

# St. Michael's Messenger

April 13, 2025



#### The Rector's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Michael's, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!" (Luke 19:38)

This Sunday begins the holiest time of the year for Christians. Sunday is Palm Sunday, which ushers in Holy Week. Our liturgical color will be red (Christ's passion), until Good Friday. On that day, we will be black (for Christ's Death. Come Easter, we will be white (for New Life!).

No service or activity here at St. Michael's can take place without the help of many hands. During Holy Week, lots of hands are at work. I cannot thank these souls enough! Please join me and thank those who are helping.

Please remember, Holy Week is a powerful time for Christians, as we follow Christ to The Cross and The Empty Tomb. This week is a sacred week and I pray that members of this parish will participate throughout the week, as there are plenty of service options. Please note: We will have one Palm Sunday Service (April 13) and one Easter Sunday Service (April 20). Both services will take place at 10:30 AM. Below, you will find a full list of services.

As I mentioned last week, Holy Week is a great time for us to commend the faith that is in us to others. So, if you know someone who used to attend here or no longer attends at another church or someone who is struggling in their faith or someone who is unchurched, Holy Week is an amazing opportunity for each of us invite people to church and attend with them. Let's let the Holy Spirit inspire each one of us to invite folks to church (and attend with them!) and commend the faith that is within us through word and deed.

This Tuesday, the clergy will gather with Bishop Daniel at Trinity Cathedral for the renewal of our ordination vows. At this service, new chrism (Baptism) and healing (Unction) oils will be blessed. It is a beautiful service, just at a hectic time of the year. Yet, it is the traditional time for clergy to renew their vows. Due to this service, I will be unable to communicate for much of the day. However, we will still have our 6 PM service that night.

On Good Friday, the offering for that day only will go to assist The Church in the Middle East. This has been the tradition of The Episcopal Church for just over one hundred years. For more information, including reading our Presiding Bishop's Letter concerning the Good Friday Offering, please click here. In the Parish Hall, you can find a poster with information as well. In love, let us be generous in our giving to this most worthy cause.

Have a great week and I will see you at church!

Faithfully, Fr. Dan

**MASTER SCHEDULE**: Tia is putting the Master Schedule together for the next part of 2025. If you are a server and know of dates that you cannot serve from May through August, please email that information to office@stmec.org.

**LENTEN SEASON:** Please remember that alleluias are omitted from the Liturgy during the Lenten Season, as this is a pertinent time and our worship is muted. After we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, we will return to including alleluias in our Worship.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**: We will have the Stations on Good Friday at 6 PM.

**APRIL MEET 'n' EAT:** Will be Thursday, April 24 @ 6:00 PM. It will be held at West End Supper Club, 413 W. Main St. in the Silos. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and join us for great food and fellowship.

**EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS:** The Easter Flower Dedications <u>deadline is THIS Sunday</u>. The cost is \$25 and you can place them in the offering plate. **Checks need to indicate** <u>Easter flower</u> in the subject line.

**MAY ECM MEETING:** The men will meet Thursday, May 8, for a Mexican feast. A social will begin at 6:30 and dinner at 7pm. Please sign-up on the ECM bulletin board, so we know how much food to purchase. The cost will be split among those attending



04/11	5:00	Stations of the Cross
04/12	12:00	ECW Spring High Tea
04/14	6:00	Holy Eucharist
04/15	6:00	Holy Eucharist
04/16	11:00	Mid-Week Healing Service
04/16	6:00	Holy Eucharist
04/17	6:00	Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist
04/18	12:00	Good Friday: Passion Narrative
04/18	6:00	Stations of the Cross
04/20	10:30	Easter Sunday Service (Only One Service)
04/21		Church Office Closed
04/22		Church Office Closed
04/24	6:00	April Meet 'n' Eat
04/25		Church Office Closed
04/27	9:30	DOK Meeting
05/07	4:30	Choir Practice
05/08	6:30	ECM Cinco De Mayo Social
05/11		Happy Mother's Day!
05/11	11:30	Finance Meeting
05/14	4:30	Choir Practice
05/15	6:00	Vestry Meeting

### ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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# **APRIL**

- Baker Cleveland
- Christopher Borowski

Ellie Cook

- **Ethel Lawler**
- Jean Jordan
- JoAnn Hicks
- 19 Catherine Borowski
- 26 Michael Pulley

May God Bless You On Your Birthday!!

## **SERVING SUNDAY 04/13/25**

Celebrant: The Rev. Daniel A. Wagner Organist & Choirmaster: Nancy Owens

Guest Organist: Stan Hinton Altar Guild: Teri Swann

Eucharistic Ministers: Robert Pinkston & John Dickey

Lector: Mark Pesnell Verger: Tom McCabe Crucifer: John Dickey

Torch Bearers: JoAnn Hicks & Salvina Cascio-Brewer

Banner Bearer: Carter Senf Greeter: Ethel & Joe Lawler

Vestry Open-up Church: Robert Pinkston Vestry Lock-up Church: Ellie Cook