



In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." 1 Samuel 3:4; Psalm 40

Readings for the Week of January 18, 2009

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
Monday	Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday	Saints Fabian, pope, martyr; Sebastian, martyr Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday	Saint Agnes, virgin, martyr Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday	Saint Vincent, deacon, martyr Mass for Peace & Justice Heb 7:25—8:6; Ps 40; Mk 3:7-12
Friday	Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday	Saint Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday	The Conversion of St. Paul Acts 22:3-16; Ps 117; 1Cor 7:29-31; Mk 16:15-18


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

A day of Penance and Prayer
Thursday, January 22nd

Following confirmation by the Holy See in February 2002, the following became particular law for the dioceses of the United States of America: **In all the dioceses of the United States of America, January 22nd shall be observed as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.** The Mass "For Peace and Justice" will be celebrated with violet vestments as an appropriate liturgical observance for this day.

The weekday Mass at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan 22nd at St. Michael's will be celebrated for "Peace & Justice". Please participate by observing a personal day of prayer and penance.

This weekend we celebrate **Lone Rose Sunday** at all Masses. Please join with the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree members for the **Re-dedication of the Memorial to the Unborn immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.** We will gather on the lawn near the memorial, located next to the walkway between the Church and the Family Life Center.

 Our **Annual Parish Mission Appeal** will be next weekend, Jan 24th & 25th. **Fr. Charlie Smiech** will speak at all Masses representing the **Franciscan Missionary Union**. For nearly 800 years, the Franciscan Friars have sought to bring the Good News of the Gospel to those who have not heard it, and to stand in solidarity with the poor and marginalized of the world. Please give generously in the second collection.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 2364 will have their monthly meeting on **Thurs, January 22nd, 7:00 p.m.** in the **F-Wing**. All Catholic women are invited to attend.



JANUARY 20 THROUGH JANUARY 25



Mass Intentions

TUESDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Gerald Koster
WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	Mr. & Mrs. David Cromeans
THURSDAY	5:30 P.M.	PEACE & JUSTICE
FRIDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Josiah Hall
SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	†B. L. Schindler Drew Ondrey
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	SMLJ Parish Staff
	9:30 A.M.	†Frank Harry Gaides †Donald & Remedios Young
	11:00 A.M.	†Anna Rodriguez †Andrew Gusman †Anatalia Gusman

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **†Frederick C. Turner, M.D.**, father of John, James, Claire, and David.

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, Fern Henderson, Emil Galetka, Arthur Haas, Paige Haas, Dennis Heinroth, Fern Henderson, Julie Lange, Pat Latkovich, Michael Ondrey, Cindy Patlik, Jim Pawelek, Donna Schwertner, Bill Stevens, Tommy Tumlinson, and Jack Yonge.

STEWARDSHIP

is what I do after I say "I Believe"....

Stewardship Opportunities at St. Michael's

- ❖ There are parishioners (elderly, wheelchair bound, disabled, etc.) who are in need of transportation to and from Mass.
- ❖ **CCE office needs TVs in good condition for classrooms.** Analog TVs being replaced due to digital conversion would be perfect for this!
- ❖ **Adults experienced with mission planning needed for 2009 mission plan development.**
- ❖ **Volunteers needed for Vacation Bible School (one week of mornings in June, dates TBA).**
- ❖ **Volunteer to be trained to facilitate "Protecting God's Children" Workshops approx. 1 - 3 times per year at St. Michael's.**
- ❖ **Adult witnesses and set-up/hosts needed for Baptismal Preparation Classes.**
- ❖ **Additional Ushers needed for all Masses. No experience required, training provided.**

If you can assist with any of these stewardship opportunities, or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office at 297-3041.

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Youth Ministry 7th – 12th Grade

JANUARY

- 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
- Jan 25th NET Registration DEADLINE
- Jan 31st/Feb 1st Souper Bowl of Caring collection
- Feb 1st NO CLASS

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

The National Evangelization Team (N.E.T.) is coming soon!

Mark your calendars now! Don't miss humorous skits, fun games, great talks, moving dramas, great music, prayer and more!

- ❖ **Jr. H.S. grades 6th, 7th & 8th: Thursday, January 29th, 5:15-9:30 p.m.** includes Mass and light supper. Cost is \$5.00. Questions? Call Lisa Ondrey 299-3509/297-3043.
- ❖ **High School grades 9th – 12th: OVERNIGHT RETREAT – Friday, January 30th, 5:00 pm THROUGH Saturday, January 31st, 8:00 pm.** Includes Saturday 5:30 Mass. Cost is \$20.00 which includes light dinner Friday and breakfast and lunch Saturday. Register and sign-up in Youth Office. Questions? Call Mike Marshall 299-3508/297-3043
- ❖ **Registration DEADLINE is Sunday 1/25/09.** Flyers can be found in the hall or in Youth Office.

Our youth will hold soup pots at church doors after all Masses on **Souper Bowl of Caring weekend -- Jan 31st – Feb 1st.** They will join young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. In 2008, over 14,000 groups participated in the Souper Bowl of



Caring generating over \$10 million. All of the money collected is donated to **St. Vincent de Paul food pantry** at St. Michael's. None of the money is sent to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters. Organizers only ask that each participant report their collection so national totals can be determined and announced. Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, more than \$50 million has gone to help people in need. **Please support the youth of our church in this effort to "love our neighbors" by dropping your dollar in the soup pot on Jan 31st and Feb 1st.**

Save the Date!!!!

WHAT: Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition
WHEN: Saturday, January 31st, 2 to 4 PM
WHERE: Lake Jackson Recreation Center
WHO: Boys and Girls, 10 to 14 yrs of age who reside in Lake Jackson, Clute, and Richwood.
 Contact Mark Jasek, 265-3052 (Cell: 236-6555)

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. **Light Weigh orientation** will be held **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. For website information about The Light Weigh, visit www.lightweigh.com or call Cecilia at 285-0223.

COME TO THE MOVIES!

The movie, **St. Paul, Contending the Faith**, will be shown in the **Hall of the Family Life Center** by the Adult Faith Formation team on **January 25, 2009** (the anniversary date of the conversion of St. Paul) **after the 8:00am and 9:30am masses only.** This movie was shown in July and was very well received by those attending. It is the story of Paul's evangelizing journeys through Israel, Syria, Turkey, Greece and Italy. As you make these travels with St. Paul you will see how his teachings brought about so many conversions to the faith. Refreshments will be provided. The nursery will be provided for children 3 months to 3 years. **Please sign the sheets provided in the FLC hall as to the number and ages of your children if you plan to use this facility.**

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.**



BAPTISM

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR AREA

- ❖ **K.J.Z.T. #115 Meeting** is Jan 20th at 10:30 a.m. -- 605 Center Way, Lake Jackson
- ❖ **Annual Mass for Life -- Saturday, February 7, 2009** at the new Co-Cathedral. His Eminence Daniel Cardinal Di Nardo will preside at the Mass. The Mass will begin at 5:30 p.m. with reception to follow at Cathedral Centre located across the street from the Co-Cathedral. The street address is 1701 San Jacinto.