



The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

**MONDAY** 2Sm 15:13-14,30; I6:5-13; Mk 5:1-20  
**TUESDAY** 2Sm 18:9-10,14,24-25,30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43  
**WEDNESDAY** Jl 2:12-18; 2Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18  
**THURSDAY** Dt 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>

\*\*\*\*\*If anyone needs transportation to the Ash Wednesday services, please call the office at 297-3041\*\*\*\*\*



ENTER INTO THE SEASON OF LENT

This coming Wednesday, February 6, is Ash Wednesday, a day of Fast and Abstinence, as well as the beginning of our six week journey to the Resurrection. Please take advantage of the materials placed in the back of church to help you spend a holy Lenten season.

Also, on all of the Sundays of Lent, we will have Vespers in the "F" Wing at 6:30p.m. Vespers, or Evening

Prayer, only lasts about 30 minutes, but is a wonderfully peaceful way to end one week and begin another. On all of the Fridays of Lent, at 7:00p.m., in the church, we will have Stations of the Cross.

Also on the Fridays of Lent, the Knights of Columbus will have their delicious fried fish dinners from 5-7pm. You are welcome to eat here, in the Family Life Center, or drive through the "take out" lane, in front of the "F" Wing.

### Fasting & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence.

All Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. What this means is that all persons who have reached the age of 14, until death should refrain from eating meat on the days prescribed.

The law of Fasting requires a Catholic from the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday to the 59<sup>th</sup> birthday to reduce the amount of food eaten from normal. The Church defines this as one full meal a day, and 2 smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal.

During this Lenten season, please keep in your prayers the following youth who are in the RCIT program and will make their First Holy Communion on Holy Saturday. They are: Ethan Hickman, Vicente Perez, Samuel Porretto, Julian Ramos, and Carlos and Pablo Rodriguez.



### FEBRUARY 5 THROUGH FEBRUARY 10 MASS INTENTIONS

**TUESDAY 8:30A.M.** †Deceased Priests of Archdiocese of Gal-Hous  
**WEDNESDAY 8:30A.M.** †Alfred & Joe Dale Psencik; †Irene Dirba  
**5:30P.M.** Youth of the Parish  
**THURSDAY 5:30P.M.** Vincent & Fern Henderson  
**FRIDAY 6:00A.M.** Fr. Leo, Fr. Marty, Deacon David  
**8:30A.M.** Badeaux Family; †Clarence Forse  
**SATURDAY 5:30P.M.** Julie Ondrey; †Bessie Ermis  
**SUNDAY 8:00A.M.** Allen Williams  
**9:30.M.** †Sidney & Sophie Walenta; †Clifford J. Novosad  
**11:00A.M.** Vincent & Fern Henderson

**Ash Wednesday Services: 6:30am Liturgy of the Word & Ashes; 8:30a.m. Mass & Ashes; 12:00 noon Liturgy of the Word & Ashes; 5:30p.m. Mass & Ashes; 7:00p.m. Liturgy of the Word & Ashes. Fr. Leo will celebrate Mass each Friday during lent at 6:00 am.**

Carolyn Sue Allen, **Arnold Areson**, Brenda Bartlett, Ann Bomba, Paul Bono, John Buettner, **Laura Burch**, Doris Causbie, Robert Causbie, Kellie Chaney, John Henry Cook, Cecil Cromeans, Lorene Cromeans, Lee Ann Day, Barbara Dillon, Charlie Dirba, **Lenora Duval**, Tom Elder, **Karen Faulk**, Leada Fecanin, **Marcia Flournoy**, Margaret Flournoy, Ann Foster, Betty Lou Furlong, **Ashton Garrett**, Michael Gillman,



Arthur Haas, Belia Hardesty, Maury Havlik, Pat Havlik, Alice Jasek, **Vickie Kaatz**, Mary LaCoume, Sarah Langston, Ruth Lewis, Delia Luna, **Brock Massey**, Gene Matus, Otis Mayes, Myra Lee McFarling, Ora Meritt, Raymond Muniza, Heloise Murray, Jim Pawelek, Mary Pelliccia, Doris Perryman, Cecelia Peterson, Avis Quandt, Joe Ragland, June Ragland, Jack Reid, **Kenny Rentrop**, **Ralph Rogers, Jr.**, John Rosser, Vince Rowan, Prudencia Sanchez, Donna Schwertner, Jim Seidler, June Stanke, Bill Stevens, Bud Stover, Tommy Tumlinson, Ernie Valdez, Loyd Wainscott, Jack Yonge and Joe Young.

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

### THE EUCHARIST CALLS US TO REACH ALL PEOPLE 2008 DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND

Thank you for answering the call to Reach All People through your commitment to this year's Diocesan Services Fund. Catholics throughout our archdiocesan church are uniting in faith, sharing their blessings and giving gifts in Jesus' name. Remember that no gift is too small. If you have not yet responded, we urge you to consider offering your commitment at this time. Each gift helps. With every parishioner's meaningful participation, we will succeed in reaching our goal of **\$97,329.00** and provide hope and help for those among us who are most in need. If you prefer to donate online, visit [www.archgh.org/dsf](http://www.archgh.org/dsf).

