

THE TRUMPET

Your gateway to all things St. Michael's

JANUARY 12, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Dear St. Michael's family,

In the blink of a few days, we have crossed from Christmas season into Epiphany. We've traveled all the way from the manger to the river, where this Sunday, the first after THE Epiphany celebrated on January 6, we are witness to Matthew's account of John baptizing Jesus. Not only that, but we have another little epiphany, which means "appearance" in Greek, of "the Spirit of God descending like a dove" to announce that Jesus is his son, "the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." I don't think that the passage gives an adequate visual of the experience, nor any indication of John's reaction and what any others present might have felt. Is there an answer to the question, "why was Jesus baptized?" Looking at the wide array of artwork from the past and from the present, such as the one to the right from the 15th-century *Très Riches Heures a* book of Hours, of the Duc de Berry, can be an illuminating experience but yet still leave much to wonder about.

Let's backtrack a moment, all the way to last year, and the baptisms of Aidan and Avery, children of Josh Sawyer and Shea Hillis-Sawyer, on December 29. What do these lovely photographs have to show us about baptism? Do they share something in common with the medieval image of Jesus, John, and the Trinity? What can you see here that might relate not only to what Jesus experienced, but what a Christian community, such as St. Michael's, might experience and what have you experienced as a beloved child of God?

I'm not sure I have any solid answers; I can only reflect on the nature of the epiphanies that happen in my life in this season, and in every season, when taking the time to spend with scripture and in community and fellowship with those who follow Christ.

Have a prayerful and playful week,

Christine Havens

Assistant for Administration & Communication



NEWS THIS WEEK

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! MINERVA'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD On **Friday, January 31, at 7:00 pm**, our curate, the Rev. Minerva Camarena Skeith, will become a priest here in our sanctuary. All are welcome to this celebration of new life in the church. St. Michael's has not had an ordination in this space in a very long time. The Episcopal Services in which bishops, deacons, or priests, become ordained ministers, are truly moving occasions and fairly unique in the life of a church or the Church. Minerva and the staff would love to see you all there; wear red (it's the proper liturgical color for ordinations)!

2020 ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS A donation to the St. Michael's flower fund is a beautiful way to honor your loved ones, or to mark a special occasion. Beginning in January, however, we will no longer have a flower chart posted on the board in the narthex. **Please email Christine Havens (chavens@st-michaels.org) with any dedications**, and then mail your check or use a donation envelope, which will still be available; please note "flowers" on the memo line. You can also donate online by going to our Give page and clicking the "Give Online Here" button. There is a flower option in the "Select a fund" drop-down box, with a place to write a memo or dedication.

ADVENT WREATH FORMS Thank you to everyone who came out way back in the beginning of December for our Advent Wreath-making Party. Lizzie McManus, our family minister, is asking for folks to return, if possible, the wire forms that St. Michael's provided so they can be reused next Advent. Please drop off in the church office at your convenience, Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm, or on Sunday mornings. Thank you!

MICHAEL'S BOOK GROUP The next meeting of the St. Michael's book group is **Wednesday, January 29, at 2:30 pm at Trianon**. We will discuss *The Secrets We Kept*, by Lara Prescott. Please join us! Contact Jackie King for more information: jsking2010@yahoo.com.

SUBMIT YOUR VISUAL OR WRITTEN ARTWORK TO SOUL BY SOUTHWEST Submissions to the 2020 edition of *Soul by Southwest*, the literary and arts journal of Seminary of the Southwest, will be accepted through Friday, January 31. They publish poetry, short fiction, essays, and photographs. This year, submissions are welcome to address the theme of "rupture and repair." They welcome creative interpretations of this theme in entries from artists of all ages. Entries need not address this theme to be considered. View the submission guidelines [here](#). Questions? Email: soulbysouthwest@ssw.edu Thank you in advance for helping to heal the world through art. View the [2019 Edition](#); our own Christine Havens has a poem in there.

SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

ADULTS

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, AND TUESDAY, JANUARY 14 Each of the four evangelists offer a unique take on who Jesus is and how his life, death, and resurrection have changed our world. Join us this fall as we tackle topics like discipleship, mission, mercy, healing, forgiveness, the church, our purpose in life, and the Kingdom of Heaven through John's eyes. The class is offered **Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00 pm, in Room 8, and Sundays, 10:10-10:50 am, in the parish hall**. Led by Fr. John Newton.

