



All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading. "created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance." Ephesians 2:10

LET MY TONGUE BE SILENCED,
IF I EVER FORGET YOU!

Sunday	Readings for the Week of March 22, 2009 Fourth Sunday of Lent 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
Monday	Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo, bishop Is 65:17-21; Ps 30; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	The Annunciation of the Lord Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106; Jn 5:31-47
Friday	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Fourth Sunday of Lent †† Masses
For The Week

MARCH 24 THROUGH MARCH 29

TUESDAY	5:30 P.M.	Pres Obama & VP Biden
WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Randy Crosley
THURSDAY	5:30 P.M.	Msgr. Leo Wleczyk, E. V.
FRIDAY	6:00 A.M.	†George F. Robie, Sr.
	8:30 A.M.	†Audra Hendricks
SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Fern Henderson
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	†Fern Henderson
	9:30 A.M.	†Cecelia Peterson
	11:00 A.M.	†Hammond Johnson

Please pray for the repose of the soul of †**Matthew David Anderson** son of David & Mary Ann Anderson.

Names submitted for the prayer list will remain in the bulletin for **one month**. Please call the parish office to request a name to be listed for an additional month.



Pray for the Sick

Kristen Benavides, Kellie Chaney, Tonie Christen, Cecil Cromeans, Cindy Dworaczyk, Ann Foster, Arthur Haas, Paige Haas, Dennis Heinroth, Tony Jaris, Ralph Lewis, Marcella Martinez, Jack Newport, Louis Russek, Tiffany Lynn Sanchez, Donna Schwertner, June Stanske, Bill Stevens and Tommy Tumlinson.



Lenten Schedule

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday** and ends on **Holy Thursday (4/9)**. The **Paschal Triduum** begins at dusk on **Holy Thursday (4/9)** and ends on the evening of **Easter Sunday (4/12)**

All Fridays of Lent

Mass 6:00 am and 8:30 am
K of C Fish Fry (5-7pm)
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

All Sundays of Lent

VESPERS – 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. in F-Wing

March

30 – Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service 7:00pm

April

3 – Youth Stations of the Cross (Fri.)

5 – Palm Sunday

5:30pm (Sat.) & 11:00am (Sun.) Masses – Procession begins in the Hall
8:00am & 9:30am (Sun.) Masses
Holy Week brochures distributed

9 – Holy Thursday

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration at Altar of Repose in Angelina Rm. after Mass until 12:00 midnight

10 – Good Friday

3:00pm Celebration of Our Lord's Passion
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

11 – Holy Saturday

8:30pm Easter Vigil

12 – Easter Sunday

8:00am Mass in Church
9:30am & 11:00 am Mass in Church and Hall

19 – Divine Mercy Sunday

Penance Service

We will have our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service on Monday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

After the communal service, there will be 10 priests joining us to hear individual confessions.

Plan to attend and bring your family & friends!



A special TRAVELING "WAY of the CROSS" will be prayed this coming Friday Mar 27th at 7:00 p.m. starting in the Church. Please join us for this unique way of praying the Stations of the Cross. The Youth Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7:00 p.m. Friday April 3rd and again on Sunday April 5th.

4th Sunday of Lent

The traditional name for the **Fourth Sunday of Lent** is **Laetare Sunday**. This title comes from *Laetare Jerusalem*, "Rejoice, Jerusalem," the first words of today's entrance antiphon (brief scriptural text that is usually replaced with a gathering song). As we have reached the **midpoint of Lent**, we anticipate the joy of Easter with several options for softening our worship environment: rose-colored vestments, extra music, some floral enhancement.

These are not requirements, however, and **many parishes choose to stick with purple vesture and a spare atmosphere.**

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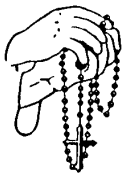
TOGETHER 
LET US PRAY ...

Join us to pray **VESPERS** every **Sunday** evening during Lent from **6:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the F-Wing.**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



DSF UPDATE: As of 3/16/09, a total of 244 of our parishioners have pledged \$67,448.65 to DSF. Of the total pledged, \$41,217.90 has been paid. This is 41.05% of our parish goal of \$100,405.00. If you have not already offered your pledge to this year's Diocesan Services Fund, please do so today. We are counting on you to answer the call of the Eucharist: to *Show God's Hospitality*. Through your generous support of DSF, we can bring Christ's comfort and support for the many pressing needs and priorities that cannot be addressed individually or by one parish alone. For those of you who have already responded with a gift, please accept our sincere gratitude and know of our prayers that your gift will be returned to you through Christ. With every parish family's full participation, we will surely exceed this amount and do our share to help so many in need and advance the work of the church in our community. To donate online, use www.archgh.org/dsf.



The Catholic Daughters Court #2364 will meet on **Thursday March 26th**. We will have a **ROSARY at 6:30 p.m.** in the church in memory of our deceased member **Cecelia Peterson**, followed by our **meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the F-Wing**. Our program for the evening will include a presentation entitled "**Honoring Christ Through Dance**" and a social time. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

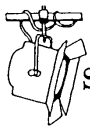


Our CDA sisters want to **thank everyone who supported the Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser** on March 8th. This event was a **great success** due to the hard work of our members,

the **donations** from local businesses and parishioners, and of course, **EVERYONE who came to the meal or participated in the raffle and the silent auction!** A special thank you to **FOOD KING** for their donations and to **Paul "DUKE" Gamino** for the wonderful music!

