

Archangel

Newsletter & Events

LIVING, LEARNING, & LOVING BEYOND OUR WALLS

NOVEMBER 2020



For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea. *We thank you, Lord.*

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ, We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends, *We thank you, Lord.*

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

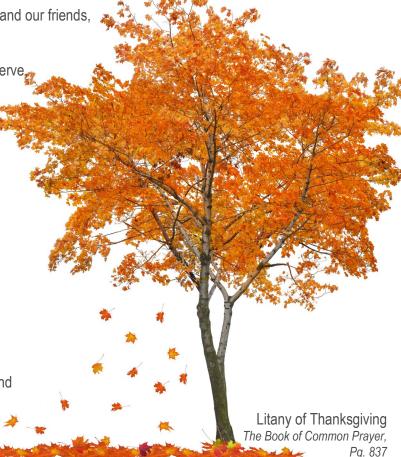
For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity, We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice, We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places, We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.



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Outreach



Thanksgiving Food Drive November 14 & 15 12:00 - 2:00 PM

Mark your calendar November 14-15 for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Donations will be accepted in the parish parking lot both Saturday and Sunday, between 12:00 and 2:00 pm.

This will be the third "physically distanced" drive by St. Michael's in this Season of COVID19. Beneficiaries will be the Mercy's Gate Thanksgiving Basket program and

Family Promise (Sponsor for Interfaith Hospitality Network), however other donations – including personal care items – will be welcomed. Questions? Contact Jim Moore jpmoore@usa.net

Specific items for the Thanksgiving Baskets: 8-15-pound frozen turkey; potatoes (raw or instant); stuffing mix; sweet potatoes (raw or canned); cranberry sauce; canned vegetables; cornbread mix; dessert mix. Note, donated turkeys will be stored in the parish freezer until they can be delivered to Mercy's Gate.

Regular Food Pantry Needs: Canned Tuna; Boxed Meals; Jelly; snacks (granola bars, etc.); dessert mixes; toiletries (toothpaste; shampoo, etc.); dry beans, rice, juice/juice boxes.

Family Promise Needs: Diapers; Lysol or Clorox Wipes; Bleach; Laundry Soap; Latex or Nitrile Gloves; Hand and body soap; shampoo; Feminine Hygiene items; deodorant; Nonperishable food (canned or dry) – canned meat or fish, beans, rice, pasta, etc.; grocery gift cards.

It's Jacket Weather! - "Is this your jacket?"

Do you recognize one of these jackets? If one of them belong to you, call the church office (719-598-3244), to arrange a time to stop by to pick it up.



Make a Giving Plan

Think back to the last time you made a donation. Was it planned or spontaneous? What caused you to feel genuinely passionate about giving? These questions and many more are important to answer when we think about how and why we give. This November, St. Michael's invites you to



give generously and we encourage you to make a giving plan. Budgets may be tight, but giving doesn't always have to include a financial gift. Perhaps you have an abundance of essentials items in your home you no longer use. Could a non-profit in our community benefit from your excess?

Outreach

Red Kettle Bell Ringers December 12 & 19 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM



The COVID crisis has proven to be extremely hard on many residents in Colorado Springs. The Colorado

Springs Salvation Army provides services to help those in need. In the last 12 months, the Salvation Army has:

- Provided 191,718 Hot Meals
- Handed out 9,344 Food Bags
- Provided 80,300 nights of sleep at The Salvation Army RJ Montgomery Homeless Shelter (36,500 were for women and children)
- Paid about \$200,000 in rental assistance
- Paid \$95,000 in utility assistance

Most of us are familiar with the Red Kettle program that the Salvation Army conducts each year around the Holidays. We are accustomed to seeing the bell ringers at many of the local establishments. A large portion of the money that supports the Salvation Army programs comes from the Kettles. This year's success of the Red Kettle program is critical for the Salvation Army to continue serving our community.

Last year members of St. Mike's rang bells for the Red Kettles at the King Soopers on Woodman at Academy. This year we have signed up to support this effort again on Saturday December 12 and December 19 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. We need bell ringers for two-hour periods each day. This is a great opportunity for families to provide meaningful community service. Special care for virus protection including masks, gloves and sanitizer wipes will be provided. To sign up simply go to www.stmikeschurch.com/sign-ups To get more information, contact Rick Couch (rsmileyc@gmail.com) or cell (719)930-9541.

Youth Volunteer Opportunity Haiti Pen Pal Ministry

Did you know St. Michael's sent Outreach Dollars to support a church and school in Haiti in 2020? As the poorest country in the western hemisphere, 80% of the people live on less than \$2 a day. If you are interested to writing letters to the youth in Camp-Perrin, please



contact Allie Holcombe for questions, to sign up or learn more: allieholcombe31@gmail.com.



