

January 2014

Church Offices Closed Feast of Lights Safe Church Training Youth Retreat Ignite at Camp All Saints The Edge Lock In Jubilee Sunday Church Offices Closed MLK Day no 7:00 a.m. Eucharist Worship Service Pilot Chairish Our Children Dinner and Auction

Epiphany is About Getting Specific, Being Located

The Christian faith is fond of saying that God is everywhere, and while that's true, God is revealed and manifested "somewhere." While God is

> universal in presence, care, and love, we know God and make God known in the specific, located, and incarnate aspects of daily living. The Christian faith is precisely about mixing heaven and earth, the

sacred and the profane, the transcendent and the imminent. "The Word became flesh," is the enduring message of Christmas in John's Gospel. Or as Archbishop William Temple put it in his classic book *Nature, Man and God*, "Christianity is the world's most materialistic religion."

Against that hard truth, we are surrounded today by loose thinking and comfortable euphemisms. People say things like, "I'm spiritual but not religious," or "I believe in God, but I'm not interested in the Church." Or as a good friend in another church used to say to me, "Bob, I don't really need corporate liturgy, I like the outdoors on Sunday mornings ... And besides, I follow the Sermon on the Mount." I didn't ever ask him if he really knew the famous Sermon of Jesus, but I sincerely doubted he was following Jesus' difficult commands on the golf course; but then I haven't known anyone who has come very close to following Jesus' dictums -- at least not consistently over a lifetime.

Christian spirituality is wide and diverse, but we drain it of meaning if we think our spirituality is not rooted in the flesh; highly material, specific,

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Bishop of Kansas, The Rt. Rev. Dean Wolfe, former Vice Rector Visits Saint Michael

The Rt. Rev. Dean Wolfe, Bishop of Kansas will pay a return visit to Saint Michael and All Angels on Sunday, January 12. He will preach, participate in Baptism, and celebrate mass at the 9:00 worship service. At 11:00, Bishop Wolfe will preach, confirm new adult members, and celebrate Holy Communion.

Dr. Wolfe served as Vice Rector of Saint Michael

and All Angels for 5 years prior to his election as Bishop in July of 2003. He became the ninth Bishop of Kansas in January of 2004, overseeing 46 congregations, two campus ministry centers, and one secondary school. Currently Bishop



Wolfe serves as the Vice President of the House of Bishops, Chair of the House of Bishops Planning Committee, delegate to the World Council of Churches, and member of the Presiding Bishop's Council of Advice.

Jubilee and Gospel Meet at Saint Michael January 19

On the eve of the Martin Luther King holiday, Saint Michael and All Angels will celebrate its partnership



with the Jubilee Park neighborhood and have a Gospel "singin" during worship services.

On Sunday, January 19, the relationship that has renewed hope and brotherhood in Jubilee Park



Grounded in Gratitude

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:2.1

Support of Saint Michael and All Angels' ministries in 2013 had a major impact on our parish and for our neighbors in Dallas, across the country, and around the world. Look at just a few of our accomplishments:

- Our combined outreach ministries contributed more than \$1 million to serve those in need from Dallas to Honduras, to Cuba, to Jerusalem.
- The Saint Michael Preschool completed its new playground, added a new classroom, and has an application waiting list.
- We completed the Columbium and Nave Courtyard, creating a new sacred space on our campus.
- Saint Michael Presents initiated a new quality concert series attracting hundreds of people new to our church.
- Saint Michael's Farmers Market became a Saturday morning meeting place for neighbors from miles around.

These and many more were made possible by your generosity. We have more opportunities and a lot of work to do in 2014. We need your support if we are to continue helping build the kingdom of God here in our community.

Our \$6 million goal is in sight. Help us get there with your pledge toward Saint Michael's ministries in 2014. Annual pledges support everything we do and are at Saint Michael from paying salaries, to supporting outreach ministries, to our worship and formation programs. In order to know what we can do each year, we need your pledge commitment. Be generous!

Please take a few prayerful moments and consider your giving to Saint Michael. You can pledge at www.saintmichael. org/pledge or call the Stewardship Office at 214-363-5471.

