

THE ARCHANGEL

The Newsletter for Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church



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Epiphany: Practicing an Incarnation for the World

Will they sleep through the night? Will they make good grades? Will they make the travel team? Will they avoid the pitfalls of early sex and the ravages of drugs? Will they get into a descent school?



These are just some of the questions that parents ask themselves as their children grow up and move on. But there are

overriding questions that parents constantly ask themselves: Will they be good, will they have compassionate character, will they treat others with respect, will their life count when the moral meter is brought to bear? These are the ageless questions for all ages, as old as the Bible, which differentiates between “children of light” and “children of darkness.” Yet it seems particularly important today, when second-grade boys in Oregon try to suffocate a girl, when Nigerian children without shoes carry their own AK-47s, when teenagers ravage elementary schools with an arsenal of weapons that make some small-town police forces look benign.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, “Character is higher than intellect.” Jesus said it better, “Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends ... I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have from God.”

Annual Parish Meeting February 23

All parishioners are invited to this important session, immediately after the 9:00 services on February 23. There will be “State of the Parish” reports from the Wardens, the Treasurer, the Chairs of Stewardship, the President of the Foundation, and from leaders of several important capital efforts, including a final reporting on our exciting new Columbarium and south lawn project. Also, parishioners will be asked to cast votes for the five vacant places on the Vestry, for the ten Diocesan Convention Delegates and the ten Alternates, and for new Trustees to the Saint Michael and All Angels Foundation.

The candidates for these positions are on page 2-4.

Agendas and biographical information for the meeting and Annual Reports will be available in print and by electronic communication.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to those retiring from these various bodies and we will have opportunity at the meeting to thank each of them appropriately.

The 11:00 Rite I Eucharist will be
in the Saint Michael Chapel.



Nominees Announced - Vestry



Nominees for Vestry, and Delegates to Diocesan Convention Set Election will be at the Annual Meeting, February 23.

The Vestry of Saint Michael and All Angels submits the following parishioners to be considered for election at the church's Annual Meeting on February 23.

Vestry Nominees (three year term)

PETER BECK

Peter is a lifetime member of Saint Michael and All Angels.



He has played leadership roles in the development of the church's Strategic Plan and its subsequent revisions, and has worked on Saint Michael's capital campaigns. Peter has worked on the team to eliminate the debt on

the Lomo Alto office building and was a leader of the new Courtyard Columbarium construction team.

BETH HISE

Beth Hise has been a member of Saint Michael for 17 years



serving on several ministries including Mission and Outreach, Youth, Engagement, and the Women of Saint Michael. She has been a member of the choir since 2008, a former chair of the Mission and Outreach committee

and on the Board of the Women of Saint Michael. Currently she is on the Engagement Ministry's Connect Team.

RACHEL MORGAN



A member of Saint Michael for more than 12 years, Rachel has taught Sunday for 4 years and most recently she and her husband, Ross, have lead the Steering Committee for the new Parenting – Building Families

of Faith adult formation class. Additionally, she serves as the Children and Family Ministry's representative to the Engagement Connect Team. Her involvement includes participating at the Saint Michael's Farmers Market, the Trunk or Treat event, Foyer Supper Club, and Neighborhood Nights.

TOM RHODUS



Tom has a history of service at Saint Michael. He previously served on the Vestry and as a Trustee of the Saint Michael Foundation. He is a verger and acolyte, and has been a confirmation class teacher. He

currently leads a weekly adult Bible study class and serves as a Sunday School teacher. He has been a member of the church since 1976.

KAY WHELAN



Kay has played an active role at Saint Michael during her 22 years as a member, especially in the Pastoral Care and Mission and Outreach ministries. For the past three years she has been the Lay Leader for Pastoral Care and

served with Meals on Wheels, as an Austin Street Shelter cook and server, and a By Our Love volunteer. Kay participated in the Honduras Mission Trip, and has had several leadership roles at Jubilee Park.

Diocesan Convention Delegates



Marla Briggie

- Convention delegate 2007 – 2013
- Altar Guild, Funeral Guild, Wedding Guild
- American Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe

Ralph Cousins

- Former Vestry member
- Convention delegate
- Mission and Outreach, Stewardship committees

Michael Davis

- I Believe in Angels co-chair
- Mission and Outreach committee
- Honduras Mission trip

Blake Hull

- Former Vestry member
- Convention delegate 2007 – 2013
- Adult Formation, Mission and Outreach, Pastoral Care committees

James Kerr, Jr.

