

# THE ARCHANGEL



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

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## Advent is Living In Between

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Advent is an “in between” time of year. It is not just in between Thanksgiving and Christmas, it is period which speaks about what was and what is to be, about what has already happened and what has yet to occur. It is a time of preparation and anticipation.

This four week period in December might be the most Christian of seasons. What it means to be Christian at a most basic level is to be a resident of two worlds. We are bid to live fully in the “here and now,” with all the joys and complexities of incarnate life. We love, laugh, get tired, hurt, grieve, and rejoice in the pilgrimage through this wonderful creation given us by God. And we live in the life to come, having entered into eternal life through the waters of Baptism and commitment. Thus we have hope and assurance, a faith which empowers and sustains. We are in it for the long haul and we learn patience, trust, and endurance along the way.



So we begin Advent on Sunday, December 2 and we wish one another happy new year in church life. Our Advent calendar is full of those events that help mark the season and help us prepare for Christmas. As a staff and clergy team, we invite you to take time for quiet; catch your breath during a frenetic season; slow down on occasion and drink in the biblical passages of Advent; concentrate on the music (we don't sing Christmas music in the Episcopal Church until the end of Advent); treat yourself to retreat and reflective

moments. We encourage you to see Christmas not as a day, but as a season – December 25 - January 6. Spiritually and psychologically the longer, quieter cycle of the twelve days is far wiser than the emotional explosion and the complicated layers of unreal expectations and accumulated guilt that can kill Christmas Day. And we encourage Christian service and generosity during Advent, to think beyond oneself and to give to our various efforts which assist others. Offerings for these ministries cast a wonderful, Christ-centered spirit on these weeks.

The good news of Advent and Christmas is that God transformed the birth of a child into the greatest saving act in history and the Holy One continues to move us toward final fulfillment in our daily responses of love, charity, and justice. Thus, God still transforms our Christmas observance – however compromised – into peaceful, saving, merciful moments. If you're here in Dallas, come share some of these moments in worship, formation, giving, and outreach during these weeks and on into January.

On behalf of the clergy, staff, wardens, and vestry, a blessed Advent and a holy and happy Christmas to you and yours.

*Bob Dunaich*

# Advent

Our parish prepares for the arrival of the Christ child during Advent, all are invited to join in the following special services and events culminating with the Celebrations of Christmas:

## While You Are Waiting for God: Live!

The Rev. Frank Allen, rector of St. David's Episcopal Church in Wayne, PA. will lead this year's Advent Retreat on Saturday, December 1. He is the son of long-time parishioner, Laura Allen.



Throughout our lives we wait; for a child to be born, for the new promotion and job, for the illness to pass, for the house to be built, and on and on and on. During all these times, we continue to live. The question is about the quality of that "living."

Waiting for the Advent of God in our lives is not a passive endeavor. It encompasses the whole of our lives 24/7. As we prepare for welcoming Christ into our lives again this Advent season, come learn and reflect on what it means to really be alive in Christ.

The Advent Retreat will be held in the Coke Activities Room from 9:00 to 12 Noon.

## Advent Meditations

Daily Advent Meditations written by parishioners, clergy, and members of the staff to help you to totally prepare for Christmas is available online at [www.saintmichael.org](http://www.saintmichael.org), or in a booklet that you can keep at your desk or your bedside. Pick up the booklet at the church reception desk.



## Radvent Advent Daily Devotionals

Looking for Advent inspiration that meets you where you really are? Like in your car, at your desk, and on your phone? Join Saint Michael this Advent season for daily devotionals that are fun and a little bit different...straight to your phone and social media. Text RADVENT to 271-26 to join and follow us on Twitter: @SMAAdallas, Facebook: /SMAAdallas, Instagram: SMAAdallas and share with hashtag #radvent Take a minute to text, tell your friends, and get Advent going in your life; daily and directly to you.

## Lessons and Carols - 11:00 on December 9

Come and celebrate this Advent with a Lessons and Carols Service at Saint Michael on Sunday, December 9 at 11:00 in the Church. Modeled after the Advent service of King's College, Cambridge, this service will feature the singing of carols by choir and congregation, interwoven with the reading of prophesies. Scripture and music work together in the service to represent Christ's leading the world from darkness to light. The choir will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra and organ in music spanning fourteen centuries:

- Prelude: Concerto in A Major, BWV 1055 (II.Larghetto)—J. S. Bach
- Introit: I look from afar—Palestrina
- Advent Hymn: "Once he came in blessing" (sung in procession)—James Diaz and Hyeon Jeong
- Plainsong: "Creator of the Starts of Night"
- Hymn: "O come, O come, Emmanuel"
- Carol: "Remember, O thou man"—Ravenscroft
- Hymn: "Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding"
- Carol: "People, look east"—Besançon carol, arr. James Diaz
- Hymn: "Love divine, all loves excelling"
- Responsory: "Judah and Jerusalem, fear not"—Palestrina
- Anthem: "This is the record of John"—Gibbons
- Hymn: "Lo! he comes, with clouds descending"
- Postlude: Concerto in A Major (III. Allegro ma non tanto)—J. S. Bach