Bob Dannals, Rector

Susan and Dean McSherry, Stewardship Chairs

Why We Give

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

Preschool Giving Chain Lists Kids' Thanks

The Saint Michael Preschool families started a new tradition this fall with their Stewardship Giving Chain. Parents, Grandparents and children of the Preschoolers gave donations and wrote on chain links "what they were

thankful for" to build the first ever "Stewardship Giving Chain". "A stewardship pledge from the preschool is a tradition we hope lives on for many years to come, said Katie Riley, Director. 2013 has been



an incredible year for the Saint Michael Preschool with the completion of the new playground and introduction of many exciting enrichment programs. We are grateful for the support of the church and all the wonderful families that make it all possible."

Join Us at Saint Michael



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Jubilee and Gospel at Saint Michael

will be commemorated at the 9:00 service in the Church. And, at 11:00 the inspirational gospel ensemble Appointed will lead our worship music.

Appointed is a well-regarded Dallas gospel group that is led by Sheran Keyton, who has been active on in stage, film, television, and radio productions. *The Dallas Morning News* said of Ms. Keyton, her "voice is a force of nature...a big, bold voice, bursting with joy..." The congregation will be able to participate in singing gospel hymns as well.

Honduras Threads Mission Trip Information Meeting Sunday, January 12

A meeting to discuss and plan the June Honduras Threads mission trip will be at 10:00 Sunday, January 12 in the Bishop Moore Chapel. On the mission, parishioners will work with the women of the Honduras Threads Co-ops to better their sewing, computer and business skills.

The mission, June 22 - 27, travels to Tegucigalpa, Honduras and six small rural communities nearby. The co-ops allow the women to augment their family incomes and provides money for food, school uniforms and home improvements.

For more information contact Bill Bancroft at bbancroft@conbrioconsulting.com.

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Parenting Class to Feature Mary Flo Ridley for Two Week Session

National speaker and author Mary Flo Ridley says it's simple – start from the beginning. Her program, "Sooner Than You Think," teaches parents how to identify teachable moments, build their sex education message around their personal family values, and



develop a positive plan for the pre-school to pre-teen years.

Mary Flo walks parents through very specific ways to answer their child's early questions with confidence and gives tools to begin conversations when children are young, combining core values with basic biology. As a result, parents can become their child's loving authority on the subject of sex.

Parenting Class – Building Families of Faith January 5 & 12: Mary Flo Ridley

January 19

January 26 & February 2

February 9

February 16

Mary Flo Ridley Sooner than you Think: Simple Answers to Challenging Questions Marta Holden Navigating Saint Michael Nell Bush Giving Good Gifts to Our Children Kathleen Fischer Can We Teach Self-Control? Kathleen Fischer Heads, Hearts, and Hormones



Marta Holden Nell Bush

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Kathleen Fischer

Speakers Highlight Their Perspectives on Prayer in Open Forums

Clergy and lay leaders are discussing how prayer is an essential part of their ministry at dinner meetings sponsored by Saint Michael's prayer ministries. The dinners, open to the entire parish, are held on the third Thursday of each month.

January 16: The Rev. Jim Webb, founder of The Gathering, will talk about feeding both Spiritual and physical meals to the homeless in downtown Dallas.

February 20: Director of Music James Diaz will connect prayer and music. He will have several pieces for us to listen too. James has invited the group to join him at the organ to watch and participate while he demonstrates his theme.

March 20: The Rev. Michael Harmuth will share his talent of communicating with Prayer to Children and Adults.

April 17: The Rector's wife, Valerie Dannals will discuss Welcoming Prayer and how it shows her love of the Church and its people.

May 15: The Rev. Lisa Flores will connect the theme's of the speakers and summarize Saint Michael's Perspectives on Prayer.

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Women of Saint Michael



January 15 meeting to feature United Way and Women's Foundation leaders.

At the January 15 meeting Roslyn Dawson Thompson, President and

Dallas

Women's Foundation and Jennifer Sampson, President and CEO, United Way of Metropolitan Dallas will participate in a panel discussion on

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women investing in women:



harnessing the philanthropic influence of women to empower and create opportunities for other women, their families, and their communities. The meeting begins at 11:30 in the Parish Hall.

The Women of Saint Michael has announced its slate of officers for 2014 -15.

The candidates are:

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President:	Whitney Grogan
President-Elect:	Helen Holman
Vice President:	Margaret Cervin
Treasurer:	Eleanor Durham
Parliamentarian:	Jan Baldwin
Communications:	Hallie Lawrence
Newsletter:	Allison Bovard
Recording Secretary: Tricia Stewart	
Assistant Treasurer:	Tracy Helms
Elections will held at the January 15 meeting.	



