



# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news*



FEBRUARY 5, 2023

## CONNECTING TO COMMUNION

This class, which begins this Sunday, February 5, is for all children entering 1st grade and up this year. The group will meet each week at 10:00 am for 3 Sundays to explore how we connect to Christ through the sacrament of Eucharist. On Sunday, March 5, St. Michael's will welcome participating families for a special special blessing and to receive communion together. For some, this will be a "first Communion;" for others, it will be a moment when they can feel special and absorb the importance of the sacrament. It's not too late to register by emailing Family Minister Amanda Evans Lang at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org).

the sacrament  
of the Eucharist

connecting  
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Communion



a milestone in a child's life

Sundays at 10am | Gathering Room

**FEBRUARY 5-19**

for children entering 1st grade & up

RSVP: [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org)

## NOTES



### Mark Your Calendars! Special Dates at SMEC

*Stay tuned for details to come!*

**Sunday, February 12 | Scout Sunday** Stay tuned for more details soon. We can tell you there will be homemade cobbler involved!

**Sunday, February 19 | Chancel Choir Showcase | 5:00 pm**  
Join us for a concert featuring our four scholarship singers.

**Tuesday, February 21 | Pancake Dinner 6:00-7:00pm** Join us for food & fellowship as we prepare to enter the season of Lent.

**Wednesday, February 22 | Ash Wednesday Services at 9:15am, noon, and 7:00pm**

### Lenten Speaker Series "Repentance as Grace"

#### Sundays in Lent February 26-March 26

5:00 pm Eucharist\*

5:30 pm Speaker\*

6:15 pm Refreshments

*\*In-person & livestreamed @st-michaels.org/worship-online*

**Episcopal 101 Class February 12-26** Are you an adult who's being confirmed on March 26 during the bishop's visit? Join Fr. Josh for Episcopal 101. The class will meet in the church office on Sundays Feb. 12-26 from 10-10:50am. Sessions will focus on Episcopal History, the Book of Common Prayer, and theology & the Bible. No RSVPs needed, but contact Fr. Josh at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org) if you have any questions or need childcare to attend.

## SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

FIFTH 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 Taco Sunday | Parish Hall  
The Seekers | Room 4, Ed. Wing
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
Sunday School | Ed. Wing
- 12:45 pm Bible Study | Zoom

Watch the 9:00 & 11:00am services at  
[st-michaels.org/worship-online](http://st-michaels.org/worship-online)

Readings for January 29, 2023  
Micah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31;  
Matthew 5:1-12; Psalm 15

## **Bible Study on the Book of Exodus with Fr. John | Begins February 5 | Sundays @12:45**

**& Tuesdays @noon** Fr. John will teach a Bible study on the Book of Exodus, beginning on February 5.

Week 1: Oppressed slaves and midwife heroes.

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

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## **FAMILY LIFE**



**Hanging Out with Jesus | Sunday School | 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](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org).

**Our Sunday School Classes are Growing! Sunday School Helpers Needed** Do you love working with children? Our Sunday school classes are growing, and the Family Ministry team needs adults to serve as Sunday School helpers one or two Sundays a month. If you are interested or for more information, please email Amanda Evans Lang, our family minister, at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org).

## Scenes from Fr. Josh's Ordination

Saturday, January 21, at 10:30 am, our curate, Fr. Josh Kulak, was ordained into the priesthood in the Episcopal Church. What a special moment in the life of St. Michael's! Fr. Josh sends a big thank you to all who helped make that morning so wonderful! Here are some snapshots of that morning. *Thanks to Joel Lang for his excellent photography skills.*



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:harriettchoffel@icloud.com).

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## 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](mailto:harriettchoffel@me.com) or Phyllis Bles at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more info. Here's the Zoom link: [bit.ly/SeekersZoomLink](https://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 now meeting *in person at St. Michael's*. Here is the title for February—*Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at [rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com](mailto:rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com) or Sue Allen at [tom@northcoastbrewing.com](mailto:tom@northcoastbrewing.com) for more information.

**St. Michael's Women's Potluck | Next 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](mailto:rmbrindley@yahoo.com) or Gail Reid at [reid.gail@gmail.com](mailto: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 February 8*. Contact Andy Hines at [ahines@hinespool.com](mailto: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](https://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](https://bit.ly/SMECCenteringPrayer); passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees with questions: [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:mary.r.healy@gmail.com). Zoom Link: [bit.ly/SMECThursBibleStudy](https://bit.ly/SMECThursBibleStudy) ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

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## 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](http://www.st-michaels.org/stephen-ministry). If you'd like a Stephen Minister, please contact Jeff Robinson ([jarobinson100@gmail.com](mailto:jarobinson100@gmail.com)), Julie de Wette ([julie@losmadrone.com](mailto:julie@losmadrone.com)), or Fr. John Newton ([jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org)).

**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 but went on hiatus during COVID. They are meeting regularly again. If you're interested in learning more about the group, please contact Jonea Raney at [jcsrrech@gmail.com](mailto:jcsrrech@gmail.com).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## DAY SCHOOL PHOTO OF THE WEEK

The children scooped lentils and rolled them down our ramp in the sensory bin! This was a popular activity and kept our friends talking together about what they were doing. *Thanks to Ms. Jessica for the photo!*



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## THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Please email Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org) with prayer requests or to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.

### Parish Prayer List

For Roger Williams, who is recovering from emergency heart surgery; for Sherry, his wife, at this trying time.

For Mary Parse and the Bichteler family as they inter Klaus Bichteler on Saturday.

For Trish Thompson, who is undergoing surgery on Feb. 9.

For Karen Whitty, who is recovering from recent surgery.

For all those in Texas affected by the ice storm.

For Barry Fisette and Kirby Watson, friends of Tom Bray, who are struggling with serious health issues.

Congratulations to Caitlin & Dillon Houstoun, who have welcomed another little boy into their family.

For Saint Francis Ministries as they prepare to receive children into their new residential treatment facility in Lubbock.

For One Good Turn as they continue to provide medical care and medical education in underserved communities across the world.

In thanksgiving for our incoming vestry members, Meg Abbott, Tim Hendricks, Bob Moody, Carol Rosser, and for Hilary Bellm, who is replacing Ben DeLeon for the last two years of his term.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. James', Taylor; St. Joan of Arc, Pflugerville; St. John's, Austin

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

## ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God, and by the Bichteler family in loving memory of Klaus.*

Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. Your dedication can be emailed to: [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org).

Donate using the "Give Now" button on our homepage, [www.st-michaels.org](http://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](mailto: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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