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**Advent HOME COMMUNIONS**

**ALL BEGIN AT 6:00\* ~ RSVP HOST**

<p><b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6</b>  <b>SHANNON CALLEWART</b>  <b>6250 REX DR</b>  <b>DALLAS TX 75230</b>  <b>(214) 369-0066</b></p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11</b>  <b>BETTY &amp; JOHN TAYLOR</b>  <b>3929 WINDSOR AVE</b>  <b>DALLAS TX 75205</b>  <b>(214) 526-3562</b></p>
<p><b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9*</b>  <b>CORY &amp; CHRISTI MORROW</b>  <b>4334 MANNING LN</b>  <b>DALLAS TX 75220</b>  <b>(214) 350-9527</b>  <b>BEGINS AT 4:30 P.M.</b></p>	<p><b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 17</b>  <b>BART &amp; ELIZABETH SHOWALTER</b>  <b>4328 CARUTH BLVD</b>  <b>DALLAS TX 75225</b>  <b>(214) 360-0547</b></p>
<p><b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 10</b>  <b>NELL ANN HUNT</b>  <b>3704 HIDALGO ST</b>  <b>IRVING TX 75062</b>  <b>(972) 650-1820</b></p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18</b>  <b>PAM WATKINS</b>  <b>4158 WALNUT MEADOW LN</b>  <b>DALLAS TX 75229</b>  <b>(214) 415-7917</b></p>

\* EDGE FAMILY HOME COMMUNION

## Greening of the Church Wednesday, December 19

Looking for something to get your family in the Christmas spirit during the holidays? Everyone is invited to help us deck the halls of Saint Michael and All Angels! We begin with a service in the Saint Michael Chapel at 6:00. Then at 6:30 it's off to the Parish Hall to eat pizza, drink hot chocolate and make ornaments to adorn the live Christmas trees around the church. Saint Nicholas might even join us for the fun! Dinner will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children (4 and older). For dinner reservations please email or call [aescobedo@saintmichael.org](mailto:aescobedo@saintmichael.org) or 214-363-5422 ext. 512 or register online <http://www.saintmichael.org/article/greening-of-the-church-registration/>. Childcare is available for children under 4. Please reserve space for your child by calling 214-692-3019 or [childcare.reservations@saintmichael.org](mailto:childcare.reservations@saintmichael.org)

## Christmas Flower Memorials

If you would like to remember a loved one this Christmas, fill out one of the Flower Memorial envelopes enclosed in the worship bulletin with the names of those you want to honor either in Memory or Thanksgiving and return it with your check by Sunday, December 16. Flower Memorial envelopes are also available at the reception desk.

**Greening of the Church**  
a family friendly event

**Wednesday, December 19**

6:00 pm Service in Saint Michael Chapel  
6:30 pm Dinner, Ornament Making & Caroling in Parish Hall  
Dinner is \$5/adult \$3/child

RSVP: online or [aescobedo@saintmichael.org](mailto:aescobedo@saintmichael.org)

## The Feast of Lights

The Feast of Lights, on Sunday, January 6th is one of most beautiful church evenings of the entire year. Join us for a casual service of lessons and anthems, beginning at 5:30 in the church, culminating in the Burning of the Greens on the Douglas lawn. Then, it's off to the Garden Cloister for a festive dinner buffet with children's crafts and three Kings' Cakes. Three lucky children will be crowned the kings or queens of Epiphany. An event for all ages! Childcare is available during the service and reservations can be made at 214-692-3019 or [childcare.reservations@saintmichael.org](mailto:childcare.reservations@saintmichael.org)

## Celebrations of Christmas

### Christmas Eve - Monday, December 24

Stop by the Parlor between 4:00 and 7:00 for the *Home for the Holidays* reception to share holiday cheer with friends old and new!

7:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Bishop Moore Chapel
11:00	Holy Eucharist	Saint Michael Chapel – Rite I
1:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Church – Rite I
3:00	Holy Eucharist	Church – Rite II – Orchestra, Organ and Choir - <i>Incense</i>
	Discovery Mass	Saint Michael Chapel – Rite II
	Joy Mass, <i>Appropriate for young children</i>	Parish Hall
5:00	Holy Eucharist	Church – Rite II – Orchestra, Organ and Choir - <i>Incense</i>
	Discovery Mass	Saint Michael Chapel – Rite II
	Joy Mass, <i>Appropriate for young children</i>	Parish Hall
7:00	Holy Eucharist	Church – Rite II
10:30	Holy Eucharist	Church – Rite I – Festal Eucharist with Orchestra, Organ and Choir - <i>Incense</i>

### Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 25

10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Church – Rite I
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### Epiphany, Sunday, January 6

#### Regular schedule of worship services

12:15 p.m.	Columbarium Groundbreaking Ceremony	South Lawn
5:30	The Epiphany, Feast of Lights with Eucharist, <i>A worship service for all ages</i>	Church (Chapel service combined in the Church)
	A Twelfth-Night Reception follows the service in the Youth Center	



*As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.*  
—John F. Kennedy

The last six months have provided us with a tremendous opportunity, getting to “taste and see” all the wonderful things that our church has to offer, where we are heading, and just what it takes to get there. It has also been a microcosm of the amazing “community” that is our church, showcasing the extraordinary talents of our staff, clergy and a “can do” corps of lay volunteers. Conducting a successful campaign involves countless hours of preparation, paperwork and performance under pressure. The level of professionalism, energy and enthusiasm of a tremendous church staff, clergy, vestry, and an outstanding stewardship committee, has inspired and sustained our focus throughout this campaign. Words simply cannot express our gratitude!



From the outset, our committee delivered a message that “Giving” at Saint Michael and All Angels is more than just a pledge; it’s an expression of gratitude and an answer to God’s calling. Healthy, faithful stewardship provides Saint Michael and All Angels the lifeblood of our ministry of the Body of Christ. We are blessed that so many of our parishioners faithfully answer “Here I Am, Lord” year after year.

We thank our 2013 pledgers for your financial commitment to the church and its future. Just like the Trinity, a church’s prosperity hinges on three basic tenets... Time, Talents and Treasure. Or, put in simpler terms... attendance, participation and money. Each of these simply cannot survive on its own. Yet, when all three are put together, an extraordinary expression of the Kingdom of God becomes reality. Every day, in the halls of the church, throughout Dallas and around the world, lives are impacted and transformed because our “community” of faithful parishioners dutifully answers God’s calling.

The work involved with this campaign is far from complete, yet we would be remiss if we didn’t take advantage of this opportunity to remind those “procrastinators” among us that there is still time to submit your 2013 pledge. The stewardship committee will be working throughout December and January, reaching out to parishioners who have not already pledged and asking for their financial commitment. If you should hear from us, we appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue in our efforts to maintain and improve upon the fiscal strength and financial stability of Saint Michael and All Angels.

We thank you for saying “Here I Am, Lord.”

Kelly and John Wilson, Stewardship Chairs

#### *Your Stewardship Supports*

- *Saint Michael Acolyte Corps with more than 200 members that serve at 1,500 worship services every year.*
- *The Women of Saint Michael award more the \$500,000 a year to local charities from fund raising projects and the Women’s Exchange in Highland Park Village.*
- *More than 100 parents volunteer for the Barnyard Bash, an annual event of our Early Childhood Ministry.*
- *Saint Michael parishioners prepare and serve more than 7,000 meals at the Austin Street Shelter*
- *More than 1,600 Prayer Shawls are knitted each year for the sick and ailing who need to be wrapped in love and prayer.*
- *Saint Michael has 175 Neighborhood Shepherds who serve 7,000 parishioners in times of need and times of joy.*
- *Jubilee Park, a community revitalization project started and supported by Saint Michael, has evolved from one of the city’s highest crime rate areas with one of the worst performing schools to a safe community with one of the city’s best performing schools.*
- *Saint Michael’s outreach stretches around the world to The Diocese of Jerusalem, Honduras, Bolivia, Haiti, The Anglican Centre in Rome, Rosebud Indian Reservation, New Orleans 9th Ward, and more.*
- *Saint Michael gave \$5,500 to sponsor underprivileged children at Camp All Saints.*

***Your pledge supports these ministries and many, many more. Give Generously!***

# Caring and Sharing - Christmas Giving

## Christmas Giving to Support, Local, National and International Relief Efforts

Money collected at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services will be given to support relief efforts for families in Dallas, in the Northeastern United States, and around the world. The offerings will be equally divided between:

**North Texas Food Bank** – a Dallas hunger relief organization that distributes donated, purchased, and prepared foods through a network of more than 340 Food Assistance Partners in 13 north Texas counties. The food bank provides access to nearly 130,000 nutritious meals every day.



**Hurricane Sandy Relief through Episcopal Relief and Development** – emergency grants are made to impacted dioceses in support of parish-based relief activities following the devastation of Hurricane Sandy. In the U.S. funds help congregations expand feeding ministries and facilitate the provision of shelter and transportation. In the Caribbean, support is provided to secure food, water, and building materials for impacted areas.



**Heifer International** – Seeking to end hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth, Heifer International provides livestock and environmentally sound agricultural training to improve the lives of people who struggle daily for reliable sources of food and income. Heifer works in more than 40 countries to help families and communities become more self-reliant.