Series



March 2The Very Reverend Alan Jones,Dean-Emeritus, Grace Cathedral, San Francisco



Dr. Jones was the Dean of Grace Cathedral in San Francisco from 1985 until January 2009. Previously, he served as the Stephen F. Bayne Professor of Ascetical Theology at the General Theological Seminary in New

York City from 1972 to 1982 where he founded the Center for Christian Spirituality. He is a prominent lecturer both nationally and internationally and has written several books, articles, and editorial opinions.

April 6 The Reverend Becca Stevens, Chaplin at Vanderbilt University and founder of Magdalene and Thistle Farms.



Becca Stevens is a premiere preacher and speaker who proclaims love as the most powerful force for social change. She is an Episcopal priest and founder of Magdalene, residential communities of women who have survived prostitution, trafficking

and addiction. In 2001, she founded Thistle Farms which employs nearly 50 residents and graduates, and houses a natural body care line, a paper and sewing studio and the Thistle Stop Café. In 2011 she was named by the White House as one of 15 Champions of Change for violence against women.

Both Dr. Jones and The Rev. Stevens will speak at 10:00 in the Parish Hall and will address a reservations-only luncheon in the Coke Activities Room at 12:30. For information contact Shelly Vescovo at svescovo@saintmichael.org.

Advent Family Fest

Saint Michael's Advent Family Fest was a rockin' event. John the Baptist showed up and fed everyone chocolate-covered crickets. The kids and their families had a whole room of activities focused on the Advent season.





Families and children through the 5th grade met in the gym Sunday morning December 8 for Outreach Sunday. The children decorated placemats and made gift packets for the Jubilee Seniors Luncheon, and got a visit from Saint Nicholas.













Nativity Pageant

More than 200 children and youth took part in the Nativity Pageant on Sunday, December 15 before a full house of parishioners, parents, grandparents, relatives, and friends.























Preschool Christmas Program

The Saint Michael Preschool's Christmas program was presented to a standing room only crowd in the Theater.



Jubilee Park Seniors Lunch

The seniors at Jubilee Park were treated to a Christmas luncheon provided by Saint Michael parishioners on Thursday, December 19. It included ham, mashed potatoes, green beans and several luscious desserts. There were plenty of leftovers for residents to take home.

















I Believe in Angels

More than 500 children and seniors living in Jubilee Park had presents under their trees Christmas morning thanks to Saint Michael *I Believe in Angels* program. During December parishioners adopted an "angel" and on Saturday, December 14 over 40 parishioners helped wrap the gifts on Jubilee's "shopping day."























Overview



Cursillo: Reconnecting to God

A Cursillo weekend retreat could help take your faith to the next level. Spend a weekend away from life's distractions.



Through talks given by both lay and clergy, small group discussions, worship and the sacraments, participants on the weekend come away with the tools to help them lead a more Christ-centered life.

Cursillo 2014 Schedule

March 13-16 Aug. 14-17 Oct. 16-19 Star Brand Ranch near Kaufman Camp All Saints, Lake Texoma Camp Crucis, Granbury

Please contact our Saint Michael Cursillo leaders: Kristi Wilson at wilsonkristi@mac.com, Warren Houser at warren@ centcomrealtycorp.com or Britt McGannon at 3britt@gmail. com.

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Senior Living Options Rescheduled for January 5

Paul Markowitz, cancelled by the recent ice storm, has



rescheduled his presentation on Sunday, January 5 at 10:00. He is founder of Senior Living Specialists, and will discuss "The Top 10 Things to Think About When Exploring Senior Living Options." The class sponsored

by the Care Giver Support ministry will meeting in the Parlor.

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Marriage Preparation

If you're planning to be married in 2014, you'll want to signup for the Marriage Preparation series soon! You'll be joined by other couples committed to grounding their marriage in

their faith. We'll meet Saturdays from 9:00-Noon on January 11, 18 and 25. Topics include: "An Overall View of Christian Marriage," "Stages of Marriage and Building a Great Love," and "The



Ongoing Journey." The series concludes with a fun evening of food and fellowship on Thursday, January 30. The next series begins on June 7. For more information, contact Dianne Boyd (dboyd@saintmichael.org).

