

# THE ARCHANGEL

SMAA



*The Newsletter for Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church*

*Dallas, Texas*

FEBRUARY 2012

## OPENING DOORS

February  
North Dallas  
Shared Ministry  
Collection  
Month

February 18  
Lenten Retreat  
with Brother  
Tristram

February 19  
Annual Parish  
Meeting

Vacation Bible  
School Preview

February 21  
Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Supper

February 22  
Ash Wednesday

February 29  
Dinner and  
Evensong -  
Mark Anschutz

March 4  
Plug In Sunday

Friends in another city once offered me the use of their mountain cottage near Blowing Rock, North Carolina. When I inquired about provisions, including the need to secure a key, they said that I wouldn't need one, the doors are always open. When I expressed amazement, they remarked, "we have a saying in our area of the mountains: 'the doors are always open because a neighbor might need something.'"

We are called by God to unlock and open the doors of our hearts, minds and resources and to offer hospitality, friendship and community. Our job as Christians is less to make something of ourselves than to find something worth doing and lose ourselves in it. The danger, as any public official will tell us, is people will use us and possibly steal us blind. In our competitive and risky world, we are not daily encouraged to make a gift of ourselves by offering our life, labor and resources unto the Lord, to open the doors of our life "because a neighbor might need something."

I recently received a letter from a national religious polling agency soliciting my opinion. One of the questions was "What is a central disappointment about your denomination?" Among several responses, I wrote: "It gives more energy to maintaining the historic structures of the institution than to mission, growth and outreach. If we continue to make maintenance our principle task, then people are entitled to conclude that instead of a dynamic community of faith that is in mission, the church is another self-absorbed institution of mediocrity."

In fact, Saint Michael and All Angels knows something about striking out from a maintenance model into the wider expanses of outreach of opening doors "because a neighbor might need something."

By tradition, Lent (please see inside for the many opportunities of the season) is a season of self-examination, a time to reset priorities, a journey to consider again the self-giving life of Christ and how we might imitate his pilgrimage and actions. To that end, I ask you to participate in three important aspects of parish life during the coming weeks:

1. **Pledge for 2012.** Quite honestly, three months after we began our annual stewardship effort, we still have not heard from many individuals/families who pledged last year. Half of our members never pledge. The opportunities and the needs are great. Every pledge, no matter the size, counts!
2. **Attend the Annual Meeting** on February 19, 10 a.m. in the Church. I urge your participation in the decisions of your parish, as we hear reports, thank our retiring Wardens, Vestry members and Foundation members, and elect new representatives.
3. Attend and participate in **Plug-In Sunday** on March 4th. Come hear inspiring lay ministry talks, learn of ministry opportunities and make commitments in exercising your gifts and talents.

During the closing weeks of Epiphany and the first days of Lent, I encourage your giving, your engagement, your service because after all "a neighbor might need something."

*Bob Danna*

## *Wisdom in Everyday Life*



Featuring

### *Brother Geoffrey Tristram*

Superior at the monastery of the  
Society of Saint John the Evangelist  
Boston, Massachusetts

**Saturday, February 18**  
**9:00 – noon**  
**\$10 per person**

RSVP [aescobedo@saintmichael.org](mailto:aescobedo@saintmichael.org) or on-line

**Life is busy.**

**Life is demanding.**

**Life moves so fast.**

Lent is a time to slow down a bit and reflect on the quality of our lives. Lent is a time to ask ourselves how we can draw closer to God without neglecting those very real responsibilities of daily life: work, family, friends, relationships.

Br. Geoffrey will share the wisdom found in the monastic traditions that have strengthened Christians through the ages. Even in today's multi-tasking, multi-dimensional and even virtual world, the basic wisdom and truth of Christian practices can restore depth that permeate daily tasks, making them more meaningful and us more faithful.

### *What Does God Expect from Us?*

Join a Lenten study quest to discern what God expects of you based upon the book *The Hole in Our Gospel*. Meetings will be Monday evenings, February 27 to April 2, beginning with dinner at 6:15 followed by the study quest from 7:00-8:30. David Loomis and Dana Juett will lead the study in the Coke Activities Room. Orientation is Monday, February 20, at 7:00. RSVP to Abby Escobedo at 214-363-5422 or [aescobedo@saintmichael.org](mailto:aescobedo@saintmichael.org) and then each week for dinner (\$5 per evening). \$20 for study packet includes *The Hole in Our Gospel*, a study guide and a daily scripture card.

## *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper*

The Men of Saint Michael are teaming up with Parish Life Events for a pancake extravaganza! Join us on February 21st beginning at 5:30 for pancakes with melted butter, thick maple syrup, chocolate chips, fresh berries, bananas, crispy bacon, hot coffee, orange juice... \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids 3-10 years of age. Meet in the Parish Hall from 5:30 - 7:00. Make reservations online or with Abby Escobedo [aescobedo@saintmichael.org](mailto:aescobedo@saintmichael.org), 214-363-5422 ext. 512. For more information contact Squeaky Connolly (event chair) at [squeakyconnolly@att.net](mailto:squeakyconnolly@att.net).

