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THE RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Happy Easter!

Though Easter Sunday has passed, the hope of the resurrection never ceases. The Easter Season is the time to especially celebrate that Christ is risen and ever-present in our lives regardless of the circumstances- as the Scriptures say even in our "present troubles", we

may fix our gaze on His glory. Christ being raised means that our past, present, and even future troubles will not have permanent hold on us. May Christ's resurrection remind us of this.

During last year's Easter Season, we had several home blessings for members of the congregation. This was when I had only been here at St. Michael's for a few months, and these were special moments for me because it was an opportunity for me to get to know some of our parishioners more along with their friends and members of their wider families. We will continue these during this Easter Season as well. These are wonderful opportunities for fellowship. The blessing takes the form of a short prayer service where we give thanks to God and invite his presence into the place where we are often most truly ourselves. These are open to any kind of house be it house or apartment, whether it's somewhere you just moved to or have been living in for a while. Please see the blurb here in the Herald for further info.

In other exciting news, the construction of our church pavilion is nearing completion. This addition to St. Michael's will provide a special place for outdoor gatherings, events, and fellowship opportunities for years to come. Let us give thanks for the dedication of all those involved in making this project a reality.

Lastly but certainly not least, we look forward to Bishop Owensby's visit to the parish at the end of this month. We have several people who will be confirmed and/or received into the Episcopal Church on that day. I encourage everyone to come out and welcome our confirmands.

God Bless,
Fr. Drew

The Herald

April 2024

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY

Holy Eucharist

8:00 am & 10:30 am

FOR THE KIDS

Sunday Nursery

(newborn to kindergarten)

7:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Godly Play

K - 5th grade

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m.

Chapel of the Risen Christ

BISHOP

The Rt. Rev. Jacob Owensby Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana

RECTOR

The Rev. Andrew Christiansen

Charlie Adkins, Sr. Warden

Jeff Schweitzer, Jr. Warden

Avery Cook, Treasurer

Karen Richards, Admin Assistant

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Paul Burgess, Seminarian & Canterbury House

Stasha Bell, Outreach Coordinator

Michelle Parsons, Sexton

David Ritchie, Videographer

Betsy Stoupy, Children's Ministry

Kathy Tell, The Herald & Website

Faye Cook & Wanda Alexander, Altar Guild

VESTRY

2024

Heather Guidry

Stasha Bell

Charlie Adkins

Randy Venable

2025

Harriet Green

Jeff Schweitzer

Kathy Tell

Kay Vanchiere

2026

Nancy Cook

Colleen Fontenot

Matthew Lovejoy

Lisa Sober

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Sunday Christian Ed. Series



Come learn about the Episcopal Church!

We are having two more Sunday sessions, April 7th & 14th, 9:30 am and

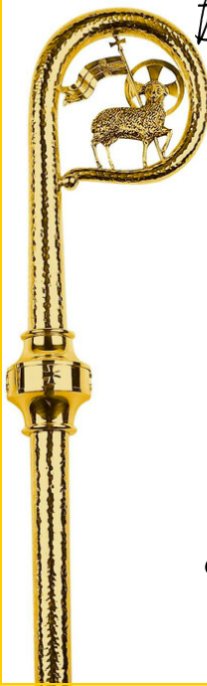
April 10th & 17th, 9:30 am for those who cannot make Sundays



ST. MICHAEL'S SPRUCE UP DAY

**April 27, 2024
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Lunch will be provided.



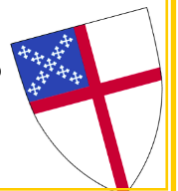
Bishop Owensby's Visit to St. Michael's

Sunday, April 28

10:30 am

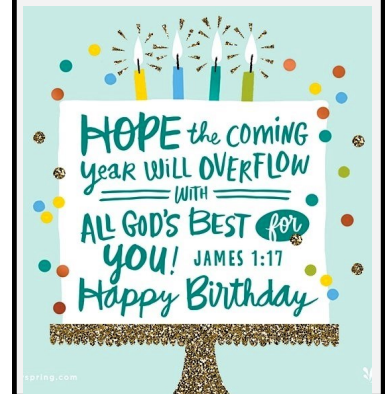
one service only

Come celebrate as we welcome newly confirmed members into the Episcopal Church



April Birthdays

- 1 Beth Campbell
- 3 Powell Smith
- 5 Andrew Christiansen
Clara Heard
David Taylor
Sara Bass
- 8 Will Groves
- 9 Matthew Clements
- 10 Everett Guidry
- 12 Ellis George
- 14 Emily Bass
- 19 David Guidry
Mary Guidry
Nancy Pullig
- 25 Samuel Bass
- 30 Aidan Ritchie



Easter Home Blessings

Fr. Drew will be doing house blessings throughout the Easter Season.



