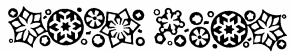




We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today: "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."



MONDAY Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
TUESDAY Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
WEDNESDAY Gn 3:9-15; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
THURSDAY Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
FRIDAY Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
SATURDAY Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
SUNDAY Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
 Daily readings: <http://www.usccb.org/nab/index.htm>



Curious about our **Parish Pastoral Council**? Want to find out how Council members are chosen, or perhaps want to serve on Council yourself? The St. Michael's Pastoral Council is a consultative body through which members use their God-given gifts to support Father Leo as he evangelizes and leads the family of St. Michael's to be a strong community of faith, hope, and love. Council members are chosen to serve by interested members of the Parish using a process of prayer, reflection, and discernment. We invite all caring and concerned members of St. Michael's, 18 or older and confirmed, to give prayerful consideration to serving a 2-year term on the Pastoral Council. If you are considering discerning for the Council, please contact Lynne Hanrahan, 480-0709 or Ursula Clarke, 480-0238. If you are not interested in serving on the council right now, but are interested in learning about what Council does, please come listen and take part in the discernment process. The next St. Michael's Parish Pastoral Council Discernment will be held on **Sunday, December 12, 2004**. We will meet in the "F" Wing beginning at 1:00p.m. Everyone is invited to attend



Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will have their monthly food drive next weekend. They are particularly in need of rice, beans, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, peanut butter and jelly and powdered milk. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of PEACE forever.

DECEMBER 7 THROUGH DECEMBER 12

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY 5:30P.M. †Ed Sablatura
WEDNESDAY 8:30A.M. †Alfred & Joe Dale Psencik
5:30P.M. Dean Price
THURSDAY 5:30P.M. †Claire Crosley
FRIDAY 8:30A.M. Father Leo and Staff
SATURDAY 5:30P.M. David & Claire Cromeans
SUNDAY 8:00A.M. †Pete D'Augusta
9:30A.M. †Jake Ellis
11:00A.M. †Kirk Rutkowski

Wednesday, December 8, we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Check the schedule above for Mass times.

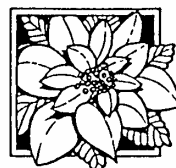
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fred Korenek, husband of Violet Korenek.



Ed Ahlrich, Brad Armintor, Charlie Arnold, Weldon Bailey, Bennie Paul Bono, John Buettner, David Butler, Maria Castillo, Larry Cavaness, Ruth Cleaver, Ted Cooper, Cecil Cromeans, Lorene Cromeans, Dorothy D'Augusta, Barbara Dillon, Charlie Dirba, Terry Ditzes, Kolbe Donovan, Lenora Duval, Glenda Eudayle, Marcella Ezell, 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, Blake Johnson, **Vickie Kaatz**, Angeline Klekar, David Kubala, Jerry LaCoume, Mary LaCoume, Ray Langston, Sarah Langston, Tristan Cade Lawson, Gene Matus, Mary McClintock, Eileen McDonald, Irene McGaughey, Karen Moran, Adrian Nye, **Rudy Okruhlik**, Cheri Pate, Chuck Pate, Doris Perryman, Carolyn Peterson, Cecelia Peterson, Paula Price, Avis Quandt, Joe Ragland, June Ragland, Rose Ramos, Christina Robinson, Vince Rowan, Mary Rogers, Ray Schoppe, Stan Simiskey, Billie Stricklin, Dan Swist, Pat Van Dragt, "Vinnie", Helen Walls, Allen Williams, Patricia Williams, Stephanie Thomas Wilson, Ed Windler, Nancy Windler..

(Bold denotes new on prayer list this week)

Vocation awareness Art, Poem, Essay and Photography Contest begins soon. All CCE youth will receive a flyer during classes this week, to be completed over the Christmas break. Return all entries to the Youth Ministry Office by January 11th. 15 prizes will be awarded on January 16th, at the 11:00 Mass. – Vocation Committee



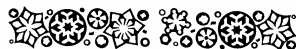
Poinsettias

We are again, offering you the opportunity to make a donation for our Christmas Poinsettias, in memory of or in honor of, a loved one. Please make your check for \$15 payable to St. Michael's. Call the office with the details.