## *Ash Wednesday Service Schedule*

Services with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion will be held on Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30, 10:00, Noon, 5:00 and 6:00. All Services will be held in the Church.

## *Choir to Sing at Incarnation*

Our choir has been invited to sing Evensong on Sunday, February 26th. The service will begin at 5:30. This is the second year our choir has been asked to bring its talents to our sister church.

## *Lenten Meditation Booklets*

One opportunity for a meaningful Lent is making a place for God in your daily life. The Lenten Meditation booklet with daily meditations written by Saint Michael and All Angels parishioners and staff can help you find that daily time. The booklet is available online, as a part of your daily devotion or throughout the church. The booklets are free.

The Archangel  
Newsletter  
(USPS 015-033)  
is published monthly  
by Saint  
Michael and All  
Angels Episcopal  
Church,  
at 8011 Douglas,  
Dallas, Texas  
75225.  
Volume 24,  
Number Two,  
Periodical  
postage paid at  
Dallas, Texas.  
POSTMASTER:  
Send Address  
Changes to  
The Archangel,  
Saint Michael  
and All Angels  
Church,  
P. O. Box  
12385,  
Dallas, Texas  
75225-0385.

## *The Cost of Discipleship*

Members of the parish of all ages are encouraged to make Wednesday nights a significant part of your Lenten discipline. The evenings will begin with supper followed by Evensong for adults and age appropriate activities for children and youth. RSVP to [aescobedo@saintmichael.org](mailto:aescobedo@saintmichael.org) or register on line for supper.

*6:00 Catered Supper from Area Restaurants - Parish Hall*

*6:30 Evensong and Sermon in the Church*

February 29      *The Rev. Dr. Mark Anschutz,*  
Former Rector of Saint Michael and All Angels

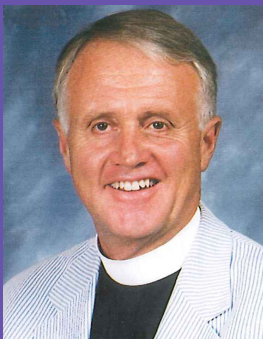
March 7      *The Rev. Lisa Mason,*  
Rector of Saint David's, San Antonio  
"The Courage to be Faithful"

March 14      *The Rev. Hill Riddle,*  
Former interim Rector of Saint Michael and All Angels  
"What to Die For"

March 21      *The Rev. Dr. John Fiedler,*  
Senior Pastor, First United Methodist Church, Dallas

March 28      *The Very Rev. Tracey Lind,*  
Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, Ohio  
"Discipleship Ain't Cheap"

Feb. 29



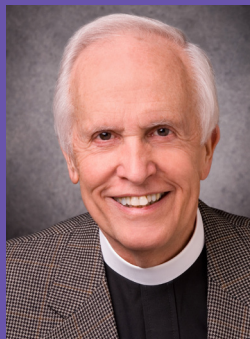
The Rev. Dr.  
Mark Anschutz

March 7



The Rev. Lisa Mason

March 14



The Rev. Hill Riddle

March 21



The Rev. Dr.  
John Fiedler

March 28



The Very Rev.  
Tracey Lind

# Wednesdays in Lent for Children and Youth

## The Edge Presents: Artistic Reflections for Lent



**6 Week Wednesday Class starting  
February 22nd-April 4th  
6:30-7:30pm  
~ Cost is \$20.00 per child ~  
For more info or to register call  
Suzi Finan or Jill Delabano  
at 214-369-4905**

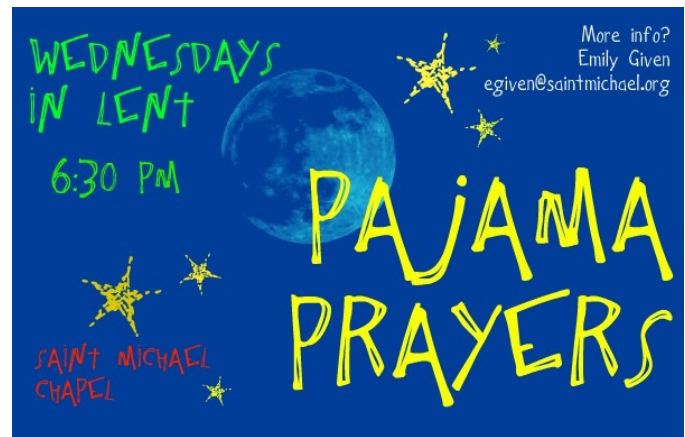
Edge youth are encouraged to join us Wednesday evenings in Lent for 6 weeks of creative reflections. Each week we will create artistic masterpieces inspired by beautiful Lenten scripture. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Each child will take home their artwork and a journal recording their Lent experience. Classes begin February 22nd from 6:30-7:30 in the Edge Room, after the Parish Lent Dinner Series. For more information please contact Suzi Finan at 214-692-3052 or [sfinan@saintmichael.org](mailto:sfinan@saintmichael.org)

