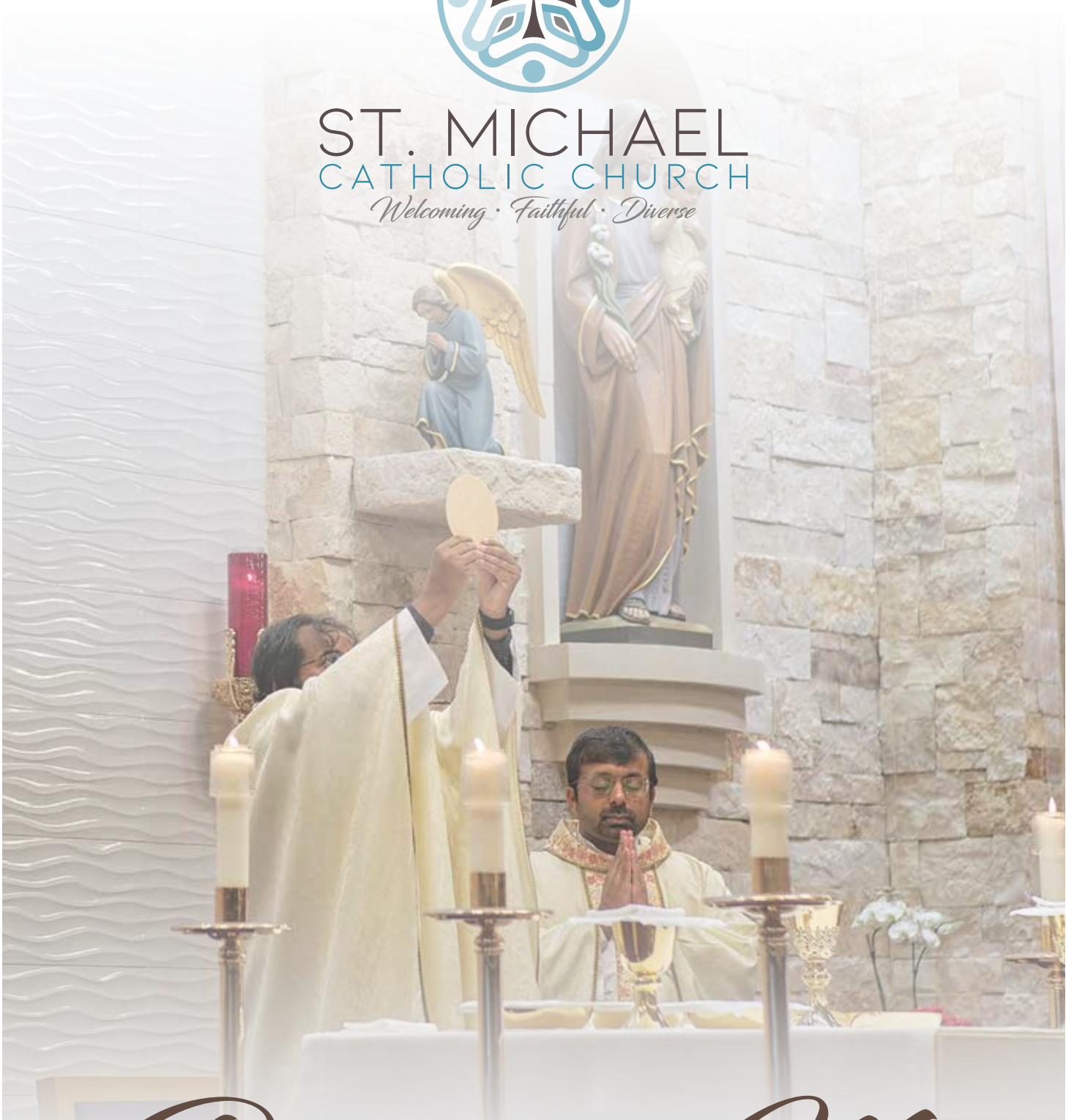




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STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL 2024



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A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

On the eve of His death, Christ washed the disciples' feet, and then spoke at length with them in a most serious manner. He said, "Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."

Today, Christ invites *you* to *Remain in Him* as his modern-day disciple. Will you say "yes" to Him and bear His fruit through the stewardship way of life?

Our parish is holding a Stewardship Renewal because we believe that God wants us to continue to grow as a stewardship parish, a community of people who actively use all their gifts as disciples to continue to build the Kingdom of God. Please join this effort by making commitments in the following areas:

Time: Set aside time for personal prayer and family prayer every day

Talent: Participate in service of those in need through involvement in our parish ministries

Treasure: Commit to giving 10% of your income to God in accordance with the scriptural tithe

Sometimes commitments like these involve sacrifice — but I think you will find that they are sacrifices filled with joy. Why? Because serving God and others is what makes us genuinely happy! Far from being a burden, stewardship allows us to live joyfully as disciples of Jesus.



Please take the time to sit down with your family and prayerfully consider how God is calling you to grow in service to Him this year, and then fill out the included Commitment Card and return it to the parish.

Again, this is not a temporary program. It is a way of life in our parish. Jesus is inviting you to come and follow Him with all your heart, mind, and strength — and with your time, talent, and treasure. Will you accept the Lord's invitation and *Remain in Him*?

In Christ,

Fr. Vijaya Raju Mareedu, SAC
Pastor

Please bring your completed Commitment Card with you to Mass, mail it to the parish office using the enclosed envelope or fill it out online at www.smcchurch.org. Thanks, and God bless you!

Parish History

St. Michael Catholic Church was established on July 20, 1977 by Bishop John J. Cassata. Rev. James R. Miller was appointed the first pastor. On August 1, 1977, the first Mass was celebrated in the rectory on Marlene Street. Approximately 30 people attended the first Mass.

The first Sunday Mass was celebrated on August 14, 1977 in the cafeteria of Harwood Junior High School in Bedford. Originally, our parish was known as the Bedford-Eules Catholic Community but after three ballots that the name St. Michael was chosen by parishioners.

The congregation for the new parish came mainly from St. John the Apostle in North Richland Hills and Holy Family in Irving. Parish boundaries were set encompassing all of Eules and most of Bedford, with a little bit of Fort Worth and Arlington.

By the summer of 1979, our community had grown to 510 families. A multipurpose building was erected on the parish land, and with a growing congregation, there was a need for a permanent Church. The Church and Pastoral Center were dedicated on September 28, 1985.

