



Mike's Missal



September 2024

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Sunday Services are 9:00 a.m. (Rite I) and 11:00 a.m. (Rite II)
Live on YOUTUBE

From Mother Ann

Dear St. Michael's Family,

Thank you all so very much for how awesome you made my ordination—whether you were there in person or not. For those who were able to attend—thank you for making that trek to Tulsa—it meant so much to me to have you there. Thank you especially to those who provided snacks. I never made it to the snack table but I heard everything was delicious. I really appreciate your contribution.

Thank you also to all who were not able to be there in person but who were totally there in spirit. I had so many positive messages of good luck and many kind words of support. Thank you for putting so many good thoughts and positive vibes into the universe on my behalf. It meant so much to me.

Thank you to all who supported me throughout this process, especially to my discernment committee and the Vestry who had to commit to this endeavor. Thank you to all members of St. Michael's for your prayers and kind words. Thank you for believing in me and thank you for allowing me to serve as a priest here at St. Michael's.

My friends, thank you for the money you donated so that I could use it to purchase things to aid in my ministry. I have used it to purchase several stoles and a portable communion set. When they arrive, I will show them to you. Thank you also for the St. Michael charm. I absolutely adore it and will cherish it always as it will always represent you all to me.

As Paul said to the Philippians, I say also to you: "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you. . . ." Thank you so much for being such a blessing in my life.

I will close with a blessing for you from Numbers:

*The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.*

Blessings,

+Mother Ann

From Senior Warden David Zittel

Congratulations to Mother Ann Murray for her ordination to the priesthood! Although I was unable to attend personally, about 20 parishioners from St. Michael's did make the trip to St. John's, Tulsa. Many helped with the service and the festivities that followed. I understand the church was packed.

Thanks to all who participated in Laundry Love and with the Rummage and Bake Sale. Laundry Love helped 78 families, and the Rummage/Bake Sale netted over \$1000. All of this occurred on the same weekend of 23rd – 25th.

Deacon Laura Blazek worked many long hours on the Rummage Sale and Amy Gardner led the Laundry Love outreach. Tina Mahle continues to head our Styrofoam recycling efforts.

The budget committee met on August 27th. We are grateful to all of you for keeping up with your pledges over the summer. And a special Thank You to Bailey Williams who volunteered to chair our stewardship campaign this year. Our theme this year is “Walk in Love.” She will be gleaning your individual thoughts about what this means to you in terms of stewardship and will share these with the rest of us in our October missal. In the next few weeks, you will be receiving a pledge card and letters from both Fr. Joseph and from me asking for your support.

Information about our “Homecoming Weekend and Michaelmas Celebration” on September 28th and 29th is on page 6. I encourage all to plan to attend some or all of the festivities. If you know of a former member or friend whom we should invite, please let the church office know. There are numerous past members for whom we do not have current addresses or emails.

Finally, thank you for your continuing support and prayers for my health and help with rides when needed.

Senior Warden, David Zittel

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Book Discussion Group September 1

The book discussion group will meet on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 1 pm and discuss *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. An emotional, rousing novel inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America.

Office Closed for Labor Day September 2

Choir Rehearsals Resume September 5

Worship Committee September 8

The Worship Committee will meet after the second service on Sunday, September 8

Wild Men’s Night Out September 13

Saint Michael’s men’s group will meet for an evening of fellowship and conversation on our usual 2nd Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 13th. Join St. Mike’s men for The Best Steak You Ever Had for only \$20.⁰⁰. Donations are always appreciated. Salad, baked potatoes, garlic bread and a plentiful selection of craft beers complete the menu. Please sign up by September 11. Contact: Brandt Cassidy

Staff Vacations

Fr. Joseph is on vacation through Sept. 13.

Deacon Laura will be on vacation Sept. 13 to Sept. 23.

Nancy will be out of the office Sept. 11 to Sept. 18.

Debi will be on vacation September 17 – Sept. 22.

