



THE TRUMPET

Your gateway to all things St. Michael's

OCTOBER 20, 2019

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Dear St. Michael's Family,

My sister recently asked me, "What's your church's stewardship goal?"

"What do you mean?" I responded.

She clarified, "How much money are you trying to raise to meet your budget?"

This afforded me a wonderful opportunity to say that we have no stewardship goal, at least not as she defined it for me. After all, our focus on generosity and extravagant giving is not meant to meet a need of our budget but rather to meet a deep need of our soul. We know that the practice of generosity conforms our heart more closely to the heart of God, meaning that the practice of generosity is the healthiest form of self-interest. Our concern for the other makes us more fully human. The late Henry Nouwen put it like this:

We are inviting people into a new way of relating to their resources. By giving people a spiritual vision, we want them to experience that they will in fact benefit by making their resources available to us. Fundraising from the point of view of the Gospel says to people, "I will take your money and invest it in this vision only if it is good for your spiritual health." In other words, we are calling them to an experience of conversion. We can confidently declare with the Apostle Paul: "You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity."

And so, perhaps we do have a stewardship goal: namely, that every member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church adopt a practice of extravagant generosity through which to experience transformation, joy and abundant life as a result.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. John Newton, Rector

Extravagant Generosity Bearing Witness: *Cathleen King*

Cathleen is so happy to be back in her hometown of Austin. Although she was born in Beaumont and lived there until the 6th grade, she claims Austin as home after going to high school and college here (hook 'em!).

She spent 5 years living in New York City working on Wall Street and now works for a local real estate investment firm called AIC Ventures. Her and her boyfriend, Eric, love to play tennis and basketball, spend time with family and friends, and have deep conversations about spirituality.



Stewardship Dates to Remember

- ◆ October 25 *Pledge cards go out*
- ◆ November 3 *First ingathering*
- ◆ November 10 *Second ingathering*

NEWS THIS WEEK

TRUNK-OR-TREAT | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 5:00-7:00 PM | ST. MICHAEL'S CAMPUS & PARKING LOT Invite your friends and family for an afternoon of Trunk-or-Treat fun at St. Michael's! The parking lot opens at 4:30 pm for those who'd like to decorate their trunks, with the event officially beginning at 5:00 pm. In addition to free dinner, we'll have a bouncy house, face painting, games, a photo booth, and more! Invite your friends and family! Contact Lizzie McManus, lizzie@st-michaels.org, with any questions.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY IS COMING It is the St. Michael's custom to read the names of our departed loved ones during the All Saints services, from the ambo and from the congregation. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex or you can email Claire Bray at claire.bray@sbcglobal.net. with those you wish to honor. The deadline for submitting names is Wednesday, Oct. 30.

COLLECTING CASSEROLE INGREDIENTS St. Michael's is collecting ingredients to make casseroles to feed over 600 asylum-seekers who are currently living on the US-Mexico border and need your help collecting ingredients. **We have a very specific ingredient list of canned soups and vegetables to make uniform casseroles.** This list of needed items will be available in the narthex on **Sunday, October 20. Please bring your donations to the church by noon on October 27** as the pilgrimage team will be assembling them at St. Julian's that afternoon. If you would like to donate, we will gratefully accept financial contributions, just designate your check or online giving to "Border Pilgrimage." Questions? Please email Lizzie McManus at lizzie@st-michaels.org, or contact the church office at 512.327.1474.

THE TABLE—A CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST | SUNDAYS | 5:00 PM You are invited to the Table, an informal and contemplative experience of the Eucharist. Be welcome to be here as you are, where you are, as open-souled as you can be, that in quiet and confidence, you may be still and feel the presence of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK GROUP The next meeting of the St. Michael's book group is **Wednesday, October 30, at 2:30 pm at Trianon.** We will discuss *The Only Woman in the Room*, by Marie Benedict. Please join us! Contact Jackie King for more information: jsking2010@yahoo.com.

STEPHEN MINISTERS CARE When was the last time someone really listened to you? We're talking about that undistracted, full-attention kind of listening. That's one of the ways Stephen Ministers care for others. St. Michael's needs more Stephen Ministers to care for those who are making that long journey through the valley of a life crisis. Will you consider serving in this way? We are starting a new Stephen Ministry training class in January 2020. For more information please email or call:

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SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

ADULTS

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY Each of the four evangelists offer a unique take on who Jesus is and how his life, death, and resurrection have changed our world. Join us this fall as we tackle topics like discipleship, mission, mercy, healing, forgiveness, the church, our purpose in life, and the Kingdom of Heaven through John's eyes. The class is offered **Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00 pm, in Room 8, and Sundays, 10:10-10:50 am, in the parish hall.** Led by Fr. John Newton, with some guests; see the poster in the narthex for schedule of Sunday classes and facilitators.

