



Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity when He says in today's Gospel, "Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks is admitted." But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards – those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others.

Lord, on the day I called for help you answered me.

JULY 27 THROUGH AUGUST 1

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY	5:30P.M.	✠ Sharon Benbrook
WEDNESDAY	8:30A.M.	✠ Alfred & Joe Dale Psencik
THURSDAY	5:30P.M.	✠ Ed Sablatura
FRIDAY	8:30A.M.	✠ Deceased Members of St. Anne's Bible Study
SATURDAY	5:30P.M.	✠ Graciela Ayala
SUNDAY	8:00A.M.	✠ Arthur James Broussard
	9:30A.M.	✠ Rob Mitchell
	11:00A.M.	✠ Pete D'Augusta



MONDAY	Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35
TUESDAY	Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
WEDNESDAY	Jer 15:10, 16:21; Mt 13:44-46
THURSDAY	Jer 18:1-6; Jn 11:19-27
FRIDAY	Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-48
SATURDAY	Jer 26:11-16,24; Mt 14:1-12
SUNDAY	Eccl 1:1; 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5,9-11; Lk 12:13-21

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



The 2004 St. Michael's Ministry Awareness Weekend is scheduled for August 14/15. All ministry groups operating within the Parish are asked to prepare and staff an information table in the Family Life Center after all Masses that weekend. Further details and arrangements will be communicated in June. We ask that all the ministry contacts provide their current information (name, phone, e-mail) to Lynne Hanrahan (480-0709 or lynneljt@hotmail.com) by June 10th to ensure future communications are received.

HOW DO YOU BECOME A CATHOLIC?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is the process by which people become members of the Catholic Church. The inquiry sessions will begin Wednesday, August 18th in "F" wing for all who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith. If you would like to take part in this process or wish more information, please call the Church office, 297-3041 or Bettie Carmody, 265-6509.



Ed Ahlrich, Nick Alfano, Brad Armintor, Charlie Arnold, Weldon Bailey, Bennie Paul Bono, Don Brawley, John Buettner, David Butler, Jennifer Cary, Maria Castillo, Larry Cavaness, James Christie, Ruth Cleaver, Dorothy D'Augusta, Barbara Dillon, Charlie Dirba, Terry Ditzes, Lenora Duval, Marcella Ezell, Linda Felsing, Clark Flournoy, Marcia Flournoy, Emil Galetka, Emily Garcia, Craig Garrison, Kathy Goolsby, Barbara Grant, Henry Gretschel, Arthur Haas, Brandon Habis, Belia Hardesty, Dorothy Harnden, Lorraine Hayes, Wanda Henry, Vickie Kaatz, Angeline Klekar, David Kubala, Jerry LaCoume, Mary LaCoume, Ray Langston, Sarah Langston, Tristan Cade Lawson, Gene Matus, Mary McClintock, Eileen McDonald, Irene McGaughy, Karen Moran, Jessica Murphy, Melda Neely, Jean Newport, Adrian Nye, Doris Perryman, Carolyn Peterson, Cecelia Peterson, Pat Prebys, Paula Price, Joe Ragland, June Ragland, Vince Rowan, Mary Rogers, Marilyn Sayes, Ray Schoppe, Billie Stricklin, Pat Van Dragt, "Vinnie", Amelia Volz, Helen Walls, Allen Williams, Patricia Williams, Stephanie Thomas Wilson..

(Bold denotes new on prayer list this week)

Please pray for the repose for the soul of Jessie Barnard, mother of Tony and grandmother of Kelley Barnard.



Protecting God's Children Workshop for Adults
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. The 3-hour session includes videos and facilitated discussions. All Clergy, staff and volunteers who have regular contact with children and youth are **required** to attend training. The session does start promptly so please be on time. The session will be held on the following date:
Tuesday, August 24, in the hall of the Family Life Center 6:15-9:30p.m.

Please go to www.virtusonline.org to register; the password is "trust". Call Lisa Ondrey, 297-3043, for more information.



Widowed, Divorced and Separated

A new program will be offered at St. Michael's to assist those in the grief process due to the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. This program is called **Grief to Growth** and will deal with the process of adjustment following the loss of a spouse. The trauma, pain and agony that accompany a loss can be made bearable and the grief process worked through more effectively with the assistance of others who have had a common experience. We will meet on Wednesday nights beginning **July 7, 6:30 to 8:00p.m.** every week. If you or anyone you know is in need of this type of help or if you need more information, please contact **Mary Monroe (265-4599)** or **Elaine Sonnier (265-1059)**.