Operation Christmas Child:

Seeking a coordinator for the annual parish Christmas Box campaign for children around the world. For information about the program, contact Emily McMorran (Cell: 719-660-1165; emilymcmorran@msn.com).

Children & Family Ministry

Children's Sunday School "5 Minute Lessons for Life"

Children's Sunday School does not look like it used to. We can't meet in person for the foreseeable future. However, we have a couple new ways we are supporting families. Every week we have a new video uploaded and linked to our website on a Christian theme. These videos are about 5 minutes



long, and have questions to talk about in your family. The questions cover every age range with appropriate ones to ask your

youngest and on topic questions for adults as well. In addition EACH WEEK, we have downloadable children's bulletins on our website that go along with the week's readings. They are appropriate for ages 3 and above and ages 7 and above. You can find all these resources at: https://www.stmikeschurch.com/sunday-school-at-home

Trunk-or-Treat Friday, October 30 5:00 PM

Join us for a fun, physically distanced, Trunk-or-Treat in the St. Mike's parking lot. We will have a candy slide, costume contest, and prayer pumpkin station.

Prayer Pumpkins

If you missed the prayer pumpkin station at Trunk-or-Treat, grab a pumpkin and permanent market. Have your

child or youth write prayers on the pumpkin and drop the pumpkin off at the church office door. We will put the pumpkins around the altar during Thanksgiving as a reminder that prayers to God come in all different shapes and sizes!



Children's Chapel Family Worship Service Sundays 11:00 AM

Each week St. Michael's invites children (Grade School & Younger) to join us for a fun, friendly, and short 20 minute worship service. The service includes prayer, Bible stories, Show & Tell, and music! Check the weekly news for the Zoom link to join us.



Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry Update

On a blustery day in October we had youth groups that built excellent, made from scratch kites and flew them! What joy to see our designs take flight! During the month of November the youth of our parish are going to have several opportunities to gather and create awesomeness at St Michael's! We have a couple of project days where we will build out a Winter Wonderland designed to amaze visitors to our parish, who can come and enjoy our parish in a safe way. Others will be invited to help, but there will be several youth specific project parts. December will be a time for showing off our work and youth will have an active role in bringing to life what we create on December 11, 12, 18 and 19.



Youth Confirmation

We had a great first meeting. Youth and their mentors are off to a great start. We are meeting online again on November 15, 1:30-3:30 PM. Our next meeting will cover our traditions. Please keep those preparing for Confirmation in your prayers.

Fellowship

Men's Fellowship

7:00 AM Every Tuesday Fellowship 8:00 AM Saturday Fellowship

The next Saturday Fellowship meetings will be November 14 and 28. Interested or want to learn more? All men's groups are "open" and you can join at any time. Please contact Jim Dennison: jdplmoglf@gmail.com or 719-373-0026, with any questions. To join the Zoom calls, click on the links included in the Friday Weekly eNews.

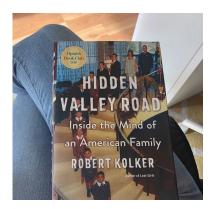
Women Who Read Tuesday, November 10 6:30 PM

We are Zooming again on November 10 at 6:30 PM to discuss *Hidden Valley Road* by Robert Kolker. Our book for January is *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott. Please e-mail micki.rice@yahoo.com, if you plan to attend and have a question about the book ready. Hope to see you all! Micki Rice To join Women Who Read in Zoom:

1. Using an internet browser type in: www.zoom.us/join

2. Input the Meeting ID: 648253547

3. Input the Passcode: 186588



BEYOND OUR WALLS ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP 2021 TOGETHER



While many churches around the country are preparing to reduce their ministries and budgets in 2021 by up to 20%, St. Michael's is boldly, courageously, and prayerfully preparing for an increase, but we need your help! It is truly remarkable to see what God has done at St. Michael's over the past 8 months and how God's love and grace is overflowing in our community! Great things are happening at St. Michael's and we are so grateful this is your spiritual home.

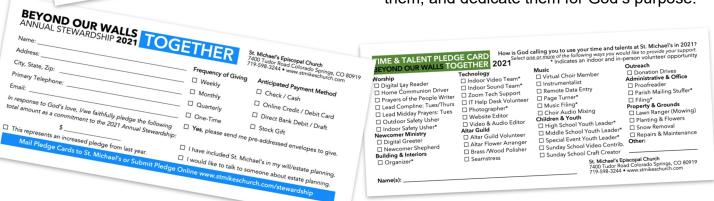
As we prepare to go beyond our walls together in 2021, we are gifted with a dedicated clergy, talented staff, and commitment parishioners who

are helping to build the kingdom one Zoom call, Online Worship Service, Small Group, and New Ministry at a time. However, as a community we must make investments in our clergy personnel, technology, and administrative support staff! These critical pieces are essential for the kingdom building work within and beyond our walls.

