

Annual Parish Report

January 26, 2020

(For Year End 2019)



ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

123 West Sale Road
Lake Charles, LA 70605

2020 Parish Meeting Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer and Call to Order – Rev. D. Seth Donald

- II. Special thank you to our retiring Vestry members
(Colleen Fontenot, Kathy Venable, Theresa George and Jeff Schweitzer)

- III. Election of 2020 Vestry and Delegates to the Diocesan Convention*

- IV. Presentation of 2020 Budget – Avery Cook

- V. Election Results

- VI. Closing Prayer and Dismissal

Items followed by an * require a vote of the congregation.
Written Ministry Reports may be found in your Parish Meeting booklet.

“Glory to God whose power, working in us,
Can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine;
Glory to Him from generation to generation in the Church,
and in Christ Jesus forever.”

Ephesians 3:20-21

Opening Prayer

Almighty and everliving God,
ruler of all things in heaven and earth,
hear our prayers for this parish family.
Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless,
and restore the penitent.

Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us
all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

p. 817, Book of Common Prayer

Closing Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you,
So guide our minds, so fill our imaginations,
So control our wills, that we may be wholly yours,
Utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will,
And always to your glory and the welfare of your people;
Through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

p. 832-833, Book of Common Prayer

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January 21, 2020

Agnes and Cecilia, Martyrs

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you and blessings in this new year.

If I was forced to use only one word to describe St. Michael's parish, I would have a difficult time choosing one. Adjectives like: loving, welcoming, Christ-centered, thoughtful, and caring would all be accurate. When I am asked to describe our church one word consistently comes up. That word is "healthy." St. Michael's is a healthy parish. We are spiritually grounded in Christ's love for us and for others. We are good stewards of our resources. We warmly welcome others into our fellowship. We are there for one another as a family of faith. We "rejoice with those who rejoice and we mourn with those who mourn." We take seriously the charge that is given to us at the dismissal of our services to "go in peace to love and serve." This is a healthy place. Let's acknowledge the blessing of our communal health.

It is my honor and privilege to serve as your rector and priest. The principal role of the clergy is to serve as a pastor, priest, and teacher (BCP 531) but we are all the ministers of the church. "The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church (BCP 855)." We do this by gathering "together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God" (BCP 856).

Because this parish is healthy, we are in a better position to love and serve. Let me know how I might further encourage and empower you to live into your call as a lay minister.

Faithfully in the Risen Christ,

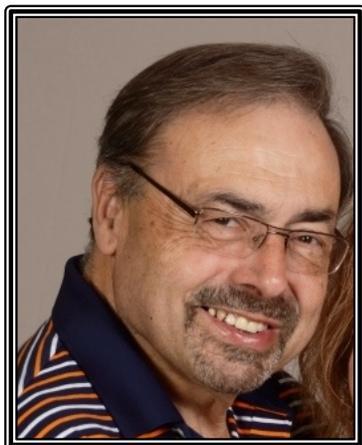
Fr. Seth+

The Rev. D. Seth Donald

The Rev. D. Seth Donald, Rector

2020 Vestry Delegates

Ken Smith



Been a member of St Michael's vestry three times. Senior warden twice. Long time stewardship chairman. I am excited and looking forward to working with the new vestry.

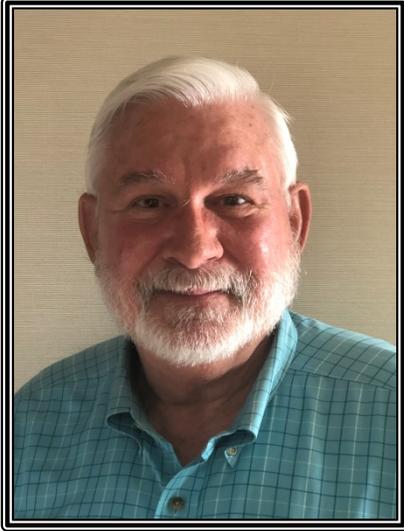
Dr. Martha Briley



As a cradle Episcopalian, I'm excited and honored to serve on St. Michael's Vestry. After moving to Lake Charles in 1993, I became active at Good Shepherd, serving as lector, Altar Guild, and the Vestry twice. I've recently become a member of St. Michael's and am serving as a Lay Eucharistic minister. During the week, I keep myself busy caring for dogs and cats at Country Club Veterinary Clinic. I have two children, Ellen, a senior at LSU and Spencer, a sophomore at St. Louis.

