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The Newsletter for Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church



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It is symptomatic of our human nature, in general, and our American culture, in particular, that we seek to surround ourselves with a super abundance of material comforts.

I need hardly bother to make this point heard above the deafening roar of Madison Avenue which shouts it every day. There are creams (and surgery) that make us look younger, and cars that make us look wealthier. There are houses that make us feel powerful, and technology that makes us feel smarter. There are trifles and curios to clutter our cabinets and speak well of our good taste, and there are shopping malls and mail order houses without end to sell them. There are clubs and societies and schools that make us feel well-connected and well-bred.

When we set our hearts and trust in these places the Bible states that we're well on our way to enslavement. It's not so much a struggle against want (like Scarlet O'Hara screaming out, "As God is my witness, I'll never be hungry again.") but a pledge of fealty to the things of this world.

Parish Elects

New Vestry Members, and Convention Delegates

Five new members were elected to the Vestry at the church's Annual Meeting Sunday, February 23. Parishioners also elected members and alternates to the Diocesan Convention this fall.

The new Vestry members are

- Peter Beck
- Beth Hise
- Rachel Morgan
- Tom Rhodus
- Kay Whelan

Following the church's Annual Parish Meeting the Vestry elected Stewart Thomas as Senior Warden for 2014 – 2015.



Stewart Thomas



Nancy Skochdopole



Grady Schleier

The Vestry's other officers are:

- Nancy Skochdopole – Jr. Warden
- Grady Schleier – Treasurer
- Robert Wilson – Chancellor
- Margaret Spellings - Clerk



Rector Cites Accomplishments in 2013 and Sets Goals for 2014

In his report to the congregation during the Annual Parish Meeting, The Rev. Dr. Bob Dannals listed several major projects and programs Saint Michael and All Angels undertook during the past year. His list included:

- Completion of the new Columbarium and south lawn project
- Installation of the new Preschool Playground
- Stabilize and grow our finances and pledging
- Reconsider the purpose and direction of the Saint Michael Foundation
- Build community and participation within the parish
- Explore new ways to provide Christian Formation and Worship
- Strategic planning for the best use of the church campus.

He concluded his summation saying, “We have completed or made tremendous progress on all of these fronts.”



The Rector noted that work will continue this spring in areas of Christian Formation and innovative worship alternatives. “By early summer,” he said, “we hope to be publishing all this planning for the congregation and continue/begin these many initiatives in the fall.” Dr. Dannals commended the project underway to eliminate the debt on the Lomo Alto office building. “When we own that building outright, we will realize roughly \$300,000 in extra income for church ministries...” he said. He also noted that detailed planning continued on a “range of facility issues, including formal discussions with the Episcopal School of Dallas regarding the length and provisions of their presence on our campus.”

Dr. Dannals told the parish, “I thank God for making us into a community of faith and action. Time and time again the Holy Spirit has enabled us to forge through a challenge, reach beyond the usual boundaries of the organization that passes as “church” and enable us to be comprehensive, diverse, welcoming, inclusive, and mission and outreach oriented.”



(You can read the Rector’s entire report to the Parish in the 2013 Annual Report which is online at www.saintmichael.org. or is available at the South Lanai reception desk.)

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Diocesan Convention Delegation

Delegates to the Diocesan Convention are:

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| • Marla Briggie | • Phil Ritter |
| • Ralph Cousins | • Charles Sartain |
| • Blake Hull | • Van Sheets |
| • James Kerr, Jr. | • Stewart Thomas |
| • Cliff Miercort | • Donell Wiggins |

Convention Alternates are:

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| • Michael Davis | • Rusty Smith |
| • David Loomis | • J.C. Snead |
| • John McFarland, Sr. | • Ron Staffieri |
| • Steve McKenney | • Chuck Stewart |
| • Liz Oliphant | • Tom Stewart |
| • Steve Philley | • Paul Talbot |
| • Jim Riggert | • Jim Wiley |
| • Grady Schleier | |



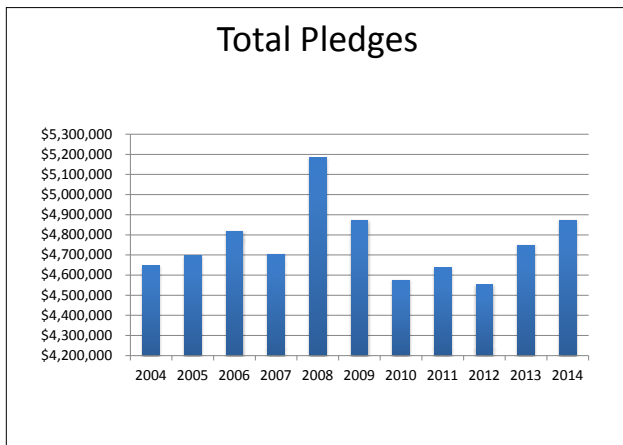
Church Finances In Good Shape, Stronger Pledging Needed



Treasurer Matt Waller told the parish that the church's finances are in good shape, but that we need more pledges to meet the growing demands for Church programs and services.

