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# THE MESSENGER

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

## Annual Meeting Edition

2023

### Welcome to the Annual Meeting edition of *The Messenger*!

In this edition of our parish newsletter you will find everything you need to participate in our annual meeting this Thursday (tonight) at 6:30 p.m. Dinner starts at 6:30, with the meeting following around 7 p.m. and lasting until about 9 p.m.

Page 2 of this newsletter has the agenda for the Annual Meeting, laying out the program for the evening. In the pages that follow, you will find brief messages from our Sr. Warden and our Director of Youth and Family Ministry. You will find information about candidates for vestry and our convention delegation. You will find the financial numbers that will be discussed at the meeting. So dig in and get ready for **TONIGHT!**

We hope you will join us as we lovingly engage in the practical business of the church, preparing ourselves for another year of ministry. May we relax into the comfort and power of our spiritual friendship as we fellowship in Jesus' name.

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# ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

*St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church*

*Thursday, January 19*

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## WELCOME AND OPENING DEVOTION

Fr. David Cox

## OPENING ACTIONS

Debbie Kremers, Sr. Warden

Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum

Adoption of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes of 2022 Annual Meeting

[Click here for a copy of the minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF WARDENS FOR 2023

Fr. David Cox

Debbie Kremers – Sr. Warden

Dick LeClaire – Jr. Warden

Approval of Warden appointments

## ELECTIONS

Debbie Kremers

Vestry Members

Northeast Convocation Delegates

Foundation Trustees

Mary Kidwell, Foundation Treasurer

## REPORTS

St. Michael's Foundation

Mary Kidwell

Parish Treasurer

Carol Zoellner

Report of the Financial Condition of the Parish

Presentation of the 2023 Parish Budget

Junior Warden

Dick LeClaire

Senior Warden

Debbie Kremers

Minister to Youth and Families

Ryan Bloyd-Wiseman

Minister of Pastoral Care

Deacon Suzi Drury

Invite/Welcome/Connect

Deacon Monte Giddings

## RECTOR'S ADDRESS

Fr. David Cox

## RECITATION OF NECROLOGY AND CLOSING PRAYER

Deacon Suzi Drury

## ADJOURNMENT

Debbie Kremers

## From Our Senior Warden

Greetings from the Senior Warden,

As I reflect on this past year as Senior Warden, the best part about this job is that I get to learn from you all what you like about St. Michaels, what your hopes and dreams for the future are and where we need to spend our time, talents and treasures to make St. Michael's even better. Thank you all for taking the time to share your thoughts with me. Please continue to do this.

SENSES, AWAKE! I think this has been the best rallying cry I have ever heard. Not only did it work for our Stewardship Drive, but I feel like we all needed to have our senses awakened as we recover from the pandemic. I love what it represents to all of us...a chance to reconnect with one another and to start feeling again. I was so ready and clearly you were too; it has been great to see so many return to church and to reengage. Thank you all.

Finally, I have enjoyed getting to know the Vestry members. They are a great group of people who sincerely care about St. Michael's. I will miss those who are rolling off and am looking forward to getting to know the newest members and to furthering Father David's passion, mission and leadership.

In 2023...keep your SENSES, AWAKE! Reengage, attend, try something new, make a difference, grow spiritually, make new friends...all in Jesus's name!



Debbie Kremers, Senior Warden

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

# Meet the Candidates

## Convention Delegates

### Electing Vestry Leaders and Convention Delegates

Below are pictures and brief descriptions of the candidates for diocesan convention (two new delegates) and for vestry membership (4 3-year candidates and 1 2-year candidate on this year's "slate"). Traditionally, the nominating committee communicates with potential candidates for vestry and for our convention delegation. These candidates are presented to the congregation at the annual meeting to elect as a group, or slate. That said, the chair of the nominating committee also asks if there are nominations from the floor during the annual meeting itself. The purpose of having a nominating committee prepare a slate of candidates for both vestry and convention is to create a more orderly and kinder election process. Each candidate below was informed of the responsibilities of leadership and responded positively to the challenge. We are grateful for all of them.