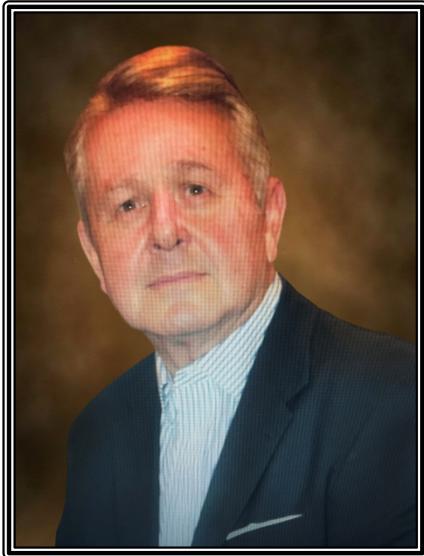
2020 Vestry Delegates

Powell Smith



Powell is almost a Lake Charles native having lived here for over 60 years. A graduate of Lake Charles High School and McNeese State University, he has been a Wealth Management Advisor for 34 years following 8 years as a practicing Certified Public Accountant. He has 2 children, Caitlin and Cullen. His formative church years were spent at St. Michael's and he happily returned to the membership in 2016.

W. Brent Lumpkin



Lumpkin serves on the board of directors for Visit Lake Charles - Convention Visitors Bureau, the I-10 Bridge Task Force, Calcasieu Parish Industrial Development Board, committees at McNeese State University and SOWELA Technical Community College, formerly Baton Rouge Area Foundation Strategic Planning Committee, Chamber Southwest Board of Directors, Community Foundation Board, Salvation Army Board and Education Treatment Council Board. Lumpkin studied at LSU and is a real estate developer. He is married to Jane Jessen Lumpkin and they have nine children and fourteen grandchildren.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The attached financial statements for 2019 and the Operating Fund Budget for 2020 was approved by the Vestry of Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church on recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Because of the generosity of the members of Saint Michael's the Vestry is happy to report 2019 was a very blessed year. We were able to fund the Outreach Mission Fund a total of \$ 27,658.00 and pay the diocese, \$ 31,000.00. On December 31, 2019 the Endowment fund balance was \$ 44,505.00. The fund is managed by Black Rock Investment Management Company. Saint Michael's operating fund balance on December 31, 2019 was \$160,196.00.

Fiscal year 2020 looks to be just as promising. Pledges received to date are higher than last year, both in number and dollar amount. The Finance Committee and the Vestry have committed to operate with a balanced budget for 2020. The 94 pledges we have received has allowed us to budget \$ 40,997.00 for the Diocesan Pledge and fund the Outreach Mission Fund \$25,000.00. We were also able to give our Rector and staff a modest salary increase for 2020.

I believe with the grace of God and the generosity of our parishioners Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church will continue to remain in a good financial position.

Respectfully submitted,
Avery Cook, Jr, Treasurer

Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church
Balance Sheet For All Accounts
Through 12/31/2019

ASSETS

Cash Assets:

Capital One Bank	\$337,098.01
Endowment	\$44,505.52
FirstFederal	\$0.00
IberiaBank	(\$0.00)
JD Bank	\$41,322.21
Petty Cash	\$300.00

\$423,225.74

Property/Other Assets:

Bell Tower Carillon	\$8,643.00
Church Land & Buildings	\$1,153,930.47
JD Bank	\$0.00
Land Bayou Road	\$65,743.06
Rectory & Other Buildings	\$70,000.00
Stephen's House	\$85,000.00

\$1,383,316.53

TOTAL ASSETS:

\$1,806,542.27

LIABILITIES

Payroll Liabilities

FICA Church Portion	\$0.00
FICA Employee Portion	\$428.98
Federal Withholding	\$457.73
Medicare Church Portion	\$0.00
Medicare Employee Portion	\$100.33
Retirement	\$500.00
State Withholding	\$566.56

\$2,053.60

Property/Other Liabilities:

Cameron State Bank Loan	\$0.00
Nation Church Payable	\$0.00

\$0.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES:

\$2,053.60

EQUITY

Fund Balance

AA Upgrade Fund	\$7,806.02
Altar Guild Fund	\$1,881.31
Breakfast Fund	\$1,281.99
Capital Improvement Fu	\$13,164.18
Childrens Ministry Fd	\$3,257.77
Choir Relocation Fund	\$7,500.00
Columbarium Fund	\$5,493.53
Consert Fund	\$189.70
Continuing Ed Accrued Fund	\$2,115.05
Courtyard Fund	\$3,793.92
Devotional Supply Fund	(\$120.95)
Dominican Republic Sch	\$1,800.00

