

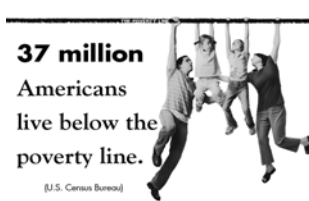
When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom.

**MONDAY** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4  
**TUESDAY** Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11  
**WEDNESDAY** Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19  
**THURSDAY** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28  
**FRIDAY** Rv 20:1-4, 11, 21:2; Lk 21:29-33  
**SATURDAY** Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36  
**SUNDAY** Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37  
 Daily readings: <http://www.usccb.org/nab/index.htm>



The Parish Offices will be closing for the Thanksgiving holidays at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> and will re-open on Monday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

**Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Nov 27<sup>th</sup>** will be at **10:00 a.m. only**. Mass will be celebrated as usual at 8:30 a.m. on Friday Nov 28<sup>th</sup>.



**37 million** Americans live below the poverty line.

(U.S. Census Bureau)  
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 (Catholic Campaign for Human Development)

Of the 37 million people considered to be living below the poverty line, 45% work full time but still do not make enough money to feed their families, keep roofs over their heads, and pay for health care. The **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)** supports

community-based projects—founded and managed by the poor themselves—that work toward building a better and more just community where poverty does not exist. **You can make a difference. Please donate prayerfully and generously today for CCHD.**

**Loving Beyond Our Fears: Rejoicing in what we have & who we are together**

The next Women's Retreat is Dec 5 – 7, 2008. Contact the Retreat Center directly for information and to register. Cost \$180 per person. Catholic Women's Retreats at the Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center, 430 Bunker Hill Road, Houston, TX 77024, 713-464-0211

This weekend Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, the St. Michael's Library will provide a **Book Fair** with books and items from Veritas Bookstore. The Library will be open after all Masses. Come see the new materials for the **Advent & Christmas** season.



**NOVEMBER 25 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30**



**TUESDAY 5:30 P.M.** †Harold & Louise Muhl  
**WEDNESDAY 8:30 A.M.** †Ralph (Buddy) Rogers, Jr.  
**THURSDAY 10:00 A.M.** †John D. Muhl  
**FRIDAY 8:30 A.M.** Darvin Bordelon  
 Lucille & Marshal Jeter  
**SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.** †Bessie Ermis  
**SUNDAY 8:00 A.M.** †Jim Pawelek  
**9:30 A.M.** †Bob Rogido  
**11:00 A.M.** †Donald & Remedios Young

**Beginning Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, names submitted for the prayer list will remain in the bulletin for one month.** Please call the parish office with an update if you would like the name to remain on the prayer list for an additional period of time.



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Karen Abdelkader, Carolyn Sue Allen, Arnold Areson, Natalie Barron, Brenda Bartlett, Ann Bomba, Paul Bono, Michael Brown, John Buettner, Doris Causbie, Robert Causbie, Kellie Chaney, John Henry Cook, Cecil Cromeans, Charlie Dirba, Lenora Duval, Leada Fecanin, Marcia Flournoy, Margaret Flournoy, Ann Foster, Betty Lou Furlong, **Emil Galetka**, Ashton Garrett, Michael Gillman, Arthur Haas, Paige Haas, Belia Hardesty, Maury Havlik, Pat Havlik, Dennis Heinroth, Jose Hernandez, Alice Jasek, Vickie Kaatz, John Karacostis, **Emily Krell**, Willie (Bill) Kubala, Mary LaCoume, **Julie Lange**, Sarah Langston, **Pat Latkovich**, Delia Luna, Bobby Marshall, Gene Matus, Paula Matzke, Otis Mayes, Myra Lee McFarling, Ora Meritt, Raymond Muniza, Marty Murphy, Heloise Murray, Charlene Burridge Paschall, **Cindy Patlik**, Jim Pawelek, Mary Pelliccia, Lea Marie Perez, Doris Perryman, Cecelia Peterson, Marilyn Pikas, Joe Ragland, June Ragland, Kenny Rentrop, Ellen Rice, **Celeste Rohde**, Vince Rowan, Prudencia Sanchez, Catherine Schoppe, Donna Schwertner, Jim Seidler, June Stanke, Bill Stevens, Bud Stover, Edward John Thigpen, Tommy Tumlinson, Ernie Valdez, Loyd Wainscott, and **Jack Yonge**. (Bold denotes new on prayer list or in crisis.)



