



# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news*



DECEMBER 18, 2022

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 @SMEC**



**ST. MICHAEL'S DAY SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS RECITAL  
AT 11 AM SERVICE**



**10 AM & NOON**

**GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING  
& VISIT FROM SANTA**



*Every ONE is welcome in the parish hall to decorate  
gingerbread houses and visit with Santa.*



**NOON  
GREENING OF THE CHURCH**

*After the 11 am service, help hang all the greenery and  
decorate St. Michael's for Christmas!*



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

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

## Christmas Eve Services

**FESTIVE EUCHARIST  
7 PM**

**CHORAL EUCHARIST  
10 PM**



all services livestreamed at  
[st-michaels.org/worship-online](http://st-michaels.org/worship-online)

**CELEBRATING  
CHRISTMAS**

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**ST. MICHAEL'S**

**DECEMBER 25  
CHRISTMAS DAY**

**9AM  
EUCHARIST**

**JANUARY 1  
TACO SUNDAY**

**8AM & 10 AM  
EUCHARIST**

**11AM BREAKFAST TACOS**

*No Sunday School - Wiggle Baskets Available*

## NOTES

### 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 and sharing in fellowship. There will be lunch available and all ages are welcome to take part. Contact Claire Bray at [claireelizabethbray@gmail.com](mailto:claireelizabethbray@gmail.com) with questions.

### Altar Guild Cleaning Day | Wednesday, December 21

**10 am | Sanctuary** Help the Altar Guild clean, polish, and organize St. Michael's worship space and regalia before Christmas Eve. This is a great way to explore a ministry. A light breakfast will be provided. Contact Gail Reid at [reid.gail@gmail.com](mailto:reid.gail@gmail.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 printed in the 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm Christmas Eve bulletins.

**Please call or email Christine** (512-324-1474 or [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org)) **by Thursday, December 22 in order to have your dedication included.**

Donations toward the cost of the flowers are appreciated—you may mail a check to the church office or use the QR code on the back page of the Trumpet.

**Episcopal 101 Class Finishes Up December 18** New to St. Michael's or to the Episcopal Church? Join Rev. Josh for this last session covers history & theology of the Bible. The group will meet in the church office from 10-10:50am. No need to have attended the other classes to join in!



# SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

DECEMBER 18, 2022  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:45 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite II Sunday School   Ed. Wing
10:00 am	Gingerbread Party!   Parish Hall Episcopal 101   Church Office Seekers Group   Rm 4
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite I Sunday School   Ed. Wing
Noon	Gingerbread Party!   Parish Hall Greening of the Church Sanctuary
12:45 pm	Bible Study   Zoom

Watch the 9:00 & 11:00 am services  
[st-michaels.org/worship-online](http://st-michaels.org/worship-online)

Readings for December 18, 2022  
Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

**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](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org). This is a great opportunity to participate in the life of our diocese and represent St. Michael's.

**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.

**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.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org)) if you have children interested in participating.

**Daughters of the King Luncheon** The Order of the Daughters of the King® is an order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the historic episcopate but not in communion with it. The DOK's mission is the extension of Christ's Kingdom through Prayer, Service and Evangelism. St. Michael's chapter was established in 2014, and like many other groups, went on hiatus during COVID. Now they are meeting again, with new members who have recently joined St. Michael's. Recently, the group had lunch with Fr. John. If you're interested in learning more about the group, please contact Jonea Raney at [jcsrcc@gmail.com](mailto:jcsrcc@gmail.com).





## 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](mailto: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](mailto:harriettchoffel@icloud.com).



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## 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 in the new year. **There are no gatherings on December 25 or January 1**, due to the holidays. Contact Harriett Choffel at [harriettchoffel@me.com](mailto:harriettchoffel@me.com) or Phyllis Blee at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more info. Here’s the Zoom link: [bit.ly/SeekersZoomLink](https://bit.ly/SeekersZoomLink), Passcode: 541706.

**Bible Study | Sundays @12:45 & Tuesdays @noon** This week is the last session of the fall Bible study on Hebrews with Fr. John. The Sunday group will still meet on December 18 at 12:45pm. *However, our Tuesday study is moving to Thursday, Dec. 22 at 10am this week only.* Rev. Josh Kulak will teach a 3-week Bible study on Jan. 15, 22, and 29 (and the following Tuesdays, Jan 17, 24 and 31)—theme to be announced. The Zoom info will likely stay the same. **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](mailto:rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com) or Sue Allen at [tom@northcoastbrewing.com](mailto: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](mailto:rbrindley@yahoo.com) or Gail Reid at [reid.gail@gmail.com](mailto:reid.gail@gmail.com) for more information.

**Men's Pub Theology | Second Wednesdays @5:00pm | Locations TBA** 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](mailto: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](https://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](https://bit.ly/SMECCenteringPrayer); passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Bles with questions: [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:mary.r.healy@gmail.com). Zoom Link: [bit.ly/SMECThursBibleStudy](https://bit.ly/SMECThursBibleStudy) ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

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## 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](http://www.st-michaels.org/stephen-ministry). If you'd like a Stephen Minister, please contact Jeff Robinson ([jarobinson100@gmail.com](mailto:jarobinson100@gmail.com)), Julie de Wette ([julie@losmadrone.com](mailto:julie@losmadrone.com)), or Fr. John Newton ([jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org) with prayer requests or to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.

### Parish Prayer List

For all those who are alone and lonely during this holiday season.

For all students & teachers as they finish the fall semester.

For the Trinity Center as they continue to provide services to Austin's homeless population.

For all victims of gun violence.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Francis', Houston; St. John the Divine, Houston; St. Martin's, Houston

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Korea

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## DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

This week, the Puppies enjoyed Christmas activities with their friends and teachers. They played with snow and polar animals, prepared some crafts, and made a Christmas card with paper and dots paint. They were all so excited to wear pajamas to school today! The class talked all about our pajamas, the shapes, the cartoons and colors. It was so great! *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](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org).

Donate using the "Give Now" button on our homepage, [www.st-michaels.org](http://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.

### GIVE TO 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](mailto: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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