#### **ANDREW P. MOHN– Convention Delegate (3 yr. term)**



Andy Mohn and his wife, Lindsay, have been members of St. Michael's & All Angels since 1990. He has served on the Vestry, as Senior and Junior Warden and has been on a search committee. Years ago, when their children were young, Andy and Lindsay taught various Sunday School grades. Their children, Melanie, Andrew and Meghan are now out in the world starting their careers and in Melanie's case starting a family with her husband Brent. Therefore, Andy and Lindsay are recent grandparents with the birth of Melanie and Brent's daughter, Daphne.

Andy recently retired from Waddell & Reed Financial Services, Inc., where he was a Senior Vice President, responsible for all products and services for the Financial Advisor Channel as well as Ivy Funds, Inc. He was a member of several industry associations and served in various leadership roles.

Andy graduated in 1981 with a BS in Business Administration from the University of Kansas. His hobbies include fly fishing (unsuccessfully), growing bonsai and travelling to see his children.

#### **MARK HUNTER– Convention Delegate (3 yr. term)**



My wife Molly and I have been parishioners at St. Michael's since 2010. Both of our children, Lainey (11) and Bobby (9) attended St. Michael's Day School where they learned to love learning from Ms. Charlie and Ms. Sue and love mac and cheese from Ms. Deb! Molly and I had the pleasure of teaching the youngest parishioners at St. Michael's in the pre-k and kindergarten Sunday school class for four years. I have also enjoyed serving as a convocation delegate for the last three years and I look forward to serving another term without the complications associated with the pandemic. Professionally, I am the President at Spring Venture Group a Medicare insurance company based in KC.

# Meet the Candidates

## Vestry

### **Jaime Keltner, Vestry Candidate, 3 year term**



My name is Jaime Keltner. I am married to Jeff Keltner. We have two kids, Nathan-15 and Abbey-13, and are adopting my nephew, Jacob-16. We love to go to the Lake of the Ozarks, play card/board games, and spend time with family and friends. We are also frequently found in the stands at baseball fields and volleyball courts watching our kids play their chosen sports.

We have been members of Saint Michael's for about 10 years. Some things I've been called to do while at STMAA are Children's Chapel, Sunday School, Family and Youth Ministry, Arts Camp Committee, and I was on the last Search Committee as co-chair.

You probably noticed I tend to gravitate towards activities involving children and youth. This is not only because I have kids, but I am also a teacher. I have taught in Kansas City, KS Public schools for about 23 years, all in elementary education. My passion is working with multi-language learners, and helping them acquire better English skills.

I look forward to being part of the Vestry and helping STMAA and its members.

### **Beth Lee, Vestry Candidate, 3 year term**



I am so proud to be an Episcopalian. Raising our children in the Episcopal Church has been a beautiful gift that my husband and I share with them. Teaching them to accept everyone as God created them, question their own beliefs (and sometimes ours), and find God in every aspect of life has been instrumental in our family's faith journey.

Volunteering with the youth at St. Michael's and throughout the diocese brings me such joy, and being an advocate for these faithful, young people gives me hope for the future.

At STMAA, I have volunteered as Children/youth volunteer (Sunday School, VBS, Children's Chapel, Jesus and Me, Children's Choir, Youth Sunday School), Mission volunteer (Lamb Institute in Honduras, Food and You, Alternative Spring Break), Family Ministry volunteer (Family Campout, Pumpkin Patch, Apple picking outing...), and Young Adult Outreach volunteer (organized and sent care packages with letters from STMAA to recent high school graduates annually). I also helped establish a new "All-In" Ministry at STMAA (peer and multigenerational relationship building and caring for others). At the diocesan level, I have served on Campus and Youth Ministry Council and as an Episcopal Summer Camp volunteer at Camp Wood: (Elementary Counselor 2010, Elementary Program Director 2012, Elementary Director: 2013 to present). I would be honored to serve on vestry at St. Michael's.



