



St. Michael's Messenger

February 8, 2026



The Rector's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Michael's,

"Blessed are the flexible, for they shall be bent..."

Often, you might hear me say this proverb if I am stressed or doing my best to make the best of a stressful moment. I learned it at Cursillo, years ago. The proverb reminds us to be flexible, so we can bend to the challenges of the moment. Beloved, we have had some challenges of late – two winter storms. Of course, I would have loved more snow. It was beautiful, though it got quite cold. Joyfully, I can report that our weekend will not have snow or ice. We hold our typical services – 8:30 & 10:30 AM services. Please come & let us worship God together.

At our 10:30 service we will be busy at The Peace, so please limit your movement in the nave. At The Peace, we will formally install our Vestry & our Diocesan Convention Delegates. Then, we shall have three Daughters of the King rites (install me as the chaplain of the local chapter, induct new members, and the whole chapter will rededicate themselves). Then, we will commission our candidates for Cursillo & Vocare. So yes, we have a lot happening at 10:30. Please come and be a part of this joyful time. Plus, the Daughters are providing our fellowship, so I know they will have fun with this...

Please note, there is a Palanca Box in the Church Office. You know what to do. The deadline is Thurs., 2/12 @ Noon.

Finally, we will have a Confirmation Class ("on Steroids"). It was scheduled for this Saturday (Feb. 8). We will start at 9 AM and hopefully finish early afternoon. Lunch will be provided. Who is this class for? Someone who did not complete this fall's class and is desiring to make a "mature and public affirmation of their faith" when Bishop Daniel comes on Feb. 22. Confirmation is "formally" joining St. M's, unless you "transfer your letter" from one Episcopal congregation to us. Sign up by Feb. 6 at 12 PM. If you have any questions, please reach out to me at rector@stmec.org.

God's Peace, everyone. Before the Big Game, come on by and worship The Big Guy – God. Come & support our vestry, delegates, Daughters, and candidates. Let there be joy!

Faithfully,
Fr. Dan

UNITED CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES: Let's help stock the shelves at UMC. This month please bring in peanut butter, jelly, saltines, can soup and meals.

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS: The Altar flower chart and dedication sheet is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. The sheets are posted on the parish hall bulletin board. *Please remember you need to put your name in both places!* Please Note: Altar Flowers are now \$40. Greenery is now \$20 and special requests may cost more.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Please consider serving in this wonderful ministry. Hosting is easy and makes a big contribution to welcoming guests and enhancing our parish fellowship. Nervous about doing it by yourself, why not partner with a friend? If you have any questions about serving, call the office at 864.859.6296.

SPECIAL CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, & REAFFIRMATION CLASS OPPORTUNITY: On Sat. 2/7 at 9 AM, Fr. Dan will have a special Confirmation Class for those who did not participate in the fall Confirmation Class. If you are interested, please reach out to Fr. Dan.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER: Join us 2/17 at 6PM for pancakes and more. Cost is \$5 or adults & \$3 for children under 12, with a family maximum charge of \$10. Volunteers are needed to cook, and clean up. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you able to help or plan to attend.

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION REPORTS: The 2025 Contribution Reports are ready! Please pick them up from the table in the Narthex.

OYSTER ROAST TICKETS: Our Oyster Roast is Sat., 3/14. Tickets are now available to purchase! Adult tickets are \$45 each and children age 6-11 are \$10. Someone will sell tickets after each service The deadline is 3/2/26.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Please plan to join us for one or both of our Ash Wednesday services on February 17 @ 11 AM & 6 PM.

WINTER CALENDAR

02/06	6:00	Annual ECM Ladies Night
02/07	9:00	Confirmation Class
02/08	10:30	DOK Installation & Rededication
02/08	10:30	Installation of Vestry & Delegates
02/08	11:30	Finance Meeting
02/11		NO Mid-week Service
02/14		<i>Happy Valentine's Day!!</i>
02/15	9:30	DOK Meeting
02/16		Church Office Closed
02/17	6:00	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
02/18	11:00	Ash Wednesday Service
02/18	6:00	Ash Wednesday Service
02/22	10:30	Bishop Richards' Visitation
02/23	6:00	Vestry Meeting
02/25	11:00	Mid-week Service & Lent Class
02/25	6:00	Lent Class
02/28	5:30	Stations of the Cross
03/04	11:00	Mid-week Service & Lent Class
03/04	4:00	Choir Practice
03/04	6:00	Mid-week Service & Lent Class



BISHOP'S VISIT & RECEPTION

As we anticipate the Bishop's visit on Sunday, February 22, 2026, at 10:30 AM, please sign-up on the parish hall bulletin board if you plan to attend the reception, so we have an accurate count for the horderves.

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Reverend Daniel A. Wagner, Rector
The Reverend Deacon Mary Jeffers

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- 1 Scotland Dunn
- 4 Jay Morrison
Nancy Bonge
- 6 Bob Carman
- 18 Betty Jo Shaw
- 21 Rick Parnell
- 24 Valarie Burgin
Marie Miller
- 26 Kim Pesnell
- 29 Barbara Hill

**May God Bless You
On Your Birthday!!**

Please email office@stmec.org if we've missed your birthday.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY 02/08/26

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Daniel A. Wagner

Assisting: The Rev. Dea. Mary Jeffers

Organist and Choirmaster: Nancy Owens

Altar Guild: Teri Swann

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:30 Sarah Mikell

10:30 Marie Miller & Ethel Lawler

Lectors: 8:30 Ron Hicks

10:30 Tony Burns

Acolytes: 8:30 Leisa Achterhoff

10:30 Salvina Cascio-Brewer

Torch Bearers: Summer Robbins & Kim Pesnell

Greeters: 8:30 John Dickey

10:30 Ellie Cook & Anita Valentin

Vestry Open-up: Ron Hicks

Vestry Lock-up: Sheree Chapman

Sunday's Counters: Rick Parnell & Sheree Chapman

Sunday's Altar Flowers: Sue Sereix

You are the
SALT
of the earth

Matthew 5:13