

MIKE'S MISSAL

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From the Interim Rector

This is one of those potpourri articles: not inspirational, but hopefully it will provide some "newsy" information. High on the list is the **ordination of Laura Blazek as a deacon**, and the good news that the bishop has appointed her to serve at St. Michael's. Her ordination is scheduled for Saturday, August 1 at St. Patrick's in Broken Arrow. The service will begin at 11:00 a.m. We will rent a van for those who would like to travel together. Please let Donna know as soon as possible so we can make sure to have room for all who want to ride.

The **air conditioner** serving the choir room, chapel, library, and restroom spaces has expired. A replacement unit is on the horizon. Leaking faucets throughout the church have been repaired or replaced, and conversations regarding landscaping are underway. Also on the horizon is piano repair. Thanks to your generous donations, the organ has been repaired and rejuvenated.

Thanks to a generous gift from Oz and Susie Alfert the church has a **nifty new router**. The router allows us to have a secured internet connection for office-related transmissions, and a public connection for anyone to use. A password is not required for the public unsecured connection.

The Christian Formation Ministry Team is developing an excellent array of **fall and winter classes for all ages**. You will hear more about these plans soon.

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As you know, St. Mike's got talent. I would prefer to say St. Mike's has talent, but who am I to swim up the vernacular stream? This summer and fall **we will celebrate three specific talents: culinary, art and hobby, and stage talent**. You will find an article about the first of these fellowship events elsewhere in the Missal: a celebration of culinary talent as we celebrate the birthday of St. Michael's parish on July 26. I hope you will share one of your favorite recipes in writing ahead of time (by July 12 to be included in a recipe leaflet). Stay tuned for more information regarding the August and September talent events.

You will notice a **basket in the ingathering space**. Each month the basket will serve as a collection place for donations to specific community agencies. Thus far the requests for feminine hygiene products, for socks and underwear, and for shampoo and liquid hand soap have been well received. Keep an eye on the basket and the Missal to learn about the current needs. Please do not feel like you have to contribute something every month. Participate as you choose, and know that your gifts will provide assistance to people in our own community.

Meanwhile, the **Search Committee** is hard at work. What a wonderful response to the request for your input! It will take some time to compile more than 100 replies to the questionnaire, and to put this material into a

parish profile. You will have the opportunity to look at the profile and to provide additional input when discussion groups are scheduled this fall.

One more item: As you know, we are taking a break from the Michelmas Fair because no one was able to take on the task of organizing and overseeing the event. At this point the substitute plan is to have a Bazaar, actually a **Bizarre Bazaar, on August 15**. If someone is able to serve as coordinator for this event it will include a flea market, bake sale, and more. A number of people have expressed their willingness to be helpers, but have declined serving as the head honcho. **Without a leader, we will need to cancel the event.** Please let the church office know ASAP if you are willing to take on this task.

Gratefully,
Tom E. King

A Picture is Worth 1,000 Words



Laura,

We are all so excited for you and especially pleased that you will be staying with us at St. Michael's.



St. Mike's



Talent Culinary

Do you have a stellar recipe for baked beans that your great-grandmother has passed down? Or how about a tasty baked goodie that you have at all your family gatherings? **We know St. Michael's has Culinary Talent!**

On Sunday, July 26th following the 11:00 a.m. service, you are invited to celebrate the birthday of St. Michael's parish with a unique potluck meal. The ECW and the Christian Formation ministry team are partnering to honor our past and enjoy the present with a potluck event showcasing our histories and culinary gifts.

This year, as we gather to celebrate St. Michael's birthday we are inviting YOU to bring a beloved family favorite dish to share. We would also like to share these recipes with other parishioners along with the story behind the dish. The dish doesn't have to be fancy or exotic; simple will work well.

We want to include your recipe in the St. Michael's Got Culinary Talent Cookbook! There will be forms available at the church and on the St. Michael's website

(www.stmichaelsnorman.org). Please fill out with your name, your recipe and the story behind that recipe, and return to the church by July 12. Or you can email to Christi Madden (Christiavon@gmail.com) or Basha Hartley (bashahartley@gmail.com) by Sunday July 12, 2015. A sign-up sheet for set-up, clean-up and food will be provided in the in-gathering space.



Donate to St. Michael's by Shopping with AmazonSmile

How does AmazonSmile work?

When first visiting AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization from almost one million eligible organizations. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization.

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Get started by visiting our website at <http://www.stmichaelsnorman.org/giving/smile>. The link there will lead you through the process.

I Can Contribute How?

Along with AmazonSmile, we also have the Great Lakes SCRIP program and BC Clarke Jewelers who contribute to St. Michael's every time you make a purchase from them.

Every month you can purchase gift cards through the SCRIP program. Give your order form to Melissa Gray or Amy Gardner by the first Sunday of each month. St. Michael's website has more information about this program as well as the order forms, which are also available in the Ingathering Space.