## Meet the Vestry Candidates *(continued)*



### **Betsy Ordonez, Vestry Candidate 3 year term**

I was born and raised in Memphis Tennessee. I graduated from St. Mary's Episcopal High School. I went on to get my Undergraduate Degree in Art History at the University of Tennessee, where I met my husband Jose Ordonez. Then, I moved to Savannah Georgia and completed my Master's in Fine Art in Interior Design from Savannah College of Art. Jose and I were married in Savannah Georgia, where our first child, Evie was born in 2006. We moved to Kansas City in 2008 for Jose's job and settled in Prairie Village, where our family was completed with Oscar's birth in 2009. I have attended St. Michael's for the past 14 years. I have worn many hats in my life, with my favorite being the Children's Minister at St. Michael's. I love spending time with my family and friends, playing tennis and golf, reading, walking and entertaining my black lab, Tank.



### **Gretchen Sullivan , Vestry Candidate 3 year term**

Gretchen Sullivan: My roots grow deep at St. Michael's. Both my parents and grandparents were founding members of the parish, my father, John Bostwick, was a long-time deacon on the staff, and St. Michael's has been my church home my entire life. I have recently become more active, volunteering for funeral receptions and designing and donating faith/note cards to the Horizon Arts Ministry. I believe a position on the vestry will provide me a greater opportunity to become involved in initiating imaginative new ideas to enhance communication and social interaction within the congregation. I look forward to continued spiritual growth, a deeper relationship with God, and a closer fellowship with one another.



### **Will Henderson, Vestry Candidate 2 year term**

Kelly and I began coming to St. Michael's in 2001, participated in Deacon Giddings' new member class, and officially joined in 2002. St. Michael's was a natural compromise for us. Kelly grew up Catholic. I grew up in the Methodist Church; my dad was a Methodist minister.

We have made St. Michael's our spiritual home for the last twenty years. We have raised our daughters here. Our older daughter is a sophomore at Shawnee Mission East and our younger daughter is a seventh grader at Indian Hills Middle School. Both enjoyed many hours in Penny's Place before moving on to Sunday school and now St. Michael's Youth Group.

I served on the St. Michael's Strategic Vision Committee several years ago. More recently, I have participated in the annual Men's Retreat several times, and currently serve on the Family Ministry Committee.

I am an attorney with a national law firm and Kelly is a Physician Assistant. We live in Prairie Village. We enjoy traveling, the outdoors, and supporting our kids' activities.

# General Responsibilities for All Vestry Members

*As a body, the vestry acts as the legal representative and agent of the parish, with specific responsibilities defined by the canons of the Episcopal Church.*

## **All vestry members should strive to the best of their abilities to:**

- Become a leader in the parish;
- Have a love of God and demonstrate a commitment to following the way of Christ;
- Be active in and knowledgeable about the congregation, its programs and governance;
- Be fair, interact well with people and strive to earn the respect of the members of the congregation;
- Purposefully strive to “check one’s ego at the door;”
- Purposefully strive to be a humble servant of the people, a team player, who does not need to be right on everything;
- Cultivate spiritual practices (prayer, scripture study, meditation, etc.) that nourish one’s relationship to God;
- Have enthusiasm and vitality for this ministry.

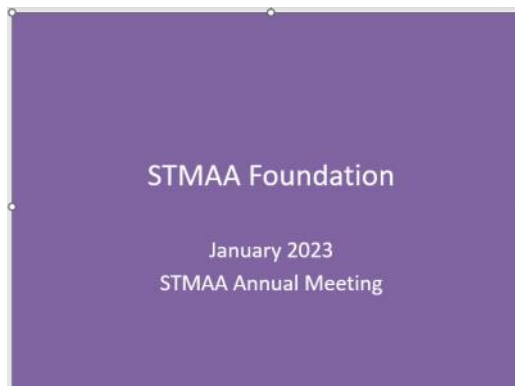
## **All vestry members should be able to make the following time commitments:**

- Vestry meetings, committee work;
- Vestry retreat(s);
- Weekly worship services (rotating occasionally if more than one);
- Participation on one ministry team within the congregation as a vestry representative;
- Congregational events: coffee hours, meals, fundraisers, adult education programs, etc. as a vestry representative;
- Annual meeting in January.

