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This weekend, as we continue to celebrate the Independence of our country, we will do well to echo the Psalmist, saying, "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy." May we always recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abundance He has showered upon us.



MONDAY Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26
TUESDAY Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38
WEDNESDAY Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a,17-24a; Mt 10:1-7
THURSDAY Gn 44:18-21,23b-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15
FRIDAY Gn 46:1-7,28-30; Mt 10:16-23
SATURDAY Gn 49:29-33; 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33
SUNDAY Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

Daily readings: <http://www.usccb.org/nab/index.htm>



We have an "open hour" in our Adoration Chapel, on Thursday mornings, 11:00a.m. till 12noon. If you would like to sign up for this hour, please call Arlene Becker, 798-8388

In Our Parish

Preventing child sexual abuse is the goal of a new program selected by the Diocese of Galveston-Houston. "Protecting God's Children for Adults" educates clergy, staff and volunteers who work with children, about child sexual abuse and the ways to create safe environments for children. The 3-hour session includes videos and facilitated discussions that focus on the prevention of abuse and the protection of children. Adults learn how to recognize the signs and symptoms that an adult is a potential risk of harm to children and how to know that a child is being abused or exploited in some way. You will learn about steps that the faith community can take to create a safe environment for all God's children and how to respond when adults behave in a way that raises concerns. Clergy, staff and volunteers who have regular contact with children and youth are required to attend training. All other adults are invited and encouraged to participate as part of the Church's commitment to make the world a safe place for all our children.

Protecting God's Children Workshop for Adults Summer dates for St. Michael's

Workshops will start **promptly** – no exceptions!
No nursery is provided; please make your own arrangements. To register log on to www.virtus.org, password "trust".

Tuesday, July 8th in Family Life Center 8:45-12noon
Sunday, July 13th in Family Life Center 1:45-5pm
Thursday, July 31st in Family Life Center 6:15-9:30pm
Thursday, August 7th in Family Life Center 6:15-9:30pm
Virtus Coordinator, Janice Rodrigue, 299-3509

MASS INTENTIONS

JULY 8 THROUGH JULY 13

TUESDAY	5:30P.M.	✠Henri Reid
WEDNESDAY	8:30A.M.	✠Wanda Hanks
THURSDAY	5:30P.M.	✠John Savaso
FRIDAY	8:30A.M.	✠Johnny Gifford
SATURDAY	5:30P.M.	✠Evelyn Bartlett
SUNDAY	8:00A.M.	✠Arthur & Maude Broussard
	9:30A.M.	✠George Volz
	11:00A.M.	✠Johnny Gifford

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pat Walsh, father of Dan Walsh, grandfather of Lisa and Tina.



Ed Ahlrich, Jack Bartlett, Robert Behr, Josephine Bogo, Bennie Paul Bono, David Butler, Cindi Cartwright, Maria Castillo, Larry Cavaness, Sister

Mary Charitas, James Christie, Ruth Cleaver, Dorothy D'Augusta, Pete D'Augusta, Barbara Dillon, Charlie Dirba, Terry Ditges, Lenora Duval, Marcella Ezell, Clark Flournoy, Marcia Flournoy, Pat Free, Craig Garrison, Muriel Gates, Kathy Goolsby, Barbara Grant, Linda Graves, Arthur Haas, Brandon Habis, Dorothy Harnden, Lorraine Hayes, Wanda Henry, Jerry Lacoume, Ray Langston, Sarah Langston, Tristan Cade Lawson, Mary McClintock, Irene McGaughey, Ounida Muniza, Adrian Nye, Doris Perryman, Carolyn Peterson, Cecelia Peterson, Judy Prihoda, Joe Raglan, June Raglan, Mary Rogers, Ken Smith, Billie Stricklin, "Vinnie", Patricia Walichowski, Allen Williams, Patricia Williams

Bold denotes new on prayer list this week.



St Vincent de Paul Society

Will be collecting food next weekend. Thank you in advance for your generosity. We are particularly in need of peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, cereal, flour & sugar.



It is once again time to start planning for the Annual St. Michael's Church Picnic. It will be a Building Fundraiser this year.

