

THE ARCHANGEL



The Newsletter for Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

Dallas, Texas

JANUARY 2013

A Beautiful Place of Benediction

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In Marilynne Robinson's novel *Gilead*, the main character, Pastor John Ames, suggests that Christians should consider beauty just as essential to a faithful life as truth and goodness. Later, he reflects on a long ago sermon: "Wherever you turn your eyes the world can shine like transfiguration. You don't have to bring a thing to it except a little willingness to see and a bit of God's creative juices."

Today, in the midst of the complexities and demands of 21st century ministry, congregations ask, "Can our lives bring beauty to God, to our congregation's mission and to the care of our people and surrounding community?"



At Saint Michael and All Angels, we affirm that we can! Like Nature's four seasons, each season brings its own unique spiritual and psycho-social hue and opportunities. In each we are to offer our faithful best, including the final season as we care for the dying and provide meaningful holy places for burial, remembrance, prayer and thanksgiving.

Decades ago, this parish established the important ministry of burial on the church grounds, a time-honored legacy throughout the world. The first columbaria was built outside the church's front doors, surrounded by gardens and privacy walls. With the renovation of the Saint Michael Chapel additional niches were provided complete with an altar, kneelers and stained glass. As the desire for burial space on the church campus grew, niche space was quickly depleted and waiting lists grew.

Thanks to the foresight of the original Columbarium Committee (Tom McConnell, Howard Templin and Neal Lacey) the Vestry approved a plan to develop an additional columbaria on the south lawn. Max Levy, a highly respected architect, was hired to design the new project. The result is a wonderful, distinctive columbarium which captures the essential symbols of Christian life and resurrection, surrounded by an attractive, discrete, and usable nave courtyard. Access from the church will be provided through new stained glass doors in the south wall of the church.

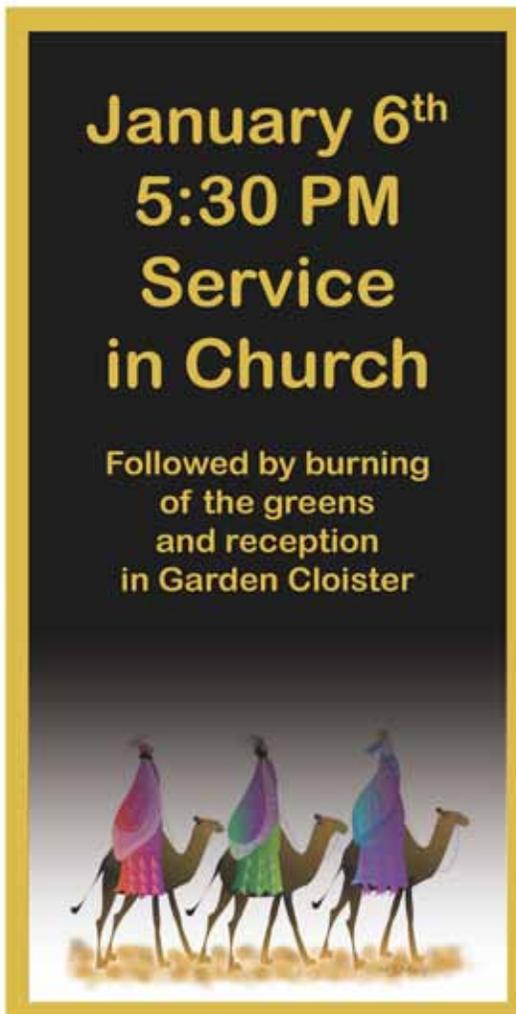
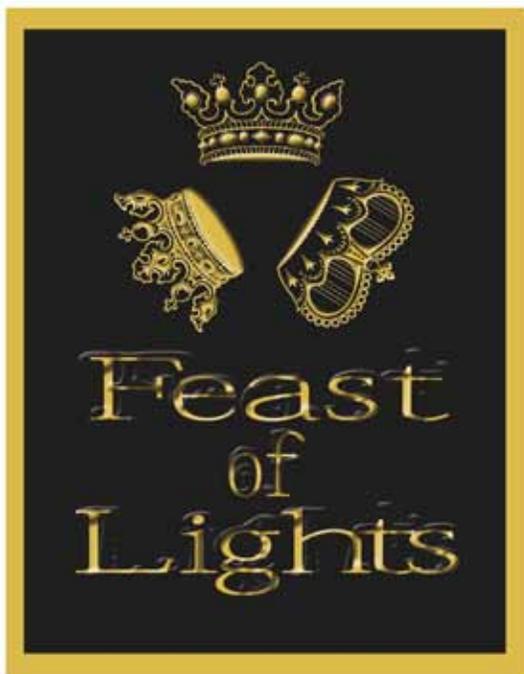
To finance the project, then Junior Warden, Jay Grogan, and Treasurer, Van Sheets advanced a brilliant plan to build the Columbarium and ultimately our church's Foundation. Donors made gifts to the Foundation which provided the "seed money" for the project, with the "seed money" being paid back to the Foundation by niche and memorial plaque sales. When sales are complete – many years from now – our Foundation will have grown by some \$4 million; funds that will be used for the mission and ministry of the parish.