Fund Balance

Eastside Parking Lot Fbal	\$9,926.17
Endowment Fund	\$45,105.52
Fixed Asset Bal Fund	\$1,383,316.53
Flooring Fund	\$42,051.27
Flower Fund	\$1,678.44
General Fund	(\$400.00)
Ins. Deductible Fund	\$35,828.68
Little Free Pantry Fund	\$2,160.28
Memorial Fund	\$14,132.19
Mission Trip Fund	\$9,774.38
Music Fund	(\$365.78)
Operating Fund	\$160,196.60
Organ Fund	\$3,800.47
Outreach Mission Fund	\$3,051.46
Parish Special Events Fbal	\$603.00
Property Proceeds Fund	\$23,769.48
Security Deposit Fund	\$1,000.00
Special Gifts Fund	\$19,815.03
United Thank Offering	\$50.00
Workshop Fund	\$73.18
Youth Activities Fund	\$759.25

TOTAL FUNDS:

\$1,804,488.67

Capital Equity

Equity

\$0.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY:

\$1,806,542.27

	A	B	C	D
1	<u>Operating Fund for 2019 and 2020 Budget report</u>			
2	<u>Income</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>Actual 2019</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
3	Plate Offering	\$ 37,000.00	\$ 49,449.55	\$ 49,000.00
4	Pledges	\$ 294,518.00	\$ 304,210.72	\$ 354,468.00
5	Prepaid Pledges	\$ 6,993.00	\$ 21,920.00	\$ -
6	Prepaid Plate	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ -
7	Rental Income	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 5,308.92	\$ 6,000.00
8	Pledges Restricted	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 34,125.00	\$ -
9	St Michael Discret inc	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10	Misc. Income	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 339.45	\$ 500.00
11	<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$ 374,511.00</u>	<u>\$ 415,353.64</u>	<u>\$ 409,968.00</u>
12				
13	<u>Expenses</u>			
14	Accounting Services	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 7,500.00
15	Adult Education	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 411.51	\$ 1,000.00
16	Altar Supplies	\$ 3,236.00	\$ 2,941.28	\$ 3,000.00
17	Audio Visual Equipment Expense	\$ 100.00	\$ 793.82	\$ 2,450.00
18	Audit Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
19	Bank Charges	\$ -	\$ 239.86	\$ 500.00
20	Bayou Rd Property Maint.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
21	Bonuses Staff Discretionary Exp	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
22	Building Maintenance	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 33,628.05	\$ 15,000.00
23	Church Music	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,447.00	\$ 2,500.00
24	Church Telephone	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,547.99	\$ 2,500.00
25	Church Utilities	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 16,097.49	\$ 17,000.00
26	Columbarium Expense	\$ 65.00	\$ 140.90	\$ 150.00
27	Computer Expense	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,280.27	\$ 2,500.00
28	Consumer Use Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
29	Copier Expense	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,806.68	\$ 5,000.00
30	Devotional Supplies	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,456.47	\$ 2,000.00
31	Diocesan Convention	\$ 500.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00
32	Diocesan Pledge	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 30,999.96	\$ 40,997.00
33	Disability Insurance	\$ 450.00	\$ 557.82	\$ 500.00
34	FICA	\$ 3,850.00	\$ 3,493.38	\$ 3,850.00
35	Financial Sec Sal Ex	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
36	Halos Expense	\$ 550.00	\$ 53.11	\$ 500.00
37	Health Savings Account	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,100.00
38	Housing Allowance	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
39	Hurricane Deductible	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
40	Ins Fire Ec Liability	\$ 20,200.00	\$ 18,732.95	\$ 19,000.00
41	Janitorial Supplies	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,176.85	\$ 7,000.00
42	Jr Youth Director Sal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00
43	Junior Choir	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
44	Junior EYC	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 747.31	\$ 1,000.00
45	Lay Employee Pension	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,671.52	\$ 2,950.00
46	Medicare tax	\$ 895.00	\$ 816.97	\$ 895.00
47	Misc. Expense	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
48	Music Scholarship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

