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Lent - Bringing Us Closer to Christ's Vulnerable Love

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Several years ago, the late William Placher reminded a group of us that our God is a vulnerable God. The word, he noted, comes from the Latin "vulnus," meaning "to take on the burdens and wounds of others." Our God is totally invested in the needs of our world, to heal, to reconcile, to redeem, to restore.

As we ponder Lent again in 2013 (Ash Wednesday is on February 13), it is highly appropriate that we consider our own internal poverty and the poverty in our world – the emptiness and hunger of every human soul and body. Early in his ministry Jesus said he had come to heal the sick and proclaim good news to the poor. So, during this season we're reminded of our brokenness when we receive a cross-shaped smudge of ashes, hold a palm branch, wash feet, and stare at the rough hewn cross. At the foot of the cross we learn that we cannot love without admitting our own need and sharing the burdens of others.



Lent is a necessary season. And yes, thank God, it is only a season and not our dominant view. And yes, I know that we talk about these weeks as a time of spiritual growth, of deepened fellowship, and a time to take on an enriching religious life and not just give up, or confess, something. But let's not talk ourselves out of Lent's usefulness.

Many regretted when the Prayer Book revisers deleted the phrase "and there is no health in us" from the confession at Morning Prayer. There were theological arguments, of course, but mostly the revisers thought that the sense of language had changed so much that people thought the Episcopal Church was promoting the doctrine of total depravity.

Actually, the meaning is the standard Biblical sense -- with both Hebrew and Christian roots -- that "we are not whole."

That's the surgical message of Lent. It's a fact. And it's a sobering discovery we can make, if not frequently, then at least annually. We tend to commit the same sins, we don't seem to get either better or worse from Lent to Lent; the disease is chronic.

Just to know that lifts the load a little. But what truly lifts and liberates is the fact of God's love. God loves us not for what we do or say or achieve or even for what we make of Lent. God just loves us for, and in spite of, what we are. God loves wholly, forgives continuously, early, often, and ultimately. If letting Lent just be itself will lift your load just enough to know that, then thank God.

Whatever your situation, we challenge you to take advantage of an invitation: a parish journey this Lent of varied opportunities, times, places, and formats designed to bring us closer to Christ's vulnerable love and Easter's victory over death.

A blessed Lent, my friends.

The Annual Parish Meeting of
Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church
Sunday, February 24
10:00 in the Church

Christ-like Responses to Violence in Our World

The growing violence in our society will be discussed in a three week series, *Christ-like Responses to Violence in Our World* beginning Sunday February 3.

"We are all troubled by the violence we see around us; in our schools, on the roadways, in our homes," said The Rev. Dr. Bob Dannals, Rector. "This series will engage every person in our parish – adults, youth, and children – to examine the issue from their own perspective and to focus on Christ-like responses to this terrible dilemma."

On **Sunday, February 3**, ethicist, author, and professor, Dr. Scott Bader-Saye will discuss



"The Episcopal Church's Response to Violence" at a combined adult class at 10:00 in Parish Hall. Dr. Bader-Saye teaches ethics at the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin and is author of *Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear*.

Later, at 12:30, Dr. Bader-Saye and Dallas



psychologist Dr. Saleem Ateek will lead a panel discussion and dialogue moderated by our Rector, Bob Dannals, in the Coke Activities

Room. Dr. Bader-Saye will discuss "Violence and Security in a Culture of Fear." Dr. Ateek will address "Mental Health and Violence." A light lunch will be available for \$10. For reservations: Abby at aescobedo@saintmichael.org.

On **Sunday, February**

10, The Rev. Michael Dangelo, Chaplain at St. Mark's School of Texas and a Sunday Associate at Saint Michael, will address issues of violence and Christ-like responses with the church's



youth – 7th grade through High School – and their parents at 10:00 in the Youth Center. The Family Foundations class, which consists of the parents of youth and children, will be suspended enabling families to attend the session together.

On **Sunday, February 17**, Holly Stoner, a teacher, marriage and family therapist, will meet with our children (Kindergarten – 5th grade) and their parents in "A Conversation about the Many Forms of Violence in their World" during the 10:00 Sunday School hour in Parish Hall. The Family Foundations class will be suspended to permit parents to attend

the session.



