







That we recognize everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God, including our very own lives. "For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's" – Romans 14:8 This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He wants you to use the gifts He has given you.



### Readings for the Week of September 17, 2017

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Sir 27:30—28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35
<b>Monday</b>	1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk 7:1-10
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr</b> 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gón, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs</b> 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</b> Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13
<b>Friday</b>	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</b> 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18, 18a; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

### Adoration Chapel

We have added a number of new people to our Adoration Chapel schedule following our sign up weekend. Thank you and I pray you are blessed during your hour.

We are still in need of **26** people to fulfill the two people for every hour requirement. Please continue to prayerfully consider adding the Adoration Chapel to your weekly prayer life by committing to one hour a week. We have had several people requesting to share an hour. If you might be interested in sharing an hour we can match you with others requesting same day and hour.

For more information or to sign up contact Jody Epps  
979-297-8804 or email [jaepps@mac.com](mailto:jaepps@mac.com)



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:  
† **Darvin Bordelon**, brother of Judy Gustin (Ray)

### Mass Schedule and Liturgy Intentions for the Week of September 16— September 24, 2017

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	†Engelbert Santa Teresa †Margaret Flournoy
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 A.M.</b>	†Brenda Dellamea †Marvin & June Stanke
	<b>9:30 A.M.</b>	†Teachers/priests of Panicker Family †Yvonne Onate
	<b>11:00 A.M.</b>	†Pauline & Robert Trefny †Susan Clark
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	†Sicily Jose †Duane Stringer
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	†Gertrude Lux †Sabino Hernandez
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	†Clarence Filip Bubba and Kathy Moore Anniversary
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	†Robert Simpkins John Bongiovi
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	†Engelbert Santa Teresa †John Muhl
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 A.M.</b>	†Vickie Kaatz †Marvin & June Stanke
	<b>9:30 A.M.</b>	†Enrique Perez †Eleanor & Paul Hutzler
	<b>11:00 A.M.</b>	†Levy Castillo †John & Guadalupe Grillis



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### ADULT CONFIRMATION Why be Confirmed?

Confirmation confers upon you special graces and gifts of the Holy Spirit. It can change your life by increasing and deepening all the graces you received at Baptism.

### Schedule

Thursday Evenings 6:30 - 8:30 at St. Michael's  
Sept. 14, 21, 28, Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 9, 16, 30, Dec. 14  
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## PARISH EVENTS



Season V of *ARISE Together in Christ* will take place this fall. There will be six faith sharing sessions that invite us to embrace a new definition of ourselves as "We Are the Good News!" The first session helps us ponder on our reality of how well we are a welcoming parish. Good hospitality is essential for good evangelization. The rest of the season invites us to pray and share about evangelization and how we can sow seeds, how we can better listen to the Holy Spirit in the midst of our busy lives, how we can use our gifts and how ultimately we can be Good News for others. Please join us for six wonderful and challenging weeks this fall beginning the week of Oct. 8, 2017. Please consider joining us – All are welcome!

If you have any questions, please contact Cheri McBurnett, our *ARISE* Coordinator at 979-297-8874 or speak to one of our team members this weekend at the sign up after all masses. You can also sign up at [www.smlj.org](http://www.smlj.org) by clicking the *ARISE* Season 5 Online Sign-up.



The Knights of Columbus #6812 will be having their annual **Memorial Mass** on **Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.**

*"Teach us to give and not count the cost."*  
- St. Ignatius de Loyola



St. Michael Catholic Church is looking for a few dedicated prayer warriors to join our **1 CHURCH / 1 DAY** prayer initiative. The **1 CHURCH / 1 DAY** model of strategic, sustainable 24/7 prayer unites churches without having to physically come together. Each church takes one day every month to pray for 24 hours. This creates a church-led, year-round prayer covering for the community. St. Michael Catholic Community has committed to the last Thursday of each month to pray for the needs of our parish and the community. The committed prayers can pray from home or wherever it is convenient. Please contact Dan and Bunny Swist to volunteer for one hour on the last Thursday of each month to join this effort. Email [danann@sbcglobal.net](mailto:danann@sbcglobal.net) Phone# 979 297-0736



