



March & April 2026



The Archangel

Newsletter & Events at St. Michael's Episcopal Church

We are a church on a mission to make Christ known within and beyond our walls.



From the Rector

Dear People of God,

I am struck by how unusual this winter has been in Colorado Springs. We have watched months pass without the snow or frigid days we all expected. The landscape has felt almost suspended and quieter than normal. This familiar, yet different feeling, is what the season of Lent is all about. It is a season that invites us into stillness and into an honest reckoning with our hearts. Just as the earth waits for renewal, we too are invited to examine our heart and the habits of our souls. Lent asks, "Where we are parched, where we are restless, where do we long for redemption in our life?" And just when we think we've mastered Lent, Holy Week arrives.

Holy Week offers a similar "in between" feeling. We walk with Jesus through the cheers of Palm Sunday, the tenderness of the Last Supper, the desolation of the cross, and the silence of the empty tomb. If this winter has felt unfinished, Holy Week reminds us that faith does not bypass reality. We do not get to skip from cheers to comfort (or from Fall to Spring). We must pass through suffering, surrender, and trust. Holy Week is a time that summons us to see the profound reality of human brokenness and the immeasurable depth of God's love, with the assurance that Jesus meets us in the barren places of our life, community, and world.

Even in seasons that feel unusual, and unfinished, the promise of Spring quietly holds. In a similar way, the resurrection unfolds not because circumstances are perfect, but because love is stronger than death. As we move through Lent, the solemn days of Holy Week, and into the radiant joy of Easter, I pray that God softens the soil of our hearts and prepares us for new growth. Even when life feels suspended or uncertain, remember that God is at work beneath the surface. The empty tomb is not the end. Jesus is risen and with him, hope rises again!

Faithfully in Christ,
Rev. Matt Holcombe

P.S. See you Sunday!



Parish Survey Results

In January, 230 parishioners completed our parish survey to help inform our clergy, staff, Vestry, and the five RISE Strategic Planning Committees. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who took the time to participate! Your thoughtful responses, honest reflections, and hopeful vision for St. Michael's are a gift. Because of you, we have a clearer picture of our strengths and our opportunities for focus and clarity as we move ahead in faith.

A few insights from the data: Worship is undoubtedly the engine of parish life, with the sermon and Eucharist being named as the most impactful elements of Sunday worship. Programs help extend relationships, but they do not create them. A committed core carries much of the parish's leadership, while many regular attenders express a desire for greater involvement. The main barriers are time, caregiving, work, and uncertainty about how to begin, versus apathy. Clear pathways and personal invitation matter. Communication works best through Weekly eNews, Sunday announcements, and direct relationship. Formation is bearing fruit, with long-term members showing a deeper integration of faith and community. Parishioners prefer simple fellowship, such as shared meals, short-term small groups, and both life-stage and intergenerational connections, over large or highly structured programs. Pastoral care is trusted and valued, although some are unsure how to request it. This suggests a need for clearer communication and expanded lay support rather than new systems. The vast majority are pleased with Outreach as it is with the desire to stay more focused on local priorities such as the working poor/those living in poverty. The responses expressed appreciation for our campus, inviting more intentional use of what we already have rather than expansion. The strongest themes included a desire for prayerful outdoor spaces (such as a garden or meditation area), improved parking flow during peak times, modest technology upgrades, and more outdoor gathering areas.


In summary, the message is encouraging and clear. St. Michael's is a healthy, worship-centered, and relationally strong parish, marked by deep trust in leadership and strong overall engagement. Our future opportunities reside more in strengthening, deepening and clarifying what we are already doing versus reinvention or expansion. We are deeply grateful for your voice and your partnership in shaping the future of our spiritual home. To receive the entire 25-page survey report, please email support@stmikeschurch.com.

Thank you,
Ama Couch, RISE Strategic Planning Coordinator

Regular Sunday Worship

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: In-person

9:15 AM Education for All Ages (Various Spaces)

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist: In-person & Online with
Choir & Children's Chapel  

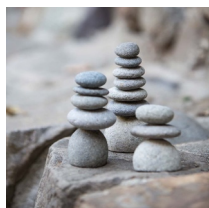
Nursery Care for Children 5 and under, 7:45 AM - 12:00 PM
Coffee Hour after each service

Lenten Retreat On Life's Journey with God

Saturday, March 7

Registration: 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Retreat: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM



Come join us for our annual Lenten Retreat led by The Rev. Frank Allen. We will reflect on where we are on our life's journey now; where we feel God is calling us forward; and how we can stay on the path with God. Lunch and retreat supplies will be provided. Cost is \$10. Please contact Stacy Cowell at stacy@stmikeschurch.com if you have questions.

