



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
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WE manifest joy through vibrant worship, beautiful music, and the active participation and nurturing of our children and youth.

WE embrace resilience by learning each other's stories, proclaiming the Good News of God's unconditional love, and strengthening our capacity to hope.

WE seek justice by advocating for political change, continuing our work as an Immigrant Welcoming Congregation, and striving to understand our role in social, economic, and racial inequality.

WE live in love through our Baptismal Promises to welcome and respect the dignity of every human being, care for God's creation, and engage in the ministry of Jesus to bring light, healing, and grace to our world.

WE are rooted as an Episcopal Church, honoring our traditions from the creative perspective of our community, learning how to engage the bilingual and multicultural makeup of our congregation, and seeking silence and stillness to glean insight from the Holy Spirit among us.



Minutes from the January 2025 Annual Meeting

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes, Annual Meeting January 26, 2025

Minutes from January 2024 Meeting: Last year's minutes were presented. Barb Mason moved the 2024 Minutes be approved and Jana Gregory seconded. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

Adoption of the 2024 Annual Report:

Carolyn Litzenberger moved and Ann Wetherell seconded that the Annual Report 2024 be approved. It was adopted unanimously.

Rector's Address

In his Rector's Address, Scott quoted from 1 Corinthians, we are all baptized in one body. In those days, as now, there were differences in opinion and experience. That church had marginalized some people, and Paul lifted up the body as a metaphor: existential interconnectedness. Church is not just another hierarchy, it is an interconnected organism, and yet each part can only thrive when it is functioning according to its own purpose. We will spend time this year building up our capacity to work together. The strategic vision process is essential to this happening. It may feel like there are things more pressing, but responsiveness is connected to this work. The Vision & Strategy committee is experimenting with new ways of being together, listening, and understanding. This calling to be a body doesn't stop at honoring individuals, but blessings between ministries, teams, and affinity groups, including those that arise as we move forward. Our ministries must also work together, listening, and honoring each other. Also, in the year ahead, our staff will continue to change shape. These goodbyes and transitions will be difficult; and there will be transitions as we hire new staff. This will help Scott+ fulfill his role and responsibilities as Rector. With new transitions, our goal is to support you individually and as a parish. Fundraising will be needed, including updating the HVAC system. The Facilities Committee has already put in many hours, obtaining assessments and quotes.

Nominations and Elections (Sheri)

Thank you to those who helped obtain nominees.

- **Four new Vestry candidates were elected:** Sheryl Fullerton, Kevin Warren, Julie Romberg, and Henry Welch
- **Elected to Convention:** Marili Reilly and David Young as alternate
- **Elected to Endowment Committee:** Cash Henry and Fabian Ramirez
- **Scott announced the new Senior Warden will be Ann Wetherell**

Report of Treasurer, Dave Reilly, and Presentation of the 2025 Budget:

(This budget was approved by the Vestry on January 23, 2025.) See the Annual Report for the full discussion. Dave noted our estimate exceeded our goal by 3-4%.

The pledge income in the 2025 budget is based on pledge cards received. They noted that pledges were not always reflected in giving, etc. On the income statement, we showed budgeted transfers from funds, to transparently show how we are using our funds. Budgeting includes interim clergy and full time Minister for Latino ministries. Lay pension numbers are a little higher, as we discovered we needed to do pension catch up.

Vestry agreed to buy a dishwasher/sanitizer and will be doing some fundraising activities to help fund it (although we do have money in the budget for it).

Thank you to Daryl Cole and Mike Parent for volunteering to help with the bookkeeping; also Steve Walton and Steven Rouffy for stepping up for IT needs.

Scott thanked Holy Trinity, Dave, Daryl, and Mike and noted he and Dave would be available after the meeting, in the Nativity Hall, to answer any other questions.

The budget development process included a sequence of meetings with finance committee, vestry, staff, and ministry leaders, as well as meetings with Team L.I.F.E. The vestry reviewed two drafts of the budget before accepting it.

Unsung Hero of Hope Award:

The 2025 Hero of Hope Award is given to Steve Walton for stepping forward to handle the live-streaming process when JT Quanbeck took ill and passed away. Steve thanked Steven Rouffy, Sundance, Joplin, William McLaughlin, and others who have stepped forward to learn and help the live-streaming process.

Gratitude to Vestry Retiring

Sheri O'Brien, Thrina Parent, Carl Braginsky, and Beth Ilem. Thrina thanked those leaving Vestry and for all they have done while on Vestry. Ann thanked the congregation and Scott. **We thanked** Thrina for all her hard work as Senior Warden.

Announcing election of new Vestry and Endowment Committee Members and Convention delegate. (See previous page)

Closing

Scott led the congregation in a closing prayer and all sang the hymn, "They Will Know We are Christians by our Love." The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Becky Tooley
Parish Clerk

Vision & Strategy

The Vision & Strategy Committee first gathered in September 2024 with the mission to listen, discern, and articulate a strategic vision to guide the parish through the next season of our life and ministry together. Through a series of congregational engagements and conversations with broad, cross-cultural participation, the committee has gathered input to better understand the gifts, commitments, needs, desires and challenges of our diverse community.

We held three all-parish events in 2025, beginning with a winter gathering on February 9, attended by 100-110 parishioners. Through table conversations and guided storytelling, participants reflected on the experiences that have shaped St. Michael & All Angels across generations and ministries. The gathering emphasized shared memory as a spiritual practice, honoring where we have been to help discern where the Spirit may be leading us. Common themes included welcome and belonging, adaptability through change, the importance of relationships, and a long-standing commitment to service, justice, and formative worship.

At the spring gathering on May 4, 65-75 participants focused on the present life of the parish—how ministries function and how leadership, energy, and care flow across the community. Through ministry-focused conversations and practical mapping, participants identified strengths, overlaps, and opportunities, while also naming challenges around sustainability, communication, and leadership development. The gathering helped move the Vision & Strategy process from shared storytelling toward clearer patterns of insight, while remaining relational and spiritually grounded.

The fall all-parish gathering of 110-125 parishioners on October 12 served as a key synthesis and discernment moment in the Vision & Strategy journey. Building on earlier listening and reflection, participants engaged draft themes and emerging directions through bilingual facilitation and structured feedback, testing shared language, priorities, and values. The gathering emphasized unity without uniformity, grounding future planning in baptismal identity, cultural humility, shared leadership, and joy, and directly informed the refinement of vision language and strategic priorities.

Building on this work, the committee will articulate a vision and strategies to move deeper into that vision over the next 3-5 years. The data subgroup* of the Vision & Strategy Committee has compiled and analyzed the voluminous findings from parish input, which will be reviewed in February by the full committee and finalized into an actionable strategic plan reflecting the values and highest priorities and needs of the parish. Following presentation by the committee to vestry and staff at the upcoming vestry retreat in March, the completed plan will be shared with the full parish later this spring.

Vision & Strategy Committee members include Victor Salinas (co-facilitator), Helen Crandell (co-facilitator), Gladys Alvarado Martinez, Palmira Cruz, *Mandy Davis, *Shawna Gandy, Lynda Garner, *Matt Kallen, Lorenzo Luna, Adrian Neri Reyes, Karol Lissett Rivera Zuniga, *Barbara Wyse, the Rev. Scott Painter and the Rev. Tony Alvarez. The work was facilitated by Julie Boleyn and Liliana Da Valle of the Kaleidoscope Institute, with funding by a grant from the Mission Endowment Fund.

We are most grateful for the support of the vestry and staff, and especially for the many parishioners who participated in the three parish gatherings, and all who provided logistical support and hospitality.

Dear Friends of St. Michael & All Angels,

2025 was a year of growth and change at St. Michael/San Miguel!

At the annual meeting in January, we thanked our Senior Warden Thrina Parent for her year of leadership and welcomed Sheryl Fullerton, Julie Romberg, Tim Shields, and Henry Welch to the vestry as the class of 2027. The vestry elected Kevin Warren to be the Junior Warden for Facilities and Elizabeth Rouffy to be the Junior Warden for the People.

On Pentecost, June 8, the vestry hosted the annual parish picnic and liturgy in Wilshire Park. It was a beautiful bilingual liturgy officiated by Scott+ and Padre Jesus Reyes, with fabulous music led by the Coro, and was followed by a festive potluck. This was Padre Jesus' last Sunday with the entire St. Michael's community—we had a chance to say goodbye and express our deep thanks for his ministry among us.

In June we also said goodbye to Gloria Orellana, our beloved Associate for Administration, who retired after 17 years in this position. Gloria was the central hub of St Michael's with deep knowledge of the workings of this church and the people in it. Her retirement open house was a great celebration.

In July we hired Matte Edey as the new Parish Administrator. Matte brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to their work at St. Michael's.