- Acolyte, Chalice Bearer, Lector
- Lay Eucharistic Visitor
- Pastoral Care committee

David Loomis

- Mission and Outreach committee
- Holy Land Mission trip
- Pastoral Care committee

John McFarland, Sr.

- Former Vestry member
- Rector Search committee
- Chair, Chapel Restoration committee

Steve McKenney

- Prayer Ministry Lay Leader
- Mission and Outreach committee
- The Gathering

Cliff Miercort

- Current Senior Warden
- Jubilee Park – DISD committee
- Chair, Compensation committee

Liz Oliphant

- Acolyte, Chalice Bearer, Lector
- Convention delegate
- Former Diocese of Dallas Executive Council

Steve Phillely

- Sunday School teacher
- Stewardship committee
- Diocese utility cost task force

Jim Riggert

- Convention delegate
- Diocese of Dallas Finance committee
- Lay Eucharist Visitor

Phil Ritter

- Former Senior Warden
- Chair, Saint Michael Convention delegation
- Stewardship committee

Charles Sartain

- Former Senior Warden
- Assistant Chancellor
- Acolyte, Chalice Bearer

Grady Schleier

- Current Vestry member
- Mission and Outreach committee
- Audit committee

Van Sheets

- Former Senior Warden
- Former Treasurer
- Stewardship committee

Rusty Smith

- Former Senior Warden
- Rector Search committee
- Acolyte, Chalice Bearer, Lector

J.C. Snead

- Verger
- Acolyte, Chalice Bearer
- Worship Service Master of Ceremonies

Ron Staffieri

- Current Vestry member
- Finance committee
- Honduras Mission trip

Chuck Stewart

- Convention delegate
- Mission and Outreach committee
- Team Leader By Our Love

Tom Stewart

- Current Junior Warden
- Building and Grounds committee
- Decade committee

Paul Talbot

- Saint Michael Choir
- Stewardship committee
- Disciples Class teacher

Stewart Thomas

- Current Vestry member
- Saint Michael Choir
- Former Trustee Saint Michael Foundation

Donell Wiggins

- Current Vestry member
- Former President Women of Saint Michael
- Former Chair Child Development committee

Jim Wiley

- Former Junior Warden and Treasurer
- Saint Michael Choir
- Adult Formation and Stewardship committees

Members of the parish eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting may nominate one or more candidates for the Vestry or as a Convention Delegate by using a Nominating Petition for each person nominated. Petition forms can be found on the website, www.saintmichael.org or at the church reception desk.



Nominees to the Saint Michael Foundation Board of Trustees Announced

The following parishioners have been nominated to serve six year terms on the Saint Michael and All Angels Foundation Board of Trustees.

MARGOT HABIBY

Margo is a 13 year member of Saint Michael and All Angels and has been an active member of the Choir, the Women-Work-Word study group, and a founding member of the GenXers organization. She served on the board of the Friends of the Saint George's Cathedral and College in Jerusalem. She currently is Energy Editor for Bloomberg News.

JANN PATTERSON MACKEY

Jann has served in many capacities at Saint Michael with a strong emphasis on the Children and Family Ministries. She has been a member of the CFM Steering Committee, a Barnyard Bash volunteer, a Sunday School Teacher, and has worked at the St. Michael Woman's Exchange. Jann is a graduate of SMU, has a MBA from Thunderbird School of International Management, and a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Dallas.

BILL PEELER

Bill has been a member of Saint Michael for more than 60 years. He has served as Senior Warden of the Vestry, the Church's Treasurer, chair of the Stewardship Committee, and Trustee of the Foundation. Currently he serves as an acolyte and chalice bearer. Bill is a Certified Public Accountant and certified financial planner.

ROWLAND (ROBIN) ROBINSON

A member at Saint Michael for more than 40 years, Robin has been active in the church's education and school program. He served several terms on the board of the Saint Michael School, prior to its merger with the Episcopal School of Dallas. He also chaired the church's Wayfinding/Signage Standards Committee. Robin currently is President of the Baylor Health Care System Foundation.

CHARLES (CHARLIE) SARTAIN

Charlie has been a member of Saint Michael for nearly 30 years. He is a former Senior Warden and Vestry member, and served on the Rector Search Committee. He currently is an acolyte and chalice bearer, and has been a Sunday School teacher. Charlie has had a successful law practice for more than 30 years.