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.

The Stations of the Cross

Guided & In-person

Fridays, Through March 27, 1:00 - 1:30 PM

Meet in the Gathering Space to walk the Stations of the Cross, in-person, using the Stations in our Sanctuary. No RSVP.

Virtual Stations of the Cross, Anytime, Anywhere

Using any electronic device, meditate on the actual Stations of the Cross in Jerusalem. [CLICK HERE](#) to experience the virtual journey.

Lent Prayers After Communion Sundays During Lent

A clergy member and lay leaders will offer prayers and blessings during Lent following Communion at each Sunday service. If you desire prayer for healing, birthdays, surgeries, etc., please join us in the hallway outside of the sanctuary.

Pray & Study in Lent

Looking for ways to ground yourself during Lent or perhaps try a new spiritual discipline? We have numerous opportunities for you to pray and study in Lent. See details under Formation, page 6.

Lent

FOCUSING ON HEART & HABIT

Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesdays in Lent

5:30 - 7:00 PM

February 25, March 4 & 11

3-Week Book Study

"How We Learn to Be Brave"



Join Rev. Matt and Rev. Vicki for a 3-week book study on Bishop Mariann Budde's bestseller, *How We Learn to Be Brave*. To purchase a book, visit the church's bookstore (\$15) or purchase online. Not required to read the book to participate. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP to bring soup or just your appetite.

March 18, 25, & April 1

Our clergy team will offer insights into how practicing courage with our heart and habits can transform and transfigure our spiritual journey. Come hungry as we grow together in faith, one practice at a time.

Special Guests in Lent



Bishop Mariann Budde

Sunday, March 8

8:00 & 10:30 AM Preacher

9:15 Forum Guest

Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, Bishop Budde is known for her thoughtful leadership, courageous public witness, and deep commitment to the Gospel in challenging times. Join us as she visits our parish to preach, teach, and spend time with our community. *March 8 begin daylight savings time and we spring forward.

Owen Copps

Sunday, March 15

8:00 & 10:30 AM Preacher

Our St. Michael's sponsored seminarian, Owen Copps, will visit from Seminary of the Southwest in



Austin, Texas to preach during both services on March 15. Join us as we welcome Owen back. [CLICK HERE](#) and select Seminarian Support to make a contribution for our seminarian.

To sign up for an activity, click on the link in the body of the newsletter above, or go to www.stmikeschurch.com/signup.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

The services on Palm Sunday, Holy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday provide a liturgical experience of the last days of Jesus' earthly life, as well as the time and events leading up to his resurrection. The three holy days, or Triduum, of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are at the heart of the Holy Week observance. Holy Week ends at sundown on the Saturday before Easter, or with the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

Easter Flowers and Brass Donations

March 22 Donation Deadline



Help us fill the church on Easter with beautiful flowers and glorious brass music for our Easter services by donating in thanksgiving for or in memory of loved ones. Names will be printed in the Easter Day Bulletin. Last day to donate is Sunday, March 22. [CLICK HERE](#) to donate Easter flowers or music.

Palm Sunday & Brunch

March 29

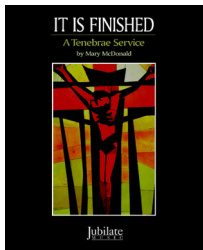
8:00 AM Palm Sunday Service & Holy Eucharist
9:00 AM Palm Sunday Brunch - [CLICK HERE](#) to help
9:15 AM Palm Crosses with Bailey (Children & Youth)
10:30 AM Palm Sunday Service & Holy Eucharist
11:30 AM Palm Sunday Brunch - [CLICK HERE](#) to help



Holy Wednesday, Tenebrae Service

"It Is Finished" by Mary McDonald

April 1, 7:00 PM



After our final soup supper, join the Seraphim Choir and guest musicians for a special Holy Week offering. Tenebrae allows us to enter into a deeper experience of Christ's passion through scripture, music and reflection. Don't miss this unique opportunity! In-person and Livestreamed.

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 7:00 PM

Holy Eucharist (nursery available) + Livestreamed
With special music, feet washing, and stripping of the Altar.