	A	B	C	D
49	Music Special Events	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 2,000.00
50	Music Substitues	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,000.00
51	Newcomer Dinner	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
52	Nursery Expense	\$ 4,048.00	\$ 3,495.00	\$ 4,045.00
53	Office Supplies	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,204.13	\$ 4,500.00
54	Organist Choir Dir CE	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,424.61	\$ 2,000.00
55	Organist Choir Dir Sal	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.04	\$ 17,850.00
56	Outreach			
57	Parish Sec Salary	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 24,999.96	\$ 26,250.00
58	Parish Special Events	\$ 2,650.00	\$ 2,739.93	\$ 3,000.00
59	Postage	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,151.00	\$ 2,250.00
60	Publicity	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,251.97	\$ 10,000.00
61	Rectors Continuing Education	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
62	Rectors Health Ins	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 21,264.00	\$ 22,000.00
63	Rectors Pension	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 15,840.00
64	Rectors Salary	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 54,999.96	\$ 60,500.00
65	Rectors Travel	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
66	Rectors Telephone	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,135.30	\$ 3,000.00
67	SOS Expense	\$ 450.00	\$ 221.33	\$ 400.00
68	Sexton Salary	\$ 19,467.00	\$ 19,467.00	\$ 20,441.00
69	Spiritual Reteat Rectors	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
70	St Michael Discretionary fund	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
71	Stephens House Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
72	Stephens Hopuse Main.	\$ 850.00	\$ 787.12	\$ 850.00
73	Substitutes Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,675.00	\$ 2,000.00
74	Sunday School	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,617.64	\$ 2,500.00
75	Termite Treatment	\$ 700.00	\$ 954.00	\$ 1,000.00
76	Treasurer Salary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
77	Workmans Comp Ins	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,531.00	\$ 1,650.00
78	Yard Work	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,594.22	\$ 10,000.00
79	Associate Priest travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
80	Associate Priest Health ins	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
81	Associate Priest CE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
82	Associate Priest Sprititual Retreat	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
83	Associate Priest Pension	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
84	Total Expenses	\$ 373,911.00	\$ 374,039.40	\$ 409,968.00
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86	Net	\$ 600.00	\$ 41,314.24	\$ -
87				
88	Pledges as of 12/31/2019			
89	Operating fund Pledges	\$ 379,468.00		
90	Less OutReach	\$ (25,000.00)		
91	Net Pledges	\$ 354,468.00		
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SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Senior Warden this past year. First, I would like to thank Fr. Seth, Avery and the Vestry, especially Colleen, Kathy, Theresa and Jeff as they roll off the Vestry. The faith, love, kindness and discernment that was exhibited during our Vestry meetings was wonderful to behold. Secondly, I would like to thank the congregation for their faithful support. I admire all the time and efforts for all the good works that you perform. You exemplify what I was taught as a child, that the Church is the people. Finally, as we continue our journey in Christ, the future is looking very blessed. We are poised for growth in the Vine of His Word and I look forward to the fruitful changes the new year brings.

Peace and kindest regards,
David C. Ritchie

CANTERBURY REPORT

Canterbury ministry served lunch to McNeese students in the spring and fall semesters. Special thanks to the members of St Michael's who helped serve, decorate, provide food, clean up after meals or visited with the students. The Canterbury Ministry is truly one of hospitality; to feed and welcome students who come to us as strangers, but leave as friends. To paraphrase the letter to the Hebrews, 'be kind and loving to all who are in our presence, for we may be entertaining angels!' If you would like to help in this ministry of hospitality, please call or leave a message at the church office. Our day for providing meals to the students is 11 a.m. -1 p.m. on Friday when classes are in session. Thank you for all the support!

Paul White
337.496.6348

JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT

CHURCH WORK DAYS

We had two organized work days this year, first April 13, the second on October 19. Weather was good for both days. The ECW storage closet was reorganized so to make use of the new shelving and table cloth bar.

We had 19 volunteers for the April work day, we trimmed trees and flowers, cleaned flower beds, planted flowers and added mulch where necessary. The deck at the Canterbury House along with the playground equipment was cleaned and some new flowers planted. The October work day went very well, there were 16 volunteers, cleaning flower beds and trimming trees was completed as necessary. Jeff Schweitzer led a crew that removed the large bottle brush stump from the flower bed by the bell tower. The playground equipment was cleaned for the second time this year.

NEW FLOORING

This work is now going very well, but in July we had some slowdown while we determined how to best deal with the old loose tile in some of the rooms. The decision was made to install a floating floor where loose and uneven floor was an issue and install the glue down flooring where the old flooring was in good condition.

The AA meeting room is the latest to be completed, that work went well and they are pleased with the new look. The Parish hall is next in line for the new flooring, should be completed in February.

TERMITE RESTORATION

In August we discovered we have a termite issue at the north peak of the church over the altar. We got Terminix involved and it was determined that moisture was entering the building at the transition between the metal roof and the concrete block wall and modifications must be made.

The roof modification has been completed and approved by the Terminix, we are now waiting for a bid and approval so we can complete the inside Restoration.

