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Grounded in Gratitude

In re-watching the film "Amadeus" recently I was reminded of the portrayal of Mozart as a superlatively gifted jerk. He preens and wenches and giggles absurdly. And day after day he creates music of such soaring, yearning, seamless beauty that it splits his rival Antonio Salieri into two persons -- one of them praising God through the music



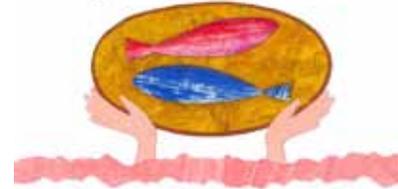
of Mozart, and one cursing God for not making him the greatest of the composers. He had seemingly cut a deal with God when he was a boy: "God, make me famous throughout the world -- make me immortal as a musician!"

Why did Salieri think that God would consider such a proposal? Because, like many of us, he must have believed that God is a negotiator. "If I do this, God will give me that." The old tit-for-tat game; we offer a service to God, a favor, and God is supposed to reward us with good health, prosperity, fame, or, if the chips are really down, survival. While God is in every foxhole and across every breakfast table, divine presence and care are not based on the deals we cut with the Almighty.

By a classic irony of envy and based on a theology of negotiation, Salieri discovers that he is talented. But, he cannot appreciate what has been given, because in the face of Mozart he focuses on what he does not have, on scarcity, rather than on what has been given -- on abundance. God is a giver of abundance, not a negotiator of scarcity.

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Stewardship 2014



Homecoming Sunday and Fall brings the promise of a new program year in the church, and what many view as "Stewardship Season." The first step in the journey of stewardship is to grasp that all we have and all we are essentially are gifts from God.

This includes our families, our friends, skills, experiences, relationships, our environment, and to those of you so fortunate, our economic well-being. Thus, the concept of *Grounded in Gratitude*, which is our theme for Stewardship this fall. The journey of expressing gratitude begins by prayerfully and faithfully returning to God a portion of these gifts.



Susan and Dean McSherry,
Stewardship Chairs

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Grounded in Gratitude

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21

Join Us In Grateful Giving

We are asking you to join with us to support our beloved Saint Michael and All Angels with your pledge for 2014. Our goal is to reach \$6 million for 2014 and continue to make possible the ministries we are thankful to have in our church.

Please ask any of our stewardship volunteer committee members about *Grounded in Gratitude* and what it means to them at Saint Michael; Monique and Tom Black, Pam Busbee, Judy and Eric Conner, Hadley and Travis Galt, Elizabeth and Eric Gambrell, Helen Holman, Tiffany and Frank Lawson, Alison and Michael Malone, Melissa and Andy McRoberts, Linda and Les Secrest, Kathleen and Jay Wallace.

—Susan and Dean McSherry



Stewardship means responding to God's call to be in community here at Saint Michael and All Angels. It means sharing in the responsibility to make sure Saint Michael is relevant today and can grow its ministries and outreach. It also means sustaining Saint Michael for the future so it can extend God's love to future generations.

We pledge as a response to God's call, to support the needs of the church and to continue in the stewardship of our founders and all who have sustained us to this point.

As your Treasurer, I get to see the many, exciting opportunities to grow our ministries and outreach that need our support at Saint Michael. Since the economy has rebounded, our goal this year is to increase our budget to our 2008 level – I know we can do it.

—Matt Waller



The Conner family

Stewardship is about total giving for us: money, time, effort, etc. It really is more a state of mind and being grateful..... much broader than just giving money.

—Judy and Eric Conner

“To me a financial pledge to Saint Michael and All Angels is not about trying to buy God's love or the love of men, but about saying “thank you” to God for the Divine love we have been given freely and an expression of the willingness to share that love with others.”



—Maria D'Antoni



The Galt family

To us, stewardship is being responsible for the things that God has given us and to remember that they are not ours, but HIS. And to share the gifts and blessings that we have been given in life.

—Hadley and Travis Galt



Why do we give?

We care about the Christian Church. It acknowledges our God and, for millenia, has worked to organize our lives around His tenets. Given all of the monthly bills that our family pays and gets questionable value in return, it is nice to have one bill that is crystal clear and noble in purpose.

How do we give?

Our annual pledge is approximately 2.5% of our pre-tax income, 4% of our after-tax income, and 7% of our income after mortgage, property tax, homeowners insurance, and private school tuition.



Among our remaining expenses, it's #1, above electricity and, by a long shot, above any other single charitable contribution. We program the amount into our bank's bill-pay service and let it go; it is paid shortly after our paycheck, so we never even see it as disposable income.

