



WOMEN OF SAINT MICHAEL

2023-2024

Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

Encounters in Art & Spirituality

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*The heavens declare
the glory of God; the
skies proclaim the
work of his hands."*

— Psalm 19:1

2023-2024 SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Growing the Kingdom of God at Saint Michael
Parish Hall | 11:15 check-in | 11:30 meeting
Chris Girata, Rector

The last few years have been a time of growth and change at Saint Michael. We are knocking on the door of a very exciting period when we will lean firmly into our call to be a place where disciples are formed for the good of God's kingdom. As he begins his eighth year with us, join our rector, Chris Girata, for a look at our plans for the future. The best is yet to come!

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Collecting Visual and Decorative Arts: Behind the Scenes at Christie's
Parish Hall | 11:15 check-in | 11:30 meeting
Capera Ryan, Deputy Chairman of Christie's Americas

Join us to learn about the global art business with Capera Ryan, Deputy Chairman at Christie's Auction House and Saint Michael parishioner. Capera will share behind-the-scenes stories of bringing collections to auction as well as offer tips on how to start or maintain our own art collections.

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Parish Party Kick Off
At the home of Erin Osborne and Vic Schmerbeck | 6-8 PM

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Christmas Shopping at the Exchange
5 Highland Park Village | 5-7 PM

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Exploring Letters in Literary Classics: A Deep Dive into *Pride and Prejudice*
Church | 11:15 Check-in | 11:30 meeting

Barbara Heller, author, award-winning director of short films, and manager of film and television locations

While reading *Pride and Prejudice* for the millionth time, Barbara Heller had a sudden desire to hold the actual letters in the book in her hand. Her quest to possess the letters, as though written in the character's own hand, folded with historical accuracy and properly postmarked, took her on a journey that only deepened her respect for Austen's genius and resulted in a curated version of the novel where readers pull out a facsimile of each of the 19 letters. Barbara will share images from her research into early 19th century letter writing, discuss the process of selecting calligraphers, and explain the intricacies of the Regency postal system. It's a new way to connect with a favorite book!

Enjoy a special appearance by The Men of Nehemiah and an English High Tea following the program in the Parlor.

Friday, February 2, 2024

Parish Party 2024 "A Work of Heart"
Arts District Mansion | 7-11 PM
2101 Ross Avenue

Saturday, March 2, 2024

Jubilee Mother-Daughter Tea
Jubilee Park and Community Center, 907 Bank St. | 3 PM

Friday, April 12, 2024

Day of Service at Jubilee Park and Community Center
907 Bank St. | 9:30-12 Noon

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

WOSM Spring Luncheon
Experiencing the Spiritual Arts
7000 Park Lane | 10:30 AM

Anne Neilson, artist, author and philanthropist.

Though she knew she wanted to be an artist by the third grade, Anne Nielson began seriously painting with oils in 2003. She started with still life, figures and landscapes; her desire to paint something reflective of her faith led her to painting angels. Anne believes that each of us begins our life as a blank canvas, clean and fresh. Each trial, each joy, each heartache, and each hope leave an explosion of color and sweeping brush strokes. When we allow God to take over as the master artist, we find He carefully adds the dimension and highlights, so we become Masterpieces.

Anne will share personal stories about her faith and how it resonates in her work. Anne's stories are a beautiful reminder that God is both our creator and the fulfiller of promises. He is the artist of our life.

Following the luncheon, Anne will be signing her newest book, a memoir, *The Brushstrokes of Life*, at the St. Michael's Woman's Exchange.

President's Message



Dear Friends,

Welcome to what I think will be an inspiring year for the Women of Saint Michael, or "WOSM," as we say. I want to remind everyone that all women who are members of our parish are automatically members of WOSM.

Our theme for this year is Art & Spirituality, with programming focused on God's gift of the arts. I hope we can all stop and appreciate this beautiful, artistic world that offers us an encounter with a spiritual gift that might bring us into a deeper relationship with God and a focus on something much bigger than ourselves. This year's Bible verse is "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands (Psalm 19:1)."

The year's speaker series should be engaging and enlightening as we examine how Art, the Decorative Arts, and Literature can inspire Spirituality. The last few years have brought change and growth for all of us at SMAA. Join our Rector, Chris Girata, as he kicks off the season, and his eighth year, by describing opportunities for us to lean in to help our parish become more firmly a place where disciples are called for the good of God's kingdom. Please take the time to review the front page of this newsletter for a full description of all of our speaker series.

After a five-year hiatus, we are excited to announce the return of the always-fun Parish Party to celebrate the theme "Work of Heart." All proceeds will benefit our Gifts Committee, which so diligently researches and chooses which organizations can best minister to those most in need. Please mark your calendars now for February 2, 2024, and join us at the Arts District Mansion on Ross Avenue. Our chairs are working on a night to remember to be held in conjunction with the Parish Party. The planned Wine & Bourbon Gathering party in November promises to be a great sneak peek of the fun ahead.

