



THE TRUMPET

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MARCH 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Easter Sunday and the joy of the resurrection is here! Services are at 7:45, 9:00, and 11:00 am, with Easter egg hunts at 10:00 am & noon. The 9:00 & 11:00 am services will be online; watch at st-michaels.org/worship-online.

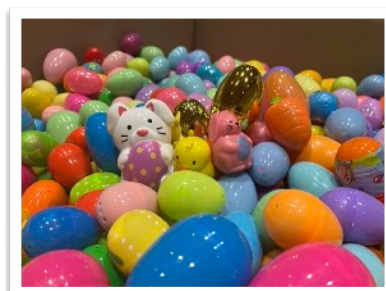
Look for Bonnie Walton and the Family Ministry team, who will be guiding kids & parents in the right direction. Sunday School is available in the parish hall. The gathering room

is available for extra wiggly kids as well. Coffee & donuts will be available in the parish hall during the egg hunts. The Flowering of the Cross is an Easter tradition at St. Michael's. Children (of all ages) are welcome to bring their favorite flower to place on the wooden cross that will be in the narthex before each service. Don't worry—we will have plenty of flowers on hand if you don't have any to bring.



A BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR EGG-STRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

Wow! Look at this visible and colorful sign of invisible grace! Over 2500 plastic eggs stuffed with Easter goodies, over twice the number Fr. John hoped for. So much hospitality and love in this box for all the children who will be here for the egg hunts on Easter Sunday! Many, many thanks for you, St. Michael's parishioners and friends!



NOTES

Stations of the Cross: St. Michael's Outdoor Sanctuary

One of the things I love about St. Michael's is the beautiful setting in nature. The other day I walked up to the Stations of the Cross and sat on a bench with the most beautiful view I think I had ever seen. This space provides the natural beauty, serenity and lends itself well to time for reflection. It is a beautiful part of our property.

I have become aware that many people do not know that we have this beautiful trail in the woods with the stations of the cross. This tradition was started at St. Michael's years ago at the original location. The stations were physically moved to the new location in 2003. Thanks to many Boy Scout Eagle projects and parishioners over the years, the area receives additions, upgrades, and maintenance such as benches and trail markings every year. It is a beautiful space.

Recently, a Scout created a QR code for the Stations of the Cross devotional booklet. This makes it simple to obtain the liturgy if your desire is to participate fully in the pilgrimage that Jesus walked so many years ago. The Stations of the Cross are there for everyone and for all times during the years, not just on Good Friday. There is a guided liturgy through the Stations of the Cross every Good Friday. Feel free to experience this journey on your own timing at your own pace any time of the year. *Submitted by Karen Moody*



Birds' eye view of the Stations of the Cross trail made by James Gibson, Troop 30

Join Lumen for **adventure** with God!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

at St. Michael's Episcopal Church!

JUNE 3-6 2024

9AM - NOON

4 year olds - rising 4th graders

\$25 per child

includes snacks, a T-shirt, and **lots of FUN**



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Iftar Dinner with Dialogue ATX Sunday, April 7 @7:00 pm During the month of Ramadan, our Muslim siblings fast from dawn to sunset in order to focus on prayer, charity, and thanksgiving. Each evening they break their fast with an iftar dinner. Our neighbors at Dialogue ATX visit different places of worship every night to celebrate this moment of fast-breaking with a shared meal and a conversation about our faith traditions. St. Michael's will host an iftar dinner on April 7 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall for this interfaith fellowship, with dinner starting immediately after sunset. For more information please visit www.dialogueatx.org/ramadan/. To RSVP for the event please register here: tinyurl.com/SMEC-Iftar-Dinner.

Bishop's Visit on Sunday, April 7 Mark your calendars! The Rt. Rev. Kai Ryan, Bishop Suffragan of Texas, will be at St. Michael's on Sunday, April 7. She will be our celebrant at both the 9:00 & 11:00 am services. This is a great day to celebrate our parish life and growth as we have youth and adults being confirmed at the 11:00 am service. Join us during the 10:00 am hour for Taco Sunday in the parish hall.

iACT Spring Blitz Service Project Join iACT on Saturday, April 6, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm for their annual Spring Blitz service project. This program utilizes volunteers to paint the homes of senior citizens and disabled individuals who are living in deep poverty so that the homeowners can remain in the homes and neighborhoods they love. For more information contact Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org.

