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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

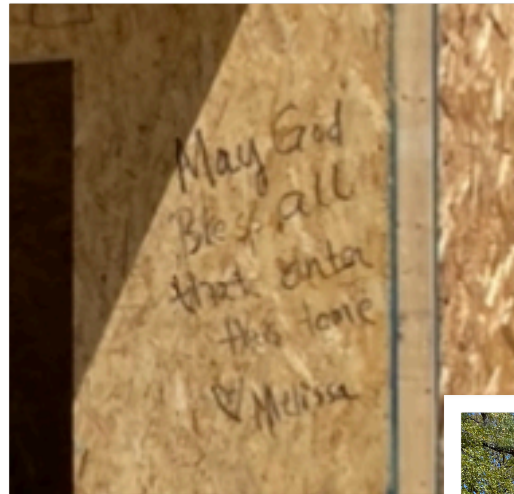


SMEC Outreach Spotlight



ST. MICHAEL'S COMPLETES 3-YEAR PLEDGE TO COMMUNITY FIRST VILLAGE

Recently, St. Michael's completed its 3-year pledge of \$30,000 to Community First Village in East Austin. This gift helped volunteers, like parishioner Ken Choffel, working with CFV, to complete over 60 tiny houses, along with gifts from other generous organizations. St. Michael's continues to partner with Community First Village and Mobile Loaves & Fishes as part of our call of grace and connection to every *one*.



Community First Village is a living example of a community in action and is on the front line of helping to move people into desirable homes in the Austin area. *Thank you, St. Michael's, for being a part of this community by your extravagant giving.*

Each house is initially constructed using prefab wall panels and then finished with uniquely colored exteriors, thereby creating a diverse neighborhood of homes. Every home has a porch to encourage interaction between neighbors.



NOTES

March 6 | "When Grace Abounds"
Trisha Taylor, author, *The Leader's Journey*

March 13 | "Grace and Goodness"
Dr. Scott Bader-Saye, Professor of Christian Ethics, SSW

March 20 | "Gracious Cursing"
Dr. Rebecca Poe Hays, Professor of Christian Scriptures, Baylor

March 27 | "Grace as Gift"
Dr. Anthony Baker, Professor of Theology, SSW

April 3 | "Grace and Grief"
The Rev. Kelly Koonce, Founder, *Life after Loss*

**TRUSTING
IN
Grace**

SUNDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

5:00 pm Eucharist
5:30 pm Speaker
6:15 pm Refreshments

Childcare & programming available

Mark Your Calendars! Trusting in Grace, our Lenten Speaker Series, Starts Sunday, March 6 Our series this year is called *Trusting in Grace*, and will be a hybrid experience, both in person and online. Each Sunday evening in Lent, folks are invited to gather in the sanctuary at 5pm for a Eucharist service, followed by the guest speaker at 5:30, and then all are welcome in the parish hall for fellowship, food, and further conversation around 6:15pm. Childcare and youth programming will be available.



Save Your Appetite! Cobbler Sunday

February 27 | 10am hour The Boy Scouts are getting ready for an annual SMEC tradition that's been on hiatus during the pandemic—Cobbler Sunday in the parish hall during coffee hour. This is also our next Fourth Sunday 4 families. While you are enjoying homemade cobbler, join the Family Ministry team to make bags for foster kids in transition. These bags will be given to the Together We Rise organization, who help foster kids have a better life.

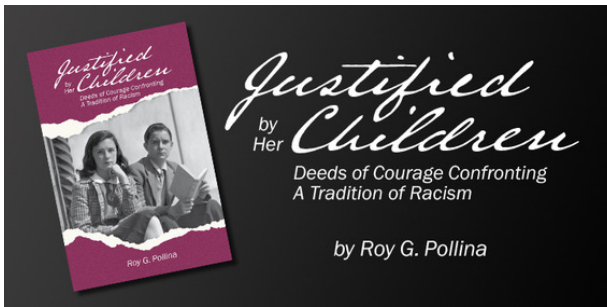
Mardi Gras



Pancake Supper

MARCH 1 6:00PM PARISH HALL

All are welcome! No charge



Author Presentation: The Rev. Roy G. Pollina, *Justified by Her Children* | March 8 | 6:00pm

Parish Hall St. Michael's welcomes the Rev. Roy G. Pollina, retired rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Martinsville, Virginia. He is the author of *Justified by Her Children: Deeds of Courage Confronting a Tradition of Racism*, just published by Whaler Books. Fr. Pollina just received the 2022 Silver Award for *Justified* from the Illumination Book Awards, and it was recently reviewed in *Anglican & Episcopal History*, a journal of

the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church; [click here](#) to read it. A big thanks to the Outreach Commission for sponsoring Fr. Pollina's visit; we hope you'll join us. The event will be in person and livestreamed.