Following the 11:00 worship services Ms. Stoner will meet with parents of older elementary, middle-school and high school students in the Youth Center to discuss

"Tips on Getting Your Teen to Talk With You About Violence in Their World...and Everything Else." There will be a light lunch available for \$10. RSVP to Jill at jdelabano@saintmichael.org. Ms. Stoner is a Marriage and Family Therapist, specializing in children and their families. She has served as an elementary and high school teacher, and is the mother of three adult children. She and her husband, The Rev. Dr. Scott Stoner, lead Living Compass, a faith and wellness ministry for adults, parents, and teens used extensively in the Episcopal Church.

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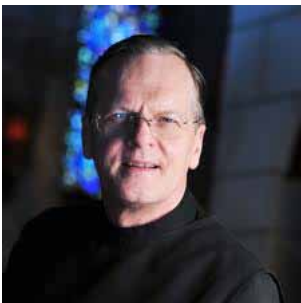
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Lent begins on February 13, Ash Wednesday. It is a time when we prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, and spiritual discipline. The purpose is for us to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ - his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial and resurrection.

At Saint Michael and All Angels you will find many opportunities during Lent to do just that – reflect on God in Jesus Christ, who loves wholly, forgives continuously and ultimately, and invites us into eternal communion.

Schedule of Lenten Activities

Pre-Lenten Retreat
Saturday, February 9



My Soul in Silence Waits
with **Brother Curtis**
Almquist, Society
of Saint John the
Evangelist
9:00-12:00 Noon
Coke Activities Room

With a tyranny of demands on our time and attention, and the burden of being virtually present on many platforms, perpetually “on” and available 24/7, we face depletion and we can lose our way. Our retreat will focus on stillness, silence, and solitude – very counter cultural practices, and yet, a long-tested way to hear, know, and love God. This is the practice of “being there:” being really present to God’s presence with us now.

Retreat Leader: Curtis Almquist SSJE, a brother of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, and formerly a parish priest, is active as a spiritual director and retreat leader, living at SSJE’s rural monastery, Emery House, in West Newbury, Massachusetts.

The cost for the morning retreat is \$10. Make a reservation with Abby Escobedo in the Adult Formation Office at 214-363-5471 or aescobedo@saintmichael.org.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 12

5:30 - 7:00

Parish Hall

Shrove Tuesday pancake extravaganza <small>Prepared by the men of saintmichael</small>	
Supper Prices: Adults \$5 Children \$3 (3-10 yrs.)	February 12 5:30 - 7 p.m. Parish Hall

The Men of Saint Michael are teaming up with Parish Life Events for a pancake extravaganza! RSVP online at www.saintmichael.org/article/shrovetuesdaysupperreservations/ or call Abby Escobedo at 214-363-5471.

Ash Wednesday, February 13

Ash Wednesday worship and imposition of ashes (all services are in the Church)

6:00 a.m.

10:00

12:00 Noon

5:00 Children’s Liturgy

6:00 p.m.



Lenten Evensong and Preaching

6:00 – Dinner (Coke Activities Room)

6:30 – Evensong Service (Church)



February 20 *The Rev. Dr. Brad Braxton,*
Lois Craddick Perkins Professor of Homiletics
at Perkins School of Theology at SMU
and former Senior Pastor at Riverside Church in New York City
Blessed by a Burden II Corinthians 4:16-18

February 27 *The Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel,*
Episcopal Bishop of Olympia in Seattle, Washington, Member of
the Board of Trustees, Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, Texas
An Eternity's too Short 1 Peter 5:1-4



March 6 *The Rev. Carlye Hughes,*
Rector, Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Worth, Texas
Practicing Audacity Luke 6: 20-26

March 13 *The Rev. Luke Back,*
Rector, Church of the Heavenly Rest, Abilene, Texas
Practice of Forgiveness Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



March 20 *The Rt. Rev. Henry N. Parsley, Jr.,*
Bishop of Alabama (ret.)
Practicing Reconciliation John 10: 11-16

Dinner catered from a local restaurant is available each Wednesday.
The cost is \$8.00 for Adults, \$5 for Children (3-10), and no charge for Children (2 and under).
Make a reservation with Abby Escobedo (Aescobedo@saintmichael.org) or 214-363-5471 by Monday for each Wednesday.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 6:00 p.m. — Church



Join us for Stations of the Cross on the following Fridays:
February 15, February 22, March 1, March 8, March 15,
and March 22.