**Youth Ministry
October Calendar
December Calendar**



5 Class 6:30pm
12 Class 6:30pm
19 NO CLASS Christmas Holidays



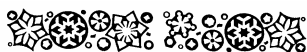
Mark your calendar now—December 7, 2004, on the eve of the 150th Anniversary of the Immaculate Conception, (vigil of the Holy Day of Obligation) the Galveston-Houston will honor and praise the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza will celebrate the Eucharist along with our other bishops. We invite families to join together in this great celebration of our Church. This event is sponsored by the Diocesan Marian Activities.



Special Youth Mass—FOR and BY the Youth (grades 6th-12th) on Sunday, December 12th, 5:00pm in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Bring your family and friends. All music during the Liturgy will be by our Praise and Worship Youth Group! Reception is to follow before Sunday evening Youth classes.



It's time for our annual Youth Ministry Toy Drive. All are invited to participate by taking a tag with the age and gender of a child, which you will find in the back of the church. Please bring back **wrapped and tagged toy** by December 11th and 12th at all Masses. Remember to keep the toys within the \$10-\$15 price range. Our youth and Santa will be delivering these gifts to the needy children in our area. Salvation Army Day Care and Memorial Day Care on Tuesday, December 21st. Thank you, in advance for your generosity!



Taking the Plunge—Deepening Your Faith—2005 Diocesan Junior High Rally—Saturday, February 5. For all Youth grades 6-8. Come join the fun! Register now to reserve your spot! Registration is \$35, which includes two meals, Saturday evening excitement (dance, talent show, workshops, movie) & Rally T-shirt. **Fees and forms due by December 12th to the Youth Ministry Office.** Contact Lisa Ondrey at 297-3043 for information and registration packets. Forms can also be printed out from our website – www.smlj.org



GABRIEL PROJECT is accepting donations of diapers, wipes, new or gently used baby clothes, maternity clothes, baby furniture, car seats, etc. **For more information** or to arrange for delivery of items, please contact Michelle Guillory, 297-4563.



Cash Flow for July 2004

Bank & Savings Account Balances 6/30/04		\$857,705.47
4-Sunday Collections	\$56,190.90	
Now Interest	<u>+70.88</u>	
Regular Receipt		+56,261.78
Less Regular Expenses	-\$43,457.10	
Less Cathedraticum Tax	-5,972.65	
Workers Comp. Ins.	<u>-6,670.30</u>	
Total of Regular Expenses		-56,100.05
Difference in Funds Held in Trust		-22,270.05
Add New Church Funds		<u>+38,319.67</u>
Bank & Savings Balance 07/31/04		\$873,916.82

Cash Flow for August 2004

Bank & Savings Account Balances 7/31/04		\$873,916.82
5-Sunday Collections		+70,812.31
Less Regular Expenses	-\$45,668.47	
Less Cath. Tax	<u>-5,972.65</u>	
Total of Regular Expenses		-51,641.12
Difference in Funds Held in Trust		-4,900.60
Add New Church drive		<u>+31,238.28</u>
Bank & Saving Accounts Balances 8/31/04		\$919,425.69

Cash Flow for September 2004

Bank & Savings Account Balances 8/31/04		\$919,425.69
4-Sunday Collections	+\$52,929.61	
Int. for Now Account	+63.82	
Interest for Savings	<u>+4,037.23</u>	
Total Receipts & Interest		+57,030.66
Less Regular Expenses	-\$51,032.05	
Less Insurance Payments	-6,503.75	
Less Cath. Tax (2 Months)	<u>-11,945.30</u>	
Total of Regular Expenses		-\$69,481.10
Difference in Funds Held in Trust		-2,446.13
Add New Church Drive		<u>+16,123.23</u>
Total in Bank & Saving Accounts 9/30/04		\$920,652.35

DSF Reminder

Please have your DSF pledge paid by December 31, 2004. If not then our parish will be charged for the shortage. Thank you for helping.



Patriotic Rosary

Monday, December 6th, 7:00p.m.

Please join us in praying the Patriotic Rosary, asking the Heavenly Father to forgive the sins of America and restore righteousness to our country.



The Hour of Grace and Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary—Wednesday, December 8th, 11:30a.m. to 1:00p.m.

11:30a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

11:50a.m. Consecration of Jesus through Mary

Noon—1:00p.m. Hour of Grace

Call Paul Cranley, 297-3364 or Art Vandaveer, 297-4107 for information.



REMEMBER OUR BLOOD DRIVE, DECEMBER 19TH!

