

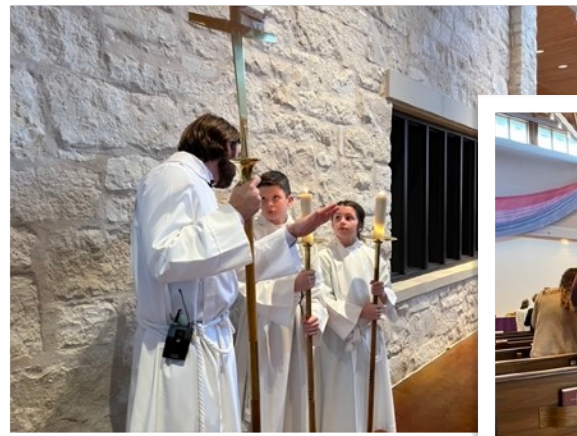


THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news



DECEMBER 11, 2022

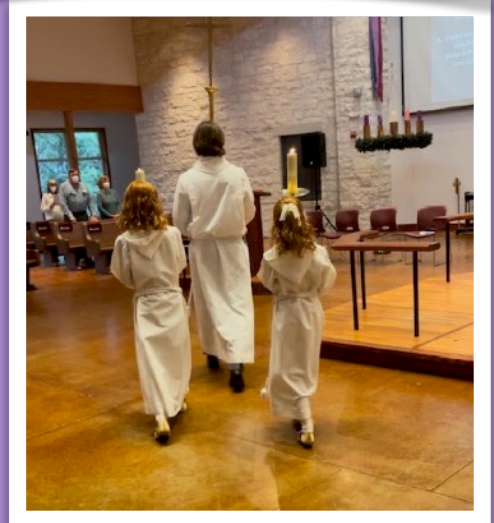


REKINDLING OUR ACOLYTE PROGRAM

Over the past few weeks, acolytes have been lighting up our worship again after a lapse during the pandemic. As Rev. Josh Kulak, who coordinates the program, says, “It has been such a blessing to see our students participate in the Acolyte Program. Their presence and service provides a new aspect of joy and energy to our liturgy, reminding us that all of us—young and old—can offer our gifts to the Lord.” Our seminarian, John Fountain, has been providing guidance during the services; this past Sunday, his two oldest daughters served with him.

—Christine Havens, Director of Communications

PS—See page 4 for how to get involved as an acolyte.



PLEDGE CARDS NOW AVAILABLE

online: bit.ly/2023PledgeCard

& in the narthex

St. Michael's
Episcopal
Church

Extravagant
GENEROSITY

NOTES



Calling all angels,
sheep, shepherds,
and wise ones!
Drop-ins welcome
at 4:45 pm.

**CHILDREN'S
NATIVITY
PAGEANT
5 PM
WITH
EUCHARIST**

Christmas Eve Services

**FESTIVE EUCHARIST
7 PM**

**CHORAL EUCHARIST
10 PM**



all services livestreamed at
st-michaels.org/worship-online

**Fourth Sunday
4 families**

DECORATE A GINGERBREAD HOUSE!

**DECEMBER 18
10-10:50 AM
PARISH HALL**

All ages
welcome!



SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

**DECEMBER 11, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:45 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I

9:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sunday School | Ed. Wing

10:00 am Coffee Hour | Parish Hall
Episcopal 101 | Church Office
Seekers Group | Rm 4

11:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I
Sunday School | Ed. Wing

12:45 pm Bible Study | Zoom

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

Readings for December 11, 2022
Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11; Canticle 15 (3)

Student Ministry Christmas Posada | St. Michael's Campus| 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.



Greening of the Church | Sunday, December 18 The traditional Greening of the Church happens on Sunday, December 18, after the 11:00 service. Please stay and help us deck the halls (the church) for Christmas. We'll be hanging the greens, decorating the narthex, and sharing in fellowship. There will be lunch available and all ages are welcome to take part. Contact Claire Bray at claireelizabethbray@gmail.com with questions.