Last week a Stewardship Packets was mailed to your home address. We pray that you read through the Rector's Letter and all the materials provided. Once you have read through the packet and prayed about how God is inviting you to respond, we would request that you mail back both pledge cards to the church office before November 15, Celebration Sunday.

Celebration Sunday is an opportunity for us to bring forth all of our gifts and commitments, set them on the altar, bless them, and dedicate them for God's purpose.





Submit your Pledge Cards Online before November 15 www.stmikeschurch.com/stewardship









A Stewardship Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the start of another beautiful day. Please forgive my mistakes of the past and let me see this day for what it is; the first day of the rest of my life. I know whatever time and talents I have on this earth are gifts from you. Help me to use my skills wisely so that in some small way I leave the world a happier place. And Lord, as the temporary steward of the possessions you have given me, guide me in sharing, so that it will be said of me that I am a good, faithful, and thankful steward. **Amen.**







Fellowship & Opportunities to Engage

It's a Zoom Thanksgiving!! Thursday, November 26 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ish)

Happy Thanksgiving

We're continuing the St. Michael's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner – but in a Coronavirus 2020 social distancing way. We encourage each home to prepare a meal and join us together on Zoom to Eat, Celebrate, and Share what you are thankful for during this very strange year.

But let's kick it up a bit. Everyone should prepare a favorite family dish. During our time together we'll share why it's our favorite. And if everyone sends Judi the recipe (jsato@stmikeschurch.com), she'll print a book of all our recipes for each one of us!

Please sign up at www.stmikeschurch.com/sign-ups, so we know how many we are expecting.

To join the Zoom Thanksgiving:

- 1. Using an internet browser type in: www.zoom.us/join
- 2. Input the Meeting ID: 841 1308 1348 Input the Passcode: Thanks
- 3. Click "Join"



Caregiver Support Group November 7 and 21 and December 5 and 19 Online 2:00-4:00PM

This unique and special group supports adults within and outside the parish who are caring for loved ones at home, in assisted living, or from a distance. During these times in which our lives have changed, once again - this group is here to encourage one another and provide a shoulder to lean on. To join this group, please contact one of the organizers below for meeting information. For more information contact

Edwina Burdekin 719-591-6837 eaburdekin@gmail.com Lee Rasi 719-650-4219 lee_rasi@yahoo.com



Thanksgiving Video Messages

What are you thankful for this year? We are

collecting short video messages from parishioners that we will use for a special Service of Thanksgiving. Record your short 15-30 second message with your smartphone (make sure your camera is horizontal) email your video clip to support@stmikeschurch.com or text it to Rev. Matt Holcombe 719-922-1209. Start you video message, "I am thankful for ..." All video messages must be submitted by November 17.

Fellowship & Opportunities to Engage



Christmas Light Festival COMING SOON!

This December we will transform St. Michael's outdoor space into a Winter Wonderland and Christmas Light Festival experience that you and loved ones can walk through. However, we need your help with donations and volunteer hours. If you love Christmas lights, this NEW ministry is for you! This will be a great opportunity for St. Michael's to gather and invite the wider community to our campus. We will institute physical distancing, mask wearing, and the entire event will be outdoors. Construction and planning is underway but we are in need of the following donations:

- New or Used & Working Christmas Lights (any color or style will do)
- Outdoor Extension Cords (any length)
- Chicken Wire

Donations can be dropped off to the clear bins outside the church office doors (24/7). Many thanks to our visionaries: Lily DiSilverio, Elsie Jenkins, Joe Hattick, & Matt Holcombe. If you are handy or full of the Christmas spirit and want to help, email support@stmikeschurch.com.

Vestry Nominations 2021 Grow with us!

In this time of COVID, there are many new ways of doing business and helping the church grow. This year, we are asking for nominations from you... for St. Michael's Vestry. There are three positions available for the cohort that will serve 2021-2023. Logistically, we meet once a month (3rd Thurs via ZOOM), and also, serve on committees that support various areas of ministry within St. Michael's. As a Vestry, we are responsible for the church property, maintaining fiscal soundness, assisting the clergy and staff to carry out the vision of where God is calling us as a congregation. While there is definitely "business" to which we must attend, we also have fun as we grow in faith and love. Please recommend a nominee for Vestry to Kristy Callihan (Senior Warden) at kmcallihan@gmail.com or to any current vestry member. All nominations must be received by November 15, 2020. The final slate, approved by the Vestry and known by the

treasurer, will be shared with the congregation and then presented for vote at the annual meeting in January 2021.