## **All vestry members are responsible for:**

- Helping to define and articulate the mission and vision of the parish;
- Ensuring that the parish acts as a faithful steward of its financial, material, and spiritual resources;
- Offering talents to support the congregation’s ministry;
- Praying daily for the rector, leaders and members of the congregation;
- Cultivating relationships with parishioners, listening for their concerns and ideas, including reaching out to parishioners via email, text, and/or phone calls;
- Providing supportive explanations to parishioners for decisions made by vestry/rector;
- Calling others people to ministry;
- Pledging financial support early in the stewardship campaign;
- Being active ministers of the Gospel in daily life and work;
- Bringing one’s whole self to the table; being present – mind, body, and spirit;
- Risking openness with one’s ideas, beliefs and desires.

# From the STMAA Foundation



STMAA Foundation	
• Assets are professionally managed by Country Club Trust Company	
• Donations, earnings and distributions are not subject to Diocesan Apportionment	
• Foundation Trustees are charged with decisions on the distribution of the funds	

## STMAA Foundation Activity

	2022	2021	2 years
Contributions	+\$ 72,572	+\$112,436	+\$ 185,008
Market Value Change	(\$80,505)	+\$116,064	+\$ 35,559
Distributions	(\$77,537)	(\$73,836)	(\$151,373)

## STMAA Foundation 2023 Grants

Haiti Ministry	\$31,673
Breakfast at St. Paul's	\$24,000
Center for Ministry @St. Paul's - Pantry Ministry	\$15,000
<u>HopeBUILDERS</u>	\$2,000
Crestview School	\$3,500
Project 1020 Inc. Homeless Shelter	\$2,000
Men In Ministry	\$1,000
St. Michael's Music	\$3,131
St. Michael's Youth	\$586
Horizon Arts Camp	\$1,300
The Good Faith Network (disbursed in December 2022)	\$2,500
<b>Total 2023 Grants</b>	<b>\$86,690</b>

## STMAA Foundation

Trust document establishes the Foundation funds are to be used

...in furtherance of the Mission Statement of STMAA...

...to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ...

## STMAA Foundation Assets

### Assets at 12/31/22

- \$1,555,632
- Investment account: \$ 1,440,186
- Other assets: \$ 115,446

### Investment Asset Allocation

### Guideline

• Cash	5.6%	(1%-25%)
• Fixed Income	38.0%	(40%-75%)
• Equities	56.4%	(10%-60%)

## STMAA Foundation 2023 Grants

### 2023 Grant Distributions

- 4 -7% of 12 quarter rolling average balance
- 6.44% = \$86,690

## 2023 Trustees

<u>2nd Term</u>	<u>3rd year of service</u>	<u>2nd year of service</u>
– Mary Kidwell Chair	– Bill Kremers Co Vice-Chair	– John Moore
– Carolyn Boyd Treasurer	– Leta Anderson Co Vice-Chair	– Christine Schipfer
– Beth Crooks Secretary		– Clark Hanner