## “Heart Of Giving” Outreach

The “Heart of Giving” offers a thoughtful way to spread the spirit of the holiday season. When you make donations in honor of friends and family members, you receive Heart of



Giving acknowledgement cards to give to the people on your list, while benefiting the Mission/Outreach Ministries of Saint Michael. Tables are set up throughout the church to receive donations. You can use a credit card or you can donate online at [www.saintmichael.org](http://www.saintmichael.org). For more information contact Celise Stephenson ([cstephenson@saintmichael.org](mailto:cstephenson@saintmichael.org)) or Jenny Wier ([jnnalee@aol.com](mailto:jnnalee@aol.com)), or Jeff Wier ([jeff.wier@alumni.rice.edu](mailto:jeff.wier@alumni.rice.edu)).

Heart of Giving donations support the following outreach ministries::

### The Good Samaritan Fund

“Go and do likewise,” these were the words of Jesus at the end of the story of the Good Samaritan. Almost every day a family/person requests help: rent assistance, food, clothes for children, gas money. Administered by the clergy, the Good Samaritan Fund offers gentle, non-judgmental hope to non-parishioners in need.

### Honduras Mission Project

The one-week missions to Tele, Honduras are an opportunity for spiritual formation, rewarding work and outstanding fellowship. Our teams provide medical care, construction, and Christian Education. Your gift buys pharmaceuticals and building supplies for the people of Tela and the surrounding areas.

### The Jubilee Center

Saint Michael initiated the Jubilee Project during our 50th Anniversary. The Holy Spirit has led us to profound, exciting relationships with the residents of Jubilee Park in South Dallas. The results have been transformative, for us and for them. Decades of neglect cannot be wiped clean in a few years. We seek a deeper bond with Jubilee as we bring hope and exhilaration to the residents of the community.

### Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation

Our brothers and sisters on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota face crushing poverty, unemployment, illness and hunger. Your gift supports a wide range of responses to the immediate and long-term needs of the Rosebud community.

### Amistad Mission in Bolivia

The Amistad Mission ministers to nearly one hundred orphans and countless Quechua natives. The programs at the Amistad orphanage include medical care, education and spiritual development.

### All Souls Episcopal Church Lower Ninth Ward New Orleans

All Souls seeks to become a spiritual center, as well as a community center in an area devastated by Hurricane Katrina that still lacks a grocery store, drug store or other amenities. Saint Michael mission trips tear down, clean up and build; building homes, building hope and building faith in Jesus Christ.

# Caring and Sharing - Mission Outreach

## North Dallas Shared Ministries Shelves Stocked by Saint Michael Families

More than 60 Saint Michael parents and kids turned out Sunday, November 18 to deliver food collected during the month to the North Dallas Shared Ministries. The group met at the church following 9:00 worship services and loaded the foods in vans. At the offices they got a tour of the facility and spent a couple of hours sorting the food and stocking the shelves.



## I Believe in Angels Hits Record Response

Saint Michael Parishioners responded in record numbers to the "I Believe in Angels" campaign that provides Christmas gifts for the children and senior citizens in Jubilee Park surpassing all goals. Campaign chairs Richard Kelley and Mike Davis sent the following message to the parish.

### Our deepest gratitude

*Where do we begin? Today has been a truly amazing day in our parish. God is great and Jesus is loose in the world! The generosity of our parishioners should never be questioned, even though we have to admit that we may have had a few doubts about the ability to gain support for 100 additional angels this year over 2011. Just call us Doubting Thomas.*

*Having said that, we have Good News. We are MORE than fully subscribed the requested/required 525 Angels; we have adoptions for 581 Angels (with about 10% more in each of the boy, girl and senior categories). Glory to God! With this abundance, surely the gift selections for our friends in Jubilee Park will be tremendous and ALL gifts will be distributed into the Jubilee neighborhood.*

*Peace and many blessings to you and yours this Advent and upcoming Christmas season.*

Richard and Mike

## Women of Saint Michael Gifts Committee Applications due December 15

The Women of Saint Michael Gifts Committee is accepting applications for its 2013 Grant Program. Every year the Women of Saint Michael award grants to Dallas area non-profits and last year gave over \$500,000 to 89 Dallas charities.

All applications must be received by December 15th. Our criteria for grant consideration comes from Mathew 25:35-36..." I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you visited me. I was in prison and you came to me."