Distinguished Lecture Series

Sunday, March 17



Dr. Gary Dorrien,
Reinhold Professor of Ethics,
Union Theological Seminary

Social Ethics for Social Justice: Renewing an Ecumenical Tradition

10:00 – Parish Hall

Economic Democracy Then and Now

12:30 –Coke Activities Room

(reservations only luncheon and dialogue)

Lent Retreat

March 23

Practicing Forgiveness and Reconciliation

with Lee Taft, ethicist
and conflict resolution
specialist

9:00 – 12:00 Noon

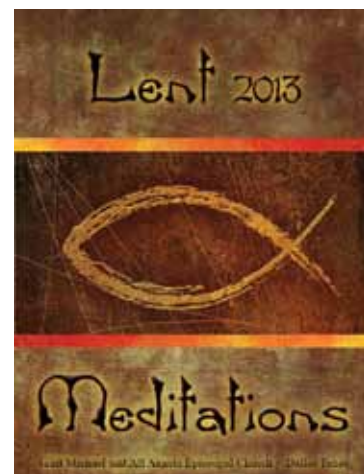
Coke Activities Room



Reservations for both the Distinguished Lecture Series with Dr. Gary Dorrien and the Lenten Retreat with Lee Taft maybe made with Abby Escobedo in the Adult Formation Office at 214-363-5471 or aescobedo@saintmichael.org.

A complete list of Holy Week services and activities will be included in the March Archangel and online at www.saintmichael.org.

Lenten Meditation Booklets



The Lenten Meditation Booklets will be available Sunday, February 10 and posted online beginning Ash Wednesday, February 13.

Lent for Youth, Children and Families

Pajama Prayers

Hop into your pajamas and head to Saint Michael Chapel for storytelling, music, prayers and a yummy bedtime snack. Led by Emily Given. For more information, please contact egiven@saintmichael.org.



Faith Builders

Kids love using their hands to express themselves and create. During Lent we will incorporate their passions into faith building experiences. Faith Builders is an opportunity for Edgers to create larger than life objects using materials such as wood, metal, paints, and paper mache. Don't miss out on this unique and rewarding experience. Space is limited and the cost is \$20.00 per child. To register contact Jill Delabano at jdelabano@saintmichael.org.



Offering Folders

Jesus was betrayed with 30 pieces of silver. What could we do for the GOOD with our pieces of silver? Children are asked to fill the slots of their offering folders with quarters to do something wonderful in world in the name of God. Folders will be handed out the first week of Lent and then collected on Easter morning. Extra folders will be around the building on the information tables. For more information, contact Emily Given – egiven@saintmichael.org.

Good Friday for Families

Come close to the Good Friday through storytelling, art, music, prayer and interactive activities. This gathering is intended for families with children kindergarten through fifth grade. Led by Suzanne Finan and Emily Given. For more information, contact jdelabano@saintmichael.org.



Youth in Lent



Saint Michael's young people will engage in several special events during Lent including attending the 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday service as a group. On March 6, they will serve the Lenten Dinner in the Coke Activities Room, plan their own Eucharist Service, and attend an Evensong Service. A highlight of the youth's Lenten activities will be participating in "Lent Madness," a fun way to keep a Lenten discipline of learning about the heroes of the faith. Learn more about "Lent Madness" online at www.lentmadness.org.

Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, March 30

3:30 Sports Field

There will be a Petting Zoo with rabbits, dwarf goats, sheep, a mini horse and baby animals of all kinds. And, a separate hunt area for kids 3 and under.



Vestry Nominees

The Vestry has accepted the recommendations of its nominating committee and submits the following parishioners to be considered for election at the Annual Meeting on February 24 beginning at 10:00 in the Church.



John Gorman

John Gorman has been a member of Saint Michael for more than 12 years during which time he has served as President of the Men of Saint Michael and a member of its Board for three years. He served on the Building and Grounds Committee and is on the Engagement Ministry Connect Team. John and his wife served as Sunday School teachers, volunteered with the EYC, and participated in numerous Bible Study groups.



Kathy Jenevein

A member for more than 25 years, Kathy Jenevein has served Saint Michael in many capacities. She served on and chaired the Early Childhood Ministry Committee as well as several committees associated with the church's children's ministries. She has twice been on the Vestry Nominating Committee and is on the Mission and Outreach Gift Committee. For the Women of Saint Michael, Kathy has served as Parish Party Chair, Program Chair, and a member of the Executive Committee, as well as in several other capacities.



Sallie Plummer

Sallie Plummer has chaired the Jubilee Park Public Health Committee and has led the Mission and Outreach Committee's hunger initiative, which includes the Jubilee Food 4 Kids program and the Rosebud Indian Reservation's Kid's Café and Backpack projects. She serves on the Adult Formation Committee, the Women of Saint Michael Auction Committee, and is a Meals on Wheels volunteer. Sallie has been a member of the parish for 22 years.



