



THE TRUMPET

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DECEMBER 4, 2022

SMEC Outreach Spotlight

EL BUEN SAMARITANO DIAPER DRIVE

Thanks to your extravagant generosity at the Trunk or Treat Diaper Drive, Rev. Josh delivered a carload of diapers to El Buen Samaritano on Nov. 29. Not only did folks fill his trunk that evening, but we also raised \$220 that was used to purchase more packages—enough to fill Rev. Josh's back seat, too! There is a high need for diapers so the items were well received.

—Christine Havens, Director of Communications

PS—Check out page 5 for more Outreach Commission info.



PLEDGE CARDS NOW AVAILABLE

online: bit.ly/2023PledgeCard

& in the narthex

St. Michael's
Episcopal
Church

Extravagant
GENEROSITY

NOTES



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4
5:00 PM

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

PART I

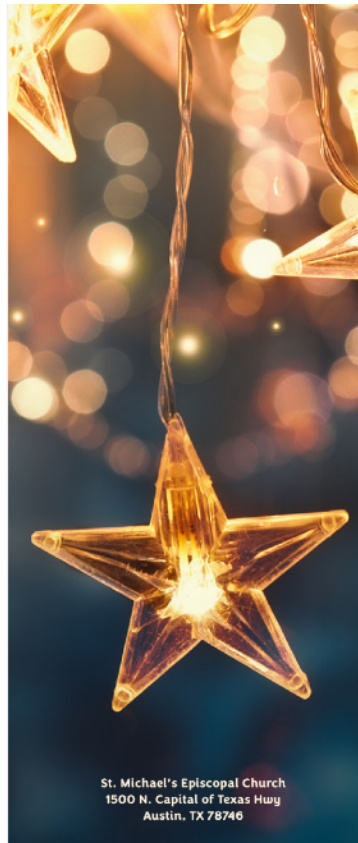
with

St. Michael's Episcopal Church Choir
Peace Lutheran Church Choir
Chamber Orchestra

**FREE & OPEN
TO THE PUBLIC**

**WINE & CHEESE
RECEPTION**

**CHILDREN'S
PROGRAMMING
AGES 3-12
4:45 PM DROP OFF
PIZZA PROVIDED**



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1500 N. Capital of Texas Hwy
Austin, TX 78746

SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

DECEMBER 4, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 7:45 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sunday School | Ed. Wing
- 10:00 am Taco Sunday | Parish Hall
Episcopal 101 | Church Office
Seekers Group | Rm 4
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sunday School | Ed. Wing
- 12:45 pm Bible Study | Zoom
- 5:00 pm Handel's Messiah, Part I
Sanctuary followed by
Reception in Parish Hall

Watch the 9:00 & 11:00 am services
st-michaels.org/worship-online



Episcopal 101 Class Begins December 4 New to St. Michael's or to the Episcopal Church? Simply want a refresher on elements of our tradition? Join Rev. Josh during Advent for Episcopal 101. We will meet in the church office from 10-10:50am on December 4, 11, and 18. Sessions will focus on Episcopal History, the Book of Common Prayer, and theology & the Bible.

If you would like to attend, but need children's activities for your young ones during that time, please contact Family Minister Amanda at amanda@st-michaels.org, as we will have programming available for folks who need it.



Student Ministry Christmas Posada

Friday, December 16 | 6:30 pm All youth are invited to participate in this fun evening of activities designed especially for them. Learn about the tradition of La Posada—the celebration of Mary and Joseph’s journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

Ms. Amanda is in need of a few adult volunteers that evening to help coordinate and supervise our guests.

To RSVP or volunteer contact Family Minister Amanda at 512-383-6897.

God Willing,
 The Right Reverend Kathryn M. Ryan
 Bishop Suffragan of Texas,
 will ordain
Joshua Brandon Kulak
 to the Sacred Order of Priests
 in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church
 on Saturday, the twenty-first of January
 In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Three
 at ten thirty in the morning

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Your prayers and presence are requested.
 Reception to follow
 Clergy - Red Stoles

Save the Date! Ordination of Rev. Josh Kulak
Saturday, January 21, 2023 | 10:30 am

All are invited to the ordination of our curate and deacon into the Sacred Order of Priests. This will be a grand event in the life of the St. Michael’s community. A reception will follow. Stay tuned for more details to come.

Diocesan Council Delegates Invitation Are you interested in serving as a delegate to the 2022 Diocesan Council? Council delegates need to be a member in good standing of St. Michael’s. If you’re interested, please email Fr. John Newton at jnewton@st-michaels.org. This is a great opportunity to participate in the life of our diocese and represent St. Michael’s.

AdventWord Begins November 27 Daily meditations and images—inspired by a prompt word selected from the daily lectionary readings—will be released at adventword.org, beginning Sunday, November 27. Participants can sign up to receive this daily message, in English and Spanish, by email or by following AdventWord on social media. Many followers join the creativity each year by sharing their own personal reflections across social media using #AdventWord. Participants respond with photos, written responses, crafts, drawings, poems, found art, and other creative expressions inspired by the day’s selected word. *St. Michael’s own Director of Communication, Christine Havens, wrote the Dec. 7 meditation.*



FAMILY LIFE

WAITING FOR JESUS



Sunday School for Advent: *Waiting For Jesus*

9:00 & 11:00am | Family Life Center Sunday School is a place where children and their families can practice being compassionate in a community that values love and compassion.