For questions, please contact:  
Kathy Kelley, Gifts Committee Chair, [kkelley737@aol.com](mailto:kkelley737@aol.com)  
Gayle Kesinger, Assistant Chair, [gkesinger@tx.rr.com](mailto:gkesinger@tx.rr.com)

## New Downtown Dallas Street Church Led by Saint Michael Parishioners

The Gathering, the new downtown Dallas street church focusing on the homeless, has its first service on Sunday, December 2, at 1:00 at Main Street Garden Park. Finding and developing "disciples" and leaders of the church are the goals of the first few months. Archdeacon Jim Webb and Deacon Ariail Gores are significantly involved with this new community of faith of the diocese. Additionally, Andy Sahl and the youth group are providing holiday essentials. Kathy O'Doherty is serving as administrator for The Gathering, as well as guiding the lay volunteers. An extended Eucharistic meal is graciously being offered by Rusty Fenton, owner of RustyTaco. It is not surprising that the Saint Michael family is a leader in new ministries, such as The Gathering. For information, contact Jim Webb at [jameskwebb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jameskwebb@sbcglobal.net). Financial offerings of support are welcomed.



## Veterans Honored at Service and Reception



# Overview

## 20s and 30s F3: Faith, Food & Fellowship [20.30 F<sup>3</sup>] Events

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

Tuesdays — Real Faith...Real Talk: Join us when you can...you'll find us in the Parlor (aka "the church's living room") most Tuesdays @ 7:00 (we will NOT meet on 12/18). We'll kick things off with a little lectio divina based on the previous Sunday's gospel reading and see where the Spirit takes us from there.

Foyer Supper Group: A group of us are going to get together once a month for a potluck dinner which we'll take turns hosting.



12/1 — Advent Retreat: Let's claim a table at this contemplative parish-wide event.

12/9 — 2nd Sunday Brunch: We'll meet after the 11:00 service by the reception desk at the South Lanai of the church and decide where to go depending on how many of us there are...or send The Rev. Brenda a text (206-714-0119) around 12:30, and she'll let you know where we're eating.

12/19 — Greening Of The Church: Be a part of "Team 20.30" at this fun-filled parish-wide event!

For more info email: [bsol@saintmichael.org](mailto:bsol@saintmichael.org) or friend us on facebook: twentythirty.F3

## Church Open on Monday, December 31. Provisions made for Year End Contributions

Many parishioners make contributions toward their 2012 giving record on December 31st. The church will be open on Monday, December 31st from 8:30 to 4:30. Additionally, a mail slot will be available in the outer door of the Bishop Moore Chapel to accept those gifts. Checks must be dated on or before December 31, 2012 to comply with Internal Revenue regulations. If you mail your checks to Saint Michael, they must be postmarked by December 31.

## Join the Acolyte Corps Training Set for December 15

Enhance your worship experience by becoming a part of Saint Michael's Acolyte Corps. It is a great experience no matter your age. Training will be held Saturday, December 15 from 10:00 to 11:30 in the Church. Contact Tony Briggie at 214-505-7422 or [tonybriggie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tonybriggie@sbcglobal.net).

## Home for the Holidays Reception Volunteers Needed

Please let us know if you would like to be a host or hostess and help us extend a warm greeting to all who attend the Christmas Eve reception from 4:00-7:00 in the Parlor. Hosting times are from 3:45 – 4:45, 4:45 – 5:45 and 5:45 – 6:45. Children are welcome and we will spill out into the Garden Cloister if weather permits. For more information contact Tish Visinsky at 214-363-5422 ext. 524 or [tvisinsky@saintmichael.org](mailto:tvisinsky@saintmichael.org) or sign up online <http://www.saintmichael.org/article/upcoming-parish-events-signup-form/> to help host or bring cookies for the reception.



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**Come and see all our nativities, ornaments  
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**The Bookshop hours:**

**M,T,Th,F 10:00am-3:00 pm**

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**Sat. 9:00 am-11:00 am**

**Sun. 8:30 am-12:30 pm**

## *The PT Cruisers have been on the Move this Fall*

In October the PT Cruisers visited the Chihuly exhibit at the Dallas Arboretum. In November, the group toured Thanks-Giving Square in downtown Dallas which was designed by architect Philip Johnson and dedicated in 1976 to promote the concept of giving thanks as a universal, human value. (pictures by Pat Flautt)



# Caring and Sharing - Mission Outreach

## Jubilee Seniors Lunch Feeds 150

*Photos from the Thanksgiving luncheon for the Seniors in the Jubilee Park Neighborhood that was given by volunteers from Saint Michael.*



### Let Us Pray

How many times have you been asked to lead a prayer? For many, this is not a challenge and they even look forward to the opportunity.

For some, however, the thought of praying before others is daunting. They feel they don't know how to lead others in prayer, but wish they would feel comfortable in doing it.

There are three Pastoral Care Ministries at Saint Michael that focus on Prayer and offer opportunities to practice and expand one's knowledge of prayer. One of these can be the right fit for you.