Starry Nights and Camp Fire Lights Austin, Thursday, May 5, 6:30 pm at County Line Barbecue on Lake Austin, Benefiting Camp Allen's Summer Camp

All are invited to this fun-filled evening under the stars to raise scholarship funds to send kids to camp. Hundreds of children are able to attend Camp Allen each year only through the support of this scholarship fund. The Very Rev. Dr. Cynthia Kittredge, Dean and President of the Seminary of the Southwest will also be honored at this event. To purchase tickets, underwrite the event, or for more information, visit Camp Allen's website: <https://www.campallen.org/starry-nights.html>.
Submitted by the Rev. Miles Brandon

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.

PLUG INTO OUTREACH

Outreach Update In February, thanks to your generosity, the Outreach Commission approved providing financial support to 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, Honduras Book Project, Del Valle Book Project, and the SMEC garden. Throughout the year, we will try to establish deeper relationships with several of these organizations and offer ways for the parish to "plug in" and participate. Stay tuned!

Submitted by Harriett Choffel

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.

**YOUTH
CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

8TH GRADE & UP

5-WEEK SERIES NOW THROUGH MARCH 6

SUNDAYS AT 10AM IN ROOM 8 (EDUCATION WING)

LED BY THE REV. HOPE BENKO

BREAKFAST TACOS & SNACKS

RSVP: [JNEWTON@ST-MICHAELS.ORG](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org)

the sacrament
of the Eucharist

connecting
to
Communion



a milestone in a child's life

Sundays at 10am | Gathering Room
NOW THROUGH MARCH 6
for children entering 1st grade & up
RSVP: amanda@st-michaels.org

Vacation Bible Camp—Save the Date! It's not too early to get excited about VBC, which happens the week of August 1! This year's theme is Catch the Wave. Registration opens April 1. Contact Family Minister Amanda at Amanda@st-michael's.org for more details.

Camp Allen Summer Camp Registration Now Open! Now is the perfect time to register your child or grandchild for a great week of camp at Camp Allen. The season begins in June, and sessions fill up quickly! For more information, or to register, click here: <https://www.campallen.org/summercamp.html>.

Sunday School @9:00 & 11:00 am 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 you will be reunited in the sanctuary in time for communion together as a family.

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

Rector's Bible Study: 1 & 2 Peter | Tuesdays @noon | Sundays @12:45 pm Did the Apostle Peter write the letters that bear his name? For a lively discussion of this and other questions about these lesser-known epistles, join Fr. John this spring on Tuesdays or Sundays now through March 6. Zoom info: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84620183719?pwd=ait6RFhzZFIRY2RxR0FqWTFvZ0JmUT09>, Meeting ID: 846 2018 3719, Passcode: bible.

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. February's meeting is on the 23rd and the book is *My Remarkable Journey*, by Katherine Johnson. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com for more information and for the Zoom link. March's book is *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich.

The Seekers | Sundays @12:30 pm | Zoom only + New Book The group is finishing the book *Divine Science: Finding Reason at the Heart of Faith*, by Michael Dennin, a physicist. **On February 27**, they start reading *Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus*, by Michael Curry, currently presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church. Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@me.com or Phyllis Blees at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for more info. Here's the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>, Passcode: 541706.

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=SGRmQXhoYlIXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; 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=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tlb04wUFVHUT09>. **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=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>; 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=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgvK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

Can you guess what book inspired the Lambs exploration this week? Thanks to Miss Rebecca Beavers for the photos.



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 Joe Bondurant, father of Tammy Gross; he has a shoulder infection that isn't responding to antibiotics.

For Marvin & Donna DeMoss, who have COVID and are currently quarantined.

In thanksgiving for 4 years of clean scans and tumor-markers for Helen Mayhew.

For all those who live in Community First Village; for those who volunteer and otherwise give; for those who made it a reality.

For all who experienced gun violence.

COVID-19

For Michelle

For Richard Crawford, hospitalized with COVID pneumonia and other health issues.

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: St. Luke's on the Lake, Austin; St. Mark's, Austin; St. Mary Magdalene, Manor

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

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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.

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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Genesis 45:3-11, 15

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Luke 6:27-38

Psalms 37:1-12, 41-42

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Instagram: stmichaels_atx

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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.*