### **Children & Family Ministry Lenten Home Communion**

**March 26, 6:00 p.m.**

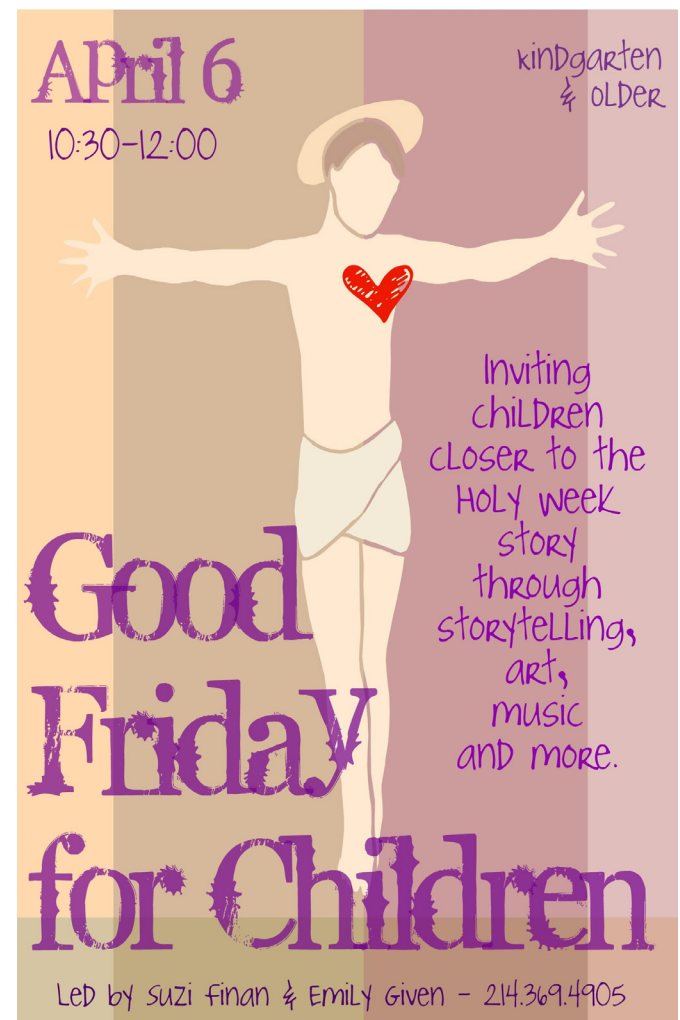
### **The Home of the Searcy Family**

We will put a modern twist on the ancient tradition of sharing Communion. Ginny and Connor Searcy will open their home for an informal Holy Eucharist and light dinner. All ages welcome. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Jill – [jdelabano@saintmichael.org](mailto:jdelabano@saintmichael.org) or 214-369-4905.



Hop into your jammies and head to Saint Michael Chapel for storytelling, prayers and music. Stay for a yummy bedtime snack too. Led by Emily Given.

February 29, March 7, 21, 28 ( Note: No Pajama Prayers during Spring Break week)



Led by Suzi Finan & Emily Given - 214.369.4905

# Annual Parish Meeting, February 19

## Vestry Nominees

The Vestry has accepted the recommendations of its nominating committee and submits the following parishioners to be considered for election at the church's Annual Meeting on February 19th beginning at 10:00 in the Church.



### Christine Ashmore

In the nine years Christine Ashmore has been a member of the Parish she has served on the Finance Committee for more than two years, been a Sunday School teacher for six years, and a member of the Columbarium Committee. She also serves on the Board of Trustees, the Finance Committee, and the Advancement Committee of Parish Episcopal School.



### Grady Schleier

Among Grady Schleier's many activities at Saint Michael, he has been very involved in our Mission and Outreach ministry. He has participated in five Honduras mission trips, serves on the Mission/Outreach Grants Committee, and co-chairs the new Microfinance Committee. Additionally, Grady is on the church's Audit Committee, has taught confirmation class, and has served as an usher captain. He has been a member since 1988.



### Nancy Skochdopole

A member for more than 20 years, Nancy Skochdopole has served Saint Michael in many capacities. She and her husband, Jim, chaired the Stewardship Committee for two years, and she was chair of the Child Development Committee. She has been very active in the Women of Saint Michael, serving a term as its president and chair of its Gifts Committee. She has also been involved with the Good Shepherd and Extended Care Cook ministries.



### Tom Stewart

Tom Stewart currently serves as chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee and last year was on the church's Decade Committee. For two years he was on the Board of the Men of Saint Michael, and has been the class primary leader and tribal leader of the Disciples (Confirmation) Class. He has been a member for more than 20 years.



### Stewart Thomas

A Saint Michael member for more than 40 years, Stewart Thomas served on the Rector Search Committee in 2006, has been a Trustee of the Saint Michael Foundation, was the Vestry Clerk for four years, and filled an unexpired term on the Vestry in 1995. He also helped create the Disciples (Confirmation) Class and continues to work in that ministry, and is a Chalice Bearer, Acolyte, and Lay Reader.