In 1997 we were once again outgrowing our facilities. Plans were prepared for the Formation Center/ Offices with additional offices, meeting rooms, and youth facilities and we celebrated the construction with a Ground Blessing on May 23, 1999.

On Pentecost Sunday, 2009, we began a weekly Mass in Spanish at 1:00 PM. Attendance at that Mass continues to prosper, as do our ministries that serve the Spanish speaking community. Also, in 2009 we celebrated the ordination of Deacon Sangote 'Ulpiano. Deacon Sangote helps to better serve our Tongan members of the community.

In June, 2011, we added a weekly Thursday Spanish Mass. In October, we celebrated our newly remodeled kitchen and Great Hall, and improved our park facilities on the north end of the property.

In December, 2011, Bishop Kevin Vann installed Father John Swistovich as our new Pastor.

Through the generous donations from parishioners, we added statues of our Blessed Mother Mary and our patron saint, St. Michael the Archangel, in September of 2014.

In 2017, we joyfully celebrated our 40th anniversary at our annual Feast Day Celebration and Festival and installed a new tabernacle in our Sanctuary. In 2018, we welcomed Father Balaji Boyalla, SAC, fondly known as "Fr. B", as our new Pastor and Fr. Mariya James, SAC, as Parochial Vicar.

Our nation and world all changed in 2020, as we dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic. Through it all, we continued celebrating Mass via livestreaming, offered Formation through online classes and provided pastoral assistance to our parishioners.

In 2021, we welcomed Father Jesuraj, SAC, as Parochial Vicar, and Deacon Walter Stone as Chief of Staff. We embarked on a major renovation of our Church Sanctuary, which was blessed by Bishop Michael Olson on Saturday, September 25, near the Feast Day of St. Michael.

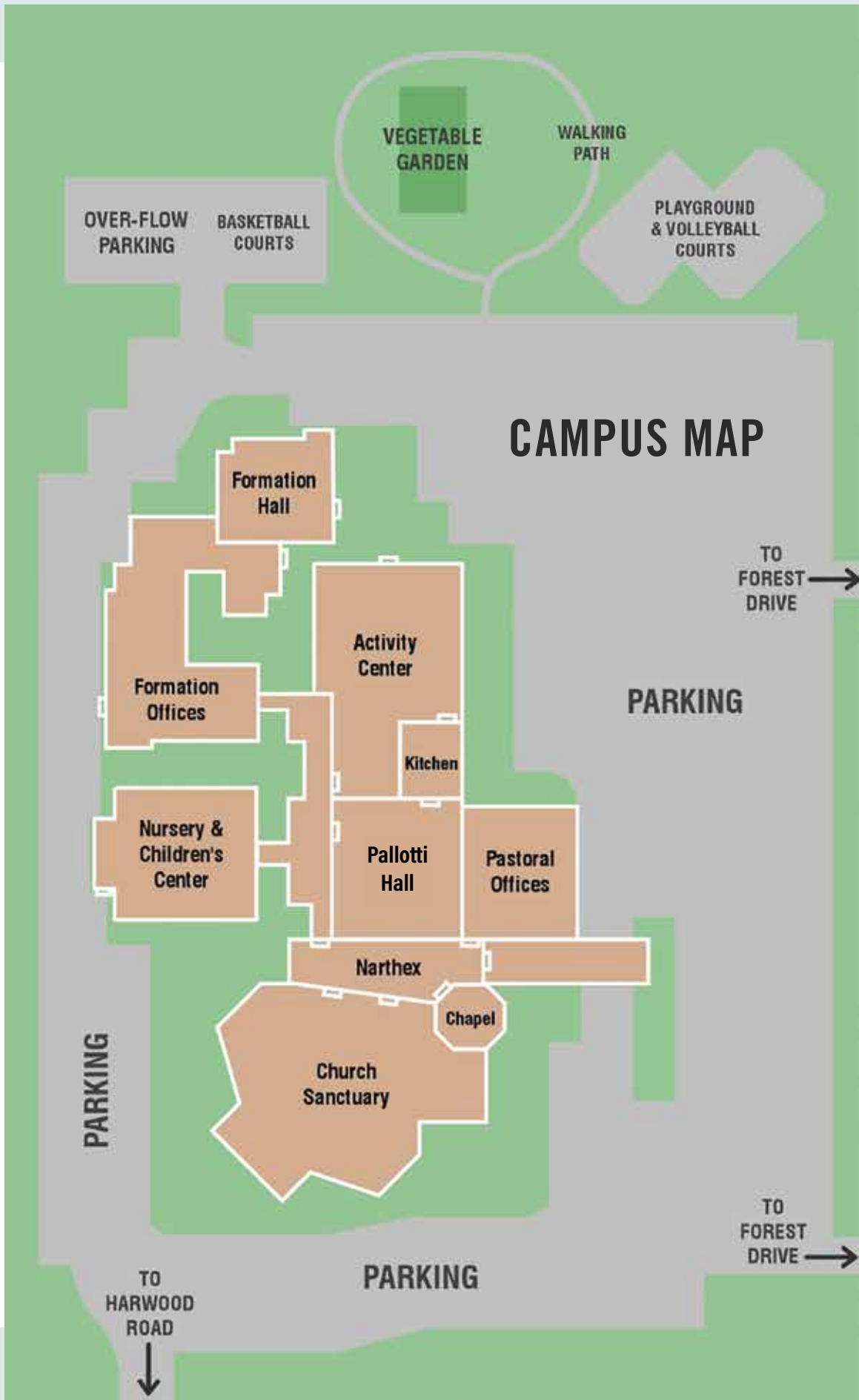
In 2022, Fr. Joseph Pudota, SAC, joined our St. Michael parish community. In time for its 45th anniversary, we welcomed back our outdoor Feast Day Celebration on Saturday, September 17, with a Feast Day Mass on Saturday, September 24.

After five years as pastor at St. Michael, Fr. Balaji Boyalla left our parish to take on the role of Regional Rector of the Gloria Dei Region of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate in India.

In February of 2023, Fr. Vijaya Raju Mareedu, SAC, became pastor of St. Michael. In July, we welcomed our new Business Manager, Enrigue (Rick) Rodriguez, and thanked Deacon Walt for his service to St. Michael and the Diocese of Fort Worth, on the occasion of his retirement.