In August, our sexton Manny Luna moved to California. Manny was integral to this parish and a friend to all. We held a coffee hour celebration in his honor, complete with ice cream sandwiches—his favorite.

In 2024, the vestry made a commitment to fund a position for a full-time assistant rector who would begin in the middle 2025. This vital position supports and bridges both the Anglo and Latino communities and was possible due to your generosity. Thank you!

The Rev. Antonio Álvarez arrived in early July—cue the balloons! As part of the discernment process prior to his arrival, Scott+ requested that a small group of parish leaders interview Padre Toni on Zoom. Many thanks to Anabertha Alvarado, Jana Gregory, Lindsay Gutierrez, and Susie Silva-Strommer for their thoughtful work in crafting questions in Spanish and English that allowed us to get acquainted with Padre Toni and ask how he envisions his ministry in our multicultural parish.

2025 was a particularly busy year for the Personnel committee. Many thanks to Marie Bagwell, Jana Gregory, and Roberta Recken, who carefully wrote and edited the job descriptions for Parish Administrator, Sexton, Associate Rector, and Administrative Assistant.

It is a privilege to serve as the Senior Warden of the vestry and a pleasure to work with our rector Scott+. I am grateful to all members of the vestry, who bring their knowledge, experience, dedication, creativity, and faith to this ministry. I especially want to thank outgoing members Ann Hargraves, Lindsay Gutierrez, Pat McLaughlin, and Susie Silva-Strommer for their service on vestry. Their insights and guidance were invaluable to our work. I also want to thank our parish clerk Becky Tooley, who stepped down after years of service. We are grateful that Barb Mason has stepped up to take her place.

I am excited to see what 2026 has in store for the community of St. Michael's! Thank you all for being a part of it.



Yours in Christ,

Ann E. Wetherell

Ann Wetherell
Senior Warden

From the Rector

The Rev. R. Scott Painter

At our last Annual Meeting, I offered a theme to help center our common life in what we knew would be a challenging year: “Many and One, in the Spirit.” Rooted in the way of Jesus and the witness of the early Church, this theme invited us to honor the rich diversity of gifts, stories, and experiences among us, while trusting the Spirit’s work of drawing us toward deeper unity of purpose, mission, and love. Amid the great tumult of the past year, this vision has continued to guide us.

Within our parish life, we navigated significant transitions alongside growth and renewal. We said goodbye—with gratitude and affection—to long-time Associate for Administration Gloria Orellana, to our Sunday Sexton Manny Luna, and to Interim Assisting Priest Padre Jesús Reyes. In their wake, we entered a new season of staffing and leadership, welcoming Joy Fithian as Administrative Assistant, Matte Edey as Parish Administrator, and calling Padre Toni Álvarez as Associate Rector, with particular responsibility for Latino pastoral care and the rebuilding of our formation ministries. Onboarding several key staff in a short span required patience and care from the whole community, and it has already begun to bear good fruit.

St. Michael’s continues to grow. This is evident in worship attendance, new pledges during our stewardship campaign, and the increasing participation of newcomers in parish life. The Newcomer Committee has played an important role in helping us welcome people intentionally and connect them to meaningful community and service.

At the same time, 2025 has been an especially difficult year for many in our parish who are immigrants and refugees. The current political climate has generated fear, uncertainty, and real material need. Through the work of the Immigrant Welcoming Congregation Ministry and the Coordinadores de los Ministerios, the parish has offered education, accompaniment, organizing support, and quiet networks of care. The Rector’s Discretionary Fund distributed thousands of dollars in rent and food assistance this year, and I am deeply grateful for the steady generosity that has sustained this work.

Our strategic vision process has also continued, engaging the parish broadly and generating a substantial body of feedback and insight. The work has taken longer than anticipated, especially as new external pressures reshaped our shared concerns and priorities, but the committee has persisted faithfully. We expect to share this work with the Vestry and the wider parish in the coming months.

It was an important year for us. We grew toward one another—listening, partnering, working, and dreaming. As we move into the year ahead, I pray for the grace to meet what comes with courage and tenderness, attentive to the Spirit who binds the many into one, and alert to the beauty that emerges when we choose to stay, to see, and to bless what God is bringing to life among us.



With you,

The Rev. R. Scott Painter
Rector

From the Associate Rector

The Rev. J. Antonio Álvarez

Dear Folks of St. Michael/San Miguel,

I am grateful for the call to minister among you all as Associate Rector for Formation and Latino Ministry. In fact, I doubt a Californian has received such a warm welcome to Portland in quite some time. It has become apparent to me that this is a community that lives within intentional hospitality. And is also committed to living out our baptismal covenant in divine service through prayer, worship, outreach, and pursuit of justice.

In mid-June, I moved to Portland from Fresno, California, with my husband and our cat, Biscuit. And after my first Sunday at St. Michael's on July 6th, my husband and I were surprised to find a small kitten walk right up to us as we got home. So we received the unexpected gift of a new kitten companion, Boots, as I began this call among you.

In my first six months, I have focused on getting to know the parish: it's formal organization and processes, key ministry leadership, history, and liturgical customs.

In terms of formation, I have primarily focused on providing opportunities for the Spanish-Speaking community of the parish, especially those that strengthen our Episcopal/Anglican identity. So, in the Fall, I offered an Episcopal 101 forum series in Spanish. I worked with Leslie, our Associate for Ministry with Children and Families, and Deissi Blanco, the coordinadora of children's chapel for the Spanish-speaking Ministerios to find appropriate materials.

As for the pastoral care of the Spanish-speaking community of San Miguel, as soon as my cure began, I received requests for Quinceañeras, baptisms and first communions. We have celebrated four baptisms, three Quinceañeras, and at least seven first communions since July. And with the help of Palmira Cruz and Susie Silva-Strommer, we've organized home visits, convivencias. I have also taken over as chair of the meeting of the Coordinadores de Ministerios, the group that leads the various ministries serving the Misa community.

Also, over the course of October, I spent several evening dinners and Saturday lunches meeting groups of parishioners in their homes. We got to know each other, listened to each other's stories, heard each other's hopes

and dreams for the parish, and shared our concerns of the moment. It was these convivencias that helped me understand the depth of the impact of the ICE raids on our Misa community. I heard that folks of the Misa community were dodging ICE on lunch breaks, circling grocery store parking lots to make sure they were safe, and deciding if traveling to work, church, or school was a risk worth taking. And I began to understand the continuing impact of this situation on the financial, physical, and mental well-being of the members of the community.

In terms of my engagement with the wider parish, I take part in the ongoing liturgical life of the whole parish, preaching and presiding alongside the Rector and other clergy. I have also taken part in the social justice and outreach ministries of the parish, especially as the clergy liaison to IWC. And I take active part in the governance of the parish in participating, at the invitation of the Rector, in taking part in Vestry, Team LIFE, and Vision and Strategic planning meetings. I have also taken part in the wider life of the diocese in participating in the Annual Convention and taking part in the Celebration of New Ministry for several clergy in the Portland area.

I am excited to grow deeper with the good folks of St. Michael's in the coming year, especially in becoming a truly multi-cultural, multiethnic and bilingual community as we delve deeper into the beauty that lies at the heart of the Christian Way.



Peace and love,

J. Antonio Álvarez

Padre Toni

Associate Rector

Many & One, in the Spirit

Latino Ministries

The year 2025 was another year of transition for the entire parish, but especially for the Hispanic/Latino community of the Misa. Padre Jesus Reyes was among the community during the first part of the year, presiding, preaching, and providing pastoral care in collaboration with Father Scott. (Father Jesus remains in our prayers for his health; may God watch over him, protect him, and give wisdom to his doctors.) We must also acknowledge the importance of the ministry of the lay leaders who, week after week, prepare what is needed for divine service.

Padre Toni Alvarez began his ministry at St. Michael's as Associate Rector for Latino Ministry and Christian Formation at the beginning of July. Padre Toni moved from Fresno, California, where he is originally from, to Portland. Father Toni is supervising Latino ministry at St. Michael's, working collaboratively with Father Scott and the lay leaders of the Misa. During the first six months, Padre Toni has focused on getting to know the community, offering more opportunities for Christian formation in Spanish, and fostering greater unity among the ethnic and linguistic communities of the parish.

Throughout the year, we have lived in the joy of our Lord Jesus Christ, especially during the celebrations of Pentecost, the Feast of St. Francis, and the blessing of pets, and our patronal feast day: the Feast of St. Michael & All Angels, Day of the Dead, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Las Posadas, and the Christmas Eve Mass. We also celebrated several quinceañeras and baptisms throughout the year.