What does it mean?

We are trying to put ourselves right with God and trying to make the world a little bit better.

—Mary Adair and Dee Dockery



The Thomas family

Stewardship means asking the hard questions about where we put our trust: in our own abilities and desires or in a gracious God from whom all our blessings flow.

—Stewart Thomas, Vestry member



As my husband Phillip and I reflect on our gratitude to Saint Michael and All Angels, the wonderful staff comes to the top of our list. We have been supported and

cared for by them in so many ways over the years and we feel our stewardship pledge is one small way for us to show our appreciation and gratitude for all the work they do.”

—Donell and Phillip Wiggins



The Bywaters family

First off I was brought up that we give back for the blessings we have received, plain and simple. Secondly I give to Saint Michael because I am grateful that I am able to contribute. Thirdly I am proud of what we do around the world and within our community; but mostly I love knowing that my stewardship dollars support how we raise our families and care for each other at Saint Michael.

—Janice Bywaters



Columbarium Dedication Set for All Saints Sunday

November 3rd, All Saints Sunday, will see the dedication of the new Columbarium and Nave Courtyard. Following the 11:00 worship services, the congregation, led by the clergy and choir, will process to the new columbarium for its blessing.

Construction of the facility was started with the official groundbreaking on January 6. It includes 860 new niches, a green interment area for spreading of ashes, and a Memorial Wall for name-only remembrances. In the midst will be a landscaped Nave Courtyard providing a serene venue for a committal service and other outdoor worship.

Access to the columbarium and courtyard will be from new stained glass doors installed in the south wall of the church. The doors, designed by renown artist and parishioner Bart Forbes, are being created and will be installed shortly after the New Year.

“Decades ago, this parish established the important ministry of burial on the church grounds, a time-honored legacy throughout the world,” said Bob Dannals, rector. “I wish to thank the Beck Group and specifically our

local team, including Larry Wilson, Bracken Reece, and our Columbarium Committee, chaired by Bob Wilbur, our former Junior Warden, Jay Grogan, and the Building and Grounds Committee, chaired by our current Junior Warden, Tom Stewart. The Columbarium and Nave Courtyard will be a sacred and beautiful addition to Saint Michael and All Angels.”



Niche Purchases Available

Information on acquiring a niche in the new columbarium can be found at <http://www.saintmichael.org/explore-the-new-courtyard-columbarium/> or by contacting Kimberly H. Robinson at khrobinson@saintmichael.org. A brochure on the project is available at the south lanai reception desk.





Meet Terry Demler

Our new Lay Leader of Pastoral Care Ministries is Terry Demler. If you don't already know her, perhaps you have heard her name around the hallways and meeting rooms of Saint Michael, because Terry has been 'involved' since she and husband, Mark, joined.



Terry enjoyed an impressive career in marketing for corporations such as Hanson Pipe and Precast, Canandaigua Wine, Saab North America, Coca Cola, and The American Red Cross. She retired in 2011 to spend more time with her ailing mother, here in Dallas.

Terry was first introduced to Saint Michael while working at the American Red Cross, and was drawn to this parish by its strong commitment to Pastoral Care. After Terry and Mark joined our parish, Terry's mother, who was suffering what became a final illness, was ministered to by our priests and lay ministries. Appreciating the loving support that her mother enjoyed, further endeared Saint Michael's Pastoral Care Ministries to Terry. She felt lovingly surrounded by a community.

Soon Terry found herself working with several of the Pastoral Care Ministries, doing many of the things she had grown up doing at her mother's encouragement and guidance.

In a very short time, Terry has taken on roles with the Friends In Christ Ministry, visiting those who are homebound. She has taken on the role of 'scribe' for the confidential Intercessory Prayer Ministry, a role she still carries, and most recently has accepted the responsibility of Lay Leader for the 20 Pastoral Care Ministries.

We asked Terry why she was so attracted to Pastoral Care. Here is what she had to say:

Why does my heart lean toward Pastoral Care?

I grew up with a mom, grandparents and a great grandparent that lived the example of helping others. Taking food to someone sick,

visiting someone who could no longer get out easily or had become bed ridden, spending time just being with someone who (in their eyes) looked lonely.

As a young woman I took these lessons learned and volunteered at nursing homes, hospitals and even the Austin State Mental Hospital. On my visits I would read to people or listen to their stories about their lives. How vibrant their tales and how they loved sharing! I came away always more enriched than when I went to visit that day.

Here at Saint Michael we are deeply blessed to have so many ministries that can support us in times of challenge. When I was a new member I went to the Care Givers Support group. So much love, warmth and kindness flow from that group as soon as you walk in the door. And, I found information that helped me make better decisions with and for my mom that helped her life be improved.

