



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for our community

OCTOBER 4, 2020

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“Go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage. Do good, be rich in helping, be **extravagantly generous.**” —1 Timothy 6:18 (The Message)

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY AT SMEC

As you might expect, I am a word person. Exploring the etymology, the origin, of a given word is so life-giving because it gives me room to play and to wander. So I had to look up “extravagant” and have fallen in love with the obsolete definition, used in medieval times: “wandering beyond bounds.” Extravagant is definitely a word I would use to describe the culture here at St. Michael’s, regardless of whether we are formally in stewardship season. This community is wandering beyond the bounds in so many ways, many of which have been shared in this space. More of these stories will be shared here and on social media throughout the month of October. Fr. John will encourage you, in a variety of ways, to continue the amazing extravagant generosity you have already been practicing and to explore what bounds you will wander beyond in this next year. In addition, in these next four weeks, parishioners will bear witness in the 10:30 am service; you will learn about them on the front page, too.

As a beneficiary of St. Michael’s generosity, I want to say how grateful I am to be here with you and I look forward to journeying with this community in 2021 and beyond.

—Christine Havens, *Assistant for Administration & Communication*

BEARING WITNESS: MARGARITA ARROYO

Margarita Arroyo and her husband, Eric, have been attending St. Michael’s since January 2019. Their son, Isaiah, is back home, completing his last year of college online. He plans to finish his Finance and Computer Science degree from Centre College in the Spring of 2021. Margarita and Eric have served as lay readers at the 11:00 am service in pre-COVID times and have helped on several committees. Margarita works in San Antonio as Director of La Misión Family Healthcare Clinic which includes medical, dental, and behavioral health services.



STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

A special thank you to this year’s stewardship commission! SMEC very much appreciates the extravagant generosity of your time and talents.

- ◆ Melissa Agnese
- ◆ Thomas Carstens
- ◆ Donna Emery
- ◆ Chuck McDonald
- ◆ Holly Hargis
- ◆ Tracy Helms
- ◆ Ian Shelton
- ◆ Michael Donegan (*vestry liaison*)

Pledge cards for 2021 will be mailed on October 23 and will be available on our website the following week.

NOTES

WORSHIP SERVICES *All our services follow COVID-19 precautions as outlined by the Diocese of Texas and the City of Austin.*

CHECK-IN INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES Heading to campus for in-person worship? Please text “SMEC” to 312-487-3550 *each week and follow the text prompt, please include your name and the service you plan to attend. Check in at anytime, right up to the service.* This simply allows us to contact folks if we have a COVID-19 exposure and in case of weather issues. We certainly won’t turn anyone away. Here is a link to the website, which has a more detailed how-to: <https://www.st-michaels.org/checkin-1>. We’ll have a table on Sunday mornings if you need assistance. If you’ve checked in successfully using your phone, just grab a bulletin and you’re all set!

COURTYARD EUCHARIST A spoken Rite I Eucharist that begins at **8:00 am**. Seating is provided.

PICNIC CHURCH This completely outdoor service, complete with blankets and wiggle baskets for the kids, happens every Sunday at **9:15 am** in the courtyard. Bring your own chairs.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II WITH MUSIC Join us in the sanctuary at **10:30 am** for this service, which is in-person and livestreamed on our website.

ST. FRANCIS DAY PET BLESSING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, FROM 4:00-5:00 PM Bring your pet(s) for a blessing in celebration of St. Francis. You have the option of a blessing in the courtyard or you and your pets may stay in your vehicle to receive a blessing. We’ll have medals and treats for your beloved feathered or furry pets! At the 10:30 am service, we’ll show a video compiled of the photos you’ve sent and have a virtual blessing. It’s not too late to show us your pets—the deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 30.

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON VESTRY? The St. Michael’s vestry (akin to an organization’s board) has the role of tending to the financial and organizational health of the church. Qualification for serving on vestry is based on the canons of the church, as well as alignment with the core values we have for our leadership. If you would like more information on how new vestry members are selected or are interesting in serving, please contact Father John Newton at jnewton@st-michaels.org. Vestry members are elected to a three-year term at our annual parish meeting in January.