We have practiced perseverance, especially in the community's faithfulness in attending Mass in the face of a hostile situation of immigration raids in our city and during the special community celebrations mentioned previously. We have lived in love, serving our community. The Promotores de Salud and other community members shared information of several health and wellness events. We had a large collection of food and donations for the community when many suffered due to cuts in food stamp benefits and fear of immigration raids. We also had significant participation in the Advent craft fair. We anticipate the growth of our community in faith and our liberation from everything that is oppressive!



Many & One, in the Spirit

Worship & Liturgy

At our most recent Annual Meeting, Scott+ lifted up a guiding theme for the year, which inspired our worship and community life throughout 2025: Many & One, in the Spirit. That phrase captured something already deeply true of our worship life: many services, many languages, many ministries and gifts—drawn together by the Spirit into one body in Christ. Throughout the year, worship at St. Michael & All Angels continued to be a primary way we lived into unity without uniformity, shared leadership, and joy rooted in prayer.

The Rhythm of Sunday Worship

Most Sundays, we offered four liturgies, providing multiple points of entry into worship across language, style, and time. During the summer months, the 9:00 am and 11:00 am services were combined into a single 10:00 am liturgy, offering a fuller assembly and a shared experience for parishioners who usually worship at different hours.

Holy Week & Easter

The heart of the liturgical year was marked with care and depth. There was a special attempt to expand the bilingual experience of all of Holy Week, including Maundy Thursday with an Agape meal and foot-washing, Good Friday services, the Great Vigil of Easter, and Easter Day celebrations in both English and Spanish. These services drew the community into a central mystery of Christian faith through Word, sacrament, music, and embodied ritual.

Pentecost & Shared Parish Celebrations

At Pentecost, the parish gathered for an expanded, all-parish celebration at Wilshire Park. El Coro led the community in singing, with additional musical accompaniment offered by Scott+. This joyful outdoor liturgy also provided an opportunity to give thanks for the ministry of Padre Jesús Reyes as he concluded his service as Interim Assisting Priest.



The Pentecost celebration expanded to include the previous evening with a Choral Evensong led by the Choir, followed by an art show featuring works in multiple media created by members and friends of the parish. Together, these events expressed the Spirit's work through worship, music, creativity, and shared community life.

Clergy Leadership & Transitions

The Rev. R. Scott Painter presided and preached at many of the English- and Spanish-language services during the first half of the year, assisted at 1:00 with Padre Jesus Reyes as Interim Assisting Priest, and regular ministry support from The Rev. Laura Truby, The Rev. Deacon Marla McGarry-Lawrence, The Rev. Scott Dolph, and The Rev. Canon Chris Craun. The Rev. Charlie Foss served regularly at the 7:30 am service and assisted at other times. Scott+ was supported by associate clergy, including the Revs. Scott Dolph, Sherman Hesselgrave, Marla McGarry-Lawrence, David Perry, Patrick Tomter, and Dennis J. Parker, as well as guest and lay preachers, enriching our worship with a diversity of voices.

In July, we welcomed the Rev. Toni Álvarez and his husband, Josh, as Toni began his ministry as Associate Rector. Coming to St. Michael's from the Diocese of San Joaquin, Padre Toni began serving immediately, with a focus on pastoral leadership among Latino and Spanish-speaking members of the parish and on strengthening Christian formation. His early months included presiding at baptisms and quinceañeras and adapting quickly to the rhythm of four Sunday liturgies.



Spanish-Language Misa (1:00 pm)

The 1:00 p.m. Spanish-language Misa continues to be a vital and joy-filled expression of worship and community life. Leadership of this service is shared among clergy and supported each week by lectors, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, ushers, and acolytes/crucifers. El Coro, accompanied by Tito Amaya on guitar, was joined by many new musicians and singers this year. Music anchors the service musically and spiritually, offering music deeply rooted in the life of the community.

Livestreaming & Online Worship

We continued to livestream most services, extending worship beyond the church walls. A committed team of volunteers provided consistent coverage of morning services and the 1:00 pm Misa, with services and special liturgies archived on our YouTube channel, STMAA Connection. This ministry continues to connect us with homebound parishioners, former members, and others seeking prayer and worship from afar.

Baptisms & Pastoral Liturgies

Baptisms were celebrated throughout the year at both morning services and the 1:00 pm Misa. Rooted in the Order for Holy Baptism from the Book of Common Prayer, these celebrations affirmed our shared baptismal identity and strengthened the bonds of community. In December, the Longest Night service once again offered a contemplative space for those carrying grief or weariness during the Christmas season. Led by Mary Myers and accompanied by Hannah Brewer, the service included reflective piano music, Taizé chant, candle-lighting, and prayer, and remains a cherished pastoral offering.

Formation for Ministry

Matt Haines, a seminarian from Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP), completed his year-long placement with us in May. During his time at St. Michael's, Matt contributed meaningfully to worship leadership and formation. We give thanks for his ministry among us and pray for God to bless his continued formation for ministry.



Ministries that Sustain Worship

Many ministries quietly and faithfully sustained our common prayer. A rotating team of parishioners continued the essential ministry of baking Communion bread. The Altar Guild prepared the church week by week, tending to altar flowers, candles, linens, and seasonal details, and supporting special liturgies such as baptisms and Maundy Thursday.

Lay Ministries in Worship

Our worship life is deeply shaped by the many lay ministers who serve Sunday after Sunday. Ushers offer hospitality and welcome, fostering connection and community. Lectors and Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) serve with care and reverence, including leading the Prayers of the People and assisting with Holy Communion. Scott+ led trainings for LEMs, Crucifers, and Acolytes during the year and plans to offer additional opportunities in the year ahead. Acolytes and crucifers—children, youth, and adults—continue to play an important role in processions, candle lighting, and assisting at the altar. Their service embodies the shared leadership at the heart of our worship and our life together as Many & One, in the Spirit.



Many & One, in the Spirit

Music Ministry

St. Michael's music program continued to thrive and diversify its repertoire in 2025. New music, hymns, and arrangements by BIPOC and women composers were prioritized, while continuing to highlight the legacy of Anglican choral music and organ music by the great masters. We are so grateful for the support of the community and the robust, inspired singing from the pews each week.

Some highlights from 2025:

The St. Michael's Singers continued to expand, filling every choir chair in the chancel when at full capacity. This choir's dedication and commitment to each other, the greater community, and to beautifully sung liturgy continues to inspire other ministries. They are the gold standard in terms of showing up each and every week (September through May), proving that consistency builds community. Membership now tops 40 singers, most of whom are volunteers (no audition is required to join).



The Saints & Singers Choir sang once or twice per month during the program year and continues to encourage new members who love to sing but otherwise can't commit to weekly responsibilities. Their choir anthems tend to be accessible to those without choral experience, and their style is more casual than the other choirs at St. Michael's. All are welcome to join at any time of the year!

In 2025 our professional staff singers (choir section leaders) included the return of bass Dan Gibbs after a year away, the hiring of tenor David Foley after the summertime departure of Palmer Haffner, and the continued leadership of alto Carleena Manzi and longtime soprano section leader and assistant choir director Kaeli Porter. We are so thankful for their presence as soloists and vocal educators to our volunteer choir members.

St. Michael's Choristers continued to struggle to find its groove with spotty attendance due to busy youngsters with full schedules. Those who were able to participate enjoyed singing with the adult choirs from time to time throughout the year, and proudly showed off their vocal chops during Broadway Night and the 4 pm Christmas Eve service.



The Balcom & Vaughan pipe organ underwent some much-needed maintenance in 2025, organized by Cliff Fairley, including removing a rank of pipes to be refurbished and reinstalled by early 2026, as well as replacing an electrical relay that went bad in the fall, affecting half of the organ.

Ensemble Boulanger, with Hannah Brewer as Co-Artistic Director, performed a recital at St. Michael's on January 25, 2025 of music by Eastern European composers, including several women, as is the ensemble's speciality.

Broadway Night 2025 (the music program's annual fundraiser) was held in February, with choreographed ensemble numbers including "Singin' in the Rain," "One Day More" (from *Les Misérables*), and the classic "Ain't no mountain high enough." Over \$10k was raised to help pay for music program expenses for the year.

Holden Evening Prayer was held once again as a midweek service during the five weeks in Lent, in partnership with a simple soup supper preceding the prayer service each week. Special musicians included cantor Beth Ilem and Brian Fairbanks on flute.

Special summer soloists in 2025 included Brian Fairbanks (flute), vocalists Carleena Manzi, Beth Ilem, Kaeli Porter, Dan Gibbs, and Josh English, Sherman Hesselgrave (piano duets with Hannah), as well as a summer pickup choir for a couple of Sundays.

Tito and El Coro from the Misa joyfully led the service music at the annual Parish Picnic on Pentecost Sunday, June 8 (as well as every Sunday at 1pm).