## From Our Treasurer

### St. Michael and All Angels Operating Fund Recap \$(000)

	2022 Actual	Fav (Unfav) Variance to '22 Budget	2023 Budget	Fav (Unfav) Variance to '22 Actual
Pledge Income	\$892	\$29	\$794	(\$99)
Non Pledge Income	208	116	107	(101)
Day school	45	(1)	49	4
<b>Operating Fund Cash Sources</b>	<b>\$1,145</b>	<b>\$144</b>	<b>\$950</b>	<b>(\$195)</b>
Clergy Employee Expense	\$206	(\$9)	\$225	(\$19)
Lay Employee Expense	357	18	367	(10)
Office and Administrative Expense	\$97	(\$11)	\$86	\$10
Building Operations Expense	105	(2)	109	(4)
Building and Grounds Maintenance	93	(35)	58	35
Program and Worship Expense	25	(5)	20	5
Diocesan Apportionment	212	0	183	29
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$1,095</b>	<b>(\$43)</b>	<b>\$1,049</b>	<b>\$46</b>
<b>Net Operating Cash Flow before Financing and Capital</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>(\$99)</b>	<b>(\$149)</b>
Capital Spending	\$68	(\$8)	\$0	\$68
Interest expense - term & revolver	-		-	
Principal repayment	-		-	
<b>Operating Fund Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$18)</b>	<b>\$92</b>	<b>(\$99)</b>	<b>(\$81)</b>
<b>Year-end Operating Fund Surplus</b>	<b>\$580</b>		<b>\$481</b>	

# KITCHEN ANGELS MINISTRY

## 2022 RECAP

### PARISH EVENTS (NUMBER SERVED)

**Brunches:** February (55); March (45); April (50); May (55); June (65); July (75); August/Rally Day (101); September (80); October (75); November (75); December/Bishop's Visit (107).

**Other Events:** Horizons Arts Festival (45); Newcomers' Lunch & Family Ministry (34).

**Total Served in 2022** **862**

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|----------------------------------------------|------------|
| Sheffield Place—QT Gift Cards                | \$ 360     |
| SafeHome—QT Gift Cards                       | \$ 600     |
| HyVee Grocery Cards                          | \$ 600     |
| Haiti School Ministry                        | \$ 600     |
| St. Paul's Pantry KCK                        | \$ 300     |
| St. Paul's Pantry KCMO                       | \$ 300     |
| Crestview Families Christmas Aldi Gift Cards | \$ 50.00   |
| Uplift Meals (2nd Monday)                    | 1070 meals |

*Glory Bags* for the homeless are available on Brunch Sundays (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month)- *Glory Bags* include socks, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, chap stick, fruit snacks, raisins, snack crackers or granola.

*We appreciate your support in years past by attending Sunday Brunch, and for your generous financial contributions in support of these outreach projects.*

***JOIN US FOR BRUNCH IN 2023!!***

HAITI  
2022

## **St. Michael's Haiti Ministry**

2022 was a good year, thanks to the Foundation and the continued generosity of the parish. The new web site is up and functioning which we plan to begin updating with new photos and podcasts more regularly. We are blessed with a fantastic priest and school building manager; along with our outstanding headmaster. The next large project will probably have to do with the precious preschoolers and kindergarten classes.

Check out  
**[www.stmaahaiti.com](http://www.stmaahaiti.com)**

## From Our Pastoral Care Ministry

### **Pastoral Care Ministry at Saint Michael's in 2022**

Our Pastoral Care's mission is to provide a Christian model of care, support, and prayer in times of need for our parish and for the community. The success of our Team is marked by follow through, accountability, communication, and a heart full of compassion, caring, and love. We work together as a team of 10 different ministries. We put our commitment into action through the giving and receiving of Pastoral Care.



There are parishioners who assist with each of the Ministries, and we are indebted to each one of you as you give your time and talent to Pastoral Care.

From delivering Durable Medical Equipment to preparing meals to crocheting and/or knitting prayer shawls, we are Blessed with these angels who assist the Pastoral Care Team throughout the year. Our heartfelt thanks to all of you.

Our Pastoral Care Team of Ministers are:

Pastoral Visitation: Mary Gitzendanner

Communicare: Jill Crouch ( over 1656 cards sent this year)

Prayer Chain: Kate Capps/ Roxie Drautz

Prayer Shawls: Naomi McCurdy (192 shawls given since ministry began)

Funeral Care and Hospitality: Trish Unruh, Rene Kissinger, Debbie Kremers (12)

Food for Families: Elaine Rhodes (30 meals delivered to those who requested)

Eucharistic Visitors: Suzi Drury (653 communions and 121 services)

Community Outreach: Ellen Shoemaker

Durable Medical Equipment: Dave MacKay and Debbie Kremers

Stephen Ministry: Margie Lundy

Senior Advocate Ministry: Roxie Drautz

We also offer communion services to several of the Assisted Living Places in our community: Shawnee Parc, Glenwood Village, Mission Chateau, The Homestead of Lenexa, Brighton Gardens.