Randy Rekerdres

Randy was baptized at Saint Michael and All Angels and has been a member of the parish for more than 25 years. He is chair-elect of the Mission and Outreach Committee, and has served on its executive committee and grants committee. Randy has served as co-leader of the adult Honduras Mission trips, participated in the 2012 Rosebud Indian Reservation Mission trip, and cooks regularly for the Austin Street Shelter.



Matt Waller

Matt Waller is currently Treasurer of Saint Michael and All Angels and has served several years on the church's Finance Committee. He has served as organizer and host of two Bible study groups, and participated in numerous outreach programs including Jubilee Park, the Saint Michael's Farmers Market, and the Columbarium Committee's finance review group. Matt has been a member of the church for more than 23 years.

Diocesan Convention Delegate Nominees

Marla Briggie

- Convention delegate 2007 – 2012
- Member: Altar Guild, Funeral Guild, Wedding Guild
- Board: American Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe

Ralph Cousins

- Former Vestry member
- Convention Delegate
- Mission/Outreach and Stewardship Committees

Blake Hull

- Former Vestry member
- Convention delegate since 2007
- Mission/Outreach, Pastoral Care, Adult Education committees

Bill Johnson

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

James Kerr

- Acolyte, Chalice Bearer, Lector
- Lay Eucharist Visitor
- Pastoral Care Committee

John McFarland, Sr.

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

Bill McIntyre

- Former Vestry member
- Diocese of Dallas: Risk Management Committee
- Saint Michael Foundation Trustee

Clifford Miercort

- Vestry member
- Jubilee Park: DISD Committee
- Chair: Compensation Committee

Kyle Moore

- Convention delegate 2010-2012
- Stewardship Committee Co-Chair
- Children and Family Ministry volunteer

Liz Oliphant

- Acolyte, Chalice Bearer, Lector
- Convention delegate 4 years
- Former Executive Council: Diocese of Dallas

Jim Riggert

- Convention alternate for 7 years
- Finance Committee: Diocese of Dallas
- Lay Eucharistic Visitor

Phil Ritter

- Former Vestry: Senior Warden
- Convention delegate: Delegation Chair
- Stewardship Committee

Charles Sartain

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

Van Sheets

- Vestry member: Senior Warden
- Stewardship Committee
- Former Treasurer

J.C. Snead

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

Chuck Stewart

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

Tom Stewart, Jr.

- Vestry member
- Building and Grounds Committee Chair
- Decade Committee

Paul Talbot

- Saint Michael Choir
- Stewardship Committee
- Sunday School and Disciples Class teacher

Donell Wiggins

- Vestry
- Former President Women of Saint Michael
- Former Chair Child Development Committee

Jim Wiley

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

20.30 F³: Faith, Food & Fellowship Events:

Please note our Lenten Schedule; we'll join the parish-wide events beginning with the Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 12 through Easter Sunday, including the Wednesday Evensong services.

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 from 2/12-3/31). We'll use the previous Sunday's gospel reading as a jumping-off place, and see where the Spirit takes us from there.



2nd Sundays — On the 2nd Sunday of each month, we meet after the 11:00

service and go to brunch. Look for us on February 10th by the reception desk in the South Lanai, or send me a text (206-714-0119) around 12:30, and I'll tell you where we are.

EVENING EUCHARIST & SIMPLE SUPPER: Once a quarter, we'll gather in a parishioner's home for a communion service, and a potluck meal. Mark your calendar for March 1st, and watch your email for details.

HAPPY HOUR: This month let's meet on Monday, 2/18, 5:00-7:00, at Ojeda's at 4617 Maple Avenue.

...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!

For more info email: bsol@saintmichael.org or friend us on facebook: twentythirty.F3

Cursillo: A Time to Get it Together

Cursillo Weekend scheduled for February 14-17 at Camp Crucis, in Granbury. A Cursillo 3-day weekend is a time for renewal, refreshment and recommitment to living for Christ. Please contact Kristi Wilson at 214-315-6577 or wilsonkristi@mac.com for more information.



Parish Party Lights Up Church

WOMEN OF SAINT MICHAEL EVENT RAISES MONEY FOR OUTREACH PROGRAMS

More than 600 Saint Michael parishioners were expected at the bi-Annual Parish Party held Friday, February 1 at the Brook Hollow Golf Club. The party – Let There Be Light – “flipped the switch” on getting people engaged, involved, and having fun.

Party chairs, Gay Rekerdres and Mary Kardell, said their planning committee of 115 women secured more than 258 items for the auction ranging from exotic trips, to art, to dining and entertainment, and more. The 12 Live Auction donations included getaways to luxurious resorts, rustic hideaways, golf outings, and diamond studded jewelry.