Mardi Gras Party

Friday, February 28
6:30-10:30

Park City Club

New Orleans Buffet, Beverages included

Music provided by The Blenders

"Parade ready" attire (fun casual)

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Tickets per person *Seating is limited. Buy your tickets early.*

\$75 Parade Watcher (Number of Tickets) _____

\$100 Member of the Krewe (Number of Tickets) _____

\$150 King/Queen of the Carnival (Number of Tickets) _____

Total # of Reservations _____

Unable to attend, but love to be a "Float Builder." \$ _____

(A gift of any amount is greatly appreciated)

Total of Check \$ _____

Checks made payable to The Women of Saint Michael.

Total of Credit Card Charge \$ _____

Name _____

Credit Card Number _____

Exp. _____ Security Code _____ Phone Number _____

Mail reservations to Maria Martin 4005 Miramar Dallas TX 75205

Mardi Gras Parish Party Co Chairs:

Maria Martin -mariaomartin@sbcglobal.net

Carin Moeller -jmoeller@sbcglobal.net



A Message From the Rector

I consider myself blessed because I like my vocation as a priest even more today than when I began. Parish life is immensely rewarding partly because of the very talented and faithful associate clergy with whom I share ministry.



It is with very mixed emotions that I share the news that The Rev. Brenda Sol will be completing the Lilly Fellowship program this spring and will be leaving us for another ministry. While she loves her work here, and while I encouraged her to stay beyond the granting season, she feels called to pursue another ministry, likely on the West Coast, beginning this summer. During the coming months she will be meeting with parish call committees and tending to transitions of ministries at Saint Michael.

When The Rev. Greg Pickens joined our staff two years ago as Associate for Children, Youth and Families, we were enthusiastic about him assuming this important role -- with a very talented staff and lay leadership in that area -- and we also thought that at some time in the not-too-distant future, we could ask him to work in a proven area of strength: operations. When Rusty Smith stepped down from being the Director of Operations three years ago, we decided to continue his good work with area directors (Rob Baber in finance, Kimberly Robinson in parish administration and Bracken Reece with facilities) until such time as we had the right person to assume the overall leadership. Greg Pickens is the right person. Beginning February 1, The Rev. Mr. Pickens began a new post on our clergy team: Associate for Operations. When Brenda departs, I've asked Greg to also be connected to several pastoral care groupings. This will not change Lisa Flores' ministry: she remains as the principle priest in that area.



During the past several months, we have fashioned a ministry description for a new priest to join our staff this summer. For some period I have had in mind a priest who has seasoned abilities in the whole range of preaching, formation and writing and yet is still on the younger side of a ministry career. I have a decided preference for candidates 40 and under,

likely married with young children. I have chosen to use the title "Vicar" for this new post, to indicate her/his intended leadership place in our community. This doesn't shift any of the other clergy from their principle leadership positions in their areas, and all of the associate clergy have a direct connection with me. In short, this title is NOT a renaming of a former ministry position here: Vice-Rector. But it does say to us that this new priest carries some responsibilities in our overall vision and execution that warrants this new title. During the next month we have a final candidate coming to look at this ministry position with us. I hope to be able to tell you more by the middle of the spring.

Bob Dannals

Rector



You can put the power of faith into action and help save a life.

Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, February 23

8 am - 1 pm

ESD Lobby

8011 Douglas Ave, Dallas, TX

To schedule an appointment please visit redcrossblood.org use sponsor keyword: saintmichael.

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS

Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height), and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate.



The Gathering Featured in *Dallas Morning News Neighborsgo*

The Gathering, a church for the homeless in downtown Dallas which was launched by Saint Michael deacon Jim Webb, was the front page story in the *Dallas Morning News Neighborsgo* edition Friday, January 10.

The writer, Taylor Danser, in the article titled ‘Coming Together – Downtown church a home for those without one’ started her story saying, “Once a week, drawn by word of mouth, homeless people from across Dallas congregate at a downtown Dallas landmark – Thanks-giving Square – to worship together...The Gathering, which is supported by the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas, provides the church service and lunch.”



Ms. Danser’s article said The Gathering serves about 100 homeless people every Sunday. She quoted Jim Webb as saying that other church services reach out to the homeless, but that The Gathering’s effort is a “little different.” Webb said, “There are some that are more fundamental and evangelical. Our goal is to build community, to inspire hope, and to have them feel God’s love.”

Commenting on the newspaper article Webb said, “The Gathering would not have been so successful without the support and help of clergy, staff and laity of Saint Michael. Bob Dannals gave seed funds and has allowed us to print numerous items. Andy Sahl’s youth group provided food, socks, and water. Kevin Huddleston and Brenda Sol were some of the



first celebrants. Kathy O’Doherty, one of the three founders, is the operations support, and she initiated the altar guild and chalice bear group for the church. Rusty Taco (owned by parishioners) provided food for the first three months at cost until we could start a rotation of other churches. Bill McGannon is now chairman of the Friends of The Gathering. Ariail Gores is soliciting the support of other churches to provide meals, while Saint Michael, coordinated by Mary Ruth and Steve McKenney, provides the meal every other month.”