It has been great working with everyone in 2019, reviewing some of the monthly reports it amazing what can be accomplished when we work together as a team. Thanks to all volunteered for their time, hard work, for kind words and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Bell

Godly Play 2018-2019

In 2018, with a generous donation from a parishioner, we were able to complete the Godly Play room with a complete set of stories and materials. It is hard to believe that we are already in our third year sharing Godly Play with the children of St. Michael and All Angels (SMAA). I am in continuous awe of their wonder and shared faith in the safe circle we form each week in our room. They come with minds to wonder, hearts to love and work to share.

Godly Play classes begin each September and continue until Pentecost in May. We are dedicated to the class flow-Welcome, Story, Response Time, Feast, Dismissal and Blessings. We have anywhere from 4 to 12 children attend Godly Play weekly. SMAA hosted a Godly Play training in the Spring and six parishioners attended the training. Two of those have been on the teaching rotation this year while the others have supported us with class planning and substituting in as Doorkeeper when available. Thank you to our amazing team: Deanna Chamberlain, Cathie Cox, Colleen Fontenot, Harriet Green, Heather Guidry and Betsy Stoupy.

In Godly Play, we hear the same stories over three years knowing that each year the children will approach the stories at a different level and with new perspective. September through November we primarily focus on lessons from the Old Testament: the story of Creation, Noah and the Flood, Abraham and Sarah, Moses and the Ten Best Ways to Live (10 Commandments), and the Exodus story. During Advent we learned about the four weeks of Advent leading up to the Mystery of Christmas and Jesus' birth. In the Spring we will focus on the New Testament stories. Sharing these stories with our church youth on the floor in circle time has proved to be creative, intentional and extremely engaging. Just last week one student claimed he really liked church because he got to attend Godly Play first. The children's responses to the stories are awe-inspiring and they are really entrenched in the language of Godly Play.

In 2020 I look forward to sharing Parable stories as we move towards Lent, and during Lent talking about Jesus' life and the mystery of Easter and the Cross. We are thrilled to announce that in February we will expand into two classrooms, one for ages 3-6 and one for ages 7 and up. We feel our older children are ready to enter more deeply into the stories and wondering time and will be able to in a peer group. In the Fall of 2020, we will offer a middle school Godly Play class for 5-8th graders so our current students can continue their exploration of Godly Play with extended stories. With this growth, we will need more teachers! Please reach out to me if interested in training and helping in the next year.

This class has been a gift to me to teach and I hope to spread the awe and wonder of the bible stories to more children in 2020. Please encourage others to bring their children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends to this class.

Amy Donald

OUTREACH (MISSION) COMMITTEE REPORT

A percentage of St. Michael's pledges and offering plate receipts are set aside for outreach—to support entities, programs, events or other situations which need our help. When we were made aware of such needs, the Outreach Committee (Colleen Fontenot, Harriet Green(Chair), George Heard, Harris N. Rowzie, Patti Smith, Paul White, and Kathy Venable considered the requests and, after due discussion, made recommendations to the vestry for its approval. The need everywhere is great, and some of these we will have always with us. Therefore, we give priority to specifically Episcopal programs, and to those situations and events in which our members actively participate. In 2019 we gave the following: \$36,527.57)

Abraham's Tent	\$ 2,000.00
Calcasieu Council on Aging (Meals on Wheels)	\$ 1,000.00
Dominican Development Group (scholarships)	\$ 3,500.00
Dominican Development Group (clinic)	\$ 2,000.00
Dominican Development Group (Mission trip)	\$ 7,000.00
Doctor Bill (Parishioner)	\$ 1,027.57
Little Free Pantry (supplies)	\$ 3,000.00
Open Door Ministry	\$ 1,000.00
Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse)	\$ 4,000.00
Order of St. Luke's (Healing Ministry)	\$ 2,000.00
Saint Landry's Parish Churches	\$ 1,000.00
Salvation Army	\$ 2,000.00
Seminary Training—Paul White	\$ 4,000.00
Sewanee Seminary	\$ 3,000.00

LITTLE FREE PANTRY

The Little Free Pantry at St. Michaels and All Angels Episcopal Church was donated by our Junior League of Lake Charles. Since it was installed, this ministry has had the opportunity to serve those in our community in need. We provide items such as non-perishable food items, socks, caps, gloves, blankets, toiletry items. We also have a small library in it. Since our Little Free Pantry was installed, our church has seen many people in our community come to the Pantry to not only take advantage of what we can provide that they may not be able to obtain for themselves, but we have also seen many donate many items often. My favorite story is of the young woman who after filling the Pantry full, stated that after she had lost her job, this Little Pantry kept her from going hungry for a few weeks. After getting a new job, she felt compelled to “pay it forward” for others. What a blessing from God!

