



THE TRUMPET

AN INSTRUMENT OF GOOD NEWS

NOVEMBER 28, 2021
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. MICHAEL'S IS GRATEFUL FOR
THE DIFFERENCE **YOU** MAKE IN
OUR PARISH LIFE!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Parishioner Chris Whitty, who is visually impaired, read the Prayers of the People at the 11:00 am service recently. We so appreciate all who serve on Sundays and all who join us for worship, online and in person!



On Sunday, Altar Guild member, Gail Reid, decorated the altar railing with a bounty of vegetables to celebrate Thanksgiving. Afterward, she donated the fresh food to Casa Marianella, one of our outreach partners.



Last week was Family Appreciation Week at the Day School. St. Michael's is thankful for the teachers who are here for those families and their precious children who add so much to our community.



NOTES



Watch this brief video from Fr. John: <https://youtu.be/hzYqu7SRFPU> and then unleash generosity together with St. Michael's on Giving Tuesday by either:

Sending your gift to St. Michael's via Venmo: @saint-michaels-austin

OR

Give by texting SMEC1500 to 73256 and following the prompts.



Save the Date—our next Taco Sunday is December 5!



Wholly Foolishness: Word Play as Spiritual Care | Sunday, November 28 | 2:00 PM | Parish Hall

Treat yourself to some holy foolishness to begin a holy Advent. Join Christine Havens in an hour of purely gratuitous time playing with words and the Holy Spirit. Space limited to 12 folks; for ages 18 & up. Please RSVP to chavens@st-michaels.org by Sunday, November 28.



St. Michael's Women's Potluck December Gathering—In Person!

All women of the parish are invited to join the return to an in-person potluck gathering on **Monday, December 9, at 6:00pm in Room 8**—bring a friend! The Zoom option will still be available for those not yet ready to attend in person. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019837778?pwd=SGRmQXhoYlIXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; passcode is 242636.

Advent Quiet Day| Saturday, Dec. 4, 9:30 am-2:00 pm | St. Mark's Episcopal Church Parish Hall

Take some time to "Be still and know that I am God," in the words of Psalm 46. Start the day with Morning Prayer, followed by meditations and quiet time; a simple soup luncheon will be served, and end with a celebration of the Eucharist. This event is open to all. St. Mark's, 2128 Barton Hills Dr., Austin.

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

The Seekers Are Meeting In Person and via Zoom The Seekers are now meeting on campus with an option to connect via Zoom. **They're gathering now at 10am in the Christian Ed/Brides Room to the right of the sanctuary.** The group has just started reading *Divine Science: Finding Reason at the Heart of Faith*, by Michael Dennin, a physicist. The book is an exploration of science and faith as complementary ideas. *Interested in joining the group?* 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=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjIVU3YyZz09>, Passcode: 541706.

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. The next book is *The Soul of America* by Jon Meacham; the next gathering is on Wednesday, December 1, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. If you want to get a head start on the January book, it's *The Lincoln Highway*, by Amor Towles (*A Gentleman of Moscow*). 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=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlFVZm2tb04wUFVHUT09>. 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 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.

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

Ready to make your financial commitment to St. Michael's for 2022?

Click here: https://stmichaelsaustin.formstack.com/forms/2022_commitment_card_copy

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.

Fourth Sunday 4 families Each month, the Family Ministry team hosts an intergenerational activity in the parish hall. All are welcome to join in between the 9:00 and 11:00 am services. There's usually a youth-oriented activity after the 11:00 am is over. The *next Fourth Sunday is November 28*, which is also the first Sunday of Advent—we hope to see you there!

Sunday School | Sundays @9am & 11am We are so excited to welcome children K-5th grade to Sunday school each week. November is centered around learning to be content and to just roll with it. See you in the Family Life Center (Rm 8 in the Education wing) at 9am or 11am!

Student
Ministry
Project

DEC
19
2021

2:00 PM
PARISH
HALL

All ages
welcome

MEAL PREP
+
DELIVERY
FOR
THE
GATHERING
AT
COMMUNITY
FIRST
VILLAGE

Student Ministry Project Rescheduled for Sunday, December 19

All students are welcome to help with meal prep and delivery to The Gathering, a worship service at Community First! Village. Meet in the parish hall at 2 pm on Sunday, December 19. All ages are welcome! Postponed from Sunday, November 28.

Family Ministry Volunteers Needed! Family Minister Amanda is looking for some volunteers. 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.

SMEC PHOTO OF THE WEEK

The day school students are on break for the Thanksgiving holiday, so it's been quiet in the education wing. Here are some great photos from around our campus. The Seekers have returned to meeting in person at the 10:00 hour on Sunday mornings, but they still make space for those who are remaining at home. Thanks for trying out the new hybrid meeting, Seekers! Thanks to Frank Burdis and Phyllis Bles for sharing this great photo from their most recent discussion.



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 Sara Axton, as she recovers from foot surgery.

For the community of Waukesha, Wisconsin, in the wake of the parade tragedy.

For all victims of gun violence..

COVID-19

Evan, grandson of Chris Watkins, who has COVID.

Hailey, daughter of Brandy Brown, who has COVID.

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: Holy Apostles, Katy; Holy Spirit, Houston; Hope, Houston

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God, and by Frank Burdis in loving memory of the birthday of his late wife, Liz Wyckoff.

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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Jeremiah 33:14-16	Luke 21:25-36
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Psalm 25:1-9

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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.*