# Diocesan Convention Delegate Nominates

## **Marla Briggie**

- Convention delegate 2007 – 2011
- Member of Altar Guild, Funeral Guild, Wedding Guild
- Board of American Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe

## **Robert Buchanan**

- Verger, Acolyte, Chalice Bearer
- Mission Outreach Honduras Team
- Chair Men of Saint Michael (2007)

## **Ralph Cousins**

- Former Vestry member
- Adult Education and Stewardship Committees
- Acolyte and Chalice Bearer

## **Jack Coleman**

- Convention delegate for 7 years
- Director of Ushers 2004 – 2010
- Worship Committee and Liturgy Committee

## **Blake Hull**

- Former Vestry member
- Convention delegate for 6 years
- Mission/Outreach, Pastoral Care, Adult Education committees

## **Bill Johnson**

- Vestry member and two time Senior Warden
- Former chairman, Stewardship Committee
- Standing Committee of Diocese of Dallas

## **James Kerr**

- Acolyte, Chalice Bearer, Lector
- Expanding our Faith Capital Campaign Committee
- Pastoral Care Committee

## **Tom McConnell**

- Former Vestry member
- Chairman, Columbarium Committee
- Member Spreading Our Wings Capital Campaign Committee

## **John McFarland**

- Former Vestry member
- Rector Search Committee
- Chapel Restoration Committee

## **Bill McIntyre**

- Former Vestry member
- Former chairman of Human Resources Committee
- Diocese of Dallas Risk Management Committee

## **Kyle Moore**

- Convention delegate 2010-2011
- Stewardship Committee Co-Chair
- Children and Family Ministry volunteer

## **Liz Oliphant**

- Acolyte, Chalice Bearer, Lector
- Convention delegate 3 years
- Diocese of Dallas Executive Council

## **Jim Riggert**

- Convention alternate for 5 years
- Lector and Lay Eucharistic Minister
- Diocese of Dallas Executive Council

## **Phil Ritter**

- Former Vestry, Senior Warden – 2009
- Convention Delegate, Delegation Chair
- Stewardship Committee

## **Chris Schupp**

- Former Vestry
- Properties Committee, Chairman
- Youth Ministry Advisory Committee

## **Chuck Stewart**

- Convention delegate for 8 years
- Mission/Outreach Committee
- Team leader: By Our Love Supper Club

## **Paul Talbot**

- Saint Michael Choir – 24 years
- Stewardship Committee
- Sunday School and Disciples Class teachers

## **Tim Thompson**

- Worship Committee
- Men of Saint Michael Board
- Acolyte and Master of Ceremonies

## **Jim Wiley**

- Former Vestry, Junior Warden and Treasurer
- Saint Michael Choir
- Adult Formation and Stewardship Committees

## *Saint Michael Foundation Trustee Nominees*

The following parishioners have been nominated for election to six-year terms as members of the Saint Michael Foundation Board of Trustees:

**Missy Hahn Boone** is a longtime member of the Parish. She served on the Vestry where she was elected Junior Warden. In addition, Missy has been a member of the Finance Committee and served as Stewardship Chair. Most recently, she has been a member of the Decade Committee and the Saint Michael School Task Force. She has a keen understanding of the finances of the Parish and brings to the Foundation the knowledge of a 25-year career in the financial world.

**William D. Felder** has been a member of Saint Michael for 40 years. He has served on the boards of the Episcopal School of Dallas and The Episcopal Diocese of Dallas Foundation. Bill currently sits on the Finance Committee for Saint Michael, and has extensive experience in the financial services industry.

**Jay Grogan** is currently chair of the Decade Committee and serves on the Columbarium Construction Committee. While serving on the Vestry, Jay was elected Junior Warden. He has also served on the Finance Committee, The Ad Hoc Real Estate Committee for 8100 Lomo Alto and Fredericks Square, the Jubilee Gift Committee, and has been a Sunday School Teacher. Jay has been a member of the Parish for 15 years.

**Tricia Barnett Monfrey** has been a member of Saint Michael for 16 years, during which she has served on the Prayer Ministry Team, has been chair of Stewardship, and has been active with the Women of Saint Michael. In addition Tricia has been involved in the Good Shepherd ministry. Tricia has spent most of her career in development and is knowledgeable about foundations and fundraising.

**Karen Kay Johnson Pardoe** has been a member of the Parish for over 40 years. During that time, she has served on the Vestry, was a delegate to the Diocesan Convention for 15 years, and served three years on the Executive Council. She has served as Directress of the Altar Guild, President of the Women of Saint Michael, Chair of the Parish Party, and has been on the Stewardship Committee. Karen has traveled with Mission Outreach to Honduras and New Orleans.

# Caring *and* Sharing

## **Mission and Outreach**

### **Jubilee Founding Board Members Honored**

After 15 years of service as founding members of the Jubilee Park Board of Directors, Bill Johnson, Darrel Rice, and Walt Humann retired in December, 2011.

In recognizing their contributions to revitalizing the area in southeast Dallas that has become known as Jubilee Park, Board president and chairman Tom Harbison said, “These men exhibit the Commitment (being bound emotionally and intellectually to an ideal and course of action), Courage (a state of mind in facing all challenges and with confidence and resolve), and Concern (staying interested and involved) that are the prose of Jubilee’s impact to date. These three leaders have provided a legacy for us to follow and build on with their hard work and labor.”



**Jubilee Park**

Harbison noted that he expects all three will continue to be “contagious followers of Jubilee,” and “there is no recognition, words, or kudos we can offer that mirrors the blessings you have received from God in ways only He can bestow.”



