

THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for the community

OCTOBER 3, 2021

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME TO GENEROSITY SUNDAYS!

October 3 kicks off stewardship season at St. Michael's, and I am so excited to welcome you into this special time. Each week, in a variety of ways—in person, in the Trumpet, via social media—we'll share stories from parishioners, like you, whose extravagant generosity in the form of a financial commitment has empowered St. Michael's to spread beauty and love, offer connection and support, provide worship and pastoral care, and more, to our local community and beyond. Looking forward to this part of the year's journey with you.

—Christine Havens, Assistant for Communications & Administration



Get to know Clark Whitty, Sunday's Lay Witness

Karen, my wife of 27 years, and I have been members at St. Michael's since 2018. We've been blessed with two wonderful sons, Nicholas and Christopher. I hold a BBA from Texas State University and currently work in product management for a software company based in California. I'm honored to serve St. Michael's as junior warden.

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Generosity Wednesdays Bible Study

- 6:00 am "Generous Life" devotional by staff sent
- 6:00 pm Bible study with Fr. John on that day's reading

Oct. 6	The Rev. Hope Benko	Luke 17:11-19
Oct. 13	The Rev. Elizabeth Turner	Luke 7:36-50
Oct. 20	Amanda Evans Lang	Luke 6:38
Oct. 27	Christine Havens	1 Corinthians 3:18-19

Extravagant
GENEROSITY

ZOOM INFO

Meeting ID: 891 5541 1211

Passcode: 291411

DID YOU KNOW? FR. JOHN'S FUN STEWARDSHIP FACTS

87% of budgeted revenue in the St. Michael's budget comes from people who make a pledge to the church, whereas only .3% comes from the loose offering (money placed in the offering plate).

Taco Sunday
1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

**st. francis day
pet blessing**

SUNDAY, OCT. 3
4:00 PM

Bring your pet(s) and help us keep the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi!
Blessings and goodies for your beloved companions in the courtyard.

Pet Food Drive for Austin Animal Center
Dog/cat treats
Canned/dry food

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NOTES

Successful Eagle Project Book Drive Jackson Russell, from St. Michael's Boy Scout Troop 30, accomplished his Eagle Project this past August, which was to assist St. Michael's one of the church's outreach projects—a book drive. Jackson was assisted by 15 other Troop 30 scouts and 7 Troop 30 adults.

This year, 3,225 children's books were collected for Del Valle Elementary School. These books will be distributed throughout Del Valle ISD. Hundreds of children, many of whom are economically disadvantaged, will be positively impacted by this outreach. Principal Maines, in the elementary school, was very appreciative of our continued efforts.

Additionally, the project collected over 1,000 books for Inside Books—a prison ministry that accepts certain types of books designed to provide Texas inmates with a variety of reading materials. Lastly, an additional 1,000+ books meant for the Community First Library were provided to the Salvation Army instead due to COVID restrictions.

Jackson and Troop 30 thank St. Michael's for supporting them by providing meeting and storage facilities. Without St. Michael's—your—extravagant generosity, Troop 30 would be unable to support our community with projects such as this book drive. *Submitted by James & Jackson Russell*



Generosity Wednesdays Bible Study with Fr. John Zoom Link Fr. John invites all to join him each Wednesday for a discussion of that week's Generous Life staff devotional. Here are the Zoom link and passcode: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89155411211?pwd=S0c3Y2VrbWRWN29UcVZMM3RwRDY1UT09;291411>.

Save the Date—Six Flags Youth Trip! On Saturday, October 23, youth in 6th and up are invited to a trip to Six Flags! The group will depart from St. Michael's at 1:00 pm and return to campus at 12:00 am. \$50 (scholarships available), which includes park admission, dinner, snack, and drinks. Contact Family Minister Amanda at amanda@st-michaels.org or Student Minister Michael at mwiggin@st-michaels.org for more information or to register.

A Ritual of Grief | October 17, 24, November 7, and 14 | 5:00 - 6:30 pm | Lakeway Church Fellowship Building, Rm 208, 2203 Lakeway Boulevard, 78734 | by Dr. Gena St. David, Director of the Loise Henderson Wessendorff Center for Christian Ministry and Vocation One way we can be present to one another's grief in this time of change and loss is by gathering for a simple ritual in four movements: Sadness, Anger, Light, and Thanksgiving. The people of St. Michael's are invited to gather together with our brothers and sisters in Christ four times, that we might move through each of these four movements in community. For more information contact Paul Johnson, Vicar of the Episcopal Church of the Cross, at 512-695-2803 or paul@ecclt.org.

