



That, like the Magi, we generously share our gifts with the Lord, trusting He will provide all that we need. "..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." - Matthew 2:11 Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!



Readings for the Week of January 7, 2018

Sunday The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd,

5-6; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a,

8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;

Mk 1:40-45

Friday 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19;

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;

Mk 2:13-17

Sunday Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



Kathleen Walker, mother of Allen (Blanca)

Mass Schedule and Liturgy Intentions for the Week of January 6—January 14, 2018

SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Jessie Prinz
		†Clarence Filip
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	†Donald & Remedios Young
		†Esther Gonzalez
	9:30 A.M.	†Ed & Dorothy Jurecka
		†Darvin Bordelon
	11:00 A.M.	Nirm & Dr. Antony Thomas
		†Paul Heinig
TUESDAY	5:30 P.M.	Adoption Process
		Thomas & Sonia Panicker
WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	∱Jack Lippman
		†Gerald Wayne Lippman
THURSDAY	5:30 P.M.	Bubba Moore
		†George Srambikudiyil
FRIDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Johnny Girouard
		Bubba Moore
SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Clarence Filip
		†Bill Trefethern
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	†Sue Arnold
		∱Vickie Kaatz
	9:30 A.M.	†Charlie & Irene Dirba
		Sosamma Panicker
	11:00 A.M.	†Jessica Bullock Duncan
		†Cathy Buettner



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We are nearing the END of the 2017 DSF campaign, and will begin 2018 in January. If you have NOT paid your 2017 DSF Pledge, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: By not only celebrating it, but by praying before it outside of Mass, we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace." Saint Pope John Paul II

As of today we need 18 People to commit to spending one hour with the Blessed Sacrament to meet the Vatican's requirement of having at least two people per hour of adoration. Most of these hours are on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Please prayerfully consider joining this important ministry. With you our chapel is made available not only to our parish but to our community.

For information call Jody Epps 979-297-8804 or email jaepps@mac.com

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 served from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. 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.

Family Meal will resume on Wednesday January 10th.

"How does Jesus Christ teach us to live a moral life?"

Join us on Wednesday evening at 6:30pm when we will explore our Catholic Faith with Bishop Robert Barron's series "Catholicism".

Please put this date on your 2018 calendars: April 14, 2018

This will be a day dedicated to your **Spiritual growth!** You will hear God's Word, sing praises, share dinner and worship at Mass and Adoration in an uplifting way.

Don't miss this Special event at St. Michael's

APRIL 14, 2018



The next two weeks are our Sign-Up Sundays for *Living the Eucharist*. We will share with you more about this spiritual renewal program, and you will have the opportunity to sign up for a small group, a teen group, or to

receive the Family Activity Booklet. The small groups and families meet six times during Lent. Participating in these activities is a great way to make Lent an enriching spiritual experience. Please pick up the Sign-Up Sunday brochure and be ready to sign up next week.

Share Your Gifts this Lent

Our Lenten Faith sharing program: Living the Eucharist is in need of facilitators.

Please join us **Thursday**, **January 11 at 6:30pm** in the Angelina Room. All are welcome to learn about how you can help others grow in their Faith this Lent. There will be refreshments. If you were part of **Arise**, we pray you will consider becoming a facilitator for this exciting program and encourage others to do the same. Feel free to contact Dorothy Babbington at 979 285-8390.



<u>Senior Friends BINGO</u> will be held on **Tues, January 9th at 10:00 a.m. in the F-Wing**. Come join us for fun & fellowship! Bring a **Covered Dish** to share. There is no charge to play, and there are Prizes! Everyone that plays bingo must be a St. Michael's Parishioner.

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ALL St. Michael's organizations, ministries, bible studies, and other groups: It is time to make sure your recurring meetings are on the 2018 Facility Calendar. We want to be sure the correct rooms are reserved for the correct dates & times for the next year plus. As you know, we use an electronic calendar which is updated daily. It can be found on the smlj.org website, or in hard copy on the wall outside the main office and outside the Angelina Room. Please contact Melanie at 297-3041 or melanie@smlj.org with your meeting plans for the next 12 months. Please DO NOT assume the room reservations will continue forward if you do not UPDATE your information. Thanks in advance.

Attention current college students. The Women of St. Michael's would like to offer one \$500 scholarship to a current college student seeking either an undergraduate or graduate degree. It is our hope that the foundation in your Catholic faith at St. Michael's has continued to grow. The qualifications for the scholarship are currently maintaining a 3.0 GPA and actively involved in your church at the University or a Catholic ministry. If interested please contact Patti Trahan at plt1978@comcast.net for an application and needed supporting documentation. Deadline is March 31, 2018. No late application will be considered.



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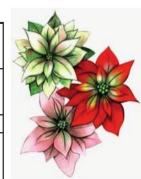
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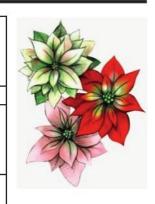
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St. Michaels' youth will hold soup pots at the church doors on Souper Bowl of Caring weekend, February 3rd and 4th 2018. They will join young people in churches across the country to collect

money for those who are hungry and hurting. All of the money collected is donated to our SVDP here at St. Michaels. None of the money is sent to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters. Organizers only ask that each participant report their collection so national totals can be determined and announced. Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, more than \$70 million has gone to help people in need. Please support the youth of our parish in this effort to "love our neighbors" by dropping your dollar(s) or check (make out to St. Michael's SVDP) in the soup pot on February 3rd and 4th.

Texas Rally for Life 2018 Please Join Us



Date: January 27, 2018

Join the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston at the Texas Rally for Life in Austin. Meet at St. Michael's at 6:00 am for carpooling to St. Dominic's Chancery. Buses depart from St. Dominic's Chancery at 7:30 am. for Mass at 8:15 (St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church). Cardinal DiNardo presiding. After Mass, buses depart for Austin.

Cost: \$25 (includes transportation, snacks, and lunch). RSVP to Juan Serros by Jan. 8th. 979-299-3508 or email: juan@smlj.org

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	12- 14	CONFIRMATION RETREAT
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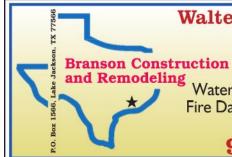
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