

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

Readings for the Week of January 4, 2009

Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 147; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday	Saint John Neumann, bishop 1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 100; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	Blessed André Bessette, religious 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday	Saint Raymond of Peñafort, priest 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 2; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday	1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 72; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 72; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday	The Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

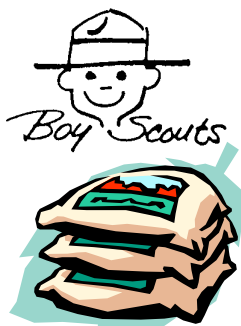
Daily readings: <http://www.usccb.org/nab/index.htm>

SVDP food pantry is in need of non-perishable foods of ALL kinds, in particular Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, and Cereal. Please bring your donations to the baskets in the main hallway of the Family Life Center. Thank you for your continued support as we help the clients of the community.



SENIORS!!

Want to have some fun? Make new friends? Eat some good food? Win a few prizes? Then we have a deal for you! Come to the **SENIOR FRIENDS** bingo on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the F Wing at 10:00a.m. (Come early, have a cup of coffee or tea and visit with your friends.) Just bring a dish to share. Think you're too young or too old? If you are a senior citizen then you are just right. Come and have some fun. We'll be waiting for you!!!! Our first 2009 date is Tuesday, Jan 13th.



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.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

JANUARY 6 THROUGH JANUARY 11



Mass Intentions

TUESDAY	8:30 A.M.	Women's Club
WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Johnnie McGregor
THURSDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Gerald Koster
FRIDAY	8:30 A.M.	Parishioners of SMLJ
		†Gerald Wayne Lippman
SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Ralph Rogers, Jr.
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Unemployed persons
	9:30 A.M.	Gianna Owen
	11:00 A.M.	†Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of G-H

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.



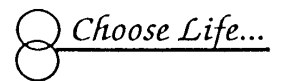
John Buettner, Kellie Chaney, Cecil Cromeans, Emil Galetka, Paige Haas, Dennis Heinroth, John Karacostis, Julie Lange, Pat Latkovich, Charlene Burridge Paschall, Cindy Patlik, Jim Pawelek, Donna Schwertner, Bill Stevens, Kenny Rentrop, Tommy Tumlinson, and Jack Yonge.



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BREAKFAST – Join us in the Family Life Center Hall **after the 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday, January 11th**. Proceeds will benefit Youth on a Mission 2009.

There will be a **Pro-life Rosary on Saturday, Jan. 17th at 10:00 a.m.**



here at St. Michael's. After the rosary, we'll move outside to put up the **white crosses on the lawn** adjacent to the Church and Family Life Center. Please plan to join us for this beautiful event.



Baptism preparation classes for parents and Godparents are held at St. Michael's on the **third Tuesday of every month** from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The next session is **Tuesday, January 20th**. Call **Cindy Hakanson at 299-0690 to register**. Nursery is available for 4 and under. Class attendance is mandatory for parents wishing to have their children baptized at St. Michael's.

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Youth Ministry 7th – 12th Grade

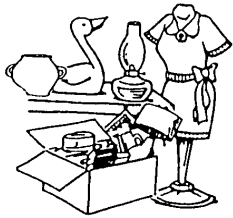
JANUARY

- 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



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.



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 is 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.



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.

Epiphany of the Lord

The solemnity of the Epiphany which celebrates the manifestation of God to humanity began in the Eastern Church in the third century. Called *Theophany*, it was primarily a **feast of the baptism of the Lord**, but it also incorporated themes of his nativity, the visit of the magi, and the marriage feast at Cana. The Church of Rome adopted this celebration in the fourth century and focused it on the adoration of the magi since it already had a feast of the Lord's nativity in place. **In the United States, we observe the Epiphany on the Sunday between January 2nd and 8th,** but there are places where it is celebrated as a holy day of obligation on the traditional date of January 6.

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.

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.**

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR AREA

- ❖ Join the **Helpers of God's Precious Infants** in a peaceful and prayerful **Mass and Rosary on Saturday, January 17, 2009.** Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. at Shrine of the True Cross Catholic Church in Dickinson, Texas. A Rosary procession to the Grotto and then Planned Parenthood in Dickinson will follow.
- ❖ **ACTS IV COUPLES WEEKEND RETREAT** will be held **March 20-22, 2009,** Registration Fee \$100 Per Couple, includes Materials; Drury Inn and Suites, Northwest 9806 W I-10, San Antonio, TX 78230, For information - Phone: (210) 495 - 9667, ACTSIVCouples@yahoo.com.