As our needs grow, the faith and support of our community grow. Whenever we have asked for continued stewardship of *Time, Talent and Treasure*, the St. Michael community has responded with faith and commitment.





Remain in Me

As Christian disciples, it is vital that we are intimately united to Christ. It is Him who we follow. It is His truth that we proclaim. So, it only makes sense that we cannot truly be His disciples without a personal relationship with Him. How can you follow someone you do not know? How can you boldly proclaim a truth about which you are not greatly familiar?

In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells us, “Remain in me as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. ... Apart from me, you can do nothing.”

Most of us are keenly aware that committing to be Christ’s disciples, and, in turn, living the stewardship way of life involves selfless service to God and neighbor. In serving others selflessly, we share the good news of Christ’s boundless, selfless love for all of us. But before we can do that, we must come to know the Lord. This is why the time element of stewardship is so crucial. We cannot truly selflessly share our talents and our treasure unless we are firmly rooted in the one who has selflessly given them to us first.

During this year’s Stewardship Renewal, how can we “Remain in Him” and answer God’s calling to proclaim the Gospel, by our words and by our deeds. The way in which we live should glorify the one who made us. All that we do — at home, at church, at work, and elsewhere — should bring glory to Christ.



“Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.” — John 15:4



MAKING TIME FOR *Prayer*

Our lives as Christian disciples must be firmly rooted in Christ Jesus, for He is the vine, and we are the branches. We must wisely use the time He has blessed us with — spending time in prayer on a daily basis, reading the Scriptures, celebrating the sacraments and so on.

Then, armed with a strong prayer life and an intimate personal relationship with the Lord, we can go out into the world and proclaim the Gospel by loving one another “in deed and truth”.

As Christians, each of us is encouraged to make time for prayer every day. It is through prayer that we receive the peace that can only be found in doing God’s will. There are many ways to practice prayer, and each one connects us to God in a unique way.

Action Steps to Improve Your Prayer Life:

- Pope Francis’ encouragement is to start spending 15 minutes every morning in quiet prayer by reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture. A helpful place to start is the readings for each day, found at usccb.org/bible/readings or on Catholic phone and tablet apps, such as iBreviary, Magnificat, Divine Office or Hallow.
- Thank God for the good things He has given you that you might take for granted throughout the day.
- Examine your conscience before going to sleep and say an act of contrition like we do at Mass.
- Pray with your children each night before bed, giving each family member an opportunity to pray for something and concluding with an *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and the *Glory Be*.

BEING AN ACTIVE *Servant*

Every week, our parish is buzzing with activity. There are groups that pray together, groups that minister to other parishioners, and groups that reach out to the community. Christ Himself taught us that “whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40). When we lay down our wants and desires to serve each other, God blesses our efforts! Will you consider where God is calling you to serve Him?

Action Steps to Become More Active in Service

- Pray about how the gifts God has given you can best be used to serve others.
- Use your Commitment Card to find a parish ministry that will help you grow personally in living out your faith.
- Commit to being faithful to God through those you serve in word and deed.





CONSISTENT AND GENEROUS *Giving*

Our deepest reason for giving is not because our parish has needs, but because we have a spiritual need to give. We are called to give to God from our first fruits, and to recognize that everything comes from Him. Our gifts to God should be out of faith and gratitude for what God has done for us. Just like the apostles who laid down their nets the moment that Jesus called them, we too should lay down everything, even something as important to us as our finances, to follow Christ. God's promise to us is a promise of life and security when we place all our trust in Him. "The Lord will be with you and will never fail you or forsake you. So do not fear or be dismayed" (Deuteronomy 31:8).

Take a Step Toward 10 Percent

At St. Michael, we honor the scriptural tithe. We invite parishioners to give **5%** of their gross income to God through the offertory, **1%** to the diocese and **4%** to other charities.

Using the included chart, find your current percentage of giving, then determine what steps you can take toward giving 10% of your household income. Consider increasing your gift by 1% or 2% increments until you reach the scriptural tithe and be faithful to your commitment, whatever it may be.

Action Steps to Be Financially Generous

- Pray about the best use of your financial resources and ask God to show you where you need to give Him priority in them.
- Evaluate your regular offertory gift and increase it based on what you think God is calling you to give until you reach the full scriptural tithe.
- Make a commitment to give regularly to God through the parish offertory, and be faithful to your tithing commitment, even when you attend Mass elsewhere.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT *Policy*

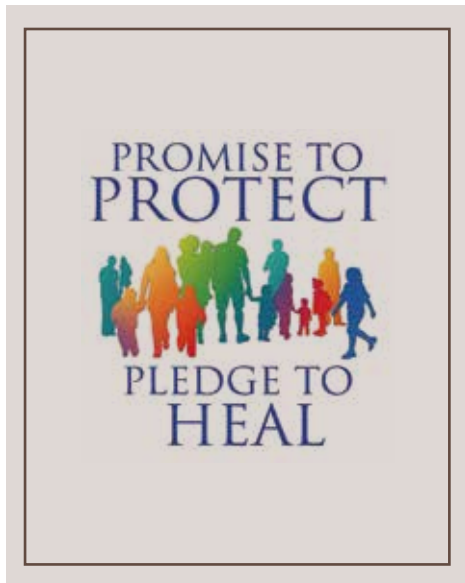
The Diocese of Fort Worth promotes the safety of all individuals with Safe Environment awareness programs in parishes and schools. These programs provide training to safeguard the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of all members of the community.

All volunteers at St. Michael — even those participating in ministries/activities that do not directly involve children — must complete the Diocesan Safe Environment requirements and renew their certifications periodically.

Teen Volunteers (13-17 years old):

Teen volunteers must completely fill out a Youth Ministry Application, agree to the Code of Conduct, and complete the 'Teen Leadership Training' BEFORE beginning their service must renew their training every three years, or until they turn 18.

For more information about Safe Environment requirements, please contact Elizabeth Chanoine, Safe Environment Coordinator, at echanoine@smcchurch.org or 817.510.2734. **THANK YOU** for your cooperation in helping us to maintain a safe environment for the children, youth and vulnerable populations in our parish community.



2024 Ministry Listings

Safe Environment requirements must be completed before beginning ministry service.