Anyone can donate items to our Pantry at any time. Items may be placed into the Pantry or dropped off at the church office.

Be a blessing to others by donating to help fight hunger in our community!

Yours in Christ, Colleen Fontenot

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

Every woman at St. Michael's is considered a member of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) by default though not all women are able to or choose to participate. St. Michael's ECW meets on the second Tuesday of the month from Noon - 1 p.m. Attendees bring along a bag lunch and host(s) provide dessert and beverages.

ECW members are involved in many aspects of church vitality including:

1. Set up, serve, and clean up for church luncheons during the Bishop's confirmation visit, St. Michael's Day, Pentecost Sunday, the Shrove Pancake Supper and/or other events.
2. Fulfill the role of Halos monthly chairperson to assist with church funerals by providing food/beverages and/or acting as liaison with families to meet their needs before or after funerals.
3. Support the Priest, the Vestry, and the church as requested.

Beginning with the September 2019 meeting, a speaker has been invited to attend and address the group. Speakers and topics have included Rusty Havens, SWLA Abolitionists, Callie Thomas, Episcopal Day School South Campus, Paul White, Ignatius of Loyola, and Somer Brown, Ragnar Trail SoCal. Attendance at regularly scheduled meetings since September has averaged 17.

ECW Take Two was offered on Saturday afternoons twice in fall 2019 in an effort to make meeting attendance more accessible for women that work and/or have young children and can't make the regular meetings held on Tuesdays at Noon. Communication has also been strengthened through email and the Remind App in an effort to keep participants abreast of upcoming meetings.

The Advent/Christmas Luncheon, held at the Pioneer Club, included ECW members from all four convocational Episcopal Churches and concluded with the singing of Christmas carols accompanied by a pianist. A "Pass the Stocking" effort generated \$581 in donations to assist a mother and child in need.

I would like to thank all the women that assist in meeting the needs of the church through attendance and/or participation in ECW. I personally believe that Halos is one of our most important ministries and it is a gift to us as church members to assist grieving families when one of our members and their loved one moves on to greater glory. I am most grateful to Royia Bell who has continued to serve faithfully as the ECW Treasurer. I also wish to thank Melissa Alford and Heather Guidry for their support and initiative with strengthening communication and introducing ECW Take Two, respectfully.

Sincerely,
Marianne White
ECW President

THE ORDER OF DAUGHTERS OF THE KING: WHO ARE WE?

By Colleen Fontenot and Nancy Cook

If you look around our beautiful church, you will see several ladies who all wear an identical cross every day. This cross is the symbol of the Daughters of the King and is a modified Greek Fleury Cross, which is made exclusively for members of the Daughters of the King, open to women of the Episcopal Church and the churches in communion with it. It was adopted in 1891 with words in Latin meaning “With heart, mind and spirit uphold and bear the cross”. At the bottom of the cross are the initials FHS, standing for “For His Sake”.

Daughters of the King is not a church organization. It is an order, but we do not live in enclosed communities as in other religious orders. However, if you join DOK, it is a life time commitment to the order and to dedicate our lives to the extension of Christ’s Kingdom through Prayer, Service and Evangelism.

One of our ministries is intercessory prayer. You will notice that there are prayer request cards in the pews and in the Narthex, which can be filled in and put in the collection plate or the box in the Narthex. Prayer requests can also be called in to the church office or to any members of DOK. Prayer requests are always confidential and always honored.

No special attributes are required for women to join DOK, just a sincere desire to draw ourselves nearer to God and to help others in the process. Women interested in joining are required to do a period of study of the history and mission of the order, which is also a time of discernment to help the candidate decide if she wants to be a member of DOK. If you want information about how to join, just ask any woman in the church wearing the DOK cross.

SOS—what is it?

SOS is a gathering for food and fellowship in the Church Hall at 6pm every fourth Tuesday of each month. SOS stands for “Seniors of St. Michael’s” but there really is no age requirement to come. All adults from St. Michael’s are welcome to attend and to bring friends from outside the church too.

A main dish is provided and the rest of us bring a side dish or dessert. If you do not have the time to prepare a side dish, don’t feel like you cannot attend. We always have plenty of food. Along with the food and fellowship, we also have a short 15-20 minute talk on a topic of interest by a guest speaker. Examples of topics that we have heard have been—growing roses by an expert, scams to be aware of by the Better Business Bureau, updates on library services by the head of the Calcasieu library system etc. We have lots of great topics and food lined up for the rest of the year.