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS The Altar Guild has been keeping the altar looking lovely with colorful arrangements during these last months. Just as a reminder, sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. Dedications can be emailed to the office: chavens@st-michaels.org. Your donation can be mailed to the church office or you can use the “Give” page of our website, <https://www.st-michaels.org/take-action>, clicking the “Give Online Here” button, and choosing the “Flowers” option from the drop down box.

ADULT FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

RECTOR’S BIBLE STUDY: THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES TUESDAYS & SUNDAYS @NOON What was the early church like? How did Christianity spread? What can we learn about the church’s mission today by studying the acts and actions of Jesus’s first apostles? These are just a few of the questions we will explore over a period of 14 weeks, **September 8-December 13**. Sessions will be recorded and made available on YouTube for those who cannot attend a live one. Click the link for the full [syllabus](#). Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84133373380>.

ST. MICHAEL’S BOOK CLUB All are invited! October’s book selection is [Blessings](#), by Anna Quindlen. The gathering happens on **October 28 at 2:30 pm**. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com for more information and for the Zoom link.

ST. MICHAEL'S VIRTUAL POTLUCK Table fellowship with friends via Zoom—women of all ages are welcome to join. Alternate **Monday evenings at 6:00 pm** every other week. 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 with Mother Minerva each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/506672577> or Dial by your location: +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston).

EVENING PRAYER, WEDNESDAYS @4:30 PM Led by Fr. John each Wednesday at 4:30 pm. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082768969> or look for the information in our weekly Tuesday e-news.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY @1:00 pm This informal group discusses the Daily Office readings—drop in anytime! Led by Mtr. Minerva Camarena Skeith, mskeith@st-michaels.org, Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/210182059>.

CENTERING PRAYER ON TUESDAY EVENINGS This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. You can learn more about this ancient Christian practice at [Heart of Texas Contemplative Outreach](#). Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees with questions: phyllis.blees@gmail.com.

SEEKERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP The Seekers are currently reading *Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation* by Richard Rohr and Mike Morrell. They meet at **9:15 am each Sunday**. The Zoom link is the same as for Center Prayer. Please email Phyllis Blees at phyllis.blees@gmail.com with any questions.

STUDENT MINISTRY

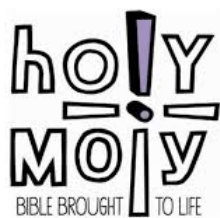
SUNDAY SCHOOL & EYC

Sunday School continues at 2:45 pm, both outdoors on campus and via Zoom. Please email Luis Rivas, Student Minister, at LRivas@st-michaels.org if you're attending on Zoom.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) is at 4:00 pm and will be gathering outdoors, too. Check the Student Ministry webpage at www.st-michaels.org/students for more information or contact Luis at lrvivas@st-michaels.org.

PARENTS & STUDENTS—STAY IN THE KNOW! FOLLOW AUSTIN AREA EYC ON INSTAGRAM! The Austin Area EYC continues having fun activities at a safe distance. Follow [@austin_eyc](#) on Instagram to stay connected to future opportunities for virtual worship and fun with other Episcopal youth from around the city. Direct Message on Instagram for Zoom links. Please contact Luis Rivas, Student Minister, at lrvivas@st-michaels.org for more news about youth group happenings.

FAMILY MINISTRY



HOLY MOLY! SUNDAYS FOR KIDS @12:15-12:45 PM Discover, Relate, and Connect—the three core ideas of Holy Moly! Children are introduced to Bible story characters through animated videos, open Bibles, and lively discussion. Right now, Sunday School is online. Parents, email Amanda Evans Lang, Family Minister, at amanda@st-michaels.org for the Zoom link if you'd your children to participate in this creative and inspiring program. For more about our Family Ministry program, go to www.st-michaels.org/family-ministry.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

NEW PRAYERS

For Mike Stokes, son-in-law of Christine H., who has a bacterial infection.
Safe travels for Dan & Sara Havens, as they journey from Iowa to Texas.