Hospitality and Community Life

Administrator: Ann Ness, 817.510.2738, aness@smcchurch.org

AVAILABLE ANGELS

Volunteers help on Friday mornings, after Mass, to place inserts into the bulletin, and to assist with bulk mailings and other office tasks.

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison:

*Ann Ness, 817.510.2738, aness@smcchurch.org,
angels@smcchurch.org*

BAZAAR WORKSHOP

Participants meet weekly on Thursday mornings to create artistic crafts that are sold at the annual fall craft fair. Proceeds raised are donated to local charities and St. Michael. No special talent is needed, and all ages and skill levels are welcome.

Ministry Contact: Carol Dufinetz, craft@smcchurch.org

*Staff Liaison: Fr. Jesuraj, 817.510.2724,
FrJesu@smcchurch.org*

CATHOLIC SINGLES UNITED

This social group facilitates new friendships by uniting single Catholics, ages 21 and older, as part of a community across multiple parishes in the DFW Metroplex. Catholic Singles United members participate in service projects, dinners, game nights, and outings as suggested by the group.

Ministry Contact: Patti Tapia,

catholicsingles@smcchurch.org

*Staff Liaison: Ann Ness, 817.510.2738,
aness@smcchurch.org*

COMMUNICATIONS

Volunteers with experience in Publisher, InDesign, PowerPoint and Canva are needed to assist with bulletin and slide show communications. We also seek individuals willing to photograph and/or video record important parish events, and you must have your own photography and/or video equipment.

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison:

*Ann Ness, 817.510.2738, aness@smcchurch.org,
communication@smcchurch.org*

DATA ENTRY TEAM

This ministry seeks volunteers to enter stewardship renewal information into our parish database. Training is provided. Days and hours to be decided but will be flexible to the volunteers' schedule.

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison: Ann Ness,

817.510.2738, aness@smcchurch.org, data@smcchurch.org

FACILITY COMMITTEE

The Facility Committee seeks parishioners with experience in buildings and ground maintenance to volunteer for general upkeep and repairs around the church, offices and rectory. The Committee is also looking for parishioners with experience in assessing property needs, analyzing bids and project oversight.

Ministry Contact: Chris Munchrath, facility@smcchurch.org

*Staff Liaison: Francis Grosskopf, 817.510.2732,
fgrosskopf@smcchurch.org*

FEAST DAY PLANNING TEAM

These volunteers plan and organize the annual anniversary celebration of St. Michael Catholic Church to provide a festival of fun for families. This ministry meets once a month from April through August, then weekly in September, with a follow-up meeting in October.

Ministry Contact: Sydney Lawson, feastday@smcchurch.org

Staff Liaison: Ann Ness, 817.510.2738, aness@smcchurch.org

FLOWER GARDEN

The Flower Garden Ministry team maintains the flowers and other plant life surrounding the church and provides an attractive appearance for the grounds of the St. Michael campus. This ministry typically meets Saturday morning or as needed during the week.

Ministry Contact: Vickie Boothe, gardening@smcchurch.org

*Staff Liaison: Francis Grosskopf, 817.510.2732,
fgrosskopf@smcchurch.org*

HOSPITALITY

Hospitality ministers build community by providing fellowship opportunities after Mass and at other special events. Volunteer teams set up and serve food and beverages provided by the church and clean up afterwards. Hospitality teams also assist the yearly Parish Mission and other special parish events.

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison: Guillermo Muñoz, 817.510.2735, gmunoz@smcchurch.org, hospitality@smcchurch.org

LEISURE YEARS

This ministry provides social and service opportunities for members 55 years of age or older. The group meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 11:30 AM for lunch and fellowship. Additional social events as well as charitable projects are planned throughout the year.

*Ministry Contact: Jonie Bohnstengel, leisureyears@smcchurch.org
Staff Liaison: Fr. Jesuraj, 817.510.2724, FrJesu@smcchurch.org*

MULTI-MEDIA MINISTRY

Seeking volunteers to assist with livestreaming of Masses, Adoration and special events. Also seeking help with set-up and operation of sound and video equipment during special events.

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison: Dennis Emerson, 817.510.2722, demerson@smcchurch.org, demerson@smcchurch.org

RECEPTIONIST ASSISTANTS

Receptionist assistants answer phone calls and greet visitors to the parish office. Shifts are available Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to noon, and noon to 3:00 PM, and on Sundays from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Being bilingual is a plus!

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison: Lidia Forrer, 817.510.2710, lforrer@smcchurch.org, receptionistvolunteer@smcchurch.org

SAFE ENVIRONMENT FACILITATOR

Facilitators lead the Safe Environment classroom sessions provided to all volunteers at St. Michael. The role of the facilitator is to encourage discussion following the program videos and to assist participants in understanding the role of every parishioner in protecting our children and vulnerable adults. An in-depth training session and an interview are required. Facilitators are asked to commit to leading at least one Safe Environment Awareness Session per quarter (or four per year).

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison: Elizabeth Chanoine, 817.510.2734, echanoine@smcchurch.org, sefacilitator@smcchurch.org



STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

The Stewardship Council encourages all parishioners to recognize their God-given blessings and to share their gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure with the community. The council encourages stewardship as a way of life by supporting opportunities for Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service. Council members are actively involved in planning and promoting the annual Stewardship Renewal (Leadership Gathering, Ministry Fair, Commitment Sunday, and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner), 24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration, and the annual Parish Mission. Meetings are the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

*Ministry Contact: Tracy Gomes, stewardship@smcchurch.org
Staff Liaison: Enrique (Rick) Rodriguez, 817.510.2714, erodriguez@smcchurch.org*

VEGETABLE GARDEN

The vegetable garden at the north end of the church campus is planted, maintained and harvested by a team of dedicated volunteers. This team also helps maintain an attractive appearance of the grounds surrounding the garden. A portion of the harvest is donated to parishioners.

*Ministry Contact: Weldon Norman, veggarden@smcchurch.org
Staff Liaison: Francis Grosskopf, 817.510.2732, fgrosskopf@smcchurch.org*

WELCOME COMMITTEE

This ministry seeks creative and energetic volunteers to help promote a welcoming and inclusive community at St. Michael. Members of the Welcoming Committee organize and hold events for small groups to welcome new members to the parish, and to encourage them to seek to participate in the many activities and ministries offered by our parish.