Four Choral Evensongs were held in 2025 on February 2 (Candlemas), June 7 (Pentecost), September 28 (St. Michael's Day), and November 23 (Feast of St. Cecilia).

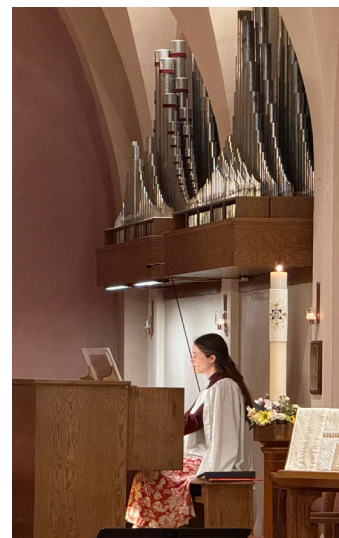
A Halloween Organ Spooktacular, with organist Hannah Brewer and guest vocalist Emma Cowell, was on October 31, featuring several spooky poetry readings, creepy decor, and lots of candy. A fun (FREE) night was had by all who attended!

A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols was on December 21, where the St. Michael's Singers prepared ten anthems and skillfully led a packed house in singing beloved Christmas carols celebrating the season. Always a fantastic way to get into the spirit of the holiday and end the year on a high!

St. Michael's music staff would like to thank all those who organized receptions after our musical offerings in 2025. Hannah and Brian are especially grateful to our volunteer choir librarian Amy Valentine, choir wrangler Josh English, and vestment coordinator Daryl Cole, whose organizational skills together make this program run more effectively. Choir members in each of our four choirs are the stars and glue of the music program, offering their time, talent, and hearts, and we thank them profusely. We hope to continue to uplift beauty through music-making in the coming year, bringing light and joy to our daily lives.

Hannah Brewer
Music Director & Organist

Brian Fairbanks
Choir Director



Many & One, in the Spirit

Children & Families Ministry

What We Do for Love

St. Michael's commitment to children, youth, and the families who love and care for them is unwavering. Christian formation, fellowship, participation in outreach and social justice, and full inclusion in the life and worship of the parish is as important for young people as for the adults in our congregation. Together we find joy, together we wonder, together we mourn, together we pray, together we create, together we celebrate the goodness in God's creation and together we discern what God is calling us to do, whatever season of life we are living.

St. Michael's Childcare Ministry provides a safe, secure environment and a sincere welcome to young children and their parents every week thanks in large part to Emily Holt Matus Borges, our lead Childcare Provider. The number of children under the age of five in Childcare is steadily growing; and we are thrilled to see new friendships bloom and grow under Emily's watchful and loving care. We also give thanks for all the parents who stepped in when an extra pair of hands was needed to provide the best possible care for our littles.



Childcare was also provided during three All Parish Vision & Strategy meetings in 2025 and for extra services throughout the year including Ash Wednesday, Holy Week services, Lessons and Carols, and Evensong.

Godly Play is a Christian Education program that equips children with the religious language to help them express their spiritual connection to God and encourages them to wonder deeply about their faith tradition and the sacred stories those traditions are built upon. Godly Play teachers attend a rich and rigorous three-day training to prepare them for the Godly Play classroom where stories from sacred scripture and the Christian tradition are prayerfully presented "by heart." This year we bid goodbye to Christine Lentz as a Godly Play teacher when she discerned it was time, after many years in the classroom, to change the focus of her ministry. We are grateful for all the ways Christine supported Godly Play over the years and the ways she continues to advocate for children through Outreach and Justice ministries at St. Michael's. It was with great joy that we welcomed Holly Balcom to the team of Godly Play teachers this fall – a team blessed by the ongoing commitment of outstanding veteran teachers, Margaret Lillie and Elizabeth Rouffy.

Children's Liturgy of the Word happens during worship when children gather with an adult leader in the Mural Room to hear stories about God's love in the world, to learn about the seasons of the church year and to share prayers for friends and family. The children return to their family and the wider congregation in time for Holy Communion.



Family Worship was re-activated with gatherings from 4 – 6 pm, the third Sundays of the month in September, October & November 2025. “A New Season of Family Worship” met in Nativity Hall for worship followed by a potluck dinner in Parish Hall. Family Worship allows families to gather in a less formal environment than on Sunday mornings and includes opportunity for interactive discussion during the service and in small break-out groups. November’s worship was graced by the Rev. Scott Painter at the keyboard of the grand piano with many leadership roles during the liturgy filled by children and youth. Family Worship is scheduled to meet through the end of the 2025/2026 program year, the third Sundays of February, March, April & May 2026.

A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE MOMENTS IN 2025

Souper Bowl of Caring raised over \$1,700 for the Northeast Emergency Food Program thanks to the kids who made the announcement and to the generosity of our congregation. Thank you, St. Michael’s!

Bearing Witness on Palm Sunday with friends from Rose City Presbyterian and Grant Park Church, children, youth and adults from all three congregations proudly held handmade “I Stand For” or “I Stand With” signs facing traffic on NE Sandy Blvd to affirm the human dignity of all people and the stewardship of God’s creation.

Pentecost in the Park! Kids let their light shine by making Pentecost crowns and posters the week before and they looked swell!

Ohana Means Family – A Lilo & Stitch Summertime Party for the whole community was held during coffee hour on August 10th. Thank you, Audrey Sackett for bringing a parachute!

School Supplies & Backpacks were collected and distributed to local children & youth in the Foster Care System in time for the beginning of a new school year in September.

Music Sunday - Do you want to build an Orgel? Thanks to Hannah Brewer and Cliff Fairley, kids got to try their hands (and feet) playing St. Michael’s organ, plus they constructed a small working organ (Orgel Kids USA) put together with many small, handcrafted pieces. It was so much fun!

Advent Fair celebrates a new liturgical year with an abundance of creativity and gorgeous greens donated by parishioners for the making of Advent Wreaths to mark the season.

Christmas Eve Nativity Play overflowed with an abundance of love, enthusiasm and joyful performances by the Nativity Players who so beautifully told the story of Jesus’ birth. The kindness of the families and these young people cannot be overstated. I am especially grateful to the youth group members who stepped up where it was needed (onstage & backstage) to help make the play a success and a positive experience for everyone involved. Special thanks to our youngest cast member, Jaida Boling who portrayed Baby Jesus with sweetness and wide-eyed curiosity while sitting on Mother Mary’s lap, surrounded by angels and the shepherds who proclaimed, “The Messiah is born, did you hear them? They said the Messiah is born!”

May we, like shepherds visited by the angels, “go right now and find him!” wherever that path leads us on our spiritual journey, so that we too can joyfully answer the call to be God’s people in the world.

Leslie Sackett

Associate for Ministry with Children & Families



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Adult Formation

Adult Formation at St. Michael & All Angels is a central expression of our shared life in Christ. We use the word formation intentionally, recognizing that Christian education is not only about gaining information, but about being shaped over time by prayer, Scripture, worship, community, and engagement with God's work of justice and reconciliation.

Highlights from the Past Year

This past year marked several important developments in our approach to adult formation. Most notably, we welcomed Padre Toni into a shared role in planning and leading formation offerings. His leadership has strengthened both the theological depth and cultural breadth of our programs, especially as we continue to grow as a bilingual and multicultural parish.

We also became more intentional about offering formation opportunities across the four Sunday time blocks, rather than concentrating most adult learning in a single hour. This shift allowed for greater flexibility, reduced scheduling conflicts, and created multiple entry points for participation across ages, languages, and life circumstances. And we continue to look for ways to increase the flexibility and reach of our formation offerings across the whole parish. Forums and classes addressed prayer, stewardship, grief, Anglican identity, justice, and pastoral concerns, while also supporting the broader rhythm of parish life. And Lay-led Bible studies and other offerings continue to form part of our varied formation opportunities throughout the year.

A significant step forward was our commitment to formation across the language spectrum. Iglesia Episcopal para Todos, offered fully in Spanish, provided an accessible introduction to Episcopal faith and practice, reflecting our growing clarity that formation must be available and meaningful in both English and Spanish.



Prayer as Formation

This year we also launched a prayer-centered formation series, "Praying with the Saints." Rooted in the Anglican conviction that praying shapes believing, this offering brought together prayer, theological reflection, and witness. Through Evening Prayer in Spanish on Tuesdays and Morning Prayer in English on Wednesdays, participants prayed with Scripture while learning from saints whose lives embodied faithfulness, courage, and justice-seeking in their own times. This series offered spiritual grounding while also inspiring faithful action in the present.