The newspaper story quoted several homeless church attendees. Darren Lewis said, “My faith has its ups and downs. Coming here helps that, especially with some of the conditions I’m living in.” Alonzo Bay told the reporter, “I go to this church more than any other church. It’s easy to get to, and it’s a lot better...This is more like a family.”

Ms. Danser closed the article quoting Deacon Webb, “We’re not trying to be a social service. But, sometimes we just happen to be in a spot, and we’re able to help them somehow.”



photos by Rose Baca/neighborsgo staff photographer



The Banquet – Non-traditional Worship Trying New Concepts

Saint Michael and All Angels is testing a new, non-traditional worship service – The Banquet. It is targeted at high school families, college students, parishioners in their 20s and 30s, but everyone is welcome. There are three pilot services in February, each somewhat different. We will test innovative music, sermons, liturgy, settings, and service times.

Your feedback will help select the best ingredients for The Banquet. The February services will be:

- Sunday, February 2, 11:15 a.m. in Saint Michael Chapel
- Saturday, February 8, 5:00 p.m. in Parish Hall
- Sunday, February 16, 5:30 p.m. in the Church

Want to stay in the loop? Text BANQUET to 68398 for updates, or click here to subscribe to the email list.



Host a Home Communion in Lent

Hosting a home communion in Lent can be a wonderful way for you, fellow parishioners, and neighbors to help prepare for the season. Home communions are held on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings during lent, which begins Wednesday, March 5. If you can be a host, contact Shelly Vescovo at svescovo@saintmichael.org.



Stewardship is about life, the whole of life. It's living the life to which we've been called by God; living more generously, more boldly, and more faithfully.

We believe that stewardship is a part of our spiritual journey and our relationship with God. Not just a season in the fall where we raise money for the operations of the church.

We chose "Grounded in Gratitude" as the theme for this year's Stewardship Committee. We started with Homecoming Sunday asking parishioners to write down what they were grateful for, we asked them to make stewardship statements that we could share, and video testimonials describing their relationship with God and giving back to Saint Michael.

The Bible talks a great deal about gratitude and generosity. The psalms are filled with calls for thanksgivings. Thanksgiving is the outward sign of gratitude expressed in worship and prayer. We are deeply grateful for your generous spirit and support for Saint Michael and All Angels. Our hope is that every parishioner will consider to prayerfully give back year round to Saint Michael.

Chairing Stewardship this year has been an uplifting and rewarding experience; a significant step in our spiritual journey. We are so grateful for the entire Stewardship committee which was with us every step of the way, and went above and beyond helping us carry the gratitude message throughout our parish.

It is important to us to help instill a spirit of continual giving and thanksgiving at Saint Michael, and so we will stay on the Stewardship Committee and will encourage our committee members to stay on with us another year to keep the momentum going and build on the many blessings we receive everyday from Saint Michael and All Angels.

In gratitude,

Susan and Dean McSherry
Stewardship Chairs



Saint Michael 20s&30s

We're a faith-based group for people in their 20s & 30s; join us for our next TACO BIBLE...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

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; join us on February 16 at 12:15 in the Parlor. This month's topic is "The Blessing of In-laws."

PT Cruisers Travel to Feudal Japan

Come let your imagination run wild as we travel to the new Renzo Piano Pavillion at the Kimbell Art Museum in Ft. Worth to see the exhibit of the feared Japanese Samurai warriors. Excellent craftsmanship and exquisite design describe their armor, from helmets to horses dressed for combat. The bus leaves the church at 9:30 on Thursday, February 20. Cost for the trip and admission to the museum is \$15.00 plus lunch "on your own" at the museum. The deadline for reservations is Sunday, February 16. Call Mary Davis at 214-363-7761 for your reservation.

Shrove Tuesday
pancake extravaganza
MARCH 4
Adults \$5 Children \$3 (7-10 yrs.)
Reservations:
Online or at aescobedo@saintmichael.org

Austin Choir Featured at Worship Service March 2

The Select Choir of Saint Andrew's Episcopal School in Austin will join the 9:00 worship service in the church Sunday, March 2. The choir, directed by Michael Rosensteel, will perform selections from their winter tour of the Dallas-Fort Worth area.



The students will collaborate with Saint Michael's choir on service music as well. Saint Andrew's upper school chaplain, The Reverend Rob Leacock, a former Associate at Saint Michael and a Pathways intern, will participate in the service as well.