SEEKERS' ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK STUDY The Seekers meet from 10:00-11:00 am, except on Taco Sundays. The group is now meeting in Room 6. Discussion continues through the summer about *The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew—Three Women Search for Understanding*. Contact Phyllis Blee (phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more information.

CHILDREN

Sunday school is back in full swing! Here's our schedule:

1st Sundays Taco Sunday, everyone enjoying tacos together in the Parish Hall

2nd, 3rd, and 5th Sundays Meet in Room 7 in the Education Wing for "What We Do in Church" classes

4th Sundays—Garden Day! Kids meet in Room 7 but then process out to the garden to learn about care for God's good creation

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL CHILDREN pre-K through 3rd grade are invited to Children's Chapel, where we read the same scriptures as "big church," learn prayers, and sing songs. Children in 4th & 5th grade are welcome, too. We rejoice the congregation during the Peace.

WORSHIP BAGS are available in the narthex, as well as in the Gathering Room, the place you can have wiggle room for the little ones, hear the service, and have some coffee.

Kids can **LOOK FOR OUR CHURCH MOUSE DURING WORSHIP**. If they tell Family Minister Lizzie after church where they spotted the mouse, she will give them a sticker!



STUDENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:10 AM, RM 8 All students starting from grade 6 are welcome to attend the Youth Class. High school students are invited to join Fr. John's Bible Study in the parish hall from 10:00 - 10:50 am.

EYC (EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY), 5:45 - 6:45 PM, RM 8 This week is our Bible Study week!

Also, this month's youth volunteering opportunity will be right here at St. Michael's—at the October 26 Trunk-or-Treat. There are opportunities to help with decoration before the event, to help supervise the younger ones in the bouncy house and other attractions, and to help pick up trash after the event. Email Luis at lrvias@st-michaels.org to RSVP or for questions.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ACOLYTE? Email Luis at Lrvias@st-michaels.org for more information on how to participate in this beautiful part of our Episcopal tradition. Anyone from 5th grade and above, including adults, is welcome to participate!

HAPPENING #165 NOVEMBER 15 - 17 @ CAMP ALLEN A Happening is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. It does not propose a new type of spirituality but provides a method through which one's spirituality may be developed, nourished, lived, and shared in fellowship with Christians willing to dedicate their lives to God in an ongoing manner. http://edotformation.formstack.com/forms/happening_165_participant_registration

Y.E.S. #131 NOVEMBER 15 - 17 @ CAMP ALLEN Y.E.S. (Youth Encounter Spirit) weekend brings together members of the 6th-8th grade youth of the Diocese of Texas. The weekend is designed to provide an atmosphere of openness where participants can ask questions and have the freedom to explore answers without fear of judgment. A team of adults and teens plan and run the weekend.

http://edotformation.formstack.com/forms/yes_131_participant_registration.

Transportation arrangements to and from Camp Allen for that weekend will be provided.

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ALTAR FLOWERS

*Flowers this week are given to the Glory of God,
and by the Rev. Minerva Camarena Skeith in celebration of Augustin
Skeith's 14th birthday.*

A donation to the St. Michael's flower fund is a beautiful way to remember, honor, or give thanks for your loved ones, or to mark a birthday, anniversary, or a special occasion. Donation envelopes are available in the narthex. Please note "flowers" on the memo line of your check. Place the envelope in the alms basin when it is passed, or hand your envelope to the vestry person of the day or to the rector.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

For Allison Morgan and her young sons as they cope with Allison's breast cancer.

For Ann and Bill as they go through end of life planning.

For Xander and Maleesa Pollock, who welcome a second child and prepare for Maleesa to undergo chemotherapy for lymphoma.

For Jeff, who recently had surgery; for Kimberly, his fiancé who is caregiving.

WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICES

Morning Prayer

Every Tuesday at 9:00 am in the Worship Space. For more information, contact Gail Reid (reid.gail@gmail.com).

Centering Prayer

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the side chapel. For more information contact Phyllis Blee (phyllis.blees@gmail.com).

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.

READINGS, OCTOBER 13, 2019

Numbers 18:25-29; 1 John 3:1-3; Mark 14:3-9; Psalm 119:97-104

Didn't bring cash?

Text SMEC1500 to 73256 and follow the prompts to make an e-offering.