*Ministry Contact: Steve Flores, welcome@smcchurch.org
Staff Liaison: Enrique (Rick) Rodriguez, 817.510.2714, erodriguez@smcchurch.org*

Faith Formation

Director of Faith Formation: Robin Harris, 817.510.2726, rharris@smcchurch.org



Elementary Formation

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (K-5TH)

Two options for children's catechesis are available at St. Michael. Our first option is a family-centered catechesis program, Families of Faith, which helps parents shape the faith of their children (K – 5th grade) through weekly, whole community catechesis and home study. Our second option is traditional religious education classes on Wednesdays, which provides ongoing, grade-level catechesis for children in first through fifth grades. Volunteers needed to teach and/or assist in both of the Elementary Religious Education programs.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST

Sacramental preparation is a weekly, family-centered program beginning with catechesis sessions for the children/youth and catechesis sessions for the parent(s) over a seven-week evangelization period. Following discernment, parent-led sacrament preparation takes place at home and at the parish with family faith mentors. Volunteers needed to plan and assist with catechesis and discernment retreats as well as to teach the weekly sessions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Each summer, our Vacation Bible School offers children time to gather for prayer, songs, games, skits, and more. The program seeks volunteers to plan and implement the yearly week-long VBS. Share the Gospel and promote the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, prayer, and fun!

For more information about Elementary Formation, contact Angelica Santos, 817.510.2727, asantos@smcchurch.org
Staff Liaison: Robin Harris, 817.510.2726, rharris@smcchurch.org

Youth Formation

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION (TEENS, 15 TO 18 YEARS OLD AND STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL)

Confirmation preparation is a weekly, family-centered program beginning with catechesis sessions for the youth and parent(s) over a nine-week evangelization period. Following a family discernment, final preparation for the sacrament takes place at home with parent-led catechesis. Youth seeking Confirmation should have completed a time of inquiry through our Encounter formation program and be actively living out their Catholic faith. This ministry seeks adult volunteers to be trained and developed as mentors to walk with our youth on the journey of preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

ENCOUNTER FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL (6TH TO 12TH GRADE)

The Encounter group welcomes all youth in sixth grade and above and meets weekly for dynamic talks, interactive games, small-group discussions, and prayer. Teens will also have the opportunity to attend parish-led retreats, the Steubenville Youth Conference, and a summer conference or mission trip. This ministry seeks adult volunteers to be trained and developed as mentors to help the teens of our parish grow in their faith.

ENCOUNTER HOUSEHOLD FORMATION (TEENS, 11TH AND 12TH GRADE)

This youth ministry is a mentorship program for teens that have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Encounter 'Households' are small groups of six to eight teens (same grade and gender) and two adult mentors that participate in faith formation discussions, prayer, sacramental life, and service to the community and parish. Participants will focus on becoming intentional disciples of Christ. This ministry needs adult volunteers to be trained and developed as mentors helping the teens in our parish grow in their faith.

For more information about Encounter, Confirmation Preparation, or Household Formation, contact Emily Cutshall, 817.510.2733, ecutshall@smcchurch.org
Staff Liaison: Robin Harris, 817.510.2726, rharris@smcchurch.org

Adult Sacramental Formation

ADULT CONFIRMATION

These preparation classes are for adults (over 18) that have already received the Sacraments of both Baptism (Catholic) and the Holy Eucharist and desire the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred per the Bishop of Fort Worth's schedule. This ministry seeks volunteers to help facilitate classes.

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison: Robin Harris, 817.510.2726, rharris@smcchurch.org

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

This sacrament preparation class is for parents desiring Baptism for their infant/toddler or child (under the age of 7). As the foundation of the Christian life, parents are required to attend preparatory Baptismal classes. This ministry seeks volunteers to help facilitate classes for parents and Godparents.

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison: Robin Harris, 817.510.2726, rharris@smcchurch.org

MARRIAGE SPONSOR COUPLES

Trained Marriage Sponsor Couples are paired with a couple preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The sponsor couple shares their personal experience of Christian marriage while answering questions and providing helpful communication techniques in an open and relaxed atmosphere.

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison: Deacon Harry Heinz, 817.510.2737, hheinz@smcchurch.org, marriagesponsor@smcchurch.org

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

RCIA is a process of instruction and spiritual growth for those seeking the Sacraments of Initiation to the Catholic Church. RCIA is appropriate for 1) those that have never been baptized; 2) those that are baptized in another faith tradition; and 3) baptized Catholics who are seeking the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. An RCIA "adapted" class is available for youth (ages 7 to 17 years old) who seek to join the Catholic Church. The RCIA team seeks volunteers to be trained as catechists and to provide hospitality for the classes that meet one evening per week.

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison: Robin Harris, 817.510.2726, rharris@smcchurch.org, rcia@smcchurch.org

Ongoing Adult Formation

ADULT BIBLE & BOOK STUDIES

Explore the faith through the writings of Church Fathers, well-respected authors, and modern scholars! Come explore the Catholic perspective on a wide variety of topics. Join with other Catholics to discuss and explore the richness of our faith. Volunteer facilitators and group leaders needed.

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison: Robin Harris, 817.510.2726, rharris@smcchurch.org

MARY, QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES PRAYER GROUP

A prayer group is a powerhouse of the parish. We have a wonderful and prayerful group of women who pray for all your needs every first and third Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 PM, in the Chapel. Come pray with us and let us pray for your needs.

*Ministry Contact: Lorraine Nobles, prayergroup@smcchurch.org
Staff Liaison: Elizabeth Chanoine, 817.510.2734, echanoine@smcchurch.org*

MEN OF GOD SCRIPTURE STUDY

The Men of God is a gathering of Catholic men to discuss issues of living as a Catholic man in today's world. This group meets every Tuesday at 7:00 PM and uses the readings from the previous Sunday's Mass as the basis for discussion, with additional related material from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

*Ministry Contact: Kennan Bourg, menofgod@smcchurch.org
Staff Liaison: Robin Harris, 817.510.2726, rharris@smcchurch.org*

MOMS (MINISTRY OF MOTHERS SHARING)

This group of women gather for support, affirmation, learning and prayer. This faith-sharing group provides opportunities for personal and spiritual growth. The only cost is the purchase of the book discussed during each multi-week series of meetings. The group meets the first and third Monday of each month at 6:00 PM.