Garden Watch, April 2 & 3

8:00 PM Thursday Night to 8:00 AM Friday Morning

This is a unique opportunity for parishioners to sit in the church for an hour to "stay awake" with Jesus. This symbolic ritual and annual tradition is a solemn opportunity to deepen your Holy Week experience. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.

Good Friday Gospel Reading

April 3, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Join us as we read through each of the gospels from The Saint John's Bible. Sign up for a reading slot today.

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.

Good Friday Service & Passion Reading

April 3, 2:00 PM (In-person & Livestreamed)

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

April 3, 3:00 PM (Outside, weather permitting)

Holy Saturday Service

April 4, 10:00 AM

Holy Saturday Liturgy at the Columbarium

Easter Vigil & Baptisms

April 4, 7:00 PM (In-person & Livestreamed)

Festive Easter Eucharist with Baptisms. [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the Baptism Request Form.

Easter Sunday Services

Sunday, April 5

- 7:30 AM** Easter Eucharist with Trumpet & Soloist
- 9:30 AM** Family Easter Eucharist with Brass Quintet & Choir
- 11:00 AM** Easter Egg Hunt on the Plaza
- 11:30 AM** Festive Easter Eucharist with Brass Quintet, Choir, Incense + Livestreamed

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 5, 11:00 AM

Elementary aged children and younger are invited to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Eggs will be spread all over the back lawn and plaza area. Meet downstairs in the Multipurpose room promptly at 11:00 AM, and don't forget to bring a basket or bag to collect eggs. No RSVP required.



*** Help us fill hundreds of eggs by donating wrapped candy. Drop off in the church office by April 1.**

Our Sunday Forum Series continues throughout March and April, featuring engaging presentations and conversations led by our clergy, special guests, and parish leaders. Each Sunday from 9:15–10:10 AM in the main church Sanctuary, we gather to explore timely topics through the lens of faith, scripture, and the Episcopal tradition. These forums are designed to deepen discipleship, encourage thoughtful dialogue, and strengthen our life together in Christ. Join us in person or online.

March 1

Faith and Democracy

Guest: The Rev. Dr. Deonna Neal

Dr. Neal will explore how the Church can model reconciliation, moral seriousness, and public hope in a divided society one year after a national election.

April 5

Easter Sunday

No Education on Easter

Elementary aged children and younger are invited to our annual Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00 AM. Meet in the Multipurpose room downstairs promptly at 11:00 AM.

March 8

Bravery as a Spiritual Practice

Guest: Bishop Mariann Budde, Bishop of Washington

Join us as we explore Bishop Budde's Lenten practices, her experience navigating faith and politics, and how the Holy Spirit uniquely equips each of us to serve boldly and faithfully.

April 12

Now What?

The Rev. Matt Holcombe

Examine the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus in John, Luke, Matthew, and Acts; exploring how the risen Christ brings peace, restores faith, and commissions his followers.

March 15

Following Jesus - Part 1

The Rev. Matt Holcombe

Explore Jesus' invitation, "Follow me," and what it means to reorder our priorities, habits, and identity around him. Week 1 will focus on surrender, trust, and daily practices that form us.

April 19

Virtual Egypt Pilgrimage - Part 1

The Rev. Matt Holcombe

Explore the biblical significance of Egypt, using many Old Testament stories and the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and how this ancient land shapes our understanding of salvation history.

March 22

Following Jesus - Part 2

The Rev. Vicki Hesse

Reflect on the courage it takes to follow Jesus... loving enemies, serving others, and living differently. Week 2 highlights both the sacrifice and the deep joy that come from a life rooted in Christ.

April 26

Virtual Egypt Pilgrimage - Part 2

The Rev. Matt Holcombe

Visit sacred sites experienced by St. Michael's Pilgrims (Coptic Cairo, the Hanging Church, the Nile, & the Pyramids). See how these places deepened faith and brought Scripture to life.

March 29

Palm Sunday Brunch

All Parish Event - No Livestream

Celebrate Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphant arrival into Jerusalem as we enjoy fellowship with our annual Palm Sunday Brunch after both services.

Watch Forums Online

All forums are livestreamed on YouTube. If you can't be there in person, watch from the comfort of home. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch the Forums on YouTube.

