



In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, "We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God." May we, too, be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts. *Joshua 24:18*



Readings for the Week of August 23, 2009
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34; Eph 5:21-32
 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

Monday
Saint Bartholomew, apostle
 Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145; Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday
Saints Louis of France and Saint Joseph Calasanz, priest
 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday
Thursday
Saint Monica
 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139; Mt 23:27-32

Friday
Saint Augustine, bishop, doctor
 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90; Mt 24:42-51

Saturday
The Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist
 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97; Mt 25:1-13

Sunday
Twenty-second Sunday In Ordinary Time
 Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27;
 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

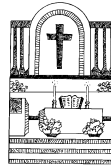
ADORATION CHAPEL: There is a need for someone to share an hour in the Adoration Chapel on Wednesdays from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. (call Diane Brawley at 297-5679)

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we finish our Gospel reading from John 6, the narrative of the multiplication of loaves and Jesus' discourse on the bread of life. As we have discovered, John's Gospel is more about the significance of certain events in Jesus' life than it is about the events themselves. At the end of chapter 20, John states his purpose, "these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name." Next week we return to the more strictly narrative Mark.

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MASS INTENTIONS
AUGUST 25 THROUGH AUGUST 30

TUESDAY 5:30 P.M. †Johnnie McGregor
WEDNESDAY 8:30 A.M. †Helen & Louis Bauml
 †Raul Trevino, Jr.
THURSDAY 5:30 P.M. †James Seidler
 Sherry Aaron
FRIDAY 8:30 A.M. †Rhonda Clark
 †Catherine Hickner
SATURDAY 5:30 P.M. †Dean Wade Schumacher
 †Jonnie Louise & Jack Parker
SUNDAY 8:00 A.M. Sherry Aaron
 Pres Obama & VP Biden
9:30 A.M. Living & Deceased Members
 of Catholic Life Insurance
11:00 A.M. †Ryan Barnes
 †Josiah Hall

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
 †**Cecil Cromeans**, father of David (Claire), grand-father of Christian, Zachary, Matthew, and Ethan.
 †**Roxie Marie Spalek**, sister of Betty Jaris, Gay Rayburn, and Henri Etta.
 †**Helen Cranley**, mother of Paul (Nancy).
 †**Reta Jean Remmert Trauba**, mother of Traci Smith (Doug).
 †**Gary Duplantis**, son of Bevelyn Granger.
 †**Altigracia Hernandez**, mother of Jose (Antonia)

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

PRAYER REQUESTS
 Sherry Aaron, Maria Aguilar, Carl Bell, Kenneth Blanchard, Mary Cerda, Kellie Chaney, Ted DiBlasi, Tom Elder, Andrew Gore, Bevelyn Granger, Arthur Haas, Gene Kanski, Cheri McBurnett, Florence Olenick, Lisa Ondrey, Judy Pacella, Jim Pawelek, John Rosser, Tiffany Lynn Sanchez, Marvin Stanke, Bill Stevens, and Tommy Tomlinson.

The Universal Living Rosary Association of St. Philomena was founded in France in 1826 by Ven. Pauline-Marie Jaricot. The Living Rosary is not a new devotion, but a continuation of the Rosary preached by St. Dominic and announced by our Blessed Mother for centuries. **Members of the Living Rosary pray one decade daily.** One who prays the Rosary alone receives the graces and merits of a single rosary...but when united with EIGHT MILLION members, all the graces and merits of the whole are gained. For more information on this association, you can refer to www.philomena.org or send an e-mail to filomena@philomena.org. You can also participate by submitting your name and address to The Universal Living Rosary of St. Philomena, P. O. Box 1303, Dickinson, TX 77539. FAX 281-337-3722

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Give Blood.
Give Life.

Our next **2009 BLOOD DRIVE** will be held **THIS Sunday, August 23rd** from **8:30 AM until 1:00 PM** in the hall of the Family Life Center. This is our regular

Sunday donation process where no appointment is necessary--just come on in and we will serve you as best we can. First come-First served. The Blood Center is running a very nice **SPECIAL for SUMMER BLOOD DONATIONS:**

- ◆ Any donor who makes **one successful double red cell** donation
- ◆ **OR two successful whole blood donations** between May 1st and August 31st will receive a **\$15 KROGER ShopCard!!!**

If you gave at our June blood drive YOU CAN GET THIS GIFT CARD BY GIVING AGAIN at this drive or you can make a double red cell donation this time!! In addition, each donor will receive **an item of their choice** from the Kroger store, compliments of our local Kroger and the Knights of Columbus!!

