

# Faithfulness

Dear Angels,

In our Gospel today Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me." If we had more of Jesus in our lives, we would have less fears, worries, and anxieties. However we would still have problems. Jesus himself had a big problem; He was sentenced to death as a common criminal. But Jesus rose on the third day and Jesus will help us to also rise above our difficulties. Let us focus on Jesus and not on the problems. When we have problems, let us turn to Jesus who is always waiting for us and read the passages that will help us grow strong:

Sometimes we say, "It's impossible."

Read Luke 18:27, "Things that are impossible for men are possible for God."

Sometimes we say, "I'm too tired."

Read Matthew 11:28, "Come to me all you who labor and are tired, and I will give you rest."

Sometimes we say, "Nobody really loves me."

Read John 3:16, "God so loved the world that He gave his only Son."

Sometimes we say, "I can't go on."

Read 2 Cor. 12:9, "My grace is enough for you: for power is at full strength in weakness."

Sometimes we say, "I can't do it."

Read Phil. 4:13, "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me."

Sometimes we say, "I can't manage."

Read Phil. 4:19, "God will fulfill all your needs in Christ Jesus as lavishly as only God can."

Sometimes we say, "I'm afraid."

Read 2 Tim. 1:7, "God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power and love and self-control."

Sometimes we say, "I feel all alone."

Read Heb. 13:5, "I will never fail or desert you."

I congratulate the 93 children who received First Holy Communion and 98 young people who were confirmed last Friday by Bishop Farrell. I thank all the teachers, volunteers, and Faith Formation team for preparing our children.

Thank you for the prayers and support on the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of my ordination.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Peter Chinnappan



## MOTHER'S DAY MEMORIAL MASS CARDS

- Gloria Perez

If you would like your mother remembered during Mother's Day Masses, please pick up a card in the narthex, fill out the information, and return it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket.

## GIFTS FOR GOD'S WORK

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
04/15/07	2376	\$17,558.00
04/13/08	1946	\$15,184.00

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Please be generous.

In the past two weeks we have collected \$7,877 for the Saint Vincent de Paul ministry. We would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions which will help many needy families within our community. God bless you.



CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION - Lisa Gonzales  
To the parents of returning Faith Formation students ONLY: We will offer you the option to register your child for the 2008-2009 school year before classes end this year. Registration will be held today, April 20, and next Sunday, April 27, after the 9:00, 10:30, and 12 noon Masses.

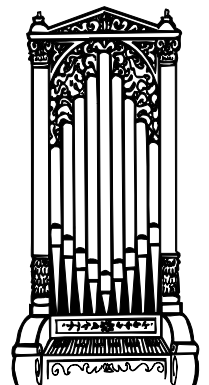
New families and returning families that have not registered with the parish should check the bulletin in July and August for registration dates. There will be changes of class days and times for some of our grade levels.

If you have any questions, please call 972-279-6581, ext. 11, or come by the Faith Formation office.

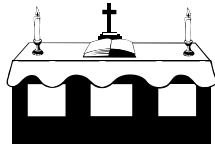
## PIPE ORGAN DEDICATION

- Penny Mione

On Sunday, May 4, at the 10:30 Mass, the completed pipe organ will be dedicated. Father Sharp will be here, and a guest organist will accompany the celebration. A reception honoring Father Sharp will follow the liturgy. A combined St. Michael Choir is being formed to sing at this Mass; all current and aspiring music ministers are invited to join in the wonderful opportunity to recognize our unique gift in the instrument.



MASS INTENTIONS



**Sunday**

7:30 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

12:00 noon  
6:00 p.m.

**Monday**

8:00 a.m.

**Tuesday**

8:00 a.m.

**Wednesday**

8:00 a.m.

**Thursday**

8:00 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

**Friday**

8:00 a.m.

**Saturday**

8:00 a.m.