I am always in awe of our Pastoral Care Ministries and the people who carry out their duties. People give their time and energy to stop and listen, to help others and always you hear them say how lucky they are and how much their lives are blessed by their involvement. That is why I lean toward Pastoral Care as a Ministry.

Our needs continue to grow here at Saint Michael and I hope that when parishioners are looking for a way to get involved they will contact the Lay Leader or Clergy associated with one of the ministries and learn how they can help. Of course, they can always contact me at tsdemler@gmail.com, and I will make certain they 'Get Connected'.

I look at our involvement as an important tool, not intended to replace the priests, but as support that enables the clergy to better serve our large congregation.

So, I thank my mom, Maedelle; Grandparents, Fannie Marie, Walker, Josie and Willie; and great grandparent, Nell, for showing me the way to act with my heart and I thank God for guiding me on the journey to this new leadership role, in His name.



Please mark your calendar with the following dates:

Comfort in Grief Workshop

Beginning October 9, "Comfort in Grief" is the title of a 6-week grief workshop to be led by The Rev. Fran Shelton of Faith and Grief Ministries, October 9 through November 13 on Wednesday evenings, 6:30- 8:30. Learn ways to cope, acknowledge feelings, practice spiritual exercises that bring comfort. Contact: The Rev. Lisa Flores, lflores@saintmichael.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous.

Meets in the Coke Activities Room on the first and third Sundays of October from 7:30-8:30 in the evening. This group is open to both men and women. More information is available by contacting The Rev. Neal Hern, nealhearn@aol.com

Parish Nurse Ministry Hosts the American Red Cross Blood Drive on October 5 and 6

We are reminded that Texas Law now allows that young people 16 and 17 years of age are now eligible to donate blood, with parental consent. All are reminded to bring Drivers Licenses or photo ID when you come to donate. Opportunities to donate will be available on Saturday, October 5 at the Farmers Market, as well as Sunday, October 6 at the Porte Cochere by the ESD Lobby. Questions? Contact Dianne Boyd, dboyd@saintmichael.org.

Caregiver Support Group

Meets on the first and third Mondays of October, in the Parlor, 11:00 to 12:30. Contact: Sandra Klingeman, jsklingeman@sbcglobal.net, or Drew Stull, jstull3141@aol.com.

Faith and Grief Luncheon

Please note: There will not be an October Faith and Grief Luncheon. The next luncheon will be Thursday, November 14, in the Coke Activities Room, Noon until 1:00. The meetings take place at Saint Michael on the second Thursday of each month. Note that there is no charge for the luncheon but donations are greatly appreciated. Make reservations by visiting www.faithandgrief.org, or calling 469-251-9612. Questions: contact The Rev. Lisa Flores, lflores@saintmichael.org or Lay Leader, Meg Badgett, mmbadgett@gmail.com

Perspectives on Prayer

This month's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 17, in the Coke Activities Room. A brief social time starts the meeting at 6:00, followed by centering music and the program at 6:30. Guest speaker this month will be The Rev. Kevin Huddleston. His topic is, 'Praying with Open Hands.' Each month a member of the parish clergy or staff will speak to the group. These speakers will talk about their perspectives on prayer. Come and join us. All are invited. For information about how you can be involved with this vital ministry, contact lay leader, Steve McKenney, ssmckenney111@gmail.com.

Women's Cancer Support Group

Every Monday, 1:45 in the Parlor. Contact: Sue Patton, pattons@sbcglobal.net, or Charlie Stobaugh, charlie@stobaugh.net.

Basic Christian Yoga

Take advantage of the opportunity to re-energize for Fall with Christian Yoga, a healthy way to exercise your mind and body. Saint Michael offers this class, led by licensed Yoga instructor, Annette Lentz. THERE IS NO FEE. We meet every Monday evening, 5:30-6:45, in the Youth Space. Contact: Annette Lentz, annette.lentz@sbcglobal.net.

Centering Prayer Group

Centering Prayer Group meets every Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the Chapel Conference Room. Contact: Mary Ann Webster, maryannwebster@gmail.com

Knitting Ministry

The **Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry** meets every Tuesday, 1:00 to 3:00 in the Coke Activities Room. This is a rewarding way to provide a loving service for someone in need and at the same time enjoy the fellowship of others. Contact: Byrd Teague, Byrd.Teague@gmail.com.