Stephen Ministry Overwhelmed? Despite our prayers, resilience, and best efforts to remain positive, there are times when we all feel discouraged, weary, frustrated, or simply overwhelmed. A Stephen Minister can provide one-to-one, fully confidential emotional and spiritual support. Wouldn't it be a comfort to allow a Stephen Minister to love you as Christ has loved each of us? To learn more, contact Julie de Wette (julie@losmadrone.com), or Fr. John Newton (jnewton@st-michaels.org).

OUTREACH IN ACTION

St. Michael's is actively engaged in community outreach efforts, supporting a variety of non-profit organizations through hands-on service and financial assistance. Volunteer opportunities with several local organizations are offered throughout the year. If you have a passion for spreading love and grace throughout the community, please connect with Harriett Choffel, Outreach Commission Chair, at harriettchoffel@icloud.com; or Fr. Josh Kulak at jkulak@st-michaels.org.

Trinity Center Many thanks to John Boehm for organizing the monthly sack lunch deliveries for Trinity Center and gratitude to all the parishioners who have signed up to cover a month!

Del Valle Book Drive St. Michael's will host the annual book drive for Del Valle elementary students' summer reading enrichment. It's time for you to begin collecting new or gently-used books (English or Spanish) for distribution in May. Our goal is to collect 1000 pre-K - 5th-grade books. For details, contact Tammy Gross at tammygross@me.com or Harriett Choffel (harriettchoffel@icloud.com) or Fr. Josh (jkulak@st-michaels.org).

Garden Volunteers Needed The veggies grown in our community garden go to Hope Food Pantry on Speedway in Hyde Park—given to families and students who might not otherwise get fresh food. Would you like to help with this impactful ministry? Great service opportunity for all ages. Contact Beth Michaels at ebethmichaels@gmail.com.

2024 Community Investment Partners

Seminary of the Southwest (*theological and pastoral education*)

The Texas Pauli Murray Scholarship (*scholarship for seminary students of color*)

Episcopal Relief and Development (*disaster relief & sustainable development*)

Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT) (*interfaith outreach*)

Trinity Center (*homelessness*)

Casa Marianella (*displaced immigrants*)

Saint Francis Ministries (*foster care*)

El Buen Samaritano (*family services*)

One Good Turn (*global health in underserved communities*)

The Outreach Commission is excited to support these organizations and seek to grow opportunities for purposeful connections with many of them. Click on the links to learn more about each organization or check out the Outreach webpage at st-michaels.org/outreach.

FAMILY LIFE

Sunday School | 9:00 & 11:00 am | Room 8 The Family Ministry team welcomes children and their parents at the front of the church and guides them to Room 8 in the Education Wing. Parents are reunited with their children in the sanctuary at the announcements—in time for communion together as a family. We also have the Gathering Room and wiggle bags in the narthex for extra wiggly children. Contact the Rev. Hope Benko at hope@st-michaels.org for more info.

SMEYC Schedule

March 31 Easter Sunday

9:00 & 11:00 am Youth Devos — Parish Hall

NO PM EYC—Happy Easter!

Summer Camp 2024 Register your camper today—spots are filling up fast for Camp Allen's summer camp program! Get ready for an action-packed week of fun in the sun (and shade) for rising 3rd-10th grade students. campallen/summercamp

St. Michael's Episcopal Youth Community welcomes youth 5th-12th grade to experience community and connection, to question and explore our relationships with the church, with each other, and with the world beyond Westlake. Questions? Email Bonnie Walton, Youth Coordinator, at youth@st-michaels.org.

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

The Seekers Adult Formation Group | meets Sundays at 10:00 am in Rm 4 (Education Wing) and via Zoom Looking for engaging discussion of theological and spiritual topics? Join the Seekers on Sunday mornings. The group is currently discussing *The Universal Christ*, by Richard Rohr. Drop in anytime, regardless of whether you've read the book. Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@me.com or Phyllis Blees at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for more info. Zoom link: bit.ly/SeekersBookGroup, Passcode: 541706.

