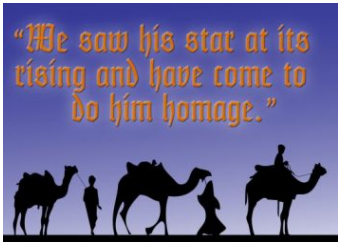




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That, like the Magi, we generously share our gifts with the Lord, trusting He will provide all that we need. "They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

Scripture Readings for the Week of January 7, 2024

Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday	Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday	1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; PS 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Rosary



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

Sacrament of Reconciliation



Tues 5—6pm
Saturday 4 to 5pm
Also offered by appointment

Mass Schedule and Liturgy Intentions Jan. 6 thru 14

SATURDAY	5:30 PM	†Bubba Moore †Francis Kiefel
SUNDAY	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	For the People of the Parish †Annie Luce †Joanne Lenzi †Kathy Latino †Bea Rumley
TUESDAY	8:30 AM	†Ken Hucherson †Earl Erikson
WEDNESDAY	8:30 AM	†Sylvia Trigo †Colleen Ceraolo
THURSDAY	8:30 AM	†Fr. John Ulm †Joel Hanson
FRIDAY	8:30 AM	†Lillian Sablatura †Kenneth Hinze
SATURDAY	5:30 PM	†Donna Schwertner †Wilbur Clarke
SUNDAY	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	†Boots Ermis †David Posadas For the People of the Parish †Aurora & Erasmo Garcia †Cindy Pellizzari



Our condolences and prayers are offered to the family of:

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Dear Parish Family,

As we celebrate another feast of the Christmas Season- the Feast of the Epiphany (it used to be called the Feast of Three Kings), I want to express my gratitude and that of the parish staff. For all who sent us Christmas cards, email, and goodies, thank you for caring about us and challenging us to be better ministers to you in 2024.

Personally, I am humbled and so grateful for the cards, gifts and kind thoughts and wishes. To show my gratitude, I handed or mailed you a heartfelt thank you for your thoughtfulness. In addition, I included you in my personal intentions at mass. May our Lord show you how He will not be outdone in generosity.

As you may have known, The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, fell on a Monday, and you were relieved of the obligation. Though it was not a Holy Day of Obligation, we scheduled a 11am mass to usher in the new year and to worship and thank Jesus for the year 2023. We also prayed and hoped the new year would be a year of renewed hope and courage, for a renewed strength and commitment for our parish. We also hoped and prayed the new year would bring less sadness and more blessings and graces from the Lord.

Peace,

Fr. Dwight



St. Michael Baptism Class will be held on **Saturday, Jan. 13th** from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Angelina Room. You must call and pre-register and get information on the required forms. Parents and godparents need to attend this class. Let us know how many will be attending.

Contact Sally at 979-297-3043 to register.

Blood Drive This Sunday

The Knights will be hosting a Holiday Hoodie **Blood Drive** Sunday, January 7, 8:00 - 12:30 in Wleczyk Hall. Please consider stopping by, picking up a really nice hoodie sweatshirt, and most importantly, saving and changing lives with your precious donation.



Building Plans FAQ

How was parish input collected for this project?

This project is focused on improvements to the sanctuary and addressing liturgical needs. A committee was formed with parishioners that were leaders in ministries that serve at the Altar (Clergy, acolytes, Altar Society, Art and Environment) as well as at large members to gather a consensus on the best course of action. Early in the process the Pastoral Council was briefed and provided input and has been kept informed of the plans as they developed.

We have \$2 million in our building account. Why not save this money for a future church?

The building funds are retained and managed by the Archdiocese. Our return on this investment does not keep up with the cost of construction. The Church we had planned 20 years ago with projected costs in the \$5-7 million range would cost around \$14 million today.

The Ministry of Consolation is a Catholic support group to help you cope with your grief and pain after the death of a loved one, and to support you as you learn to go on with life.



Trained facilitators will lead the group sessions for nine weeks beginning Wednesday, January 24, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Angelina Room. Meetings are confidential and books are provided free of charge.

To register or for questions contact:
John White 979-236-5219 thtta.38@gmail.com or
Shirley Girouard 979-236-7449 girkre@aol.com

Auction Items Needed!!

Our Annual **Church Bazaar** is less than one month away on February 4th. We need items for the Silent and Live Auction. Some suggestions are:
Sports tickets, sports memorabilia, dinners, hunting/fishing trips, vacation home rental, grills, coolers, yard statues, and rodeo tickets.

Attention ALL organizations, ministries, Bible Studies and other groups: It is time to make sure your recurring meetings are on the 2024 Facilities Calendar. Please contact Melanie at 979-299-3501 or melanie@smlj.org with your meeting plans for 2024. Your room will NOT be reserved if you do not update your information. Thank you in advance.



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.

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For more information, contact Pat Williams at adoration@smlj.org.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"They prostrated themselves and did him homage." As we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, let us give homage to the presence of God in our marriages by participating in an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on February 16-18. Contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-773-4014 for more information. Or go on-line to www.houstonme.org.

Join us for Fun and Fellowship

Senior Bingo is the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the F wing from 10:00 to noon. Please bring a snack to share for lunch. Must be a member of St. Michael's.



Planning to be married in the Church?

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

It is imperative that you contact the Parish Office before setting a wedding date or reserving a reception venue.

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

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.



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.



We Hope you've had the opportunity to pick up and begin reading your copy of the book Beautiful Eucharist distributed after Christmas Masses. We pray that the reflections in this book will deepen your encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist and set the stage for further study of Jesu's presence in the Eucharist in the 4 week program, Presence, beginning in lent.

Please consider joining either our book discussion groups on February 7th (after 8:30 mass or 6pm in Angelina Room) or consider coordinating your own discussion group with your family or ministry group. Below are possible questions for reflection and discussion.

The Adult Faith Formation Ministry

Beautiful Eucharist

Book Discussion Questions:

1. Which of the reflections did you find the most life-changing? Or Inspiring? Or Interesting? Or Surprising? Which reflection could you most relate to on your faith journey?
2. Is there a particular passage or phrase from the book that stood out to you?
3. Jenna Greiwe credits her youth minister on page 42 with helping to create the "spark" that "changed everything for her". Is there a person in your life who has helped you on your spiritual journey?
4. Lisa Hendey on page 29 writes, "The Eucharist is not a potion for power or a portal to the perfect life. It is, rather, a balm, a warm hug, an indescribable gift that compels us to, in turn, give to those around us." How would you describe the Eucharist?
5. The importance of Eucharistic Adoration to the writers' faith journeys was mentioned many times in the book. Peter Kreeft on page 38 asks the question, "What is the objection to Eucharistic Adoration?" Why do you think the practice of Eucharistic Adoration isn't more widely embraced?
6. Each of the writers closes their chapter with a *Quote*, a *Point to Ponder*, a *Verse to Live*, and a *Prayer*. Which of these particularly stood out to you?
7. If you were asked to write a passage for this book, what story would you tell of your encounter with The Eucharist?

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