"Our operating revenue came in at \$5,497,866," he said, which was \$94,134 less than budget primarily due to a shortfall in pledge payments of \$128,028. Waller said the clergy and staff managed their expenses \$167,711 below expectations, creating a \$76,711 surplus at the end of the year.

"We ended up with black ink, not because of additional pledges but rather due to careful expense management," Waller said. "Of course, we would prefer that our surplus comes from ample pledges to insure our programs are fully funded."



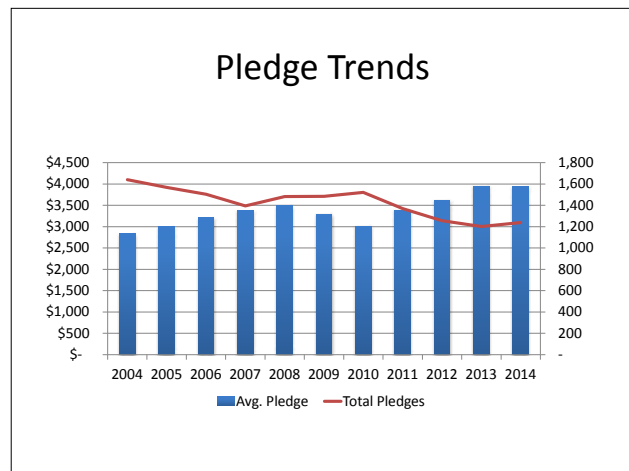
As of January 31st, the pledges for 2014 increased 4.8% and the number of pledges was up about the same rate, according to Waller. The average pledge year-over-year was basically flat. He noted that Saint Michael is continuing to get pledges for 2014 and that the final revenues are expected to grow.

2014 Budget

(In 000's)	2013			2014	
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	% of 2013 Budget
Operating Revenue	\$ 5,592	\$5,498	\$ (94)	\$5,828	4%
Outreach	798	798	-	825	3%
Revenue Available	4,794	4,700	(94)	5,003	4%
Operating Expense	4,791	4,623	168	4,997	4%
Net Surplus	\$ 3	\$ 77	\$ 74	\$ 6	

The 2014 budget approved by the Vestry anticipates revenues of just over \$5 million, an increase of 4.3% over last year. After expenses, the church expects a modest \$6,000 surplus at the end of the year. Highlights from the budget include:

- A small compensation increase for clergy and staff
- An increase of \$15,000 to \$160,000 in Mission and Outreach grants
- An increase in most ministry budgets to support expanded programs
- Budgeted only for critical maintenance expenses



(You can read the entire Treasurer's Report in the 2013 Annual Report which is available at the South Lanai reception desk or online at www.saintmichael.org.)



Saint Michael Foundation Broadens Giving Opportunities - New Trustees Elected

The Saint Michael Foundation, with approval of the Vestry, has broadened the ways parishioners can support the programs of the church.

At the Annual Parish Meeting, out-going Foundation president, Giffen Weinmann said the Foundation will create a new Operations Endowment fund that will generate income to be used specifically to support the operating budget of the Church, so long as such support does not exceed 20% of operating revenue.

“This new fund is intended to provide a giving opportunity for those who wish to donate funds that will contribute to the operating budget in perpetuity,” said Tricia Barnett Monfrey, the Foundation’s Vice President of Development. “With the new, more expanded options available for giving the Foundation now has the means to meet the wishes of all parish members.” she said.

At the Annual Meeting, the parish elected five new members to the Foundation’s Board of Trustees, who will each serve six year terms. New Trustees are:

- Margot Habiby
- Jann Patterson Mackey
- Bill Peeler
- Rowland (Robin) Robinson
- Charles (Charlie) Sartain

The Trustees have named Robert E. Wilber as its new President. Its other officers include:

- Tricia Monfrey, VP Development
- Louise Griffeth, VP Grants
- Missy Boone, Secretary
- Bill Peeler Treasurer

5th Annual Dentistry From The Heart Brings Smiles To Jubilee Park Families

Love was in the air on Valentine’s Day, as some 80 uninsured, low-income Dallas residents, primarily from Jubilee Park received free dental care, courtesy of a group of local dentists, hygienists, and volunteers organized by Saint Michael parishioner Dr. Roy Washburn.