On Sunday, January 6, following the 11:00 services, join us on the south lawn as we break ground for the new Columbarium and Nave Courtyard. Committee members, designers, builders, fund-raisers, donors, Trustees and Vestry members will be acknowledged and thanked on that occasion.

Near the end of *Gilead*, elderly Pastor Ames places his hand on his godson's brow and blesses him with a benediction, noting, "Nothing could be more beautiful than blessing those we love on this side of Heaven ... and on the other side." Our feelings precisely!

Bob Daniels

Epiphany - The Feast of Lights



Star Gazing



S'more Making



Dinner and Fellowship



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Epiphany Celebration Features Family Worship, Burning of the Greens, Reception

Celebration of Epiphany at Saint Michael will feature worship, burning of the greens, and a reception in the Garden Cloister with King Cakes and dinner.

It will begin at 5:30 in the Church with a worship service for the entire family. Ten foot puppets will represent the visit of the three wise men to the Christ Child in Bethlehem and the singing of carols will be led by the choir. Following the Eucharist, during which children will be invited to participate around the altar, the congregation with candles will process outside for the traditional burning of the greens.

The reception in the Garden Cloister, weather permitting, will feature dinner, sparklers and S'mores (for the kid in all of us), and King Cakes. A special mobile planetarium from the new Perot Museum will search for the "Star in the East" during a presentation at 7:00 in the Gym.

The regular 5:30 Sunday worship service will be combined with the Epiphany celebration in the Church.



SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

December 6, 2012

Dear fellow parishioner,

At our parish meeting last February, in order to preserve our wonderful staff and sustain our outreach efforts, the parish approved a budget with a \$76,000 loss. But at the same time, we called for your help – to prayerfully consider whether you could increase your pledge in this time of need and close that financial gap. We are happy and grateful to say you responded generously, and ***if our current pledges continue to be fulfilled***, we will not only bridge our projected deficit of \$76,000, but we will be able to reinstate our \$126,000 of matching contribution to our staff pension fund.

So first, we are writing to let you know that we are counting on your pledges to close out a successful 2012. If you can, please send them in today.

Second, we are also writing to make an appeal. In balancing the budget for 2012, we had to cut more than \$400,000 in expenses that are truly necessary to the work of our parish. So many of you tell us that ***if we had only known, we would have risen to the occasion and met the need***, and because of that, we want to point out a few of several areas that need additional support:

- We need \$75,000 to ensure the Saint Michael Preschool is the best in Dallas;
- We need \$85,000 to increase our investments in outreach and engagement and meet the needs of those who come to us for help;
- Our Compensation Committee has found we underpay several critical staff members by \$300,000; and,
- We need \$75,000 to give our remaining staff their first cost of living increase since 2008.