**Bill Johnson**



**Darrel Rice**



**Walt Humann**

**Stories of Saint Michael:** Beginning February 3rd our website will be featuring short video stories of people who are plugged in at Saint Michael. Look for them at [www.saintmichael.org](http://www.saintmichael.org) and learn how it has impacted their lives.



## **Sunday March 4 from 10-11**

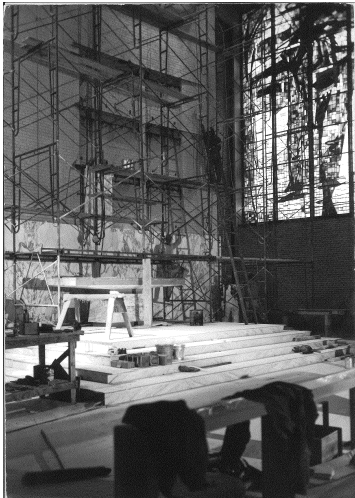
During Sunday School you will get to experience a special launch of our new online tools that will help you discover your place at Saint Michael and enjoy a wonderful brunch honoring our lay ministers. Each service that morning will highlight some of the remarkable stories and people of our parish. Join us!

## Great Accomplishments of the Past 50 Years: *Building the Big Top*

It will be 51 years ago next month that the first regular Sunday service was held in the “new” sanctuary of Saint Michael and All Angels Church, that has lovingly become known to many as “The Big Top.” It was nearly four years in the making.

In April, 1958 the vestry launched a bold plan to build a new sanctuary to accommodate a rapidly growing congregation. On November 2nd, Fr. Albert Taliaferro led the Ground Breaking ceremony, with The Rev. Joseph Harte, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Dallas blessing the ground where the altar would be built.

A young Dallas architect, Harwood K. Smith – who became a



parishioner, was selected to create a master plan for the new building which included a “lanai room” lobby using the outside wall of the old church and a new small chapel (the Bishop Moore Chapel) intended to be open 24 hours a day. The new church, chapel, lobby area and the “original sanctuary,” designed by Fooshe-

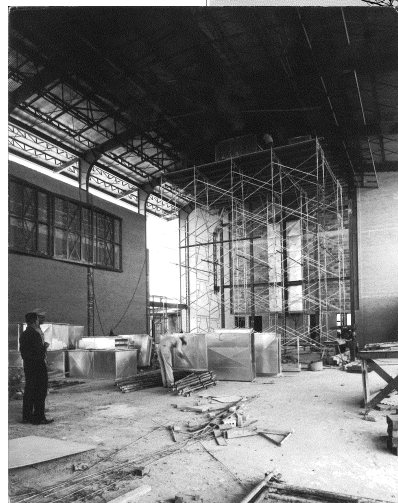
Cheek, were all connected by a series of terrazzo hallways. Another parishioner, Henry Beck volunteered his expertise to oversee the project’s construction.

Saint Michael members pledged \$700,000 to construct their new church facilities, but the plan was to build it on a cash-in-hand basis. The first phase, the foundation and steel frame, cost \$200,000. The frame, once erected, was painted turquoise blue and for several months was a landmark at Douglas and Colgate while the money was raised to complete the building. On September 27, 1959 special services were held in the steel framework celebrating the Feast Day of Saint Michael and All Angels. It also turned out to be a great fundraising occasion.

On Christmas Eve, of 1960 the first worship services were held in the still unfinished church. The reredos was a brick wall and Saint Michael borrowed a cross from its neighbor Christ the King Catholic Church for the ceremony. On March 12, 1961 the first regular Sunday services were held in the new church, which awaited permanent pews and temporary appointments. The first wedding in the new sanctuary was held November 23rd, 1961.

When finally completed, the new building, constructed with “St. Joe” brick, Italian Crema marble and dark stained oak was considered one of the most elegant new churches in the country. At the 1964 Annual Conference of Church Architecture, Saint Michael’s was cited as one of the ten “most beautiful and competently functional of contemporary new churches” in the United States. -Megan Sheets

*(Future stories will focus on the creation of the great marble reredos and stained glass windows in the church.)*



# Overview

## Pilgrimage to The Holy Land April 19 - May 2, 2012

**Extended Reservation  
Deadline:  
February 15, 2012**



Take a parish pilgrimage to explore the ancient traditions and biblical sights that can only be experienced in Israel and Palestine. Bob and Valerie Dannals are the parish leaders. Our guide, Iyad Qumri, is the best in the Middle East. Our teaching guide is The Rev. Canon John Peterson, former Dean of St. George's College, Jerusalem, and an Episcopal priest.

For further information and/or to RSVP, contact Kay Allred at [kallred@saintmichael.org](mailto:kallred@saintmichael.org)

## Visiting or New to Saint Michael?

You are invited to attend a Newcomers' Lunch with the Rector. Sunday, March 18th from 12:15-1:30 p.m. in the Coke Activities Room. RSVP to Tish Visinsky #214-363-5422 ext. 524 or [tvisinsky@saintmichael.org](mailto:tvisinsky@saintmichael.org).

