



Mike's Missal



January 2025

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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Sunday Services are at 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Live on YOUTUBE at 11:00

From Father Joseph Farber



From Senior Warden, David Zittel

Dear Parish Family,

I have some good news; and I have some good news. First the good news: When putting together a budget for the new year (2025), the budget committee assumes we have nothing in the bank. Although we didn't quite hit our target for pledges, we have enough funds left over from CY2024 to cover our budgeted deficit of about \$24,000. There are some assumptions, though. Namely, that rent, and plate income stays the same, and we can access income from endowments as needed. Thank you to all who pledged and those who were able to increase your pledge. Now for the other good news: The estate of Anne Million has given us a gift of \$20,000 to help pay off a loan we made from one of our endowments to avoid refinancing the loan from a local bank. If we can match that sum, then we can be debt-free and have access to the income from endowments to use for emergency repairs or other unexpected expenses. Also, we would have about \$500 more each month to help with the cash flow. I truly believe this is doable within our parish family during CY2025. Please plan to attend the annual parish meeting after the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, January 26, 2025, as we will have more details about the budget.

In Christ's Love, David Zittel, Sr. Warden

Annual Membership Meeting Sunday, January 26
Following the 11:00 a.m. service
Attendance is not mandatory, but you should come!
It is an important time to review the past year and prepare for 2025.

The Annual Report will be out on January 19 for your review.
Lunch will be shared after the meeting.

We need at least FOUR new Vestry Members to begin February 2025.
Please consider serving on the Vestry.
Contact Senior Warden, David Zittel or Fr. Joseph

We also need names for the ballot for attendees
for the Diocesan Convention October 3 & 4, 2025.

JANUARY EVENTS

January 1

Office Closed Happy New Year!

January 5 Epiphany

1:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group

Contact: Carol Wittmer

January 10 7:00 p.m.

WILD MEN'S NIGHT OUT

St. Michael's men will meet for an evening of fellowship and conversation at 7:00 p.m. Friday, January 10th. For just \$20 you can enjoy giant ribeye steaks charcoal-grilled to perfection, baked potatoes, salad, garlic bread and a plentiful choice of craft beers. Non-steak-

eaters are welcome to bring other items to grill. First-time participants & guests can enjoy all this for free. Please sign up as we need an accurate count for our steak order by January 8th. Contact: Peter Rodrigues.



January 11 9:00 a.m.

Outreach Committee Meeting

January 12 after second service

Worship Committee Meeting

January 16 5:00 p.m.

Care-A-Van Meals Prep for the Unhoused

We are signed up for all of 2025. You can sign up for anything for the year at any time. Make sure to leave your email address for a reminder. If you take the main course you may be reimbursed up to \$50. Contact: Debi Kelley

January 17 5:30 p.m.

Saucy Sisters

Please bring items to share on a Charcuterie Board this month. We meet at 5:30 and dinner is served at 6:00. The suggested donation is \$10, but first timers are free. Please sign up if you plan to attend. Contact: Amy Gardner.

January 19 after second service
Vestry Meeting

January 26 after second service

Annual Membership Meeting & Lunch

We will enjoy lunch together after the meeting.

Discretionary Fund Offering Sunday

St. Michael's will be offering **Walking the Mourner's Path**, a program to help people address grief they may be experiencing. The class will begin February 4, 2025, and conclude April 1, 2025. We will take off the week of Spring Break. Walking the Mourner's Path differs from other programs because it is not open ended. Research has shown that effective grief programs have a beginning and an end. At the heart of the program are eight weekly workshops. It will be led by two lay people and one clergy person. We are going to meet Tuesday evenings at St. Michael's from 6:30pm-8:00pm. The group size is kept intentionally small. The Eight Weekly Workshops:

- Begin and end in prayer - we believe this is central to the ministry,
- Intentionally small - allowing participants the opportunity to share,
- Carefully crafted to work on one concept a week to allow the participants to work through their grief without feeling overwhelmed,
- A workbook for each individual provides the framework with prayers, reflections, and exercises,
- Homework assignments enhance the experience.

It is through the experience of sharing with others and being comforted by God's love that healing occurs.

The Workshop Program fee is \$60 per person.

Please contact Santa Velez, Amy Gardner, or Mother Ann Murray if you are interested in attending the class.

January Days to Remember

Birthdays

1/01 Deandra Warner	1/07 Mary Frances Albert	1/23 Thomas Tahkofper
1/01 Andrew Fagg	1/10 Sue Harrington	1/23 Elizabeth Blazek
1/03 Carla Waugh	1/10 Ann Hamilton	1/24 Suzette McDowell
1/03 Gabriella Valdes	1/11 Amy Gardner	1/25 Ronin Sallee
1/04 Nancy Wakely	1/16 Ann Selvidge	1/27 Jeff Bugher
1/07 Chris Clarke	1/19 Richard Hancock	1/29 Serenity Bugher

Anniversaries

1/29/1990 Jeff and Sonia Bugher

On the anniversary of their death

1/6/1990	✠Inez Price	1/18/2022	✠Eric Zittel
1/6/2022	✠Carolyn Demps	1/18/2020	✠Warren Zittel
1/7/1990	✠Robert Bibens	1/19/1985	✠James Dunn
1/7/2023	✠Eunice Meritt	1/19/1995	✠Dorothy Lower
1/8/2004	✠Margaret Long	1/19/1997	✠Sheila Dean
1/11/1978	✠Nell Snead	1/22/2010	✠Jonell Luttrell
1/11/1986	✠Robert Simmons	1/25/1988	✠Marian Holmaas
1/16/1978	✠Carolyn Gray	1/27/2000	✠Vera Duke
1/17/1988	✠Margaret Wheeler	1/30/2013	✠Carl Melton
1/17/1988	✠Arthur Parduhn		

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to thy never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that thou art doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Handy Information

If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the office at 405-321-8951 during office hours, or call Father Joseph, Mother Ann or Deacon Laura 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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