Dr. Washburn and Drs. Phillip Allison and Ted Smith from the Park Cities Dental Group hosted the Valentine’s Day event along with more than 60 volunteers from the Park Cities Rotary Club and Highland Park Presbyterian Church. They were joined by Park Cities Rotary Club members Drs. Michael Rainwater and Moody Alexander. Dental Specialists also providing services were periodontist Dr. Beth Tomlin and oral surgeon Dr. John-Michael Stewart.

Dentistry From The Heart (DFTH) is a worldwide nonprofit organization dedicated to providing free dental care to those in need.



Texas Boys Choir Headlines *Saint Michael Presents*



The Grammy Award winning Texas Boys Choir will headline *Saint Michael Presents* community concert on Sunday, March 30.

The 51 voice choir will present its 2014 tour program at the concert beginning at 7:00 in the Church. Highlights will include settings of the Mass Ordinary texts beginning with early Ambrosian Chant and progressing to the Romantic period. Lighter fare finds the boys performing music from folk and popular traditions, including a Texas-style “Old West Medley.”

“The Texas Boys Choir has thrilled audiences around the world and it is exciting to bring their talents to our community in this inaugural year of our community concert series, Saint Michael Presents,” said James Diaz, director of music. The choir has



TEXAS
BOYS CHOIR

performed for U.S. Presidents, Popes, and for Kings and other Heads of State. It has won numerous awards including two Grammys.

The concert is free, but tickets will be required. Free tickets are available at the South Lanai reception desk, or online at <http://saintmichaelpresents.eventbrite.com>

SAINT MICHAEL
PRESENTS



Our pre-Super Bowl Chili Cook-Off had 32 teams competing for the bragging rights for the best chili at Saint Michael. The winners are:

For the Best Team/Chili Name and Super Fans (Most Team Spirit)

Team Name: Shepherd Starzzz
Chili Name: "Cleo...Baaaa...tra Chili"
Ministry Area: Good Shepherd Ministry/Congregational Care
Coach: Judy Cole
Team Members: Nita Scholtz, Mary Massengale, Anne Leary, Sandra Hughes, Paula Rzomp, Ann Mills



Most Creative Ingredient

Team Name: Roadkill Rascals
Chili Name: "Livin' on the Edge Chili" – secret ingredient was a DONUT!
Ministry Area: The Edge 4th & 5th Graders
Coaches: Nancy Moore & Stephanie Pearson
Team Members: Sydney Moore, Jonas Pearson, Alex Escobedo, Gallagher Escobedo, Cate Goglia, Hank Bishop, Emily Garberding, Rhett Snyder, Ben Holsemback, William Trotman, James Singhal, Jack Ward



Biggest Kick (Spiciest Chili)

Team Name: Mission Possible – The Sequel
Chili Name: "Hot for Honduras Chili"
Ministry Area: Mission/Outreach
Coach: Randy Rekerdres
Team Members: George Baldwin, Grady Schleier, Sally & Chris Schupp, Kevin Huddleston



All-Pro (MVP Chili)

Team Name: Las Cabezas de Carne
Chili Name: "Parker County Chili"
Ministry Area: Back Pew Troublemakers
Coach: Jay Grogan
Team Members: Will Grogan, Cleo Neuhoff, Charlie Neuhoff





Chairish Event Raises \$50,000 for Preschool Technology

The biennial *Chairish Our Children Dinner and Auction* raised more than \$50,000 for the Saint Michael Preschool. The money will be used to meet the school's technology needs.



The event's co-chairs, Bridget Miller and Monece Appleton, said the objective was to improve the educational technology provided to our teachers and

children, which includes providing Apple Computers for the classrooms and teachers, as well as Mimio Boards, HDMI-compatible projectors, program Apps, and other enhancements.

The auction gave parents the chance to purchase pictures of their child "in action" at the preschool, tables, chairs, and furniture decorated by parents, students, and artists, restaurant dinners, and other enticing items.



Women of Saint Michael Gifts Committee Gets to Work

More than 40 ladies from the Gifts Committee of the Women of Saint Michael got to work in February deciding how to distribute \$500,000 to area charitable organizations. The group has received 144 applications from charities seeking funds.

The Gifts Committee broke into four groups, Education, Health, Poverty, Protective/Episcopal, to review and study each application. Before completing the task, each qualifying charity will have personal interviews and visits by the committee members.