So if you have been blessed in this season of your life, we would ask you to prayerfully consider sharing a portion of that bounty by making an additional gift to Saint Michael along with fulfilling your pledge for 2012. Through the body of Christ at Saint Michael, we can come together and make a difference.

The clergy and staff of Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church want to thank you for your dedicated financial support of our parish this year.

We are so grateful for your generosity and fellowship.

Faithfully,

Van Sheets
Senior Warden

Matt Waller
Treasurer

The Nativity Pageant

The parish celebrated the birth of the Christ child through the Nativity Pageant as presented by our Children and Youth.



The Nativity Pageant



Photos by Ray Hand , Smokey Goodrich and John Scott Glass

Overview

20s and 30s F³: Faith, Food & Fellowship [20.30 F³] 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 @ 7pm (we will NOT meet on 1/22).

We'll use the previous Sunday's gospel reading as a jumping-off place, 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. Email bsol@saintmichael.org if you're interested.

Happy Hour: Instead of our regular Tuesday gathering, let's meet-up on Wednesday, 1/23, 5-8pm, at the Anvil Pub (2638 Elm Street).

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



SMU Dean Speaks to the Women of Saint Michael



Dr. David Chard, Dean of the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development at Southern Methodist University, will speak at the January luncheon of the Women of Saint Michael. It will begin at 11:30 on

Wednesday, January 16 in Parish Hall.

Dr. Chard, a member of the National Board of Education Sciences, is dedicated to graduating exceptional educators and accelerating the performance of Dallas schools to extraordinary levels. Chard holds a Ph.D. in special education from the University of Oregon and a B.S. degree in mathematics and chemistry education from Central Michigan University. He has held faculty positions at Boston University, the University of Texas at Austin and served as associate dean in the College of Education at the University of Oregon.

He will address issues facing education in America and in Dallas. For reservations contact Whitney Grogan at whitney@thegrogans.net.

Women - Word - Work

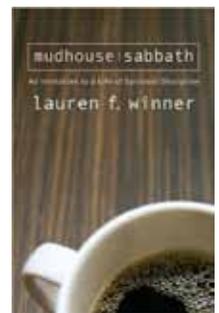
Are you a working woman? Are you craving spiritual connection, but afraid to commit to just one more thing? Then this is the group for you! Drop-in when you can as we share fellowship, Bible study and prayer—no preparation required. Bring a friend and join us in the Coke Activities Room on the 1st & 3rd Monday evenings of each month from 7:00-8:15 (no meeting on 1/21).



New Women's Book Study Beginning

The book, *Mudhouse Sabbath*, will initiate the women's book study starting January 16 and 17. Written by Lauren Winner, who converted from Judaism to Christianity, the book is "an invitation to a life of spiritual discipline."

One reviewer said of the book, "Lauren Winner explores simple, do-able ways of keeping company with God in the ordinary, day-to-day world of eating, working, resting, romancing, aging, earning, grieving, and celebrating. Her rich identity as a Jewish/Christian/scholar/writer informs every sentence."



The study groups will meet Wednesday evenings at 5:30, and on Thursday mornings at 11:30 in the Parlor. For more information contact Marta at mholden@saintmichael.org.

PT Cruisers to the Meyerson

PT Cruisers ease into 2013 with the joy of music. The PT Cruisers will go to the Meyerson on Friday, January 25th for a free organ concert followed by a tour of the facility. We will meet in the Drake Room at 11:00 sharp for a box lunch then board the bus for an 11:45 departure that will get us to the Meyerson for a 12:30 concert. The cost of lunch and the bus is \$12. Call Mary Davis at 214-363-7761. Deadline is Sunday, January 20th. Please note the DIFFERENT day and time.

Sunday Adult Classes Resume January 6

After a break during Advent, the Adult Formation classes resume on Sunday, January 6. **The Rector's Forum**, meeting in Saint Michael Chapel, will continue its series Life's Greatest Questions. Bob Dannals will address the question, "Who Can Be Saved?" in the first session.