Brandt & Susie Cassidy Celebration September 15

Brandt and Susie are an integral part of our family of faith. Soon they will start a new chapter of their life together in Vermont, so we will celebrate with them on their last Sunday with us, **September 15th**. Following the service, we’ll have a luncheon of sandwiches, fruit, chips and dessert. We will miss them immensely but want to wish them a fond adieu. (We’ll provide the tissues!) If you would like to help with the luncheon, contact Kathy Rodrigues

Meals for the Unhoused September 19

Sign up for meals through the end of the year. Food is prepared at home and boxed up at 5:00 p.m. on the date. We always need water and extra snacks if you don’t want to cook anything. Contact: Debi Kelley

Saucy Sisters September 20

Saucy Sisters will gather at 5:30 p.m. and dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. on September 20th. Basha will make turkey tacos! The cost is \$10, but your first time is free. Please sign up in the ingathering space. Contact: Amy Gardner.

Vestry Meeting September 22

The Vestry will meet following the service on Sunday September 22nd in the Education Building.

Homecoming at St. Micheal’s September 28-29

St. Michael’s is having a “Michaelmas Memories” Homecoming weekend Saturday, September 28th and Sunday September 29th. See page 5 for details.

Other Ministries, News & Events

Altar Flowers & Sanctuary Candles

Sign up to provide flowers or candles for a particular Sunday. It can be in memory, thanksgiving or celebration. Flowers is \$45, and Candles are \$10. You can either pay ahead of the date or we will send a bill following the Sunday the flowers are on the altar. Contact: Debi Kelley

Altar Guild

We appreciate the beautiful altar on Sunday mornings, and all the work done by our wonderful Altar Guild. If you are available once every few weeks on a Saturday morning to help set the altar and Sunday morning after church to clean the altar, please contact the church office.

BC Clark - Giving to a Community of Faith

The BC Clark family has long held faith and family as a top priority, choosing to be closed on Sundays and continuing the tradition of their church coupon program to give back to the community. When you make a purchase at any BC Clark location, ask the salesperson to give you a "Church Coupon" and 3% of your purchase price will go to the church of your choice. (St. Michael's of course) The donations are designated to support the women's ministry of the church.

Bible Study

The study of the Old Testament continues from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. Come read and discuss with us. Bible Study will be cancelled September 4 and September 11.

Birthday and Anniversary Greetings

We want to send our love to everyone on their special days, but we need to have the dates in our database. We also need birthdates to compile statistics requested by the Diocese. Please give Nancy your information for our records. *We'll keep the year private or celebrate your longevity – however you wish!*

Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group meets at 1:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. Contact: Carol Wittmer

Blessing Bags

Blessing bags are provided to our congregation to share with those in need. When you see a neighbor who appears to be needy, give them one of our blessing bags. Bags contain various items such as water, insect repellent bracelet, crackers, lip balm, body wipes, and other items who may be of comfort. This ministry was initiated by Saucy Sisters.

Book Sale

Our book sale will be **October 26**. Please continue to bring books and other media items and place them under the table in the choir room. Contact: Amy Gardner

Budget & Finance Committee

The next budget meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on October 22nd. The budget is in line with expectations except for some expensive utility and maintenance costs. (See Financial Report) Contact: Amy Gardner

Care Team/Special Events Team

If you would like to volunteer to help with either of these groups, talk to Nancy or Debi in the office or use the sign-up sheets. The Care Team is here to help when you are down. They provide meals if you need them due to illness or hospitalization. If someone is available, they can provide rides to doctor's appointments.

The Special Events team helps with weddings and funerals. Since this isn't something that occurs often, the group could use more volunteers as not all are available when needed.

For both teams we'll send an email when help is needed. Please consider one or both ministries. Contact Debi Kelley

Choir

Evening rehearsals will resume on September 5th at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in singing in the choir, contact Parish Musician, Jon Roberts.

Choir Room

The choir gathered for a workday in the choir room to rearrange Jon's office and to make room for the Norman Community Choir's Music Library that will rent space with us starting in October.

Churches Caring for Creation

St. Mike's Styrofoam drop-off in the garden area is working well! Densifying is weekly at University Lutheran Church, and volunteers are always needed. Contact Doug Bowden at 405-831-9951. Donations for this project should be made to University Lutheran or to St. Michael's for tax purposes. Contact: Tina Mahle

Crafters

Our crafters meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Monday. We make prayer shawls which are given to people who need extra prayers and comfort. Our prayer shawl ministry was started in about 2007 and dozens of shawls have been made and given to others.

