

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.



Blessed are those who are what they are and do what they do *for the sake of the kingdom!* The Gospel today assures good stewards that their sacrifice and their service on behalf of the Kingdom will be rewarded.

MONDAY	Gn 1:1-19; Mk 16:53-56
TUESDAY	Gn 1:20—2:4a; Mk 7:1-13
WEDNESDAY	Jl 2:12-18; 2Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18
THURSDAY	Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
FRIDAY	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
SATURDAY	Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
SUNDAY	Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

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



ENTER INTO THE SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday - February 9, 2005
Services are as scheduled:
8:30am Mass & distribution of ashes
12noon Liturgy of the Word & distribution of ashes
5:30pm Mass & distribution of ashes
7:00pm Liturgy of the Word & distribution of ashes

The Nursery will be OPEN for the 5:30pm Mass.

Ash Wednesday and all **Fridays of Lent** are days of Abstinence. (No meat) **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are also days of **Fast**. (Only one full meal for the day; nothing between meals.)

Following the **Fish Fry**, in the Family Life Center at 5:30pm, we will have **Stations of the Cross** at 7pm in the church, every Friday during Lent.

What!?! Lent!?! Didn't we just put away the Christmas decorations? Ash Wednesday is February 9 this year!!! The first weekend of Lent-February 12-13, St. Michael's Library will host a Lenten Book Fair with books and items from Mary Regina Bookstore in Houston. The library will be open **SATURDAY** at 4pm and after ALL Masses that weekend. Let us help you have a meaningful Lent and Easter.



CDA Chicken Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

The **Catholic Daughters'** will be serving their famous chicken spaghetti on February 13th in the Family Life Center. Mark your calendars to attend the dinner, raffle and silent auction. Plates are \$6 (includes spaghetti, salad, bread, drink & dessert). Take out or dine in. Serving after all Masses beginning after 8am Mass. Raffle tickets

available from all CDA members and available during dinner. First prize is a beautiful handmade quilt.

The *JUST MAN* is a light in darkness to the upright.

FEBRUARY 8 THROUGH FEBRUARY 13

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY	8:30A.M.	Badeaux Family
WEDNESDAY	8:30A.M.	†Alfred & Joe Dale Psencik
	5:30P.M.	†Gerald Wayne Lippman
THURSDAY	5:30P.M.	†Jim Christie
FRIDAY	8:30A.M.	†Pat Jimenez/ †Gerard O. Duane
SATURDAY	5:30P.M.	†Serapio Sendejo
SUNDAY	8:00A.M.	†Cecile Lippman
	9:30A.M.	†Albert & Rosa Romano
	11:00A.M.	†Jim Christie

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Presley Girouard, husband of Stella Girouard, brother of John Girouard.**



Ed Ahlrich, 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 Ditges, 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, Jack Lippman, **Helen Mangum**, Gene Matus, Mary McClintock, Eileen McDonald, Irene McGaughey, Karen Moran, **James Muhl**, Adrian Nye, Cheri Pate, Chuck Pate, Doris Perryman, Carolyn Peterson, Cecelia Peterson, Paula Price, Avis Quandt, Joe Ragland, June Ragland, Rose Ramos, Christina Robinson, **John Rosser**, 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)

Help needed ASAP: 2005 Vacation Bible School Director. The director will help choose the VBS materials, recruit and coordinate volunteers, and run the program for one week in June. We have past experienced directors/volunteers willing to help.

If you are interested in heading up the VBS Program this year, please contact Marsha at 297-3043.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will have their monthly collection of food to feed the poor of our area. All non-perishable foods are appreciated, and especially in short supply are peanut butter, jelly and cereal. Thank you!!!

Youth Ministry

February Calendar

- 3 N.E.T. for Jr. Hi
- 5 Jr. Hi Youth Rally
- 6 Class 6:30pm
- 9 Ash Wednesday
- 12
- 13 Class 6:30pm
- 20 Class 6:30pm
- 27 Tm Teacher/Peer Leader mtng 3:45pm



Religious Education News

The Birds & 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 & fathers and/or daughters & mothers share God's plan for love through His gifts of sexuality and fertility.

Registration Forms are on bulletin board in Family Life Center Hallway.

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

- When:** Friday, February 25, 2005, 6:30-9:30pm
- Where:** St. Michael Church, Lake Jackson
- Cost:** \$20.00, register 10 days in advance
- Contact:** Gary Forse, 979-299-3145 or Marsha, 297-3043.