FORMATION

Baptisms at Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 4, 7:00 PM

Prep Class: Saturday, March 28, 1:00-2:30 PM

If you or someone you know desires to be baptized, we would love to "welcome you into the household of God" during the Easter Vigil service on Saturday evening, April 4. A required baptismal prep class will be held on Saturday, March 28, from 1:00 - 2:30 PM. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the baptism request form and to register for the required class. Contact Rev. Vicki Hesse at vicki@stmikeschurch.com with questions.

Education for Ministry (EfM)

2nd Community Gathering

March 17 and March 24, 6-8 PM

Curious about EfM? Want to know more? In EfM, we are reflective practitioners of the way of love. Our core practices invite us to reflect and seek insights. You're invited to join for a two-week book study of Sue Monk Kidd's book, *God's Joyful Surprise*, in which she uses a similar approach to leading a God-centered life. All are welcome for this book discussion, with elements of worship and theological reflection. Contact jennie@stmikeschurch.com for more information or to RSVP.

The Saint John's Bible (TSJB)

Docent Meeting

Saturday, April 25, 9:30-11:00 AM

All are invited to learn more about The Saint John's Bible (TSJB) at the next TSJB docent meeting on April 25. Please join us if you are interested in becoming a docent or just want to have an in-depth look at parts of the Bible not often seen. Please contact Linda with questions: lindajpage@comcast.net.

Celtic Spirituality: All Are Welcome

Celtic Christian Spirituality is an early, nature-affirming tradition from Ireland, Scotland and Wales, emphasizing God's presence in all creation, daily life, and the "thin places" between heaven and earth.

There are two groups at St. Michael's that provide a community to explore these practices. Each group uses a book on Celtic Spirituality that the group has chosen to guide the discussions. You can join at any time and do not need to have read the book.

Thursday nights by Zoom, 6:00-7:00 PM and an occasional potluck. Currently reading *Anam Cara* by John O'Donohue. Contact: Joe Hattick, joehattick@gmail.com.

Friday mornings in person, 9:00 to 10:30 AM. Starting a new book, *A Midwinter God* by Christine Valters Paintner. Contact: Linda Kean, linda@stmikeschurch.com.

Pray & Study in Lent

Rector's Bible Study

Tuesdays, 8:00 - 9:00 AM



Join The Rev. Matt on Tuesdays in the Multipurpose Room for a thought-provoking Bible study diving into the upcoming Gospel lesson for Sunday. All are welcome to explore theological themes, historical context, and practical applications of the passages. No RSVP required. BYOB - Bring your own Bible!

Virtual Compline

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:00 PM via Zoom

Move through Lent with this gentle prayer practice that invites reflection, release, and rest in God's presence. Our Compline group meets Tuesdays and Thursdays for a 10-minute, quiet prayer at day's end. [CLICK HERE Join from Zoom Workplace app - Zoom.](#)

Centering Prayer Gathering

Wednesdays, 10:45 - 11:00 AM (Instruction)

Wednesdays, 11:00 - 11:50 AM (Gathering)

This silent prayer practice, combined with Lectio Divina, is designed to deepen our relationships with God. It's a wonderful way to quiet yourself and experience the Sacred throughout Lent. The optional instruction period is for questions or review of the practice. We meet in the Prayer Room - no RSVP required.

Wednesday Bible Study

Weekly 12:30 - 2:00 PM

The Wednesday Bible study meets in the Chapel. The participants are a broad range of ages, personalities and life experiences who desire to learn, understand and apply God's Word to their lives. Join anytime. No RSVP required.

Friday Evening Online Prayer Group

Fridays, 7:00 PM via Zoom

Looking for a sacred pause to end your work week? This liturgical offering guides participants through prayers, song, and scripture readings using the Book of Common Prayer. The Friday Prayer Group meets online each Friday night at 7:00 PM via Zoom, for 15 minutes or less. Please contact Christine Hudson with any questions: parisdenver76@gmail.com. Click here [Join from Zoom.](#)

MUSIC

Within Our Walls

Rehearsals

Seraphim Choir: Wednesdays Feb 25 - March 25
7:00-8:15 PM

Seraphim Choir: Thursdays, April 16 - May 21
6:30-8:00 PM

Bell Choir: Sundays, 12:15-1:45 PM

Featured Music

Sunday, March 1: The four hand piano stylings of
Linda Page and Ellen Dickerman

Sunday, March 8: Handbell Choir

Sunday, March 29: Bagpipe, Handbells, Choir & Soloists

Spring Concert/Tenebrae Service

“It is Finished” by Mary McDonold

April 1, 7:00 PM

Join the Seraphim Choir and guest musicians for a special Holy Week offering. Tenebrae is essentially a Holy Week Lessons & Carols that allows us to more deeply experience Christ's passion through scripture, music and reflection. You won't want to miss this powerful service.

