



That we may continue our Christmas giving every day of the year – giving generously out of love and gratitude for the gift of Jesus. "And the Word became flesh" John 1:14 Jesus is God's ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing com-

pared to the gift of His only Son. The only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love. When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the gifts God has placed in our hands, the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts and we will know Christmas joy every day.



# All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

#### Readings for the Week of December 25, 2016

Sunday The Nativity of the Lord

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13;

Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7

Lk 2:15-20

**Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab,

16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Friday The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary

and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;

Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday Saint Sylvester I, Pope

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;

Lk 2:16-21

The Parish Offices will be closed Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year from your St. Michael's Family.

The Adoration Chapel will be closed the following days:

December 30th—January 1st

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Liturgy Intentions For The Week



#### WEEK OF December 24, 2016 – January 1, 2017

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SATURDAY	5:30 P.M. (C)	†Jack Lippman
		†Vickie Kaatz
	5:30 P.M. (H)	†Margaret Flournoy
	Control of the Contro	†Terry Fecanin
	9:00 P.M. (C)	†Armand Morton
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	†Clemente & Guadalupe
		Gutierrez
		†Lester Shivers
	9:30 A.M.	†Dorothy Jurecka
		Leo Chelette-Knight of the
		Month
	11:00 A.M.	†Lisa Drake
		†Dick Drake
TUESDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Gertrude Lux
WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Dolores Wallis
		†Leon Jasek
THURSDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Armand Morton
FRIDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Gertrude Lux
		Margaret Flournoy
SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Ralph Lewis
Control of the Contro		Pauline Trefny
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Marilyn Bartolomeo
		Lisa Caskey
	9:30 A.M.	†Matthew Haluska
		†Lawrence Seymour
	11:00 A.M.	†Gilbert Zaiontz



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, Kathy Ward, Frank Drabek, and Dorothy Vitek



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

† B.J. Gutowsky, husband of Kay father of Dwayne and David



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

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

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study invites you to join us as we journey through <u>Praying the Gospel – Jesus' Miracles in Galilee</u> by Father Mitch Pacwa, SJ. This is a 13 week study beginning Thursday, January 12, 2017 and ending Thursday, April 6, 2016. We will meet in the "F" Wing. Social starts at 9:15 AM with study following from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. The book can be purchased from Amazon. If you have questions or need the nursery, contact Betty Jo Jurries at 979-297-2962 or <u>jiurries@comcast.net</u>. We look forward to welcoming you to this sisterhood.

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Monday, January 9, 2017 | 7:00 p.m.

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The Knights of Columbus would like to thank its 63 loyal donors who contributed 82 donations in the October blood drive. The Knights will be hosting the final blood drive of 2016 on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 28 from 3:00 PM to 8:00

The blood center is supplying hoodie sweatshirts to all donors, and Gene Kanski's team will be providing chili dogs for the event. Note that the holiday season is always a critical time for the blood bank as donations are down during this time, so please consider giving the gift of life during this season of giving.



## Adult Christian Initiation

For adults who are: • unbaptized • interested in becoming Catholic • need First Communion • want to learn about Catholicism. If you know someone who may be interested, invite them! Weekly sessions from February to June. Sign up now! For more information: http://www.smlj.org/events/rcia-flyer.pdf Art Vandaveer 979-248-8783 avandaveer@tdecu.org



Sign up to receive our weekly parish email with information on upcoming events, news, opportunities, and resources. Each email contains an unsubscribe link at the bottom so it's risk-free to sign up. To sign up, visit smlj.org or https://groups.google.com/d/forum/smlj

## 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



#### St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

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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**

Call Melanie Viktorin @ 979-297-3041

#### Visitation of Sick & Homebound

Please call the Parish Office to have someone bring Holy Communion

## Beloved Date Nights

Join us in making a New Year's resolution for your marriage.

#### Who? What? When?

All date nights begin after 5:30 mass on Saturday night in the Education Building at SMLJ.

These date nights are for couples in ALL stages of their marriage & from all denominations.

Wanna know more about Lighthouse Catholic Media's Beloved Program? https://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/beloved/parish

Wanna know more or would you like to register?