- ◆ **AND FINALLY -** A certificate for a **pint of Blue Bell Ice Cream** for a **pint of your blood!**



The next **Women's Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Retreat weekend** will be held

here at St. Michael's on **Sept. 12th & 13th**. Do you feel the Holy Spirit gently nudging you? Team 20 invites all women of the parish who have not attended a previous retreat to consider this opportunity to spend a special weekend with Jesus Christ. For information, contact Sarah Finley (979-215-7183) or Claire Conboy 297-5986).



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 2364 will meet on **Thursday August 27th in the F-Wing at 7:00**

p.m. Please join us for food, fellowship, a business meeting, and the slide show from Convention! All Catholic ladies are invited to attend. For more information, contact Lynne at 297-3041.

THE FIRE OF THE GOSPELS (is it burning in your lives?)

Adult Faith Formation ministry presents Ms. Camilla Chedester in a series of four lectures entitled "**The Fire of the Gospels--is it burning in your lives?**" Dates of the lectures are **Sept. 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 7:00 PM** in the **Walters' Room**. Ms. Chedester has a BA and an MA in Theological Studies and is well known throughout the archdiocese for giving retreats, educational sessions and catechist training. She is presently the Pastoral Assistant and Director of Religious Education at St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Church in Danbury. When you come to hear her, be prepared to open your minds and your hearts and as you listen let the Gospel words stir you so that you can and will make changes in your life to better your spiritual life. Bring your Bible to each session and follow the life of Jesus through the words of those who knew Him best.

The Adult Faith Formation Team presents:

Summer at The Movies

He was just a boy strumming his harp and protecting his flock, but God used David to prepare the way for our salvation and the Kingdom of God. Experience the story in:

DAVID/SOLOMON

Expanding The Kingdom

Come follow the footprints of God as we join the adventure of Steve Ray. He will take us on an incredible journey through ancient Israel following the saga of David and Solomon.

When: THIS SUNDAY - August 23, 2009

Where: Walters Room

When: After 11:00 am Mass

Light lunch will be served.

Widowed, Divorced, & Separated -- From Grief to Growth -- A Healing Journey is a support ministry that is being held for 10 weeks on **Wednesday evenings, beginning Aug 26th through Oct 28th**. The meetings are held at St. Michael's in the **E-Wing from 6:45 - 8:30 p.m.** This program will deal specifically with the process of adjustment following the loss of a spouse through divorce, separation, or death. The pain that accompanies a loss can be made bearable and the grief process worked through more effectively with the assistance of others who have shared a similar experience. **This is a Christ-centered, non-denominational program and everyone dealing with the loss of a spouse is encouraged to attend.**



Living a Life of Balance Part 1 (of 2)

A **six week bible study** designed to lead us toward the balance God intends for our lives. The nursery is available to care for your little ones.

Starting date: Thursday, August 27th

Time: 9:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Location: "F" Wing

Please register through e-mail at schrollj@hotmail.com (include the names/ages of children for the nursery).

Questions? E-mail or call Jeanne Schroll at (979) 297-5860.

Women of St. Michael's will meet in the Church **Tuesday, Sept 1st for 8:30 a.m. Mass** followed by a brunch and meeting in the Angelina Room. **Please bring a dish to share.** Juan Longoria will speak on the Prescription Assistance Program. All women of our parish are invited to attend and nursery is provided for 3 year olds and under. Feel free to bring a guest. **The Evening Group** will meet at **The Wurst Haus Restaurant at 6:30 p.m.** The program will be the same. Dinner will be "Dutch treat" and RSVP is preferred but not required. Call Susan Lacy @236-8304.

St. Michael's High School Youth Ski Trip 2009 sign up meeting will be held **Sunday, August 30th at 4:30 in the F-Wing**. The trip to Durango, CO will be 12/28/09 thru 1/3/10. This trip is open to all High School age youth and will cost \$545.00. For more information please contact Bruce Swope (979) 299-1236 bkswope@comcast.net <http://home.comcast.net/~bkswope/skitrip.htm>

Have you registered your child for Religious Education Classes & Youth Ministry? August 1st is the DEADLINE for 2009 - 2010 registration for CCE and Youth Ministry. **Late fees (\$10.00 additional) apply after August 1st!**

Sacrament Preparation: Do not forget to register your child in Religious Education Classes. The Sacrament Preparation Program is a 2 year program! If your child is entering 1st Grade this fall, that child needs to be attending 1st Grade Religious Education Classes. **Register now, classes are filling up!**

Do you have a 2nd Grade Student registered at Our Lady Queen of Peace? If you wish to prepare your 2nd Grade Student for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, you will need to register in our religious education program. Please call or stop by the office, Tuesday – Friday, 9am-3pm.