The one-half million dollars the Women of Saint Michael will distribute comes primarily from the St. Michael's Woman's Exchange in Highland Park Village and the 2013 Parish Party. Grant recipients will be announced at the Annual Spring Luncheon which will be held on April 22. The speaker at this year's luncheon is Jan Langbein, CEO of Shelter Ministries of Dallas, which oversees Genesis Women's Shelter and Austin Street Center.

Women of Saint Michael to be Honored by the Wilkinson Center

The Wilkinson Center, a poverty rescue and prevention agency for the working poor, will honor the Women of Saint Michael at its annual "Can Do" Luncheon in May. In making the announcement the organization cited the St. Michael's Woman's Exchange in the Highland Park Village which is run by church volunteers and donates its proceeds to charities. The Wilkinson Center said that this year's honorees are "people and organizations that work quietly for the betterment of the community."

Stained Glass Doors Installed in Church

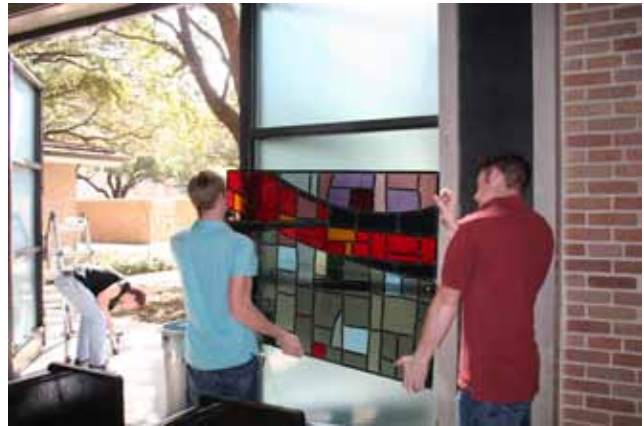


Installation of the new Stained Glass doors in the church was completed Tuesday, February 18. The doors, designed by parishioner Bart Forbes, complete the Columbarium construction and Nave Courtyard project on the south lawn, which were dedicated in ceremonies last November.


Workmen from the Stanton Glass Studio in Waco installed the stained glass panels in one day. This is the same company that created the Bart Forbes-designed Angel Doors in the Saint Michael Chapel.

The columbarium and courtyard project includes 860 niches, a green interment area for the spreading of ashes, and a Memorial Wall for name-only remembrances. It also provided for refurbishing the existing columbarium.

Those interested in acquiring a niche in the new columbarium should contact Kimberly Hughes-Robinson at khrobinson@saintmichael.org.



Lent²⁰¹⁴ at Saint Michael Compassion

 ASH WEDNESDAY		Imposition of Ashes March 5
6:00 a.m.	Church	
		Preacher: Kevin Huddleston Celebrant: Greg Pickens
10:00 a.m.	Church	
		Preacher: Bob Dannals Celebrant: Kevin Huddleston
12:00 Noon	Church	
		Preacher: Bob Dannals Celebrant: Brenda Sol
5:00 p.m.	Saint Michael Chapel	
		Service for Families and children Preacher: Brenda Sol Celebrant: Kevin Huddleston
6:00 p.m.	Church	
		Preacher: Bob Dannals Celebrant: Lisa Flores

Parish Lent Retreat:

Gratitude: The Heart Of Prayer



Brother David Vryhof from the Society of St. John the Evangelist will lead the Parish Lent Retreat on Saturday, March 8, from 9:00 – 12 Noon in the Coke Activities Room

Gratitude is the heart of prayer. It affects how we experience God, ourselves and one another. Br. Vryhof will challenge us to consider

the nature of gratitude, its expression, and its practice as a way for living God's presence every day.

What does it mean to be truly grateful?

How can we best express our gratitude?

How does our gratitude connect our faith in God, our sense of self, and our relationship with others?

The cost is \$10. Reservations: Aescobedo@saintmichael.org.

Shrove
Tuesday
 pancake extravaganza
MARCH 4
 Adults \$5 Children \$3 (13-10 yrs)
 Reservations:
 Online or at aescobedo@saintmichael.org



Wednesdays in Lent: Evensong and Preaching

Many of the best preachers in the Episcopal Church will grace the pulpit of Saint Michael and All Angels on Wednesday nights in Lent. Evensong in the Church will start at 6:30 led by the Saint Michael Choir.

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March 12



*Forgiveness as the door
to Compassion.*

The Rt. Rev. Anthony (Tony) Burton,
Rector, Church of the Incarnation, Dallas.

