



THE TRUMPET

AN INSTRUMENT OF GOOD NEWS

DECEMBER 12, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CALLING ALL KIDS! DROP-IN PAGEANT @5:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE

All children are invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds, barn animals, or just as they are!
Costumes will also be available here.

Gather in the worship space entry area at 4:40 pm on December 24.



CHRISTMAS 2021

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1500 N. Capital of Texas Highway
www.st-michaels.org

5:00 PM
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
+
FAMILY-FRIENDLY EUCHARIST

7:00 PM
FESTIVE EUCHARIST
favorite hymns + piano + guitar
livestreamed

10:00 PM
CHORAL EUCHARIST
angelic voices + organ music
livestreamed

NOTES



GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING PARTY

all are welcome

DECEMBER 19

10 AM HOUR



Parish Hall

End-of-Year Giving Below you will find some basic information on how you can complete your 2021 pledge if you have not yet done so. If you have questions about your pledge balance for 2021, please email Lisa Killough, chair of our finance commission, at lkillough@austin.rr.com and she will gladly provide that information.

Some choose to make an end-of-year gift in-person. These will be accepted in the church office **NO LATER** than 1:00 pm on December 31. Mailed gifts must be postmarked by December 31. Any gifts received in person after 1:00 pm on December 31 or postmarked January 1 will not be included on your 2021 giving statement. You can also go to the Give page on our website to complete your pledge or give an end-of-year donation: www.st-michaels.org/take-action.

SMEC OFFICE HOURS DECEMBER 27-31
MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Smoker Open House on Sunday, December 19 The Kitchen Crew is doing a Smoker Open House on Sunday, December 19. They will be there from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Folks are invited to put something on the smoker (ham, chicken, veggies, etc.) and then take it home when it is finished. The Kitchen Crew will watch it if folks need to leave. Additionally, the Kitchen Crew is planning to have the fire pit going, snacks, and appetizers throughout the day—stay and chat! There is no requirement to smoke something if you just want to come enjoy the Open House. No need to RSVP; bring your own chair. Questions? Email James Russell at james@russellcpa.com.

Christmas Flower Memorials Sponsoring the poinsettias in the sanctuary at Christmastide is a wonderful way to celebrate your loved ones. Your commemoration will be included in the 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm Christmas Eve bulletins. **Please complete this form by Wednesday, December 15**, in order to have your memorial included in the bulletins: https://stmichaelsaustin.formstack.com/forms/christmas_flower_memorials. We will also have a sheet in the narthex. Donations toward the cost of the flowers are appreciated—you may mail a check to the church office, use Venmo (saint-michaels-austin), or go to our website, www.st-michaels.org/take-action.

CHRISTMASTIDE SERVICES

DECEMBER 26 & JANUARY 2

SPECIAL TIMES: 7:45 AM + 10:00 AM- LIVESTREAMED

WATCH ALL LIVESTREAMED SERVICES
AT WWW.ST-MICHAELS.ORG/WORSHIP-ONLINE

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

The Seekers Now 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 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 Bles 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 meeting is on January 26 and the group is reading *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. February's book is *My Remarkable Journey*, by Katherine Johnson.

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=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tlb04wUFVHUT09>. 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 Bles 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.

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.

Sunday School | Sundays @9am & 11am All children ages 3 through 10 (fifth grade) are welcome to join the family ministry team for Sunday school. See you in the Family Life Center (Rm 8 in the Education wing) at 9am or 11am!

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.

DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

Thanks to Teachers Anna & Celia for sharing these great photos from the week. Such creativity and sheer cuteness abound in the St. Michael's Day School! Gratitude for this is easy to choose, all thanks to the extravagant generosity of our parish.



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 Ramona Beasley.

For Rachel Ham, for smooth recovery from upcoming surgery.

For all victims of gun violence.

COVID-19

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: St. Andrew's, Houston; St. Christopher's, Houston; St. Francis', Houston

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Canada

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God. 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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Zephaniah 3:14-20
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18
Canticle 9

FOLLOW ST. MICHAEL'S ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: @St.Michaels.Austin
Instagram: stmichaels_atx
Twitter: StMichaelsEpiscopal @StMichaelsATX

CONNECT TO THE WIDER CHURCH

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.*