### Sunday Service Prayer Team

It consists of men and women who meet once a month for dinner and book study on prayer. They meet on the third Thursday at 6:30 in the Coke Activities Room. There are also two formal training sessions during the year, led by church leaders. After training, team members are commissioned to serve on Sunday mornings to pray after communion with anyone who has a desire for prayer or a thanksgiving to share. The ministry of intercession is a sacred trust and the Sunday Service Prayer Teams pray in confidence over all prayer requests submitted to the



church. Members believe they have been called to this ministry and have been equipped to lift up the concerns of another and to stand with them in a time of hardship or joy. If you want to know more, contact The Rev. Brenda Sol, [bsol@saintmichael.org](mailto:bsol@saintmichael.org), or Lay Leader, Rick Porter, [rporter@mphlegal.com](mailto:rporter@mphlegal.com).

### Daily Intercessory Prayer Ministry

This ministry follows a tradition of daily prayers by more than 60 lay volunteers for people on the confidential prayer list. As one volunteer stated, "This is a way that I can apply my personal prayer discipline on a daily basis, by praying for those in need, by name." Another said "Praying as an intercessor, with specific requests, makes me feel that I am actually doing something to care for my brothers and sisters in Christ."

Requests for prayers are received from: 1) the Connect Cards from the church services; 2) requests from the Prayer Ministry Request Line at 214-365-9343 ext. 304; or 3) online. The requests are distributed daily to the intercessors who keep the requests in strict confidence. To consider serving as a lay intercessor, please contact The Rev. Brenda Sol, [bsol@saintmichael.org](mailto:bsol@saintmichael.org).

### Centering Prayer Ministry

This ministry provides participants the opportunity to learn and practice being silent before God. Centering Prayer appeals to those desiring to incorporate meditative prayer into their daily lives. They meet on Tuesdays at 10:00 in the Bride's Room. One participant is quoted as saying that "centering prayer has become a thirty minute retreat into God each day." Lay Leader, Mary Ann Webster, notes that "this leads us to the possibility that we can pray without ceasing, when we realize that every part of our lives can be brought before God expressing ourselves in words, and the rest can be lived in knowing that God is as near as our breath each moment of every day." If Centering Prayer calls to you, contact, Mary Ann to find out more, [maryannwebster@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maryannwebster@sbcglobal.net)

# Caring and Sharing - Pastoral Care

Mark your calendar with the following Pastoral Care meetings and events:

## Sundays

**Serenity Seekers** - An Al-Anon group consisting of families and friends of alcoholics, meets the first and third Sunday nights, 6:30-7:30, in the Chapel Conference Room. This ministry and its materials are specifically directed toward loved ones of alcoholics. Those concerned about loved ones with dual addictions are never turned away. Contact: The Rev. Lisa Flores, lflores@saintmichael.org

**Alcoholics Anonymous.** Meets in the Coke Activities Room on the first and third Sunday of the month from 7:30-8:30 in the evening. This group is open to both men and women. More information is available by contacting The Rev. Lisa Flores, lflores@saintmichael.org.

**The Parish Nurse Ministry** will be in the Lanai on the third Sunday of the month with materials and information regarding Mental Health/Stress/Grief Awareness Month. Contact: dboyd@saintmichael.org.



## Mondays

**Women's Cancer Support Group.** Every Monday, 1:30 in the Parlor. Contact: Sue Patton, pattons@sbcglobal.net, or Charlie Stobaugh, charlie@stobaugh.net

**The Caregiver Support Group** meets on the first and third Mondays. Meetings are held in the Parlor, 11:00 to 12:30. Contact: Sandra Klingeman, jsklingeman@sbcglobal.net, or Drew Stull, jstull3141@aol.com.

**Basic Christian Yoga:** There is no fee. Every Monday evening from 5:30-6:45, in the Youth Space. Contact: Annette Lentz, annette.lentz@sbcglobal.net.



## Tuesdays

**The Centering Prayer Group** meets every Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the Bride's Room. Contact: Mary Ann Webster, maryannwebster@gmail.com.



**The Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry** meets every Tuesday, 1:00-3:00 in the

Coke Activities Room. Contact: Byrd Teague, Byrd.Teague@gmail.com.

**Alterknit:** a night-time alternative meets every Tuesday night, 6:00-8:00, in the Drake Room. If a daytime meeting is not a good fit for you, contact: Nancy Cantwell, nmkj@sbcglobal.net.

## Thursdays

**The Sunday Service Prayer Team** meets the third Thursday of the month in the Coke Activities Room for its monthly meeting, dinner and book study. For information and reservations, contact Rick Porter, rporter@mphlegal.com.