Seasonal and Bilingual Learning

During Lent, we offered a bilingual book study, creating shared space for reflection across language and culture. In Advent, a parish book group read Bishop Mariann Budde's "How We Learn to Be Brave," engaging questions of courage, moral clarity, and Christian witness in a challenging season. These offerings connected formation with pastoral care and the wider life of the world.

Looking Ahead

Building on this year's work, we are continuing to develop a more integrated and accessible formation program. Plans for the coming months include:

- **Regular offerings of Episcopal 101** for newcomers and long-time members
- **Liturgy trainings** that deepen understanding of worship and shared ministry
- **Continued midweek prayer** and learning opportunities
- **Discernment and planning** to reboot the Catechumenate in a new iteration that is accessible across generational, cultural, and language differences

Together, these efforts reflect a growing vision of adult formation as a woven fabric of prayer, learning, and practice—supporting lifelong discipleship and equipping the community to live more fully into our baptismal promises, for the life of the Church and the sake of the world.

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Episcopal Youth Community

At its heart, youth ministry at St. Michael's is about showing up—consistently, relationally, and with hope—for young people as they grow in faith, community, and trust. In 2025, our youth ministry took shape across multiple worship services, age-specific gatherings, shared meals, service, retreat, and prayer. Through seasons of leadership transition and renewed pastoral involvement, the focus remained steady by creating spaces where middle- and high-school youth know they belong, are invited into leadership, and are supported by a wider community of adults committed to their flourishing.

During the winter and spring, the youth program was led by Lenia Salas, serving as Youth Missioner. Under Lenia's leadership, the ministry focused on creating multiple points of connection for young people across worship services and age groups. Efforts included a youth gathering during the 1:00 pm service, a middle-school gathering twice per month on Sundays at 10:15 am, and a high-school gathering twice per month on alternate Sunday evenings. During this season, our youth also served the parish by preparing and serving breakfast-for-dinner at the annual Shrove Pancake Supper, offering hospitality and joy to the wider community.

With gratitude for her leadership and care, Lenia resigned from the position in the summer to focus on her seminary studies in preparation for chaplaincy ministry. We give thanks for her faithful service and ongoing discernment.

In the summer, Ana Solis was called to serve as Summer Youth Intern. Ana is a long-time member of St. Michael's and is currently studying social services at Portland State University. Her deep familiarity with the parish and her relational gifts brought continuity and energy to the program during the summer months.



The Summer Youth Retreat took place in Bend and was graciously hosted by Geoff and Susie Strommer. The July weekend included kayaking, hiking, swimming, games, service, prayer, and shared meals. Twelve youth participated, representing the 9:00, 11:00, and 1:00 services. The retreat was led by Scott+, Susie, and Ana, with support from Chloe Colbaugh (2024 Youth Intern), Erik Ward, Frida Tavera, and Leslie and Tim Sackett, who served as chaperones and facilitators. The retreat was a highlight of the year, strengthening relationships across language, culture, and age.

In the fall, Scott+ began more direct involvement in youth ministry, with a particular focus on strengthening bonds across the Episcopal Youth Community (EYC). EYC now gathers one Sunday per month and is open to all middle- and high-school youth. These gatherings include shared dinner, games and activities, and conversation around topics of life, faith, and belonging.

Looking ahead to 2026, Scott+ will continue to lead youth ministry through the summer, with ongoing support from Ana, Frida, and Erik. During the coming year, the parish will search for a new Minister to Children, Youth, and Families, who will continue to build community, deepen formation, and nurture relationships across generations in the fall and beyond.

With gratitude for the youth of St. Michael's, their families, and the many adults who support this ministry, we give thanks for a year of growth, transition, and shared life together.



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Newcomer Ministry

Mission: The Newcomer Committee seeks to foster a hospitable environment where new people who come to St. Michael's feel welcomed, seen, and valued. Through social events, intentional hospitality practices, and outreach and publicity in the community, we strive to help visitors become a part of and participate meaningfully in the life and ministry of St. Michael's.

In this second year of our ministry, Thrina Parent took over as chair when Sheryl Fullerton joined the vestry. We added Sally Shepard, Chris Cowell, Sally Harrison, and Craig Kolins to the original group of Barb Mason, Karen Oglesby, and Sheri O'Brien (who left when her term as junior warden ended). Joy Fithian is our staff contact.

THIS YEAR WE

- **Welcomed a total of 21 new people** at Saturday morning newcomer gatherings in February and September. During these coffees, we got to know each other and provided information about our church community.
- **Finished the Ministry Catalog** and made it available at the gatherings and to the community, as well as revised and distributed updates through the year.
- **Presented a forum** in February to make the parish aware of what we are doing and encouraged everyone to help newcomers feel seen and heard. We encouraged wearing name tags, introducing ourselves to newcomers, learning the newcomer's story, and being good listeners.
- **Completed our study** of "Invite, Welcome and Connect" to help guide our activities and will be drawing on it this year as well.
- **Sponsored several coffee hours**, including Easter and St. Francis Day (Blessing of the Animals).

- **Put up the "Road to Connection"** bulletin board in the Parish Hall for the second time to highlight easy-to-join ministries, for both newcomers and current parishioners.
- **Developed a standard welcoming process** (including Scott's personal welcome) to keep track of and connect with newcomers.
- **Handed out Hershey's kisses** over the summer to reward parishioners for wearing name tags.
- **Refined user friendly signage** throughout our building, including a new all-gender bathroom sign across from the parish hall and moveable directional signs for special events and coffee hour..
- **Designed and gathered bids** on a new sign outside St. Michael & All Angels that would go on the corner of 43rd and Broadway.
- **Held a Newcomers Liturgy on St. Michael's Day** at which we welcomed 24 new parishioners and sponsored coffee hour, too.
- **Developed an information sheet** about the Episcopal Church (in English and Espanol).
- **Instigated the installation** of a rubberized "on ramp" outside on the courtyard side to improve access.
- **Plan for 2026**
- **Joy will keep us posted** on any Lenten and Easter (and other holiday/liturgical events) so we can make sure they are listed in the Hollywood Star.
- ***Present a newcomer forum in February** to continue to educate and involve the parish.
- **Host newcomer gatherings** in February and September.

Thrina Parent
Newcomer Ministry Chair



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Outreach & Justice Ministries

There were certainly a lot of places your funds could have reached this year to further God's work for justice. The Council did research into ministries and agencies which work to help those in need. It looked at Janus for Youth, mentoring BIPOC youth in Portland; Oregon Prison Birth Project which assists pregnant Coffee Creek inmates with doula support and pre- and post-partum classes; Eloah Farm which practices ecologically sound farming techniques; Helen Keller International which began with clinics and medicine to care for eye health and now does so much more; PDXSaintsLove, meeting at the former Sts. Peter and Paul and offering meals, wound care, clothing, showers, ID assistance and a workforce development program.

Africa received funds in several ways. Tiny Tim is based in Zambia and battles AIDS in adolescents. The Desmond Tutu Health Foundation in South Africa also has lost Federal funding for medication to keep HIV at bay. Assistance for natural disasters went to ERD (Episcopal Relief and Development) for Myanmar earthquake relief, for flood relief in Harney County in Eastern Oregon, and for child malnutrition where needed most, and to help wherever possible in Gaza.

A good share of your funds stayed closer to home, with donations to those groups assisting immigrants and undocumented residents. Donations went to Viva Inclusive Migrant Network, PDX Immigration Rights Oregon, Pueblo Unido, Innovation Law Lab, and IMIRJ. Donations also went to those in Portland who are unhoused or food-insecure, such as to the NW Pilot Project, We Shine, and Cultivate Initiatives. And we remembered the best friends of the houseless with a donation to PAWS, which furnishes vet care and supplies.



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In November we began preparing for the Advent Giving Tree, and chose three ministries to receive needed winter supplies: Hope and Bread, an outdoor ministry aimed at helping the houseless; IMIRJ, gathering supplies for newly arrived immigrants; and JOIN to help those living outside.



My grandson Carlyle and I delivering the 14 warm coats recently collected from our Giving Tree. Mother Sara Fischer, rector of St. Aidan's Church, heads a ministry that meets outside the Montevilla Community Center every Sunday evening for a meal and fellowship. - Julie Romberg

Minutes of the meetings are available each month.

Let the conveners know if you would like to be on the list or to get a Zoom link to the meetings. The Council would welcome more folks. In the winter it meets at 5:30 on Zoom until May, when it switches back to in-person meetings.

Susan Barnett & Lynn Baker

Conveners

Coffee Hosting

It is a gift to us that people are willing to take time to enhance our getting together. Coffee appears every Sunday morning, and we are so grateful. Twelve stalwart hosts take turns coming early, getting the pots for coffee and tea ready, setting out the cups and assorted extras, and plating fruit and goodies. Afterward, St. Washmore is put to work and the dishes are put away.

