

THE SUNDAY TRUMPET

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday Worship at St. Michael's

The St. Michael's family invites you to join us as we worship, work, sing, laugh, cry, admit our sin, and experience forgiveness and healing in the fellowship of Christ.

Worship with Holy Eucharist at 7:45am, 9am, and 11am; Evening prayer at 6pm.

Receiving Communion

All persons desiring to lead a new life in Christ are welcome to receive Communion. For Blessings simply cross your arms over your chest. For gluten free wafers ask your bread minister.

Prayers for Healing

Prayer Team members are available at the Prayer Desk during Communion and after the services.

Altar Flowers

Wish to dedicate Sunday's flowers to someone? Please contact **Rev. Brin** for more information if you'd like to donate.



The Rev. Ken Brannon, rector at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Sun Valley, Idaho, wears protective glasses and looks to the sky with his wife, Rachel Brannon, and son, 16-year-old Isaac, as they await the total solar eclipse on Aug. 21. Photo courtesy of Ken Brannon

What's Going On Today

Kick-Off Sunday celebration— Join us as we celebrate the 'Kick off' of our Sunday school ministries with an ice cream social and our ever popular photo booth, after the **9am** and **11am** services.

Today's Sunday Roundtable at 10:15am with journalist (and SMEC Communications Specialist) **Will Harrison** on religion and spirituality in video games, in the Parish Hall

Sunday Seekers Book Study in the Bride's Room is reading the book 'How to Read the Apocalypse' by Jean-Pierre Prévost during Christian Education hour. Bring your own copy or contact **Phyllis Blees** (phyllis.blees@gmail.com) if you'd like to order one, for times, or for more information. New participants are welcome to join at any time.

Scripture Readings for Today

Exodus 1:8-2:10 -Romans 12:1-8 -Matthew 16:13-20 - Psalm 124, 138

Weekly Prayer Services

Morning Prayer

Tuesdays at 9am in the Worship Space.
For more information contact Rev. Brin or Lesley.

Centering Prayer

Tuesday evenings at 6pm in the side chapel. For more information contact

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Open Arms Integrity Austin panel is today, 7-8:30pm in the **Parish Hall**. We are an Episcopal organization, allied and LGBTQ parishioners, Integrity Austin Open Arms proclaims and embodies the all-inclusive love of God through worship, education, and advocacy. Integrity Austin Open Arms envisions a church where people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, national origins, race, religious affiliations and gender expressions are welcomed and affirmed with open arms and hearts.

Trinity Center fellowship meal with our neighbors experiencing homelessness at their downtown Austin location **today** from **2-4:30pm**. Future dates are **October 15** and **December 24**.

Announcements and Events

The next day for Baptisms will occur on the **Sunday after All Saint's Day**, on **November 5th**. For more information on baptisms, please contact **Rev. Brin** or **Rev. Peter**.

Financial Peace University is a 9-week program, created by best-selling author and radio show host Dave Ramsey, offered mostly by churches to help congregation members pay off debt, create a budget, save for emergencies and build toward tithing 10 percent. Courses will be held starting **Wednesday** nights, **7pm** at SMC in Room 8 starting **August 30**. Sign up here: <https://fpu.com/1043945>

Children's Music Program Resumes on September 10 and We're excited to invite all children in **1st** through **5th** grades to be part of the program at St. Michael's this fall! With the leadership of Brenda Simms, a parishioner and member of the Chancel Choir, children will meet on Sundays from **10:10-10:50am** in the Education Wing to learn new songs and practice lifting their voices to the Lord. The first meeting is on **September 10**. If you have any questions, please contact **Lesley Margerrison**.

Weekly Brown-Bag Bible Study - Bring your lunch and join us on Tuesday afternoons in the fall for this lectionary-based Bible Study. We will meet from **12-1pm** in the Parish Hall, beginning on **September 12**. Please contact **Rev. Brin** for more information.

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Women of St. Michael's covered dish supper on **September 12** in Room 8 at **6pm**. Please bring a covered dish or adult beverage to share. There will also be a collection for Trinity Center.