Altar Guild Volunteers Needed

With the arrival of cooler weather, we will be celebrating the Eucharist INSIDE the church as needed. Which means we are looking for people who are interested in preparing the Altar each week. Please contact Patricia Nielsen at 719-648-6266 if you are interested.



New & Noteworthy



Christmas 2020 Poinsettias and Greenery Donation Forms Due Nov. 15

Included in the Archangel is a Donation Form for individuals/families wishing to make a Christmas Poinsettia & Greenery Donation. Give in Thanksgiving or in Memory of a loved one. Please call the church office with questions or email contact@stmikeschurch.com . Cost is \$25 and checks can be made to St. Michael's "Christmas Flower Fund"

To the Family of St. Michael's:

We cannot thank you enough for all the cards of condolence and expressions of support that we received during this time of heartache and sorrow. As a parent, one does not expect to lose a child, especially one so young, vibrant and adventurous. We thank everyone for their memories of Melissa which they wrote in their cards. These memories will help to sustain us in the many days ahead. Melissa was truly one of a kind. Through this past month, we have come to realize just how many people she had touched through her ministry, her friendships, wearing her high heels and just being who she was.

Yours in Christ, Linda & Bob Kean

Weekly Online Prayer Services

St. Michael's has a variety of opportunities to connect with God, in addition to our Sunday services. Some are based on the Bible and some come directly from the Book of Common Prayer. Some are during the day, some in the evening or at the close of the day. Sometimes we'll add music or a video. None of them take that long. Join us!

Tuesday Morning Prayer 9:00 AM Tuesdays

To join, go to: www.zoom.us/join Zoom Meeting ID: 964 112 620 Passcode:767748

Lectio Divina 10:30 AM Mondays 1st & 3rd

To join, go to: www.zoom.us/join Zoom Meeting ID: 981 5320 3406 Passcode: 761428

Contemplative Prayer 2:30 PM Wednesdays

To join, go to: www.zoom.us/join Zoom meeting ID: 420 243 730 Passcode 857242

Evening Prayer 7:00 PM Fridays

To join, go to: www.zoom.us/join Zoom meeting ID: 572 344 157 Passcode: 540642

Compline from the BCP 8:00 PM – Tuesday and Thursday

To join, go to: www.zoom.us/join Zoom meeting ID: 913 9589 3192 Passcode: 636279

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November Birthdays

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3	Simon Phillips
4	Margaret Miller
5	Lania Bryant
6	Robert Forster
6	Josephine Richardson
8	John Watkins
9	Luke Fenton
10	Bill Harriman
11	Les Sharpless
11	Patricia Wilson
12	Patricia Pricenski
13	LuAnn Hanson
13	Rachel Stoller
16	Kendra Liebowitz
16	Aaron Sutherlin
17	Judy Morrill
20	Wanda Berthelot

20	Jeff Heath
20	Linda Kean
20	Emily Keller
20	Diane Verlinde
21	Maurice Gaubatz
22	Elizabeth Valko
25	Crista DeJoia
25	Alexander Keen
25	Lee Rasi

26	Cindy Broin
27	Denise Brown
27	Sheron Marshall
26	Gail Binder
29	Garrett Tompkins
30	Rhona Fletcher

Margaret Arms

26

November Anniversaries

11	Bob and Kim Poli
13	Dave and Jacline Harriman
23	Cliff and Wanda Berthelot
23	Jaan and Terry Raamot
27	Bob and Kay Wettemann
29	Steve and Sue Caruthers

If your birthday or anniversary was not listed here, please e-mail linda@stmikeschurch.com, so we can update our database with your correct information.



Upcoming Holiday Closures:

Wishing you and yours a blessed holiday season. In observance of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years, St. Michael's office will be closed for business on the following dates:

Thanksgiving: November 26 & 27 Christmas: December 24 & 25 New Years Eve: December 31



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It is an exciting time to be part of St. Michael's!

Mark your calendar for these important days & events:

October 30 Trunk or Treat
November 1 All Saints Day
November 11 Veterans Day

November 14-15 Thanksgiving Food Drive

November 15 Celebration Sunday

November 26 Zoom Thanksgiving Dinner

November 29 First Sunday of Advent

Weekly Opportunities to join us and feed your faith: Sundays 9:00 AM Worship / 10:00 AM Virtual Coffee Hour /

Children's Chapel 11:00 AM

