



THE TRUMPET

AN INSTRUMENT OF GOOD NEWS

JANUARY 9, 2022
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

A TALE OF EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

You may recall Fr. John's sermon back on October 24 of last year—it was the final one for stewardship season ([click here](#) to listen). In it, he shared the story of a young woman named Nada, a St. Michael's parishioner, who was not feeling herself due to things like suffering the aftereffects of long COVID. Nada was in search of healing, spiritual and otherwise. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, she connected with a former classmate in Chicago whose son, Elliot, has a genetic kidney malady; the family was in search of a kidney donor so that he would survive. Circumstances dictated that they look outside the family to find one. Nada just happened to see the mother's Facebook prayer that day, and long story short, she flew to Chicago in mid-November, where she and Elliot underwent surgery.

Now, Nada shares how she's doing: "I'm doing better; recovery has been slow and, to be honest, was far more painful than I expected. That said, I'm at the 7-week mark and have really turned a corner." Not only is she recovering but "Elliot is doing very well; he's grown over 2 inches and gained 3 pounds, which is rather extraordinary."

She concludes, "I take a daily nap. My existing kidney is doing a great job of adjusting. I drink 100 ounces of water a day (from now until forever). My heart is full."

We look forward to welcoming Nada back as one of our lay readers at the 9:00 am service. Her story of faith-inspired extravagant generosity is one of the many within the St. Michael's community, and an example of the myriad ways in which we, as individuals, and as the body of Christ, might impact the world around us.

—Christine Havens, Assistant for Communications and Administration



Nada volunteering during the May 2019 border pilgrimage

NOTES

SAVE THE DATE! Annual Parish Meeting Sunday, January 23 10:00 am Hard to believe a year has passed since our last annual meeting. We will have a hybrid meeting—in-person and online—look for more details to come in the January 16 Trumpet.



New Sunday School Theme: “Love First” January 9 Each week in January and February, we talk about love: loving self, loving neighbor, and loving God. Sunday School is a place where children and their families can practice being compassionate in a community that values love and compassion. 9:00 and 11:00 am in the Family Life Center. Drop off is on the playground and be reunited in the sanctuary in time for communion together as a family.

Rector’s Bible Study Bible study is on Christmas break. Tuesday sessions with Fr. John will resume on January 18; Sunday classes will pick up again on January 30. Discussion will follow the lectionary until the week of January 30, and then the group will study 1 & 2 Peter. Zoom info: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84290310446?pwd=WG1iK0t6WFVITjdNVTYyTk41S29yZz09>
Meeting ID: 842 9031 0446 Passcode: 582175

Diocesan Council Delegates Needed Are you interested in serving as a delegate to the 2022 Diocesan Council? If so, email Fr. John Newton at jnewton@st-michaels.org. This is a great opportunity to participate in the life of our diocese and represent St. Michael’s.

A Big “Thank You” from Amanda It was such an encouragement to know my St. Michael’s family was praying for me during the last few months. The get well and Christmas cards were such evidence of your love and support and a much-needed dose of cheer. Thank you!!

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

PLEASE NOTE MEETING CHANGE FOR JANUARY 9: The Seekers will meet ONLINE ONLY at 12:30 pm The group is reading *Divine Science: Finding Reason at the Heart of Faith*, by Michael Dennin, a physicist. The book is an exploration of science and faith as complementary ideas. Interested in joining the group? Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@me.com or Phyllis Blee at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for more info. Here’s the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjIUVU3YyZz09>, Passcode: 541706.

St. Michael’s Book Club Looking for fellowship and conversation? Love reading? Join the SMEC Book Club! The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 2:30pm via Zoom. The next meeting is on January 26 and the group is reading *The Lincoln Highway*, by Amor Towles (*A Gentleman of Moscow*). Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com for more information and for the Zoom link. February’s book is *My Remarkable Journey*, by Katherine Johnson.

St. Michael's Women's Virtual Potluck The SMEC Women's Potluck group gathers at 6:00 pm on the first Monday of each month unless it falls on a holiday. All women of the parish are invited—bring a friend! Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019837778?pwd=SGRmQXhoYllXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; passcode is 242636.

Morning Prayer: Tuesdays @9:00 am You're invited to Morning Prayer each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. Please note the Zoom link and passcode: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81346686555?pwd=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tlb04wUUVhUT09>. **Passcode:** prayer.

Centering Prayer: Tuesdays @6:30 pm This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjIVU3YyZz09>; 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](#).

Evening Prayer: Wednesdays @4:30 pm Each Wednesday at 4:30 pm. Use Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082768969> and passcode 826364.

Thursday Afternoon Bible Study @1:00 pm This informal group discusses the Daily Office readings—drop in anytime! Led by Mary Healy, mary.r.healy@gmail.com. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035409217?pwd=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgYK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

MINISTRIES

Stephen Ministry Would you like a caring person to be with you steadfastly, in and through a hard time in your life? Consider asking for a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministry is a free, confidential program that provides Christian care to hurting people with our congregation and surrounding community. Learn more at www.st-michaels.org/stephen-ministry. If you'd like a Stephen Minister, please contact Jeff Robinson (jarobinson100@gmail.com), Julie de Wette (julie@losmadrone.com), or Fr. John Newton (jnewton@st-michaels.org).

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.

FAMILY LIFE

Amanda Evans Lang, family minister, invites you to check out the [Family Ministry](#) and [Student Ministry](#) pages on the St. Michael's website for updates and activities to enrich your spiritual life. Please email with questions at amanda@st-michaels.org.

Sunday School Volunteers Needed! Family Minister Amanda is looking for some volunteers to help at 9:00 and/or 11:00 am. This is a great and fun opportunity to minister to the children in the St. Michael's community. Talk to Amanda on a Sunday morning to learn about getting involved or contact her at amanda@st-michaels.org.

Fourth Sunday 4 families Each month, the Family Ministry team hosts an intergenerational activity in the parish hall. All are welcome to join in between the 9:00 and 11:00 am services—we hope to see you there!

DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

So wonderful to have the day school kids back on campus—lots of play and creativity in the air again! Thanks to Miss Melody and Miss Jennifer for sharing these photos from the Puppies and Owls classes.



THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

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

Parish Prayer List

For the Carson family, James, Lena, Bella, and Nico, as they mourn the death of Sophia, beloved daughter and sister.

For Frances Montelongo, who passed away recently.

For Carson Diefenderfer who died recently; for Elaine, his daughter, and the rest of his family and friends, who grieve him.

For Gwen, who is in need of peace.

For all those in Colorado affected by the wildfires.

For Billie Jacobs, and her daughter, Terri.

COVID-19

For all children and teachers during this unexpected style of attending school.

For all who struggle with loneliness and isolation.

For all those living in eldercare facilities, and for the staff, and for their families.

For all those without employment at this time.

All of our hospital and healthcare workers, including Rosa, J'aime, and Patty, who are keeping healthcare services running.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Cross, Lake Travis; Epiphany, Burnet; Good Shepherd, Austin

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God.

Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. Dedications can be emailed to: chavens@st-michaels.org. Your donation can be mailed to the church office or given via the "Give" page of our website: <https://www.st-michaels.org/take-action>.

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Isaiah 43:1-7

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Psalms 29

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THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send your ideas, stories, or photos to Christine Havens, Communications Assistant, (chavens@st-michaels.org) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays.

*Your extravagant generosity is appreciated.
Text SMEC1500 to 73256 and follow the prompts to make an e-offering.*