Women – Word – Work

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. Please note that, since the church will be closed on January 20, we'll meet at the home of Heather Stanton (4320 Greenbrier Dr).

GenXers

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Enhance your Sunday connections, nurture your spiritual growth, and have a little fun! Join us for social outings such as dinner, symphony performances, concerts in the park, weekend retreats, and game nights. All friends, dates, partners and spouses welcome! Watch the website for events and locations: saintmichael.org/adults/genxers.

SMAA 20s&30s

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We're a faith-based group for people in their 20s & 30s; join us for TACO BIBLE on January 27 at 6:30 at Soleo (NW Hwy & Hillcrest). Our style is very informal, but our conversations are always meaningful, and you don't have to bring your Bible, but it'd be swell if you brought a friend! Watch the website for other events and locations: saintmichael.org/ SMAA20s30s.

The Newlyweds

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Recently, or almost married (0-5 years), and committed to strengthening your vows in a way that deepens your faith? Join us for lunch and conversation about how to navigate this new phase of your lives. We typically meet the third Sunday of each month, but due to the MKL Jr. holiday, our next gathering is January 12 at 12:15 in the Coke Activities Room. This month's topic is "Active Listening."

Safe Church Training Set for January 8

Safe Church Training is essential to Saint Michael's dedication to a caring environment for every parishioner, especially our children and youth, and is required for anyone working with youth or children. The training will be Wednesday, January 8 from 6:00 to 8:00 in the Edge Room. RSVP to Kimberly Robinson at Khrobinson@saintmichael.org.

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Saint Michael Serves at The Gathering.

Saint Michael parishioners served at The Gathering's worship service on December 22 at Thanks-giving Square in downtown Dallas. Rector Bob Dannals gave the homily and helped celebrate the Eucharist.



More than 100 homeless in the downtown area attended the service where they received a hot meal, warm clothing, Bibles, and a visit from Santa in the form of Jon Davis.





Caring and Sharing - Pastoral Care



Care for The Caregivers

The Caregiver Support Group Mission is to make resources available for all members of the parish who are in the role of care giving.

To address this goal, we invite you to attend our support group meetings that are held in the Church Parlor on the first and third Mondays of each month. We gather at 11:00, meet others who are care givers and share general information about Care giving and more explicit information regarding Alzheimer patient care and Care Giving Resources. Our support group is a safe Christian environment in which to talk confidentiality regarding the needs, concerns, problems and opportunities that care givers face. We are finished by 12:30.



We know that everyone can't attend our meetings due to the everyday demands of jobs outside the home, or the constant care of their loved one. We would like to reach out to those of you who can't come to the meetings and offer you our support.

One way for us to help you is through a new project that is being launched this year. It is the Care Giver's Corner in the church's Power Library. You will be able to check out books on specific subjects, and large-piece, age-appropriate puzzles that aid in working with dementia patients. Additionally, Care givers will find brochures listing services available in the community with contact numbers and addresses. Also, materials will list resources for various other care giver needs. We will update the list of available books and materials as we build our library. Another way we support this ministry is through guest speakers who are experts. The ice storm made it necessary to cancel his first date and we are pleased to announce that we were able to reschedule Paul Markowitz, founder of Senior Living Specialists, to speak on the 'Top 10 Things to Think About When Touring Senior Living Options'. He will be with us on Sunday, January 5, at 10:00 in the Church Parlor. Put this date and time on your calendar and plan to attend.

We believe there are many caregivers in our parish of whom we are not even aware. While our mission is to provide a confidential place for caregivers to share their experiences, it is also to help caregivers and the one for whom they are caring, in many ways. If you have a loved one that requires your care, whatever the cause, we urge you to be in touch with one of the Lay Leaders of this Ministry, Sandra Klingeman, jsklingeman@sbcglobal.net, or Drew Stull, jstull3141@aol. com, or contact The Rev. Lisa Flores, lflores@saintmichael. org

A Stephen Minister Can Help You Over The Rough Spots.

Do you have a burden that you cannot handle alone? Do something for yourself today. Because you haven't seen a ministry that fits your need, perhaps you didn't know that

there was help for your particular hurt. A Stephen Minister is someone who will walk beside you while you are hurting listening to you, praying for you, and encouraging you. Saint Michael and All Angels offers a very dedicated group of men and women who have received



specialized training to walk with you, confidentially, on this journey. 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.