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March 19



Eyes of Compassion

The Rev. Dr.
Winnie Varghese,

Rector of St. Mark's Church
the Bowery, New York City

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March 26



*So, What's On
Your Bucket List?*

The Very Rev. Kurt Dunkle,
Dean and President,
General Theological Seminary,
New York City

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April 2



Compassionate Evangelism

The Rev. Dr. James Cooper,
Rector Trinity Church,
Wall Street, New York

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April 9



*The Art of Compassion - Rothko
and Jesus: No Compassion for
Compassion's Sake*

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Doyle,
Bishop of Texas, Austin

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Soup's On: Wednesday Evening Lenten Dinners

Lenten Dinners will be delicious, nutritious soups and salad from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Coke Activities Room. There is no charge.

- March 12: Beef Stew
- March 19: Baked Potato
- March 26: Chicken Noodle
- April 2: Minestrone
- April 9: Chicken Tortilla



Compassion: Focus of Rector's Forum

Compassion, our parish's theme during Lent, will be the focus of several speakers in the Rector's Forum on Sunday mornings at 10:00 in the Saint Michael Chapel. Each will tell the stories of compassion as they've known it, seen it, expressed it in their various "worlds."

March 9:

Christ-Like Compassion

— Bob Dannals

March 16:

Signs of Compassion in Mission Work

— Bill Bancroft, Honduras Threads Mission

March 23:

Signs of Compassion in Marriage and Family

—Rob Huthnance

March 30:

Signs of Compassion in South Dallas

— Ben Leal, CEO, Jubilee Park

April 6:

The Lavishness of Love

— Becca Stevens, Thistle Farms
and Saint Michael Distinguished Lecturer
(combined adult class in Parish Hall)

Daily Devotions Available During Lent

You can start your day, refresh your day, or end your day with a daily devotion from the clergy and parishioners of Saint Michael.

The daily E-Devotions will be in a video format for Lent. One of the priest will start your day off with a brief minute or two of devotion beginning Wednesday, March 5 at 5:00 a.m. on email or the Saint Michael website.

A Lent Meditation booklet, written by the clergy and parishioners is available throughout the church or online at www.saintmichael.org.

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**Fridays at 6:00 p.m.
Beginning March 7
In the Church**

SAT 29 MAR @ 4PM

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Dallas, Texas 75225
Tel 214-363-5422
svescovo@saintmichael.org

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performed solo by rev. joseph morris

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—CANON PAI BROWN, HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH, LONDON

"...an amazing presentation"
—REV. BRADLEY SCHEMELING, ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ATLANTA

Lent at Saint Michael



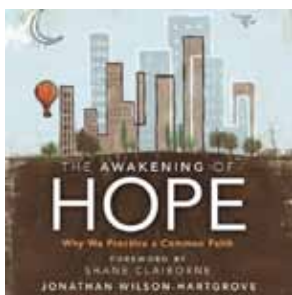
Lenten Artist's Workshop Beginning March 19, 6:00 – 7:30

All Children and Family Ministry families are welcome to join us for the Lenten Artist's Workshop during Wednesday nights in Lent beginning March 19. We will have different art stations devoted to Lenten themes for parents and children to explore and create together. Come early to enjoy fellowship as we provide a yummy soup and bread dinner for everyone to enjoy. Cost is free. Donations welcome.



Why Do We Eat Together? Why Do We Live Together? Why Do We Make Promises? Why Do We Share The Good News? Why Would We Rather Die Than Kill?

This Lenten season, senior high students (grades 9-12th) will meet in the Youth Center at 6:00 for dinner followed by Shane Claiborne's *The Awakening of Hope* to explore these questions and more along with how we live them as Christians. As we journey through Lent with the "whats" of bible studies, meals, worship, and story, this video series helps us to look at the "whys" of our life of faith.



AXIS Middle School Wednesday Night Bible Study



The Gospel according to the music of Frozen
Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00

The songs in the recent Disney are full of theological themes including brokenness, deceit, love, healing, and forgiveness. We will spend each Wednesday during lent looking for ways that good theology

shows up in the music of this powerful story.

Holy Week Wednesday Night Worship

April 16, 6:00-7:30

With Special Guest Mike Baughman from Union Coffee Shop

All Middle School and High School families are invited to join us for a special program with guest Mike Baughman from the local outreach ministry Union Coffee shop. Mike will lead our night with a special message and experience designed for youth and parents together. Dinner will be served for all.



Theater

Kindergarten through Fifth Grade

Storytelling
Music
Art
Interactive Prayer

Good Friday For Families

April 18 10-12

Family Kickball Tournament
& Hula Hoop Contest

March 23 11:00 AM

Bring Style Lunch on Field

Featuring Mr. Donovan DJ Joe Watkins



Honduras Mission Touches Hundreds of Lives

Saint Michael's Honduras Mission spent a week in February working to improve the lives of families living in Tela and the surrounding community.