We also make items for the Christmas at Sea program, which has been a ministry of the Episcopal Church since 1898! Hats, scarves, and cowls, as well as other items, can be knitted or crocheted to be sent to mariners through the Seamen's Church Institute. You can find patterns at <https://seamenschurch.org/programs-services/christmas-at-sea/patterns-publications/>

For the past several years, we have provided scarves and hats for our unhoused neighbors, made baby blankets to be given at hospitals, decorated paper sacks for Laundry Love, and made other items which support ministries at St. Michael's. We have a closetful of yarn, so choose your project! Contact: Amy Gardner

Crop Hunger Walk October 20

Save the date and new location! The Cleveland County CROP Hunger Walk to help end hunger both here in Norman and around the globe is taking place on Sunday, October 20th in the afternoon. There is a new location this year- Ruby Grant Park, 3110 W. Franklin Rd, in Norman. Watch and listen for more details later in September.

Cursillo Retreat Weekend September 5-8

Three short sentences describe the core purpose of the Cursillo Movement: Make a friend. Be a friend. Bring a friend to Christ. Cursillo is a means of living out our Baptismal Covenant to learn and grow in Christ's love. Dedication to Christ – using the tools of piety, study, and action – allows our faith to become what we need it to be: deeply felt, lived in daily life, and spread by love in word and deed. You are invited to attend a Cursillo weekend.

The next weekend is scheduled for September 5-8, 2024. Other weekends will be scheduled in 2025.

If you have questions, contact Fr. Joseph, Amy Gardner, Kris Taylor, or Deacon Ann Murray.

Discretionary Fund

The last Sunday of each month (September 25) all offering plate cash goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Please consider putting cash in the plate on the last Sunday or donate any time by writing "Discretionary Fund" on a check. These funds are used to address unexpected needs.

Facility Use

Anyone using St. Mike's buildings for a purpose outside of regular church activities, must contact the office and complete an *Application for Facilities Use*. We need to have a record of all activities in our buildings and ensure that usage is appropriate.

Financial Report

Recently we spent over \$800.00 to repair the AC in the Education Building and have a bid for \$986.00 to replace a window in the choir room. Thankfully we are still doing well financially. Thank you for keeping your pledges up to date!

Greeters & Ushers needed!

Receiving a warm greeting on Sunday morning nurtures our relationships and creates a sense of connection. Sign up to serve in one of these important jobs. Specific tasks for these positions are available on the sign-up counter. Contact: Santa Velez.

Lawn Mowing

Summer brings additional expenses with bimonthly lawn and property mowing. Each mowing is \$290.00. If you would like to make a special gift for this maintenance, please indicate "lawn" on your check.

Lectio Divina

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. in the Library

Lectio Divina is a contemplative way of reading the Bible. Dating back to the early centuries of the Christian Church, it was established as a monastic practice by Benedict in the 6th century. It is a way of praying the scriptures that leads us deeper into God's word. We slow down. We read a short passage more than once. We chew it over slowly and carefully and scripture begins to speak to us in a new way. It speaks to us personally and aids that union we have with God through Christ who is himself the Living Word. Contact: Rt. Rev. Wallis Ohl (ret)

Norman Coalition for Refugee Support

Judy Phillips is our representative on the board of the Norman Coalition for Refugee Support. Volunteers are always needed for regular transportation, and to act as liaisons with families. Contact Judy Phillips

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee will not meet in September. Contact Amy Gardner, Deacon Laura Blazek, or Deacon Ann Murray

Piano Donation

An anonymous donor has given us a lovely “new” piano for the choir room. It is beautiful and has a great sound. Thank you!

Prayer Chain and List

Please direct private prayer requests for the Prayer Chain to David Sims at davidsims82420@gmail.com. The Prayer List printed in Sunday’s bulletins will start anew at the beginning of each month. Please submit the names of those you wish to be added to the September published prayer list this week. The list will continue throughout the month, so additions for September be made at any time. Contact: Nancy Littlejohn

Rummage and Bake Sale Report

Thank you everyone for a great sale! We raised \$1,166.37! The money will be used to help fund our presence at the Norman Pride Festival and Parade in 2025. Special thanks go to Deacon Laura for all her hard work and to Debi Kelley for a wonderful bake sale!

