



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news



JANUARY 15, 2023



Hope Food Pantry
Weekly delivery of fresh vegetables from our community garden



Saint Francis Ministries
67 quilts delivered



El Buen Samaritano
Diaper Drive



Del Valle Book Drive
1500 books delivered



Community First Village
House build

Pauli Murray Scholarship
Sent birthday and Christmas cards to scholarship recipients

Casa Marianella
Student ministry prepared meals for families

Trinity Center
Monthly sack lunches, collected toiletries, Sunday worship and dinner

OUTREACH: A YEAR IN REVIEW

Thanks to your extravagant generosity, St. Michael's fulfilled the Outreach Commission's goal of funding all our partner organizations in 2022. We also deepened many of those relationships with a wide variety of year-round, parishioner-supported activities. The Commission looks forward to continuing to make a love-spreading difference in the Austin area and beyond in 2023!

—Harriett Choffel, Outreach Commission Chair

NOTES

Chalking the Church Door Please join Rev. Josh on Sunday, January 15, immediately after the 9am service as he chalks the narthex entryway. Last week's Trumpet reminded us that we can chalk our living space, but the tradition also extends to our worship spaces! "Chalking the door" is seen as invoking Christ's blessing on the physical building and the people who visit.

The Ordination of Rev. Josh Kulak | Saturday, January 21

10:30 am All are invited to the ordination of our curate into the Sacred Order of Priests. This will be a grand event in the life of the St. Michael's community. A reception will follow. Childcare will be available in the Education Wing from 10:15am-12:15pm. The service will be livestreamed; you can view it at st-michaels.org/worship-online.



Annual Parish Meeting | Sunday, January 29 | 10:00 am

Mark your calendars! St. Michael's Annual Parish Meeting takes place in the sanctuary at 10am on January 29. This is where we are informed about church business and vote for new vestry members. Worship services are at 7:45, 9:00, and 11:15 am. Children's activities will be provided—drop them off at the parish hall right before 10:00am. More information will be sent via email next week.

Bible Study Begins January 15 | Sundays @12:45 &

Tuesdays @noon Rev. Josh Kulak will teach a 3-week lectionary-based Bible study, on Jan. 15, 22, and 29 (and the following Tuesdays, Jan 17, 24 and 31). [Access the readings here.](#)

ZOOM INFO: <https://bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink> Meeting ID: 832 6049 2080; passcode: bible.

SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

JANUARY 15, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY

7:45 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I

9:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sunday School | Ed. Wing

10:00 am Coffee Hour | Parish Hall
Seekers Group | Rm 4

11:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sunday School | Ed. Wing

12:45 pm Bible Study | Zoom

Watch the 9:00 & 11:00 am services
st-michaels.org/worship-online

Readings for January 15, 2023
Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9;
John 1:29-42; Psalm 40:1-12

Daughters of the King (DOK) Rededication | Sunday, January 22 | 11am Service The St. Michael's chapter of the Daughters of the King is excited to announce a new beginning and presence. We will be having a rededication ceremony at the 11:00 am service on January 22, 2023. This chapter began in 2012; it became inactive during the COVID pandemic. The group is looking forward to continuing their mission of Christ's Kingdom through prayer, service, and evangelism. We invite the St. Michael's community to join us in celebrating the renewal of our chapter. If you are interested in learning more about the DOK, please contact Jonea Raney at jcsrcc@gmail.com.

Confirmation Invitation St. Michael's is looking forward to welcoming Bishop Kai Ryan, who will join us at St. Michael's on Sunday, March 26, 2023, at which time she will confirm and receive youth and adults as part of her visitation to our parish. Confirmation is a sacramental rite of the Church, in which the Bishop lays hands on a person as she or he affirms their faith in Christ and their commitment to the Church.

For those already confirmed in a different apostolic tradition (for instance, in the Catholic church), the Bishop also "receives" new members into the Episcopal Church. Practically speaking, this is how one officially joins the Episcopal Church.