## Important Dates in December

### Recovery Advocates

The Recovery Advocates of Saint Michael invite adults, young adults, Saint Michael families and Parish clergy and staff to attend an evening with Michael Fowler from Caron Treatment Centers on Tuesday, December 11, 6:00-8:00 in the Coke Activities Room. Following a light meal, Mr. Fowler will share his own story of his journey from being a privileged private school student and high school athlete to his struggles with addiction, his faith, and recovery. Today, at 31, Michael Fowler is a counselor at the Caron Treatment Center, dedicated to helping others suffering from addictions. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the Caron Treatment Center. Questions and Reservations, Contact: Sandy McDonough, sandymcd@sbcglobal.net

## Advent Liturgy of Remembrance and Light:

### When Christmas Hurts

In the midst of the joy of Advent many find this season a time of sadness and depression. Saint Michael is offering an *Advent Liturgy of Remembrance and Light: When Christmas Hurts*, on December 12, at 6:00, in the Saint Michael Chapel. The worship is a service of Candle lighting, prayers and music, to comfort those who have suffered loss – such as a loved one, of their own health, or of direction in their lives – or for whom Christmas



hurts in any way. It is a service for those simply seeking peace and serenity in what can be a very stressful time of year.

Special music for the evening will be



provided by sacred music artist Ana Hernandez, from New York City. She has recorded several albums

her most recent being "An Unexpected Christmas." A Reception will follow the service in the Parlor. Contact The Rev. Lisa Flores, lflores@saintmichael.org, or Faith and Grief Lay Leader, Madalyn Teal, mteal@aol.com.

### Stephen Ministers

Do you know someone who might benefit from having a Stephen Minister? Your friend may be suffering a loss that seems difficult to overcome. With the Holiday Season approaching, that loss may be weighing even more heavily. Support is available through Stephen Ministry, from a Christian friend who has been trained to listen, with confidentiality, - not to counsel, not to judge - but just to be there. It is your responsibility to let your friend know that life can be better, especially with a friend to walk by one's side. Ask your friend if you may contact: The Rev. Lisa Flores, lflores@saintmichael.org

## ***Pajama Prayers***

**One night only this year!** Hop into your jammies and join us for storytelling, music, prayers and a yummy bedtime snack. Lead by Emily Given in the Saint Michael Chapel. For more information – Emily Given at [egiven@saintmichael.org](mailto:egiven@saintmichael.org)



## ***Edge Advent Family Home Communion and Christmas Party***

Join with Edge families on Sunday, December 9 from 4:30-6:00 for a very special evening. Edge families are invited to the home of Christi and Cori Morrow for dinner, Eucharist and holiday fellowship. For more information or to R.S.V.P. contact Suzanne Finan at 214-692-3052 or [sfinan@saintmichael.org](mailto:sfinan@saintmichael.org).

## ***Nativity Pageant - Sunday, December 16 11:30 and 2:00 - Church***

The children of the parish will perform the traditional Nativity Pageant with performances at 11:30 and 2:00 in the Church. At 12:30 there will be lunch in Parish Hall, bring a salad or side dish to share. For out-of-town relatives or friends, the pageant will be live-cast on the Saint Michael website, [www.saintmichael.org](http://www.saintmichael.org). For more information please contact Suzanne Finan at 214-692-3052 or [sfinan@saintmichael.org](mailto:sfinan@saintmichael.org).



## ***Edge Moms Connect***

Start your month off with great coffee and conversation. Join us the first Monday of each Month at Preston Center's Corner Bakery from 9:00-11:00. The next Edge Mom's Connect will be Monday, December 3. For more information contact Suzanne Finan at 214-692-3052 or [sfinan@saintmichael.org](mailto:sfinan@saintmichael.org).

## ***Youth Mission Trips Summer 2013***

Saint Michael's youth will be taking two mission trips this summer. The current 8th-12th graders will be taking a trip to New York City from July 7-13 and the 6th and 7th graders will be taking a trip to Austin, Texas (dates to be determined). (The Israel trip has been cancelled due to the uncertainty in the Middle East)



### **NEW YORK CITY - JULY 7-13**

Join us for a week of mission in New York City with the Center for Student Missions! This trip is open to current 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders. The cost is \$420 plus airfare (approximately \$400). This includes all meals, city transit, lodging, and program. A deposit of \$300.00 is due no later than March 1st to reserve your spot. There is a video online that shows some of what we will be doing.

### **AUSTIN TEXAS**

Stay tuned for more details....

You can learn more about the Youth Mission Trips at [www.saintmichael.org](http://www.saintmichael.org) or call the Youth Office at 214-369-4904.

# Children, Youth and Family Ministry

## #Radvent Daily Devotions

Looking for Advent inspiration that meets you where you really are? Like in your car, at your desk, and on your phone? Join Saint Michael this Advent season for daily devotionals that are fun and a little bit different...straight to your phone and social media. Text RADVENT to 271-26 to join and follow us on Twitter: @SMAAdallas, Facebook: /SMAAdallas, Instagram: SMAAdallas and share with hashtag #radvent Take a minute to text in, tell your friends, and get Advent going in your life; daily and directly to you.