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Grief Ministry

The January Faith and Grief luncheon at Saint Michael is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, Noon-1:00 in the Coke Activities Room. If you have suffered a loss, this is an excellent support community for you to join. It is one of listening hearts, strict confidentiality and warm human contact. Please make a reservation by visiting www. faithandgrief.org, or call 469-251-9612. There is no fee for the lunch but donations are greatly appreciated. Contact, lay leader, Meg Badgett, mmbadgett@gmail.com, or The Rev. Lisa Flores, lflores@saintmichael.org.



Parish Nurse Ministry

On Sunday, January 19, the Parish Nurse Ministry will focus on New Year Health and Wellness Month. A professional will be present in the South Lanai to answer questions and provide informative resources. Contact Dianne Boyd, dboyd@saintmichael.org

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Women's Cancer Support Group.

This group meets on Mondays at 1:45 in the Parlor to support each other and share helpful information. Contact: Sue Patton, pattons@sbcglobal.net, or Charlie Stobaugh, charlie@stobaugh.net.

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Christian Yoga

Get off to a good start in the New Year! Get your body and mind in shape, have fun and meditate with fellow parishioners. Our Christian Yoga classes are led by licensed Yoga instructor, Annette Lentz, Monday evenings at 5:30-6:45, in the Youth Space. THERE IS NO FEE. All genders and ages are invited. Contact: Annette Lentz, annette. lentz@sbcglobal.net

Centering Prayer

The Centering Prayer Group will resume meeting on January 7. We invite you to join with us on Tuesdays at 10:00 in the Chapel Conference Room. Learn how to be still and pray and get your mind centered on those things most important to you and those you love. Contact: Shannon Callewart, scallewart@tx.rr.com

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Knitting Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry will resume our meetings on January 7, from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Coke Activities Room. All with an interest in knitting and a desire to contribute to those who would appreciate receiving one of our prayer shawls, consider joining one of the knitting ministries. Contact: Byrd Teague, Byrd.Teague@gmail.com.

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Alterknit:

Please note that we will resume on January 14. The Alterknit Knitting Ministry meets on Tuesday nights, 6:00-8:00, in the Drake Room. Men, women, people of all ages, are invited to participate. Students looking for Community Service projects, you might consider this as an opportunity to serve. If you don't know how to knit, we'll teach you! Contact: Nancy Cantwell, 972-523-4911.

Children, Youth and Family Ministry



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Lego My Bible



Join us for a hands-on, after school class to explore the stories of the Bible using The Legos. hour gathering includes storytelling, snacks, prayer lots of and Legos. Led by Emily Given.

For more information or to register, please contact Jdelabano@ saintmichael.org.

Joy Mass Changing Locations!

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Beginning Sunday, January 5, we are moving the location of the 9:00 Joy Mass from the Parish Hall to the Theatre. Last summer the clergy discovered that contemporary worship with children worked well in that space, thus, we are going to try this new location during the winter and spring. Believing that having this service on the ground level and closer to hallways and parking lots it will be easier and more accessible for families. Please be a messenger of this news, and we invite your feedback along the way.

Disciples and Mentors Build Sundaes on Sunday, January 5

Disciples and Mentors come to the youth center for an Ice Cream Sundae party at 2:00 on January 5. We will have ping pong, video games, board games, and foosball for everyone to hang out and have some good "mentor time."

Youth Winter Retreat to Ignite at Camp All Saints

Saint Michael high school and middle schools students will get fired up and ignite their faith at the Winter Retreat January 17 at Camp All Saints on Lake Texoma.

"Sometimes we feel disconnected and discouraged in our faith and other times we feel like we're right "in the zone," connected, thriving, and growing," says youth director Andy Sahl. "On this retreat we'll spend time learning about Bible characters that felt the same way, we'll have activities that help us reconnect, and we'll spend time sharing our own stories along this journey."



The group will leave Saint Michael at 5:00 Friday afternoon, January 17 and return on Sunday afternoon. The retreat occurs over the Martin Luther King holiday weekend. When the youth get back to the church, around 2:00 they will have a concluding worship service, including all families.