It is a gift to us that people are willing to take time to enhance our getting together, and we could use a few more. You could work with a partner for a while, the goodies you bring can be reimbursed, and you will work with some wonderful people. You can pick the Sundays to work, and you are scheduled once every couple of months. What's not to like? Let Lynn Baker know if you are interested.

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Creation Care

Advocacy & Action

The St. Michael's Creation Care Team works to provide information about circumstances that affect the environment on our planet today. Whether it be due to Climate Change or human activity, our world is undergoing a dramatic transformation. The environment of our planet in the future will be very different from the environment of the past.

The team endeavors to provide information on actions members of the congregation can take to help mitigate some of the effects of Climate Change in their homes and in our church. From installing LED light bulbs, to the pros and cons of electric cars, to planting pollinator friendly plants and using coffee grounds for garden compost, we have offered information on actions we can take at home.

But we also work to provide information needed to understand the bigger picture. Through forums, letters to government officials, letters to the heads of major corporations, and films, we also endeavor to understand the larger world. We believe that raising awareness is critical to influencing change. So please read our monthly announcements in the weekly messenger, attend our forums, and participate in our creation liturgies. In the face of the bad news that is constantly bombarding us, we do our best to offer ways to stand up and fight back.

The Advocacy Action Committee offers members of the congregation the opportunity to act on issues involving social justice, racial justice, immigrant justice, and environmental justice. We write letters to our members of Congress, Oregon State legislators, Portland City Council members, and others whose actions affect the residents of Portland. These letters, all of which reflect the values of our Baptismal Covenant, are then signed by members of the congregation.

Actions taken in 2025 ranged from asking our Congressional representatives to protect Social Security and Medicare in the face of federal budget cuts, to asking them to oppose a bill that would prevent the removal of dams on the Snake River. We also wrote to the Multnomah County Commission in support of their Climate Justice Plan, and to Governor Kotek asking her to continue her support of immigrants in Oregon as well as our status as a sanctuary state.

We look forward to offering opportunities for the people of St. Michael's to stand up for a wide range of justice issues in 2026. Please read the weekly messenger to find out about specific actions every month. If you are interested in joining the committee, contact Cheryl Braginsky for information regarding meeting dates. (Contact information in the Directory)

The Columbarium Ministry

Dedicated on All Saints' Sunday, 1996, the original 80 niches expanded to a total of 168 plus two communal vaults, dedicated on the feast of St. Michael the Archangel in 2023. The Rector and the Columbarium Secretary oversee the operation and maintenance of the Columbarium along with a Junior Warden of the Vestry and members of the Columbarium Team.

This past year, Michael Sagun served as Secretary with Rector Scott+ and Jr. Warden Elizabeth Rouffy, joined by team members Bruce Collins and Nancy Parker. 2025 saw 5 inurnments and 2 niche purchases. Currently there

are 84 available niches plus ample space available in the communal vaults.

All payments for purchase of space in the Columbarium are deposited into a dedicated Columbarium Fund which paid in full for the expansion in 2023 as well as all maintenance costs since then. For additional information about the Columbarium at St. Michael's, please see the brochures available in the Gallery or speak with any member of the team.

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The I.W.C. Ministry

Reckoning with Racism Cohort

The Immigrant Welcoming Congregation (I.W.C.)

Ministry had a robust year of activities that were aligned with our goal of continuing to deepen connections between our Spanish and English language congregations. Beginning with our annual retreat, we were able to collaborate directly with our Latino siblings to understand what we could do as faith community allies to contribute to their safety and feelings of security.

Based on their priorities and needs and due to support from Episcopal Migration Ministries and other Immigration non-profits, we were able to quickly organize and offer two Family Safety Preparedness Clinics, a Know Your Rights Clinic with Francisco Aguirre, and an Immigration Legal Clinic with Marandas Garcia Law Group LLC. We also reactivated and trained our Rapid Response network. We identified and shared information from trusted organizations regarding immigration topics with the wider St. Michael's community. We wrote letters for those seeking changes to their status and for people in deportation proceedings. Finally we held a MigraWatch Whistle kit assembly session and distributed 300 kits.

We successfully provided direct support to LGBTQ+ migrants using a \$3,000 grant awarded by Episcopal Migration Ministries Rainbow Initiative. In addition we submitted a continuing grant request for 2026 and were awarded \$5,000.

In the area of education we presented a documentary "My Name Is Pauli Murray" and organized and hosted the Lenten Bilingual Book Study.

We had the privilege of accompanying many parishioners and family members to USCIS interviews, ICE check in and other appointments to/from work. We were also able to assist with legal consultation fees, work permits and other immigration-related fees through our refugee resettlement fund.

We also had fun! We helped host an Easter Vigil Fiesta, a Dia de los Muertos craft event, attended a Pickles baseball game, and enjoyed a summer barbeque.

The standing members of St. Michael's Reckoning with Racism cohort for 2025 were Lynn Baker, Bev Hoefer, Joan Meyerhoff, Peter Sergienko, and Nina Shields. We met on the first Monday of each month from 10 to 11:30 am at St. Michaels. All were and are welcome to join the cohort.

In 2025, for Black History Month, we shared the work of Oregon Black Pioneers and the story of an historic neighbor of St. Michael's Gertrude Eakin, who was instrumental in the early desegregation of the YWCA in Portland during World War II. In the summer, we hosted a screening of the documentary film "My Name is Pauli Murray" in the Nativity Hall, followed by discussion and reflection. The Rev. Pauli Murray was an exceptional civil rights attorney, author, artist, writer, Episcopal Priest and Saint in The Episcopal Church. We hope to revisit her story on her feast day each year. Finally, in the fall, we shared Indigenous and Episcopal Church perspectives on the Thanksgiving Holiday, encouraging our congregation to learn more about Indigenous traditions and prayers of thanksgiving and ways to "de-colonize" the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Our group also continued to build relationships of care and support for our friends at Barbie's Village, a preschool and family shelter by and for Indigenous women and children located in Laurelhurst, and St. Philip the Deacon Episcopal Church, the traditionally Black Episcopal church in the Albina neighborhood. These relationships are part of our long-term commitments to racial reconciliation and repair. We look forward to continuing our work in 2026 and encourage all with interest to join us.



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Meal Ministries & Clothing Closet

In 2025, meals were served and clothing was provided to our neighbors through **It's in the Bag (weekly)**, and **Burrito Love (monthly)**. Altogether over 3000 meals were provided for people in need.

In the fall of 2025, Burrito Love (BL) began its fifth season. On the last Saturday of the month, we open our Parish Hall porch door at 8:00 am to welcome our neighbors for coffee and donuts. From 10:00-12:00 pm, we serve a delicious burrito, fruit, and home-baked cookies, filling 100 sacks.

We go through a lot of coffee, and a highlight is that our guests can request a mix of drinks from our barista (John and others). Many of our regular neighbors come over from Hollywood East, and those who are transient come by word of mouth.

Many of our neighbors have shared with us their struggles and the changes in their lives. As important, also, is that we know their names and their pets' names. A few have moved from the street into sheltered housing.

They trust that we will always be open and welcoming to serve on Thursdays and on the last Saturday of the month. Burrito Love could not continue without the favorable discount given by Super Torta, 5640 SE Woodstock. That business was started by St. Michael parishioners Armando and Kenya Cruz.

In 2025, the community meals received a \$5,000 grant from St. Michael's Endowment Fund.

Enormous thanks to Sheri O'Brien for her leadership, and to the many faithful volunteers who provided their time. We especially love our cookie bakers. Thank you, volunteers! If interested in volunteering for our meal ministries, please reach out to:

Burrito Love
Hjalmer Lofstrom
lenabl6769@gmail.com

It's in the Bag
Elizabeth Rouffy
esrouffy@gmail.com

You may have seen our Eucharistic Visitors coming to the altar at the end of the liturgy to receive a communion kit filled with consecrated elements and be dismissed with the words, "In the name of this congregation, we send you forth to share this Eucharist with N." to which we respond as a community, "You carry the prayers of us all as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence. May those who receive it be strengthened and encouraged in the life we find together in our Lord Jesus Christ." Receiving Holy Communion at home, or in the hospital or care center, is one of the many ways in which God's love and care are shared with those who cannot be physically present with us on Sunday mornings.

We currently have eight parishioners who receive communion at home at least once a month and others who, because of on-going medical treatments, have a Eucharistic Visitor come as needed. Please do not hesitate to call the parish office and request a Eucharistic Visitor if you or a loved one are homebound or in a care center,

either temporarily or long-term, and would like to have one of our Eucharistic Visitors bring communion to you.