*Ministry Contact: Terry Snodgrass, momsgroupPM@smcchurch.org
Staff Liaison: Robin Harris, 817.510.2726, rharris@smcchurch.org*

"TOGETHER IN HOLINESS" MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

St. Michael Catholic Church has partnered with the St. John Paul II Foundation for the Together in Holiness Formation series. This Year-round marriage enrichment for small communities of spouses that equips them with the formation, encouragement, support, and practical tools to grow together in holiness and to form their children in the Catholic faith. Host couples and program leaders are needed.

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison: Robin Harris, 817.510.2726, rharris@smcchurch.org

Ongoing Adult Formation (continued)

TONGAN SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY

The Tongan Community of St. Michael meets every Saturday at 4:00 PM in the Activity Center for spiritual and cultural instruction, as well as religious education for the children and youth in the community. The Divine Mercy Chaplet, in the Tongan language, is held every Sunday at 3:00 PM in the chapel.

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison: Deacon Sangote 'Ulupano, 817.510.2743, sulupano@smcchurch.org, tongancommunity@smcchurch.org

FILIPINO MINISTRY

The Filipino Ministry will highlight the Filipino culture, customs, and religious traditions of the Philippines. The ministry meets every Wednesday, at 5:30 PM, for Mass and choir practice, along with a monthly meeting.

*Ministry Contact: June Jovero, filipinoministry@smcchurch.org
Staff Liaison: Elizabeth Chanoine, 817.510.2734, echanoine@smcchurch.org*

Hispanic Formation

BIBLE STUDY IN SPANISH

This Catholic Bible study in Spanish is designed to deepen our spiritual life by more completely understanding the Bible, developing a rich appreciation of the tradition of the Church, and developing a more personal and profound relationship with God.

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison: Guillermo Muñoz, 817.510.2735, gmunoz@smcchurch.org, biblestudyspanish@smcchurch.org

HOLY ROSARY GROUP

This group meets every Wednesday at 5:30 PM in the chapel to pray the Holy Rosary for the good of humanity, the good of our church, and for the needs of our community. All are welcome, regardless of age. Prayer is in Spanish.

*Ministry Contact: Rosalba Ramirez, santorosario@smcchurch.org
Staff Liaison: Guillermo Muñoz, 817.510.2735, gmunoz@smcchurch.org*

LAS GUADALUPANAS

This ministry is composed of a group of women with a special devotion to the Holy Mother of God, the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe. In addition to encouraging parish families to honor His most Blessed Mother under her title of Patroness of the Americas, the group also does works of charity and helps to plan and participate in the nine-day Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe and the celebration of her feast day every December.

*Ministry Contact: Adriana Noriega, guadalupanas@smcchurch.org
Staff Liaison: Guillermo Muñoz, 817.510.2735, gmunoz@smcchurch.org*

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PLANNING TEAM

Volunteers plan and organize the celebration for the Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG) Feast Day each December. Volunteers are needed to help organize the Novena and plan the OLG Mass, children's play, and celebration events.

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison: Guillermo Muñoz, 817.510.2735, olg@smcchurch.org

QUINCEAÑERA PREPARATION

This ministry prepares young women for their Quinceañera Mass. Giving thanks to God, they acknowledge the ending of childhood and celebrate the beginning of adulthood. Participants discuss the meaning of this religious, social and cultural rite of passage and join in reflection with her immediate family.

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison: Guillermo Muñoz, 817.510.2735, gmunoz@smcchurch.org, quince@smcchurch.org



Liturgical and Music Ministries

Director of Liturgy: Fr. Jesuraj, 817.510.2724, FrJesu@smcchurch.org
Director of Music: Joanne Werner, 817.510.2730, jwerner@smcchurch.org

Liturgical Ministries

ALTAR SERVERS

The altar servers assist the priest and/or deacon during Mass. The Altar Servers Ministry is open to any parishioner fifth grade and older. Parents are welcome to serve with their children in this ministry. Altar servers meet twice each year for a morning or afternoon retreat. New altar servers under the age of 18 must have a parent accompany them to their altar server training.

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817.510.2724, FrJesu@smcchurch.org,
altarserver@smcchurch.org*

CELEBRATION OF LIFE (FUNERAL RECEPTIONS)

St. Michael offers receptions following funerals, at no charge, so that families can spend time with those in attendance. This important ministry is of great comfort to grieving families. You can help by providing food or hosting receptions.

*Ministry Contact: Bonnie Hogg, col@smcchurch.org
Staff Liaison: Fr. Jesuraj, 817.510.2724,
FrJesu@smcchurch.org*

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

This ministry is open to adult and high school confirmed Roman Catholics in good standing. Ministers are trained on an as-needed basis and are scheduled to their requested Mass time.

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817.510.2724, FrJesu@smcchurch.org, emhc@smcchurch.org*

GREETERS

Greeters create a welcoming atmosphere for parishioners and visitors as they arrive for Mass, as well as answer questions about our community and building. Parents are welcome to serve with their children in this ministry.

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817.510.2724, FrJesu@smcchurch.org,
greeter@smcchurch.org*



LECTORS

Lectors proclaim the Word of God within liturgical celebrations including Mass, funerals and weddings. Particular skills of public speaking are required and an extended formation is provided. The ministry is open to youth and adults.

*Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison: Joanne Werner,
817.510.2730, jwerner@smcchurch.org, lector@smcchurch.org*

LINENS

This ministry consists of volunteers who wash, iron and fold the linens used during the Masses. Participants in this ministry are asked to take on this duty at least three or four times a year.

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817.510.2724, FrJesu@smcchurch.org, linen@smcchurch.org*

LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT

Members are responsible for the environment of the church entrances and various worship spaces of St. Michael. This team provides appropriate enhancement of our liturgical year through the use of color, flowers, plants, banners, and other seasonal decorations.

*Ministry Contact: Jane Stiles, environment@smcchurch.org
Staff Liaison: Fr. Jesuraj, 817.510.2724,
FrJesu@smcchurch.org*

SACRISTANS

This ministry is open to adult confirmed Catholics in good standing. The sacristan prepares the physical objects needed for the celebration of the Mass. This detailed ministry is necessary for the smooth flow of the liturgical celebration. Training is provided on an as-needed basis.