Register by email: youngfamilies@smlj.org Register by phone/text: (989)488-3924



January 7- Christ @ the Center

February 11- A Deeper Unity

March 4- Conflict & Communication

April 1- Building a Thriving Marriage

May 6- Protecting the Bond

June 3- Sexuality & Authentic Love

Dinner begins at 6:45 and the evening wraps up at 9 PM.

\*The sessions do not build on each other but rather each have a theme, so choose to attend one or all.

TO ALL MINISTRIES: Please place all flyers and announcements on the bulletin board in the hallway of the Family Life Center. Announcements should not be placed on any of the doors.

NEW pilgrimage opportunity!

13-day Camino de Santiago, Fatima & Lisbon,
Portugal

May 29 to June 10, 2017

Is hiking the Camino de Santiago on your bucket list? Pilgrims have been walking the <u>Camino de Santiago</u> (Way of St. James) for centuries, following the many paths to Santiago de Compostela and the tomb of St. James. This tour begins in Sarria, the most popular Camino starting point, covering the last 100km of the Camino Francés. We are currently forming a group from our parish to walk the final segment of the French Way, from Sarria to Santiago from May 29th to June 10th, 2017. An information meeting will be held in the Angelina Room on Thursday, January 12th at 7:00 pm for anyone interested in hearing about this wonderful trip. Contact Iris Howard at 979-415-5572 or Margarita Prinz at 979-236-1948 for more information.



Watch for Season IV of ARISE Together in Christ which will take place during Lent 2017. The message of Season IV is reconciliation and forgiveness --

"New Heart, New Spirit." Just as Lent takes its meaning from Easter, so too, Season IV takes its meaning from the title of the process, *ARISE Together in Christ*. We cry out for God's help to change our hearts precisely because we long to arise together in Christ. For information: Cheri McBurnett 979-297-8874.

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.

### 2016 Christmas Season Liturgical Dates

12/24 (Saturday Christmas Eve – 5:30 p.m. (in both church and hall)

12/24 (Saturday) Christmas Eve—9:00 p.m. (Church) Christmas caroling begins at 8:30 pm, prior to 9:00 p.m. Mass

12/25 (Sunday) Christmas - 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 am Mass in the Church only

12/31 (Saturday) 5:30 p.m. Mass

1/1 (Sunday) 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Mass



#### DSF-2016

#### "His Mercy Endures Forever"

We are nearing the END of the 2016 DSF campaign, and will begin 2017 in January. If you have NOT paid your 2016 DSF Pledge, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

#### 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 <a href="mailto:m.polimeno@att.net">m.polimeno@att.net</a>.

#### 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 <a href="mailto:deacongary@smlj.org">deacongary@smlj.org</a> or call the Parish Office.

#### **YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR**

DEC.	25	NO CLASS	
	28	NO DEEPER	
JAN.	1	NO CLASS	
	4	NO DEEPER	
	8	AWAKENING PROGRAM—Grades 7-12 Social 5:30, 6:00—8:00 pm	
	10	YOUTH NIGHT—H.S.—7:00-8:30 pm	

#### Catholic but not Confirmed?

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

#### Welcome to St. Michael the Archangel

We welcome all visitors to our faith community and hope that your experience here was blessed with the spirit of Christ. If you are a new resident of the area and would like to know more about our parish opportunities, please read this bulletin for more information or check out our website at www.smlj.org If you are interested in joining our parish as a registered member and receive parish communications, please stop by or call our Parish Office, Monday - Friday; 9:00am-5:00pm for more information.





#### Thank you to St. Michaels Parish Family!

The GAP project was an enormous success. With all the contributions, we were able to provide a very nice Christmas for 25 families totaling 59 children. The tears and expressions of gratitude from the recipients was a wonderful testament about the spirit of giving and sharing one's treasures. Besides items on the children's wish list, we were also able provide a snack bag including Christmas cookies, candy, and a \$25 family gift card. With our sincerest appreciation: Tamara Armstrong, Janet Gipson, Becky, Melissa, & Meredith Normand, and Chris Pleason. A special thank you to the Christmas elves for coming early Saturday morning to help distribute the items: Meredith and Becky Normand, Caroline Sablatura, Burke, Donovan, and Chris Pleason.







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The Women of St. Michael's invite YOU to our monthly meetings held

on 1st Tuesday from Sept. - May. Join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wosmlj President, Kim Blackwell 979-236-7480

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