Our Eucharistic Visitors meet via zoom every other month for ongoing supervision and support. In addition, our Eucharistic Visitors were blessed to receive continuing education during 2025 from the late Rev. Dr. Caroline Littenberger (Anglican Sacramental/Eucharistic Theology) and the Rev. Dennis j. Parker (Pastoral Care & Aging).

Many thanks to our current roster of Eucharistic Visitors: Joe Afryl, Sherri Afryl, Sue Harper, Terrie Ingram, Fabián Ramírez Molina, Ken Robertson, Charlene Sabin, Tim Sackett, and Henry Welch. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Visitor or would like more information about this ministry, please contact the Rector.

Marla McGarry-Lawrence
Deacon

Eucharistic Visitors

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Pastoral Care

Pastoral care at St. Michael & All Angels is expressed through many interconnected ministries, carried by clergy, staff, and lay leaders who respond with prayer, presence, and practical support in times of joy, vulnerability, illness, grief, and transition. Together, these ministries embody our shared life as Many & One, in the Spirit, offering care that is personal, confidential, and grounded in prayer.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Members of the Shawl Ministry have created and shared so many shawls since it's beginning in 2009.. A basket of shawls is blessed about one a month, and a supply is kept at the ready for anyone in need of comfort and care. Ask the clergy or a member of the ministry, or receive one at St. Brigid's Guild Healing Prayers. Join us in creating with love, crafting with prayers, presenting with blessings. Knit or crochet on your own as time allows, and/or join other members for fellowship and sharing at 9:30 am in the Raphael Room on the first Thursday of each month. For information contact Sue Harper. 503-287-9758 or jack.harper1715@yahoo.com

St. Brigid's Guild

In the Celtic spirit of our patron, St. Brigid, the St. Brigid's Guild offers prayer for healing and intercession in body, mind, and spirit. Members are available on the second Sunday of each month during Communion and following the 9:00 and 11:00 am services, and are always glad to pray with anyone in need. All prayer concerns are held in strict confidence. The Guild also meets monthly for mutual support and reflection, sustaining its members in this ministry of presence and prayer.

Prayer Chain

The St. Michael's Prayer Chain included 42 people who received prayer requests in 2025. These people are committed to praying regularly and confidentially for requests that come in mostly by email but also word-of-mouth. A seasonally updated request sheet was also circulated. At least 20 new requests were added to the prayers each month. Requests may be submitted by contacting Marie Bagwell.

Birthday Card Ministry

The Birthday Card Ministry continues to offer a tangible sign of care and connection throughout the year. Members of the Birthday Angel Team meet regularly to write and

send handmade birthday and special-occasion cards to parishioners, using cards created and donated by Julie Ort. This ministry is coordinated by Joanne Deazley and remains a simple but meaningful way of strengthening community ties.

Memorial Hospitality & Care

In 2025 we honored six departed St. Michael's parishioners with a memorial reception: Marion Robbins (May 31); Marlena Stoddard Hayes (July 12); Jean Goslain (September 6); Larry Jessen (November 10); Penny Kreinberg (November 29), and Caroline Litzenberger (December 13). In total we welcomed approximately 675 guests (some who traveled thousands of miles to attend) in the decorated Parrish Hall. Thanks to the cadre of 25 dedicated volunteers, we served food and beverages tailored to the tastes of each family. I extend unending thanks to the steadfast volunteers who worked tirelessly before, during and after each reception. Their efforts reflected the true spirit of St. Michael's.

Recovery Ministry

Sunday, August 3, 2025, at the 10 o' clock service, our Parish annual Recovery Ministry Liturgy service was held. Following the service was a Forum speaker panel from the 12 Step Fellowships of Al-Anon (Cindi) and CA (Heidi). The panel of guest speakers shared their personal journeys of what it was like, what happened, and what it's like now with those in attendance.

The St. Michael's Recovery Ministry is profoundly grateful for the continued support and encouragement received by our Clergy, Staff, and Community. In gratitude, thanks to all.

St. Michael's Recovery Ministry Mission Statement:

St. Michael & All Angels Recovery Ministry exists to support those who desire a renewal of faith and life through recovery and understanding of drug, alcohol, and other addictions. Through education and trust building, we work to develop an environment where support, hope, and understanding are available to all.

Kevin Warren

St. Michael's Recovery Ministry

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Administration: Clergy, Staff, Vestry, & Volunteers

Leadership at St. Michael & All Angels is shared among clergy, vestry, staff, ministry coordinators, community members, and friends. Together, we lived out our commitment to Many & One, in the Spirit: many roles and responsibilities, united in purpose, collaboration, and care for the life of the parish.

Vestry Leadership & Governance

The Vestry met monthly throughout the year, providing governance, advice to the rector, oversight of the care for property, and support for the mission and ministries of the parish. The Vestry was Scott+ and Senior Warden Ann Wetherell, assisted by Junior Warden for the People Elizabeth Rouffy and Junior Warden for Properties Kevin Warren. With our gratitude to outgoing clerk Becky Tooley, Barbara Mason began a term as Clerk of the Vestry. Dave Reilly continued faithfully as Treasurer.

The Vestry is supported by standing committees that bring special expertise, care, and focus to important aspects of tending to the organization: Finance Committee (Members: Dave Reilly, Mike Parent, Daryl Cole, Chris Perotti, Jack Kenney, and Scott+); Facilities Committee (Members: Kevin Warren, Bob Spiers, Steve Flagg, Carl Braginsky, Randy Hansell, Cliff Fairley, and Scott+); Personnel Committee (Members: Ann Wetherell, Marie Bagwell, Roberta Recken, Jana Gregory, and Scott+); Stewardship Committee—Team L.I.F.E. (Members: Margaret Marcuson, Joe Afryl, Kristina Kallen, Dave Reilly, Henry Welch, and Scott+); Nomination Committee (Members: Elizabeth Rouffy, Susie Silva-Strommer, Ann Hargraves, Lindsay Guitierrez, and Pat McLaughlin); and Mission Endowment Fund Committee (Members: Beverly Hoeffler, Tim Sackett, Fabian Ramirez, Cliff Fairley, Cash Henry, Ann Wetherell, and Scott+).



Staff Life & Collaboration

Our staff works tirelessly to support the rector in fulfilling many pastoral, liturgical, educational, and leadership ministries of St. Michael's. In 2025, we experienced significant transition on the staff. We expressed our gratitude and celebrated Gloria Orellana, as she entered retirement from her position of Associate for Parish Administration. In the Fall, we unexpectedly bid farewell to Sunday Sexton Manny Luna as he moved to California. We appreciate the important contributions of these friends and partners in ministry, and we miss them!

We also welcomed three new members of the team: Joy Fithian, Administrative Assistant, in May; Padre Toni Alvarez, Associate Rector, in July; and Matte Edey, Parish Administrator, in August. In October, staff gathered for a daylong retreat at the rector's home to explore the Enneagram personality typing wisdom, and learn more about ourselves and each other. Each of these individuals shares significant gifts and fresh perspectives in the work staff engages together to support the parish community.

Volunteers & Shared Ministry

As in every year, St. Michael's relied greatly on the generosity and skill of parish volunteers. In addition to the many ministry teams described elsewhere in this report, a group of dedicated "office volunteers" played a vital role in supporting parish operations, especially through the transition in office administration.

These volunteers assisted with preparing stewardship materials, seasonal mailings, newsletters, and bulletins, providing both practical support and opportunities for community-building. Others helped by covering the office during staff absences, proofreading publications, and assembling weekly bulletins. Their faithful service ensured that communication, hospitality, and administration continued smoothly throughout the year.



Livestream Ministry

The livestream ministry came into existence in 2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic, when in-church worship came to a halt. J.T. Quanbeck oversaw purchase and installation of equipment and developed the procedures on which the streaming team now relies. This group carries out two simultaneous but somewhat distinct functions: we manage the live audio in the sanctuary (microphones and volume), and we produce audio and video feeds streamed to on-line viewers.

In 2025, the team grew from one person to four, greatly filling the vacuum created by J.T.'s passing in 2023. This group ensured streaming for all Sunday morning services at 9:00 & 11:00 (10:00 in summer), for the additional services in Holy Week and Christmas, and for special services and events such as evensong and Broadway Nite. We also livestreamed five memorial services. On our Vimeo platform alone (that is, not counting FaceBook and YouTube viewers), there was a 2025 total of 1343 views, and 2814 downloads of livestreamed services. 151 of the live views (more than 10%) were of memorial services. This indicates the importance of livestreaming not just for our regular worship, but for memorial services which out-of-town relatives and friends may be unable to attend. The livestream team would welcome a few more tech-minded souls who would like to learn how to operate the equipment and support this ministry in 2026.