One of the most popular activities is expected to be the all-new “Wine Pull.” More than 200 bottles of wine, each valued at least for \$25, were donated at a special pre-Parish Party gathering at the home of Donell and Phillip Wiggins. At the Friday night event, parishioners will pay \$25 to “pull” a bottle of wine from the barrel, which could be worth hundreds of dollars. The “Wine Pull” alone will raise more than \$5,000.

All of the money raised at the Parish Party is used for Women of Saint Michael outreach programs. Last year the ladies of the church gave over \$500,000 to 89 Dallas area charities.

Women of Saint Michael Announce Officer Slate

The proposed 2013 -2014 officers for the Women of Saint Michael has been announced. They are:

President	Jan Baldwin
President-Elect	Whitney Grogan
Vice President	Elizabeth Keogh
Communications	Rose Fitzgerald
Newsletter	Monique Black
Recording Secretary	Laurel Page
Treasurer	Hallie Lawrence
Treasurer-Elect	Eleanor Durham
Parliamentarian	Elizabeth Gambrell

The slate will be presented and elected at the group's annual Spring Luncheon in May.

Overview

Prime Timers Travel *The Devil's Highway* with Gloria Hocking

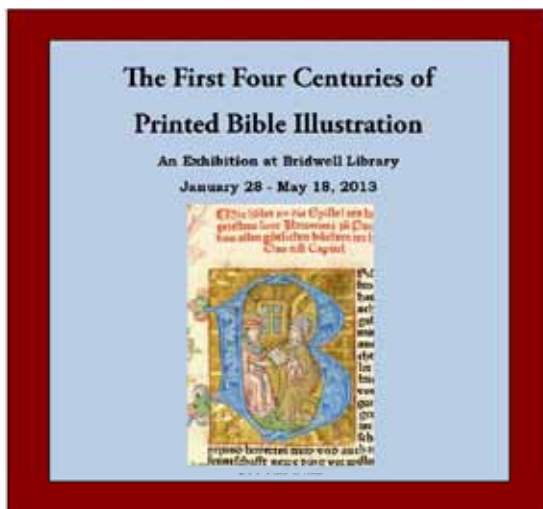
The Devil's Highway, the true story of 26 men who attempted to cross the Mexican Border into the Arizona desert in 2001, will be reviewed by Gloria Hocking at the Prime Timers' meeting and luncheon on Thursday, February 7. The meeting is at 10:30 in the Coke Activities Room. For reservations call Mary Davis at 214-363-7761.

PT Cruisers to tour Latino Cultural Center

PT Cruisers to go "south of the border"-sort of. Join us as we go to the Latino Cultural Center to take a tour of this colorful facility. As an extra bonus, we will get to see the photography exhibit by Hugo Brehme entitled "Timeless Mexico." It is on loan from Texas State University at San Marcos. After our tour, we will have lunch at Maracas. The bus leaves the church at 9:30. The tour is free. Cost of lunch and the bus is \$15. Deadline is Sunday, February 17th. Call Mary Davis for reservations at 214-363-7761.

Jubilee to Honor Retiring Board Members

Three longtime Jubilee Park board members and Saint Michael parishioners will be honored Friday, February 8 as they retire from their board positions. A reception will be held at 5:30 in the Walt Humman – T. Boone Pickens Community Center for Arden Showalter, Mary Stewart Ramsey, and David Martin. While stepping down from the board, all three emphasized they will remain committed and active at Jubilee. The Community Center is located at 907 Bank Street. If attending, RSVP to Mel LeRoy at mleeroy@jubileecenter.org.



Construction to Begin On New Columbarium and nave Courtyard



Photo of the ground breaking for the Columbarium on January 6.

The dirt will start flying on the south lawn of the church for the new Columbarium and Nave Courtyard in mid-February. The official ground breaking ceremony and blessing took place January 6. Completion and dedication is expected in late summer.

The construction will necessitate relocation of some facilities and access to the building. Initially, a screened safety fence will be erected around the site. The current handicap and senior parking lot will be relocated to the north parking lot. There will be a designated, well marked area for senior parking near the northeast entrance to the church. Handicapped parking will be adjacent to the north wall of the building with easy access to either the North Lanai entrance or the northeast entrance (near the choir rehearsal room).

The South Lanai porte cochere driveway will not be impacted by the construction. It will be modified to better accommodate a limited amount of handicapped and church delivery parking. The south entrance to the Church (near the Brides Room) will be closed during the construction.