Kevin Huddleston, in his **Words to Live By** class meeting in the Coke Activities Room will study Joshua and "The Law of the First Step."

In the **Family Foundations Bible Study** in the Parlor, Greg Pickens will discuss Genesis 24, "God Provides."

The **Pressure Points** class, meeting in the ESD Library, welcomes Tina Robertson of the Interfaith Housing Coalition for a two week study entitled "Blessed are the Poor."



All adult classes meet at 10:00.

Spirituality with the Beatles

For everyone who feels like they work "Eight Days a Week" or who occasionally is overwhelmed and wants to cry out, "Help!" the Spirituality with the Beatles workshop is for you. It is also for those romantics and/or grandparents whose hearts skip a beat when loved ones say, "I Want to Hold Your Hand."

The Beatles lives and songs lead us to ponder God's providence and redemption in new and meaningful ways. The day will be full of fun, hope and promise.

The workshop, led by Dr. Fran Shelton, will be held in the Youth Center, Saturday, January 26 from 9:00 to 3:00. The \$20 fee includes lunch.



The Rev. Dr. Shelton is a spiritual director at Pastoral Counseling Center. She received her Master of Divinity (1993) and Doctor of Ministry (2007) from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Liturgy of Remembrance and Light Helps Those Struggling with Grief at Christmas

The Christmas holidays can be a time of loneliness and sadness, as well as celebration, as people remember loved ones who have died or are far away.

The Liturgy of Remembrance and Light was instituted this year at Saint Michael to help those coping with loss find peace and serenity during what can be a most stressful time of the year.

Nearly 100 parishioners and guests attended the service in Saint Michael Chapel which featured the music of New York sacred music artist Ana Hernandez and Saint Michael's Brice Beaird, candle lighting, and prayers.



The Women of Saint Michael Parish Party - February 1

Mark your calendar, the 2013 Parish Party, Let There Be Light, will be February 1 at Brook Hollow Golf Club. It will be the brightest event of the New Year and you can't miss it. Be a part of the all new "Wine Pull" (and have a sample) on January 9 at the Wiggins home. Learn the details online at www.saintmichael.org and click on the parish party logo at the top of the page.



Caring and Sharing - Pastoral Care

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

Sundays

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. Neal Hern, nealhern@aol.com.

Serenity Seekers - an Al-Anon group meets on the first and third Sunday nights, 6:30-7:30, in the Chapel Conference Room. Please join us in this anonymous spiritual fellowship for families and friends of alcoholics and those with dual addictions. Questions? Contact: The Rev. Neal Hern, nealhern@aol.com.

The Parish Nurse Ministry. January is Oral, Eye, Ear Health Awareness Month. The Parish Nurse ministry have registered nurse members present at their station in the south lanai, on the third Sunday of the month. Provided will be materials and counseling regarding the health focus of the month. Contact: Dianne Boyd, dboyd@saintmichael.com.



Mondays

Women's Cancer Support Group meets on a regular weekly schedule, Mondays at 1:45 in the Parlor. Contacts: Sue Patton, pattons@sbcglobal.net or Charlie Stobaugh, Charlie@stobaugh.net.

The Caregiver Support Group meets on the first and third Mondays at 11:30 in the

Parlor. Contact Sandra Klingeman, sjk@sbcglobal.net or Drew Stull, jstull3141@aol.com.