Sharon’s Wagon

In September we will collect supplies for Fostering Futures through September. Items needed are: baby sleeping gowns, preemie clothing, socks, underwear, elastic waist pants (for toddlers).

You can also look at their registries: [Walmart.com](https://www.walmart.com) – search Luggage with Love in the last name under baby registry. Or [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) registry.

Sign Up Counter

Opportunities for Participation are on the Sign-Up Counter. We have many ways for you to be involved in the life of St. Mike’s – check it out!

Tea in the Kitchen AI-Anon Family Groups

Tea in the Kitchen AI-Anon Family Group is for the friends, family, and loved ones of someone who is struggling with addiction. All are welcome! We meet on Fridays at 8:00 p.m. in the Education Building.

THANKS!

Dear Friends, thank you for sharing in the celebration of our 50th Anniversary! We enjoyed being with our friends on this special day. Love from Amy and Jim Gardner (and our children, Will Gardner, Katie Rasberry, and Christopher Rasberry)

Vestry at St. Michael’s

This month the Vestry will meet on the 4th Sunday, September 22, after the 11:00 service. All members are welcome to visit vestry meetings. Minutes of the meetings are posted on the bulletin board.

St. Michael’s Website

Every time you take a photo at St. Michael’s, please send it to Katie Blair or Tim Phillips for our website. Please help them out by sending them current information or new photos.

Yoga Class

Join instructor Anne Roberts on Fridays at 9:00 a.m. Each class session is \$10.00.



"Come Home"

Come join us for a
Homecoming Weekend Michaelmas Celebration
at
St. Michael's Episcopal Church
Norman, OK

September 28 & 29, 2024

*This is a joyous occasion for current and former members,
past clergy, and friends of the church
to come together in a spirit of reunion and fellowship.*

Saturday, September 28

Hors d'oeuvres and Dinner at 5:00 p.m.
followed by entertainment and memories

Sunday, September 29

Rite I service at 9:00 a.m.

Rite II service at 11:00 a.m.

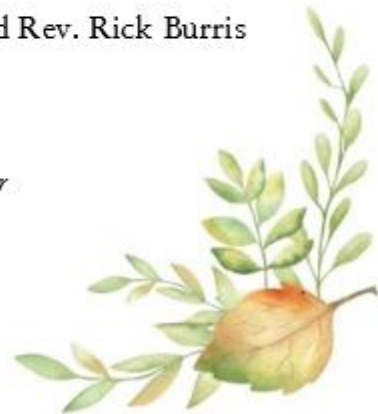
Special service with The Rt. Rev. Wallis Ohl and Rev. Rick Burris

Coffee hour

R.S.V.P by September 15 for dinner

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September Days to Remember

Birthdays

9/3 Clark Morter
9/6 David Henry
9/6 Paul Wilson
9/8 Pam Wallace
9/20 Jaci Williams
9/21 John Hartley
9/24 Peter Rodrigues
9/30 Tom Selvidge

60 Year Anniversaries

9/4/1964 Wallis and Sheila Ohl
9/5/1964 Howard and Suzanne Moore

On the anniversary of their death



9/19/1980 Francis Pierce
9/26/1980 Ruby Little
9/1/1981 Margaret Gibson
9/1/1988 Jewel Ellsworth
9/21/1990 Robert Bard
9/26/1994 Dorothy Dellinger
9/26/1994 Virginia Lee Stiehler
9/27/1995 Pauline Hatch
9/14/2001 Donald Mason Sr.
9/6/2008 Rosalie Franklin
9/6/2010 Suzanne Attocknie
9/13/2010 Miriam Ray
9/4/2013 Dolores Dickinson
9/5/2019 Sara Jean Oxenreider
9/12/2022 Lawrence Larsen
9/14/2023 Daisy H. Martin

Handy Information

If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the office at 405-321-8951 during regular hours, or call Father Joseph, Deacon Laura, or Deacon Ann in case of emergency outside office hours.

Office Hours: Monday – Wednesday 9:00 A.M.– 2:00 P.M. Thursdays 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

St. Michael's Webpage: www.stmichaelsnorman.org

St. Michael's Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/6273015521>

St. Michael's YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZX8EOJFq5VykhE5K9q8eA>
Subscribe to receive update notices when we post new videos for worship or other resources.

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