Update Sessions Scheduled

The Rector, Bob Dannals, has scheduled three meetings to update interested parishioners on the Columbarium project. On Sunday, February 10 he will hold a meeting in the Saint Michael Chapel immediately following the 7:30 a.m. worship service, and he will hold another at 12:30 in the parlor, following the 11:00 services. On Wednesday, February 13 (Ash Wednesday), the Rector will hold an update meeting at 4:30 in the Parlor.

Caring and Sharing - Mission / Outreach

The New Orleans newspaper, *The Times-Picayune*, recently ran a story on the work of All Souls Episcopal Church in New Orleans, which is one of the major Mission and Outreach ministries of Saint Michael. Following are excerpts from that story.

Miracle on St. Claude Avenue: All Souls Church and Community Center is a gift to 9th Ward children

By Prescotte Stokes III, *The Times-Picayune*

Seven years after Hurricane Katrina ravaged the Lower 9th Ward, the area's residents are still struggling to rebuild. A walk around the neighborhood reveals patches of homes, beautifully rebuilt with clean porches and manicured lawns. But never far away are thousands of blighted properties and vacant lots that cast a depressing shadow.

There isn't a single grocery store or drug store. Gas stations are the only places within walking distance that residents can go to for milk and other staples. Many families, particularly the elderly, depend on sporadic public transit to take them to shop, visit a doctor, or take their clothes to a laundromat.

But in the midst of this lingering malaise, something wonderful is happening inside a renovated Walgreens drug store: All Souls Episcopal Church and Community Center is running a free after-school tutoring program that offers hope, structure, and sustenance

for 80 neighborhood students four days a week.

Jacqueline Yang, director of All Souls, says that rather than wait for broad government or private sector support, nonprofit organizations such as hers are attempting to bring the neighborhood back to life one family at a time.

From about 3 until 7 p.m., All Souls provides neighborhood children with tutoring and homework help, orchestra lessons, cooking lessons and dinner. A van service picks up the students from school and drops them off at home after dinner.

About 90 percent of those who attend the program are students of MLK Charter School. Although the school has no affiliation with the program at All Souls, the students are reaping the benefits. Besides making sure the students complete their homework, the program provides various boot camps that teach the children to be more responsible.

Another enrichment program at the center is the Youth Orchestra of the Lower 9th Ward.

The orchestra is composed of 42 students ranging from 6 to 14 years old. They've been together for about two years and have had opportunities to perform throughout the city with the Tulane University Orchestra. The music staff comprises volunteers from the music department at UNO, the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra and local musicians.

All Souls' program is the brainchild of The Rev. Lionel Wright, the church's former pastor. Wright started the program in 2009 with help from Trinity Wall Street, Trinity Episcopal in New Orleans, St. James Episcopal in Baton Rouge and Saint Michael and All Angels in Dallas.

He's big on teaching kids healthier eating habits. "We had a summer camp teaching kids how to grow vegetables and make a fresh salad," Wright said.

They loved it and ate every bit of it!"

Dr. Kevin Huddleston, director of mission and outreach at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Dallas, came here to help renovate the All Souls building. He believes that having Wright and the center is a huge thing for the Lower 9. "They have someone who understands the community, and he's not willing to let them (have) a victim mentality," said Huddleston.

Huddleston points to Wright's work ethic. "This guy has more energy than any human being alive," Huddleston said. "He's 72, looks 52, and acts like he's 22!"

Wright, a 9th Ward resident before Hurricane Katrina, is committed to improving the quality of life in his old neighborhood. "There has to be a new paradigm here, and that paradigm starts with knowledge," Wright said. "That's what kids are getting here through our enrichment programs."

Huddleston echoes the same message. He saw the after-school program at Saint Michael's transform students in a low-income area of Dallas, once one of the local schools began partnering with their program. It "was one of the worst-performing schools in Dallas, and now it's one of the best," Huddleston said.

All Souls is hoping their program can have that same effect on the children in the Lower 9th Ward.



Caring and Sharing - *Pastoral Care*

I Am A User!

"I use blood! How lucky I am!", said parishioner, Rusty Fenton, when telling me about his experience as a recipient of blood.

Let me describe Rusty. He regularly attends a bible study, teaches a Sunday School class for teens, and runs a very successful business. His restaurant supplies 'Rusty Tacos' for many events at Saint Michael and you will often see him with one of his family members serving up breakfast tacos at Saint Michael's Farmer Market.

Rusty has been fighting Renal Cell Carcinoma, for the past three years.