And I want to give my thanks to Roxie Drautz who keeps us informed on the needs and prayers of this parish. She is a very special angel to all of us.

Deacon Suzi Drury, Minister of Pastoral Care



## From Our Music and Arts Ministry

### **Music Ministry (and Arts) at Saint Michael's in 2022**

This past year St. Michael's has been blest with faithful musicians who have brought singing and instrumental music back more fully in regular worship. We miss the 8:30 Sunday service but the combined attendance at 10:00 has continued to grow and it enables new potential for adult formation and parish brunches. Adding more singers to the choir has helped greatly to do more music and to support congregational singing. For the last Easter and Christmas services, we returned to the splendid brass ensembles from the support of the Festival Music Fund, and we were pleased to add youth string players at Christmas. Early last year, the Bingham family gave the church Larry's baby grand piano which is now used weekly for choir rehearsals and offers more potential for musical programs in Spencer Hall. Jerry and the Carpenter Ants helped install a professional dolly on the piano that makes it easily moveable.

Horizons Arts Ministry reaches by intention to a wider circle of St. Michael's community. The guiding committee for this ministry has added several people this year who meet to discuss, plan, and volunteer for various tasks and events. As manager of the bookstore, Horizons was pleased to produce sunflower cards from paintings by Marcia Streepy and Mary Ann White which sold out several times. It was an affirmation of talents among us and a blessing as all proceeds from the sunflower cards went to the Episcopal Church's aid to those suffering in Ukraine. In October of each year, Horizons does a fall festival of music and food. In 2022 the theme was country music and barbecue. We are so grateful to the Kitchen Angels who work with us each year to offer interesting and delicious food that fits the theme. Youth Arts Camp in July, has returned to fuller attendance with children from 25 different elementary schools attending this year! Donna Kirkwood, camp director, along with hired art teachers, engaged youth counselors, and many adult volunteers make a program that children long to return and we have earned good reputation with families who as for more and with public school systems. We are grateful to the Outreach Committee which has continued to give us financial support to make all this possible. Marty Pyle, coordinator for art exhibits in Spencer Hall, retired this year and we are grateful for his many years of service. We continue to invite local artists to display works and this ministry continues to develop creative ways to engage the community and add dimension to our parish through the arts.

Kenneth Walker, DMA  
Director of Music and Arts  
Saint Michael and All Angels  
Episcopal Church  
Mission, Kansas



## From Our Youth and Family Ministry

### **Youth and Family Ministry at Saint Michael's in 2022**

For the first time since I had the privilege of becoming the Director of Youth and Family Ministries here at Saint Michael's, I do not have to start my report with any news about the pandemic and how we need to continue pushing forward while hoping for better times. 2022 was a year of relaunching, and I am happy to report that across the board, there has been spiritual growth and development, the formation of deep friendships, and generous support from all of you.



This year, we brought back Sunday School for our youngest members, where we focused on the most formative stories of our faith and its importance in our lives. Alongside adult leaders from Saint Thomas, we utilized our Godly Play Sunday School rooms and had several volunteers and parents come to learn about this curriculum. We hosted a family movie night (where we learned about All-Souls celebrations through the movie CoCo), reimaged the Saint Nicholas Service, and continue to make plans for us to learn and fellowship together as a parish.