For information and sign up: www.saintmichael.org/ignite/

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Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Edge Lock-in to Rock

Dust off your dancing clothes! The Edgers will be Rockin through the Ages on Saturday, January 18th starting at 8:00 in the Youth Center and ending Sunday morning at 9:00 with a special Discovery Mass for the Edge families. During the Lock-In Edgers will enjoy karaoke, crafts, games, and devotion time. We are in need of several parent volunteers. If you can help or need more info about the Lock-In please contact Suzanne at sfinan@saintmichael.org. Cost in \$30 per child with a t-shirt included.



beyond the birds + the bees sex and relationships class at

saint michael and all angels

SAVE THE DATE: February 9th

For 9th and 10th grade students

Featuring Joel Mayward, co-author of A Parents Guide to Sex and Dating: Moving Beyond the Birds and the Bees



COSTA RICA HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP JUNE 7=15 \$2000* CURRENT 10-12TH BRADE SIGN UP AT SAINTMICHAEL.ORG/YOUTH

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Grant Them Eternal Rest

Martha Sue Craddock Conly, mother of Bert Conly, mother-in-law of Jeanie Conly, grandmother of Shannon and Kendall

Maggie Walton, December 1, sister of Leon Farmer

George T. Davis, December 2, father of Donavan Davis

Patsy Stice Weichsel, December 3, mother of Nancy Neuhoff, Hudson Weichsel, Christian Weichsel, mother-in-law of Steven Neuhoff, Christie Weichsel, grandmother of Stice, Mary, Hallie Grace and Hanna

Marlene Dee Black, December 4, sister of Mary Ruth McKenney, sister-in-law of Steve McKenney

Mary Ann Tucker Barker, December 8, wife of Bill Barker

Carolyn Evans Macaulay, December 10, wife of Mike Macaulay, sister-in-law of Ginny and Jay Macaulay

Robert Graham Buchanan, Sr., December 14, father of Bob Buchanan, father-in-law of Elizabeth, grandmother of Blaire and Graham

Marion Lou Coyle, December 18, mother of Debor Cassen, mother-in-law of Jay Cassen

Jimmy Ray Willard, December 20, brother of Anne Anderson

Billye Faye Williams LaBarba, December 21, mother of Jody Prospere, mother-in-law of Reed Prospere, grandmother of Mary Peyton, Wade, and Chase

Trevor Sean Cullum, December 23, son of Tim and Dede Cullum, brother of Tim Cullum and Tiffany Cullum, brother-in-law of Cheryl Cullum, uncle of Mackenzie

David Banks, December 28, husband of Rosamond Brown Banks

David Norman Reed, December 31, husband of Anne Reed

Cradle Role

We welcome our newest parishioners recently born into our parish family.

Alexander Harvey Shea December 2, 2013 Amanda and Neal Shea

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and located. In a world like ours, everyone needs some solid grounding, a centering in the faith. And our tradition and our parish, as it happens, has just the opportunities for you, and for our time.

The time could very well be now. The Epiphany season is not just about a located, manifested faith, but also about the here and now, and not so much about the distant and the later. Hillel, the first-century Jewish sage and teacher, famously asked, "If I am for myself, then who will be for me? And if I am only for myself, then what am I? And if not now, when?"

During the coming month there are several significant ways that you can ground your faith, giving tangible expression to the words we say: The larger-than-life Magi on Epiphany Eve -- January 5 at 5:30 in the Church -- will bring to life our calling to be "in the world," manifesting Christ's light in the dark places. The very next Sunday (January 12), the liturgies of Baptism and Confirmation will be public affirmations of God's gifting and empowerment for ministry. The continuing annual stewardship effort -- which we need to conclude by the end of January -- recalls for us the tangible uses of money which stands for work and value and mission. While money can rob of us of our sleep and distort the beauty of human life, it can also enable good works, healing, and support. When we use the word "stewardship," we evoke the original mandate given all life at Creation. Give what you've been given; use your resources for building up faithful life. In addition to financial commitments, we also have new study groups, Sunday morning adult classes and Foyer Dinner Groups commencing in January. And during this month are preparations for many mission opportunities; trips to Honduras, Rose Bud, and Costa Rica. Please let us know if you have interest.

To live into our calling, to help Saint Michael and All Angels defy the marginalizing of sane religion in this time, we need to be specific and located. We ask you to make Saint Michael a high priority in your life, with your energy, your resources, your skills. In love, we ask you to consider specific involvement, to be a significant expression of the word becoming flesh.

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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 - Theater 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

Parish Vestry

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