Beyond Our Walls

“Mostly Mozart”

Saturday, March 14, 3:00 PM

First United Methodist Church

Several singers from St. Michael's are joining Soli Deo Gloria Choir for this glorious concert of masterworks before they head to Carnegie Hall in April!

“Requiem” by John Rutter

Friday, April 3, 6:30 PM

First United Methodist Church

St. Michael's Seraphim choir is joining the FUMC Chancel Choir for this brilliant Good Friday concert with full orchestra.

“I Remember”

Sunday, April 12, 3:00 PM

Temple Shalom

Based on *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*. Featuring soloist Amalia Dobbins with flute, cello, and harp.

CREATION CARE



Landscaping as Stewardship

Scripture calls us to work and keep God's garden (Genesis 2:15) – what St Michael's calls Creation Care. One way we do so is by nurturing our landscapes in ways that conserve water but also reduce wildfire risk. Tending our land with wisdom and caution is both a practical way to “love your neighbor” and an act of faithful stewardship of the world the Creator has entrusted to us.

Practicing Faithful Earth Stewardship

Honoring God's creation involves adopting practices that conserve precious resources like water and protect the local ecosystem. Consider these sustainable, fire-wise practices:

- Create a tiered Home Ignition Zone approach: Keep the first five feet around your home non-combustible (rock or gravel instead of mulch), clear gutters, and trim branches away from chimneys and rooflines.
- Prioritize Native, Deciduous Species: Swap out highly flammable evergreens (like junipers and pines) for fire-resistant native hardwoods (like maples, aspens and cherry trees) near structures.
- Embrace Xeriscaping: Use plants such as Russian Sage, Blanket Flower, and Penstemon suited to our semi-arid climate to reduce excessive summer watering.
- Switch to Drip Irrigation: Deliver water directly to roots with 90% efficiency, preventing the 35% loss to evaporation common with standard sprinklers.
- Create “Planting Islands”: Group plants into small clusters separated by hardscape areas to slow potential fire spread.
- Use Eco-Friendly Mulch: In areas at least 15 feet from home, use organic mulch to retain soil moisture; use rock or gravel closer in to serve as a firebreak.

Maintenance as a Spiritual Discipline

Caring for the earth is an ongoing work of “tending.” Keeping grass at a maximum height of four inches prevents it from becoming “fine fuel” in summer heat, and thinning dead branches while raking leaf litter helps your garden remain a lush sanctuary – a “pilot plant” of the restoration the Gospel brings to the physical world. Landscaping with safety and sustainability in mind witnesses to our community that we value the masterpiece God has made.

FELLOWSHIP

Recurring Groups

SMASH (60+)

Thursday, April 23, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Don't miss this SMASHing good time with Rev. Matt as the Bingo Caller in the Parish Hall. It will sure B-1 fun afternoon full of laughter, fellowship, and a bit of holy competition for our Seniors (60+) SMASH group! B-4 you know it; you'll be yelling BINGO and winning prizes. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP. Email Nancy at nancy@stmikeschurch.com with any questions.

4EVER 40

4Ever 40 (40s & 50s+)

Tuesday, March 3, 7:00 PM

If you're in your 40s or 50s (or feel that in spirit!), join us for an evening of friendly competition and connection at Good Company Bar (7625 N. Union Blvd.). The Trivia Contest kicks off at 7:00 PM; come early to grab a spot on one of our spirited teams. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP so we can save you a seat!

Young Adults (20s & 30s)

Monthly "Gather Pikes Peak" Get Togethers

March 13, 6:30-8:00 PM - "The Shamrock Heist" - Peel House, First Lutheran Church

April 10, 6:30-8:00 PM - "Echoes of the Empty Tomb" - Peel House, First Lutheran Church

All are invited! Contact Bailey at bailey@stmikeschurch.com.

People Who Read

6:00 - 8:00 PM

This is a great way to get to know others while discussing intriguing fiction and non-fiction books intended to spark the imagination and feed the soul. Contact Jennie at jennie@stmikeschurch.com for more information.

