



THE TRUMPET

AN INSTRUMENT OF GOOD NEWS

APRIL 3, 2022
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

EASTER AT SMEC!

Here's what's happening at St. Michael's. Holy Week begins on April 10 with Palm Sunday services at 7:45, 9:00, and 11:00am, then an intergenerational Easter Countdown program in the afternoon. It's going to be one A-MAZING day! We continue into Holy Week, and finally arrive at Easter Sunday, ready to rejoice in Jesus Christ's resurrection together! —Christine Havens, Director of Communications



An
EASTER
Countdown
BIG enough for the whole family!

SUNDAY, APRIL 10
4-6PM
PARISH HALL

pizza to follow

Palm Sunday?

Maundy Thursday?

Good Friday?

A high-energy, wonder-filled walk through Holy Week for children, teenagers, parents, and grandparents.

Questions? Email Amanda Evans Lang, Family Minister, at amanda@st-michaels.org

Holy Week Services

all livestreamed at www.st-michaels.org

Maundy Thursday

7pm

Good Friday

Noon & 7pm

Holy Saturday

Noon

Worship

9am

11am

streamed at www.st-michaels.org

wiggle bags & gathering room
no sunday school



Egg Hunt

10am

12pm



bring your own basket!

NOTES

Bishop's Visit & Taco Sunday! April 3

Bishop Andy Doyle, is visiting St. Michael's on April 3 during the 11am service. The Diocese of Texas has 4 bishops, and Bishop Doyle is the primary one, and since we're such a large diocese, he only visits once every 2 or 3 years. He's a great preacher and very chill. All are invited to this joyful occasion—we'll have confirmation of youth and adults, not to mention it's Taco Sunday!



Easter Eggs to Stuff—We Need You! Ms. Amanda and the Family Ministry team need your help to prep MANY eggs for children to hunt on Easter Sunday. You can still pick up bags of plastic eggs to fill with candy or other treats, and return to Ms. Amanda by Palm Sunday. NO jaw breakers or hard candy like Jolly Ranchers that are easy for little ones to choke on.

If you'd like to order online, here is a link to Ms. Amanda's Pre-filled Easter Egg Wish List: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2Q7PG5B76IX5T?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_pHgDFJJSqkX3K. Thank you!

Drop off filled eggs in the baskets in the narthex by April 10, Palm Sunday.

Youth Group Countdown-to-Easter Study Sundays 5:00-6:15 pm | Now through April 3

Family Life Center All youth are welcome to join Ms. Grayson for a 4-week study now through April 3. Learn more about Jesus' last days as we count down to Easter! The time coincides with our Lenten Speaker Series, and we have formation or activity options for the entire family at 5:00 pm, and then all are invited to come together for a delicious dinner at 6:15 in the parish hall.

Easter Lily Dedications Easter lily dedications are a lovely way to remember and celebrate those who are always in your heart. If you'd like to have your dedication in the Easter Sunday bulletins, please email to Christine at chavens@st-michaels.org by **5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 6.**

SUNDAY AT ST. MICHAEL'S

April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Lent

- 7:45 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
- 10:00 am Taco Sunday | Parish Hall
The Seekers | Bride's Rm & Zoom
- 11:00 am Bishop's Visit & Confirmation
- 12:45 pm Bible Study--Ephesians | Zoom
led by the Rev. Dr. Philip Turner

TRUSTING IN GRACE: LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES

- 5:00 pm Eucharist | Sanctuary
Youth Group Study | Family Life Ctr
Children's activities | Gathering Rm
- 5:30 pm The Rev. Kelly Koonce | Sanctuary
- 6:15 pm Dinner & refreshments | Parish Hall

Watch the 9:00 & 11:00 am services and the Lenten Speaker Series online at www.st-michaels.org/worship-online



Come for Kelly
Koonce.
stay for the
taco bar.

Readings for the Fifth Sunday in Lent:
Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14;
John 12:1-8; Psalm 126

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'
*In-person & livestreamed
6:15 pm Refreshments

Activities available for children & youth

ST. MICHAEL'S PRESENTS TRUSTING IN GRACE, OUR 2022 LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES

The Collect for the third Sunday in Lent begins with an acknowledgment that we “have no power in ourselves to help ourselves.” As we prepare our hearts yet again to find grace and hope in the empty tomb, how might we be intentional about our spiritual practice, all the while growing in a life of trust that God’s “glory is always to have mercy?” Five lay and clergy speakers share their thoughts in the St. Michael’s sanctuary following a brief Eucharist service. Join us in person or via livestream on our website.

Dinner will be served in the parish hall afterward—this Sunday, Trish & Michael Thompson are preparing baked ziti, with Italian sausage & peppers and from-scratch meatballs on the side. Andy Hines’ special toasted garlic bread, a cranberry kale salad, and dark fudge brownies for dessert round out the meal. *Ms. Amanda will have children’s activities in the parish hall beginning at 5pm; youth can join our student director, Grayson, in the Family Life Center for games.* You can learn more about all our speakers here: www.st-michaels.org/lenten-speaker-series.

April 3 “Grace and Grief” Grief is among the most universal of human experiences; it is also among the most painful. There is simply no way around it: we will lose what we love, and it can be devastating. And yet, if it is true that we are made by God through and for love, and that grief is an inevitable consequence of that love, then grief is somehow fundamental to being fully human. Together we will explore the dynamics of love and loss and pursue the possibility that grief, when honored and integrated into our lives with compassion and care, can be a gift, a unique and powerful means of transformation, growth, and grace.