During his treatment, Rusty knew he was always 'cold' and needed to sleep a lot. He couldn't figure out why. In November, Rusty's doctors noticed that his hemoglobin count was very low. Further testing revealed that he had internal bleeding and was losing as much as one unit of blood per day. The docs said the bleeding may have been caused by side effects of his treatments.

It was then that Rusty became a blood user rather than a donor. Before his 'leak' was plugged, he needed and received 12 units of blood in a 10-day period. He said it was remarkable how much better he felt after receiving the blood!

The Fentons realized how lucky they were that he had a common blood type and that the blood was there for him. Blood banks have a constant need for blood and the more rare blood types are difficult to replace.

Rusty's Bible study group wanted to help and said, "let's do a blood drive for Rusty." It was then that Rusty, wife Denise

and his family had the idea to do this at their restaurant, 'The Rusty Taco.' They invited a Blood Bank to bring a donor bus and advertised the opportunity to donate to their patrons. Their goal was to help insure that anyone could have easy accessibility to the blood they may need. In one day, they collected 25 units. The average private blood drive brings in approximately 9 units.

Rusty's story is about someone we know. Imagine how much blood is needed to help others we don't know, who are experiencing a need for blood transfusions due to illness, surgery, accidents, disasters, etc.

The blood that has been available to Rusty through the generosity of donors, plus the encouraging support of his Bible Study friends, Pastoral Care Ministries and other Saint Michael connections has made his recovery possible. Rusty tells us, "the transfusions are truly life saving and the doctors can keep me going, but only God can cure me!"

Rusty and his family urge each of you, who is able, to consider making a blood donation at the Saint Michael Blood Drive on Sunday, February 17. Your donation of one unit of blood can help 3 different people with different needs as your blood unit is broken down for transfusions. Our goal is to collect 36 units. These 36 units can make the difference in saving the lives of 108 people.

One's blood is a God-given gift that most of us has available to share. Rusty Fenton and his family and friends thank you and we know that God thanks you.

For more information regarding how to be a blood donor, contact Terry Demler, tsdemler@gmail.com or Dianne Boyd, Parish Nurse Ministry, dboyd@saintmichael.org.

—Written by Marillyn Seeberger

Blood Drive Sunday, February 17

**2 Donor Buses located at
the porte cochere outside the
ESD entrance from 8:00 to
1:30. Contact: Terry Demler,
tsdemler@gmail.com.**



Caring and Sharing - Pastoral Care

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

Important February Dates:

February is Healthy Heart Month.

The Parish Nurse ministry will have registered nurse members present in the ambulatory and outside the Saint Michael Chapel, on Sunday, February 10, to take reservations for Blood Donors. Provided will be information regarding maintaining a healthy heart as well as blood donor eligibility and the opportunity to register for a time to make your donation. Another way to register is by visiting www.redcross.org and click on Make a Blood Donation Appointment. Use sponsor code: saintmichael.



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 and includes dual addictions. Contact: The Rev. Neal Hern, nealhern@aol.com

Alcoholics Anonymous: Meets in the Coke Activities Room on the first and third Sunday of each 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, nealhearn@aol.com

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.



The February **Faith and Grief Luncheon** at Saint Michael will be on Thursday, February 14, at 12 Noon in the Coke Activities Room. The monthly meetings take place at Saint Michael on the second Thursday of each month. Please note that there is no charge for the luncheon but donations are greatly appreciated. Please make reservations so we can prepare for your presence, 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.

Weekly Meetings:

MONDAYS

Women's Cancer Support Group. Every Monday, 1:45 in the Parlor. Contact: Sue Patton, pattons@sbcglobal.net, or Charlie Stobaugh, charlie@stobaugh.net

Basic Christian Yoga. Be a Sweetheart and consider this healthy way to love yourself. Christian Yoga, led by licensed Yoga instructor, Annette Lentz. THERE IS NO FEE. Every Monday evening at 5:30-6:45, in the Youth Space. Contact: Annette Lentz, annette.lentz@sbcglobal.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.

TUESDAYS

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

The Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry meets every Tuesday, 1:00 to 3:00 in the Coke Activities Room. Contact: Byrd Teague, Byrd.Teague@gmail.com.



Alterknit: a night-time alternative. The Alterknit Knitting Ministry meets every Tuesday night, 6:00-8:00, in the Drake Room. Men and women are invited to participate. If a daytime meeting is not a good fit for you, Contact: Nancy Cantwell, nmkj@sbcglobal.net.