The Alterknit Knitting Ministry meets every Tuesday night, 6:00-8:00, in the Drake Room. Men, women, young people are invited to participate, if a daytime meeting is not a good fit for you. Contact: Nancy Cantwell, phone: 972-523-4911



Women of Saint Michael Announce 2014 Grant Program: Application Deadline December 15th



\$500,000 to Dallas charities.

The Women of Saint Michael Gifts Committee is accepting applications for its 2014 Grant Program. Every year the Women of Saint Michael award grants to Dallas area non-profits and last year gave over

All applications must be received by December 15th.

Our criteria for giving comes from Mathew 25:35-36...
I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you visited me. I was in prison and you came to me.

Funding is primarily intended for non-profit agencies serving the needy in Dallas County. The program focuses on operating expense and program support.

Money for the grants is generated from retail sales of the Saint Michael's Woman's Exchange as well as from proceeds of the church's annual parish party and auction and other fundraising activities.

Grant applications are available online at www.saintmichael.org.

For questions contact:

Kathy Kelley, Gifts Committee Chair,
kkelley737@aol.com
Gayle Kesinger, Assistant Chair,
gkesinger@tx.rr.com

Creativity for Peace Leader Talks with Women of Saint Michael

Thursday, October 10, 2013, 11:30 a.m.

Dottie Indyke, Executive Director, Creativity for Peace will discuss how its Young Leaders Program simultaneously works with young Palestinian and Israeli women on collaborative leadership and peacemaking so that they may take on significant roles in their families, communities and countries that advance peaceful coexistence. Joining Dottie will be three young women in the program who will share their stories: one Jewish Israeli, one Arab Israeli and one Arab from the West Bank.



Women – Word – Work

Are you a working woman? Are you craving spiritual connection, but know you can't commit to one more thing? Then this is the perfect group for you! Drop-in when you can as we share fellowship, snacks, study and prayer. We're currently using one of the Sunday scripture readings as a jumping-off place for our discussions—no preparation required. Bring a friend and join us on the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month from 7:00-8:15 p.m.

GenXers

Enhance your Sunday connections, nurture your spiritual growth, and have a little fun! Join us on Friday, October 4 at 6:30 for a Home Communion followed by a board games and pizza, hosted by Katherine and Mike Blachly (6916 Azalea Ln). Please bring your favorite beverage to share...all friends, dates, partners, and spouses welcome! Contact bsol@saintmichael.org to be added to our email list, or to make an event suggestion (in the works are dinners, outings to the symphony, concerts in the park, community outreach, and a weekend retreat).



Saint Michael 20s & 30s

Invite others and let them know...single, married, kids, no kids, job, no job, deep faith, struggling faith... wherever you are, and whoever you are, you are welcome at Saint Michael!

Sunday Brunch — Join us on October 6 at 12:30 for fellowship and a discussion of the sermon. Meet in the North Lanai reception area after the 11:00 service, or watch for a tweet of where we're eating.

Newlyweds Group — Recently, or almost married (0-5 years), and committed to strengthening your vows in a way that deepens your faith? Join us the third Sunday of each month. Lunch will be provided as you engage in a conversation about how to navigate this new phase of your lives. Each month the topic will be briefly introduced by a marriage mentor, leaving you plenty of time to discuss challenges and joys with your spouse and the other couples in the group. Our next gathering is October 20 at 12:15 in the Coke Activities Room.

Watch the webpage for other activities and event locations: <http://www.saintmichael.org/smaa20s30s/>.

Prime Timers Get Cultural

On October 3, Catherine Cuellar, Director of the Cultural Arts District will talk with the Prime Timers about how downtown Dallas has been transformed by the Arts District and the city's urban parks program. The meeting will be at 10:30 in the Coke Activities Room. Call Mary Davis at 214-363-7761 for lunch reservations.

PT Cruisers Hit the Rails

Clang, Clang, Clang, goes the Trolley as the PT Cruisers take a ride on the McKinney Avenue Trolley, tour the trolley barn, and have a picnic lunch at downtown's Klyde Warren Park on Thursday, October 17th. The bus leaves the church at 9:30. Cost for the outing and lunch is \$10. Call Mary Davis at 214-363-7761 for reservations. Deadline is Sunday, October 13.

Acolyte Training Set for October 26

Enhance your worship experience. Join the Saint Michael Acolyte Corps, one of the largest in the Episcopal Church. Teen, Gen Xer, Millennial, Boomer – all are welcome and needed. Acolyte training will be held 9:00 to 10:30 on Saturday, October 26 in the Church. More information: contact Tony Briggles at tonybriggles@sbcglobal.net.