Join Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) in Denver, **October 10-12**, for **Love God, Love Neighbor**, a three-day training that equips Episcopalians to be advocates, allies, and ambassadors for refugees and the ministry of refugee resettlement. Offered by Episcopal Migration Ministries, the refugee resettlement ministry of The Episcopal Church, with funding from the Constable Fund, the training provides an in-depth exploration of the global displacement crisis, US refugee policy, how refugee resettlement works, faith-based advocacy for refugees, and organizing to welcome and support refugees in your home community. For more information, visit <https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/lglindenver>.

All women of the Diocese of Texas are invited to attend the **116th Annual Retreat of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Texas**, hosted by the Church of the Resurrection of Austin, at Camp Allen in Navasota, Texas on **October 13 to 15**. The retreat features a wealth of workshops and chances for fellowship with other Christian women while honoring special guests from the Diocese. For more information, visit <http://epicenter.org/ecw-annual-retreat/>.

St. Michaels Pastoral Care Team - Our Associate Rector, Brin Bon, our Deacon, Sherry Williams, and one of our parishioners who is also a Hospital Chaplain, Barbara Rusling, are available to pray with you during times of illness, hospitalization, loss, or personal crises. If you find yourself in need or are anticipating hospitalization, please contact one of us so we can coordinate a visit with you. Know that a eucharistic minister is available to bring bread and wine from the Sunday Eucharist to those who are homebound? You may contact **Rev. Brin**, **Rev. Sherry**, or **Barbara** (512-925-3043 or brusling@sbcglobal.net).

Rector Search Update - The Search Committee received training on interviewing candidates and conducting the search this week from the **Rev. Francene Young**, the Diocesan Transition Officer. The Search Committee is getting organized to begin the active search within the next several weeks. The Profile has been posted on our website. This is a document about St. Michael's for candidates interested in our open position. We have also posted a nomination form for anyone wanting to nominate a favorite clergy to our open position.

Christian Formation and Education

Children and Student Ministries during Worship Christian Education for 3-year-olds through 12th grade takes place in the Education Wing during both the **9** and **11am** services. Parents bring their children to the education wing before the service, then once their programs are over, we bring everyone back to the worship space in time for Eucharist with their parents and families.

Nursery care **8:45am to 12:30pm** in the Education wing for infants to 3-year olds and staffed by professional, Safeguarding God's Children certified nannies.

Adult Educations and Family Fellowship 10:10-10:50am - Please note: these opportunities do not meet on the first Sunday of the Month so that everyone can enjoy Taco Breakfast.

Sunday Schedule

7:45am Worship with Holy Eucharist - Rite 1; **9am** Holy Eucharist with contemporary music;
10:10-10:50am Christian formation; **11am** Holy Eucharist with Chancel Choir + Sunday School
6pm Evening Prayer

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News from the Episcopal Digital Network



From left, the Rev. Kevin Stewart, the Rev. Mindy Valentine Davis and Frankie A. Aliota staff the prayer booth at the Washington County Fair south of West Bend, Wisconsin. Photo: Diocese of Milwaukee

[Sara Bitner for Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee] The theme of the Diocese of Milwaukee's Leadership Days in the spring was trying new things to engage the community. The Rev. Mindy Valentine Davis decided to respond to that call by taking her cue from a Milwaukee ministry called Collars on the Corner.

Along with members of her parish, St. James Episcopal Church in West Bend, Wisconsin, she spent six days at the Washington County Fair at the end of July sitting at a booth inviting people to submit their prayers in prayer boxes. The Rev. Kevin Stewart, a deacon and the diocese's missionary for community engagement, had spoken at a meeting Davis attended about his work in and around Milwaukee with Collars on the Corner. Stewart is one of the driving forces of the ministry of prayer and presence. Clergy members gather on Milwaukee-area street corners with prayer boxes and an offer to pray with passersby. They also have placed prayer boxes at a number of locations throughout the region.

"Every time you drive south [from West Bend] to Milwaukee, you pass by the fairgrounds," Davis said. "As I was passing by one day, I thought, maybe we should have a prayer booth. It just had to be the Holy Spirit."

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