March 23 - *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger

April 22 - *Tomboy Bride* by Harriet Fish Backus

Creating Space

Fourth Saturdays, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

March 28: Ann-Noel Spencer will lead a Springtime painting project. All supplies provided. This activity will have a fee and RSVP is required. [CLICK HERE](#)

April 25: Brandy Fields will lead a cell phone photography class. Come learn all the hidden features of your iPhone or Android phone to make the most of your photos.

Special Events

St. Patrick's Fish Fry

Friday, March 13, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

St. Mike's BBQ Ministry is hosting their Annual St. Patrick's Fish Fry on Friday, March 13 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Come gather with us for an evening of fellowship and fun as we honor the patron saint of Ireland. Enjoy an Irish beer, wine, or a non-alcoholic beverage, and savor a delicious meal prepared by the dedicated team from St. Mike's BBQ Ministry. Suggested donation of \$10 per person. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.



Hallway Art Gallery - Save the Date

Friday, April 17, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Be sure to save the date for our next Hallway Art Gallery opening on Friday evening, April 17. Join us for light refreshments and the opportunity to meet and visit with the featured artist (to be announced, with additional details to be shared in the Weekly eNews). This special ministry showcases the talents of local artists, and 30% of all art sales directly support our Outreach ministry partners. No RSVP is required – all are welcome!

Widow & Widower Lunch

Sunday, April 26, 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Widows and widowers of our parish are warmly invited to join the clergy for a special luncheon dedicated to remembering our loved ones and finding comfort in faith and fellowship. Together, we will share a meal, reflect on cherished memories, and be strengthened by the compassion and support of our church family. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.

Parish Camp - Save the Date!

July 17-19, 2025

Cathedral Ridge Camp & Retreat Center

Please save the date for our next Parish Camp at Cathedral Ridge in Woodland Park. Registration will open later this Spring in the Weekly eNews. Stay tuned!



To sign up for an activity, click on the link in the body of the newsletter above, or go to www.stmikeschurch.com/signup.

Program Year Events

Elementary & Youth Sunday School

Sundays: 9:15 - 10:10 AM

Youth Group - Wednesdays

Middle School: 5:30 - 6:45 PM

High School: 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Dinner is provided.

High School Youth Council

March 22, April 26, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Save the Dates:

Vacation Bible School (VBS): June 22-26

Parish Camp: July 17-19

Trailblazer Youth Group

Sunday, March 1, 12:00 - 1:30 PM at Escapology

No Event in April due to Easter

Are you ready to blaze a trail of excitement, adventure, and faith? The Trailblazers are a group of 4th and 5th graders who are on a mission to explore new paths, discover their purpose, and grow in God's love together. Whether they are tackling challenges, learning about faith, or just having fun, they're about supporting each other and making an impact in the world around them.

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up to complete an Escape room at Escapology in North Gate. (Cost \$35 per person and includes food & ticket.)

Bible & Brunch Sundays

First & Third Sundays, 9:00 - 10:15 AM

This new youth formation opportunity invites all 6th through 12th graders to join for brunch offsite twice a month. We will walk through the Bible and enjoy food and fellowship together.

Questions? Contact Bailey at bailey@stmikeschurch.com.

Sages & Sprouts

This initiative partners adult members of St. Mike's (Sages) with children in the parish ages Pre-K through 5th grade (Sprouts) through prayer and relationship building. If you are interested in becoming a Sage or Sprout, please [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the form, get connected with your partner, pray, and repeat.

Email Bailey, Director of Children, Youth, & Young Adult Ministries, with questions on youth events.



Special Events

Youth Camino Fundraising

Now Through May 1

In May several of our youth will take a pilgrimage to Spain and walk the Camino. To make this experience possible for every young person who feels called to go, we need the support of our wider community. Travel, lodging, meals, and program costs add up quickly, and your generosity helps ensure that finances are not a barrier to participation. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the different ways you can support these youth pilgrims.



Diocesan Youth Spring Overnight

March 21 (9:00 AM) - March 22 (12:00 PM)

The Bible is the most important book of our faith. But we all have a different relationship and level of comfort with the Bible. Join your fellow 6th-12th graders for the Diocesan Lock-In at St John's Cathedral Denver where you can come "As You Are!" We will talk about Bible basics, learn why context matters, explore the story, and find our own entry points. After a little formation, we will play games, watch a movie, enjoy some snacks and quality time together! The lock-in will conclude with Sunday service at the Cathedral. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and sign up.