Ms. Amanda, our Family Minister, welcomes children and their parents near the education wing entrance (by the playground). You will be reunited with your children in the sanctuary at the announcements—in time for communion together as a family.

Waiting for Jesus has fun and engaging lessons and activities for children ages 3 years through fifth grade, helping them understand more about the meaning of the Advent season.

Be a Sunday School Helper! Do you have a heart for God and for working with children? Family Minister Amanda is looking for adults to serve as Sunday School helpers one or two Sundays a month. If you are interested or for more information, please email her at amanda@st-michaels.org.

Acolyte Program Invitation The acolyte program is a way for our children and youth to act as liturgical leaders during our worship services—carrying the cross, lighting the candles, and more. As they offer their time and talent, they will learn more about what it means to serve God and one another, will become better acquainted with the Episcopal tradition, and will discover that they, too, are ministers of God’s love.

Please email Rev. Josh (jkulak@st-michaels.org) if you have children interested in participating.

PLUG INTO OUTREACH

It Takes Many Hands to Share God's Bounty—Can You Help? The SMEC Community Garden, which is on the far side of the day school, is in need of more friends to help with this ministry. All the produce—like argula and other fall veggies—that our garden crew picks go to folks who don't have much access to fresh food. Our partner is Hope Food Pantry, a non-profit assisting Austin neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity. They love the fresh veggies! Gardeners of all ages are invited to volunteer: plant seeds, water, weed, or harvest. Great for families and individuals! Interested? Contact Beth Michaels at ebethmichaels@att.net.

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!

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

The Seekers | Sundays @10:00am | Rm 4 (Education Wing) and via Zoom The Seekers meet weekly at 10:00am. Here's what they'll be discussing: *Job and the Mystery of Suffering: Spiritual Reflections* by Richard Rohr. Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@me.com or Phyllis Bles at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for more info. Here's the Zoom link: bit.ly/SeekersZoomLink, Passcode: 541706.

Fall Bible Study | Sundays @12:45 & Tuesdays @noon Ready to deepen your understanding of scripture? St. Michael's offers an online Fall Bible study on Sundays and Tuesdays. All are welcome; no experience needed. Join Fr. John for an in-depth exploration of the Letter to the Hebrews, who needed reassurance that Christ had indeed saved them once and for all.

ZOOM INFO

<https://bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink> Meeting ID: 832 6049 2080; passcode: bible

St. Michael's Book Club | Fourth Wednesdays @2:30pm 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. The group is working on an in-person meeting location. *The next meeting is in January as the group takes a break in December.* Here are the first titles for the new year: January - *These Precious Days* by Ann Patchett; February - *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com or Sue Allen at tom@northcoastbrewing.com for more information.

St. Michael's Women's Potluck | Thursday, December 8 | 6pm | Parish Hall The Women of St. Michael's are invited to gather for food and fellowship. Next date to be determined. Bring a dish or adult beverage to share. If you don't have time to cook, just join us. There is always plenty of food to share. Email Becky Brindley at rmbindley@yahoo.com or Gail Reid at reid.gail@gmail.com for more information.

Men's Pub Theology | Wednesday, December 14 | 5:00pm | The Grove on Bee Caves Road Join the men of St. Michael's for fellowship and theological conversation. The group meets on the second Wednesday of the month; locations TBD. Contact Andy Hines at ahines@hinespool.com for more information.

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: bit.ly/SMECTuesMorningPrayer. **Passcode:** prayer.

Centering Prayer | Tuesdays @6:30 pm This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Zoom link: bit.ly/SMECCenteringPrayer; 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 All are welcome to join each Wednesday at 4:30 pm for prayer and conversation. 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: bit.ly/SMECThursBibleStudy ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

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.

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 Cathey Schooley, who is struggling with flu complications; for her family as they care for her.
For Bruce MacPhie Moody, friend of Sherry Williams, who died recently; for Bruce's family as they mourn.
For Marcy, Melanie Imhoff's sister, who died recently; for Marcy's family, who are grieving her.
For One Good Turn as they forge new ground in Kenya.
For Saint Francis Ministries as they open their new residential facility in Lubbock for foster children.
For all Stephen Ministers and their care receivers.
For Bob & Trish, friends of Sara Havens, as Bob undergoes chemotherapy for throat cancer.
For all victims of gun violence.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Holy Apostles, Katy; Holy Spirit, Houston; Hope, Houston; San Mateo, Bellaire.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

The children have been doing music with Miss Chrissy from Armstrong Music. They used rhythm sticks and scarves to make joyful sounds and move along to songs like the "Hello Song" and "You Are My Sunshine!"
Thanks to Ms. Lilliana for the photos!



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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. They are printed here and in the worship bulletins. Your dedication can be emailed to:

chavens@st-michaels.org.

Donate using Venmo to saint-michaels-austin (*use 2207 if prompted for a phone number*) or send a check to the church office at 1500 N. Capital of Texas Highway, 78746; put "altar flowers" as the memo.

CONNECT WITH SMEC



THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send your ideas, stories, or photos to Christine Havens, Director of Communications (chavens@st-michaels.org) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays. We recommend running stories beginning two weeks prior to your event.

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