Rector to Lead Honduras Mission Trip

This month's mission trip to Tela, Honduras departs on Saturday, March 8 led by Saint Michael Rector, Bob Dannals. 23 parishioners are taking part in the week-long trip which will take them into many of the small burros surrounding Tela.

The missionaries will conduct Christian education for students in several communities, will give dental fluoride treatments to children, and will perform painting and restoration work at the Episcopal church and school in Tela.

Follow the activities of the Honduras Mission trip on line at www.saintmichael.org, beginning Monday, March 10.



Saint Michael Missionaries will do repair work on children's playscapes they built on a 2010 mission trip.



Christmas Giving Nears \$88,000 All Goes to Outreach

Offerings from Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and the Heart of Giving program totaled \$87,722, all of which will go to Saint Michael outreach ministries.

The Christmas offerings of \$54,777 will be divided equally for children's programs at the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota, and Jonathan's Place in Dallas.

American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem supports 13 schools, two major hospitals and clinics, 29 parishes, and 4 institutes for the disabled in a 5 country region of the Middle East regardless of ethnic or religious background.

Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation in South Dakota is home to 21,250 members of the Lakota or Teton Sioux. Mission trips from Saint Michael engage in restoration projects and educational programs for young people including Vacation Bible School for the children and sports opportunities for the youth.

Jonathan's Place in Dallas provides a "home-style" emergency shelter for abused, abandoned and neglected children, a Foster & Adoptive Family Program, and a Girls Treatment Program.

The Heart of Giving raised an additional \$32,945 which supports six Mission and Outreach programs locally, nationally, and in Central and South America.

Saint Michael Needy Family Fund is administered by the clergy provides non-judgmental financial help to parishioners and non-parshioners in need.

Jubilee Park is a 62-block neighborhood in the Fair Park area of Dallas which is being transformed from one of the lowest income, highest crime areas of the city into a vibrant community with hope and pride.

New Orleans Project/Hurricane Relief: For three years Saint Michael has provided strong backs, money, and hope to Gulf coast communities in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi devastated by recent hurricanes.

Honduras Mission Project has provided medical, educational, and developmental ministries to rural Honduras towns, and will initiate micro-lending programs to impact local economic development.

Amistad Mission in Bolivia ministers to nearly 100 orphans and Quechua natives with medical care, education, and spiritual development programs.



Mary Bartholow was honored at a banquet Thursday, January 30 celebrating her nearly 30-years of coordinating Saint Michael's Meals on Wheels program.



The Rt. Rev. Dean Wolfe (former vice rector at Saint Michael) confirmed, received, and reaffirmed the following at services on January 12: Leah Collins, Chris Armstrong, Andrew Armstrong, Catie Albritton, Lisa DeMaio, Ben Leal, Kim McCabe, Jo Miller, Chris Musso, Jim Colley, Chris McClung, Cynthia Sample, Mary Ann Scott



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.



High School and Middle School Students Winter at Camp All Saints

There were more than 30 students from Saint Michael at their Winter Retreat at Camp All Saints. The event included outdoor nature walks and bike trails, Bible study, small group discussions, and some fun, all directed at "Igniting" their faith.



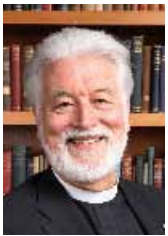


Dean-Emeritus of San Francisco Cathedral to be Distinguished Lecturer

The Very Reverend Dr. Alan Jones will deliver the Robert E. Ratelle Lecture on Sunday, March 2. Dr. Jones, an internationally known preacher and teacher, is the Dean-Emeritus of Grace Cathedral in San Francisco.



All adult Sunday School classes will be combined in the Parish Hall for Dr. Jones' lecture at 10:00. He will also dialogue with parishioners at a reservations-only lunch in the Coke Activities Room at 12:30. Additionally, he will preach at both the 9:00 and 11:00 worship services in the Church.



Dr. Jones served as the Dean of Grace Cathedral for nearly 25 years. 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.

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

Officers Named for Women of Saint Michael

The Women of Saint Michael elected its new officers for 2014 – 2015 at its January meeting. They are:

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



Whitney Grogan

Helen Holman

The new officers will officially take over following the Spring Luncheon on April 22.

Jan Langbein, CEO of Shelter Ministries of Dallas, will be the Spring Luncheon speaker. Her organization oversees Genesis Women's Shelter and the homeless shelter Austin Street Center.

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 7:00-8:15pm.

GenXers

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.



