



THE TRUMPET

Your gateway to all things St. Michael's

DECEMBER 8, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear St. Michael's Family—

Advent is the season in which Christians of all ages, youth as well as adults, are encouraged to slow down as we await the celebration of Christ's birth and anticipate his return. Advent is also a great time to highlight St. Michael's own youth group—people who are in an advent of their own, growing and awaiting the coming of adulthood. The youth here participate in a number of activities just for them, such as EYC, Bible study, and serving as acolytes, and they also join in with other parishioners for outreach opportunities such as going to the Trinity Center. In addition, several take part in diocesan events such as Missionpalooza and the Happening. Our youth minister, Luis Rivas, shepherds these younglings, providing and coordinating these opportunities, working often with the other youth ministers in the Austin area to present formational and inclusive gatherings.

For example, on Saturday, December 14, in the midst of Advent, St. Michael's youth are invited to a Cozy Play and Thoughtfulness Day at Good Shepherd in the Tarrytown area. This will be a joint retreat with the youth groups from other Episcopal churches the area, providing space for fun, prayer, coziness, and hot chocolate for our students. We will hold a series of prayer workshops to teach youth about enriching their prayer lives and about learning to connect with God in a meaningful and personal way.

If you are interested in the retreat and wish to RSVP or would simply like to learn more about the St. Michael's youth program, please contact lrivas@st-michaels.org.

Have a prayerful and playful week,

Christine Havens, Assistant for Administration & Communication



Cozy Play & Thoughtfulness Day

An Episcopal
Youth Group
Retreat

Saturday, December 14
2:00-6:00 pm

Good Shepherd
Episcopal Church
3201 Windsor Road



JOIN US FOR A HOLY CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve

5:00 PM
Family Eucharist
with *Drop-in Christmas*
Pageant

7:00 PM
Contemporary
Eucharist

11:00 PM
Traditional Eucharist
Music Begins at 10:30 pm

Christmas Day

10:00 AM
Rite II Eucharist
no music

NEWS THIS WEEK

GET READY FOR THE 2019 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT! At **5:00 pm on Christmas Eve, we offer a Christmas Pageant for kids of all ages.** Kids in grades 1 - 12 who would like a speaking part are to attend three rehearsals: December 8 and December 22 during Sunday School (10:10 - 10:50) in Room 8, **AND** December 24 at 4:00 pm in full costume. Everyone else is invited to "drop in" on Christmas Eve dressed as an angel, a shepherd, or an animal from the nativity. We have some simple costumes to share, but you are encouraged to provide your own. We can't wait to welcome the baby Jesus with you.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DONATIONS Help make St. Michael's beautiful for our Christmas services by donating a poinsettia. Dedicate your flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, or in thanksgiving or in celebration of an event, group, or individual. *The deadline to donate is **Tuesday, December 17**, if you want the recognition to appear in the Christmas Eve publications.* Envelopes are in the narthex, or you may email Christine at chavens@st-michaels.org or call the church office.

SIMPLE GIFTS PRESENTS EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT (ERD) GIFTS FOR LIFE ADVENT DISPLAY Look for an ERD Gifts for Life display in the narthex beginning December 8. Members of our Outreach team will be on hand to provide more information about this program. Looking for the perfect gift for someone who has everything? Maybe buying a goat for a farm or a bee hive might be just the thing. Check out the table or this link to the ERD webpage: <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/gifts>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TRINITY CENTER CHRISTMAS OUTREACH EVENT | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 | 2:00-4:30 PM Come with us to share St. Michael's community worship and a special holiday meal. We will worship and serve our neighbors experiencing homelessness at Trinity Center. Volunteer (must 11 or older) needs: welcoming neighbors, setting up for worship, being part of the kitchen crew, and clean up. Cookie and prize donations (the youth play games with the TC neighbors) are also needed. Contact Elizabeth Turner (eturner@st-michaels.org) to RSVP about cookie baking; prizes (socks, blankets, towels, back packs and carryall bags, water bottles, t-shirts) can be brought to the collection area in the narthex. Questions or want to volunteer? Contact Elizabeth Jackson (ejackson68410@gmail.com).

BE A ST. MICHAEL'S DELEGATE TO THE 171ST DIOCESAN COUNCIL Diocesan Council is the annual business meeting of the Diocese held every February. It is a gathering of elected delegates from all congregations, college ministries, lay heads of congregations, and canonically resident clergy. The 2020 Council is February 7-8 in Waco. If you are interested in serving as one of St. Michael's delegates, please contact Fr. John at jnewton@st-michaels.org.

MICHAEL'S BOOK GROUP The next meeting of the St. Michael's book group is **Wednesday, January 29, at 2:30 pm at Trianon**. We will discuss *The Secrets We Kept*, by Lara Prescott. Please join us! Contact Jackie King for more information: iskina2010@yahoo.com.

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. The next book is *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*, by Rachel Held Evans; discussion begins Sunday, December 8. *The Divine Dance*, by Richard Rohr, is the selection following that. Invite your friends for these great spiritual reads. Contact Phyllis Bleebs (phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more information.

CHILDREN

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE: Our regular Sunday school schedule resumes.

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 Our regular schedule resumes.

EYC (EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY), 5:45 - 6:45 PM, RM 8 Join us this week for Bible study!

GIRLS' GATHERING #2 is coming up on **Thursday, December 12, at 6:00 pm in Room 8** at St. Michael's! All girls from grades 6-12th grade are invited (next time, we will split up between middle school and high school).

COZY PLAY AND THOUGHTFULNESS DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2:00 PM, GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL CHURCH (3201 WINDSOR ROAD, 78703) This will be a joint event with the youth groups from other Episcopal churches in Austin to host a day retreat for fun, prayer, coziness, and hot chocolate for our students. We will hold a series of prayer workshops to teach you how you can enrich your prayer life and learn to connect with God in a way that feels personal and meaningful to you. Please contact lrvias@st-michaels.org for information!

TRINITY CENTER SERVICE DAY, DECEMBER 22, 2:00 - 4:30 PM Youth group will be doing one service project every month. For December, we will be partnering with a team of volunteers from St. Michael's to help serve lunch and play tabletop games with the people we are serving. For more information about the Trinity Center, visit <http://trinitycenteraustin.org/>. RSVP to Luis at lrvias@st-michaels.org.

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers this week are given to the Glory of God, and by Brett & Erika Tabke in celebration of their anniversary.

A donation to the St. Michael's flower fund is a beautiful way to honor your loved ones, or to mark 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. You can also donate online by going to our Give page and clicking the "Give Online Here" button. There is a flower option in the "Select a fund" drop-down box. There is a place to write an optional memo or dedication.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

This week, we pray especially for Lynn Rohrbacher-Sparks and Elizabeth Turner's mother.

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 Bles (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, DECEMBER 8 2019

Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44; Psalm 122

Didn't bring cash?

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