High School Urban Adventure Retreat

April 16 & 17

High schoolers, get ready for a two-day city adventure! We're heading to Denver for an Urban Adventure Retreat packed with team challenges, city scavenger hunts, service opportunities, great food, and powerful group time together. Don't miss this exciting experience! [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.

Spring Middle School Retreat

April 25 & 26

Get to splash, laugh, and stay up late?! We're heading to Great Wolf Lodge Water Park for a full day of slides, waves, and wild fun – then back to church for dinner, games, a movie, and an epic lock-in with friends. Pack your swimsuit, bring your sleeping bag, and get ready for new memories. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.

OUTREACH



40 Days of Giving

Every Lent we support our Outreach Partners with 40 Days of Giving. Printed lists and donation bags are hanging in the Gathering Space or you can [CLICK HERE](#) to download the donation list. Each donation makes a big difference! Drop off donations during Holy Week (March 29-April 5). You can donate 1, 5, 10, or all 40 items. Every donation makes a difference and thank you in advance for your generosity!

Habitat for Humanity Opportunities

St. Michael's is once again offering opportunities to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity at one of their weekly builds at the Sand Creek construction site or their South ReStore where donated materials are sold to the public. No experience needed for either!

Construction Site, April 25, 12:45-4:30 PM

Available spots: 10

The Ridge at Sand Creek, 868 Bidwell Drive

Online registration link or for more info: [CLICK HERE.](#)

ReStore South, May 2, 10 AM - 2 PM & 2 - 5:45 PM

Available spots each shift: 10

ReStore South, 411 S. Wahsatch Avenue

Online registration link or for more info: [CLICK HERE.](#)

St. Andrew's Community Center (SACC)

Over the past several months, St. Andrew's Community Center has experienced meaningful growth in both impact and capacity. Most notably, we have expanded our food pantry from one day per week to three, significantly increasing access for neighbors facing food insecurity and offering greater stability during uncertain times. Rising participation confirms both the urgency of the need and the importance of our presence.

Jon Numair and Rev. Frank Allen are in conversation with two potential community partners whose collaboration could strengthen our social service response and coordinate much-needed gathering space for connection, education, and support. We continue to invest in building safety and security while exploring future facility upgrades to ensure sustainable and long-term service. Watch the Weekly eNews for ways to get involved and support future fundraising for our satellite mission center. Questions? Contact Jon@stmikeschurch.com.

Laundry Love is more than laundry!

St. Michael's community has hosted a Laundry Love ministry since July 2021. This ministry provides more than clean clothes for people experiencing poverty or homelessness – it offers dignity, a welcoming and non-judgmental space and Christ-centered compassion. Over time, the ministry has become a place of trust and relationship. In October 2025, that trust led one guest to seek help for long-term alcohol addiction. Through God's providence and the presence of the Colorado Springs Fire Department's Transition Assistance Team, the guest received immediate support and agreed to begin recovery at the hospital. This moment captures the heart of diaconal ministry, working hand in hand with lay ministry: connecting the Church with the needs of the world and bearing witness to Christ's love in practical, life-giving ways. Through the prayers, generosity, and faithfulness of the St. Michael's community, our Laundry Love ministry helped save a life – demonstrating that this work is not merely about laundry but about sacred service.



Featured Partner: Family Life Services

Family Life Services (FLS) started its ministry to single moms in 1942. Over the years, they have served over 1000 moms and their children. Currently all nine of their apartments are full, housing a total of nine mothers and 20 children. They receive phone requests daily for services as homelessness continues to increase yearly. FLS also has an outreach arm to single mothers in the community called Women of Courage (WOC). This group has monthly meetings, and women are paired with a community volunteer who mentors the WOC mom in parenting, budgeting, and other areas as needed.

As the current apartments are past their "expiration date" with many having been lived in since the ministry began, they will be replaced in order to continue to house their families with dignity. Regional building has approved their development plan, and they will break ground in the summer of 2026 for 19 new apartments. This will also increase the number of families they can serve by 10. For more information on FLS or if you are interested in volunteering, contact Terry Thatcher at tthat39@gmail.com.



American Sign Language Services

Did you know only 25 Episcopal churches in the country offer a regular ASL interpreted worship service? Our next ASL service will be on March 8 at the 10:30 AM service.

