

MIKE'S MISSAL

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Who Started That Rumor???

For years I have heard that life around the church slows down during the summer. Because this has not been my experience, I decided to track down the origin of this rumor. Apparently the claim was made on a Sunday morning by someone in a hammock at the lake.

However quiet or busy this particular summer will be at St. Michael's, we have several things in the works. The Search Committee will complete the parish profile and begin receiving names of priests who wish to be considered candidates for the position of rector. **Ministry teams** will fill out the calendar with events for the fall and winter months and begin planning for those activities. **The Christian Formation team** will develop plans for folks of all ages and will provide a calendar of events, including Session 2 of the confirmation class for youth; plans will be announced for an inquirers' class for adults who would like to know more about confirmation (and for anyone who would like to take a "refresher" course). The **Stewardship team** will develop a plan for stewardship education this fall, along with a program to provide all of us the opportunity to pledge financial support for the ministries of St. Michael's in 2016.

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A goal for the coming months is to **improve communication and increase awareness** of the many ministries and programs at St. Michael's. For example, "Exactly what is Godly Play? Who is included, and what is unique about this approach to children's spiritual formation?" "What is BARHD and how is the work of this group related to our parish?" "What resources are available to our teenagers for fellowship and spiritual formation?" "Food and Shelter for Friends: what do they need and how can we help?" "What is the St. Cecelia Guild? Who are the members and what does the guild do?" "As we put together a ministry budget for 2016, what are the various ministry areas and how much money is required for each?"

One other thing: we will have a couple of parish-wide fellowship events this summer. These events will be great opportunities for people from both services to get together, and they will allow us to become acquainted with folks who are new to St. Michael's. Details will be announced soon, and I hope you will participate. The food will be good, the atmosphere will be laid back, and there will be activities for the children.

Tom E. King
Interim Rector

Wonderful Wednesday Ends but Wednesday is still here

Although Wonderful Wednesday's Christian Formation classes have finished for the season, there are still Wednesday night activities that you may be interested in attending.

Check these out:

The Healing/Eucharist service will begin at 6:00 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m.

The Lectio Divina Group at 6:30 p.m.

The Knitting Ministry also begins at 6:30 p.m.

Choir practice, last but by no means least, at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to be a part of these groups at any time. Where else can you find this kind of fellowship and learning experience for free? And what else do have to do on Wednesday night?

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a unique four year learning program in theological education based upon small-group study and practice.

Participants commit one year at a time to meet in seminars led by a trained mentor. Every Christian receives the call to Christ's ministry at baptism. EfM provides the basics of a theological education in order to develop knowledge and confidence about the ministry we all share.

Jeff Baldwin and EAnn Robinson will complete their fourth year of study this month. Congratulations to both of them. Nancy Larsen and Sharon Vaz completed their studies last year. If think you may be interested in attending EfM, talk with James Smith about next year's program, beginning in August.

And the Winners are... This Year's Graduates

Chloé Flanagan (daughter of Suzanne Flanagan) will be granted her B.S. in Leadership and Management Studies with an international business emphasis from New York University.

Adam Streets (friend of Robert Rickner) graduates from the University of Oklahoma with a B.S. in Exercise and Physiology.

Ryan Andrew Punto (grandson of Vivla and Glenn Hill) is graduating from Norman North High School.

John Robertson (son of Lyndsay and Lynn Robertson) is a graduating senior from Casady High School.

Elise Anne Miller (daughter of Jocelyn Pedersen) receives her BA, Cum Laude, from Ball State University.



James Martin Cassidy (son of Brandt Cassidy) graduates with a BS in Computer Science, SUNY at Stony Brook NY

Jonathan Smith (son of James and Martine Smith) graduates from Norman High School.

Winston Smith (son of James and Martine Smith) graduates from Norman High School and Moore Norman Technology Center.

Congratulations, Laura!!

After three years of intensive studies Laura Blazek and her class of deacon candidates will graduate this month. The graduates have decided to have a simple celebration among themselves rather than a more public event. Following the 11:00 service on Sunday, June 21, St. Michael's will honor Laura and celebrate the completion of her formal studies, and we look forward to learning soon when her ordination will take place.

Graduates Come In All Sizes



This is the 32nd graduating class from Southwind Montessori School. Many of you remember when the school was located in what is now our choir room. Carol Zerboni and her staff teach youngsters using the Montessori Method, to aid in developing their creativity and world perspective. What a wonderful way for children to start their life adventure! Thank you Carol and staff for your caring and dedication.

The ECW thanks you and you and you

On May 3rd, the ECW asked that we bring in feminine hygiene items for homeless women and teens in Norman. Hopefully no one has been offended by this display in our Ingathering Space. On the 17th we had a delicious spaghetti lunch to raise funds to purchase more of these items. We didn't count how many people attended but know

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that it was successful because we ran out of food (or maybe it was a lack of planning abilities- let's go with it

was successful). Anyway, the funds raised amounted to \$771.42. This has been a very successful project for helping the Norman community. Sharon Vaz was the motivator behind this project and this is how she responds to your help:

"Thanks for the opportunity to do something that I strongly believe in. Also I had fantastic helpers in the Kitchen - Makenzie Glover and Melissa Gray helped with the food prep, Vicky Blythe and Chris Clarke helped with kitchen clean-up, Lance, Amy and Lynn who provided the extras for the lunch and the Gray and Smith children who set up and cleaned up. Peace and Love"

Thank you Sharon, for the wonderful gluten-free and gluten-full spaghetti with the meat-less and meat-full sauces. You did great for your very first time making spaghetti!!!