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Rector's Bible Study: Paul's Letter to the Romans

Join Fr. John Newton this fall and take a deep dive into this literary and theological masterpiece!

100% ZOOM

Tuesdays at Noon August-December
Sundays at 12:45pm August-December

ZOOM INFO

Meeting ID: 842 9031 0446
Passcode: 582175

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

Seekers Book Group The Seekers are currently reading *Mary Magdalene Revealed: The First Apostle, Her Feminist Gospel & the Christianity We Haven't Tried Yet* by Meggan Watterson, a WSJ bestseller about the gospel attributed to Mary and about her role in Christian tradition. The group meets at **12:00 pm each Sunday** and all are welcome. *Interested in joining the group?* Contact Phyllis Blees at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for more info. Here's the book group Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>, Passcode: 541706.

St. Michael's Women's Virtual Potluck The SMEC Women's Virtual Potluck group is now gathering 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! *The next meeting is September 13 via Zoom.* Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019837778?pwd=SGRmQXhoYlIXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; passcode is 242636.

St. Michael's Book Club Looking for fellowship and conversation? Love reading? Join the SMEC Book Club! The group meets on September 29 to discuss *The Library Book*, by master nonfictionist, Susan Orlean. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com for more information and for the Zoom link.

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.

Rector's Bible Study—Paul's Letter to the Romans: Tuesdays @noon; Sundays @12:45 pm

Join Fr. John Newton this fall and take a deep dive into this literary and theological masterpiece. Zoom info: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84290310446?pwd=WG1iK0t6WfVITjdNVTYyTk41S29yZz09> Meeting ID: 842 9031 0446 Passcode: 582175

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=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjIVU3YyZz09>; 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=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgvK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

FAMILIES & STUDENTS

Amanda Evans Lang, family minister, and Michael Wiggin, student minister, invite 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.

Hilltop Kids Sunday School

Children 5th grade and younger are invited each Sunday at the 9:00 & 11:00 am services to learn Bible stories and do fun projects. In October, special attention will be given to learning about generosity. The Family Ministry team will be outside to greet them and lead them into the education wing. They'll rejoin their parents in the sanctuary at the announcements. Youth are welcome to join, too!

Family Ministry Volunteers Needed!

Family Minister Amanda is looking for some volunteers to help with prep work. If you enjoy being crafty, helping with tasks like mailing postcards and organizing supplies, and are available during the week, please contact her at amanda@st-michaels.org.

MINISTRIES

Stephen Ministry

Would you like a caring person to be with you steadfastly, in and through a hard time in your life? Consider asking for a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministry is a free, confidential program that provides Christian care to hurting people with our congregation and surrounding community. 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.

DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

Such an adorable week at the day school. Wednesday was picture day so everyone dressed up! The Lamb class played with creepy crawlies on the light board. A big thanks to Teacher Jessica and Interim Director Rebecca for these 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

In thanksgiving for the birth of Ken and Harriett's 9th grandchild, Lucy.

In thanksgiving for the birth of James, grandson to Kathy & Doug Wiggin, and nephew to Michael Wiggin.

For Dan & Sara Havens, who will be starting their month-long journey from Iowa to Texas next week.

For all victims of gun violence.

COVID-19

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. Mark's, Beaumont; St. Paul's, Orange; St. Paul's, Woodville

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in Wales

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God. Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. 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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GENEROSITY SUNDAY #1

Genesis 1:1-4; 26-27; 31

Acts 20:32-35

Matthew 22:15-22

Psalms 8:1-5

FOLLOW ST. MICHAEL'S ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: @St.Michaels.Austin

Instagram: stmichaels_atx

Twitter: StMichaelsEpiscopal @StMichaelsATX

CONNECT TO THE WIDER CHURCH

Episcopal Diocese of Texas (EDOT): www.epicenter.org

The Episcopal Church (TEC): www.episcopalchurch.org

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.*