**February Youth Ministry Calendar**

2 Jr. HS Youth Rally - Archdiocese  
2-3 Souper Bowl of Caring after all Masses  
3 NO Youth Ministry Classes  
6 Ash Wednesday  
10 CLASS 6:30P.M.  
15-17 CONFIRMATION RETREAT - DICKINSON  
17 CLASS 6:30P.M.  
24 CLASS 6:30P.M.  
28 Jr. HS N.E.T.

On Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 140 million Americans 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 US as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. Drop \$1 (or more) 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. **All of the money collected will go toward our St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

Plan now to attend the **Lenten Day of Reflection** hosted by the Women of St. Michael's. "**WERE YOU THERE?**" will be at time of reflection, scripture, music, and prayer presented through the eyes of those who "were there when they crucified our Lord". **Two sessions are available** – Weds. Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. or Sat. Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m. – Noon. Contact Lynne Hanrahan, 480-0709 for more information or to register.

**Yam Bible Study**

There will be **no bible study this Wednesday 2/6** so that you can make it to an **Ash Wednesday** service. We will resume with chapter 2 on Wednesday 2/13. It's not too late to receive a *free* book and join us – for information please call Melissa at 373-6369.

**We need additional Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. There will be a training session for NEW E.M.s held Tuesday, February 26 from 6:30p.m. to 9:30p.m., in the church. Call Lynne for more information. 480-0709.**

**SAVE THE DATE:**

March 28-30 for the **Woman to Woman** retreat in Danbury. **Rise Up!** is this year's theme.

**Mark Your Calendar!**

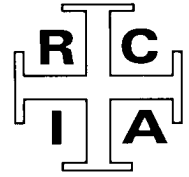
VBS 2008 will be held from June 16-20. We need lots of volunteers! Contact Tricia DeCarolus at 297-3017 for more information.

**Happy New Year!! The SVDP food pantry is in need of Cereal, Tuna, & Jelly. Thank you for your support.**

The Women of St Michaels invite you to **Update Your Home - Decorating tips from Jane Stromberg. February 5 in the Angelina Room. 8:30 am Mass; 9:15 am general meeting, followed by the speaker. Nursery available for 3 and under. Evening group 6:30 pm. Please bring an appetizer or dessert for evening.**

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

- **Are you searching for a church to call your own?**
- **Do you struggle with questions about life – death – suffering – hope – forgiveness – love – God**
- **Ever Wonder Why Catholics worship the way they do?**
- **Do you have questions about what we really believe?**



**Look no further. If you are not Catholic, but are curious** about the Church, or have a friend or family member who may be interested, or perhaps have some misconceptions about the Church. **Inquiry is the place.** All are welcome. For more information Call Tommie Holt at 979-265-4685.

**Thank You for Supporting our Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. This weekend, St. Michael's Boy Scout Troop 324, thanks St. Michael's Church for 44 years of support.**

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

**9 Cub Scouts earned the LIGHT OF CHRIST Religious Emblem in the last year:**

**Pack 324:** Ronnie Bynog, Kyle Donovan, Scott McIntire, Alexander Orscheln, Tomas Whitmarsh, Shane Williams, & Reese Williams.

**Pack 366:** Peter Chauvel & Samuel James

**8 Cub Scouts earned the PARVULI DEI Religious Emblem in the last year:**

**Pack 324:** Jacob Arrants & Matthew Land

**Pack 366:** Warren Alverson & Steven Rivera, Zachary Duncan, Victor Frausto, & Jackson Wedelich.

**15 boy Scouts from Troop 324 earned the Ad Altare Dei Religious Emblem in January:**

Christopher Babbington, Ryan Barber, James Bernzen, Max deGroot, Jason Dunn, Christopher Gabba, Michael Howard, Daniel Maes, Chris Rios, Ronnie Rocha, Jacob Sebesta, Jonathan Sebesta, Sergio Verduzco, Terry Yung, & Tyler Kubala.

**3 Venturing Scouts and 6 Boy Scouts earned the Pope Pius XII Religious Emblem last year:**

**Venturer Crew 324**

Sarah Barber, Josh Calhoun & Lizzie Rinn

**Troop 324**

Cullen Babbington, Peter Bernzen, Indy Henderson, Adam Raiff, & Riley Yung

**Troop T553**

Davis Richardson

**For every 100 Boys, 5 Boy Scout will earn their Eagle Scout. 3 Boy Scouts in Troop 324 achieved the rank of Eagle Scouts in the last year** Cory Gabba, Nathan Metric and Anthony Solis



**Co-Cathedral Dedication Countdown April 2, 2008**

**The Rite of Dedication:** The importance of the entry into the new church. **The Rite of Dedication of a church is divided into four parts:** Introductory rites, Liturgy of the Word, Prayer of Dedication, and Liturgy of the Eucharist. **As the people of God,** we eagerly pilgrimage to the new church, the local realization of the New Jerusalem, remembering Psalm 122 :”Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord”. Those who were in charge of the construction of the church will hand over the keys of the church, legal documents and a record of the church's development. The architect may comment on the significance of the church's design.