Saint Michael Leadership Spearheading Jubilee Park Project To Build 40 New Affordable Homes

The Jubilee Park Community, with leadership from several Saint Michael parishioners, has launched an Affordable Housing program in conjunction with the City of Dallas. The plan calls for building up to 20 new homes in the next 18 months, and an additional 20 homes by 2017.

The new houses will be approximately 1,300 square feet,



The new affordable homes in Jubilee Park will have 3 bedrooms and about 1,300 square feet.

with three bedrooms and 2 ½ baths. Initial lot development has started on the first two homes which will be built on Garland Avenue about three blocks from the Jubilee Park Community Center. These two homes were made possible by the donation by Saint Michael of last year's offerings at Easter services. The additional homes, including Senior Housing, will be built on Ann Avenue, Congo Street and near the O.M. Roberts Elementary School.

Jubilee Park and Community Center Chief Executive Officer Ben Leal said the planning, development, and legal expertise from several Saint Michael parishioners brought the project to fruition. They include Ellis Skinner, chair of the Construction Task Force, Bob Axley and Tom Harbison, chairs of the Housing Task Force, and Jim Skochdopole, a Board member and counsel for Jubilee, who handled the

legal issues. Several other Saint Michael members are serving on other project committees.



Gurley Place is a new 24 unit apartment complex for seniors.

The program calls for Jubilee Park to raise \$1 million, which will be matched by the City of Dallas. The money will be used to provide equity that will enable renters to buy a quality home in Jubilee for close to the same as rental payments. Jubilee Park has already raised over \$100,000, Leal said.

To celebrate its 50th anniversary in 1998, Saint Michael and All Angels Church initiated a project to revitalize Jubilee Park area, one of the most underserved areas in Dallas. Since then the community has seen the construction of the new O.M. Roberts Elementary School, a Community Center, Resource Center, The Teen Place, Davids' Place – a Head Start facility, Jeanie's Place – a new \$2 million school for children from pre-natal to 3 years old, and Gurley Place a 24 unit apartment complex for seniors.

“Jubilee Park and Community Center began with transforming 62 blocks of rambling streets into a cohesive unit,” Leal said. “It has given residents a sense of place, ownership, and hope for the future.” Dallas Police Chief David Brown called Jubilee “one of the best models of how to turn a failed neighborhood around. They got it right; it took a lot of work.”



Two lots have been cleared for construction of the first two new homes.



I Have A Lot Of Friends. I Don't Need Any Help

The statement is often heard: "Why would I want to participate in a Cancer Support Group? I have a lot of friends. I don't need that."

Fact: Evidence shows that participation in a support group reduces the risk of reoccurrence.

We asked some of the women in the Women's Cancer Support Group to tell us about their experiences:



Madelyn Brinkley: "One of my friends asked me to lunch on a Monday. I accepted, but explained that 'Monday wasn't a good day, because my cancer support group meets that day.'"

She replied: "Didn't the doctors tell you that they were sure that they had gotten all of the cancer? I said, Yes. 'Then why are you still going to a cancer support meeting, she said? Your surgery was over a year ago, it's time to 'let sleeping dogs lie.' My simple reply was, "like the MasterCard commercial, for me, my cancer support group is PRICELESS!"

Fact: Our group is an ecumenical group of women and meets the needs of all kinds of cancer.



Kathy Davis: "Soon after moving to Dallas, I was stunned with a diagnosis of breast cancer. 'Why now, I thought, when I am no longer surrounded by old friends and a long-time support system?' However, the Rector and the Pastoral Care Priest at Saint Michael welcomed me into the

fellowship of Saint Michael and introduced me to the Women in the Cancer Support Group, who live the faith, and provide energy and support for one another."

"Some of my new sisters are at the beginning of their journey, while others have traveled it for many years. It's been a great place to get information, referrals, feedback, and a feeling of safety from people who have been there and done that. I belong, and am comforted by the fact that I am surrounded by a new long-term support system."

Fact: A licensed professional counselor meets with the group weekly.



Myra Lancaster: "On Thursday, June 10, 2010, I was informed that I had breast cancer. There was no doubt that I would attend the cancer support group at Saint Michael because my sister, Charlie Stobaugh, has been its leader for years. I went the next Monday scared to death and still in shock!

I was welcomed by the most amazing ladies who had all been in my shoes. They held my hand, listened to my fears, advised me, allowed me to cry, and prayed with me, every step of my journey. I don't know what I would have done without their encouragement, support and love and will be forever grateful to them.

Fact: Jody Guenther, a volunteer with the American Cancer Society, meets with the Cancer Support Group weekly to counsel and answer questions.