**April 20**

+John Palmolea by Kim Palmolea  
+Rose Wilkinson by Hall & Parma families

+Sharon Fowler by Deacon Joe & Gloria Perez

Mass for the People  
+Sophie Wilkinson by Carl Wilkinson

**April 21**

S.I. of Omenukor family

**April 22**

+Sophie Wilkinson by Carl Wilkinson

**April 23**

+Daniel Leija by Deacon Joe & Gloria Perez

**April 24**

+Herbert White by Nita Davis  
+Purita Tipo by Macky Refuerrio

**April 25**

+Olga Guerrea by Deacon Joe & Gloria Perez

**April 26**

+Sophie Wilkinson by Carl Wilkinson

Tabernacle candle is provided in memory of David & Corazon Gio by Lillian Gio. The altar flowers are provided for the special intentions of the newly confirmed students by their teachers and staff.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF  
**April 20, 2008**

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12  
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6//Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11  
Friday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

**TIM STAPLES, CATHOLIC APOLOGIST AND CONVERT** - Lili Rivera

**Tim Staples**, Catholic Apologist and Convert, will be here Saturday, May 3, at 10 AM in the sanctuary to speak on the Eucharist: God's Extravagant Love. Tim will also have a special presentation on Mary, Mother of God. Make plans to attend and hear this dynamic presentation.

**PARISH SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY:**

8:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

**MONDAY:**

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY:**

10:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY: April 23, 2008**

6:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY: April 24, 2008**

6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY: April 25, 2008**

**SATURDAY: April 26, 2008**

4:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

**April 20, 2008**

Community Social Events Group (Taquito Breakfast) – Parish Hall  
RCIA – Library

Adult Confirmation – Library

Children's Liturgy - Sanctuary

**April 21, 2008**

Liturgy Committee - Library

St. Vincent de Paul – Youth Room

Boy Scouts Meeting – Parish Hall

Bldg. Committee Mtg. – Rms. 110/120

**April 22, 2008**

Women's Craft Group – Pit Area

12:00 Noon Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Parish Advisory Council Meeting – Rms. 110/120

**"The Edge"** – Parish Hall & Classrooms

Angel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Life Teen – Youth Room

St. Gregory Choir - Sanctuary

Adult Bible Study – Rms. 110/120

**April 24, 2008**

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help – Chapel

Mass – Chapel

Confessions – Chapel

9:00 Choir Rehearsal – Parish Hall

Natural Family Planning – Rm. 140

**April 25, 2008**

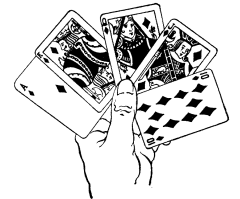
**April 26, 2008**

Confessions – Chapel

Health Fair - Narthex

**CASINO NIGHT!** - Anna Quigley

We need your help! The Community Social Events Group along with the Faith Living Project invite you to a planning meeting on Tuesday, May 6, at 7 p.m. in Room 110/120. We will discuss the possibility of having a CASINO NIGHT for FATHER'S DAY this year.



All members of the Faith Living Group are asked to attend this very important meeting. Any parishioner who is interested in helping plan the Father's Day Casino Night is welcome to attend. Questions or comments? Call Anna at 972-279-6581, ext. 14. Proceeds will go to the Parish Hall Renovation Fund.

**If You...**

move, change phone number(s) or any other pertinent data, please let the parish office know so your information may be updated.

*Thank you!*



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Be sure to check out our web site for current info at [www.smlifeteen.com](http://www.smlifeteen.com)

LIFE NIGHT TONIGHT 4/20: "THE END"

We will be discussing the topic of final judgment and the end times. It should be very interesting. All high school teens are always welcome to join us.

LIFE TEEN SENIOR DINNER: Sunday, May 18, at 7 PM. All graduating high school seniors and their families from St. Michael are invited to our annual Senior Dinner. We will have a catered dinner and special presentation for the Class of 2008. Look for invitations in the mail or RSVP to Angela in the Youth Office or at [angela@smlifeteen.com](mailto:angela@smlifeteen.com) with the number in your family attending. We would like for each senior to give us a copy of a childhood picture and their senior picture to include in the slideshow. You can email them to Angela or drop them off in the Faith Formation office in a self-addressed envelope and we will make copies. All pictures must be received by May 4 in order to be included. We are excited to celebrate this great accomplishment with you!