Hearing Loss Ministry Meeting

Sunday, April 12, 12:00 - 1:15 PM

The Hearing Loss Support Ministry will meet in hybrid (zoom and in-person) on April 12 following the 10:30 service. The session will be led by Renee Brown and sandwiches will be provided. All are welcome! Please [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP. Email Rev. Vicki, vicki@stmikeschurch.com for more information.



Soul Shop

April 25, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

We are incredibly blessed to have David Galvan, St. Michael's Mental

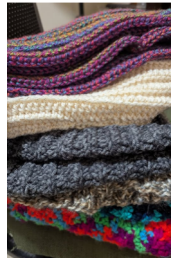
Health Trainer in residence, once again offer - at no cost - this powerful interactive training that equips faith leaders and congregations to minister to those impacted by suicide. [CLICK HERE](#) to see more details and to register.

Every Stitch A Prayer

2nd & 4th Mondays, 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Third Space Coffee Shop

The growth of our hooks and needles community has generated new questions and directions. Does anyone still need yarn, hooks, or needles? We have plenty. Is there interest and need for an intermediate level class? What about a pattern lending library? We continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at Third Space coffee shop. Don't feel like knitting or crocheting? Just come for the fellowship and tasty treats. Contact Sandie Willey at boppiwilley@gmail.com with questions.



Emmaus Road

Resuming April 18

Every other Saturday, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Emmaus Road is a faith-based, eight-week support group for those impacted by the loss of a loved one to suicide. It is led by facilitators who have traveled the same road, and is a safe and helpful place to continue the healing journey. For more information, please email Janet Perreault at janloperr@yahoo.com or Linda Kean at linda@stmikeschurch.com. There is no fee for this ministry. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Caring Freezer

The Caring Freezer provides meals to members of the St. Michael's family who need a little help for various reasons. The need may be based on a temporary situation, such as a family illness or death, or an ongoing situation where a home cooked meal would be most welcomed. If you need a meal, please contact a member of the clergy. Email Rev. Vicki, vicki@stmikeschurch.com or more information.

Pastoral Care Services

If you would like a visit from clergy or a Care Team member, an on-line visit, or a simple phone call prayer, please contact the Rev. Vicki Hesse, Beverly Raider, or Debbie Keith: vicki@stmikeschurch.com, dbraidercolo@comcast.net or dk80817@yahoo.com.

- [CLICK HERE](#) to submit a prayer request.

- [CLICK HERE](#) to reach out to the Care Team for spiritual connection. Care Teams are assigned by the clergy or a Care Team coordinator.

NEW MEMBERS

With grateful hearts we welcome those whom the Lord has brought into our church family since our last issue, rejoicing that, **"We, though many, are one body in Christ."**

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Julia Patterson

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Lent, Holy Week & Easter Services at St. Michael's



March 1, Second Sunday of Lent	Sunday	8:00 AM Worship	10:30 AM* Worship, Choir, Children's Chapel
March 8, Third Sunday of Lent	Sunday	8:00 AM Worship	10:30 AM* Worship, Choir, Bells, Children's Chapel
March 15, Fourth Sunday Lent	Sunday	8:00 AM Worship	10:30 AM* Worship, Choir, Children's Chapel
March 22, Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sunday	8:00 AM Worship	10:30 AM* Worship, Choir, Children's Chapel
March 29, Palm Sunday	Sunday	8:00 AM Worship	10:30 AM* Worship, Choir, Children's Chapel
April 1, Tenebrae Service & Concert	Wednes.	7:00 PM* Service with Seraphim Choir	
April 2, Maundy Thursday Service	Thursday	7:00 PM* Worship with Choir	
April 3, Good Friday Liturgy	Friday	2:00 PM* Worship followed by Stations of the Cross at 3:00 PM	
April 4, Holy Saturday Liturgy	Saturday	10:00 AM at the Columbarium	
April 4, Easter Vigil with Baptisms	Saturday	7:00 PM* Worship with Special Music	
April 5, Easter Sunday	Sunday	7:30 AM, 9:30 AM*, 11:30 AM Worship with Egg Hunt at 11 AM	
April 12, Second Sunday of Easter	Sunday	8:00 AM Worship	10:30 AM* Worship, Choir, Children's Chapel
April 19, Second Sunday of Easter	Sunday	8:00 AM Worship	10:30 AM* Worship, Choir, Children's Chapel
April 26, Second Sunday of Easter	Sunday	8:00 AM Worship	10:30 AM* Worship, Choir, Children's Chapel

*Livestreamed on YouTube & Facebook