## Cursillo

Cursillo is a time for renewal, refreshment, and recommitment to living for Christ. Through talks given by both lay and clergy, small group discussions, worship and the sacraments, participants on the three day weekend get the tools to lead a more Christ-centered life. Spring Cursillo Dates: Mar 15-18 All Saints Camp; July 26-29 All Saints Camp. Contact M. R. McKenney 214-691-5384 or [maryruthmckenney@gmail.com](mailto:maryruthmckenney@gmail.com) or Alex Richert 214-902-9466 or [alexwrichert@gmail.com](mailto:alexwrichert@gmail.com) for more information.

## The Saint Michael Scholarship Fund

The Saint Michael Scholarship Fund was established by Charles Bolin in 1984 to provide need-based scholarships to eligible communicants, staff members, and children of staff members. To be eligible applicants must be students enrolled in or accepted by an accredited college or university, seminary, or graduate school. Applications for 2012-2013 scholarships are available at the receptionist's desk in the lanai or online [www.saintmichael.org](http://www.saintmichael.org). The application deadline is Tuesday, May 1, 2012. Please return the application and required financial and academic documentation to the front desk to the attention of Kimberly Hughes, Parish Administrator.

## Women of the Spirit

A new opportunity for women to explore books, the Bible, support one another, and have fun and fellowship will get started on Wednesday, February 8 at 9:30 in the Parlor. Hosted by Emily Given and Suzi Finan the group will begin reviewing the book *Mudhouse Sabbath* by Lauren Winner.



## Mission and Outreach

Saint Michael Distributes \$145,000 in 2011 Grants with Fourteen entities supported by Gifts

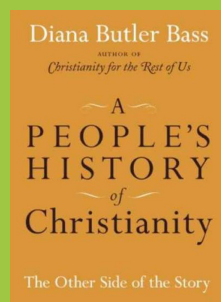
The Mission/Outreach Executive Committee approved the distribution of \$145,000 in grants for 2011 to charities and community service organizations in which Saint Michael is involved. The grants committee received requests from 18 entities totally more than \$240,000.

Following is a listing of the organizations and the amounts they received.

All Saints Camp and Conference Center	\$ 1,500
Amistad Mission	\$10,000
Austin Street Center	\$ 9,250
Honduras Threads	\$ 4,000
Forest Heights Neighborhood	\$ 1,250
Great Texas Community Partners	\$ 2,000
Honduras Mission Trip	\$ 4,750
Jubilee Park & Community Center	\$60,000
North Dallas Shared Ministries	\$14,500
Our Friends Place	\$ 3,500
Rosebud Indian Reservation	\$10,000
St. Philip's School & Community Center	\$ 5,000
St. Simon's After School program	\$ 5,000
Visiting Nurse Association Meals on Wheels	\$14,000



author, speaker



## DIANA BUTLER BASS

**“Christianity After Religion:  
Faith in the 21st Century”**

**Saturday, March 3  
9:00 a.m. - Noon  
Theater  
\$10 per person**

RSVP: Abby at [aescobedo@saintmichael.org](mailto:aescobedo@saintmichael.org)

*Distinguished Lecture Series*

## MARDI GRAS PARTY

The Women of Saint Michael will celebrate our adult parish community with a Mardi Gras Party on Friday, February 10th from 7:00-11:00 at the Park City Club. The purpose: Fun and Fellowship with dinner and dancing.



Ticket levels:

\$75 Reveler (I'm at the Party)  
\$100 Krewe (I'm on the Float)  
\$150 Royalty (I hold a Scepter)

Be majestic and help support outreach through the WOSM Gift Committee!

More information at [www.saintmichael.org](http://www.saintmichael.org)

# Caring and Sharing

## Pastoral Care

*This month, we continue our report to the Parish about the lay volunteer activities performed by Pastoral Care Ministries.*

### Friends In Christ

Friends in Christ Ministry, our primary *Visiting* ministry made more than 300 visits and contacts in 2011. This is an increase which can be attributed to more lay visitors. The increase of visitore is due to involving families to be visitors to our Friends.

In the annual Easter Flower project last spring, Friends in Christ visitors took Easter Flowers from the altar to 52 parishioners who were homebound and could not be with us on Easter Sunday.

The Friends conducted quarterly training programs and held combined meetings with Stephen Ministry leaders and Lay Eucharistic Visitors, sharing speakers at these educational sessions.

To learn more about this ministry or to participate, contact Kay Whelan, [kwhalen83@gmail.com](mailto:kwhalen83@gmail.com).



### Lay Eucharistic Visitors

The LEV ministry has 38 participants who have been licensed by the Bishop to take the Blessed Sacraments to parishioners in the hospital, at home or in assisted living facilities.

By the end of the year over 1,100 people had been visited. Monthly visits by LEV's doubled since the previous year. Our lay volunteers, who traditionally go out two by two, have increased in numbers and of special note is the addition of young families who include their children in this service to the church. The LEV's held quarterly educational and training meetings, sometimes combined with other Pastoral Care ministries, as noted previously.

To request an LEV visitor, please notify the Pastoral Care office. To learn more about this ministry, contact Gwendolyn Chestnut, [gshestnut@tx.rr.com](mailto:gshestnut@tx.rr.com).

