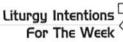




That we don't take each day for granted and see the little miracles that occur in our lives every day. "For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Matthew 24:42 People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in grati-

tude for all that we have been given.







WEEK OF November 26, 2016 - December 4, 2016

SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Rudolph James Lege
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	†Ralph Lewis
SUNDAY	8:00 A.W.	†Lester Shivers
		Dennis Pnacek—August
	9:30 A.M.	Knight of the Month †Dolores Wallis
	9.30 A.W.	Leo Chelette-June Knight of
		the Month
	11:00 A.M.	†Andrew Gore
	11.00 A.W.	†Dick Drake
TUESDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Doris Causbie
TOESDAT	3.30 F.IVI.	*Margaret Flournoy
WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Charlie & Irene Dirba
WEDNESDAT	0.30 A.W.	Bettie Carmody
THURSDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Ralph Lewis
HIONSDAT	3.30 F.IVI.	†Leon Jasek
FRIDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Gertrude Lux
TRIDAT	0.50 A.W.	Gary & Camille Forse-June
		Family of the Month
SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Pete & Bessie Ermis
on one on	0.00 1	†Louis Lippman
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	†Roland Angelle
	0.00	†Francisca Ruelos
	9:30 A.M.	†Matthew Haluska
	0.00	†Monserrat Babaran
	11:00 A.M.	†Renee Tomlinson
	. Hoo Aim	Ken & Joan Taplett—July
		Family of the Month
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Let us go rejoicing to the house

Readings for the Week of November 27, 2016

Sunday First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;

Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, Monday

6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21

Wednesday Saint Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8,9,10,11; Mt 4:18-22

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Thursday

Mt 7:21, 24-27

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31 Friday

Saturday Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;

Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;

Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Monday, December 12, 2016

7:45 A.M. - Las Mañanitas 8:00 A.M. - Rosary 8:30 A.M. - Mass

Breakfast immediately after Mass at the Msgr. Leo Wleczyk Hall

PLEASE HELP: FAMILY FAITH FORMATION SURVEY

We at St. Michael's want to help your family be the strongest it can be. Looking at the future, we want to know what your unique family needs are so we can adjust, or create, programs to help you have a strong, more faithfilled, and dynamic family. We would like to hear from all adults and teenagers. Please complete the online survey which can be found at www.smlj.org. Thank you for your valuable input. For more information or questions contact Dcn. Gary at deacongary@smlj.org or call the Parish Office.



Kellie Chaney, Ruth Cleaver, Ruth Coale, Brenda Dellamea, Doris Follett, Andrew Haack, Paige Haas, Florine Heinroth, Jesse Hernandez, Dorothea Himmel, Richard Keistler, Sarah Langston, Tom Loftus, Margie McAda, Eileen McDonald, Bubba Moore, Jordon

Nachtegaele, Paul Perdue, Dinah Prochaska, Donna Schwertner, Liz Stevens, Jack & Barbara Yonge, Roger Kesseler, Bettie Carmody, James and Barbara Blanchard, Raymond Muniza, Kim Anderson, Felix & Shirley Broussard, Emma DeAtley, Robert Vinklarek, Pat Gifford, Marsha Young, Ken Felcman, Jeanne Kemeny, Andreas Kalos, Joyce Sykora, Lynette Turek, and Kathy Ward



If you would like to make a donation towards the Christmas flowers for the church, please contact the Parish Office 297-3041. The requested donation is Poinsettia \$15.00 per poinsettia and donations can be

specified "in honor" or "in memory" of a loved one.

We have open hours in our Adoration Chapel which need to be filled by one (or two) dedicated volunteers. If you are willing to spend prayer time with the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel on Wednesday, 4:00-5:00 pm, please call Diane Brawley at 297-5679, or a shared hour on Thursday, 5:00-6:00 pm, please call Cheri McBurnett at 297-8874

PARISH EVENTS

Pastoral Council Discernment Sunday, December 11.

Please prayerfully consider participating in the Pastoral Council discernment process. We will meet in the Library of the Family Life Center at 2pm on Sunday, December 11. The discernment process includes prayer and sharing to determine who is called to fill a two-year term on the Pastoral Council. A council member should be at least 21 years of age, prayerful, care about the spiritual well-being of the entire community, be willing to learn about the church, have a sense of mission: to bring Christ to people and people to Christ, and be involved in the life and activities of the parish. A council member must be able to attend meetings on a regular basis.

Join us to see if God is calling you to be a part of this consultative body for our pastor, Fr. Leo. If you have questions or plan to attend, please contact Kathy Ward, 979-235-0256 or email kaproline@aol.com.

This weekend is the beginning of the season of Advent. During this season, there are several opportunities for prayer that are afforded to us:

- We will again celebrate vespers as a powerful way to begin each week. Please make plans to join us in the F-Wing at 6:00pm each Sunday evening of Advent (11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18) and enjoy this peaceful time of prayer and song.
- For many Advent resources to help enter into the season with prayer and devotion, please visit this page of our parish website: www.smlj.org/advent

SAVE the DATE! Sunday, December 18th

Let the Catholic Daughters reduce your holiday stress! Christmas Bake Sale after all Masses. Profits go towards local, state, and national projects.