A Stephen Minister Maybe The Answer

Have you hit a rough patch in your life? Do you have a burden that you cannot handle alone? A Stephen Minister is someone who will walk beside you while you are hurting—listening to you, praying for you, and encouraging you. If you know someone who might benefit from having a Stephen Minister or you could use one yourself, please contact The Rev. Lisa Flores, lflores@saintmichael.org.





Book Shop of Saint Michael Featuring New Products

The Saint Michael Book Shop has exciting new products for you to see and buy: bath products from Thistle Farms and the exclusive Kenyan Collection of dog collars and leashes.

Thistle Farms produces a wide variety of all-natural lotions, bath gels, and healing oils, all made by survivors of violence, addiction and prostitution. Founder, Becca Stephens, will deliver the Saint Michael Distinguished Lecture, in April next year. All proceeds from the sale of these products go to support these survivors around the world.



The **Kenyan Collection** is one of a kind hand-beaded dog collars and leashes from Kenya. They come in a variety of lengths in The Circle of Life and Primary patterns.

Book Shop Saturday Hours Resume: Volunteers Still Needed

Starting October 12, the Book Shop will resume opening on Saturdays, but it still needs Sunday volunteers. Normally, a person works one Sunday a month from 8:30-12:30 and gets a 20% discount. Contact Chris (ext. 266) if you can volunteer.

The Bookshop hours:

M, T, Thur, Fri 10:00-3:00

Wed 9:00-3:00

Beginning Saturday, October 12

9:00 – 11:00

Sun 8:30-12:30

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A message from the Rector – God’s little blessings

At one time or another we have all said, “God works in mysterious ways” and I believe that is true given our need to require parishioners and visitors to have nametags when in our building on weekdays during school hours.

To ensure the safety and well-being of the children at the Saint Michael Preschool and the Episcopal School of Dallas lower school, I am sure you understand our need to maintain strict security measures. As a result, building entrances are locked on weekdays during school hours and we must enter at either the North or South Lanai doors, and all of us must have a name tag. If you don’t have one, the receptionist at either entrance will happily and quickly make one for you.

Now for the blessing. How many times have you greeted someone as you walked down the hall at Saint Michael only to wonder, “what is her/his name?” With everyone having a name tag, now you can greet them by name, and maybe even strike up a conversation and inquire about their families. I truly believe God is using this opportunity to bring us closer together in community.

Thank you for understanding our need for implementing the upmost security for our children, staff, and parishioners. And, one final request; please wear your name tag on Sundays as well.

Bob Dannals



Homecoming



Homecoming Facts

- 78 pounds of bacon
- 600+ eggs
- 70 pounds of grits
- 800 biscuits
- 400 waffles
- 400 pancakes
- 1,000 danish
- 15 watermelons
- 50 pounds of sausage
- 20 pounds of rice
- 2 gallons of cream gravy
- Gallons and gallons of hot coffee and OJ



Homecoming



Photos by Ray Hand, Smokey Goodrich, Pat Flautt



Prime Timers in Jefferson Texas

15 Prime Timers led by Pam Barbera with The Rev. Lisa Flores toured Jefferson, Texas, September 25-27. Following are some photos of their adventure.



Graceful Ghost steam paddleboat on Caddo Lake



Relaxing in front of Excelsior House

Ted Talks



The Ted Talks meets in the Parlor. The Wednesday evening meeting begins at 5:30 (new time) and the Thursday morning group meets at 11:30.

Mission And Outreach Meeting

Join us on Thursday, October 3 at 5:33 in the Youth Cafe to discover the many opportunities of Mission and Outreach and how we can "promote" them to our parish!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH 8AM - NOON
SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Douglas & Colgate
Pet Blessings 🐾 SPCA Foster Puppies & Kittens
Pet Photos 🐾 Face Painting 🐾 Human & Pet Treats
Blood Drive 🐾 Saint Michael's Farmers Market
ALL ARE WELCOME!

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS





Distinguished Lecture Series



Join us on Sunday,
November 10 as we
welcome,

The Rev. Dr.
Craig Barnes,
the President
of Princeton
Theological
Seminary.



10:00-10:45

When Life is Interrupted

A combined adult Sunday lecture in the Parish Hall.
This class is free of charge. No reservations required.

12:30-2:00

The Blessing of Limitations

Lunch followed by a presentation and Q and A with
our speaker. The cost for the lunch is \$15.00 per person.
Reservations required.

Luncheon reservations are made with Abby Escobedo at
aescobedo@saintmichael.org or 214-363-5471.

