



# Mike's Missal



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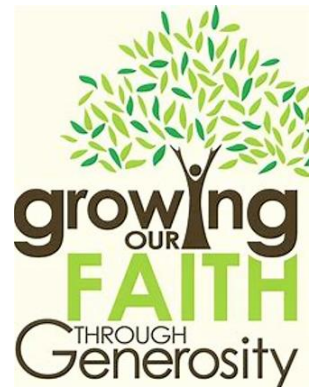
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## Stewardship 2022: God Works Through Our Generosity

Dear St. Michael's,

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, we want to give you heartfelt thanks for your generous support for St. Michael's through your pledges, and all our efforts as *God Works Through Our Generosity* despite all that divides us in today's world. Many of you were able to maintain or even increase your pledges for next year, for which we are so grateful!



For those who have not yet had the chance to make your pledge, we would greatly appreciate your doing so as soon as you are able so that we can thoughtfully plan for the coming budget year.

At St. Michael's, we are committed to living and sharing the love of Christ. By supporting this through all aspects of our common life—creating our worship, supporting spiritual growth, and giving our parish members opportunities to follow the Holy Spirit not only within St. Michael's, but out in the community.

We thank you with all our hearts for your pledge, your presence, and your engagement in God's mission as it is expressed at St. Michael's.

Faithfully, The 2022 Stewardship Committee

### Our WHY? HOW? WHAT?

**WHY?** “At St. Michael's, we are the voice of Christ in the modern world. We hold to the traditions of the Episcopal Church, which welcomes all who desire to know the love of God in Christ, regardless of age, social status, gender identity, race, or cultural heritage, because we are all made in the image of God. We do this through worship centered on the Word of God as found in the Bible, which promises hope, restoration, and reconciliation. We are committed to reaching out to those in the community who are marginalized by meeting their immediate needs through social ministry. We support families and understand the difficulty of finding a church that recognizes personal needs and limitations. Above all, at St. Michael's we care for others and seek to restore all people to unity with God and one another.

**HOW?** “At St. Michael's we live and share the love of Christ.”

**WHAT?** is lived out through our commitment to 1) the homeless and hungry, 2) children's services, and 3) the environment. We support these initiatives primarily through our outreach ministries.

## **From the Senior Warden**

The Rev. Joseph Farber, previously Vicar of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and most recently Rector at the Church of the Transfiguration in Sisters, Oregon, is returning to Oklahoma as Priest-in-Charge at St Michael's Church, Norman. Bishop Poulson recently commented on the new call, "I'm delighted to welcome Father Joseph back home, not only to Oklahoma, but to a parish that is near and dear to him. I look forward to seeing Saint Michael's grow in vitality and in their sense of mission in Norman."

Father Joseph will officially begin his ministry at Saint Michael's on December 1, 2022. He and his wife Jan have bought a home in Norman and Jan has already arrived.



Father Joseph Farber

**Some highlights from The Letter of Agreement between Father Farber, Saint Michael's, and Bishop Poulson:**

All pay and benefits shall become effective on 12/01/2022 and may be adjusted by mutual consent.

### **Annual compensation and benefit figures to be paid by the Vestry:**

- Gross Compensation (Stipend and Housing): \$52,000.00
- Pension Assessment (18% of Stipend and Housing): \$9,360.00
- Medical Insurance Premiums: Opted out due to coverage under Medicare
- Continuing Education Reimbursement: \$1,500.00
- Professional Expense Reimbursement: \$ 3,000.00
- Total Budgeted Compensation: \$ 65,860.00

Father Joseph's scheduled workweek is three and one-half (3 1/2) days of various combinations of either mornings, afternoons, or evenings reflecting the demands of this ministry.

**Saint Michael's has made a commitment to our incoming Priest-in-Charge, and we must have an effective return of pledges to plan for anticipated needs and expenditures as we develop our 2023 Parish Budget.**

**Our Answered Prayer:**

*Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name: We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Peter Rodrigues, Senior Warden

# NOVEMBER EVENTS

## Outreach Meeting November 5

We will review our plans for the rest of this year and discuss plans for the coming year at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 5. Contacts: Amy Gardner or Rachel Armstrong

## Daylight Savings Time Ends November 6

Don't forget to change your clocks and alarm so you are on time for the All Saints' Service 10:00 a.m. Sunday November 6.

## Christian Formation for Children/Youth Discernment November 6

We will meet after the service on Sunday, November 6th. This meeting is open to anyone who wants to help St. Michael's discern how God is calling us to help our children/youth discover more about their faith and ways to engage them in church. Contact: Deacon Laura Blazek.