The Women's Cancer Support Group meets from 1:45 to 3:00 every Monday in the Parlor of the church. If you have suffered from any kind of cancer in the past, or are suffering now, consider joining this group of friends. You'll be glad you did. Contact: Lay Leaders, Charlie Stobaugh, Charlie@stobaugh.net or Sue Patton, pattons@sbcglobal.net or The Rev. Lisa Flores, lflores@saintmichael.org.



Grief Ministry

The February Faith and Grief luncheon at Saint Michael is scheduled for the second Thursday, February 13, 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.

The Caregiver Support Group

Caregiver Support Group will meet on the first Monday, February 3 and on the third Monday, February 17, in the Parlor, 11:00 to 12:30. Check out our latest project: The new Care Givers Corner in the Power Library is ready for you to use. Questions? Contact: Sandra Klingeman, jsklingeman@sbcglobal.net, or Drew Stull, jstull3141@aol.com.

The Saint Michael Prayer Team

"Saint Michael Perspectives on Prayer," meets on Thursday night, February 20. Saint Michael Director of Music,



James Diaz, will be our speaker on the subject, "More Than Notes, More Than Words: Music and Prayer." These meetings are open to everyone. Come and learn how James connects prayer to music. This promises to be a lively meeting. Not a requirement, but if you wish, we invite you to bring either an appetizer or a dessert to

be enjoyed at the meeting. The social time will begin at 6:00, followed by a period of meditation and music and then our speaker. See you then. Contact: Steve McKenney, ssmckenney111@gmail.com.

Christian Yoga

Bring your sweetheart, 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

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: Mary Ann Webster, maryannwebster@gmail.com.

Knitting Ministry

Meetings are on Tuesdays, 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.

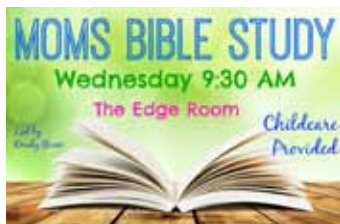
Alterknit

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.



Moms Bible Study

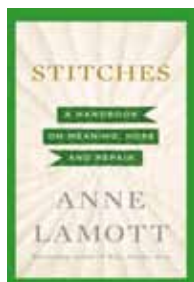
Looking for a way to open the Bible and meet other moms? Join us for an interactive Bible study and discussion led by Emily Given. We will look at the most common Bible stories we tell our children... but with adult eyes. For more information, please contact Austen Crossley at acrossley@saintmichael.org.



The Edge Room is located on the north end of the second floor.

Women of the Spirit

Mondays 9:30-11:00 Edge Room



A book study and prayer group for women of all ages. For more information, please contact Emily Given (egiven@saintmichael.org) or Suzanne Finan (sfinan@saintmichael.org). The group is currently reading *Stitches: A Handbook on Meaning, Hope and Repair* by Anne Lamott

Tales for Tots – Preschool Scholastic Book Fair

Share the love of reading with the little ones in your life by shopping at the Saint Michael Preschool sponsored Scholastic Book Fair, February 10-14 in the Parlor. Donations of new and gently used books for Infants through 5 year olds will also be collected for Davids' Place in Jubilee Park. Contact Barb Wynn for more information: bwynn@saintmichael.org.

Edge Spring Schedule 2014

February 23rd Spring Break Outreach 4:30-6:00- Fourth and fifth graders are invited to join us for a special night of outreach and fellowship. We will be gathering in the Youth Center to fill snack bags for our friends down in Jubilee Park for their school's Spring Break week. Children will learn about our partnership with Jubilee as well as assemble healthy snacks to bring down to the community center. Dinner will be provided for our Edgers and adult volunteers are needed.

March 19-April 9th Edge Family Mid-Week Lenten Artist's Workshop 6:00-7:30

Edge Families as well as all Children and Family Ministry families are welcome to join us for these four Wednesday nights in Lent (March 19, 26, April 2 and 9). Each Wednesday we will have different art stations devoted to Lenten themes for families to explore and create. Come early to enjoy fellowship as we provide a yummy soup and bread dinner for everyone to enjoy. Cost is free. Donations welcome.



Children kindergarten and older are invited get a sneak peek of SONSURF BEACH BLAST, our theme for Vacation Bible School 2014! (Childcare will be available for children younger than Kindergarten.) The hour will contain music, games, crafts and more! To help volunteer for the preview, please contact Emily Given (egiven@saintmichael.org) Vacation Bible School - Save The Date: June 9-13!