The date will be September 28th. Auction and live Auction, Rides, Bake Sale, Raffles, Country Store & Games. **We cannot do this without you!** Please call Sandy Seeley at 297-1233 or email me at sandy_seeley@msn.com

Attention Parish Organization and Ministry Chairpersons:

St. Michael's annual Ministry Awareness Weekend will be held Saturday and Sunday, **August 16/17**. The event will take place in the hall of the **Family Life Center** after each Mass. **Please begin now making plans** to have people and information available for all parishioners that will attend. You will be contacted by email and phone with details for the weekend event. **If your organization has changed leadership recently**, please contact Gary Forse and the parish office so that you will be included in the correspondence. Thanks in advance for your prayers and support in making this year's event a success.

Final MISSION meeting Wednesday, July 9th, 6:30-7:30pm in Angelina Room. Last final details and pick up your T-shirt!

HELP THE CHILDREN

Of the Rio Grande Valley

Our Youth need your help in providing school supplies for our poor neighbors in the Rio Grande Valley. If you would like to help these children, please purchase the following: **]One school box; one pair of scissors; pencils; one box of crayons; one box felt tip markers; pencil sharpener; eraser.**

Bring all supplies in a school box by Monday, July 7th and place in "HELP THE CHILDREN" donation basket located in the Ed building.

We have a flower fund for you to remember/honor your loved ones on their birthdays, anniversaries, etc. The flowers will be placed in front of the Holy Family during our Sunday Liturgies. The cost of the flowers will be \$38.00 and must be paid in advance. (Checks should be made payable to St. Michael's.)



SAVE THIS DATE – SEPTEMBER 13, 2003
Family Life Ministry is sponsoring a night of entertainment for all. Details later.

MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN APPEAL

The **Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP)** was founded by Dominic Cardinal Ekandem and established by the Catholic Bishops of Nigeria on Mission Sunday, 1977. Inspired by the teachings of Vatican II, that the Church is Missionary by nature, the Bishops Conference of Nigeria, under the leadership of Dominic Cardinal Ekandem, began a seminary, which would train Nigerian clergy to share their experience of the Faith to others throughout the world.

The MSP had their first ordination in 1985. The Society now has 153 priests and over 110 seminarians. They work in eight countries of Africa, (South Africa, Malawi, Botswana, Cameroon, Liberia, Chad, The Gambia, Nigeria), Grenada in the West Indies, the United States, England and Sweden.

The MSP needs funds for: 1) Sponsoring seminarians, your future priests; 2) Supporting priests in the founding/building of new churches and 3) Assisting in the rehabilitation of orphans and adults devastated by war and the AIDS pandemic. Your support to this worthy cause will be an immense encouragement to the Nigerian faithful who have contributed generously to date and will continue to do so. Your **generous giving** will ensure that the dream of the Nigerian Church, to pass on the **Faith** she has received, is realized. May God bless you!

The second collection next weekend will be taken for the **Missionary Society of St. Paul**.

The Missionary who will make the appeal is Rev. Father Edmund Nnadozie, MSP. He was ordained a priest on June 28, 1997 in Abuja, the capital of Nigeria, for the Missionaries of St. Paul. After working for a year at the Cathedral in Minna, Nigeria, Fr. Edmund was sent for studies to Egypt and Rome in the area of Christian-Muslim dialogue. He has finished his studies in Rome. Apart from his native Ibo, Fr. Edmund knows Arabic, English, French, Hausa and Italian. He is currently Dean of Students at the National Missionary Seminary of St. Paul in Abuja, Nigeria.

There are only three weeks left to experience "Saint Peter and the Vatican...the Legacy of the Popes". Experience the history and beauty of the Vatican through a once-in-a-lifetime exhibition of its precious collections of art, artifacts, relics, historic documents and reassures, including many objects never before on view to the public. From culture to history to art, explore the impact of this 2,000-year-old institution's influence on the world. Houston Museum of Natural Science, One Hermann Circle Drive, 713-639-4629 or www.hmns.org Pick up a discount coupon from the back of church.

YOUNG ADULTS 18+

2ND Bible Study Session

Sunday, July 20, at 6:30pm

In the Liturgy Room of the Family Life Center

Theme is "Jesus is still the Answer"

For more information contact Betty Betczynski, 285-9139
