




MONDAY Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
 TUESDAY Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
 WEDNESDAY Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
 THURSDAY Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21,24-27
 FRIDAY Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
 SATURDAY Is 30:19-21,23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1,6-8
 SUNDAY Is 40:1-5,9-11; 2Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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 The symbolism of the Advent Wreath can be found in our Parish Advent Booklet available near the Nativity scene in the back of church. Read all about it and then volunteer – as a family or with special friends – to light the candles of our Parish Advent Wreath. A sign up sheet is located in the back of church. The dates are December 7/8, December 14/15, and December 21/22.

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Last Sunday, November 24 at the 8 AM Mass, the combined rites of Becoming Catechumens and Welcoming Candidates for Full Communion was celebrated.

Those who will become Catechumens and will further prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil are: Teresa Brown, Caroline Felcman, Jen Koa, Kelly Langdon and Trung Vo.

Candidates for Full Communion who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil are: Bob Behr, Kim Boehnke, Ragen Cammarn, Garry Cammarn, Michael Paquett, Mark Paquett, Dick Robie, Tim Sims and Robert Whitmarsh. Community Sponsors who will walk this faith journey with them are: Paula Graves, Gaydell Felcman, John Kwan, George Bettinger, Wes Parsons, Nicole Behr, Dottie Mensik, Cathy Crawford, Ken Prochaska, Georgia Crosley, John Rosser, Dean Price, George Hail and Yvonne Whitmarsh. Please offer them your prayerful support.

Lord,

*Make us turn to you;
 let us see your face
 and we shall be saved.*

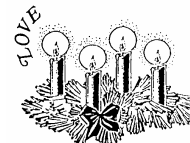
**MASS INTENTIONS
 DECEMBER 3 THROUGH DECEMBER 8**

TUESDAY	5:P.M.	✚Mary Komin by M/M Rob Engen
WEDNESDAY	8:30A.M.	✚Alfred Psencik by the Haas & Psencik Families
THURSDAY	5:30P.M.	✚Louis Lippman by M/M Jack Lippman
FRIDAY	8:30A.M.	✚Charles John Savaso by John & Adele Baxter
SATURDAY	5:30P.M.	✚C.J. Vitek by M/M Al Coignet
SUNDAY	8:00A.M.	✚C.J. Vitek by Adele & John Baxter
	9:30A.M.	✚Mary Svetlik by M/M M.D. Havlik
	11:00A.M.	✚Cheryl Husch by M/M M.D. Havlik

Those of our community who have requested our prayers:

Savana Allen, Hugo Arevalo, Billy Ray Barnett, Janet Barone, Robert Behr, Scott Blanchard, Josephine Bogo, Bennie Paul Bono, Jeremy Bump, Maria Castillo, Larry Cavaness, James Christie, Ruth Cleaver, James Conalty, Jay Cormier, Mary Coxle, Cecil Cromeans, Lorene Cromeans, Anita Cromis, Gene Curtis, Dorothy D'Augusta, Pete D'Augusta., Barbara Dillon, **Charlie Dirba**, Terry Ditzes, Cody Drapela, Lenora Duval, Clarence Ebey, Isabel Evans, Payton Ewald, Marcella Ezell, Clark Flournoy, Marcia Flournoy, Jared Floyd, Norma Forey, Clarence Forse, Lucille Fourier, Colette Easter Garcia, **Emily Garcia**, Paul Garcia, Craig Garrison, Robert Goodpaster, Barbara Grant, **Dolores Haack**, Arthur Haas, Dorothy Harnden, Mary Harnden, Maury Havlik, Lorraine Hayes, Vince Henderson, Wanda Henry, Adela Hernandez, Kristen Hinojosa, Pam Hocutt, Mike Jankowiak, Rae Holt, Brenda Kelley, Rebecca Kelly, Taylor Kibodeaux, Gloria Kissinger, Jerry Lacoume, Joe Langston, Ray Langston, Sarah Langston, Tristan Cade Lawson, Tim & Larry Loftus, Robin Loftus, Dionisio Martinez, Mary Martinez, Chaulzie Massie, Mary McClintock, Irene McGaughey, Ed McGuckin, Vicky Melton, Ounida Muniza, Heloise Murray, William Neely, Jean Newport, Natalie Pena, Johnny Peres,III, Doris Perryman, Cecelia Peterson, Anna Mae Reixach, Hattie Richter, Christina Robinson, Gabriella Rodriguez, Mary Rogers, John Rosser, Doris Rutkowski, Sandy Sendejo. Bud Stover, Coletta Stover, Billie Stricklin, Joshua Teague, Linda Thompson, Evelyn Tumlinson, Jennifer Villarreal, Anna Mae Walters, Evelyn White, John Edward White, Shane Williams, Reese Williams, Ed Windler, Harold Wolf, Margaret Young and Jack Yonge.