Book Study: *The Heart of it All* by Samuel Wells January - April Join Fr. Josh for a book study of theologian Samuel Well's *The Heart of it All: The Bible's Big Picture*. There are two weekly meeting options: Mondays from 12:00-1:00 pm in the parish hall (Zoom available) or Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom only. We will not meet the week of spring break (March 10 & 13). Email Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org with any questions. Zoom links: Monday: <https://bit.ly/HeartBookStudyMonday>; Wednesday: <https://bit.ly/HeartBookStudyWednesday>

Morning Prayer | Tuesdays @9:00 am You're invited to Morning Prayer each Tuesday at 9:00 am. Please note the Zoom link and passcode: bit.ly/SMECTuesMorningPrayer. **Passcode:** prayer.

Tuesday Women's 12-part Bible Study: First Corinthians | 6:00 pm | Church Office The Women's Bible Study meets at 6:00 pm in the church office; they're studying First Corinthians until April 2. In this 12-part series, author Jennie Allen walks into the messy lives of the Corinthians and takes us through Paul's words to the conflicted church. We'll see how the truth of the gospel and the Spirit of God can empower us to choose to follow Jesus every day of our lives. Contact Trish Thompson at home.thompson@gmail.com with questions or to RSVP.

Centering Prayer—Now In-person and via Zoom | Tuesdays @6:30 pm This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Join the group in-person on the SMEC campus (Gathering Room) or join via Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85765348257?pwd=dnIMUXh3dHdBOTBDeUROS2hMRXV6Zz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees with questions: phyllis.blees@gmail.com. For more about contemplative prayer, click this link: [Heart of Texas Contemplative Outreach](#).

Wednesday Evening, Off-Campus Bible Study | January 10 - April 3 Michael and Trish Thompson are leading a twelve-week, co-ed evening Bible study on Wednesday evenings through April 3, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. The group meets in the Capital View Center conference room at 1301 S Capital of Texas Highway (office building next to Westlake fire house). The Gospel of Matthew is the topic, and the group will be using the John McArthur study guide. It is open to everyone. Childcare is not available. The book is available for purchase at [this link](#). Questions? Contact Trish Thompson at home.thompson@gmail.com.

St. Michael's Book Club | Last Wednesday of the Month @2:30 pm This group meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 2:30 pm unless there's a holiday. The group is now meeting *in person at St. Michael's*. April's selection is *Mr. Texas*, by Lawrence Wright. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com or Sue Allen at tom@northcoastbrewing.com for more information.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study | Wednesdays at 1:00 pm The group meets by Zoom (using the same link) for one hour beginning at 1:00 pm CT. This is a perfect time to invite others to join our group. This informal group discusses the Daily Office readings—drop in anytime! Led by Mary Healy, mary.r.healy@gmail.com. Zoom Link: bit.ly/SMECThursBibleStudy ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

Evening Prayer | Wednesdays @4:30 pm All are welcome to join each Wednesday at 4:30 pm for prayer and conversation. Use Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88196769453> and passcode 945676.

Men's Pub Theology | Second Wednesdays @5:00 pm | County Line BBQ on Bee Caves Road Join the men of St. Michael's for Christian fellowship and theological conversation. *The next meeting is April 10*; the group meets at the County Line BBQ on Bee Caves Road. Contact Andy Hines at ahines@hinespool.com or Rich Noland at richnoland@eversheds-sutherland.com for more information.

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BISHOP DOYLE INVITES YOU

THE VERY FIRST GRANDE TEXAS

May 3-5

FAMILY REUNION 2024

A weekend of fun just for us at Camp Allen!

Archery	Nature Hikes	Outdoor Movie
Ropes Course	Biking	Petting Zoo
Fishing	Labryinth	Craft Room
Swimming	Live Music	Inflatables
Paddleboarding	Eucharist	Skeet Shooting
Canoeing	Reptile Show	Yoga
Giant Swing	Pickleball	Zip Line

Total Cost for Hotel Lodging \$210 per room

Total Cost for Activities/Meals \$152 per person

Family discounts available
Check in at 5 pm Friday
Check out at 1 pm Sunday

Packages Include
Six buffet meals and most programming.
Kids age 2 and under are free.