No need to sign up—just show up!

ST. MICHAEL'S BREAKFAST REPORT

Six breakfast teams provide breakfast between the eight o'clock service and before Christian formation. The team members are dedicated, committed and enjoy serving our members and visitors. The number of people enjoying the breakfast continues to increase. Please take time to eat a good breakfast and enjoy good fellowship. Perhaps you will meet a new best friend or visit with an old best friend. I am grateful for each and every person serving on a team and those who pitch in to help when they see a need. Anyone can join a team, all that is required is a desire to serve and receive a blessing. Please contact George Heard ph#337-529-6606 or the church office and you will be welcomed to the Bon Appétit team.

GOD Bless,
George Heard

BISHOPS COMMISSION ON ADDICTION AND RECOVERY

With opioid addiction at "epidemic" proportions, the AA Recovery Ministry of St. Michaels has increased to include three 7:00 a.m. meetings per week. St. Michaels continues to lead the Diocese as a Recovery Center. The South City AA Group has met here since the days of Father Ralph Masters and has grown to a total of 18 meetings per week. This group is now the largest recovery group in Southwest Louisiana. No matter what addiction our congregation is dealing with, help is available within our own church. Contact Christy for names and meeting times.

Paul Hannen,
Member of the Bishop's Commission on Addiction and Recovery

GUILD OF THE CHRIST CHILD

This ministry serves the children baptized each year. Each child receives a card in the mail soon after their Baptism. They receive a card on the anniversary of their baptism for 12 years. The inspirational cards remind the child and family of the child of this holy sacrament leading to Confirmation. The church covers the cost of this ministry.

St. Michael's currently has 11 children in this program.

Peace and Joy,
Missy Shaddock, 439-9737

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The St. Michael's 2019 Operation Christmas Child Project was a success, and we praise God for His grace and favor towards us. In November, we collected 789 excellent Shoeboxes - the largest number ever in the 13 years we've participated in this evangelical outreach to the children of the world. The gifts began their journey on Nov. 18th; some have gone to Mexico; others to Belize, and other countries. Last week our Parish received this email from Belize: "Good morning. My name is Yahaira Rodrigues and I am the mother of a little boy named Esjay, he is 2 and a half years old. This morning we received our Samaritans Purse. Just like to say thank You so much, i could imagine the effort and prayers placed inn each box. My son loves his coloring book and bible stories. Thanks so much. We are from a little village named Eldrigriville in Toledo, Belize, Central America. From the bottom of my heart, thanks so much." Thank You, Jesus, for this encouraging message from this Mother!

Join us in praising God for the other 25,000+ shoebox gifts packed in Southwest Louisiana, the 8,950,144 packed in the United States. Together with all the shoeboxes collected globally, that's more than 10.5 million Gospel opportunities now on the way to children in more than 100 countries around the world!

Our funding came from: \$4000 from our Parish Outreach Fund, approximately \$2500 from fundraisers (M & M's, Chili Supper, and Bake Sale). We were given donations of approximately \$1500, plus hundreds of purchased and homemade items to fill our shoeboxes. On December 16, 2019, we sent a check for \$4502.75 to Samaritan's Purse to help pay the \$9 shipping/ministry fees for our shoeboxes.

We give praise to God for His grace and favor in this project. We thank Him for all who labored and gave Time, Talent, Treasure, and Prayers.

PLEASE PRAY: + for every Child receiving a shoebox to understand the Good News of the gospel and experience the Great Joy of God's Love; +for the Local Volunteers and Ministry partners who are delivering the shoeboxes in more than 100 countries around the world; and + for The Greatest Journey follow-up discipleship - for those facilitating the program and for the hearts of the children participating.

Your servant in Christ, Clara Heard
OCC Project Leader, St. Michael's

2019 Report from The International Order of St. Luke the Physician



Greetings Saints,

The mission of the International Order of St. Luke the Physician (OSL) is to empower God's people throughout the world to confidently pray for anyone, anywhere, through training in the healing ministry of Jesus. It is the vision of OSL that individuals, communities and nations be made whole, free of sickness, through Jesus Christ.

The Imperial Calcasieu Healing Community of OSL is one of the most active and diverse in the United States. Christian denominations represented are Episcopal, Baptist, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Lutheran, Vineyard and Church of God. We meet at St. Michael's on the first Monday of every month, and we have a subchapter that meets on the first Sunday of every month at CrossRoads Church in Moss Bluff.