(Bold denotes new on prayer list this week.)



DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 1 No Class
- 6 **Christmas party Spirit & Jr. Team**
- 7 Hi School Trim Fr. Leo's
Xmas Tree 5:30Mass followed by Xmas party/dance
- 8 Class 6:30pm
- 9 Spirit/Jr. Team Rosary 7-8pm in church
- 11 Confirmation I Candidate/Sponsor mtng 7pm church
- 14 Toy Drive Return new/wrapped/tagged gift
- 15 Class 6:30pm Toy Drive Return new/wrapped/tagged gift
- 22 No class Xmas Holidays
- 23 Toy Delivery to Memorial Day Care & Salvation Army
Meet 9:30am/Lunch at CiCi;s Pizza Bring \$6
- 25 Christmas Day
- 29 No Class Xmas Holidays



Poinsettias

If you wish to donate a Christmas Poinsettia or a holly bush in memory or honor of a loved one, please come by the office and give the information and \$15 to one of the secretaries. The names of your loved ones will be published in the Christmas bulletin. There are 75 Poinsettias available and 4 holly bushes.

Confirmation I Candidates will be presented to the Parish on December 8th at 11:00am Mass. Candidates and sponsors please come early at 10:45am to check in.



The use of holly as a religious tradition and Christmas decoration originated in northern Europe, where it became associated with

the burning bush of Moses and Mary's burning love for God. The red berries and prickly points also became symbolic of the crown of thorns and the bloody death that the Christ Child would eventually suffer.



are you in?

Discernment for Positions on Pastoral Council: Are you interested in serving the Lord and the community of St. Michael's by becoming a member of St. Michael's Pastoral Council? The

Pastoral Council serves the Pastor as a consultative body who mission is pastoral planning, goal setting and developing and implementing pastoral programs. **Discernment for positions on the council will be held on December 8, 2002.** If you are interested in serving, or if you would like to find out more about the Council, please contact **Kevin Land (480-0402)** or any other member of the current Council by **December 1st**. Please give prayerful consideration to participating in this most worthwhile and fulfilling ministry.

Need a weekend away from it all? A place where you feel safe and close to God? Holy Name Retreat Center in Houston has 78 private rooms on 20 acres of wooded Pine trees. The December 6-8 Women's Retreat weekend is one of three retreats available. Brochures and forms are available in the Family Life Center hallway, or you may contact Debbie Waguespack at 265-7504 for more information.

All parish women of St. Michael's are invited to attend a **Christmas Celebration** on Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center. This event includes a catered dinner, program by Rasco Rhythms, and prizes. A check payable to **Women of St. Michael's** for \$12.00 can be given to Mary Ann Longoria by November 26th.



Hour of Grace

Noon Saturday, December 7th

Adoration Chapel of St. Michael's Church
Please join us for an hour of penance, reflection and prayer. The special intention of this year's Hour of Grace will be to petition the Heavenly Father to pour our His Peace and Reconciliation on a world engulfed in animosity and violence. Please call Art Vandaveer , 297-4107, for additional information.

Total consecration to Jesus through His Mother, Mary

Monday, December 9th
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
St. Michael's Church