Episcopal 101 Class Now Through December 18 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.

2023 Diocesan Council Delegates Invitation Are you interested in serving as a delegate to the 2023 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.



Are you called to be a Stephen Minister? Are you a trustworthy listener? Would you like to belong to a group of people who walk with others through life's storms? Becoming a Stephen Minister is a life-transforming experience—an opportunity to serve God, help others, and grow in faith. To learn about training to become a Stephen Minister, please email St. Michael's Stephen Ministry or call Julie de Wette (512) 925-7029 or Jeff Robinson (512) 963-6687.

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.

AdventWord Read daily meditations and images—inspired by a prompt word selected from the daily lectionary readings— at adventword.org. 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. *Here is the link to the Dec. 7 meditation, written by Christine Havens, our Director of Communications:* <https://adventword.org/en/winning/>.



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 with Those in Need 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. The gardeners have planted broccoli, lettuce, kale, spinach, chard, garlic, onions, radishes, peas, beets, carrots, cilantro, arugula, and sorrel. All the produce goes 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 work closely with several of these organizations and offer ways for the parish to "plug in" and participate. Contact Harriett Choffel, Outreach Commission chair, for more information: harriettchoffel@icloud.com.



FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

The Seekers | Sundays @10:00am | Rm 4 (Education Wing) and via Zoom The Seekers meet weekly at 10:00am. They're finishing up discussion of *Job and the Mystery of Suffering: Spiritual Reflections* by Richard Rohr; look for a new book to be announced for the new year. There are no meetings on December 25 or January 1, due to the holidays. Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@me.com or Phyllis Blee 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 | January Date TBA | 6pm | Parish Hall The Women of St. Michael's are invited to gather for food and fellowship. Stay tuned for January's date. 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 rbrindley@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

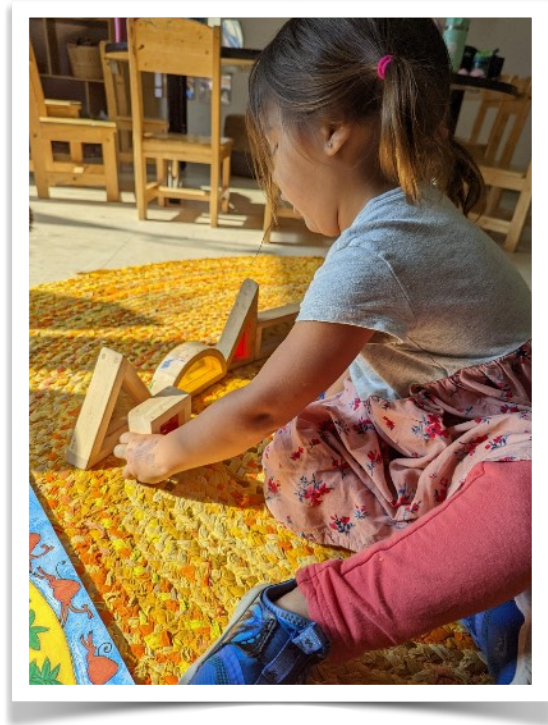
For Klaus Bichteler as he deals with complications from cancer; for Mary Parse as she cares for him.
For Dick Newton, who died recently; for Mark Newton as he mourns his father.
For the Trinity Center as they continue to provide services to Austin's homeless population.
For Aamir Ali, the young man who drowned at Canyon Lake this week; for his friends and family as they mourn.
For all victims of gun violence.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: San Romero, Houston; Santa Maria Virgen, Houston; St. Andrew's, Houston; St. Christopher's, Houston.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Kenya

DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

The Ducklings took advantage of the sunlight one day to play with color blocks and cast colorful shadows on the floor. *Thanks to Ms. Judith for the photos!*



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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God, and by Jackie King in celebration of family birthdays.

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 the "Give Now" button on our homepage, www.st-michaels.org, 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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