Yoga Ministry. Start off the New Year by adding a Christian Yoga class to your routine and work to be in good condition with Christian friends. Weekly Classes meet on Monday evenings in the Youth Space from 5:30 - 6:45. There is no fee and sessions are led by licensed Yoga instructor, Annette Lentz. Questions? Annette.lentz@sbcglobal.net



Tuesdays

The Centering Prayer Groups practice being silent before God. A Tuesday morning group meets at 10:00 in the Bride's Room. For information please contact Centering Prayer Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Ann Webster, maryannwebster@gmail.com

The Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry The daytime knitting ministry meets every Tuesday afternoon, 1:00-3:00 in the Coke Activities Room. The shawls are blessed by a priest and the congregation before being given to comfort those who are ill or in need. 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

Faith and Grief Luncheons Faith and Grief Luncheons start again on Thursday, January 10, at Noon in the Coke Activities Room. Please note that these monthly meetings will take place at Saint Michael on the second Thursday of each month. Please make reservations by visiting www.faithandgrief.org, or calling 469-251-9612. Questions, contact The Rev. Lisa Flores, lflores@saintmichael.org or Madalyn Teal, mteal@aol.com.

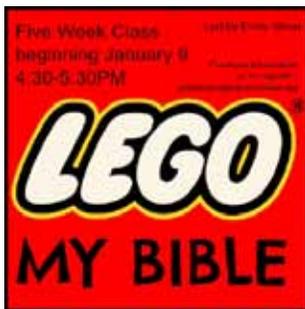


The Sunday Service Prayer Team will meet on Thursday, January 17, at 6:30 in the Coke Activities Room, for its monthly meeting, dinner and book study. For information and reservations, contact Rick Porter, rporter@mphlegal.com.

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, that loss may be weighing heavily. Let that friend know that there is support available through Saint Michael and All Angels' 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

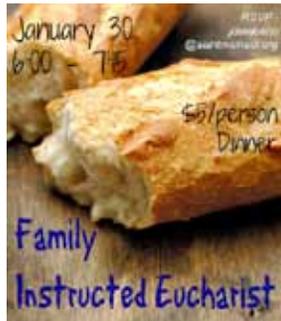
LEGO My Bible



Join Emily Given for a five week interactive time to explore the stories of the Bible using mountains of Legos beginning Wednesday, January 9. Open to children 5 and older. Space is limited. Please register by contacting JDelabano@saintmichael.org. Friends and neighbors always welcome.

Family Instructed Eucharist

Join Emily Given and The Rev. Greg Pickens on January 30 from 6:00-7:15 in the Coke Activities Room, as we all journey together through the Eucharist (Holy Communion). Why do we do that? How does that happen? Why does it matter? Why do they wear that stuff? What does it mean? Families are invited to share a simple dinner and then gather around the altar for an informal Eucharist with time to ask questions along the way. To RSVP, contact Jdelabano@saintmichael.org.



That Guy-Girl Thing

10th grade students are invited to join Kathleen Fischer, Dallas resident and respected parenting coach and educator for a four-session series on sex and relationships.



The cost of the class is \$80 and covers Kathleen's fee as well as dinner. Scholarships are available, so please don't let that prevent you from participating. We hope you'll invite your (10th grade) friends to join us. Class size is limited to 30 and will meet 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, and 2/24. Registration is available online at www.saintmichael.org/youth

Kathleen is an experienced presenter and continues to be sought after for these engagements. Learn more about her and find her blog at kathleenfischer.com. Andy Sahl and Carolina Armstrong will be at each session, assisting with small groups. Please feel free to contact us at asahl@saintmichael.org or carmstrong@saintmichael.org with any questions.

JUMP OUT IN FAITH - Youth Ministry Winter Retreat

The Winter Retreat for the youth of Saint Michael has become a great tradition. The weekend, January 18-20, includes both high school and middle school kids. Each group will have their own "track" of activities as well as combined activities. High school youth will have several opportunities to lead the middle school kids through Bible studies and games.

Our retreat theme is JUMP, and we'll be spending time exploring Bible characters that showed tremendous trust as they JUMPed out in faith.



We will be at Brookhaven Retreat Center in Hawkins, which is in east Texas. We will leave Friday evening at 5:00 from the church and travel by charter bus to the camp. Our housing will be in connected bunk rooms with eight to a room. Generally, kids will be sorted by age (and gender, obviously) for housing.

Parents are more than welcome and encouraged to attend. We can put you to work in a way that works for you and your child.