Register Now!
campallen.org

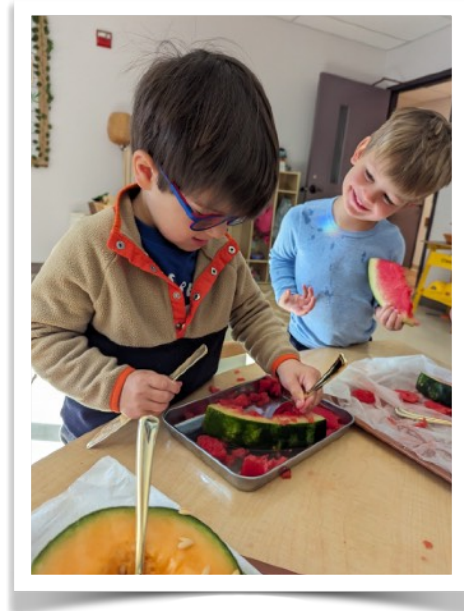
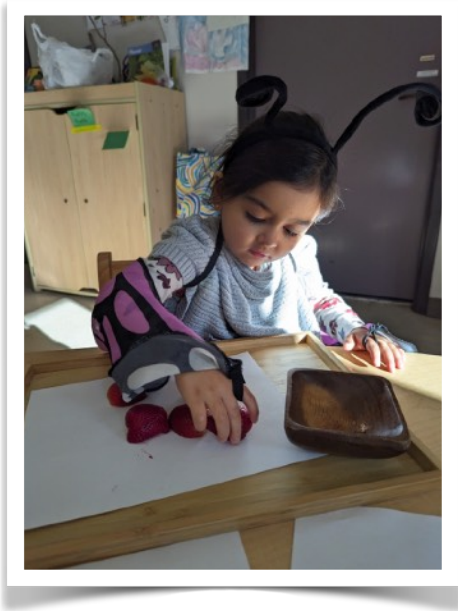
MINISTRIES

Altar Guild The Altar Guild is always looking for women and men to join this ministry. This group makes sure that the sanctuary is clean and readied for services and other liturgical events that happen at St. Michael's. If you are interested in serving or for more information, please contact Gail Reid at reid.gail@gmail.com.

Daughters of the King The Daughters of the King® is an order for women who are members of the Episcopal Church. The DOK's mission is the extension of Christ's Kingdom through prayer, service and evangelism. St. Michael's chapter was established in 2014 and they are meeting regularly again. If you're interested in learning more about the group, they meet in the Gathering Room (next to the sanctuary) the third Saturday of each month at 10:30am. Contact Jonea Raney at jcsrcc@gmail.com if you have any questions.

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

This week, the Pandas explored the textures and seeds of a variety of fruit through utensils and art, but they preferred tasting them. Watermelon was the favorite. *Thanks to Ms. Judith for the story and the photos.*



SMEDS Chapel takes place with Fr. Josh and Miss Karen every Wednesday at 9:30 am in our bright and beautiful sanctuary.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Please email Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org with prayer requests or to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.

For Karen Moody, who is having hip replacement on April 2.

For David Jackson, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

For Ed. R. and family as they deal with his diagnosis of Parkinson's disease.

For Christy, whose colon cancer has spread to her lymph nodes.

For Sara & Dan Havens as they travel back to Iowa.

For those who lost their lives or were injured in the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore Harbor; for all those affected by the loss of the bridge.

For the children, families, and staff of Saint Francis Ministries.

For Palestinians, Israelis, and all victims of violence in the Middle East.

For all those affected by gun violence.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church Cathedral, Houston; Grace, Houston; Holy Family, Houston

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in the Province of the West Indies

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

There are no flowers on the altar during Lent.

Altar flower dedications are a wonderful way to celebrate the special people in your life or honor an important event or memory. They are printed here and in the 11:00 am service bulletin.

You can use this link to send your dedication and make a donation: st-michaels.org/altar-flower-donations. You may also donate using the QR code below or send a check to the church office at 1500 N. Capital of Texas Highway, 78746; put "altar flowers" as the memo.

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THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet?
Please send your ideas, stories, or photos to Christine Havens, Director of Communications (chavens@st-michaels.org) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays. We recommend running stories beginning two weeks prior to your event.

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OFFICE HOURS: M-TH 9:00AM-4:00PM