

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

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| MONDAY    | 1Jn 3:22—4:6; Mt 4:12-17,23-25          |
| TUESDAY   | 1Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44                  |
| WEDNESDAY | 1Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52                 |
| THURSDAY  | 1Jn 4:19—5:4; Lk 4:14-22a               |
| FRIDAY    | 1Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16                  |
| SATURDAY  | 1Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30                 |
| SUNDAY    | Is 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11 |

# Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**JANUARY 7 THROUGH JANUARY 12**

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| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>8:30A.M.</b>  | ✠ Denise Hulsopple by Dolores Haack & Mary Phillips |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>8:30A.M.</b>  | ✠ Leona Chinski by St. Anne's Bible Study Group     |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>5:30P.M.</b>  | ✠ Alfred Schwertner by M/M Larry Schwertner         |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>8:30A.M.</b>  | ✠ Leona Chinski by St. Anne's Bible Study Group     |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>5:30P.M.</b>  | ✠ C.J. Vitek by his family                          |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>8:00A.M.</b>  | ✠ C.J. Vitek by Boots & Ruth Ermis                  |
|                  | <b>9:30A.M.</b>  | ✠ Pearl Williams by Boots & Ruth Ermis              |
|                  | <b>11:00A.M.</b> | ✠ Josie Wleczyk by Dorothy Vitek                    |

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Helen Bauml, mother of Louis Bauml.

- 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 Ditges, 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, 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.

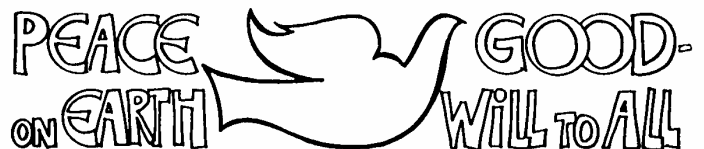
(Bold denotes new on prayer list this week.)



Father Leo and the staff of St. Michael's wish all of you a Happy and Holy New Year. Father Leo, Jeanette Matzke, Bobbie Jasek, Winnie Badeaux, Marsha Jacklitsch, Sally Dodge, Helen Fagg, Kathy DiBlasi, Janice Rodrigue, Sherri Seidler, Antonia Hernandez, John Rosser and Mario Cruz.

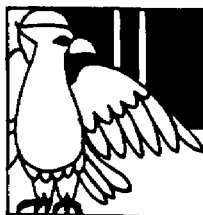
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**THANKS A HEAP!**

Have you noticed the flower bed on the side of the church? Isn't it beautiful????!! Art and Nina Imperial worked their magic on the soil. Thank you to both of you!



**JANUARY CALENDAR**

- 5** No Class – Holiday
- 12** Class 6:30pm Vocation Night
- 17** Confirmation I Retreat in Dickenson
- 19** Class 6:30pm
- 26** No Class – Galleria/Ice Skating



John  
by Paul Turner

Whatever happened to John? The lectionary of Scripture readings for Mass rotates the Gospel passages on a three year cycle. Each year features one Evangelist: Matthew, Mark and Luke. What did John do wrong?

It's what John did right. The other three Gospels are called the "synoptics" Gospels that see through a common eye. Their structure and content are remarkably similar. We think Mark wrote first, and Matthew and Luke expanded Mark to produce their proclamation of Christ.

But John is different. The style, structure and content do not resemble the others. Longer stories filled with sublime imagery of important themes in Christianity make his Gospel a unique treasure. Consequently, the lectionary treats him differently.

We hear the specific Gospel of a cycle most frequently during ordinary time. Throughout this season of green vestments, we hear the work of one Evangelist pretty much in order. We start near the beginning of Jesus' public life and proceed toward the end, story by story, making a few omissions and abbreviations along the way. In the other seasons of the church year, the principal Gospel receives assistance from one or more of the others.

Because of its style, John's Gospel suits those other seasons of the year. Every Christmas, Lent and Easter season you can count on hearing lots of John. His themes inspire our reflection on the truths of our faith which we celebrate at those times. John does not have his own year because he appears so frequently in all three years of the lectionary cycle.

The second year of the cycle creates a special place for John. Mark, the shortest of the four, steps aside in late summer and makes room for five Sundays of John. During those weeks we interrupt Mark's story at the multiplication of the loaves and insert the sixth chapter of John, which includes his version of that story and Jesus' extended discourse on the bread of life.

As ordinary time gets underway each year, John always appears on the second Sunday. In subtle and bold ways, John's voice resounds in our churches even without his own year.

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**The Birds and Bees & Growing Up!**

Could you use some guidance when it comes to teaching your son and/or daughter about sexuality? Help is here in a comfortable atmosphere that lets sons and fathers and/or daughters and mothers share God's plan for love through His gifts of sexuality and fertility.

What: **Growing Up Together, Father & Son (11-14 years old) Program.**

When: Sunday, February 2, 2003, 1:30-4:30pm  
Where: Most Holy Trinity Church, Angleton  
Cost: \$20.00, **register 10 days in advance**  
Contact: Cheryl Scott, 849-1764

What: **Create A Memory, Mother & Daughter (10-12 years old) Program**

When: Sunday, February 9, 2003, 1:30-4:30pm  
Where: St. Anthony Church, Danbury  
Cost: \$20.00, **register 10 days in advance**  
Contact: Mary LeCompte, 922-1241

**On behalf of Spirit & Jr. Team**, I would like to personally thank all the volunteers that have made the Fall semester so successful! Thank you, also, to all the families who have so faithfully brought their children to Youth Ministry on Sunday evening. It has been a pleasure to meet and interact with your children, and we are looking forward to the New Year in Youth Ministry! **See you all on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 8:15, for Vocation Night.** Gods' peace and blessings to each of your families during the Christmas Holiday Season!

Mrs. Janice Rodrigue

**The Women of St. Michael's** invites all women in our parish to attend our monthly meetings. Held in the Angelina Room on the first Tuesday of the month, these meetings are filled with opportunity for friendship, service, and inspiration. Both daytime and evening meeting times are available along with monthly field trips. The first meeting of 2003 will include a fun-filled Live Auction benefiting our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Make it, bake it, sew it, grow it, buy it, or bring that white elephant gift. Use your imagination and bring your pocketbook.

**Day:** Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> 8:30a.m. Mass in church, meeting at 9a.m. in the Angelina Room

**Evening:** Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 7p.m. in the Angelina Room