The retreat will conclude with a closing worship service in the Saint Michael Youth Center for all families. It is tentatively scheduled for 4:00 Sunday when we return.

The retreat takes place over the MLK weekend, giving our youth Monday to catch up on sleep and homework.

Welcome All Wonders Concert

Saint Michael and All Angels' holiday concert, *Welcome All Wonders*, was an overwhelming success with more than 800 people filling the church, the Narthex, the ambulatory, and standing in the aisles. The concert featured The Arts District Chorale, the Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas and James Diaz and Hyeon Jeong, the church's Directors of Music.

The program Sunday evening, December 2, included the title piece, *Welcome All Wonders*, by Richard Dirksen, as well as choral works by Argento, Hovland, Burkhardt, Patriquin, Susa and others. Dr. Hyeon Jeong, Saint Michael's Associate Music Director performed Fanfares and Antiphons for organ and Music Director, James Diaz, accompanied the choirs' presentations and played traditional carols which were sung by the choirs and the audience.



"This concert was the perfect way to enter Advent, blending the talents of Saint Michael and All Angels, the Arts District Chorale, and the Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas, to offer a musical blessing to this wonderful season," said Dr. Bob Dannals, Rector. "It continues our tradition of reaching into the community with programs that inspire, inform, and unify."



Following the concert, Anne Hendrick-Thomas, president of the board of the Arts District Chorale said, "On behalf of everyone with the Arts District Chorale, thank you for the wonderful reception by the entire Saint Michael and All Angels community. It was a thrill to sing in your wonderful space on December 2. The evening was a truly special event for all of us - we could not have asked for any greater hospitality, support, or musicianship of your own staff. Our thanks to everyone who had a part in this concert and its planning."

For Your Information

Grant Them Eternal Rest

Darrel Dean Berndt, November 28, 2012, husband of Theresa Berndt, father of Cristen Williams

Agnes Bondy Walters, December 1, 2012, mother of Caroline Walters

Vivian Anita Wendeborn Garner, December 2, 2012, grandmother of Derek Trammell, great grandmother of Nicole Grace and Duke

Archie Merle O'Brien, December 11, 2012, cousin of Merial West

Louise Scheurer, December 12, 2012

Margaret "Maggie" Plate' Gibbons Gibson, December 14, 2012, mother of Peggy Simpson, mother-in-law of Bill Simpson

Geraldine "Jeri" Burns Unsell Lingle, December 16, 2012

Ethel Groves, December 19, 2012, mother of Charles Groves

Barbara Alimant Anderson, December 20, 2012, mother of Barbara Washburn and Gay Morris, mother-in-law of Roy Washburn and Brett Morris, grandmother of Ned Washburn, Janie Bruun, Ciny Redman and Becky Gohs.

THE SAINT MICHAEL BOOK SHOP

After Christmas Sale at the Book Shop!

Christmas items are now 50% off!

All past years Saint Michael ornaments are 50% off!!

The Book Shop also has Jan Barbolio, Bibles, The Book of Common Prayer, Jewelry, as well as books.

The Book Shop hours:

M, T, Th, F	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Wed.	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sat.	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Sun.	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed at the Book shop if you are interested in volunteering contact Chris Love at 214-363-5471.

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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Gifts for I Believe in Angels Hits Record Numbers

Saint Michael parishioners adopted more than 600 “Angels,” providing gifts for the children and seniors living in the Jubilee Park area. Our generosity enabled the “I Believe in Angels” project to increase the number of people it serves by more than 15% this year.

The gifts filled more than two rooms at the church. On Friday, December 7, the gifts were delivered to the Jubilee Park Community Center where they were sorted and displayed according to age and activity.

On Saturday, December 8, more than 70 volunteers from Saint Michael manned the wrapping tables and Jubilee residents who had volunteered in the community “shopped” for Christmas gifts for their families.

Chairs Richard Kelley and Mike Davis reported that at the end of the day Christmas gifts were given for 425 children and 100 senior citizens.

