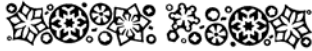


BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG  
WOMEN AND BLESSED IS THE  
FRUIT OF THY WOMB.



The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.



**MONDAY** Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-5,9-14  
**TUESDAY** Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22  
**WEDNESDAY** 1Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a and 2-8  
**THURSDAY** 1Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18  
**FRIDAY** 1Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35  
**SATURDAY** 1Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40  
**SUNDAY** Sir 3:2-7,12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-5

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



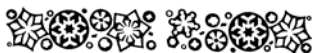
*St. Michael's Vision statement:*

*"A Eucharistic community in continual transformation, surrendering ourselves to God to be His instruments for world change."*

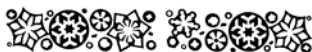
The Word of God  
became man and  
lived among us.



Rejoice! The Word became flesh and dwells among us!  
Oh, come, let us adore Him!



One from our parish community, Esther Ramirez, is joining the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word of Houston. Father Leo will give her a blessing after the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. All are invited to attend this Rite of Sending. Cake and coffee will be served afterward in the Family Life Center. We thank God for blessing our parish with another Vocation.



There is an empty hour in the Adoration Chapel on Thursdays from 7-8pm. If you would like to spend this hour with our Lord, call Arlene Becker at 798-8388.



The Nursery will be open during regular times on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> (9am to 12:30pm)  
Nursery will also be open beginning at 5pm for the Christmas Vigil Mass Sunday evening, December 24.

Lord,  
make us turn to You,  
let us see Your face  
and we will be SAVED.



DECEMBER 25 THROUGH DECEMBER 31

MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY 10:00A.M.** †Mark Klockentager;  
†Adele LeBouef  
**TUESDAY 5:30P.M.** †Elsie Janik  
**WEDNESDAY 8:30A.M.** †Clark Flournoy  
**THURSDAY 5:30P.M.** Ryan Barnes  
**FRIDAY 8:30A.M.** †Mary Ann Haley  
**SATURDAY 5:30P.M.** Peterson Family  
†Ann "Minkie" Foreman  
**SUNDAY 8:00A.M.** †Terry Ditges  
**9:30A.M.** †Gordon Waddy  
**11:00A.M.** †Nasumenta Fernandes

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Denis Morgan, father of Kathy May, grandfather of Christopher and Stephanie; also for the soul of George Kokos, father of Michelle Boettiger; also for the repose of the soul of Chan Tran Ma, mother of Toni Kwan, grandmother of Stephen and Marcus.



Carolyn Sue Allen, **Ryan Barnes**, Brenda Bartlett, Ann Bomba, Paul Bono, John Buettner, John Henry Cook, Barbara Dillon, Charlie Dirba, Jenna Dubec, Lenora Duval, Tom Elder, Marcia Flournoy,

Margaret Flournoy, **Clarence Forse**, Ann Foster, Michael Gillman, Barbara Grant, Arthur Haas, Belia Hardesty, Doris Harpham, Maury Havlik, Pat Havlik, **Doris Hickner**, Alice Jasek, Vickie Kaatz, Mary LaCoume, Ray Langston, Sarah Langston, Mark Latta, Delia Luna, John May, Kerry Mulloy, Mary Pelliccia, Doris Perryman, Avis Quandt, Joe Ragland, June Ragland, Kenny Rentrop, **Bob Rogido**, John Rosser, Vince Rowan, June Stanke, Bill Stevens, Robert Swain, Tommy Tumlinson, Loyd Wainscott.

(Bold denotes new on prayer list or in crisis.)

There is still time to make your appointment to have your family portrait made for our pictorial directory. Call Olan Mills appointment line at 1-800-883-1438 ext 7920. Craig Robinson will help schedule a sitting time for you and your family. If you should have a problem getting through, call Dinah Prochaska at 297-4139. Let's make this the best directory ever!