Advent Home Communion

It is time to sign up to host an Advent Home Communion.
If you would like to offer your family, friends and
neighbors the opportunity to gather at your home for
this simple Eucharist followed by refreshments or a light
supper, please contact aescobedo@saintmichael.org.

Foyer Groups

Foyer Supper Groups are:

- The great way to make new friends,
- Enjoy good conversation,
- Savor the best of home cooking,
- Make a big church small.

Groups meet regularly for a meal and fellowship in the
home of one of its members. The groups are put together
randomly so that we can get to know parishioners
we might not otherwise meet and renew on-going
friendships. Generally, the host provides the main course
with the other members filling in the rest of the meal.

All Foyer participants gather for a meal and program at
the church in early June and late November. The small
groups meet for 6 months December - May and June -
November. It is necessary to re-register every 6 months
for the new groupings.

There is no agenda or plan – just casual fellowship.

Two types of groups are available, made up of: 1. A cross
section of Saint Michael adults 2. Families with children

Groups that will be together January – June will be
formed In November. To become a member of a Foyer
Supper Group, please contact aescobedo@saintmichael.org
or register on-line.



Tela Honduras Mission Trip February 20, 2014

“Come spend a week with us in Tela, Honduras, a small town on the Caribbean Coast. This transformative week will be spent in spiritual formation, service and fellowship. We will be hosted by the local Episcopal Church and will offer many opportunities to work, worship and socialize with the local residents.

Although no special skills are required, there will be plenty of work to go around. You do not need any Spanish language skills. You only need to bring a servant’s heart and a team spirit – with those two things, miracles will be performed. All else will be provided.

The Tela trip will be February 8-15, 2014. An information session will be held in the Bishop Moore Chapel on Sunday October 27, 2013 at 10:00 followed that evening by a casual dinner, at 6:30 at the home of Mike and Sissy Massad, 4200 McFarlin.

For detailed information, please call George Baldwin (214-369-1265 or gbinvest@swbell.net), Grady Schleier (469-223-8541 or gschleier@gmail.com), or Chris Schupp (214-912-8324 or cschupp@robertlynn.com).

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Cuba Mission Trip Leaves October 25

Nine Saint Michael parishioners will join The Rev. Kevin Huddleston on the church’s first mission trip to Cuba.

The group will travel to the town of Sancti Spiritus to work with the Episcopal parish there to acquire a permanent church home.

The missionaries will return on November 1.



Sancti Spiritus, Cuba

Bolivia Mission Trip Report – through the eyes of the Villa Amistad children

In early September, Maria and Richard D’Antoni, The Rev. Lisa Flores, and The Rev. Sharon Alexander went to Bolivia. Following is a report on their trip as seen through the eyes of the children at Villa Amistad.

Gracias San Miguel y todos los Ángeles.....For being our friends in Christ and showing us your love!

The Saint Michael missionaries were in Cochabamba, Bolivia at Villa Amistad September 7-13. They brought us 3 large duffle bags full of linens and clothes, as well as toothbrushes, toothpaste, and soap from your youth department. Casa Esperanza is the house that Saint Michael supports at Villa Amistad.



After Church on Sunday, they celebrated the birthdays of the children of Casa Esperanza at a birthday lunch at La Angostura. Three of the children actually have birthdays in September. They took us to visit the Cristo overlooking Cochabamba, the largest Christ statue in South America.

On Monday and Thursday we made prayer chains with our amigos. On Monday night the missionaries took the Amistad University students and graduates to dinner to celebrate their accomplishments! Without your help (prayers and financial support) their success would be impossible in a country where less than 3 % of the population has a college education.

The week that the Amigos from San Miguel y todos los Ángeles come to visit is the highlight of our year. GRACIAS! We look forward to meeting more of you on the next pilgrimage! You bring the light of hope.





Jeanie's Place Early Head Start Facility Dedicated at Jubilee Park

More than 80 community members and guests attended the dedication of the new Jeanie's Place Early Head Start school at Jubilee Park. It is only the fourth Early Head Start school in Dallas County.



Jeanie's Place at Jubilee Park

The facility will provide no-cost childcare, early childhood education programs, extended social services, preventative health and prenatal education services to the parents of infants and toddlers. More than 40% of families living in the Jubilee Park community are below the federal poverty area. "Early education programs and the other services provided are vital to helping these children enter elementary school on an equal footing," said The Rev. Kevin Huddleston, Associate for Mission and Outreach.

This month the new school will begin serving 48 children – newborn through three years old – and their families.