Also, in the last week of November, after Thanksgiving, the Saint Michael Woman's Exchange has graciously offered to host another wonderful Christmas Shopping Evening to knock out our Christmas gifts! In March, we will host our annual Mother-Daughter Tea for the ladies at the Jubilee Center. While in April, we are excited to reinstitute our always-popular Day of Service at Jubilee Park. Lastly, in May, we will conclude our year with our annual Spring Luncheon at 7000 Park Lane with our special guest speaker, the renowned artist and author Anne Neilson; She will help us discover how God brings beauty and purpose to our story.

As always, WOSM brings us myriad ways to get involved this year. I encourage each of you to join us in whichever way you can. If I can share a personal story: the WOSM has enriched my life in ways I would never have guessed when I started by just attending the luncheon series and participating in the Day of Service. I have made new, deep, meaningful friendships that have strengthened my Faith tremendously. Events and contact information for committees, programming, Altar Guild, St. Mary's Guild, and The Exchange are listed in this newsletter.

My board, committee chairs, and I look forward to meeting, reconnecting, and working with you this year. I am honored to serve as your President and want to get to know each of you!

Adele Broughton, President
WOSM 2023-2024

Chaplain's Letter



Dear Friends,

What a wonderful first year I have had serving with you! As I have gotten to know you and your work for Saint Michael, the Exchange and beyond, I am in complete gratitude for the grace and beauty you bring to this corner of God's world. The incredible \$ 11 million dollars of support you have provided for certainly hundreds of Dallas projects and nonprofit organizations is incredible on its own. But the Women of Saint Michael contribute even more through your work inside and outside the church. You have played a great role in introducing me to our current and potential partners for work in outreach.

As I was preparing this letter, I thought about Dwell with Dignity, one of the partners you supported through grants, with whom we are now planning projects for our young adults and others. Their goal is to "empower families to lead their best lives and to thrive in a safe, functional, and beautiful environment." I believe that is a goal for your work and mine as we reach out together in ministry. It is therefore apropos that your lovely president, Adele Broughton, has chosen to focus on the arts this year. Creativity, ingenuity and love are the foundation of our faith. And I believe that God smiles as we share his love by preserving and adding to the beauty of creation and humanity.

My prayer for each one of you is, therefore, that you consider your unique gifts that God has given you and ask him how he would like for you to artfully help his people to thrive and grow.

Blessings of peace, love, and joy!
Robin

Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. Luke 12:27

Rector's Bible Study



Join our Rector, Chris Girata, for his weekly Rector's Bible Study (RBS) beginning **Wednesday, September 20**, at 10:30 a.m. in Saint Michael Chapel or online. This year, we will study the Gospel of John.

Over the past two years, RBS has focused on a fascinating character study of Moses and David. Together, Moses and David provide a foundation upon which the promise of a Messianic King is understood. After Jesus's resurrection and ascension, his disciples sought to understand him within the context of the Jewish promise of a Messiah, as well as Jesus's call to spread his message beyond the Jewish community. Now that we have created a sure foundation of the prophet and the king, we shift to study the most important figure in our history, Christ.

Although not required, this year's companion book will be "John" by N.T. Wright and is available in the Saint Michael Book Shop. For more information about the Rector's Bible Study or to be added to our email list, please email Bhav Masih at bmasih@saintmichael.org.



Community Outreach

Through Mission and Outreach, SMAA is in partnership with amazing ministries in Dallas and beyond where we can share our gifts and talents. These programs include Austin Street Center, Bachman Lake Together, Gateway of Grace, Jubilee Park and Community Center, North Dallas Shared Ministries, St. Philip's School and Community Center, Telas Honduras Mission Trip, and VNA Meals on Wheels. Interested in learning more about community outreach opportunities? Please visit <https://www.saintmichael.org/outreach>.

WOSM – An Overview

Who exactly are the Women of Saint Michael and what do you have to do to join?

It could not be simpler: all women who are members of our parish are automatically members of Women of Saint Michael (WOSM). There is no form to complete, box to check or button to push. Membership is indeed automatic.

Since 1945, the WOSM have had organized activities that included, in the early days, publishing cookbooks, organizing home tours, producing musical performances, and holding Christmas bazaars. Today's robust programming offers luncheon and evening speakers addressing a wide range of timely and enriching topics. In addition, the WOSM provide other parish-wide programming as well as volunteer opportunities through St. Mary's Guild, the Gifts Committee, and other outreach within the church and the wider Dallas community.

Another enduring institution of the WOSM is the Saint Michael Woman's Exchange (SMWE) which began life in Highland Park Village in 1939 as a consignment shop called the "Woman's Exchange." Originally, the store served as a source of income for consignors, for whom jobs were scarce. Several years later, the Junior League of Dallas purchased the store to be a fundraising project. By 1958, the WOSM bought the store from The Junior League for \$1,500 to create the St. Michael's Woman's Exchange we all enjoy today. Our store has occupied #5 Highland Park Village for over six decades and is an institution in the shopping center. On the surface the "Exchange" looks like other chic gift shops. But it is far more than that. Our store is run by volunteers and is a true community effort!