Help Needed: The CCE Office & Youth Ministry Office need teachers and aides. We need volunteers for all grade levels on Wednesday night, Sunday morning, and Sunday night. Don't forget all volunteers are required to take the "Protecting God's Children Workshop."

Through **Atom Raiff's Eagle Project**, the former playpen area outside F-Wing has been transformed from the beaten up carpet it was a month ago to a **full-fledged basketball court for the youth** to enjoy. The carpet was ripped off, the glue was power-washed away, the slab was painted green with white lines, another basketball goal was added, and boards were put over the windows for everyone's safety. **THANKS and great job, ATOM!**

Have you considered a Catholic Education for your child? Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School is currently enrolling students in grades Pre-k 3 through the 8th grade. Call 979-265-3909 for more information or stop by for a tour at 1600 Hwy 2004 Richwood TX. www.olqpschool.org

"BASIC BIBLE MINUS ZERO" is a series of four lectures being presented by Tommie Holt, Director of RCIA. Upon completion of this series you will have a basic understanding of the Holy Bible and how to navigate it. This is NOT a Bible study. It is a course in learning how to USE the Bible – not to learn Scripture. Meeting dates are **Sept. 13, 20, 27, and Oct. 4 (all Sundays) from 2:30PM - 3:30PM in F Wing**. Please bring your Bible as none will be furnished. **Pre-registration is a MUST.**

If you plan to attend or if you have any questions concerning this course, please call Tommie at 979-265-4685 or e-mail him at tholt@f8click.com. Attendance at the first lecture is most important as it is the key to the complete program. You cannot miss the first talk and then play catch up the following week.



"We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development..." Archbishop Oscar Romero

Please consider sharing your gifts with the youth of our parish on Sunday evenings during the school year. **Catechists, Aides, Teachers are needed in grades 7th – 12th**. Big hearts and a desire to serve required. Call the Youth Office to volunteer. **Mark your calendars for Catechist Training, on Sunday, August 23rd, 1-6pm in the Angelina Room. A guest Speaker/ Trainer will be facilitating.**

Youth Ministry Catechetical Kick-Off MASS – Sunday, Sept. 13th 5:30 p.m.

Youth Ministry Kick-Off Celebration – Sunday, Sept 13th, 6:30-8:30 pm for ALL youth – grades 7th – 12th, Parents and Teachers invited! Youth will join us immediately after Mass in the Hall for this kick-off.

PARENT MEETINGS: Parents of all 7th - 10th graders will remain in the Church for a brief parent meeting. **PARENTS of Current High School Juniors CONFIRMATION I (11th grade) will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the ANGELINA ROOM.**



Confirmation Program for Teens - All students **11th grade** - (or older) who have been baptized and have received First Communion, are eligible for the St. Michael's Confirmation Program, which is a two-year program. Year One is the preparation for the Sacrament, which includes regular class attendance. Year Two involves committing yourself to Service in the Church and community. **A mandatory Parent Meeting will take place on Sunday, Sept 13th in the Angelina Room, at 6:30 pm, after the 5:30 Youth Ministry Kick-Off Mass.** Registration of your student in the CCE/Youth Ministry program is required. Forms may be found in the hall and also may be accessed from www.smlj.org.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You can help **the Society of St. Vincent de Paul** whenever you go shopping at Kroger, Randall's or Food King. **These stores all donate to local charities based on purchases without increasing your checkout bill.** In the past year we have received almost \$2000 from these programs.

The **Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Program** requires an annual re-linking of the Kroger Card with the charity of your choice. Your Kroger card can be "linked" to SVdP by presenting a copy of this announcement with the barcode to be scanned at checkout along with your Kroger card. The "link" is good for a year. If you self-checkout, scan your Kroger card first and then the barcode below. A confirmation line will appear on the view screen.

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH(SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL)



Kroger cashier: Please scan customer's Kroger *Plus* Card at the beginning of the order, and then scan the above barcode.
The customer's Kroger *Plus* Card is now enrolled in the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program

Food King donates 1% of the value of receipts to SVdP. Receipts can be dropped off in the food collection baskets or in the brown envelope on the SVdP bulletin board in the Family Life Center.

Randall's Good Neighbor Program: Your Randall's card can be linked to SVdP at the customer service booth using number 10077. This needs to be done only once in order for SVdP to receive an annual contribution of 1% of your purchases.

Thank you for taking the time and making the extra effort to help us help others by participating in these programs.