Celebrating the dedication of the new Jubilee Early Head Start facility were (L to R): Ken Gilbert (CEO of Head Start), Maria and David Martin, Jenny King (Board Chair of Head Start, Ron Jeans (Board Member of Head Start)

Back to School Night, September 5 at Jubilee Park and Community Center

The Jubilee Connection Committee organized dinner and games for students and their families. Mr. Donovan, who works with our preschool, volunteered and led the kids in activity stations.





Preschool Playground Ready for Play

The new playground built on land adjacent to the north parking lot is ready for play. During the last week of September the fence was installed protecting children from the creek completing the construction project. Earlier in the month the facility was approved by state inspectors.

Official dedication of the playground is scheduled for Sunday, October 27 in conjunction with Trunk or Treat. “In addition to the goodies, the biggest treat will be the official opening of the long-awaited playground,” said The Rev. Greg Pickens, associate for Children, Youth, and Families. “This is a great addition to our Preschool, Saint Michael and All Angels, and the entire community.”

Funds for the playground came from private donations from the people of Saint Michael, grants from several independent foundations, auction proceeds from the Chairish Silent Auction, and by the generous support from the Saint Michael Foundation. In addition to the preschool’s and church’s children, the playground will be available to neighborhood children during the Farmers Market and outside of preschool hours.





October 13 Nativity Try-Outs

Mark your calendar for October 13th from 4:00-6:00. We will be gathering in the Theater for individual sessions to determine each child's strengths. Email Suzanne Finan to sign up for your time slot at sfinan@saintmichael.org.

October 20 Nativity Family Meeting and Kick Off Rehearsal/Party

Join us October 20th in the theater at 12:00 Noon for a family information meeting to answer all your Nativity questions. A kick-off party and rehearsal will be from 1:00-2:30 following the family information portion.

October 25 and 26 He, She, We and God

Tween family workshop on sexuality, puberty and faith. Don't miss this opportunity to help create a safe environment to talk to your children about the hard topics tweens are facing daily. Stacy Holley, coauthor of *He, She, We and God* and faith formation leader in the Episcopal Church will be at Saint Michael for this two day workshop. To register please contact Jill Delabano at jdelabano@saintmichael.org.

October 27 Trunk or Treat

Join us the Sunday before Halloween from 10:00-11:00 for this super fun Sunday event! Park your car in the North Douglas lot and wear your best Halloween gear. We will be celebrating fall with games, crafts and lots of Halloween goodies.



November 3 Edge Pottery with Moms

Edgers bring your Mom to Purple Glaze on November 3rd from 3:00-5:00 for some creative fun. We will teaming up with our moms for fellowship and creating some Christmas keepsakes.

December 4th Advent Family Fair

Join us for one of our favorite evenings at Saint Michael. From 6:00 until 7:15 we will gather in the Parish Hall for Advent family activities celebrating the season in the Episcopal tradition. Dinner will be provided. To volunteer or for more information contact Emily at egiven@saintmichael.org.

Noah's Ark to the Rescue

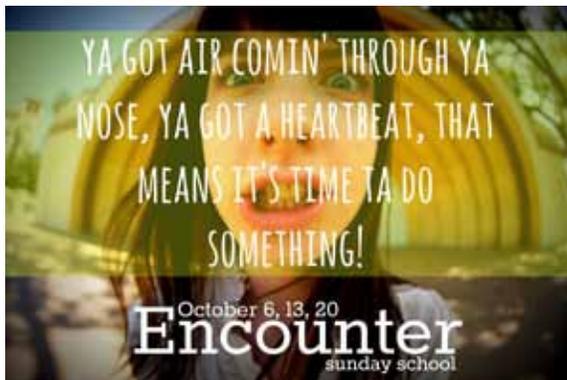
Noah's Ark is a new daytime program by the Saint Michael Preschool that provides childcare while Mom (or Dad for that matter) are at the church for a meeting or adult formation activity. The care is available on Mondays and Fridays from 8:30-4:30 and Wednesdays by appointment. Please send email reservations to Kelley Salewske at ksalewske@saintmichael.org or 214-361-1224.





Encounter:

In the month of October the youth will be exploring what it means to have a VIBRANT faith. Our stories will include the Disciples dropping their nets, the ministry of Paul, and the Disciple Thomas. To illustrate a vibrant faith, we found the quote in the picture below from the youtube celebrity "Kid President."



Coffeeshouse:

Friday, November 15, 7:00-9:00

Youth Ministry at Saint Michael is hosting a Coffee House Friday night, November 15. All acts are welcome, no matter what your age. Art, music, poetry, videos, mixed media, all forms welcome.