If you or your child are interested in being confirmed or received—or if you would like more information—please send Fr. John an email at jnewton@st-michaels.org if you have not done so already. Typically speaking, we begin confirming youth as early as the 8th grade. Classes for youth wishing to be confirmed will begin Sunday, February 5.

Congrats on First Book Publication! Parishioner and poet Thomas Smith just published his first book, *The Search for King: A Fable*. Written entirely in verse, this engaging book is all about birds who need to elect a king and learn much in their search for a leader. Filled with beautiful photos, it's perfect for children and adults alike. [Click here](#) to check it out!

A Note from Fr. John

Friends,

I wanted to let you know that I am planning a sabbatical for the summer of 2024. Taking an extended time of rest and renewal every six to seven years is strongly encouraged by the Diocese of Texas, as there is ample evidence to suggest that this will benefit both the congregation and pastor. While eighteen months from now may seem far away, I wanted to let you know because I am applying for a National Clergy Renewal grant through the Lilly foundation. Lilly asks that the pastor bring the congregation into the conversation early, and more specifically, to wonder together about a very particular question: what do we want to open our heart to as a church in Fr. John's absence? I have already formed a group of people who are helping me pray through this question and plan for the summer of 2024, but I also welcome your input. *To be very clear*, the reason I am planning this sabbatical is because I have the intention of serving as the St. Michael's rector for many years to come! Send me an email at jnewton@st-michaels.org with your thoughts!

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National Clergy Renewal Program

FAMILY LIFE



Hanging Out with Jesus | Sunday School Resumes January 8 | During 9am & 11am Services Sunday School is a place where children and their families can practice being compassionate in a community that values love and compassion. We start the new year with a new program—*Hanging Out with Jesus*. In this series, kids will be introduced to the love Jesus has for all people, including them. Jesus wants to be with us every day. He sees each of us for who we are and knows our needs before we even tell Him. Jesus offers love and care like no one else can, and His love is so great that He eventually died on the cross to save us from sin.

Ms. Amanda, our Family Minister, and the Family Ministry team welcome children and their parents at the front of the church and guide them to the Family Life Center in the Education Wing. Parents are reunited with their children in the sanctuary at the announcements—in time for communion together as a family. Questions? Contact Amanda at amanda@st-michaels.org.

Do You Have a Heart for Working with Children? Sunday School Helpers Needed Family Minister Amanda is looking for adults to serve as Sunday School helpers one or two Sundays a month. If you are interested or for more information, please email her at amanda@st-michaels.org.

Join the Acolyte Team The acolyte program is a way for our children and youth to act as liturgical leaders during our worship services—carrying the cross, lighting the candles, and more. As they offer their time and talent, they will learn more about what it means to serve God and one another, will become better acquainted with the Episcopal tradition, and will discover that they, too, are ministers of God's love.

Please email Rev. Josh (jkulak@st-michaels.org) if you have children interested in participating.

PLUG INTO OUTREACH

It Takes Many Hands to Share God's Bounty with Those in Need The SMEC Community Garden, which is on the far side of the day school, is in need of more friends to help with this ministry. The gardeners have planted broccoli, lettuce, kale, spinach, chard, garlic, onions, radishes, peas, beets, carrots, cilantro, arugula, and sorrel. All the produce goes to folks who don't have much access to fresh food. Our partner is Hope Food Pantry, a non-profit assisting Austin neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity. They love the fresh veggies! Gardeners of all ages are invited to volunteer: plant seeds, water, weed, or harvest. Great for families and individuals! Interested? Contact Beth Michaels at ebethmichaels@att.net.