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

- When:** Sunday, March 13, 2005, 1:30-4:30pm
- Where:** St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Alvin
- Cost:** \$20.00, register 10 days in advance
- Contact:** Mary Claire English 281-331-4819 or Barbara, 281-824-0877.

This Sunday, 128 million people all over the world will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. **Please join young people around the U.S.** as they demonstrate God' love by loving their neighbors through the **Souper Bowl of Caring**. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. **Drop \$1 in the soup pot as you leave Mass this weekend.** Those who need help may not know that you cared, but God will. And our young people are developing hearts for giving that can last a lifetime. **Please support their efforts.** We will be giving our collection to our **St. Vincent de Paul**.



Centering Prayers Groups Mondays, 9:30a.m. in the Liturgy room. Monday January 24 we will see a video on Centering Prayer. Also, Thursdays, 4-5 p.m. in Room 149/150.

HELP NEEDED with Baptism Classes. One evening a month – 3rd Tuesday of the month. Do not need to give talk. More behind the scene help & support with clerical and organization. Call Lynette Biediger 265-7520, for more information, or lwrightb@hotmail.com

Men's Christ Renews His Parish Weekend

The men's Christ Renews His Parish Weekend will be held



February 19-20 in the Family Life Center. All men age 19 and over are welcome and encouraged to attend. The purpose of the retreat is to strengthen our relationship

with God and our faith community. For more information or to sign up please contact Laszlo Weress, 258-3400, or Kevin Land, 480-0402.

Attention Women: Mark your calendar! Lenten Day of Reflection, Wednesday, February 23, 2005, sponsored by the Women's Club of St. Michael's. A nursery will be provided. For information, call Tricia Langner, 299-6176.

Wild Game Dinner — Faith in Action of Brazosport

\$20 per ticket; children under 12 free; silent auction; Proceeds to benefit Faith in Action; Live Music; NO TAKE OUTS; black powder gun; **February 10, 2005, 6:30-9:00pm.**

by the Rev. A. Purnell Bailey

I heard a story about a boy who dreamed that an angel took him to a great church. They stood at the back of the church, watching the people, and listening to the music of the organ and choir.

As the lad gazed around, his eyes wandered to the roof. He could hardly believe what he say, for floating about in the rafters, was the strangest collection of things one could imagine! Frocks, ladies' hats, golf clubs, footballs, meat, vegetables, cakes, account books, washing machines, automobiles, and race horses.

"Please, what are all those things up there?" the lad asked the angel. "Those are the things people are thinking about as they pray," the angel replied. "You see, their thoughts only go as far as the roof. They cannot get any higher, because they are not thoughts of God!"

Lord, teach us to pray.—St. Luke 11:1

Congratulations to: Larry Becker and John Bernzen who received the Boys Scouts of America, Cradle of Texas District Award of Merit on January 28.

Ed Jacklitsch will receive the Silver Beaver Award from the National Council of the Boy Scouts on February 12.

Centering Prayer & Sunday Readings, Thursday from 4 to 5 in the Library. For information call Adele Baxter, 297-6148.

Boy Scout Sunday is February 6th. Thank you for supporting Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. This weekend St. Michael's Boy Scout Troop 324, thanks St. Michael's Church for 41 years of support.

For every 100 boys who join Boy Scouts, (5) five will earn their Church religious award.

11 Cub Scouts from Pack 324 & Pack 366 earned the LIGHT OF CHRIST Religious Emblem in the last year:

Jacob Arrants, Patrick Caserta, Ryan Clark, Tyler Clark, Matthew Land, Nolan Rizzo, Mark Boneau, Jared Damian, Joseph Duran, Alfredo Kowalski, Brian Quandt.

4 Cub Scouts from Pack 324 & 366 earned the PARVULI DEI Religious Emblem in the last year:

Spencer Foger, Jamie Paul, Justin Janis, James Bernzen.

2 Boy Scouts from Troop 324 achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the last year:

Bobby Wright and Chris Norman.

GIRL SCOUTS



Parents of Girl Scouts: Girl Scout Sunday

practice will be February 18 & 25. Please volunteer to be the parent contact for your daughter's Girl Scout Troop and sign up the Scouts for Girl Scout Sunday. Questions? Call Natalia Montanez, 2997-1011, Janice Rodrigue, 292-0501 or Coletta Stover, 297-5191.