Congratulations to the 2008 Life Teen Confirmation Class! We are proud of you!!

Upcoming Life Night Events: (Check the Youth Table for forms and more info.)

*Breakfast of Champions:* Most Tuesday mornings this summer.

*Mission Possible:* June 8-12

*Steubenville Midwest:* July 11-13



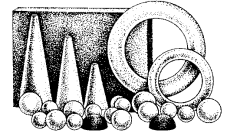
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING - Anna Quigley

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING classes will be held at St. Michael on Thursday, April 24, May 22, and June 26 at 7 p.m. in Room 140. Married and engaged couples are encouraged to attend these classes to discover a natural way to postpone or achieve pregnancy. NFP is 100% natural, 100% safe and has no health risks. The classes will be facilitated by St. Michael parishioners Bob & Colleen Fries. They are nationally certified teachers of NFP. Please call Bob & Colleen at 972-278-9228 with questions or to register for the sessions. Cost for the sessions is \$135. Flyers can be found in the narthex.

# CRAFT FAIR

- Jean Hauptert

The St. Michael Women's Craft Group will have two bake and craft fairs this year, one some time in the Fall and one on May 4 after the morning Masses. Please support our sale as there will not be a Winter Bazaar. The proceeds will benefit the Food Pantry.



HOLY SMOKERS BAR-B-QUE - Gary Labac



Plan your Mother's Day menu now! The **Holy Smokers** from our Knights of Columbus will be preparing bar-b-que for your family's Mother's Day dinner. Place your order now for some

**serious Texas Bar-b-Que** - beef brisket, chicken, and ribs all fully cooked, sliced, and ready to serve. For more details, check with the **Holy Smokers** order table in the narthex after each Mass or call Gary Labac at 214-649-8043 or Jeff Muessig at 214-533-1046.

## Did You Know

In surveys of adults, one out of five women and one out of ten men reported that they were sexually molested before they were 18 years old. This means that an estimated 40 million adult survivors of child sexual abuse are living in the U.S. today. An estimated 9.6% of all school children will be molested by an educator or an employee of a school between kindergarten and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Between 13 and 34% of all females will be victims of sexual assault before the age of 18, and 7 to 16% of all males will be victimized before they are 18.

Source: D. Finkelhor, "Current Information on the Scope and Nature of Child Sexual Abuse," *The Future of Children* 2 (1994: 31-53).

## Rummage Sale

Mother's Day Out will be having a rummage sale on Saturday, April 26, from 8 AM to 2 PM in the church parking lot. Please contact Hilda Rodriguez at 972-681-4850 if you have items you would like to donate.



The St. Michael staff, volunteers, and parishioners would like to wish Fr. Marcus a very Happy Birthday which he will celebrate on April 25.

*Happy Mother's Day*

- Anna Quigley

MOTHER'S DAY DANCE tickets are on sale after all Masses. Make plans to join us as we celebrate Mother's Day on Saturday, May 10, from 8 p.m. until midnight in the Parish Hall. Music will be provided by Affinity Presentation Services. Anyone under the age of 18 must be strictly chaperoned by their parents. Tickets are \$10 each in advance or \$12 each at the door. Questions? Call Anna at 972-279-6581, ext. 14.



Please plan on helping raise money to renovate our parish hall by stocking up on books for your children's summer reading. The Book Fair will be open during the following times:

Tuesday, May 13	1-3 p.m.
Wednesday, May 14	6-8 p.m.
Thursday, May 15	1-3 p.m.
After all Masses	May 17 & 18

Since this is a fundraiser we will not offer the "Buy One, Get One Free" option. Please be generous!

BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS needed! Please call Anna if you are interested in helping us with book sales during the times listed above. 972-279-6581, ext. 14.