Christmas  
Blessings

From Fr. Leo,  
Fr. Marty and the  
Staff

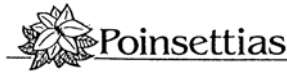


St. Michael's youth and chaperones request your prayers for safety and snow (but not TOO much) on their annual ski trip to Durango December 28 – January 3.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00pm Spiritual Learning Center  
 Coordinator: Lisa Ondrey  
 299/3509/297-3043  
 Grades 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm  
 Family Life Center Coordinator: Helen Buentello 299-3508/297-3043  
 Grade: 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm Spiritual Learning Center  
 Coordinators: John & Barbara White 265-6811



IN MEMORY OF  
 Denis Morgan  
 Sidney & Sophie Walenta  
 Robert & Irene Muzny  
 Presley Girouard  
 Jerry Witte  
 Mary Witte  
 Bernice Russek  
 Harold & Mary Pfeiffer  
 Louise Schwertner  
 John J. Orsak  
 Margaret F. Orsak  
 William J. Hickl  
 Alicia Armintor  
 Mark Klockentager  
 John Savaso  
 Virginia Gail & Chuck Savaso  
 Mary Ann Haley  
 Al Mosher  
 The Mosher Families  
 The Savaso Families  
 Laurent Blanchard  
 Cecile Lippman  
 Louis Lippman  
 Mary Kubesch  
 Emil Kubesch  
 Jerry Reid LaCoume  
 Jim & Leah Grace  
 Jim & Lucille LaCoume  
 Kristina Ortiz  
 James Peterson  
 Stanley Pentlicky  
 John & Clara Creswick  
 Ryan Bolock & Josephine Bogo  
 Alfred Psencik  
 Joe Dale Psencik  
 Bill Pelliccia & Kathryn Astry  
 Jack Stone  
 Jody Martinets  
 Charles Haack  
 Alden J. Richter  
 Raymond & Linnie Matzke  
 Emil & Augusta Richter  
 Rob Mitchell  
 Scott Fisackerly  
 Terry Ditges  
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 L.P. McCorkle & Helen Koester

GIVEN BY  
 Greg & Iris Howard  
 Bob & Sharon Muzny  
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 Stella Girouard  
 Zita Witte  
 Zita Witte  
 Louis & Paulette Russek  
 Helen Bullock  
 Janice Carter  
 Charles & Betty Hickl  
 Charles & Betty Hickl  
 Charles & Betty Hickl  
 Armintor Family  
 Klockentager Family  
 John & Adele Baxter  
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 Anna Mae Blanchard  
 Jack & Laverne Lippman  
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 Cecelia Peterson  
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 Mike & Sue Creswick  
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 Bruce & Dolores Bolock  
 Allyne Psencik  
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 Mary Pelliccia  
 Mary V. Stone  
 His Grandparents  
 Mary Phillips  
 Joe & Jeanette Matzke  
 Joe & Jeanette Matzke  
 Joe & Jeanette Matzke  
 Becky Mitchell  
 Wiley & Theresa Fisackerly  
 Bernie Ditges  
 Jeff Ditges  
 Joe Ditges  
 Tracie Teague  
 M/M Harry F. Koester, Jr.



JR. HIGH RALLY  
 Grades 6, 7, & 8

Saturday, February 10, 2007  
 St. Vincent de Paul Church  
 Houston, 9:30 am – 10:30 pm

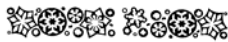
Cost: \$35; T-shirt and 2 meals included

The Archdiocesan Junior High Youth Rally is **THE** most **AWESOME** event of the year! Come together with other Catholic youth from the area to celebrate this year's theme: **Catholic to the Core**. Cool workshops, Grand Midway, Concert, Dance, and loads of **FUN!** Forms can be picked up in the youth office, **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 14**. ????'s Call Lisa Ondrey in the youth office at 299-3509 / 297-3043. **YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!!!**

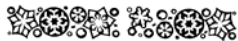


2007 WOMAN TO WOMAN RETREAT

Mark your calendar, and plan to attend the 2007 Woman to Woman Retreat to take place February 16-18 at The Lodge of Danbury. There will be a planning meeting for the retreat team Wednesday, January 3, 2006, at 6:30 pm in the F wing. Please consider joining the team and sharing your talents. For more information, call Margaret Kana (265-9602) or Margaret Greene (297-7556/238-2265).



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| IN HONOR OF                           | GIVEN BY                  |
| Dolores Haack                         | Mary Phillips             |
| Hattie Richter                        | Joe & Jeanette Matzke     |
| Bernice McCorkle & Patricia Schneider | M/M Harry F. Koester, Jr. |



Dear St. Michael's family-  
 Thanks be to God, I am making steady progress in recuperation from my recent "unplanned" hospital adventures. Thanks to everyone who has been calling, sending messages, praying for our family and keeping our spirits up with encouragement. May you all feel God's blessings surrounding you this Advent. This has truly been a season of Thanksgiving and hope. God bless everyone. I hope to be with you again soon. Doris Hickner



All parish offices will be closed from noon Thursday, December 21 to 8 am Wednesday, December 27.