Whether you have a new home, a rebuilt home, a recently renovated home, or the same home (house, apartment, etc.), reach out to Fr. Drew to schedule a time during April or May to do a house blessing.

Let him know if you'd like it to be a private blessing or if you are interested in inviting members of the congregation and hosting a social.

THE OFFERTORY



Passing the offering plate is a fitting liturgical practice and an expression of gratitude.

Photo:

Josephine Stoupy

Nancy Cook

Savannah Potter

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

On Saturday, March 16, OCC SWLA, *the entire region of participating churches*, celebrated what God did through Ministry in 2023.

It was interesting to learn that the majority of our shoeboxes packed in the SWLA region went to Madagascar, Mexico, Malawi, South Africa, Namibia and Ukraine. A big thank you to all who helped with our 2023 effort; whether it was through donations, packing shoeboxes or logistics!

Newsflash - Vacation Bible School will be happening June 3 through June 7 and we would love to have our little friends assist with packing Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes - so we are asking for donations of crayons, color books and clothing for 2-4 year olds! Please place in the box by the piano in the Parish Hall.

*Photos: In the shoeboxes are Emma and Elouise Mahout.
On the raft are Karen Richards, Clara & George Heard with Fr. Drew.*



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

- Women's retreat projected month is September. More information as the date gets closer.
- **Baptism and funeral contacts for April are Wanda Alexander and Colleen Fontenot.** May through July contacts are Noni Sherman and Tommie Schweitzer.
- Pentecost Sunday is May 19 with one service only at 10:30 a.m. It is customary to have a picnic type luncheon that day. A suggestion was made to have a blessing of the completed pavilion. More details next month!
- Final ECW meeting, before summer break, will be Tuesday, May 14, at noon. It will be a convocational salad luncheon. Invitations will be sent to all our area Episcopal churches. St. Michael's ECW members are requested to bring a desert.

The April 29 ECW meeting is at noon and Carole LeBlanc and Colleen Fontenot are hostesses.

Please bring your lunch.



**LET US WELCOME
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Eloise Lilly Fontenot

**Daughter of Amanda Bergeron and
Maison Fontenot**

March 10, 2024

ST MICHAEL'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**MONDAY JUNE 3 -
FRIDAY JUNE 7**

MORE INFO TO COME IN NEXT MONTHS NEWSLETTER



LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Thank you, Matt Lovejoy, for being our April and May volunteer.

The office will order supplies from Sam's Club and the volunteer will only need to pick them up and stock the closet.

Please contact Fr. Drew to let him know which month(s) you would like to volunteer this year.

LECTIONARY READINGS

Find the Liturgical Calendar online at www.lectionarypage.net

	April 7 Easter 2	April 14 Easter 3	April 21 Easter 4	April 28 Easter 5
Year B	Acts 4:32-35 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31 Psalm 133	Acts 3:12-19 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48 Psalm 4	Acts 4:5-12 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18 Psalm 23	Acts 8:26-40 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8 Psalm 22:24-30

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

8:00 Lector LEM	Charles Harper Monet Brashear	Stephanie Mann Theresa George	Stephanie Mann Harris Rowzie	<i>No 8am Service</i>
10:30 Lector LEM LEM	Missy Shaddock Colleen Fonteno Martha Briley	Sarah Brummett Matthew Lovejoy Kandy Moreno	Clara Heard Paul Burgess Martha Briley	BISHOP'S VISIT Charles Richardson Colleen Fontenot Jeff Schweitzer
Altar Guild	Faye Cook Kathy Venable Patti Smith	Monet Brashear Stephanie Mann Tommie Schweitzer	Kim Palermo Kathy Tell Kandy Moreno	Kandy Moreno Megan Rowzie Leda Lofaso
Wednesday Altar Guild	April 3 Harriet Green	April 10 Colleen Fontenot	April 17 Cindy Crowe	April 24 Harriet Green
Altar Flowers	Jacqueline Taylor	Wilma Moore	Fr. Drew	Janet Andrus
Breakfast Teams	Bacon Makers	Scramblers	Roosters	Biscuit Boys

FATHER DREW

April 5

May your special day be as bright as
your teachings and as warm as your
heart.

On your birthday, we thank God for the gift of your presence
in our lives. Have a Blessed Birthday!



April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 31 Easter 	1	2	3 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study NO. HOLY EUCHARIST 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	4	5 11 a.m. Graywood Verandah Noon—1:30 Canterbury	6
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28 SERVICE 10:30 a.m. ONLY BISHOPS VISIT	29	30				



November 1950 - March 2024

WENDY PELLOQUIN

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen

Sunday of the Passion service



OUR MISSION IS TO:

WORSHIP, GROW, & GO

To **worship** God in the Anglican tradition.

To **grow** Christian disciples in community.

To **go** into the world in peace to love and serve.