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us this advent season

...in your car  
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...on your phone  
...in your life

## Are You Ready for a Digital Scavenger Hunt?

Then join us for Reindeer Race! All 9th-12th graders are invited to come for a great night of fun on Sunday, December 9th. We will meet in the Youth Center at 5:00 and go on a scavenger hunt around town in limos. We will meet back at the church for dinner and to share our pictures and videos. Pick up will be at 8:30. The cost is \$30. RSVP online at [www.saintmichael.org/children-youth-and-families/youth-ministry/reindeer-race-hs-dec-9-2012-5-830pm/](http://www.saintmichael.org/children-youth-and-families/youth-ministry/reindeer-race-hs-dec-9-2012-5-830pm/)

READY....?  
SET....?  
...GO!!  
**REINDEER RACE!**

**SUNDAY, DEC. 9TH**  
**5:00-8:30PM** \$30  
**HIGH SCHOOL (9-12TH)**  
**VIDEO SCAVENGER HUNT**  
REGISTER ONLINE: [WWW.SAINTMICHAEL.ORG](http://WWW.SAINTMICHAEL.ORG)

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PROGRESSIVE DINNER  
&  
CHRISTMAS PARTY

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12TH  
5:30-8:00 PM

## JUMP Youth Ministry Winter Retreat

The Winter Retreat has become a great tradition for our youth. The weekend includes both high school and middle school kids. Each group has their own "track" of activities as well as a number of combined activities. High school kids also have several opportunities to lead the middle school kids through Bible studies and games.



The retreat will include a closing worship in the youth center for all families connected to the retreat.

This retreat takes place over the MLK weekend, giving kids the Monday at home to catch up on sleep and homework.

JUMP out in faith with us for the winter retreat!

January 18-20, 2013 cost is \$100. Register online at [www.saintmichael.org/children-youth-and-families/youth-ministry/winter-retreat-2013-jump/](http://www.saintmichael.org/children-youth-and-families/youth-ministry/winter-retreat-2013-jump/)

## For Your Information

### Grant Them Eternal Rest

**Eleanor (Nell) Angle Richmond**, October 24, grandmother of Gwendolyn Chestnut, grandmother-in-law Bobby Chestnut, great-grandmother of Croft and Will

**Dani Francis**, October 29, sister of Katie Francis

**Nedra Arendts Niles Snouffer**, November 1

**John Dennison McMurray III**, November 12, husband of Ann McMurray

**Nina May Ontiveros**, November 13, mother of Melanie Lillard and mother-in-law of Tom Lillard, grandmother of Matthew and Zach

**Helen "Ruth" Hobbs Johnson**, November 15, mother of Gayl Braymer, mother-in-law of Bill Braymer

**Claire Childs Martin**, November 23

**Robert Lee Wingfield, Sr.**, November 17, father of Elizabeth Hutchinson father-in-law of Cliff Hutchinson, grandfather of Trigg and Eileen

**Carroll Cunningham**, November 18, grandmother of Carroll "Squeaky" Connolly grandmother-in-law of Paul Connolly, great-grandmother of Anna and Sarah

**James Elwood**, November 19, father of Bryan Elwood

**Darrel Dean Berndt**, November 28, husband of Theresa Berndt, father of Cristen Williams

### Cradle Roll

We welcome to our parish family:

**William Thomas Corrigan**

November 13, 2012

Katy & Bryan Corrigan

**Harper Kathryn Christian**

November 17, 2012

Kelley & Brian Christian

**Sarah Frances McClung**

November 20, 2012

Erin & Alan McClung

## Parish Clergy

The Reverend Bob Dannals, Rector

The Reverend Kevin Huddleston

The Reverend Greg Pickens

The Reverend Lisa Flores

The Reverend Brenda Sol

The Venerable Jim Webb

The Reverend Michael Harmuth

The Reverend Neal Hern

The Reverend Pamela Theodore

The Reverend Michael Dangelo

The Reverend Ariail Gores

## Parish Vestry

Van Sheets, Sr. Warden

Tony Briggie, Jr. Warden

Matt Waller, Treasurer

Robert Wilson, Chancellor

Christine Ashmore, Cindy Carter, Clifford

Miercort, Stephanie Pearson, Grady Schleier,

Nancy Skochdopole, Ron Staffieri, Tom Stewart,

Stewart Thomas, Donell Wiggins,

Paige Wilbur, Scott Wilson,

Sheryl Wylie, and Margaret Spellings, 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

### SUNDAYS

7:30 a.m. - Eucharist Rite I - SMC

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

9:00 a.m. - Discovery Mass - SMC

9:00 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

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**LET THERE BE LIGHT**

Save the Date

Women of Saint Michael Parish Party

**Friday, February 1**

Dinner, Entertainment, Wine Pull, Live/Silent Auction

For more information [www.saintmichael.org/parishparty](http://www.saintmichael.org/parishparty)



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## Welcome New Members



*Pictured are the Confirmands with their Mentors who were Confirmed or Received into our Parish on November 18.*