St. Michael's has been home to the Healing House for seven years. Prayer teams meet monthly on the third Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Anyone needing prayer or healing is encouraged to come. No appointment is necessary. We have witnessed many miraculous healings from those who have come to the Healing House.

The Imperial Calcasieu Healing Community held several conferences in 2019 and will have several in 2020. Our next conference, which will include teaching and training, will be led by keynote speaker, the Rev. Dr. Sharon Lewis, who is also an Episcopal priest. The conference will be held on March 20 and 21 at St. Michael's, and this year's theme will be "Do You Want to be Made Whole." You may pick up a registration form at the church office or email me at oslregionv@gmail.com.

The OSL ministry calls us to do more than sponsor healing services and conferences. God intends us to be participants, not spectators, and share Jesus' ministry to heal the sick. Please prayerfully consider this outstanding opportunity to be truly in God's presence. You do not need to be a member of OSL to attend our meetings or conferences. All you need is an open heart and a desire to seek God's will for your life.

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm Self
Vice President, Board of Directors
International Order of St. Luke the Physician
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ALTAR GUILD ANNUAL REPORT

The members of the Altar Guild prepare the sanctuary and chapel for all services needed. Our church has four regular services each week. The Altar Guild is also responsible for funerals, baptisms, weddings, and confirmations. Each Saturday, a team of four prepare the sanctuary and chapel for Sunday services. The team also participates in each mass by recording the number of attendees; and presenting the elements for Eucharist.

The Altar Guild team is entrusted to care for the linens, vestments and Eucharist vessels. AG team members prepare and deliver the altar flowers to parishioners every week.

In 2019, we assisted in 1 wedding, 8 funerals, and 5 baptisms.

Currently, we have 20 members on the Altar Guild and we are always looking for more hands!

We are “God’s Housekeepers”!

Cindy Crowe & Patti Smith
Co-Chairmen

ROSEWOOD NURSING HOME MINISTRY

St Michael's is still participating in a joint ministry with Good Shepherd serving the residents of Rosewood Nursing Home with two services (first and third Fridays 10:00-10:45) a month. We always encourage church members to add this worthwhile ministry to their calendar. The first Friday is a communion service led by Mother Petroula Ruehlen and the second is lay led. The residents so appreciate our meetings with them...you can see it on their faces, their thank yous and their singing along with us when possible.

You will not be sorry if you volunteer, you need no talent, just a willingness to share your time and warm smiles. For further information call Ellie Lemoine 474-5876 or e-mail elliesherwood@bellsouth.net.

MUSIC MINISTRY

It has been my privilege to be the organist/choir director this year. Music with organ and piano is provided at the 8:00 and 10:30 services. The hymns and responses are the same for both services but at the 8:00 there is no choir and no music is played at the 5:00. The adult choir practices on Wednesday nights at 6:30. The choir sings at the 10:30 Sunday services and they also provided music this year for Christmas Eve, Lent, Holy Week, Easter Sunday and some funerals.

Special Events

This year the Bayou Bell Choir under the direction of Bruce Allured presented a beautiful Christmas program. It was well attended and there was a lovely reception afterwards.

New Piano Donated

The church received a grand piano from former member Cora Johnston Moon, the late wife of church member Cornie Moon. The piano was tuned and is in the library. There are plans for a recital in honor of Cora Lee but no date has been set yet. My self and fellow choir member Lisa Sober will oversee the use of the piano.

Guest Performances

This year St. Michael's has been privileged to have church members, Dr. Etienne Stoupy and his wife Betsey perform for the regular services and Christmas Eve. We also were honored to have Analynn Sober perform for the Christmas Eve Service.

Joined Churches Easter Vigil

This year the choir from Good Shepherd Episcopal joined our choir to provide beautiful music for the Easter Vigil.

Children's Choir

Under leadership of myself and Lisa Sober a children's choir has started rehearsals on Thursdays at 5:30. There are about 10 children enrolled. They sang during the Christmas Pageant in a group performance. There are plans for them to perform every other month during the 10:30 service.

Goals for 2020

We need to increase the (ladies) soprano/alto singers in the choir. We would like to have more guest soloists for special services and continue a children's choir to sing during the year.

Sewanee Episcopal Music Conference

This year the church paid for me to attend the music conference at Sewanee in July. I felt very honored and appreciate the church's support. The services were live streamed and can be watched for free on Vimeo.

Summary

Music is thriving at St. Michael's. Our choir practices are a time of joy and praising God. Our music is uplifting and spiritually supports the liturgy. Please continue to pray and support music at St. Michaels.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Arrington