### Christian Yoga.

Annette Lentz, leads this free class every Monday night at 5:45, in the Youth Space. The class is designed to help individuals gain increased strength and flexibility, to seek spiritual centering, and have fun. Experience levels varies and the typical class size is 12-14 people. The goal is for participants to leave feeling refreshed, relaxed and a little bit healthier.

To learn more about this ministry, contact Annette Lentz, [annettelentz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annettelentz@sbcglobal.net)

### American Red Cross Blood Drive

Every two seconds, someone in this country needs blood. Our goal is to continually have a base of Saint Michael blood donors.

Since 2009, the church has held five blood drives with the American Red Cross and have helped a total of 501 people – people whose lives depend on platelets, plasma and red blood cells obtained from our SMAA parishioners' generous donations of blood.

An hour of your time is all that is needed to help someone in need.

The next Blood drive at Saint Michael is scheduled for Sunday, February 12 in the Coke Activities Room from 8:00 to 1:00 p.m. For on-line sign-ups go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Sponsor code is: `saintmichael` or for more information contact: Terry Demler, [tdemler@comcast.net](mailto:tdemler@comcast.net).



**Give the Gift of Life  
Sunday, February 12**

## Pastoral Care

Please mark your February, 2012 calendar with the following dates for Pastoral Care Ministries meetings and events:

### Sundays

The following events are scheduled for specific Sundays in February:

**Caregiver Support Group**, Class during the Sunday School Hour, 10:00, on February 5, in the Power Library.

Advance sign-up for the Blood Drive, Sunday, February 5 in the ambulatory and hallway outside the Theater.

American Red Cross and Saint Michael **Blood Drive, Sunday, February 12** in the Coke Activities Room, from 8:00 to 1:00.

**Parish Nurse Program**, the Parish Nurse Ministry will have a health focus on Blood, along with Blood Pressure readings, on Sunday, February 12 in the Lanai.

### Mondays

**Monday Book Study** meets every Monday, 12:30 to 1:30 in the Youth Space, led by The Rev. Patty Willett. The book is *The Cost of Discipleship*, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. BYOL and drinks provided.

**Basic Christian Yoga.** *There is no fee.* Every Monday evening at 5:30-6:45, in the Youth Space

**Women's Cancer Support Group.** Every Monday, 1:30 in the Parlor

**The Caregiver Support Group** meets the first and third Mondays in the Parlor, 11:00 to 12:30.

### Tuesdays

**Centering Prayer Group** meets every Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the Bride's Room.

**6 Week Grief Seminar – Finding a New Normal:** Tuesday nights, February 28 to April 3, 6:30-8:00, Edge Room

The **Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry** meets every Tuesday, 1:00 to 3:00 in the Coke Activities Room.

**Alterknit**, Alterknit; the Nighttime Knitting Ministry meets every Tuesday night 6:00-8:00 in the Drake Room or the Parlor.

### Wednesdays

**Faith and Grief Luncheon** at Saint Michael meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the Coke Activities Room, from Noon – 1:00. Other F&G Luncheons this month: Thursday, February 9, at Baylor, Wednesday, February 15, at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church, and Thursday, February 23, at Wilshire Baptist Church. Come and bring a friend. Kindly make a reservation so that we can prepare for you. To do so, go to [www.faithpresbyterianhospice.org/luncheon](http://www.faithpresbyterianhospice.org/luncheon).

### Thursdays

**Recovery Advocates Groups:** An Al-Anon group, consisting of families and friends of alcoholics, meets every Thursday night, 7:00-8:00 in the evening, now through May of 2012 in the Chapel Conference Room. Contact: The Rev. Neal Hern, [nealhern@aol.com](mailto:nealhern@aol.com)

### Fridays

**The Sunday Service Prayer Team** meets this month on Friday, February 17, 4:30-6:00 in the Coke Activities Room. Brother Geoffrey Tristram, Superior at the Society of Saint John the Evangelist, Boston will lead the ministry in a special session on intercessory prayer. For information and reservations, contact Rick Porter, [rporter43@gmail.com](mailto:rporter43@gmail.com)

### Looking Forward

**Men's Cancer Support Group.** To express your interest in participating in a six-week series, April 19-May 24. Please contact The Rev. Neal Hern, [nealhern@aol.com](mailto:nealhern@aol.com) if interested in attending.

### Alcoholics Anonymous:

Confidential meeting times and dates are available by contacting The Rev. Neal Hern, [nealhern@aol.com](mailto:nealhern@aol.com)

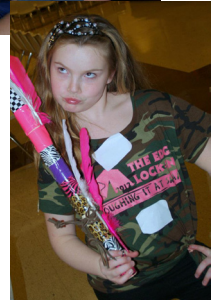
# Children, Youth and Family Ministry

## The Edge Day Out with Dad

The Edgers have invited dear old Dad to join them on Sunday, February 19th in a fun day of indoor rock climbing at Dallas Rocks. We will be meeting at Dallas Rocks around 2:00 and finish up at 5:00. For more information please contact Suzi Finan at 214-692-3052 or [sfinan@saintmichael.org](mailto:sfinan@saintmichael.org). Cost is \$10.00 a climber.