Every year, the WOSM Gifts Committee makes grants to nonprofit agencies with funds generated from sales at the Exchange, fundraising activities such as the Parish Party, and generous individual donations. Since 1958, the WOSM have distributed over \$11 million to more than 200 different agencies, reviewing some 70+ grant applications each year. Women of Saint Michael grants focus on supporting crisis needs and addressing financial stability for those living in poverty in Dallas County and beyond. The Gifts Committee uses the criteria outlined in the book of Matthew 25:35-36: "For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you visited me. I was in prison and you came to me."

We look forward to another wonderful year together of fellowship and good works!

**Women of Saint Michael
Purpose Statement:**

To be the extension of Christ's Kingdom by uniting the women of the parish in a program of worship, study, service, and fellowship; leading them into service for the Church, in the parish, the community, the diocese, the nation, and the world.

WOSM Gifts Committee

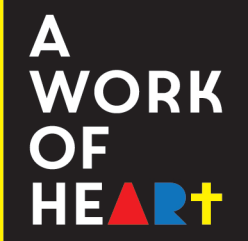
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Matthew 25:35-36

This year the Women of Saint Michael Gifts Committee awarded \$600,000 in grants to 71 nonprofit organizations serving the needs of people living in poverty. This is the highest award total that has been given in one year. Funds were raised through the St. Michael's Woman's Exchange, WOSM events, and other fundraising opportunities. This year 32 women served on the Gifts Committee. Over the past 60 years, the Gifts Committee has given more than \$11.5 million in grants. For more information, please contact WOSM Gifts Committee Chair, Sheryl Wylie, at sherylwylie@sbcglobal.net.

This year, we are thrilled to support the following agencies:

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| AIN - Access and Information Network. | Legacy Cares |
| American Friends of the Episcopal Church of the Sudans - AFRECS | Literacy Achieves |
| Aspire | Men of Nehemiah |
| Austin Street Center | Metropolitan Dream Center |
| AVANCE Dallas | Mommies In Need |
| Behind Every Door | Mosaic Family Services |
| Brother Bill's Helping Hand (BBHH) | Network of Community Ministries |
| Bryan's House | New Friends New Life |
| Catch Up & Read, Inc. | North Dallas Shared Ministries |
| Center for Survivors of Torture | One Man's Treasure |
| Citizens Development Center dba U&I | Our Friends Place |
| CitySquare | OurCalling |
| Cornerstone Crossroads Academy | POETIC |
| Crossroads Community Services | Project Transformation North Texas |
| Dallas Bethlehem Center | PWA Coalition of Dallas, Inc. dba AIDS Services of Dallas |
| Dallas Christian Women's Job Corps | Rainbow Days |
| Dallas Court Appointed Special Advocates | Readers 2 Leaders |
| Dwell with Dignity | Restored Hope Ministries |
| Elevate North Texas | Shared Housing Center, Inc. |
| Exodus Ministries | Southern Dallas Link |
| Family Compass | St. Philip's School and Community Center |
| Gateway of Grace | The Family Place |
| Genesis Women's Shelter and Support | The King's Academy |
| Heart House | The Oak Cliff Veggie Project |
| Hope Clinic of Garland | The Visiting Nurse Association of Texas |
| Hope Cottage | Tomorrow's Women |
| HOPE Farm | Traffick911 |
| Hope Supply Co. | Under 1 Roof |
| Housing Crisis Center | Vickery Trading Company |
| Human Rights Initiative of North Texas, Inc. | Well Community |
| Incarnation House | Wesley-Rankin Community Center |
| Incarnation Place | White Rock Center of Hope |
| Interfaith Family Services | Wilkinson Center |
| Irving Cares | Youth Believing in Change |
| Jonathan's Place | Youth With Faces |
| Jubilee Park & Community Center | |



WOMEN OF SAINT MICHAEL

PARISH PARTY

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

ARTS DISTRICT MANSION
2101 ROSS AVENUE, DALLAS

7-11 P.M.

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ST. MICHAEL'S WOMAN'S EXCHANGE

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Support the outreach efforts of the WOSM by shopping at The Exchange!

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Dallas' favorite store, of course.

Looking for More?

Join us as a volunteer at the most beautiful and unique shop in Dallas.

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St. Mary's Guild

St. Mary's Guild members provide home-baked goodies and/or staff the guild's Sunday morning bake sale table in the church's South Entrance, ordinarily from late August through May, with proceeds going to local charities. If you are interested in volunteering for St. Mary's Guild, please scan the appropriate QR code below or contact Bitsy Hudnall bitsy_hudnall@yahoo.com.



Altar Guild

Every church service begins and ends with the work of the Altar Guild. Each week members assist the clergy and serve the Parish by preparing the sacraments and maintaining all supplies necessary for the worship services. Caring for the sacred items used is a true ministry. If you are interested in volunteering for the Altar Guild, please scan the appropriate QR code below.



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