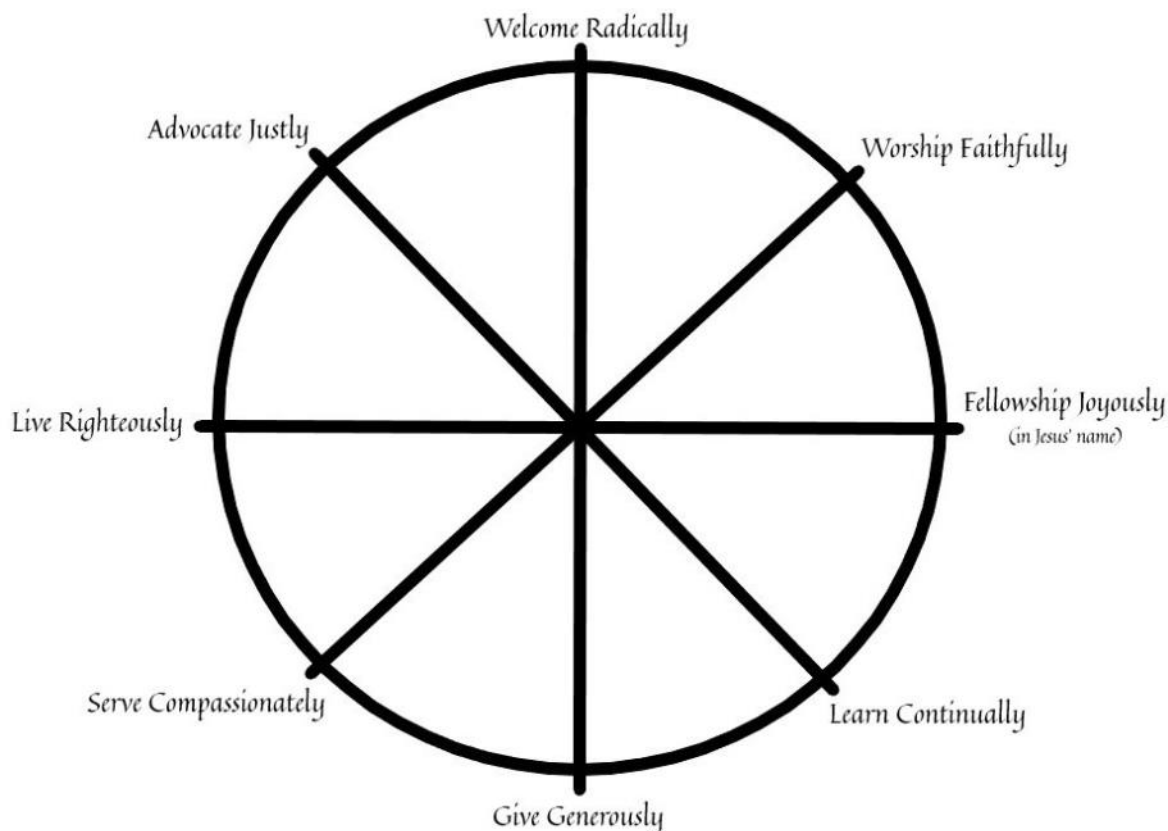
Our youth group participant ages now align with the Diocese, as we promoted 6th and 7th graders before the start of the 2022-2023 school year. The group, on average, has grown consistently, and we are thrilled with the level of participation from all youth in the parish in Sunday School attendance, being acolytes, volunteering to help with the children on Christmas Eve, and representing Saint Michael's at the diocesan convention and on the youth council. We even launched our first post-pandemic trip, skiing at Copper Mountain, at the beginning of 2023.

As a director of youth and family ministries, I will close with immense gratitude to every member of the Family Ministry Team, Sunday School teachers, and Youth Sponsors, without whom ministry with and among our church family would not be possible, to those who lead Sunday School for both youth and children, and to all of you who embrace the sometimes messy, always wonderful gift children, youth, and families, bring to our community—as we all learn from one another how to be people of faith.