## The Edge Lock In



**SKY**  
Everything is Possible with God

## VBS Preview

Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>  
10am  
Youth Center  
Ages: 3 to Grade 5  
During the Annual Parish Meeting

Games, Snacks, Crafts,  
Music and More!

For more information — [egwen@saintmichael.org](mailto:egwen@saintmichael.org).

## Youth Ministry Winter Retreat



Children & Family Ministry  
Lenten activities  
are listed on page 4.  
Join us!

## For Your Information

### Cradle Roll

We welcome to our parish family the following who were born into our parish family:

***Emma Louise Carrell***

December 28, 2011

Deanna & Richard Carrell

***Lillian Elizabeth Paddock***

January 20, 2012

Christine & Warren Paddock

***Mary Noble Mathes***

January 24, 2012

Whitney & John Mathes

### Christmas Giving

The generosity of the parishioners of SMAA continues to be a great blessing to the least, the last and the lost.

The *Heart Of The Giving* preliminary report is \$50,000+

The *The Christmas Plate* preliminary report is \$40,000+

The estimated contribution cost of the *I Believe In Angels* was \$10,000+

In other words, Saint Michael parishioner's donated \$100,000+ during the month of December. This is truly a Christmas Miracle.

Thanks to Jeff/Jenny Weir for coordinating the *Heart Of The Giving*.

Thanks to Ame/Sarah Mundy for the coordinating *I Believe In Angels*.

### The Book Shop of Saint Michael

The Book Shop has a new shipment of pillows from Honduras Threads. Each and every one of the Beautiful Handmade products is Unique, One-of-a-Kind and includes the Name of the Woman and Village where it was made.



Store Hours M, T, Th, F 10:00-3:00, W 9:00-3:00,  
Sat. 9:00-11:00 and Sun. 8:30-12:30

## PARISH CLERGY

The Reverend Bob Dannals, Rector

The Reverend Patty Willett

The Reverend Kevin Huddleston

The Reverend Jemonde Taylor

The Reverend Greg Pickens

The Venerable Jim Webb

The Reverend Michael Harmuth

The Reverend Neal Hern

The Reverend Pamela Theodore

## PARISH VESTRY

Charles Sartain, Sr. Warden

Paige Wilbur, Jr. Warden

Van Sheets, Treasurer

Robert Wilson, Chancellor

Tony Briggie, Cindy Carter, Tom Harbison,  
Michael Massad, Clifford Miercort, Stephanie  
Pearson, Oleta Salyards, Sandra Snyder,  
Ron Staffieri, Donell Wiggins, Scott Wilson,  
Sheryl Wylie, and Blair Richert, Clerk

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### MONDAY - FRIDAY

7:00 a.m. - Eucharist - BMC

### WEDNESDAYS

10:00 a.m. - Healing Service - BMC

### SATURDAYS

8:30 a.m. - Eucharist - BMC  
5:30 p.m. - Candlelight Mass - Church or  
SMC

### SUNDAYS

7:30 a.m. - Eucharist Rite I - SMC  
9:00 a.m. - Eucharist Rite II - Church  
9:00 a.m. - Discovery Mass - SMC  
9:15 a.m. - Joy Mass - Parish Hall  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School Classes  
(Children and Adult)  
11:00 a.m. - Eucharist Rite I - Church  
11:00 a.m. - Celebration Mass Eucharist  
Rite II - Theater  
5:30 p.m. - Evening Prayer and Eucharist  
Rite I - SMC

**facebook**

[www.facebook.com/smaadallas](http://www.facebook.com/smaadallas)  
click "Like"



*The Archangel*  
 Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church  
 8011 Douglas Avenue  
 Dallas, Texas 75225-0385

PERIODICAL  
 POSTAGE  
 PAID  
 DALLAS, TEXAS

Phone 214-363-5471  
 Fax 214-363-4388  
[www.saintmichael.org](http://www.saintmichael.org)

## Priest's Sculpture Adorns Developer's Offices

Neal Hern has been a priest at Saint Michael and All Angels for more than 10 years. He's been an artist and sculptor twice that long. Today, one of his recent creations – the Archangel – graces the offices of Dallas developer Harlan Crow's Old Parkland Hospital complex at Maple and Oak Lawn.

For some time the common notion of what an Archangel looks like bothered Fr. Hern, which ultimately inspired the sculpture. "According to most depictions, an archangel is somewhere between 18 and 25 years old with an insipid, pusillanimous look on his face, thought by some to be adoration," Fr. Hern says.

According to Fr. Hern, the definition of an archangel is a "general" of angels. "One does not become a 4-star general at the age of 18 and without having lived through a number of battles," he said. So, he sculpted an archangel as he envisioned one. "This archangel (without a name) is 60-plus years old, has a broken nose, a few scars, lots of character lines on his face, and a big smile."

When completed, Fr. Hern was showing it to his doctor, a friend of Harlan Crow, who immediately thought the developer would like the sculpture. He was right. Crow saw it and asked if he could display it in his office at Old Parkland Hospital.

The sculpture, made from terra cotta, is 25-inches tall, has a 25-inch wingspan, and weighs about 95 pounds.