The Rev. Kelly Koonce is an Episcopal priest, spiritual director, and grief educator who currently serves as the founder and Executive Director of Life After Loss, a nonprofit organization that offers grief support services to underserved communities throughout the Austin area. He graduated from the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas, and pursued postgraduate studies in Christian spirituality at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. Kelly is a Certified Grief Recovery Specialist® and has studied extensively with Dr. Alan Wolfelt at the Center for Loss and Life Transition in Fort Collins, Colorado.



FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

Spring Bible Study: Ephesians | Sundays @12:45 pm Join the Rev. Dr. Philip Turner for a 5-week study on Ephesians. Zoom info: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84620183719?pwd=ait6RFhzZFRlRY2R0FqWTFvZ0JmUT09>, Meeting ID: 846 2018 3719; passcode: bible.

Spring Bible Study: Lectionary Readings | Tuesdays @noon Fr. John leads a lectionary reading study on Tuesdays. Zoom info: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84620183719?pwd=ait6RFhzZFRlRY2R0FqWTFvZ0JmUT09>, 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. For April 27, the group will read *Apeirogon* by Colum McCann. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com for more information and for the Zoom link.

UPDATE! The Seekers | Sundays @10:00am | In person and via Zoom The Seekers just began reading *Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus*, by Michael Curry, currently the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church. Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@me.com or Phyllis Bles 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=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tib04wUFVHUT09>. 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 Bles 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=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgVkdXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

FAMILY LIFE

Sunday School @9:00 & 11:00 am 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 your children off with Ms. Amanda, our family minister, at the front doors of the church, and you will be reunited in the sanctuary in time for communion together as a family.

SUMMER @SMEC



GRACE & GRITS | JUSTICE CAMP-IN
JUNE 26-29, 2022
INCOMING 6TH GRADERS & UP



MAKE WAVES | VACATION BIBLE CAMP
AUGUST 1-5, 2022
3 YEARS-5TH GRADE

Our 2022 Student Ministry Camp is four days (9am-9pm) of exploring the biblical mandate of Grace and Mercy while discovering our personal passions surrounding justice. This year's summer camp will explore topics of diversity, inclusion, equity, and justice all while engaging with Austin's grassroots and social service organizations. An incredible mixture of EPIC fun, workshops with local leaders, and community building hijinks, we are striving to build a community of students with hearts fully tethered to justice and mercy.

Registration fee: \$495

WE CAN NOT WAIT for VBC!

Join us August 1-5, from 1-4 pm each day, for the most exciting week in Family Ministry. Games, stories, crafts, games, music, friends, and more fun than this description can contain.

\$25 Registration fee includes T-shirt and Snacks.

Please email amanda@st-michaels.org for scholarship info or to volunteer.

Click here to register:

<https://stmichaelsfamily.churchcenter.com/registrations>

PLUG INTO OUTREACH

Spring Book Drive for Del Valle Elementary Time to start collecting books for elementary students to enrich their summer reading options. We need pre-K to 2nd grade in English and in Spanish as well as bilingual ones and 2nd-5th grade chapter books for Del Valle Elementary School. *Drop off will be in the church entrance (narthex) on April 24 and May 1; please do not drop books off until then.* Our goal is 2,000 books; we're half way there thanks to a 1,000 book donation from Half Price Books. Let's meet the challenge—we've done it before. Enrich a child's life—give the gift of reading! Questions? Email Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@me.com.

Trinity Center Update St. Michael's have committed to provide sack lunches one time per month through December for Trinity Center. We need five people/families to make a total of 40 sack lunches each month. These can be delivered directly to Trinity Center or Harriett Choffel can assist you with delivery. Remaining dates available: June 1; September 1; October 1; November 1; December 1. If you're interested, contact Marsha Hart (mhartsales@outlook.com).

Support for Episcopal Relief & Development Work in Ukraine Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with Anglican agencies and ecumenical partners to meet the urgent humanitarian needs of Ukrainians fleeing violence in Europe. Thanks to your extravagant generosity, St. Michael's just gave \$1500 toward those needs. ERD has expressed its gratitude to us and to all who have joined in to make a difference.

Outreach Partners St. Michael's Outreach partners for 2022 are 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. 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!

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.

DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

Magic and laughter abounded this week in the day school. Thanks to Miss Jennifer 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 Raye Allen, Ki Allen's mother, who passed away recently; for Ki and the Allen family as they grieve.

For our 15 confirmands, who will be confirmed this Sunday, April 3, when the bishop visits during the 11am service.

For Tom and family, friends of Joni Greeson, as Tom begins cancer treatment.

For Dan & Sara Havens, parents of Christine, as they travel from Texas to Iowa over the next 2 weeks.

For Episcopal Relief & Development and all the work they do, especially for their work in the Ukraine.

For the Trinity Center staff and neighbors.

For all victims of gun violence.

“We pray in solidarity with all children of God who are now in harm’s way. I invite you to pray with me for peace—and for a world where we all join hands and ‘strive for justice and peace and respect the dignity of every human being.’” —From Presiding Bishop Michael Curry’s prayer for the Ukraine

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Peter’s, Brenham; St. Philip’s, Hearne; St. Thomas’, College Station.

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

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar is bare during Lent. Please consider dedicating Easter lilies or choosing a date later in the year.

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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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.

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