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817.510.2724, FrJesu@smcchurch.org,
sacristan@smcchurch.org*

SAFETY TEAM

These volunteers are trained to provide additional support to the on-site security employed by St. Michael. The team includes parishioners who are licensed medical personnel, those licensed to carry, trained “observers,” as well as those ushers and greeters willing to assist with emergencies that may arise during liturgies or other special events at the parish. Volunteers must meet specific physical requirements as well as undergo an extensive pre-qualification process.

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison: Enrique (Rick) Rodriguez, 817.510.2714, erodriguez@smcchurch.org, security@smcchurch.org

USHERS

With an attitude of hospitality, ushers serve the assembly in varied ways during the celebration of the Mass. Training for this ministry is provided quarterly for those in the eighth grade and older.

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison: Fr. Jesuraj, 817.510.2724, FrJesu@smcchurch.org, usher@smcchurch.org

WEDDING COORDINATORS

Members of the Wedding Coordinator ministry attend wedding rehearsals and weddings to ensure that the liturgy flows properly. They assist the wedding party and guests during the celebration. Coordinators are scheduled on an as-needed basis, according to their availability. Training for this ministry is provided once a year.

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison: Joanne Werner, 817.510.2730, jwerner@smcchurch.org, wedding@smcchurch.org

Music Ministries

ADULT LITURGICAL CHOIR

The Adult Liturgical Choir is open to adults who enjoy singing, have a pleasing singing voice and a basic knowledge of music reading skills. Weekly attendance is a necessary commitment for this ministry. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison: Joanne Werner, 817.510.2730, jwerner@smcchurch.org, adultchoir@smcchurch.org

CANTORS

Cantors are the leaders of sung prayer for the assembly at worship. Through their leadership, they foster a greater sense of full, conscious and active participation. High school students and adults are welcome and selected by audition. Formation is held monthly.

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison: Joanne Werner, 817.510.2730, jwerner@smcchurch.org, cantor@smcchurch.org



CHILDREN AND TEEN CHOIRS

Young parishioners in 3rd through 12th grades are invited to participate in one of two choirs, based on grade level. Each participant learns healthy singing technique, choir skills, and the fundamentals of the Catholic faith and liturgy in a supportive atmosphere. Singers are required to attend weekly rehearsals. All choirs sing at Mass twice a month (usually 9:00 AM or 11:00 AM), as well as the Christmas Eve Mass and Easter Sunday Mass. They may also sing at select diocesan events.

- Children Choir — 3rd through 6th grade, meets Mondays, 4:30 PM to 5:20 PM
- Teen Choir — 7th through 12th grade, meets Mondays, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
- We also have a Hand Bell Choir, 7th grade to adults, meets Mondays, 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. You do not need a high level of musical expertise, just know your left hand from your right hand, and the ability to identify lines and spaces on the staff.

Ministry Contact: Gayle Lambert, 817.510.2719, glambert@smcchurch.org, youthchoir@smcchurch.org
Staff Liaison: Joanne Werner, 817.510.2730, jwerner@smcchurch.org

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC MINISTRY (PRAISE AND WORSHIP)

This group of dedicated musicians and singers provide contemporary music for the Sunday, 5:00 PM Mass, on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, at youth functions and other various parish events throughout the year, with the ultimate goal of leading others in praising God through music. Rehearsals are Sunday afternoons.

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison: Efren Exiga, 817.510.2725, eexiga@smcchurch.org, praise&worship@smcchurch.org

SPANISH CHOIR

The Spanish Choir is open to individuals, families and musicians that would like to praise and worship God during the 1:00 PM Spanish Mass. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, and on Sundays from 12:00 PM to 12:50 PM, just prior to the 1:00 PM Mass.

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TONGAN ADULT AND YOUTH CHOIR

This choir is composed of Tongan families from the HEB area who come together to praise God with their voices at the 5:00 PM Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Youth in ninth grade and up are welcome. Rehearsals for adults are Sundays at 6:30 PM. Rehearsals for youth are Thursdays at 7:00 PM.

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison: Deacon Sangote 'Ulupano, 817.510.2743, sulupano@smcchurch.org, tonganchoir@smcchurch.org

Pastoral Care and Social Outreach

Director of Social Outreach: Elizabeth Chanoine, 817.510.2734, echanoine@smcchurch.org

CHRISTIAN CONNECTION

Christian Connection volunteers work together to provide emergency assistance and resource options to those in financial need in our communities of Bedford and Euless. Volunteers interview and qualify individuals and families who make an appointment, then make recommendations for distribution of financial assistance and/or referrals to other agencies.

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison: Elizabeth Chanoine, 817.510.2734, echanoine@smcchurch.org, christianconnection@smcchurch.org
(If you are in need of services from Christian Connection, please call 817.510.2741.)

CLOTHING CONNECTION

This ministry provides clothing to families within our parish and surrounding communities. Volunteers meet once per week to pick up, sort and fold donated clothing; assess and fulfill clothing requests from Christian Connection and other outreach organizations; and assist ministry leaders as needed.

Ministry Contact: Marilyn Sinnes, 817.485.3302, clothes@smcchurch.org
Staff Liaison: Elizabeth Chanoine, 817.510.2734, echanoine@smcchurch.org

EMAIL PRAYER WARRIORS

These prayer ministers individually pray for the sick and deceased members of St. Michael Catholic Church, as well as any other prayer requests that are received by phone or email. The time commitment for this ministry is very flexible.

Ministry Contact: Maxine Owens, eprayer@smcchurch.org
Staff Liaison: Elizabeth Chanoine, 817.510.2734, echanoine@smcchurch.org

GABRIEL PROJECT

The Gabriel Project is a parish-based diocesan ministry that offers caring outreach to women in crisis pregnancies as well as those short of resources for their baby. Volunteers offer physical, spiritual and emotional assistance, along with the support of our faith community. This ministry meets once per month.

Ministry Contact: Sarah Messecar, gabrielproject@smcchurch.org
Staff Liaison: Elizabeth Chanoine, 817.510.2734, echanoine@smcchurch.org

GOD'S OWN CHILDREN MINISTRY

God's Own Children is a ministry to support individuals of all ages with disabilities and is open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. A Mass, on the third Monday of month, is dedicated to individuals with disabilities and their families, followed by fellowship, formation and refreshments. We also provide resource options for financial services, and for medical and counseling services.