One group went to a new community and built cooking stoves in people's houses. Previously they cooked on open, unventilated, wood burning fires. Other teams did fluoride treatments for about 60 children, served them a hot lunch and painted the inside of the cafeteria we helped build last year. They also worked on removing and relaying tile in the upstairs conference room at the church and did Christian education in three locations for about 150 children.

There are many stories from every team on how receiving and happy the people and children are. We have developed many good friends and built community trust over the years here.





Sneak Peek at Vacation Bible School Was Sunny

Kids from kindergarten and up got a sample of this summer's Vacation Bible School while their parents were at the Church's Annual Parish Meeting Sunday, February 23.

The youngsters tried out building sand castles, fashionable beach attire, hula dancing and more.

The Son Surf Beach Blast will be June 9 - 13.





Distinguished Lecture Series

Grace Cathedral Dean Delivers Ratelle Lecture - March 2

One of the great preachers of the Episcopal Church, Dr. Alan Jones, will headline the Ratelle Distinguished Lecture on Sunday, March 2.

Dr. Jones is Dean-emeritus of Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. In addition to his lecture at 10:00 in Parish Hall, he will preach at the 9:00 and 11:00 services in the church, and address a reservations-only lunch in the Coke Activities Room. Make reservations online or contact Abby at aescobedo@saintmichael.org.



April 6 The Reverend Becca Stevens, Chaplain at Vanderbilt University, 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.

The Rev. Ms. Stevens will preach at the 9:00 and 11:00 worship services in the Church and deliver the Distinguished Lecture to a combined adult class at 10:00 in the Parish Hall. She will also address a reservations-only luncheon in the Coke Activities Room at 12:30. For information contact Shelly Vescovo at svescovo@saintmichael.org.

The Banquet Planning Goes Forward

After four pilot worship services testing new, non-traditional forms of



worship, The Banquet is taking time to digest the feedback and plan its next steps.

A team of leaders, including parishioners, staff, and clergy, will continue to consider all of the input and experiences as it meets to shape this new worship. Although there are no specific dates for the next Banquet service, they will be coming soon.

Prime Timers to Smell the Flowers

The Dallas Arboretum, recognized as one of the nation's top botanical gardens, will be featured at the Prime Timers meeting on Thursday, March 6. The Arboretum's George Russell will give a pictorial tour of the gardens and the DeGolyer House. The meeting with lunch begins at 10:30 in the Coke Activities Room. For reservations contact Mary Davis at 214-363-7761.

PT Cruisers take to the Air

Well, not really, but we are going to the Frontiers of Flight Museum for our outing on Thursday, March 20. In addition to all the interesting artifacts such as a "black box" (that's really orange), the Flying Pancake designed during WWII, and the bright clothing worn by the Braniff Stewardesses, we will be there during the special "Wings of Freedom" exhibit which honors our WWII veterans. Part of this exhibit contains extremely rare bomber and fighter aircraft. The bus leaves the church at 9:30. We will have lunch at Celebration Restaurant. Cost of the tour and lunch is \$25. Make your reservation for this popular tour with Mary Davis at 214-363-7761. Deadline is Sunday, March 16.



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.

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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. We typically meet the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month from 7:00-8:15, which we will do on March 3. However, on March 17, we'll gather at the home of Heather Stanton (4320 Greenbrier Dr) at 6:30 for our Lenten communion service and potluck supper.

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Saint Michael 20s&30s

We're a faith-based group for people in their 20s & 30s... our style is very informal, but our conversations are always meaningful. Join us for brunch at 12:30 on Sunday, March 2 at Fadi's on Knox, and for Taco Bible at Mattito's (7778 Forest Ln) on Sunday, March 23 at 6:30. You don't have to bring your Bible, but it'd be swell if you brought a friend! Watch the website for other events: saintmichael.org/SMAA20s30s.

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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 March 16 at 12:15 in the Coke Activities Room. This month's topic is "God at the Center."

Saint Michael's Farmers Market Opening April 5

It's almost time for fresh, farm grown produce, vegetables, eggs, and more. The Saint Michael's Farmers Market opens Saturday, April 5 for its third delicious season.

Once again the north parking lot will be filled on Saturday mornings with farmers and producers selling everything from radishes to tamales, specialty breads to peaches, tomatoes to peppers. And, the refreshment area will be in full swing making the market "The Place To Be" on Saturday mornings.

If you want to serve as a welcoming presence of Saint Michael at the Farmers Market, contact Brenda Sol bsol@saintmichael.org.