Good Friday for Families

April 18 10:00-12:00

Come experience Good Friday in a safe family friendly environment here at Saint Michael. We will explore Good Friday through storytelling and hands on activities that will be engaging for the entire family. Check in will begin in the Theater at 10:00.

The Edge World Hunger Relief Farm, April 25-27

We will be departing at 4:30 from the Saint Michael parking lot for Waco, Texas where we will be spending the weekend on the World Hunger Relief Farm learning how we can make a difference alleviating hunger. The Edge children will get to experience hands on project using sustainable agriculture techniques as well as working with small livestock. The group will return Sunday morning to a special Celebration Mass devoted to our mission group. Look for more information on registration in the next couple months.

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Lock-In was Rockin'

The Edge (4th and 5th graders) spent Saturday night February 18 locked up in the Youth Center. The "Rock Through the Ages" theme included games, music, crafts, and reflection on the "rocks" in their lives.





Grant Them Eternal Rest

Mary Alice Marshall, December 20, mother of Bob Marshall, mother-in-law of Mary Ann Marshall

The Rev. Grover Cleveland Mcelyea, January 1

Adele Nell Neely Locke Seybold, January 3, mother of Aimee Jacobie and John Locke, mother-in-law of Ramona Locke, grandmother of Perry

Mary Joesphine Vaughn Rauscher, January 5, mother of Jack Vaughn, Robie Vaughn, David Vaughn, Sharon Gallivan, mother-in-law of Annette Vaughn, Fallon Vaughn, and Jimmy Gallivan, grandmother of Jackson, Piper, Robert, Browning, Jimmy, Jack and Travis

Charles Barrett Monday, II, January 7, father of Emily McGaughy, father-in-law of Kent McGaughy, grandfather of Esme & Mary Frances

Rita Jane Wilkin Head, January 8, mother of Gretchen Kern, mother-in-law of Don Kern, grandmother of Alexandra

William Rankin Carpenter, January 10, son of Bob Carpenter

Stella Bagnall Clark, January 11, Brian Bagnall

William Richard Lile, January 16, father of Jennifer Elliston, father-in-law of Steven Elliston, grandfather of Georgia

Virginia "Gigi" Nazro Fischer, January 16, mother of Timothy Fisher, Greg Fisher, and Victoria Rice

Arthur Burtis Leach Martin, January 20, father of Hill Martin

Donald George Beitter, father of John Beitter, father-in-law of Jennifer Beitter, grandfather of Jack, Griffin, Grace

Jean Knight Baty, January 26, wife of Don Baty, sister of Kay Wheeler, sister-in-law of Craig Wheeler

Mary Munger Faulkner Cassidy, January 26

Ford Albritton, Jr., January 26, grandfather of Ford, Daniel, Catie, grandfather in-law of Bonnie, great grandfather of Matthew, Aidan, Grace, Drew and Anna

Brandon Bonner Doak, January 27, husband of Betty Doak

Jwan W. Hausammann, January 28, husband of Catherine Hausammann

David "Ethan" Klancnik, January 29, grandson of Jim Klancnik

Emily Mizell McKellar Adam, January 30

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From their first articulation of the faith, early Christians spoke of the Incarnation as the whole person. Christ embodied all of the goodness, character, justice and mercy of God. In Christ, they taught, we are the Body of God. Thus, the Incarnation is less a doctrine of the head than a practice of our lives, which Jesus did not come to do once and for all but to show any who were willing how God's word might become flesh in their own lives too.

"Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."... "Give to everyone who asks from you."... "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you." In sayings like these, Jesus gave his followers teachings they could embody. He taught them to see God in the world the same way he did -- in the way creation worked, in the way people acted.

To practice incarnation is to discover a pedagogy that is as old as the Gospels, as old as St. Francis caring for the animals, as old as Sister Clair caring for the poor, and as fresh as one of our preschool children being kind to a child left out, or one of our business executives running her business with high morals and fair pay, or one of our seniors gathering up hundreds of canned goods in the lanai and delivering them to the North Dallas Shared Ministry.

How are we shaped into goodness? Robert Coles once said, "Three things in human life are important. The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. And the third is to be kind." As always, the New Testament goes deeper and more specific: "Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer, contribute to the needs of others; extend hospitality to strangers... Bless those who persecute you ... Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another ... associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all" (Romans 12:9-18).

To embrace the daily practice of incarnation is to walk the way of life that God opened to us in the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, by showing us how to inhabit our daily opportunities, gifts, and resources as fully and faithfully as he did.

That's our mission. That's Epiphany. Join us in the journey.

Bob Dannals

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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

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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

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