Lenten Day of Reflection

The Women of St. Michael's invite you to join us for **A Lenten Day of Reflection on Thursday, March 26, 2009 - Wolters Room 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**. **Guest Speaker: Camilla Chedester**
Featured Topic: "**Looking at Lent Through The Eyes of Our Lady**". Lunch will be served and everyone is welcome. Childcare will be provided with reservation. Please e-mail or call Lindsey Gore to sign up. Lindsey.Tidwell@gmail.com 979.529.9649



Spot light on...

Ministry at St. Michael's

Don't
Forget
The
Picnic!



Mark your calendar for **St. Michael's 5th Annual Family Fun Fest Sunday, April 26th from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.** on our Church grounds. Includes **BBQ, Silent Auction, Children's Activities, Games, Booths, Entertainment, and more!**

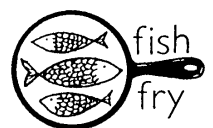
just to let you know

- Don't forget to **mail out your Parcel Post requests** to family and friends. Extra postcards are available at the back of the church. Parcel Post items can be returned to the church office.
- We will not be having a Live Auction this year. However, our **Silent Auction** will be bigger and better than ever! Please consider **donating an item, large or small**. Forms can be found in the basket at back of church.
- **Volunteers are needed to sign-up and work one-hour shifts**. We will have Helper Sign-Up after all Masses in the Family Life Center March 28-29 and April 18-19. Please sign up!!
- In lieu of each family buying \$25 worth of raffle tickets this year, we will have the **raffle cage and envelopes set up for families to donate directly to St. Vincent de Paul Ministry**. The envelopes will also be available at the Helper Sign-Up. For further info, please contact Patti Trahan at 297-2591 or at plt1978@comcast.net.

From Grief to Growth—a Healing Journey

From Grief to Growth—A Healing Journey is a ministry which was chartered at St. Michael's about 5 years ago to help those who no longer have a spouse due to separation, divorce or death. Members of our church, who have experienced the loss of a spouse, facilitate this group in an effort to assist others who are experiencing the same trying journey they went through. **This is a journey that no one needs to make alone.** The Grief to Growth process consists of **10 weekly meetings** directed towards topics that are of vital importance to those who no longer have a spouse. **The facilitators are trained to guide the discussions**, and some sessions feature speakers and video presentations which **focus on the group's specific needs**. Individual's can start attending the meetings at any time, since each topic stands alone. People who go through the sessions gain insights and experience a healing that is helpful as they move forward. The atmosphere is friendly, supportive, and confidential, but this is not a social group. Participants are often so touched and helped by the experience that they decide to continue on to become trained facilitators for the process. **Grief to Growth is meeting this Spring, beginning on March 18th and continuing through May 20th at 6:45 p.m. in the E-Wing.** This program is Christ-centered and non-denominational, Contact the Parish Office if you would like more information on this ministry.

The Knights of Columbus are serving their annual **Lenten fish fry dinners each Friday 5 – 7 p.m.** in the **hall** of the Family Life Center through **April 3rd**. Enjoy your meal in the Hall to the Country Sounds of Duke Gamino or **pick up** your dinner at our **convenient drive through**. Purchase raffle tickets at the door or from one of your friendly Knights. Fish dinners with all the trimmings are priced at **\$8.00**.





This **Wed. March 25th at 7pm** in the **Education Building**, we will continue our **Lenten Program, "Echoes of Faith Plus"**. The topic this week is: **Prayer & Spirituality**. This module begins by responding to the simple question, **"What is prayer?"** It continues by exploring answers to another basic question, **"How do we pray?"** The remaining segments of the module explore the nature of the prayerful life and a reflection on the petitions of the our Father.

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Youth Ministry 7th – 12th Grade

MARCH

Mar 22nd

Mar 27th – 28th

Mar 29th

Mar 29th

NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK

Faith In Action work days

CLASS 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Mission Adult Ldr. Mtg. 12:15—1:30 pm in Angelina room

YOUTH FUNDRAISING

Our parish youth, grades 6-12 will be fundraising for **SUMMER CAMP, '09 MISSION, and STEUBENVILLE.**

Fundraisers include:

- **T-shirt sales** during the Friday night Lenten Fish Fry
- **Enchilada dinners** on **March 22nd ; April 19th** (take out only); and **Sat./Sun. May 30th & 31st.**
- **Breakfast taco** sales Sunday mornings— **3/29, 4/26 & 5/3**

Please come through the hall of the Family Life Center and support them.

Graduating HS Seniors – Scholarship applications from the Youth Office and other ministries have been mailed out. Each individual ministry has set a deadline for return of their application forms. **Completed Youth Ministry Scholarship applications must be returned by April 30th.** If you have not received any forms, please contact the Youth Office.