Early Childhood Ministry Coordinator Moving – Looking for Successor

Austen Crossley, the Early Childhood Ministry Coordinator, is moving to Atlanta in May. She is responsible for overseeing childcare on Sunday Mornings, formation for 4 year olds, Baptism support, and welcome activities for new families, among other things. The part-time (20 hours per week) position will be available beginning in May. For more information, contact Emily Given at egiven@saintmichael.org.

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Early Childhood Ministry Committee

Wonder what the Early Childhood Ministry Committee (ECMC) is all about? Might you be interested in serving on this committee? Join us in the Parlor Thursday, March 20 from 9:00-10:00 to learn about the many ways ECMC supports the ministries of the Saint Michael Preschool and the church, and how you can get involved.

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Stephen Ministry: Compassion in Action

The Stephen Ministry is a Pastoral Care Ministry of Saint Michael that offers sympathetic listening to our parishioners.

Often, one feels life is unbearable and we need to lean on someone else... we just need to get our troubles off our chests. The Stephen Ministry is this kind of listening ear. It is headed by Lay Leader, Jean Coleman and The Rev. Lisa Flores.

There are eight trained Leaders and and fourteen active Stephen Ministers. All have been through extensive training (50 hours) and continuing education. They have been commissioned by the clergy, taken an oath of confidentiality, and follow established guidelines of the Ministry.

The Stephen Ministry is best described as a caring Christian ministry of support for people in a time of crisis, such as the death of a spouse, a financial set-back, job crisis, divorce, etc. Stephen Ministers do not function as counselors. They function as compassionate listeners who walk through a person's time of crisis as a non-judgmental companion. The Stephen Minister is not a fixer.

Their Walk Together Is A Process:

Step 1) The person experiencing a crisis may meet with a member of the clergy to discuss their concerns. The priest may suggest using a Stephen Minister and upon agreement will refer the individual to the Lay Leader of the Stephen Ministry, Jean Coleman, who contacts the individual to determine if a Stephen Minister could help.

Step 2) Jean Coleman interviews the parishioner, in person, and reviews the request with The Rev. Lisa Flores.

Step 3) Together they decide whether to assign a Stephen Minister.

Step 4) Jean Coleman, using her extensive training reviews the available Stephen Ministers to find an appropriate match. NOTE: male Stephen Ministers are assigned

to male care receivers and female Stephen Ministers are assigned to female care receivers. Jean, along with Lisa Flores, meets with the Stephen Minister who must agree to take on the assignment – all without knowing who the care receiver is to be.

Step 5) Once confirmed and the Stephen Minister contacts the care receiver. The two meet usually for about one hour, once a week.

Another step: The Stephen Minister reports to a Supervisory Group made up of other Stephen Ministers and leaders. Through a supervisory group, in a very structured and confidential way, each Stephen Minister receives support and input without ever divulging the care receiver's identity.

If you or someone you care about could use a Stephen Minister, urge him or her to contact a member of the clergy and start this process of healing with the knowledge that all is confidential.

Beginning March 1 and through the end of May, 2014, The Stephen Ministry will be accepting applications for those who feel called to serve in this compassionate and caring ministry. The 50 hours of training for new Stephen Ministers is scheduled to begin September 12 and run through November 24. Applications may be obtained by contacting Jean Coleman, jwcoleman@sbcglobal.net.



Lay Leader of the Stephen Ministry, Jean Coleman



Alcoholics Anonymous: Meets on the first and third Sunday evenings at 7:30 in the Coke Activities Room. Open to both men and women. Contact: The Rev. Neal Hern, nealhern@aol.com.

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Caregiver Support Group will meet on March 3, and on March 17, in the Parlor, 11:00 to 12:30. Check our new Care Givers Corner in the Power Library. Contact: Sandra Klingeman, jsklingeman@sbcglobal.net, or Drew Stull, jstull3141@aol.com.

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Grief Ministry. The March Faith and Grief luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 12:00-1:00 in the Coke Activities Room. If you have suffered a loss, this is an excellent support community for you. 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.

Grief Workshop. A 6-week Grief Workshop will begin Thursday March 6 at First Presbyterian Church Richardson (271 Walton Street). The workshop will be held in the Chapel from 7:00-8:30. There is no cost for this workshop. To register please contact 469-251-9612.

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Parish Nurse Ministry: Sunday, March 16, is Parish Nurse Sunday when a professional will be present in the South Lanai to answer questions and provide informative resources

regarding Diabetes Awareness. Contact Dianne Boyd, dboyd@saintmichael.org.

February Blood Drive: The February Red Cross/Saint Michael Blood Drive collected blood from 30 donors! This means that a total of 90 people will receive the gift of life. Thank you!