## Book Discussion Group November 6

The Book Discussion Group will meet at 1:00 pm on Sunday, November 6 in the church library. This month's book is *Educated, A Memoir* by Tara Westover, an unforgettable story about a young woman who, kept out of school by her family, goes on to earn a PhD from the University of Cambridge. The book for December is *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro, a dystopian science fiction story.

The book group meets the first Sunday of each month. Book titles are chosen from the Pioneer Library System's book discussion kits. Contact: Carol Wittmer [carolwittmer@outlook.com](mailto:carolwittmer@outlook.com).

## Election Day November 8

## Wild Men November 11

St. Michael's men will meet for an evening of fellowship and conversation at 7:00 p.m. Friday, November 11th.



For just \$15 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. As always, first time participants and first-time guests can enjoy all this for FREE. Please sign-up as we need an accurate count for our steak order by November 9. Contact: Peter Rodrigues.

## Worship Committee November 13

The Worship Committee will meet following the service on Sunday, November 13th in the library. If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns about worship at St. Michael's, please let one of the committee members know so that they can bring it before the committee. Contact: Laura Blazek

## Meal Prep November 16 For Norman Social Injustice League.

Our next meal prep will be at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16. Our list for volunteers is always on the credenza in the ingathering space. There has been a small group of parishioners doing all the meals. Anyone can sign up to help prepare parts of a meal. Food is prepared at home, then brought to the church to be boxed up. If you do the main course, you can be reimbursed up to \$50 for the cost. We need volunteers for November and December.

Not all spots are taken for each month so the Social Injustice League, who distributes the meals, occasionally need to buy pizzas or other foods to deliver. We had considered doing this twice a month but cannot commit to that with the small group we now have preparing. If you would like to see us help more, let us know. Contacts: Debi Kelley or Amy Gardner.



## Saucy Sisters November 18

Saucy Sisters will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, November 18th. Everyone bring an item for a Charcuterie board – meats, cheese, bread, olives, pickles, etc. The cost is \$10, but the first time is free. Sign-up is in the In-gathering Space. Contact: Amy Gardner.

## Laundry Love November 19

St. Michael's will sponsor Laundry Love on November 19th. Please bring your quarters to support this ministry. We will prepare and distribute 80 lunches and provide free laundry for 50 families. We need \$650.00 to pay for the washing/drying and lunches. Thank you for living and sharing the love of Christ through our community projects.

## **Vestry Meeting November 20**

The Vestry will meet following the service on Sunday November 20th in the Education Building.

### **Advent Event after service Sunday, November 27th**

Advent is a time of preparation. A time to slow down and serve others. A time to remember that Christ was born, not in a house, but in a stable because there were no rooms to be had. We will kick off the season of Advent with our faith formation Advent Event following Sunday morning service on November 27th. At this inter-generational event we will decorate Christmas cookies for our un-housed friends and decorate bags that will contain cold weather items for them. These will be distributed with the monthly meal we prepare. There will be special coffee hour so that we can take time to slow down and spend time in fellowship with each other as we work together in service to others. Food, fun, fellowship, and service- what a great way to start Advent!

## **Mark Your December Calendars!**

### December 4

#### **Reception for Father Joseph Farber & Jan Farber**

On Sunday December 4th, Father Joseph will celebrate his first service at St. Michael's Episcopal Church as our new priest-in-charge. In honor of this wonderful, rejoicing occasion we will be having a reception following the 10:00 service. Please plan on attending church so we can lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving for this next chapter in our community of faith's journey. We also will be celebrating Father Joseph and Jan's ministry with us all. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

### December 7

**Blue Christmas Service 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 7.**



### December 18

#### **Lessons and Carols**

#### **Farewell Reception for King & Paula Price**

With happiness for King and Paula as they begin a new chapter in their lives there is also a feeling of loss as they leave our community of faith. We cannot see them leave without having a reception to thank them for their abiding love of St. Michael's and the wonderful ministries they have so faithfully served over many years.

The reception to shower them with our heartfelt love and gratitude will be held on **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**, following the 10:00 service. So, bring your appetites and warm smiles to send them off on their wonderful journey.

## **Other Ministries**

### **Book Sale**

We are collecting books and other media items for the next book sale. We anticipate a sale next spring. Contact: Amy Gardner

### **Care Team**

We have wonderful volunteers who prepare meals and drive fellow parishioners to appointments. Emails go out to everyone involved and if you can help you simply respond back.

If you need help with meals, getting to appointments, picking up prescriptions etc., please contact us and we will do our best to provide.

This month, we suggest cards of care to:

Pam Wallace, Suzette McDowell, and Brandt & Susie Cassidy. Brandt's sister, Cathy Jo Cassidy, passed away on 10-31-22 in California.

Contacts: Debi Kelley and Rachel Armstrong.

