

Rev, Laura Blazek's Bio

Deacon Laura was ordained in 2015 and has been serving at St. Michael's since. She was a member of the first class of the Iona School of Ministry which is a three-year program to educate both deacons and bi-vocational priests in the state of Oklahoma. Prior to accepting God's call to diaconal ministry, she served for many years as St. Michael's Christian Formation Director and Youth Group Minister. As a deacon, Laura continues her work with the Youth Group, preaches once a month, and strives to keep the needs of the world in the hearts and minds of the parish so that we will all "go in peace, to love and serve the Lord."

Deacon Laura grew up in Norman, Oklahoma. Since her father was Roman Catholic and her mother Southern Baptist, she attended one or the other denominations churches throughout her childhood. She discovered the Episcopal Church through her then boyfriend and now husband. Over time fell in love with the liturgy and tradition of the Episcopal Church and was confirmed in 1989. After graduation from college, life led her and her husband to St. Louis, where she began to become involved in various ministries within the church. Her family returned to Norman in 1999 where she discovered the wondrous parish home of St. Michael's.

Besides being a deacon, Laura is a small animal veterinarian. She graduated from Oklahoma State School of Veterinary Medicine in 1991. She is married to Eric and has grown two children- Joshua and Elizabeth. When she isn't at work as a veterinarian or working on deacon stuff, she enjoys spending time with her family, reading, baking, being outdoors, and maintaining her certified geek status.