



This is my Beloved SON, My favor rests on Him.

Today the Christmas season draws to a close as we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We extend our Epiphany celebration by continuing to focus on the manifestation of Christ to the world. Today we hear God's voice speak directly to the Lord Jesus over the waters

of the Jordan: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." As Christians, we believe that God's words are meant for all who have been baptized in Christ. We are God's beloved children, in whom God is well pleased.

Readings for the Week of January 11, 2009

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| 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 |
| Monday | Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97; Mk 1:14-20 |
| Tuesday | Saint Hilary, bishop, doctor Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8; Mk 1:21-28 |
| Wednesday | Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105; Mk 1:29-39 |
| Thursday | Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95; Mk 1:40-45 |
| Friday | Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78; Mk 2:1-12 |
| Saturday | Saint Anthony, abbot Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19; Mk 2:13-17 |
| Sunday | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42 |

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

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.

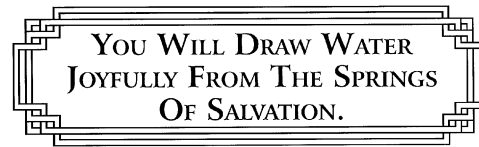


Time to start planning your Spring Planting! Scouts will be selling Fertilizer and Mulch after all Masses the weekend of January 11th in the Hallway of the Family Life Center. Please plan on ordering your fertilizer and mulch from the scouts in our Church's Troop 324.

On Sunday, January 18th immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass, there will be a rededication for the memorial for the unborn. All are welcome to attend. Gather with the Knights of Columbus 4th degree outside the entrance to the Family Life Center after Mass.



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.



JANUARY 13 THROUGH JANUARY 18



Mass Intentions

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| TUESDAY | 5:30 P.M. | Cecelia Peterson |
| WEDNESDAY | 8:30 A.M. | †Ralph Rogers, Jr. |
| THURSDAY | 5:30 P.M. | †Albert & Rosa Romano †Joe & Lena Mandola |
| FRIDAY | 8:30 A.M. | †Josiah Hall |
| SATURDAY | 5:30 P.M. | †Alfred & Joe Dale Psencik |
| SUNDAY | 8:00 A.M. | Carolyn Peterson |
| | 9:30 A.M. | †Ralph Rogers, Jr. |
| | 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.



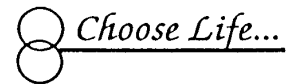
K OF C -- PANCAKE

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.

K of C will be selling **Barbeque Chickens** for \$7.00 this **Sunday after all Masses** at the doors to the Church.

There will be a **Pro-life Rosary** on **Saturday, Jan. 17th at 1:00 p.m.** here at St.

Michael's. After the rosary, we'll move outside to put up the **over 500 white crosses on the lawn** adjacent to the Church and Family Life Center. Please plan to join us for this beautiful event.



SAVE THE DATE!

Jan 25th is the anniversary date of the conversion of St. Paul. Pope Benedict XVI declared this a special jubilee year in honor of St. Paul. **Adult Faith Formation Team will show the MOVIE "St. Paul, Contending for the Faith" on Jan 25th after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses in the Hall.** The nursery will be provided for children 3 months to 3 years. **Please sign-up** on the sheets provided in the FLC hall for number & ages of children for nursery.

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Youth Ministry 7th – 12th Grade

JANUARY

- 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

Information on the Year of St. Paul

In observation and celebration of the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Saint Paul, Pope Benedict XVI declared the Year of Saint Paul which began on June 28, 2008 and will conclude on June 29, 2009. In observance of the Year of St. Paul, Pope Benedict XVI has granted permission to observe the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on Sunday, January 25, 2009. Normally this feast would not be celebrated when it falls on a Sunday. However, in 2009, parishes may celebrate either the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time or they may observe the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

In a recent address to the Roman Curia, Pope Benedict XVI summarized the purpose of the Year of St. Paul: "The Pauline Year is a year of pilgrimage, not only in the sense of an external journey towards places associated with St. Paul, but also, and above all, in the sense of a pilgrimage of the heart, together with Paul towards Jesus Christ. In a word, Paul teaches us that the Church is the Body of Christ, that the Head and the Body are inseparable and that there can be no love for Christ without love for his Church and her living community."

The local Church is manifested most fully when the faithful, deacons and priests gather around our local pastor, Cardinal DiNardo, for the celebration of the Eucharist. **Such a Mass will be celebrated on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Sunday, January 25, 2009, 3:00 p.m., in the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.**

A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who participate in this Mass and fulfill the necessary requirements:

- have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin;
- have sacramentally confessed their sins;
- receive the Holy Eucharist (it is certainly better to receive it while participating in Holy Mass, but for the indulgence only Holy Communion is required);
- pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

Indulgences flow from God's grace and mercy. Conditions for an indulgence require proper spiritual disposition, not a mechanical observance of prescribed actions. By prayerfully fulfilling the requirements, the faithful are drawn ever more deeply into the Divine Mercy of God. "Through indulgences the faithful can obtain the remission of temporal punishment resulting from sin for themselves and also for the souls in Purgatory" (Catechism 1498).

For a very helpful description of indulgences and their relationship to grace and sin, see the Catechism of the Catholic Church, numbers 1471–1484 (Part II, Section Two, Chapter 2, Art. 4. X, see www.usccb.org/catechism/text). More detailed information about requirements for the plenary indulgence may be found on the Office of Worship website, www.archgh.org/worship.htm.

Youth Ministry classes for grades 7th-12th will resume this Sunday, January 11th, 2009, 6:30-8:30 PM with special guest vocation speakers. We welcome you all back after your Christmas break.

Summer Camp 2009 – for grades 6th, 7th, & 8th – Thursday, June 18th through Sunday, June 21st at Carolina Creek Christian Camp in Huntsville, TX

Youth on a Mission 2009 – for High School youth – Saturday, July 18 through Saturday, July 25 in San Juan, TX

Save the Date!!!!

Woman to Woman 13th Annual Retreat will start Lent off right, Fri. February 27th-March 1st, in Palacios. We will have a guest speaker to share with us. More details to come. All women of St. Michael's are invited. **Woman to Woman Retreat Planning meeting, Tuesday January 13th, in "E-wing" at 6:30-7:30pm.** Please come and see how you could help us make this Lenten retreat the best preparation we could imagine. Or call Binnie 297-9239 or Gwen 297-5564 for Questions or to volunteer your creativity.

The **Light Weigh** is here. **Are you tired of constantly struggling with your weight?** Tired of following diets like they were religions? Consider giving God a chance to touch your heart, your life and your eating. Two identical Light Weigh orientations will be held on Monday, **January 12th, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.** in the F-wing at St. Michael's in Lake Jackson and again on Monday, **January 19th, 7- 8:00 p.m.** in the F-wing. Come and find out about The Light Weigh Bible study and video series, and how this program has been a blessing to others. You only need to come to one of the two orientation sessions listed above because they are identical in content. For website information about The Light Weigh, visit www.lightweigh.com or call Cecilia at 285-0223.

GIRL SCOUTS



Girl Scout Sunday will be celebrated this year on **Sunday, March 1st at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. HELP NEEDED:** Parent Volunteer needed now from each troop to sign-up Girl Scouts who will be available for practice in advance of ceremony. Call Natalia Montanez 297-1011 or Coletta Stover 297-5191.

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.**

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR AREA

- ❖ **K.J.Z.T. #115 Meeting** is Jan 20th at 10:30 a.m. -- 605 Center Way, Lake Jackson