

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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Ten days into Lent and we can't wait for Easter. Maybe it's that we haven't gotten used to the fasting yet. Or maybe it's that we haven't been as good at the extra prayer we promised ourselves that we would do. Even the church recognizes that we need a little boost to move us along. That's why we hear the Gospel of the Transfiguration on this Second Sunday of Lent. It is just a little foretaste, an appetizer, of what Easter is to be. For those of us who are already baptized, and for those who are preparing for baptism, the image of the glorified Christ stands as a beacon of what we are to become when we share in the fullness of the Resurrection.

Paul writes to the Philippians that Christ "will change our lowly body to conform to his glorified body." That is the hope that is held out to us as we progress through Lent. In this season we unite ourselves to Christ so that we may become more like him.

But we abandon this world, looking for some far-off promise of glory. Our almsgiving, our care for the poor, is a reflection of Christ's love for everyone. When we reach out a little more this Lent (often made possible because we've decided to give something up, and so have extra available to give away) we act like Jesus, who gave up his life for us. His suffering and death on the cross found fulfillment in his resurrection from the dead.

When we care for others through our own sacrifice, we are helping to transfigure their lives, letting a little bit of God's glory be seen through our transforming love. The Transfiguration reminds us what awaits us after our own suffering if we are faithful to the commands of Christ.

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ST. MICHAEL PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE

We are in need of the following baby items: wipes, formula, food, bath items, bottles, diapers up to 12-months, clothing sizes newborn to 24 months and unexpired baby item coupons.

YOUNG ADULT NEWS

March 7 - Youth leading the Mass at 7 pm, choir practice at 5:30 pm. **March 12** - Bible Study at 7:30 pm at Rm 102 Youth Room. Fun Activities after the bible study details to follow. **Aug. 20-22** - Summer Retreat at Mt. Lebanon, Cedar Hill, we are now accepting registrations. Call Betty at 972 602 4785.

SILVER LEAVES LUNCHEON

We will be having our bi-monthly pot luck luncheon on March 8th at St. Michael the Archangel doors open at 10:30am. All retired Catholics of Grand Prairie are welcome. For more info. call Dolores Martin at 972-262-7631.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

There will not be a regular Youth Group meeting on February 28th. We will be bowling at the Forum Bowl instead.

The Youth Group will again be hosting both Easter Egg Hunts for the Brighter Tomorrows / Life Shelters and St Michael's. We are asking for donations of plastic eggs and candy and toys from the parish. Please place your donated items in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you for your help and support.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & CARTER BLOODCARE BLOOD DRIVE

Mark your calendar...March the 14th is the start of Daylight Savings Time, it's also the date of the first Knights of Columbus sponsored Carter BloodCare blood drive of 2010 here at St Michael's Church. Remember that your donation of Whole Blood can benefit up to three different people with life saving blood components and it only takes a small portion of your day. The Knights will have sign up sheets for potential donors after each Mass for the next two weeks. Please help those in need with an outstanding turnout for this life saving opportunity. The doors to Mazaika Hall will open for donations at 9:00 AM and will remain open until 4:00 PM. The Knights of Columbus will be providing breakfast items for donors and Carter will provide juices and snacks. So make plans to sign up, turn out and donate!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF DALLAS IS OFFERING FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION!

If you are a low income worker with or without dependents, you can qualify to do your taxes at no cost! Catholic Charities of Dallas is offering assistance to those who qualify to help prepare their taxes with a new Tax Assistance Program. Services will be offered at the Catholic Charities of Dallas Brady Center located at 4009 Elm in Dallas, 214-826-8330 and at Catholic Charities of Dallas Marillac Social Center, 2827 Lapsley St. in Dallas, 214-638-4997, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., beginning February 1. (Appointments are preferred.) So, if you qualify don't hesitate to take advantage of this great service! **In light of the new tax program, volunteers who are willing to take the IRS certification in order to be able to prepare taxes are needed.**

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN NEWS



The New Candles are Here!~Check out the Chapel! St. Michael's Anniversary Year, will mark the beginning of the new "Shrine Design" candle stands for our Chapel. These are exactly like the candles used at our

Cathedral in downtown Dallas and many other churches in our Diocese. The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) have invested in electronically converted REAL wax candles that give the pleasing "aura" of burning votives. These candle stands will give us the peace of mind for absolute safety for our devotionals. **The funds from the candle stands will continue to support the CCW in our works for St. Michael's, and we continue to send a quarterly stipend to our Seminarian, James Yamaouchi.** As we all move forward in our faith journey, please continue to enjoy the traditional realism of the new candle stands. Please stop by the chapel and continue your use of devotional candles.

**FALL FESTIVAL ANNOUNCED
2010 RAFFLE PRIZES
FOR THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY
Grand Prize!**

The 2010 Chevy Camaro
2nd place is \$1500 Gift card
3rd place is PS3 Gaming System.

We have the potential to earn a lot of money for the parish. If every parishioner will take on the responsibility of selling at least 10 tickets for us we will be that much closer to our goal. Tickets are \$10.00 or 3 for \$20.00. Festival members will be in the Narthex the last weekend of every month until we begin selling tickets each weekend in July. You may also return sold tickets and stubs through the office during regular business hours during the week. Stop by this weekend and get a flyer with a picture of the car and your raffle tickets to sell.

Two ways to check out your Safe Environment Obligation!

First: To find out your Training status on line

Go to www.dallas.setanet.org

Click on 'My Obligations'

Type in your name and the first line of your address

Click on 'Search'

Then click on 'Update my information'

You will then be able to see if you need to update your annual training obligation.

Second:

Check on the window by the church office. We will do our best to keep monthly updates. Look for your name and then look for the date when you've had your last training. If you don't see your name, please notify Heather D'Amico and she will let you know when you are due. Thanks



**FATHER INVITES YOU
TO JOIN THE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

All Christian Gentlemen of St Michael's

I would like to invite you to seriously consider signing up for membership in the honored Order of the Knights of Columbus. I believe that you have all the qualifications to be a good member of this most impressive Catholic family fraternal organization. The Knights of Columbus is the manpower source of our Parish.

There will be Brother Knights available next weekend March 6th/7th after all the Masses to personally invite you to join. I would consider it a personal favor if you would respond to this request in a positive manner.

Many of your friends here at St Michael's are already members of the Knights of Columbus. You are welcome to become one too. Thank you.

God Bless

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Rev. Hoa Duc Trinh

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 **Read the Gospel and Color**



PARKING LOT CONCERNS!

Whenever there is an accident in the church parking lot and a vehicle is damaged or damage is done to church property, it is very important to report the incident as soon as possible. You can stay with the damaged vehicle until the owner arrives, leave a note with contact information or let one of our Ushers know about the incident.