday, April 18th by 4:00 pm. Turn in directly to Janet Gipson or the white secure drop box right outside the youth office.
Graduation Mass will be Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 11:00 followed by lunch in the hall where scholarships will be distributed.

HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION NEED:

Please consider signing up for **Eucharistic Adoration following the evening Holy Thursday Mass (8 pm - 12 pm).** The slots are available on the scheduling app and you can sign up using the "Volunteer Now" link or contact Pat Williams at adoration@smlj.org. Thank you!

Holy Thursday, April 6th: 8-9pm, 9-10pm, 10-11pm and 11pm-12am.

Easter Schedule - **Regularly scheduled Adoration will be closed in the church on the following days (April 5-9):**
Wednesday -Holy Week (April 5th)
Holy Thursday (April 6th) - See above for note on Holy Thursday evening
Good Friday (April 7th)
Easter Vigil-Holy Saturday (April 8th)
Easter Sunday (April 9th)

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.

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

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Planning to be married in the Church?

Please contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance.
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For an appointment, call:
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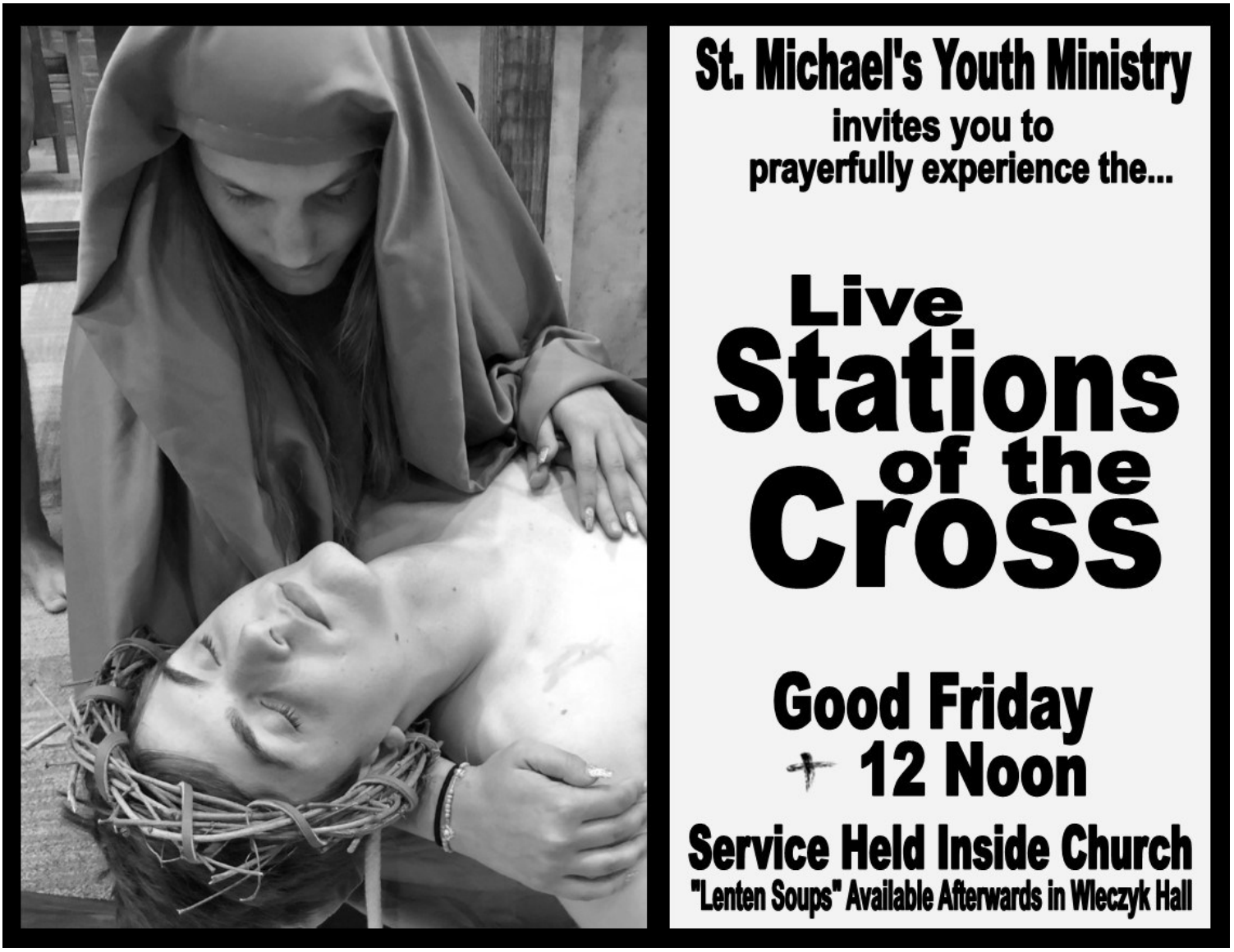
In Memoriam Gifts

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.



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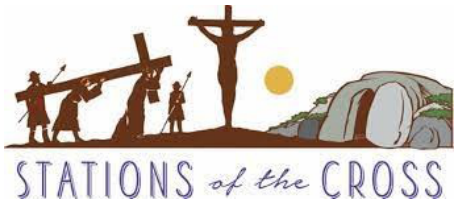

Stations of the Cross—7:00 pm in the Church
Each Friday during Lent
Confessions February 28—April 1
Tuesday & Thursday 4:30—5:30 pm
Saturday 4:00—5:00 pm

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.**

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LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER

March 20 & 21, 2023

By:

Sister Mary Catherine Do

AND THE ASTROS RALLY NUNS

Sister Mary Catherine Do is member of the Dominican Sisters of Mary Immaculate Province. She teaches at St. Paul High School in Shiner, TX. She was born in Vietnam and raised in Houston and has been an Astros fan since 2005.

MONDAY, MARCH 20: 6:00 pm: Eucharistic Benediction (Church), 6:15 pm: Coffee & desserts (Hall), 6:30 pm: 1st Talk, 7:30 pm: Sharing, 8:30 pm Q&A, 8:30 pm: Closing Prayer

TUESDAY, MARCH 21: 8:30 am: Mass (Church), 9:15 am: Coffee & light refreshments, 9:45 am: 2nd Talk (Hall), 10:45 am: Sharing, 11:30 am: Q&A, 12:00 pm: Lunch, 1:00 pm: Closing Prayer.

RSVP BY MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023

Contact: Margarita Prinz at prinzmh@yahoo.com or (979)297-0297

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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.

Rosary

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

Job Opening at St. Michael's

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.

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.

The Knight of Columbus Lake Jackson Council 6812 will hold 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 $14, children's plates will be $7. Meals will be served from 5 – 6:30 pm in the hall of the Family Life Center. Cash, check and credit cards are accepted.

Open to the public, everyone is welcome!

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.

Pray for those who are ill:
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