### *"Thanks" for "Giving"*

*Helping Families in Need at Thanksgiving and other critical times during the year*

Stop by the table in the Hallway of the Family Life Center to participate in the **SVDP Fall Fundraiser** the weekends of **October 7-8** and **October 14-15**. Please consider sponsoring a generous food basket for a needy family at Thanksgiving (cost is \$75) or give **any monetary gift** to help out when our Pantry Supplies are critically low (summer, Christmas, etc.)

Contact Gwen Williams 236-4064 for more information.

SVDP will put the boxes together on **Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>** in Wleczyk Hall at 1:00pm. All are welcome to help & participate



**Saint Michael's Children's Choir** Join us on Thursdays from 5:30- 6:30pm in the Music Room of the Family Life 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](mailto:m.polimeno@att.net).



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



## ***K-12<sup>th</sup> Faith Formation Upcoming Events!***

**Sun. Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>—First Night of Classes for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**

**Wed. Sept. 20—Mandatory Reconciliation Meeting for all 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents  
@ 6:30pm in the Wolter's Room**

*\*If your child attended 1<sup>st</sup> grade faith formation classes last year,  
Please be sure to enroll them in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade before this meeting.*

### **FOOD, FRIENDS AND FAITH FORMATION**

"All Are Welcome" to gather for **Food, Friends and Faith Formation** in Wleczyk Hall of the Family Life Center. There will be a free meal for all parishioners regardless of age or marital status served from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. This is especially designed for busy families whose children attend Faith Formation on Wednesdays from 6:15pm to 7:30pm or have Jr. High and High School students involved in Youth Night from 7pm to 8:30pm. Adult Faith Formation opportunities will be available on Wednesday evenings following the meal. This will be a wonderful time to meet fellow parishioners and become more involved in your faith and parish life. Please plan to make **Food, Friends and Faith Formation** a regular weekly event.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time A 2 *Romans 14:7-9*

Beloved of the Master

Sadly, it may take a tragedy to remind us that we belong to God. We fill our lives with activities. We rely on our own strength. We depend on other people. We forget sometimes the God who made us, who loves us, and who will one day call us home.

When life is going well, we think of ourselves as our own masters. We have freedoms and choices. We make decisions about our families, our work, and our play.

But every so often, we discover we are not the masters. We do not have complete control over our health. We cannot determine what another driver will do. We cannot stop enemies of the state from acting irrationally and irreverently. We cannot control everything.

St. Paul tells the Romans, "None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. ... whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."

Sometimes this does not sink in until a tragedy touches our lives. When we suddenly realize we are not in control, we wake up to our dependence on God.

God governs creation and redemption and all that lies in the middle. Although we are not masters, we are not slaves either. We are the beloved of God. God does everything for us in love, and all that we do in life is in response to the love we receive.

Yes, we live. Yes, we shall die. Yes, we belong to God.

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**The 2017 Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass** honoring couples celebrating their Golden (50th) Anniversary of marriage in The Catholic Church will be held on Sunday, October 15th, 2017 at The Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 3 pm. Whether or not a couple attends the ceremony, they are eligible to receive a special recognition.

Register online <http://www.familylifeministryhouston.org>  
Registration for this celebration will close on September 25<sup>th</sup> at midnight.

## **DRIVE AGAINST A.L.S.** **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE**

*Food for thought*

"Humanity needs hope in order to live and needs the Holy Spirit in order to hope."

— Pope Francis



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time A 1  
*Sirach 27:30—28:7*

### Letting Go of Anger

The oddest thing about being angry is that it feels good. Anger takes our opinions, our feelings, and our actions and unites them in one interrelationship. When we get good and angry at somebody, it feels so good that it is hard to change. Anger locks us up. It makes us afraid to let go. The longer we hold the anger the harder it is ever to change.