Another Opportunity Brought to you by the ECW

The ECW thanks all who helped with our May project and invite you to join us on Saturday, June 13th from noon until 4:00. We will have lunch and again cut scarves for the Norman Community Christmas Dinner. We will also be planning for the St. Michael's birthday party in July. All women of St. Michael's are members of the ECW and there are never any dues, so come join us.

Visit the Book Store!

New items:

Soap and hypoallergenic earrings by Texas Kat Crafts, a business owned by Rosemary Ford's son.

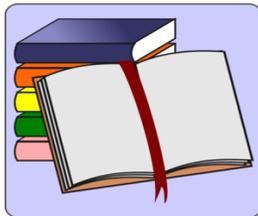


Also available:

St. Michael's baseball hats in gray, blue or tan (\$10 apiece)

Church car decals (\$1.00 each)

... and much, much more ...



Book Store Hours:

Sundays, 10-11:00, and noon-12:30 p.m.;
other times by appointment.

Pentecost Sunday Flurry

What a Sunday!!! We recognized our graduates, officially opened the labyrinth, celebrated Pentecost, enjoyed a wonderful picnic, listened to the Gospel in foreign languages. What a morning. Thank you to everyone who was here to participate and enjoy.

Organ and Piano Update

Thanks to the generous donations of numerous people the organ has been repaired and upgraded to perform more efficiently for years to come. As is usually the case, the repair was more involved and took longer than anticipated. However, the repair cost remained well within the amount donated for the job.

Soon, the piano will be repaired and tuned. Previous donations are adequate to cover these costs as well. Please say a special word of thanks to Jon Roberts and the choir for their unflappable ministry during the weeks without the organ. And, if you are one of the folks who contributed financially to these essential repair projects, thank you again for this generous gift to the worship life of St. Michael's.

Wise Women Luncheon

The Wise Women will meet for their pot luck lunch at the church on June 27 at 11:30 a.m. Joan Hough will be our hostess. This is our last meeting until September. Questions? Contact Betty Eick, 321-3195 (bettyeick@cox.net)

SOAR (Singles Outreach and Resource)

St. Michael's SOAR (Singles Outreach and Resource) group would like to invite you to join us.

We meet for lunch one Sunday a month immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. Our next gathering will be on Sunday, June 28th at Blackbird Gastropub located at 575 S. University, Norman. Guests, friends, family, neighbors and couples are always welcome to join in this lunch fellowship. If you have questions about SOAR or would like to RSVP, please contact Paula Magarian at magarian@ymcanorman.org or Rita Akin at ritaakin@att.net

We hope you will join us in this lunch fellowship.

Episcopal Night at the OKC Dodgers Game

Order by: Friday, July 17th
Saturday, August 22

We are excited to make this opportunity available to anyone in the Diocese. [You can order your tickets](#) (\$10 each) and pick them up at Will Call on the night of the game.

Your ticket will include a Braum's Combo Meal Voucher, Limited Edition Dodgers hat, PlayBall! Game program, and more! We hope you will join us!

For more information, please contact William Fears with the Oklahoma City Dodgers at 405-218-2146 or at william.fears@okcdodgers.com.

Speaking of Baseball (or Softball)

Clark Morter is our coach for the St. Michael's softball team. Get in touch with Clark today if you are interested in being on the team. St. Michael's could use a lot more players. We do have a trophy to defend you know.

Recycle Sunday

June 14th, is the day to have your recyclable aluminum to the church for recycling. Please have pet food cans rinsed and if possible, soda cans crushed. Thank you.

Birthdays

3	Ken Stanton
3	Elizabeth Gillett
3	Deana Ford
4	Karen Goodchild
4	Rebekah Clayton
6	Breanna Gray
7	Andrew Slagle
8	Amy Tointigh
10	Cathy Brown
11	Charles Bradley
12	Liz Wilson
14	Robert Welch
16	Sunday Adegbuyi
16	Adjoa Ahedor
17	Torsten Ekadis
22	Zane Gray
24	Katrina Fann
24	Jack Rozzell
29	John Robertson
30	Karen Nix

Anniversaries

3	Pepper and Sara Haraway
6	King and Paula Price
7	Lorand and Kathy Kyler
17	Robert and Octavia Truehart
24	Bob and Charmaine Magarian
30	Ron and Pat Stiehler

Check the monthly calendar for listings of usual meetings and events. Read the Wednesday E-Missal email and the Sunday bulletin announcements page for more detailed information.

JUNE 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:00 EFM - Library	2	3 6:00 Healing and Eucharist 6:30 Lectio Divina 6:30 Knitting 7:30 Choir Practice		5	6
7 8:30 Service 11:00 Service	8	9 Cleveland County Special Elections	10 6:00 Healing and Eucharist 6:30 Lectio Divina 6:30 Knitting 7:30 Choir Practice	11	12 3:00 Food for Friends 7:00 Wild Men's Night Out	13 10:30 Food for Friends 12 - 4 ECW Lunch, Mtg, Scarf making
14 Recycle Sunday	15	16	17 6:00 Healing and Eucharist 6:30 Lectio Divina 6:30 Knitting 7:30 Choir Practice	18	19 7:00 Wicked Women	20
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