Ministry Contact: Sandy Steves, GOC@smcchurch.org
Staff Liaison: Elizabeth Chanoine, 817.510.2734, echanoine@smcchurch.org

MEAL SERVICE MINISTRY - ALS

Supporting the residents of the Arlington Life Shelter (ALS), St. Michael parishioners meet on the fourth Tuesday and fourth Friday of every other month to prepare and deliver dinner to the shelter.

Ministry Contact: Sharon Powell, foodservice@smcchurch.org
Staff Liaison: Elizabeth Chanoine, 817.510.2734, echanoine@smcchurch.org

MERCY PROJECT

This is an outreach ministry that visits Good Samaritan Shelter in Fort Worth on the third Sunday of every month. Each month, a volunteer family creates a meal and brings it to the shelter.

Ministry Contact: Chris Orta, mercyproject@smcchurch.org

Staff Liaison: Elizabeth Chanoine, 817.510.2734, echanoine@smcchurch.org

MINISTRIES TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Volunteer ministers regularly visit area Catholics who are homebound, hospitalized, or live in nursing homes or retirement centers. Ministers provide comfort and service by helping the sick and homebound stay connected to their Catholic faith through presence, prayer and sharing of the Holy Eucharist.

Ministry Contact:

Homebound — Brittany Boudreau, homebound@smcchurch.org

Hospital — Tom Cayot, hospitalvisit@smcchurch.org

Nursing Home — Carolyn Dominik, nursinghome@smcchurch.org

Staff Liaison: Deacon Tom Doran, 817.510.2745, tdoran@smcchurch.org

N.E.E.D. (NORTH EAST EMERGENCY DISTRIBUTION)

Volunteers in this ministry coordinate the donation, delivery, and distribution of non-perishable food items, clothes, and financial support to N.E.E.D. in Hurst. Donations are collected from St. Michael parishioners on the last Sunday of every month ("N.E.E.D. Sunday").

Ministry Contact: Catherine Wille, need@smcchurch.org

Staff Liaison: Elizabeth Chanoine, 817.510.2734, echanoine@smcchurch.org



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The members of this ministry knit and crochet shawls and pray over them for the person who will receive the shawl. Every year over 100 shawls are given to adults and children who have spiritual, physical, emotional or mental illness. This group meets the second Saturday of every other month at 10:30 AM, in the Chapel. If you like to knit or crochet and pray, please join us.

Ministry Contact: Renata Cox, prayershawl@smcchurch.org

Staff Liaison: Elizabeth Chanoine, 817.510.2734, echanoine@smcchurch.org

PRISON MINISTRY

This parish-based diocesan ministry serves the spiritual needs of Catholic inmates in county prisons by assisting inmates with their sacramental preparation, Bible study or by providing pastoral counseling. Meetings are set as needed.

Ministry Contact: Roger Sickler, 817.300.4068,

prisonministry@smcchurch.org

Staff Liaison: Elizabeth Chanoine, 817.510.2734, echanoine@smcchurch.org

PRO-LIFE/RESPECT LIFE

This ministry promotes dignity of the human person from conception to natural death by collaborating with ministries and committees to make our parish a place where life is welcomed, defended and respected. Our focus is prayer, education, and actions (such as peaceful witness at Planned Parenthood facilities and working on policy issues), to bring about awareness. This ministry meets on the second Thursday of each month.

Ministry Contact: Janet Spellings, pro-life@smcchurch.org

Staff Liaison: Elizabeth Chanoine, 817.510.2734, echanoine@smcchurch.org

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers are volunteers who receive special training to provide one-on-one listening care to people in our parish and community who are experiencing grief, loneliness, divorce, hospitalization, disability, job loss, and many other life difficulties. The ministry meets twice a month.

Ministry Contacts: Linda Burns and Sandra Patroni,

stephenministry@smcchurch.org

Staff Liaison: Elizabeth Chanoine, 817.510.2734, echanoine@smcchurch.org

WARRIORS OF THE ROSARY

The members of this ministry meet to make rosaries to sell to the community and encourage people to pray the rosary. Meetings are set as needed.

Ministry Contact: Chris Delmolino, WOTR@smcchurch.org

Staff Liaison: Elizabeth Chanoine, 817.510.2734, echanoine@smcchurch.org

Social Outreach Education

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING (CST)

This program systematically explores the seven themes of Catholic social teaching and actions to be taken in our world today. The program is nine sessions and meets once per week.

Ministry Contact and Staff Liaison: Elizabeth Chanoine, 817.510.2734, echanoine@smcchurch.org, catholicsocialteaching@smcchurch.org

St. Michael Auxiliary Ministries

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS - COURT #2755 DAUGHTERS OF MARY

One of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas, members enjoy fellowship and work hard for their parishes and communities. They strive to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality, the advancement of human rights, and human dignity for all. All Catholic women 18 years and older are invited to join. Meetings are held once per month in the evening.

Ministry Contact: Mary Kajs, catholicdaughters@smcchurch.org

Staff Liaison: Elizabeth Chanoine, 817.510.2734, echanoine@smcchurch.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COUNCIL #7641 ST. ANTHONY THE MIRACLE WORKER

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's organization focused on charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

Council #7641 is family-oriented and engages in programs that support our Catholic faith, our Catholic churches, our priests, our community, and the right to life.

Ministry Contact: Gary Weik, Membership Chairman, 817.691.0854

Staff Liaison: Fr. Vijaya Raju Mareedu, FrVJ@smcchurch.org



A Stewardship Prayer

Jesus, teach us to pray. Help us to manage our time so that we can spend it with You. Holy Spirit, fill us with Your gifts. May we offer ourselves in sacrifice for all in need. Father, give us generous hearts. Help us to manage our finances and to give You priority. As your faithful disciples, we ask this for ourselves and people everywhere, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN



LITURGY

Weekend Masses:

Saturday (Vigil): 6:00 PM (English)

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM (English);
1:00 PM (Spanish)

Weekday Masses:

Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM (English)

Wednesday: 5:30 PM (English)

Thursday: Prayer at 6:30 PM (Spanish); Mass at 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Saturday: First Saturday of each month, 8:30 AM (English)

Holy Days: As announced

Reconciliation:

Thursday: 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM, or by appointment

Saturday: 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM, or by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

- Weekly Adoration: Friday, 9:00 AM to Noon
- First Friday Adoration: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- 24-Hour Adoration is offered every other month. Go to:
www.smcchurch.org/adoration for the schedule.



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