



"Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through Him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit." Colossians 3:17

The LORD remembers His covenant forever.

DECEMBER 30 THROUGH JANUARY 4



Mass Intentions

TUESDAY	5:30 P.M.	✠Colin Muhl
WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	✠Josiah Hall
	5:30 P.M.	✠Unborn children
THURSDAY	10:00 A.M.	✠Ralph Rogers, Jr.
FRIDAY	8:30 A.M.	✠Josiah Hall
SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	✠Colin Muhl
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Unemployed persons
	9:30 A.M.	Michael Ondrey
	11:00 A.M.	✠Calvin Coats

Readings for the Week of December 28, 2008

Sunday	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12,17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
Monday	Saint Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96; Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96; Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday	Saint Sylvester I, pope 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96; Jn 1:1-18
Thursday	The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Friday	Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98; Jn 1:19-28
Saturday	The Most Holy Name of Jesus 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98; Jn 1:29-34
Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 147; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of ✠**Josiah Hall**, husband of Edith and father of Josiah, Pamela, Karen, Greg, Bruce, and Stephanie.

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Beginning Dec 31st, 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.

The Parish Offices will be closing at noon on Wednesday, Dec 31st and will reopen on Friday, Jan 2nd.



Masses will be celebrated for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on Wednesday, 12/31/08 at 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, 1/1/09 at 10:00 a.m. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

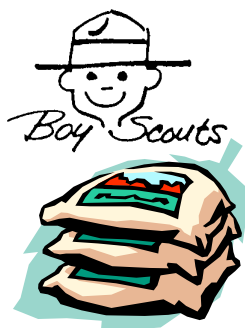
Thank You

A special Christmas thank you to the 100 (exactly) wonderful people who came to donate their precious blood at our December 17th blood drive. Unfortunately 16 people were deferred but 15 did give double units of blood so our total units came to 99 (just think if YOU would have come we would have reached the magic 100!!!) GOD BLESS all of you who gave the GIFT OF LIFE!

Dates to Remember

The Women of St. Michael's would like to invite you to the **Annual St. Vincent de Paul auction. Tuesday, January 6th. Day group: 8:30 a.m. Mass followed by 9:00 Angelina room.** Nursery available for 4 and under. If you bake it, make it, sew it, grow it, buy it, or re-gift it -- then bring it. **Evening group: Bring a finger food to share at 6:30 p.m. in the Angelina Room.** Come enjoy auctioneer Mary Gerwig. Questions? call Tricia Langner at 299-6176.

Karen Abdelkader, Carolyn Sue Allen, Arnold Areson, 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, Alice Jasek, Vickie Kaatz, John Karacostis, **Emily Krell**, Willie (Bill) Kubala, Mary LaCoume, **Julie Lange**, Sarah Langston, **Pat Latkovich**, Delia Luna, Bobby Marshall, **Marcella Martinez**, Gene Matus, Paula Matzke, Otis Mayes, Myra Lee McFarling, Ora Meritt, Raymond Muniza, Heloise Murray, Charlene Burrigge Paschall, **Cindy Patlik**, Jim Pawelek, Mary Pelliccia, Lea Marie Perez, 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 Waincott, and **Jack Yonge**. (Bold denotes new on prayer list or in crisis.)



Time to start thinking about getting your gardens ready! Scouts will be selling Fertilizer and Mulch after all Masses on the weekends of January 4th and 11th in the Hallway of the Family Life Center. Please plan on ordering your fertilizer and mulch from the scouts in our Church's Troop 324.

Youth Ministry 7th – 12th Grade

DECEMBER

Dec 28th NO CLASS, Christmas Holiday

Dec 31st NO CLASS, Christmas Holiday

JANUARY

Jan 4th NO CLASS, Christmas Holiday

Jan 11th CLASS, 6:30 - 8:30 - Vocation Night

Jan 14th Confirmation I Candidate/Sponsor Mtg. FLC

Jan 18th CLASS, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Jan 24th Confirmation I Retreat – Holy Name Retreat Ctr.

Jan 25th CLASS, 6:30 – 8:30 pm



Holy Family

Today's liturgy not only offers us a glimpse into the life of the **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph** but also gives us an opportunity to pray for our own families. Although private devotions to the Holy Family go back to about the seventeenth century, the feast did not enter the

church's calendar until 1921. One of the readings designated for the day comes from Colossians 3 wherein wives are exhorted to be subordinate to their husbands. A shortened version of this reading which omits that passage and is more in keeping with our modern idea of a woman's place in the family is permitted as an option.

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

2nd Reading - *Colossians 3:12-21*

The Forgiving Family

The Christian family is a symbol of forgiveness and love. Every family has its rough spots. Within one family not everyone believes the same and prays the same. Some show love comfortably, others with embarrassment. Some naturally look out for someone else; others are concerned about themselves. Some boast about their accomplishments, others are humble. Some have old hurts that still ache, others have healed and forgiven. Families are not perfect, but they are designed for love. On Holy Family Sunday, we remember that the model of family love is the love that Christ gives us. The Letter to the Colossians says, "As the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do."

All society is a symbol of forgiveness and love. At least it should be. God loved us all enough to send Jesus into the world. He came to save us. We do not always respond to this love the way that we should. But at least we have a model for what love is like. It is compassionate, kind, humble, gentle and patient. Within the world, we have our differences, but we hold this in common: the ability to live in peace and the grace of God's forgiveness. At Christmas we celebrate the gift of God's forgiveness, Christ, our redeemer. We try to imitate that forgiveness as individuals, as families and as a community. If the forgiving Christ dwells in each family, each family will bring forgiveness to the world.

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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.

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.

Parish Calendar Now On-Line

We have gone "electronic" with the St. Michael's facility schedule (no more black books!). You can now **view** the general Parish calendar **on-line from the main page of our Parish website, www.smlj.org**. This calendar shows which rooms are reserved for meetings, gatherings, programs, and special events for the next 30 days. Check it out when you have a chance – your feedback would be appreciated! A printed schedule for the upcoming week is also posted in the hallway of the FLC outside the main office and outside the Angelina Room. Contact Lynne at 297-3041 with questions, feedback, or **to make sure your upcoming meeting is noted correctly on the master facility schedule.**



The next Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Men's Weekend Retreat will be held February 7th & 8th at St. Michael's. All men 18 and older are invited to participate in this fun Christ filled weekend. Mark your calendars and plan to attend a fun weekend of fellowship that will renew and energize. For more information contact John Kyle 236-9464 or Bob Whitmarsh 824-2533.



As a component of **The Word of God** initiative from our Archdiocese, we are offering bibles for sale at very low cost to all who need them. It is our desire that every Catholic can afford to own and read a Bible. **Bibles are available in English or Spanish for only \$5.00 each.** Stop by the Parish office between 9am -4pm, Monday - Friday to purchase a copy. For more information call 297-3041.