Ryan Bloyd-Wiseman

Director of Youth and Family Ministry

# 8 MARKS OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP & CHURCH MEMBERSHIP



1. **Welcome Radically** – Show hospitality to the stranger and to the lonely, embracing the beautiful diversity of all God’s children. All people are welcomed regardless of race, class, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or gender identity.
2. **Worship Faithfully** – Come together in prayer, scripture, song, and sacrament to praise God; place oneself humbly before God as a community of faith. Engage in personal spiritual disciplines or practices that nurture one’s connection to Christ.
3. **Fellowship Joyously (in Jesus’ name)** – Rejoice at the opportunity to be present with one another in various ways. Grow in spiritual friendship with one another within relationships that are themselves rooted in Christ.
4. **Learn Continually** – Take advantage of opportunities (and even lead) in the formation of one’s heart and mind through the study of the Christian faith, its traditions, and scripture. Grow in Christian knowledge and understanding.
5. **Give Generously** – Practice a life of stewardship, recognizing that everything one has—time, abilities, personality, and finances—come from God. Everything we give, including ourselves, already belongs to God.
6. **Serve Compassionately** – Be the love of Christ to those in need by participating in pastoral care or outreach ministries. See Christ in the faces of others; serve them as if they were Christ himself (Matthew 25: 31-46)
7. **Live Righteously** – Ask the question: “What kind of person does God want me to be?” and look to Jesus for the answer to that question. Strive for Christian character and virtue.
8. **Advocate Justly** – Take stands on issues that affect the poor and the oppressed, lending our voices to the quest for justice and true peace for all people. Let the Holy Spirit inspire us to speak prophetically in God’s name.

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## NECROLOGY

*A Prayerful Remembrance of the Loved Ones We Have Lost*

February, 2022 – December, 2022

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servants, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 493*

Robert Harris

Marcia Streepy

John Drury

Paul Leslie

Lynn McGuire

Constance Downing

Stephen Cloud

William Waugh

Calvin Cormack

Janet Batterby

Robert Terrill Hoyland

James Todd



# Celebrating St. Michael's

## 2022 Highlights



Spring 2022  
Holy Week,  
The Great Vigil of  
Easter Service  
and Reception,  
And Youth Group  
Fun!



# Celebrating St. Michael's

2022 Highlights (continued)



Kicking off the  
2022 school year  
with the Blessing  
of the Back Packs  
and Rally Day.





## Celebrating St. Michael's

## 2021 Highlights (continued)



# Looking back at Fall 2022 with the Blessing of the Animals and Ethnic Fest

## Upcoming Events

### **Candlemas Service**

*Thursday, February 2, 7:00 pm*

### **Adult Class: Spirituality—Paths and Practices**

*Sundays, January 29, February 5, 12*

An adult formation series with Mother Lisa Senuta, Mother Rita Kendagor, and Fr. Charles Everson

### **Chili Cook Off & Bingo Night**

*Sunday, February 5, 5:00 pm*

### **Vivien Jennings Visit & Reception**

*Wednesday, February 22 (7:00 am, noon, 7:00 pm)*

### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**

*Tuesday, March 1 in Spencer Hall (5:30-7:30 pm)*

Pancakes, Games, Live Mardi Gras Band

### **Ash Wednesday Services**

*Wednesday, February 22 (7:00 am, noon, 7:00 pm)*

### **Lenten Soup Suppers and Bible Study**

*Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (6:30 pm)*

### **Men's Retreat**

*March 10-11 at Conception Abbey (Friday evening through Saturday afternoon)*

### **New Member/Inquirer Gathering**

*Sunday, April 23, after church in the South Classroom (11:30 am to 1:00 pm)*

## Save the Date

### **Holy Week Services**

Palm Sunday - April 10 (10 am)

Maundy Thursday - April 14 (7 pm)

Good Friday - April 15 (noon, 7 pm)

*Stations of the Cross (7am)*

*Family Stations of the Cross (5:30 pm)*

Easter Vigil Service & Reception - April 8 (7 pm)

Easter Sunday - April 9 (7 am, 8:30 am & 10:30 am)

**Baptisms** April 16

**End of the School Year Celebration** May 6

**Mother's Day Brunch** May 14

**Ascension Day Service** May 18

**Pentecost Service** May 28

**Mega Camp** June 5 -11