Women of St. Michael's Annual Christmas Dinner

"A TEXAS CHRISTMAS"

Tuesday, December 6th, 2016

FLC in Wleczyk Hall Following 5:30 Mass

Speaker: Danny Massey, BISD Superintendent

Catered by: River Point Cost: \$25 per person

RSVP required.

Paid Registration by Friday, November 27th, 2016

(Scholarships <mark>are avail</mark>able upon <mark>r</mark>equ<mark>es</mark>t)

For More Information Contact: Michelle Jones 979-285-5030 or

Mary Montague 979-418-1222

All Women of the parish are invited.

Guests welcome!!

(This event is for 18 years old and older!!)

EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

St. Michael the Archangel

Parish welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics. Over 150 relics will be shown, some believed to be as old as 2000 years.

Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Thérèse of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska.

In addition, there will also be present a piece of a veil which is believed to have belonged to Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world.



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the final segment of the French Way, from Sarria to Santiago from May 29th to June 10th, 2017. If interested in taking this spiritual journey, contact Iris Howard at 979-415-5572 or Margarita Prinz at 979-236-1948 for more information.

Welcome to Saint Michael's Children's Choir

Join us on Thursdays at 5:30pm in Room 102 of the Spiritual Learning Center for Saint Michael's Children's Choir. 1st through 6th graders are invited. Parents are encouraged to attend. Please email Mark Polimeno if interested in joining at m.polimeno@att.net.

KEEP the GLASSES COMING

Please continue to donate prescription eye glasses you no longer use to the Crystal Crafters. A collection basket is located outside the youth office. Thank you for helping us to help others!

Save The Date

March 3 - 5, 2017 **Woman to Woman**

Lenten Retreat "Faith on Fire"

at The Lodge of Danbury

By Anne Trufant

For further information contact: Gwen

Williams at 979-236-4064 or

Binnie Bauml 979-285-5995 or blbauml@yahoo.com

COLD WEATHER IS COMING! The Dream center is in great need of coats and shoes to help the HOMELESS in our area. Please leave any items in the SVDP box (the wooden chest in the hall of the Family Life Center). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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Weekend 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. & Saturday 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Rosary

Every Monday at 7:00 pm in the Church

Nursery

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

Adoration Chapel

Every day 9:00 a.m.-Midnight

Baptism Preparation

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Please call the Parish Office to have someone bring Holy Communion

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The Library is open after Sunday Masses (depending on volunteer availability).

AROUND OUR AREA

Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy, the moving live production performed by actress Maria Vargo and directed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at St. Anthony Center, Danbury on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00 pm. Admission is a free-will offering. For additional information, contact the church office at 979-922-1240 or email st1523@sbcglobal.net

Militia Immaculata Consecration Enrollment Ceremony

Dec. 7th at 7 p.m. Mass with Consecration Ceremony at Our Lady of Czestochowa Catholic Church (1731 Blalock Road, Houston). Join others in a Marian consecration through St. Maximilian Kolbe's Militia of the Immaculata on the vigil of the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception celebrated by Father Alvaro Interiano at 7 p.m, a Consecration Ceremony will follow the sermon. For more info and RSVP: 281-793-3394 http:// midomusmariae.wordpress.com/current-events

> **Advent Parish Mission** November 28—December 1 St. Michael 9214 Main Street Needville, Texas 979-793-4477

A Journey of Faith and Discipleship

Each night at 7:00 pm in the Church, Fr. Juniper Adams, a Franciscan Friar from New York will cover the first four days of Advent with reflection on the first words of Jesus as recorded in the four Gospels.

As a poor disciple of Jesus, Fr. Juniper has tried to follow the example of St. Francis in St. Francis' own love for the Church, her people and her faith, Francis' concern for the poor and troubled, as brothers and sisters, and his tender love for all creatures as true brother and sister also.

YOUTH NIGHT

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YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM aka CORE TEAM

Do you feel you can commit yourself to the mission of the Church? Come and see if this is for you!

CORE TEAM meets every Thursday in the Youth Office from 7pm-8:30pm.

This is for High School Youth Only!

Follow us on Facebook and *Twitter* - SMLJ Youth Ministry And check out our website: https://saintmichaelsyouth.org/
For more information please contact St. Michael's Youth Ministry
979-299-3507 or email at: juan@smlj.org

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

NOV.	27	NO CLASS	
	29	YOUTH NIGHT—H.S. 7:00—8:30 PM	
	30	DEEPER SESSION—H.S 7:00-8:30 pm	
DEC.	4	AWAKENING PROGRAM—Grades 7- 12th Social 5:30, 6:00-8:00 pm	

Catholic but not Confirmed?

Learn more: Camille Forse 979-299-3145 tcforse@hotmail.com



Join us for Rosary every Monday at 7:00 pm in the Church. Everyone Welcome.



G.A.P. Christmas Project

Our parish family is supporting G.A.P. (Grandparents as Parents) this Christmas.

Please consider taking a gift tag from the tree in the FLC Hall and return the <u>unwrapped gift with the tag</u> to the Youth Office no later than Wednesday, December 7th.

Get families, Bible study groups, members of ministries, or Arise groups to go in together for a gift (s).

If you take a tag, and see that you are unable to purchase, please return the tag to the tree in a timely manner. For non-shoppers, monetary donations are welcome. We have several elves (Tamara, Becky & Chris) who love to shop!



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