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The Saint Michael Prayer Team presents The Rev. Michael Harmuth on Thursday night, March 20 as we continue our series Perspectives on Prayer. The Reverend Michael Harmuth, Chaplain of the ESD Lower School, will speak on the subject, "I'm In A Hurry, But God Isn't." These meetings are open to everyone. 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 followed by our speaker. Contact: Steve McKenney, smckenney111@gmail.com.

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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. Now is the time! 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. Contact: Annette Lentz, annette.lentz@sbcglobal.net

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Centering Prayer Group. 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

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The Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry meetings are on Tuesdays, 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: 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.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The **Funeral Guild** needs people to volunteer to bake cookies for funeral receptions? Contact Ann Mills, amills@saintmichael.org.

The **Congregational Care Ministries** can use volunteers to deliver a meal to a family in need. Contact Ann Mills, amills@saintmichael.org.

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Grant Them Eternal Rest

Thomas Burton Rhodes, December 13, father of Amy Stephenson, father-in-law of Hugh Stephenson, grandfather of Weddell, Jack, and Thomas

Beverly Gail Adams Martin, January 17, mother of Jeff Martin, mother-in-law of Rachel Gonzalez, grandmother of Isabel Hicks, Zara Hicks & Zachary Martin

Edward Sander Conolly, February 1, father of Paul Connolly, father-in-law of Squeaky Connolly, grandfather of Anna & Sarah

Edward Graham Davis, February 6, father of Tom Davis, father-in-law of Leslie Davis, grandfather of Anne & Adrienne

Elaine Walter Powers, February 10, sister of Nell Anne Hunt

Victoria Livingston Shaw, February 10, mother of Marianne Minnehan mother-in-law of Brian Minnehan, grandmother of Patrick, Liv & Davis

Guillermo Escobedo Reyes, February 12, father of Guillermo Escobedo, father-in-law of Abigail Escobedo, grandfather of Gallagher, Alejandro & Tristan

Roy M. Parks, father of Rob Parks

Dorothy Layton, February 20, grandmother of Courtney Peeler and grandmother-in-law of Price Peeler

Gloria Gene Smith, February 22, sister of Dolly Smith

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It's during the season of Lent that we are well-reminded of the real purpose in life and that following Christ is much better than chasing after self-absorption. It is during Lent that we are reminded of God's self-offering love, that it's better to give than to receive. We are brought to mind of our finite nature, and that each of us has a whole set of foibles, sins, and mistakes for which we can seek pardon and restoration. And we are reminded that a growing number of people in this country have simple homes (or none at all) not palaces, sparse supper tables not banquet dining tables, furnishings that come from second-hand stores rather than from dowries. If we can hear this Lent the voice of Mr. Lincoln's "better angels," we can step away from the clutter of our own hearts and the stuff around us, and take a journey of introspection, rediscovery, renewal and resolve.

The theme for this season at Saint Michael and All Angels is "compassion" -- to have "passionate mercy for and with others." If we truly take on a new found level of compassion for the people for whom Christ died, then our sackcloth and ashes of the season can issue forth in breaking out the best wine and shouting "alleluia" come Easter. If this journey is to have sticking power, it won't be a temporary journey for forty days, but will become a life-pattern, a life-long spiritual discipline of offering Christ's compassion each and every day.

I invite you to take some time each week for prayer, reflection, study, and service. At Saint Michael we're beginning our journey with one of the most stirring speakers and teachers in our church, The Very Rev. Dr. Alan Jones, Dean Emeritus of Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, who is preaching on Sunday, March 2 at 9:00 and 11:00 in the Church, and teaching in a combined adult class at 10:00 in Parish Hall.

During that next week, we hope to see you at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper on March 4, beginning at 5:00, and then the whole community will gather at one of the five services on Ash Wednesday, March 5. On the first Saturday in Lent, March 8, we will offer a quiet retreat with Br. David Vryhof of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist, 9:00 to 12-Noon in the Coke Activities Room. Each Wednesday in Lent, our superlative guest preachers will speak on the theme of "Compassion" during Evensongs at 6:30 in the Church beginning on March 12, and we hope you'll participate in the Stations of the Cross on Fridays in the Church at 6:00 p.m. Toward the end of the month, our music ministry is sponsoring "Saint Michael Presents" -- the spring concert featuring the Texas Boys' Choir on Sunday night, March 30, at 7:00 in the Church, and "Godspell" will be presented by our youth the same day, at 10:00 in the Parish Hall.

Have a holy and compassionate Lent, my friends.

Bob Dannals

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Worship

Monday – Friday

7:00 a.m. – Eucharist – BMC

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. – Healing Service – BMC

Friday (during Lent)

6:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

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

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