COVID-19

For Gary & Daisy, friends of Mary Hermes; they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 as has Fr. Robert, their parish priest.
For Rob Rhodes, college friend of Donna & Bill Hulse, who recently died of COVID-19.
For the Jacob and Abramo families.
For all children and teachers during this unexpected style of attending school.
For Suzanne, who is struggling with loneliness and isolation during this time, and for all who struggle with these issues.
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 Stuart Wiggin, Rosa, J'aime, and Patty, who are keeping healthcare services running.
Miriam Carrillo, and Alfred Carrillo, sister and brother of José, whose livelihoods have been affected by the public emergency.
For Hannah M.
For Ed Erdman.

RESOURCES

MEDICAL & MENTAL HEALTH

One Good Turn: <https://www.onegoodturn.org/covid-19-resources>

Corona Care Kit: <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/3/folders/1CTVtsrX6AuO4PfvHSSStKdRLa0Cy95Xvj>

Texas Health & Human Services COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line:

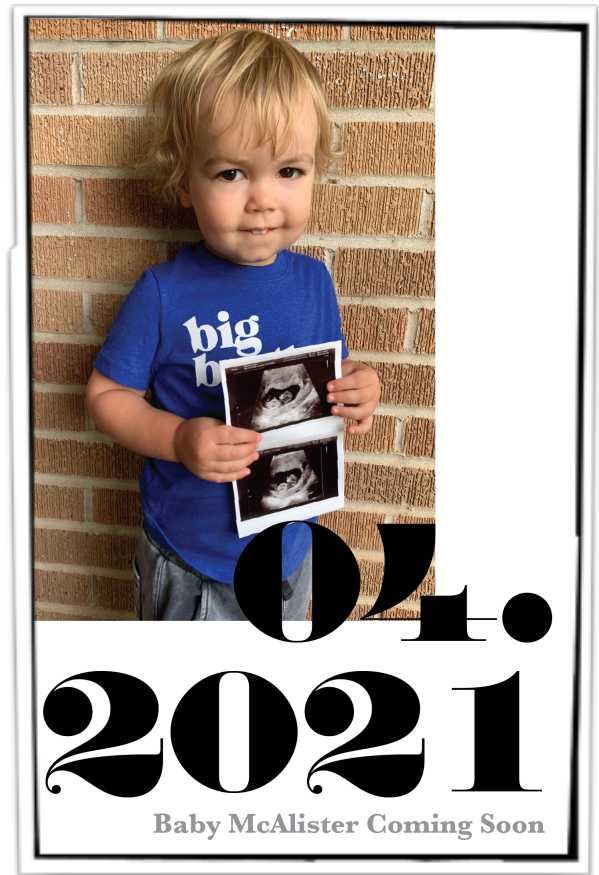
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

Travis Co. Health & Human Services Family Support Services Division

<https://www.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/community-centers>

United Way Emergency Food and Other Assistance: connectatx.org/



CONGRATULATIONS!

Our seminarian, Joel McAlister and his wife, Laura, are expecting their second child in April! Please keep them and big brother, _____, in your prayers during the coming months. Joel will be doing virtual field ed as he works toward graduation and ordination in 2021 as well as welcoming a new family member.

Heavenly Father, you sent your own Son into this world. We thank you for the life of this child, Baby McAlister, who is due into the world in April 2021, entrusted to our care. Help us to remember that we are all your children, and so to love and nurture this child now in its mother's womb, that he or she may attain to that full stature intended for this person in your eternal kingdom; for the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers this week are given to the glory of God.

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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Are you celebrating a birthday or anniversary? We'd love to pray for you during the Sunday service and print your name(s) in the bulletin. The submission deadline is noon of the Wednesday prior to when you'd like to receive a blessing; email to Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org.

READINGS, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels

Genesis 28:10-17
Revelation 12:7-12
John 1:47-51
Psalm 103 or 103:19-22

SHARE YOUR STAY-AT-HOME PHOTOS!

Worshipping with your family, friends, pets? Have something else you'd like to share? We'd would still love to see your photos and share them on Facebook and/or in the Trumpet! Please send in as high a resolution as possible to Christine at chavens@st-michaels.org. Thank you!

THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send it to Christine (chavens@st-michaels.org) by 12:00 pm on the Wednesday prior to the date you would like your announcement to appear in the Trumpet. Running it two weeks prior to your event is recommended for most church announcements.

*Your extravagant generosity is appreciated.
Text SMEC1500 to 73256 and follow the prompts to make an e-offering.*