### **Choir**

All interested singers are welcome in the St. Michael's Adult Choir. Rehearsals are at 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays in the Choral Rehearsal Room, just inside the west door in the main building. Contact: Jon Roberts



## Churches Caring for Creation

The public is invited to recycle foodservice and packaging foam at University Lutheran Church, 914 Elm, weekdays from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Entry is from the parking lot behind the church on College St.

Densifying event: 10:00 a.m. to noon, **November 12** at the Norman Household Hazardous Waste Facility 3803 Chautauqua Ave

CC4C is a non-profit group that will gladly accept tax-deductible donations to fund this project. Contacts: Tina Mahle or Cathy Bowden at University Lutheran.

## Crafters

Our crafters meet at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Bring your knitting, crocheting, or other crafts to work on and join the fellowship. Contact: Amy Gardner

## ECW

Donna Young, Debi Kelley and Amy Gardner met for the final meeting in 2022 of St. Michael's ECW. After sending out numerous requests for a new chair and treasurer, no one volunteered so this really was our final meeting. ECW will be no more. Our account will be closed by the end of the year.

We have \$3200.65 in our account. The money will be distributed as follows:

\$1000 Laundry Love  
\$1000 Norman Social Injustice League to make meals and buy supplies  
\$1000 BARHD for scholarships  
\$200.65 into Fr. Joseph's Discretionary Fund

It has been an honor to be involved in ECW for the past twelve years. We hosted our Chili Cook-Offs, yearly birthday parties, Red Tent events, many wonderful and memorable retreats, Dress a Girl, luncheons, speakers, and trips. We have raised funds, made donations to groups in our church and outreach. We have been an important part of St. Michaels. Times change as do people and interest is no longer present. While ECW will no longer be a group, I sincerely hope we will continue to support the women in our church. Saucy Sisters and Wise Women are doing well. Sincerely, Debi Kelley



## Norman Coalition for Refugee Support

Families are still learning how to live in the US, speak English, support their families, navigate for learning and medical needs. It is not easy and they continue to need our help. As we enter a very busy time of year, please remember these families and give what you can. St. Michael's continues to be a strong support for NCRS. You can now visit the website at [www.nc4rs.org](http://www.nc4rs.org). Donations can be made on the website or at church. Thank you all for your kindness and generosity. Contact: Debi Kelley

## Prayer Chain

Members of St. Michael's have committed to praying daily for concerns that have been given to any member of the Prayer Chain. Our Prayer Chain is confidential (not published). Please bring concerns to this group or if you feel called to this ministry. Contact: Amy Gardner

## Sharon's Wagon

Thank you for all the pet supplies donated in October. Our local rescue groups very much appreciate these donations.

We will collect cold weather items in **November**: socks, gloves, beanies, hot hands, blankets, tarps, etc. for the Norman Social Injustice League. Contact: Amy Gardner.

## Ushers, Greeters and Oblationers needed!

Contact: Tonya Fleming at [Tawneyd1970@gmail.com](mailto:Tawneyd1970@gmail.com)

## St. Mike's Website

Remember to check the website at [www.stmichaelsnorman.org](http://www.stmichaelsnorman.org) and send updates to Debi Kelley.

## Handy Information

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If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the office at 405-321-8951 during regular hours, or call 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](http://www.stmichaelsnorman.org)

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

St. Michael's YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZX8EOJFq5VykhED5K9q8eA>  
Subscribe to receive update notices when we post new videos for worship or other resources.

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### **November Birthdays**

11/02 Devan Whittaker  
11/13 Ron Stiehler  
11/14 Luceen Dunn  
11/14 Gary Wittmer  
11/16 Lindsay Robertson  
11/17 Jim Lanphere  
11/18 Nancy Hancock  
11/24 Judy Mahan  
11/16 Avari Gray  
11/27 Carol Smith  
11/28 William Whittaker  
11/29 Delma Porter  
11/29 Deborah Price

### **Anniversaries**

11/04/1983 Tom and Nancy Wakely  
11/10/1973 Andrew and Lilly Stout  
11/20/1971 David Zittel and Mary Meacham  
11/20/1993 Zane and Melissa Gray

### **On the anniversary of their death**

11/1/2016	✠Donald Pearson
11/9/1985	✠Mary Nolan
11/10/1981	✠Lois Robnett
11/11/1991	✠Marjorie De Carteret
11/18/2011	✠Cherie Zerboni Speer
11/22/2017	✠Kathryn Woltz
11/23/2019	✠Thiel Shrewsbury
11/25/1998	✠Francis Cella
11/26/2006	✠Richard Rauch
11/27/1990	✠John Luttrell
11/29/1992	✠Carroll Whitman

*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.*

