



His Face Shone Like The Sun.

MONDAY Lv 19:1-2,11-18; Mt 25:31-46
TUESDAY Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
WEDNESDAY Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
THURSDAY Est C 12:14-16,23-25; Mt 7:7-12
FRIDAY Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
SATURDAY Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
SUNDAY Gn 12:1-4a; 2Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

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

“Bear your share of the hardship for the Gospel”, St. Paul tells Timothy in today’s second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?



ENTER INTO THE SEASON OF LENT

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 18th birthday to the 59th 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.

SAVE THE DATE! CDA Chicken Spaghetti Dinner on March 9 in the Family Life Center. More info to come!

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



*LORD, let your mercy
be on us, as we place
our trust in YOU.*

FEBRUARY 19 THROUGH FEBRUARY 24

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY 5:30P.M. †Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Gal-Hous
WEDNESDAY 8:30A.M. Carolyn Peterson;
 Marcus Badeaux
THURSDAY 5:30P.M. Vocations
FRIDAY 6:00A.M. Fishers of Men
8:30A.M. †Emil Kubesch;
 †Fr. Gary Williams
SATURDAY 5:30P.M. †Dolores Haack;
 †Cecile Lippman
SUNDAY 8:00A.M. †Dora Schlottman;
 Johnny & Shirley Girouard
9:30.M. †Donald & Remedios Young;
 †Clifford J. Novosad
11:00A.M. Father Leo

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Thompson, son of Anna Lou Thompson, brother of Jo Ann Brown and Jeanne Howard.

Carolyn Sue Allen, **Arnold Areson**, **Natalie Barron**, Brenda Bartlett, Ann Bomba, Paul Bono, John Buettner, 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, **Lea Marie Perez**, 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

Pope Benedict teaches that as we receive the Eucharist, we are called to reach out to all people with the love of the risen Christ. We have listened to that call, we have responded as the Body of Christ in reaching out and sharing our gifts. Thank you and bless you for your generosity. For those of you who have not yet responded to the call please respond today. Please remember that you may give on-line at www.archgh.org/dsf Our parish goal is **\$97,329.**

“Souper” Bowl of Caring: Thank you to all St. Michael’s parishioners for their generous support and giving in our efforts to feed the hungry. We collected a **total of \$2,363.00** which will be going directly to our St. Vincent de Paul. Thanks especially to all the youth and adults who helped with the collection.

February Youth Ministry Calendar

15-17 Confirmation Retreat – Dickinson

16-17 Collecting Pledges for 30 hour Famine

17 CLASS 6:30P.M.

22-23 Thirty hour fast retreat

24 CLASS 6:30P.M.

28 Jr. HS N.E.T. Retreat 5:15-9pm Includes Mass, light dinner – Cost \$5

MARCH CALENDAR

2 Summer Camp Sign-up Angelina Room after 11:00 Mass

The 2008 Steubenville Youth Conference is June 27-29. The cost will be \$200 per child. We will have a mandatory kickoff meeting Feb 17th after the 11am mass in the Angelina room. **If anyone is interesting in sponsoring a child** or making a donation towards to travel cost to alleviate the financial burden please, we would appreciate any contributions. Please contact Nigel and Molly James at 292 0472 if you wish to attend.

Summer Camp 2008 for current 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students will be **June 5th – 8th**, at Forest Glenn Christian Camp in Huntsville. There will be an Information and Sign-Up meeting on **Sunday, March 2nd at 12:15 pm** in the Angelina Room for all those interested in attending, and their parents. **Limited space is available—sign up NOW!** Fundraising will be available

We need additional Extraordinary 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.

Girl Scout Sunday will be celebrated on February 17 at the 8:00a.m. Mass. There will be a pancake breakfast afterwards and everyone is invited to attend. Practice for Girl Scouts will be at 4:00p.m. on February 8 and 15 in the church.

The **World Vision 30-hr Famine Retreat** for our High School Youth will be held Feb 22nd – 23rd. The students will be fasting to help fight world hunger and save children's lives through improved health, nutrition, and education. Our youth will be collecting pledges for every hour they fast. It only takes 12 pledges of \$1/hr (total \$30) to support one child for an entire year. If you would like to donate, our youth will be available after Masses Feb 16th & 17th to take your pledge. Call Mike in Youth Office at 297-3043 for more information.

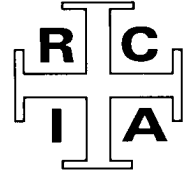
THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all who gave blood at least once during 2007. We had a wonderful, **RECORD** year collecting 458 units of blood. This helped save almost 1400 lives. In fact it was so good that we are one of the **three finalist** to receive the **Gulf Coast Blood Center "Church of the Year" award.** Let's start 2008 off with a "bang" and make it an even better year. Our first drive will be held on **Sunday, February 24th** from 8:30 AM until 1:00 PM in the hall of the Family Life Center. This is our regular Sunday donation process where no appointment is necessary--just come on in and we will serve you as best we can--First come-First served.

For your efforts you will receive a certificate for a **FREE CAR WASH** compliments of the new **BUC-EE'S**. Please invite a friend

*St. Michael's Vision statement:
"A Eucharistic community in continual transformation, surrendering ourselves to God to be His instruments for world change."*

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.

The Wild Game Dinner is coming up, February 21st and we are in need of Silent Auction Items to help our community with Faith In Action, no item to small. Please call Marlene Hunter for information, or items to be picked up 480-0779.

Wild Game Dinner, for Faith In Action is Thurs, February 21st, 6:30pm St. Michael's Family Life Center. Tickets are \$20.00, call Duane Williams 297-5564 for more information.

Ladies, a new 6 week \$6 bible study starts on Thursday, Feb. 21st, 9:30am-11:00am. Please prayerfully consider joining us as we work through the book Jesus' Life Giving Death. An evening group is available also! Please call Iris Howard 798-6967 for the start date. If you'd like to sign up for the day group, please call Jeanne Schroll at 297-5860. Nursery available!

Fr. Seraphim Michalenko is coming to lead a Lenten Retreat at St. Anthony's in Danbury. The conference will center on the Church's teaching on Divine Mercy and the Chaplet Jesus gave to Sr. Faustina. Retreat Sunday, February 24 through Wednesday, February 27. Call St. Anthony's, (979-922-1240) for more info.

INVITING CATHOLICS HOME

St. Michael's will offer a series of three weekly sessions for inactive Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. **If you or someone you know** attended the Inviting Catholics Home session on January 30, this series provides the next step. **For those who have been away from the Church for a while** and who are wondering what has changed, this series will give an overview of some of the changes.

Topics will include: "The Church Today: Changes since Vatican II" "The Mass" "The Sacrament of Penance/Confession" "What we believe: The Creed"

Other topics may be included as needed.

If you know someone who has left the Church, please invite them to join us. For more information, call Paula Graves 964-3545 or the church office.

Tuesdays, February 19 and 26 and March 4, 2008 7:00 – 8:45 pm F-Wing