How else can we explain the comment by Sirach: "Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight"?

When you forgive someone, you are the one who becomes free. When you withhold forgiveness, you hurt yourself, not just the other. Often the person against whom we hold the anger pays little attention to our feelings. But the feelings remain strong within us, eating away at our ability to find peace.

Granting forgiveness does not have to mean approving of what an offender did. It does not mean you have to be best friends. It just means letting go of the hate. If you quit letting the offender control your feelings, you can regain some peace and enjoy the mercy of God.

Who have you not forgiven? Why? By remaining angry, are you helping anyone?

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## EVENTS IN OUR AREA

**St. John's Catholic Church** in Hungerford is having their annual Bazaar on Sunday, **October 1st** at the Hungerford Hall. Serving of BBQ Beef, Chicken, and Sausage will begin at 10:30 am. Entertainment for all ages. Auction begins at noon.

**Holy Cross Catholic Church** in Bay City, will have their Fall Festival and Turkey Dinner on Sunday, **October 1st** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 63 CR 216 (Nichols Rd.). Serving will be from 11:00 am—1:00 pm

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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.—10:00 p.m.

### Baptism Preparation

Call Melanie Viktorin @ 979-297-3041

### Visitation of Sick & Homebound

Please call the Parish Office to have someone bring Holy Communion

**Help Needed: Housekeeper/Cook for the Parish Rectory. If interested in this position, please contact Fr. Leo.**

RESISTING HAPPINESS Chapter 32

Key Point: **You have the perfect *personality* and talents to fulfill the mission God is entrusting to you.**

### Action Step:

**Which of these traits most prevents you from letting your light shine?** *Fear, laziness, procrastination, selfishness, addiction, obsession, comparing yourself to others, allowing your critics to drain your energy and direct your life, an unwillingness to move beyond your comfort zone, self-doubt, gossip, negative relationships, worry, excuses.*



**KEEP the GLASSES COMING** Please donate prescription eye glasses you no longer use to the Crystal Crafters. A collection basket is located outside the library. Thank you for helping us to help others.





## SAVE THE DATE!!

St. Michael Catholic Church  
"Trunk or Treat"

Tuesday, October 31, 2017 6pm-8pm

St. Michael Knights of Columbus in collaboration with St. Michael Youth Ministry will be hosting a "Trunk or Treat" in the back parking lot of the church.

We will need people willing to offer their vehicle and time to make this a festive celebration for our children.

## Bayou Awakening Retreat Rescheduled

Weekend retreat for young adults ages 18-25 will now be held March 9-11, 2018 at Camp Kappe. The mission of Awakening is to bring young adults to a personal encounter with Christ, provide an opportunity for spiritual renewal and to connect young adults to the Catholic Church and a safe community. Sponsored by the Office of Young Adult & Campus Ministry. \$65 per person. Registration: [www.bayouawakening.org](http://www.bayouawakening.org) or by mail. For more information, call 713-741-8778.

## YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

SEPT.	17	FAITH FORMATION GRADES 7-12 6:00—7:30 PM
	19	DEEPER 7:00—8:30 PM IN YOUTH OFFICE
	20	HS-YOUTH NIGHT 7:00—8:30 PM WLECZYK HALL
	21	CORE 7:00—8:30 PM IN YOUTH OFFICE
	24	FAITH FORMATION GRADES 7-12 6:00—7:30 PM
	26	DEEPER 7:00—8:30 PM IN YOUTH OFFICE
	27	HS-YOUTH NIGHT 7:00—8:30 PM WLECZYK HALL
	28	CORE 7:00—8:30 PM IN YOUTH OFFICE
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Grades 9-12: Tuesdays in the Youth Office - 7:00pm-8:30pm

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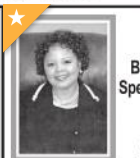
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