We want to relate to you a wonderful story that occurred last week. Guadalupe and Maria Fuentes (and grandson Andres) who live in Elsa, TX in the valley, came by the church office. They told us they wanted to come to St. Michael's, while they were here

visiting family, **to personally extend their thanks and gratitude to the young people and adults** who fixed up their house during **MISSION 2008.** The Mission team also worked on his uncle Ruben Reyes' house. Mr. Fuentes told us "the youth were great and they had a lot of fun. They did a very nice job on the house, replacing rotten wood, painting, and fixing the front porch." This family was so happy and grateful! It is **wonderful to hear first hand the IMPACT our Youth on a Mission** has on people!

Girl Scout Spiritual Day — April 19th

12:00 noon—5:30 p.m.

Registration forms available NOW in the Family Life Center or call Natalia Montanez at 297-1011 or Coletta Stover at 297-5191. **Workbooks to earn religious medals** need to be ordered in advance.

GIRL SCOUTS



Fourth Sunday of Lent B

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23—Deliverance from Exile

"What did I do to deserve this?" When misfortunes come our way, we instinctively suspect that God is punishing us for something. In truth, we often find out we are our own worse enemies, judging ourselves more harshly than God would. Our own bad habits, our own selfishness, and our own negligence come back to haunt us. "What did I do to deserve this?" is the question residents of ancient Jerusalem asked when the city fell to the Assyrians and those who escaped death were carried captive to Babylon. The temple was destroyed, the city lay in ruins, and the people were made slaves. How did this happen? God's chosen people had a lot of time to think over that question and find an answer. In captivity, they came to a spiritual awakening. They realized that they and their leaders had been unfaithful to the covenant and insincere in their worship. They believed that God was punishing them. But what did God do? In time, God spoke to Cyrus, king of Persia, and commanded the ruler to free the people. They left their captivity, returned to Jerusalem, rebuilt the temple, and dedicated themselves anew to the sacred covenant. How has God forgiven you? What did you do to show your thanks?

Fourth Sunday of Lent B

Ephesians 2:4-10 — Second Chance

You always have another chance. This is the good news of Lent and Easter. God knows our shortcomings. God knows our past. God knows our present inabilities. God knows where the future is headed—if we do not change. Too often in life, people do not give us another chance. If you say or do something inappropriate to a person you're dating, it may end the relationship right there. If you treat a customer disrespectfully, you may never see that person again. If you offend a perfect stranger while driving your car, you never have a chance to make it up. Too often you don't get another chance. And, sadly, death sometimes gets in the way. You had harsh words with a close friend or family member. You never made up. Now, the person you once loved is gone. You don't have another chance—in this life. But with God, you always have another chance. If you have sinned, God can forgive. If you sin again—and again—God will still forgive. We know this because God sent Christ into a world absorbed in sin. The Letter to the Ephesians says, "God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ." This Lent, confess your sins and rejoice in Christ, who gives you another chance.

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Dates to Remember

- The **K of C 4th Degree exemplification** will be held here on **Mar 28th—29th.** We are expecting about **400 members of the 4th degree & their families to attend the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday.** Parking and seating will be limited, so please plan accordingly.
- The next **Blood Drive** will be held in conjunction with the **Fun Fest on April 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** using Mobile Units from the Blood Center.
- **VIRTUS—PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP** at St. Michael's on **Thurs. May 7th 6:15—9:30 p.m.** Register in advance at www.virtus.org.
- **Ladies' Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Retreat Week-end—September 12th & 13th.**
- The High School **Graduation Mass** will be held on **Sunday, May 17th with 11:00 a.m. Mass** followed by a **luncheon** in the Hall of the FLC for graduates and their families.
- **Summer Camp 2009** for 6th, 7th, & 8th will be **June 18th – 24th**
- **Youth on a Mission 2009 – "RISE: Give Yourself Away"** will be **July 18th – 25th.**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

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Sunday Liturgy

Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.; Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance

Tuesday 5:00—5:30 p.m. and Saturday 4:00—5:00 p.m.

Adoration Chapel

Every day 9:00 a.m.—Midnight

Nursery

Available in the Family Life Center during the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses

Please do not park in **HANDICAPPED** without a permit or in **FIRE LANES**. The police have been issuing tickets.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR AREA

- **KJT will meet on Tues, Mar 31st at 6:30 p.m.** in the Center at St. Jerome's in Clute.
- The **Theresian Communities** of Fort Bend County and Houston are co-sponsoring the **2009 Day of Prayer**. It is open to all women who are interested in deepening their spiritual life particularly during this Lenten season. The event will take place on **Saturday, March 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the St. Theresa Community Center in Sugar Land with ROBIN HEBERT of Lafayette, LA** as the guest speaker. Her topic is: "**A Lenten Journey with Martha and Mary: Exploring the Better Part**". For Registration information contact Pat Reed at 281-494-5500.
- "**An Afternoon of Reflection with the Teachings of Archbishop Sheen**" will be held on **April 18th** in Houston at the Cathedral Center from 2:30—4:30 p.m. followed by Mass at the Co-Cathedral. For info — www.archbishopsheencause.org