**Congratulations to Msgr. Leo Wleczyk who has been officially appointed as the Episcopal Vicar for the Southern Vicariate.**

An Episcopal Vicar shares in the bishop's ordinary power within a particular section of a diocese. The vicar acts as a deputy to the bishop to assist him in the administration of a part of the diocese.

**Way to go, Fr. Leo!**

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Youth Ministry 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

**NOVEMBER**

Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> Class 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Nov 30<sup>th</sup> NO CLASSES

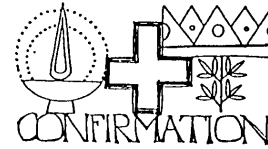
**“DAMIEN” – A ONE ACT PLAY**

On Nov 24<sup>th</sup> the Adult Faith Formation team presents “Damien”, a one act play starring Fr. Richard Wahl beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Hall of the Family Life Center.

This is the story of the priest who chose to banish himself to the island of Molokar so that he could care for the lepers who had themselves been isolated on the island and banished from the outside world. **Fr. Damien truly lived the Gospel demonstrating compassion and love in his care of these unwanted people.** Fr. Wahl will allow time for a Question and Answer session following the end of the play.

The nursery will be available for the care of children up to 3 years of age. Children must have been fed before coming to the nursery. Please sign the registration forms in the hall if you plan to use this service so we can determine the number of helpers the coordinator needs to schedule.

**ST. MICHAEL'S VISION STATEMENT:**  
*"A Eucharistic community in continual transformation, surrendering ourselves to God to be His instruments for world change."*



**Did you miss receiving your Confirmation as a teenager or young adult?** If so, now is the time to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Contact Tommie Holt at 265-4685 for more information.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Are you curious about our **Parish Pastoral Council**? Want to find out how Council members are chosen, or perhaps you would like to serve on the Council? 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 years and older and Confirmed, to consider a 2-year term on Pastoral Council.** If you are interested in considering discerning for Council, please contact Ken Prochaska at 297-4139. If you are not interested in serving on the Council at this time, but are interested in learning about what the 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 7, 2008.** We will meet in the **Angelina Room at 1:00 p.m.** Everyone is invited to attend.

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 **We are in need of Sponsors for our current RCIA process.** You don't need to know all the answers -- you just need to be a practicing Confirmed Catholic, over the age of 18, who is ready to make a new friend and share your personal faith journey with them. A Sponsor gives support to their Candidate/Catechumen by walking their journey with them as a companion, by personal prayer, and of course attending the RCIA sessions and Mass with them. Sponsors also attend the different Rites with their Candidate/Catechumen. **This is a ministry where you get much, much more than you give.** This is an opportunity to grow in your faith as you help someone else grow in theirs. Please prayerfully consider making this spiritual journey with someone who is interested in coming into the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Orville Bellar 292-6750.

**WIN A \$25 CASH GIFT CARD -- How well do you know your Mass?** Find out **Sunday, November 23.** Look for the **Mass Quiz**, answer the questions correctly and get a chance to win a \$25 cash gift card. Brought to you by the Envision "Understanding the Mass and the Eucharist" team. If you would like to subscribe to our free monthly on-line magazine "Light For The World", please contact us at [blcarmody@att.net](mailto:blcarmody@att.net)

**The Women of St. Michael's invite the women of the parish to our annual Christmas dinner, Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Dinner is catered from Cafe Anise at \$15.00 a person. Fashion Show by Elaine's Fashions. Please call Linda, 292-0954 to register by the deadline - Thursday, Dec. 4.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST**

- ❖ The Cenacle Retreat House is proud to present three wonderful Spiritual programs during this special season of Advent-Christmas:
  - ❖ Advent Mini-Retreat – Sunday, December 7, 2008, from 2-5 p.m.
  - ❖ Doing December Differently – Recovering a Spirituality of Advent, December 12-13, from 7 pm Friday to 5 p.m. Saturday
  - ❖ Keeping Christmas Merry with the 12 Steps, Sunday, December 14, from 2-5 p.m.

Come Discover Advent-Christmas at the Cenacle Retreat House! For registration information on these programs and a full listing of all Cenacle programs, please call the ministry office at 281/497-3131, or visit our website at [cenacle retreat house.org](http://cenacle retreat house.org).