C.C.E. Registration for Fall 2004: Please register your student **NOW**. We are taking registration for Beginners (age 4 as of September 1, 2004) through 12th Grade. We cannot guarantee placement in classes if you wait to register late. Come by the office Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm or mail the registration form and fee to the office. If you register after August 2, there will be a **\$10.00 late fee** added to your registration fees. **NO STUDENTS (Beginners through 5th Grade) WILL BE PLACED IN CLASSES BETWEEN FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, AND TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT UNREGISTERED STUDENTS ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES.** After September 14, students will be placed in class if space is available.

Have you ever thought about being a Religion Teacher or Aide? While you are enjoying this summer, please give some prayerful thought to being a religion teacher or aide. Expertise in the job is not a requirement, but a willing spirit and a committed heart. The rest will follow. We will provide all of the materials and training needed as well as lots of moral support. Every year we have classes meeting on Wednesday night, Sunday morning, and Sunday evening. It takes lots of willing souls to pass on our Catholic faith at St. Michael's. If you are interested or if you have any questions, please call the Office of Religious Education, 297-3043, Tuesday-Friday.

CCE HELP WANTED

Administrator: Help at the reception desk in the Spiritual Learning Center, Sunday mornings from 10:30-12:30 during the CCE school year.

Coordinator: Help write lesson plans for 1st Grade and 4th Grade.

Teacher & Aides: There are still openings for volunteers (teachers and aides) in our Religious Education Program (Beginners-4 year old, Kindergarten, 1st-5th Grades.

*If you feel called to share your faith with our children, please call our office, 297-3043. There will be a training session for all St. Michael's CCE volunteers on Sunday afternoon, August 29.

K.J.Z.T. #115 will meet August 2, 2004 at 1344 County Road 799 in Brazoria to finalize preparations for the District meeting August 8, 2004. Members are urged to attend. (Please keep those nice Czech ladies happy and come to the meeting.)

News about Picnics

Thanks to Sandy Seeley's leadership over the last four years, our parish picnic raised over \$100,000 in profit. We have been able to do wonderful things with this money, in particular, helping rebuild St. Mary's Church in Freeport by contributing \$25,000. Sandy will be greatly missed and we thank her for her generosity over these past 4 years. During our Ministry Awareness weekend in August, we will be seeking a new chairman for the 2005 picnic. Are you the one to succeed her? Pray about it!

Cash Flow for June 2004

May Bank Balance		\$202,353.02
Diocesan Bldg. Fund Savings Acct.		<u>645,865.58</u>
Total Cash May 31, 2004		\$848,218.60
3-Sunday Collections	\$47,943.00	
(One Sunday went to		
Diocesan Savings Interest	3,199.32	
Seminary - \$12,082)		
Rent	700.00	
Interest on Now	<u>80.87</u>	
Received for June		+\$51,923.19
Regular Expenses	\$61,754.10	
Cathedraticum Tax	6,412.13	
Repaired Church exterior	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Expenditures for June		-70,166.23
Difference in Funds Held in Trust		-2,881.99
New Church Funds		+34,015.31
Building Fund Tax to Diocese		<u>-3,403.41</u>
Total Bank Balance and Savings Accts. 6/30/2004		\$857,705.47
Bank Account, June 30, 2004		\$159,940.57
Diocesan Savings Account – Building		667,733.75
Diocesan Savings Account – General		<u>30,031.15</u>
Total in Bank and Savings Accts. 6/30/04		\$857,705.47

The Finance Committee met recently to prepare the budget for the fiscal year 2004-2005. At present all debts are paid. For the next twelve months the Finance Committee will see how we do with our income and expenses. They will decide what type of commitment we could make over the next 10-20 years concerning loan and interest payments. In June of 2005, hopefully, a firm decision will be made pertaining to the building of a new church. By that time, maybe the economy will be more stable and lay-offs will be over – at least we pray!

DSF: Our pledges have met our goal of \$84,000+. About \$16,000 needs to be paid to meet the pledged amount. We have until December 31, 2004, to make those payments.

Lost and Found: A phone/pager and a Chevrolet car key (remote) were found in the large hall after the Coignet reception.