SEEKERS' ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK STUDY The Seekers meet from 10:00-11:00 am, except on Taco Sundays. The group is now meeting in Room 6. The current book is *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*, by Rachel Held Evans. *The Divine Dance*, by Richard Rohr, is the selection following that. Invite your friends for these great spiritual reads. Contact Phyllis Blee (phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more information.

CHILDREN

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE: Sunday school resumes January 12.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL CHILDREN pre-K through 3rd grade are invited to Children's Chapel, where we read the same scriptures as "big church," learn prayers, and sing songs. Children in 4th & 5th grade are welcome, too. We rejoice the congregation during the Peace.

WORSHIP BAGS are available in the narthex, as well as in the Gathering Room, the place you can have wiggle room for the little ones, hear the service, and have some coffee.

Kids can **LOOK FOR OUR CHURCH MOUSE DURING WORSHIP**. If they tell Family Minister Lizzie after church where they spotted the mouse, she will give them a sticker!



STUDENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:10 AM, RM 8 Sunday school resumes January 12.

EYC (EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY)—We will resume on January 12, 4:30-6:00 pm, with Game Night.

HAPPENING #166 | JANUARY 24 - 26 | CAMP ALLEN Happening is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Those attending Happening listen to thought-provoking and challenging talks given by members of the staff and clergy. These talks are designed to help the Happeners get to know God. After each talk, the opportunity is given for questions and discussion in small groups.

Register here: http://edotformation.formstack.com/forms/happening_166_participant_registration.

Y.E.S. #132 | JANUARY 24 - 26 | CAMP ALLEN A Youth Encounter Spirit (Y.E.S.) weekend brings together members of the 6th-8th-grade youth of the Diocese of Texas as a Christian community. The focus is on "who Christ is." Y.E.S. helps foster a clearer appreciation of self, richer relationships with others, and a deeper experience with Jesus. The aim is for those who attend to discover new things about themselves, their relationships, God, and the church. The weekend is designed to provide an atmosphere of openness where participants can ask questions and have the freedom to explore answers without fear of judgment.

Register here: http://edotformation.formstack.com/forms/yes_132_participant_registration.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES! Bishop Suffragan Kai Ryan will be at St. Michael's on Sunday, March 29. Beginning Sunday, February 2, through Sunday, March 1, classes for students 8th grade and above will be held from 9:45-10:45 am in Room 6 of the Education wing. Confirmation preparation will also include a service day on February 15, and we will have a Confirmation meal and rehearsal the Saturday evening before on March 28. Classes will be taught by Todd FitzGerald, Luis Rivas, and other members of the St. Michael's clergy team. These classes are mandatory as part of the Confirmation preparation process. If you're tentatively curious, please come and check it out. Questions? Contact Luis Rivas, our Student Minister, email at Lrivas@st-michaels.org. You may also contact Fr. John with questions: jnewton@st-michaels.org.

Questions about either of these events? Email Luis Rivas, Youth Minister, at Lrivas@st-michaels.org. **INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ACOLYTE?** Email [Luis](mailto:Luis@st-michaels.org) at Lrivas@st-michaels.org for more information on how to participate in this beautiful part of our Episcopal tradition. Anyone from 5th grade and above, including adults, is welcome to participate! **Next training for all acolytes will take place on February 2, from 12:30 - 2:30 pm.**

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers this week are given to the Glory of God.

A donation to the St. Michael's flower fund is a beautiful way to honor your loved ones, or to mark a special occasion. Donation envelopes are available in the narthex, or you may email Christine Havens directly (chavens@st-michaels.org). Please note "flowers" on the memo line of your check. Place the envelope in the alms basin, hand your envelope to the vestry person of the day, or give to the rector. You can also donate online by going to our [Give](#) page and clicking the "Give Online Here" button. There is a flower option in the "Select a fund" drop-down box, with a place to write a memo or dedication.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

This week, we pray especially for James C. & his family, for John V., for Margarita, and for all those affected by the earthquakes in Puerto Rico.

WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICES

Morning Prayer

Every Tuesday at 9:00 am in the Worship Space. For more information, contact Gail Reid (reid.gail@gmail.com).

Centering Prayer

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the side chapel. For more information contact Phyllis Blee (phyllis.blees@gmail.com).

THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send it to Christine (chavens@st-michaels.org) by 12:00 pm on the Wednesday prior to the date you would like your announcement to appear in the Trumpet.

READINGS, JANUARY 12, 2020

Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17; Psalm 29

*Didn't bring cash?
Text SMEC1500 to 73256 and follow the prompts to make an e-offering.*