Stephen Ministers

Would you or someone you know benefit from having a Stephen Minister? How? And Why? Stephen Ministers are trained and supervised caregivers. Have you hit a rough patch in your life? Do you have a burden that you cannot handle alone? A Stephen Minister is someone who will walk beside you while you are hurting—praying for you, and encouraging you. Saint Michael and All Angels has a very dedicated group of



over 20 men and women who have received more than 50 hours of specialized training to walk with you on this journey. If you know someone that might benefit from a Stephen Minister or you could use one yourself, please contact The Rev. Lisa Flores, lflores@saintmichael.org.

Youth Ministry Winter Retreat

Winter Retreat “Jumps” with Faith

More than 40 middle school and high school youth attended the Winter Retreat at Brookhaven Retreat in East Texas over the January 18 weekend.

The event, themed JUMP, explored Bible characters who “jumped out” in their faith experiences. The middle school and high school groups had separate as well as combined activities. And, the high schoolers led the younger students in Bible studies and games.

The retreat concluded with a worship service when they returned Sunday afternoon in the Saint Michael Youth Center for the kids and their families.



For Your Information

Grant Them Eternal Rest

Louise Elizabeth Bland, June 21, 2012. Survived by daughter Donna Bando and grandson Leighton Brenner

The Reverend William Dee Dockery, Jr., December 30, father of Dee Dockery, father-in-law of Mary Adair Dockery, grandfather of Sam, Ann, and Ned

Bernice Riggert, December 31, mother of Jim Riggert, mother-in-law of Lisa Riggert, grandmother of Emily and Hannah

Elizabeth "Betty" Collins Dauterman, January 1, wife of Bob Dauterman, mother of Peter Dauterman and Jim Dauterman, mother-in-law of Lynn Dauterman and Jan Dauterman, grandmother of Mary and Sarah

Ann Thompson Maguire, January 3, wife of Cary Maguire, mother of Blainey Hess, mother-in-law of Marshall Hess, grandmother of Christopher and Katherine

Wesley Francis "Frank" Wright, Jr., January 5, father of Helena Wright and brother of Cora McClure

Benjamin "Ben" Ramsey, January 6, father of Clay Ramsey, father-in-law of Mary Ramsey, grandfather of Robert

Frank Matthews Gregg, January 6, husband of Carolyn Gregg

Joan Burns Kingsley, January 9

John Peter Vescovo, January 14, husband of Shelly Simpson Vescovo

Jeffrey Dean Marshall, January 15, partner of Lewis Duncan

Warren Ernest Weathers, January 18, brother of Paul Weathers and brother-in-law of Terry Weathers

The Rev. Harry Dailey, January 19, husband of The Rev. Bubba Dailey

George Austin Shutt, January 19, husband of Nancy Shutt, father of Harriet Burrow, father-in-law of Chris Burrow, grandfather of Steele and Nancy

Mary Stull, January 20, mother of John Stull mother-in-law of Drew Stull

Ann Elizabeth "Betsy" Korn, January 24

Jack William Westbrook, January 26, husband of Katharine, father of Jane Stringer, grandfather of Sarah

Captain Alfred W. "Hap" Chandler, Jr., January 27, step-father of Nancy Saustad, step-father-in-law of David Saustad, and step-grandfather of David, Zachary, Annie

Elizabeth "Lib" McGar Oviatt, January 28

Cradle Roll

We welcome to our parish family:

Nolan James Sieg
December 28, 2012
Elizabeth & Nick Sieg

Lewis Weber McMahan
January 7, 2013
Amy & Michael McMahan

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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Christmas Outreach Giving Nears \$100,000

Giving for Saint Michael and All Angels' outreach ministries reached nearly \$100,000 during Christmas and Advent.

Offerings at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services totaled \$47,040. That money is divided equally 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.

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.

Heifer International – providing livestock and environmentally sound agricultural training in more than 40 countries to help families and communities become self-reliant.

The Heart of Giving program raised \$49,915 which supports:

The Good Samaritan Fund – administered by the clergy, provides support to non-parishioners in need.

The Jubilee Park Community – revitalizing one of Dallas' most neglected neighborhoods.

Rosebud Indian Reservation – relief for the poverty, hunger, illness, and unemployment facing the Sioux reservation, one of the poorest in America.

All Souls Episcopal Church, New Orleans – a community resource in New Orleans' Ninth Ward still recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

Amistad Mission, Bolivia – providing medical care, education, and spiritual development to orphans and natives of Quechua.

Honduras Mission – supporting mission trips to the Tele and surrounding communities for health care, construction, and Christian Education programs.