Painting with a Twist

7th Grade Girls
painting party

7th grade girls, moms, and mentors are invited to Painting with a Twist on Sunday, October 6th at 2 PM for fun afternoon of painting--that you can take with you! Friends welcome.

Register online at www.saintmichael.org/youth

TASTE Featuring Peter Calk **Worship**

a worship experience for the whole family
November 3, 2013
4 p.m.

Winter Retreat

The Winter Retreat has quickly become a favorite tradition of the young people at Saint Michael. This retreat challenges high school youth to Disciple middle school youth through a number of activities such as Bible studies, worship services, and small group experiences.

Everyone in grades 6-12 is invited. We will be retreating at Camp All Sints on Lake Texoma.

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Grant Them Eternal Rest

C. Randal "Randy" Wier, August 11, son of Carol Wier

Alice Hamrick Shuford, August 29, mother of Bill Shuford, mother-in-law of Kathy Shuford, grandmother of Emily, Sarah, William

Margaret Jean "Marge" Lord Salyards, September 5, mother of Paul Salyards, mother-in-law of Oleta Salyards, grandmother of Win and Maverick

Dwain Hamilton, September 9, husband of Blanche Hamilton

Jannis Leigh Greene, September 10

Peggy Whitam Said, September 12, mother of Roger Said mother-in-law of Ann Said

Harold "Brett" Morris, Jr., September 20, husband of Gay Morris, father of Cindy Redman, grandfather of Jack and Reagan Redman, brother in law of Barbara and Roy Washburn

Fauntelle Cook Beck, September 25, mother of Beverly Rummer, mother-in-law of Brad Rummer

Robert Harold "Mac" Macdonald, September 30

Cradle Roll

Welcome to our newest member born into our parish family:

Shelton McCarthy Kobler

September 6, 2013

Megan and Matthew Kobler

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Years ago when I answered the call to ordination, no one could have told me that I would have become a leading giver. Back then I worked my own brand of negotiating: I thought the church was just there, and if I gave my energy to the church's ministry no other measure of giving would be necessary. Back then I was alive to God's presence but in woeful denial of my need to give significant money to the cause.

One of the most profound things we can do for one another as Christians -- and something that Christians can do for the world -- is model a giving which is healthy, is proportionate to our circumstances, is honest, and demonstrates that we are not diminished by our giving.

In other words, our giving is meant to be cheerful, effective, and grounded in gratitude for the abundance of God's creation, redemption, and sustaining presence.

I've met people in my life and ministry who have seemed to learn those deep lessons from parents or from other admirable mentors. But, I really did learn this lesson in and from the church. And I am passionate to make our church a place where others can receive that life-giving lesson.

Our annual stewardship effort is being led this year by Susan and Dean McSherry, and they chose *Grounded in Gratitude* as our theme. Gratitude may be the ultimate vocation for the Christian. People become thankful when they realize that all of life is a gift, and in an answering love become generous and sacrificial givers.

During the coming month, I ask each of us to participate in gratitude, giving substance to your thanks. First pray -- ask a generous God to guide and direct you in making commitments of talent and treasure. Second, make Saint Michael and All Angels a priority in your life and giving by making a significant pledge. We know there are many demands and requests on your time and resources ... consider how your parish meets you with the Gospel week by week throughout your life. Third, consider moving toward the tithe -- if you are giving at, say, 2%, make a move to 4%. Fourth, consider attaching to your giving of money an increased effort in participation. We need each and every one of you for the mission and ministry of this congregation. Let go of the fantasy that others will do it for you. This opportunity is for you!

Bob Dannals

Rector

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Worship

Monday – Friday

7:00 a.m. – Eucharist – BMC

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. – Healing Service – BMC

Saturday

8:30 a.m. – Eucharist – BMC

5:30 p.m. – Candlelight Mass

Sunday

7:30 a.m. – Eucharist Rite I – SMC

9:00 a.m. – Eucharist Rite II - Church

9:00 a.m. – Joy Mass - Parish Hall

9:00 a.m. – Discovery Mass - SMC

10:00 a.m. – Sunday School Classes
(Children and Adult)

11:00 a.m. – Eucharist Rite I – SMC

11:00 a.m. – Celebration Mass - Theater

5:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

and Eucharist Rite I – SMC

Parish Clergy

The Reverend Bob Dannals, Rector

The Reverend Kevin Huddleston

The Reverend Greg Pickens

The Reverend Lisa Flores

The Reverend Brenda Sol

The Reverend Jim Webb

The Reverend Michael Harmuth

The Reverend Neal Hern

The Reverend Pamela Theodore

The Reverend Michael Dangelo

The Reverend Ariail Gores

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