Outreach Partners St. Michael's Outreach partners for 2022 were the following organizations: Seminary of the Southwest, Trinity Center, Refugee Services of Texas, Casa Marianella, Pauli Murray Scholarship, Episcopal Relief and Development, St. Michael's Day School, El Buen Samaritano, One Good Turn, Nicole's Place, St. Francis Ministries, Honduras Mission Project, Del Valle Book Project, and the SMEC garden. Look for new information soon about our 2023 partners. Throughout the year, we work closely with several of these organizations and offer ways for the parish to "plug in" and participate. Contact Harriett Choffel, Outreach Commission chair, with questions or to learn more: harriettchoffel@icloud.com.

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

The Seekers | Sundays @10:00am | Rm 4 (Education Wing) and via Zoom The Seekers meet weekly at 10:00am. They're finishing up discussion of *Job and the Mystery of Suffering: Spiritual Reflections* by Richard Rohr; look for a new book to be announced soon. Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@me.com or Phyllis Blee at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for more info. Here's the Zoom link: bit.ly/SeekersZoomLink, Passcode: 541706.

St. Michael's Book Club | Fourth Wednesdays @2:30pm 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. The group is working on an in-person meeting location. *The next meeting is January 25 in person at St. Michael's.* Here are the first titles for the new year: January—*These Precious Days* by Ann Patchett; February—*Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com or Sue Allen at tom@northcoastbrewing.com for more information.

St. Michael's Women's Potluck | January Date TBA | 6pm | Parish Hall The Women of St. Michael's are invited to gather for food and fellowship. Stay tuned for January's date. Bring a dish or adult beverage to share. If you don't have time to cook, just join us. There is always plenty of food to share. Email Becky Brindley at rmbrindley@yahoo.com or Gail Reid at reid.gail@gmail.com for more information.

Men's Pub Theology | Second Wednesdays @5:00pm | The Grove on Bee Cave Road Join the men of St. Michael's for fellowship and theological conversation. The group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at The Grove on Bee Cave Road; *the next meeting is January 11.* Contact Andy Hines at ahines@hinespool.com for more information.

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: bit.ly/SMECTuesMorningPrayer. **Passcode:** prayer.

Centering Prayer | Tuesdays @6:30 pm This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Zoom link: bit.ly/SMECCenteringPrayer; 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 All are welcome to join each Wednesday at 4:30 pm for prayer and conversation. 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: bit.ly/SMECThursBibleStudy ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

MINISTRIES

Stephen Ministry Occasionally, worry, pain, anxiety or loneliness feel relentless. Jobs, unemployment, family, or eldercare may bring unique highs and weighty lows. A caring Stephen Minister, a trained and confidential listener, not a therapist or friend, may be best equipped to hold your concerns with you for an hour each week, offering understanding, support and prayers.

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.

Photography Ministry Our photographers take on the role of capturing the special moments in the parish, may they be during worship, parish gatherings, or special events. If you're interested in helping with St. Michael's photography ministry, please email our director of communications, Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org. If you have any photos of community life or at-home worship that you'd like to share, Christine welcomes those, too. Please send via email at the highest resolution possible.

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 Theda Maxfield, who died recently, and for her daughter, Becky Brindley, and for the Maxwell family as they grieve.

For Hunter, friend of Christine, as he travels on pilgrimage to Israel.

For all victims of gun violence.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Grace, Georgetown; Jubilee Church Plant, Austin; Resurrection, Austin; San Francisco de Asis, Austin

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

The Owls used the loose parts they collected and categorized last week to build a bug and fairy village! They used problem solving skills to figure out how to use the clay as cement for their structures. They moved inside because the wind was knocking down the impressive structures. There were many conversations of what the fairies and bugs may need in their homes. The kids built toilets (three at least), playgrounds, fans, clothing and all sorts of other things they thought they may need. *Thanks to Ms. Annelise for the photos!*



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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. They are printed here and in the worship bulletins. Your dedication can be emailed to:

chavens@st-michaels.org.

Donate using the "Give Now" button on our homepage, www.st-michaels.org, or send a check to the church office at 1500 N. Capital of Texas Highway, 78746; put "altar flowers" as the memo.

GIVE TO SMEC



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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