Looking for a special gift for a special someone? Try BC Clarke Jewelers and let them know you want a donation made to St. Michael's. A percentage of your purchase will automatically be deposited in a St. Michael's account. This is a win-win for everyone!

Extreme Couponing... Maybe, Maybe Not

Is anyone in the St Michael's family interested in sharing notes on how to get the best grocery bargains with coupons? Or is anyone interested in learning how to coupon?

Two sessions of St. Mike's Couponers are planned!

Wednesday, July 8 @7:15pm

Wednesday, July 22@7:15pm

Bring your iPhones and iPads! Couponing has become high tech!

Questions? Call Basha Hartley. [405-535-9215](tel:405-535-9215)

Supporting BARHD

Rosemary Ford never stops finding ways to help us support this vital ministry. She asked you to help with donations for medical supplies. She asked you to write letters to the students whom we provide tuition. She asked for your prayers for the teams travelling to Uganda to deliver these medical supplies, letters, and gifts. St. Michael's has come through for BARHD with every request. BARHD sends us a monthly newsletter which is posted on one of our bulletins boards in the Ingathering Space. Take a moment to read these newsletters and find out what a difference St. Michael's and BARHD makes in the world.



Becky Porter (far right) visited St. Michael's, June 24th to receive gifts, letters and donations for medical supplies to take to Uganda.

Recycle Sunday

Recycle Sunday will be 19 July. Please bring your recyclable aluminum cans to the church by that day. Remember to rinse out pet cans. Thank you.



To St. Michael's,

Troop 440 Daisies, Brownies and Juniors wanted to say thank you for letting us use your facility this past year. About 35 girls ages 4-11 met twice a month in the education wing and learned about courage, confidence, character, and how to make the world a better place. We asked Mr. Rick if there was something we could do to show our appreciation, and Mr. Rick had a great idea. It was a lot of hard work, but we spent our last meeting on April 26th moving rocks for your labyrinth. We brought buckets and shovels and gloves and took turns helping each other haul the loads from the rock pile to the labyrinth. When we were finished, we walked the labyrinth together, and we're happy to say that it was a joyful experience.

Thank you again for sharing your space with us.

Sincerely,
Girl Scouts Troop 440



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, July 19th 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.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY: MAY 2015	
BUDGET	25,499.99
FUNDS RECEIVED	29,657.73
OVER/(UNDER)	4,157.74

FINANCIAL SUMMARY: YEAR-TO-DATE	
2015 Budget: 309,950	
BUDGET	129,950.07
FUNDS RECEIVED	129,205.15
OVER/(UNDER)	(744.92)

Birthdays

- 1 Betty McCallister
- 1 Elizabeth Bugher
- 2 Chloe Flanagan
- 5 Tyler Farling
- 6 Susan Stout
- 7 Jane Rauch
- 9 Camille Camp
- 9 Nicholas Fann
- 9 Joshua Williams
- 9 Joseph Bugher
- 11 Keith Stejskal
- 11 Ed Baker
- 12 Samuel Gray
- 13 Bobby Rozzell
- 13 Carol Baldwin
- 15 Monica Ahedor
- 17 Suzanne Flanagan
- 18 Mark Camp
- 20 Daniel Gray
- 23 Debra Baggett
- 23 Karen Larkin
- 24 Sheila Ohl
- 25 Randy Witzke
- 25 Hanna Wright
- 26 Suzanne Moore
- 27 Bob Magarian
- 28 Beverly A. Young
- 28 Paul Goodchild
- 29 Anne Clayton
- 31 Richard Beevers

Anniversaries

- 3 Andrew Fagg and Amy McGovern
- 10 Tim and Judy Kellogg
- 25 Peter and Kathy Rodrigues
- 25 Paul and Liz Wilson

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.

July 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:00 Healing/ Eucharist 6:30 Knitting	2	3	4 Independence Day
5 8:30 Service 11:00 Service	6 Offices Closed	7	8 6:00 Healing/ Eucharist 6:30 Knitting 7:15 Couponing	9	10 3:00 Food for Friends 7:00 Wild Men's Night Out	11 10:30 Food for Friends
12 8:30 Service 11:00 Service	13	14 Cleveland County Special Elections	15 6:00 Healing/ Eucharist 6:30 Knitting	16	17 7:00 Wicked Women	18
19 Recycle Sunday 8:30 Service 11:00 Service 12:30 Vestry Meeting 12:30 SOAR	20	21	22 6:00 Healing/ Eucharist 6:30 Knitting 7:15 Couponing	23	24	25
26 8:30 Service 11:00 Service 12:00 St. Michael's Birthday Party Culinary Talent	27	29	29 6:00 Healing/ Eucharist 6:30 Knitting	30	31	