Steve Walton

Ministry Coordinator



From the Jr. Warren for the People

I thank the multitude of volunteers in 2025 who worked diligently in every ministry. This loving donation of time and talent is an important way St. Michael & All Angels is such a special place. Specifically, our volunteers worked in the kitchen/meal ministries; children and youth ministries; office helpers; liturgical ministries; leadership; outreach and justice; pastoral care, and many more. Notable in 2025, through the resourcefulness and time of volunteers Thrina Parent, Sheri O'Brien, Bob Spiers and Susie Silva Strommer we added St. Washmore the Dishwasher to our esteemed list of parishioners at St. Michael's.

There continues to be room for additional volunteers. As Father John always said, "Don't resist a generous impulse." We supported one another and the larger community in 2025 by following our hearts and spiritual truths and undoubtedly will continue to do so in 2026.

Elizabeth Rouffy

Jr. Warden for the People



Many & One, in the Spirit

Parish Life

Parish life at St. Michael & All Angels is shaped by shared hospitality, creativity, and joy. Across the year, people gathered for fellowship, celebration, learning, and play—expressions of our life together as Many & One, in the Spirit, where relationships are deepened across generations, cultures, and ministries.

In the fall, we continued with a new approach to festive coffee hours and receptions by inviting various ministry groups to host them. These gatherings followed Evensong services, St. Michael's Day, St. Francis Day, and Lessons & Carols, and proved to be both successful and energizing. For All Saints' Sunday and Día de los Muertos, the IWC offered themed treats and crafts that reflected the richness of the season and the parish's shared cultural life.

The Latino congregation continued to be an integral part of parish life, shaping our shared celebrations throughout the year. Members participated fully in the Parish Picnic, created and tended the Altar de los Muertos, and helped lead festive observances of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Las Posadas in December. Parishioners connected with the 1:00 pm service also organized joyful celebrations for Día de los Niños, Mother's Day, and Father's Day, strengthening bonds of community across the parish.

Pentecost All Parish Art Show & Choral Evensong
Saturday, June 7th the Feast of Pentecost was celebrated with an All Parish Art Show representing the works of twenty-two artists in partnership with a beautiful choral Evensong presented by the St. Michael's singers. What a wonderful way to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit among us! A special thank you to the team of artists who installed the art show - David Young, Michael Flanagan, Thomas Mock, Emily Smith, Annette Sabater and Sheri O'Brien, to Sue Quanbeck for the lovely reception and to Lynda Garner and Amy Valentine who provided support to help transform the Parish Hall into a space ready to showcase the wonderful diversity of artistic expression in our community. Most of all, thank you to all the artists who shared their work and let their light shine! You are an inspiration and a reminder that the gift of creativity is expressed in many diverse and wonderful ways. We are all enriched when we share the gifts of the Holy Spirit!

On St. Francis Day, the parish gathered in the courtyard for the Blessing of the Animals. Scott+ and Padre Toni blessed each pet—both in person and virtually—and shared treats and St. Francis medals offered by the Newcomer Committee, making the afternoon a joyful celebration of God's love for all creation.

The Advent Fair, on the first Sunday of Advent, brought children and adults together in the Nativity Hall to make Advent wreaths with fresh greens donated by parishioners, along with a variety of seasonal crafts. The event marked the beginning of Advent with creativity, anticipation, and shared joy.

The Red Door Artisan Fair, organized by Sheri O'Brien and Sundance Henry, was held in December and featured in-house vendors offering handmade crafts, baked goods, and other creations—including many dozens of pupusas. This lively event strengthened community connections and raised much-needed funds for the Building Fund. Several times, parishioners gathered for bingo/ game fundraisers that combined fun, fellowship, and practical stewardship. These evenings of friendly competition and laughter helped raise funds toward the purchase of a new dishwasher for the parish kitchen—an investment that will support hospitality and community life for years to come.

St. Michael's Dining-out Ministry, organized by Paula Raines, continued to offer regular outings for lunch and dinner to new restaurants and old favorites. The Lunch Bunch had much fun going to such places as Multnomah Falls and Bollywood Theatre along with restaurants closer to



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St. Michael's Mission Endowment Fund

St. Michael's Mission Endowment Fund has become the single largest source of direct financial support to our outreach in the world beyond the normal operations of the parish and its ministries. Since its inception in 1992, and when it reached the prescribed "beginning balance" of \$25,000 in 1996, it has gradually grown to a current balance of over \$750,000 with a history of 160 Grants totaling over \$333,000 awarded to date.

All contributions to the Fund remain as principal, invested in market securities, from which an annual "earnings" amount is available each year for Endowment Grants calculated based on the 10-year US Treasury Bond rate. This conservative approach allows us to effectively smooth out market variability and ensure retention of principal and consistently provide money each year for grants "to enhance the mission outreach of St. Michael & All Angels Church apart from the general operation of the parish."

As a result, over the last four years regardless of market volatility, over \$20,000 has been available each year for grants in one of four prescribed areas:

- **Scholarships** for parishioners' college, seminary, or medical school, church-related camps or leadership conferences, or other training to grow in Christian faith and service.
- **Outreach** into the community including social service agencies and Episcopal institutions.
- **Projects and programs** of the Episcopal Church.
- **Capital improvements**, debt reduction, or the building program of St. Michael's.

In 2025 we had just over \$28,000 in new grant monies in addition to over \$26,000 in undisbursed funds from the prior three years available. As a result, we were able to approve seven grant requests for a record annual total amount of over \$41,000 in each of the above categories as follows:



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Scholarships

- \$3,000 assistance for a bilingual parishioner's training as a medical assistant
- \$2,709 Mourner's Path grief support facilitator training for two parishioners

Outreach

- \$10,000 kitchen repair assistance for parishioner supported local L'Arche residential housing
- \$1,000 grant to The Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest Annual Fund
- \$5,000 grant to St. Michael's Meal Ministry

Projects and programs

- \$9,300 to complete the second year of St. Michael's Parish Visioning program

Capital improvements

- \$10,000 for needed repairs to deteriorating pipes in St. Michael's church organ

Finally, nearly \$4,500 in new contributions were received in the latter part of the year. Ten contributions were prompted by the September announcement of a long-awaited update to the Mission Endowment Fund brochure – special thanks to the efforts of Lynda Garner and Matte Edey. A further nine contributions were given specifically in memoriam of our beloved Carolyn Litzenberger.

Please consider a bequest or contribution to the

Endowment Fund at any time. It is a gift that keeps on giving! Simply designate it on your check, envelope, or through electronic giving. For more information about the Fund, ways to give, or to inquire about a grant application, contact a member of the committee or consult the (new!) Fund brochure available outside the Parish Office. 2025 committee members are Bev Hoeffler (Chair), Cliff Fairley, Cash Henry, Fabián Ramírez, Tim Sackett (Financial Secretary), Rev. Scott (advisory), Ann Wetherell (Vestry ex officio), and Helen Crandell (clerk / recording secretary ex officio).

Bev and Tim end their terms of service with replacements to be elected for three-year terms at this year's annual meeting.

Tim Sackett

Endowment Committee Financial Secretary

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From the Jr. Warden for Facilities

The story of St. Michael's has been one of lay people inviting the Holy Spirit in to work with them to do God's Work in the world. This remarkable congregation has been called to be in relationship with God and with one another as it creates space for God's love to touch all of God's people.

Caroline Litzenberger – St. Michael & All Angels, Portland: A History (pg. 92)

It is safe to assume that some members of our congregation dwell in residences that are 80 years old, or even 100 years old. The worship space at St. Michael's is over 100 years old. As those who reside in older homes realize, there will be unexpected needs that garner immediate attention and can create challenges. We open our doors to the community that surrounds us. Hundreds of people walk through our red doors seeking solace, renewal, and the opportunity to contribute to the greater good. This can yield remarkable results, both to the individual and to the community which receives blessed endeavor.

This year our facility has presented many unexpected needs. Some of those needs include repairs to our church organ. Twelve of the lowest bass pipes of the Trompette stop were rebuilt, and a relay for one of the blower motors was replaced. Replacing the relay was unexpected. Thanks to Cliff Fairley for managing and expediting these organ projects. Cost for the organ projects was \$12,336. New heat pumps were recently installed for the main floor offices. Keeping this important area of the church warm during the winter and cool during our increasingly warm summer is critical. The cost of the two heat pump systems was \$17,684.00

The church has contracted to have some exterior painting and trim repair on the South (Broadway St.) side of the church in 2026. Some wood trim will need to be replaced; The courtyard dormers, including the windows, will be painted, as well as much needed work on some of the trim along the East (seldom seen) side of the church. The cost of these repairs and painting will be \$11,700.00.

Currently we are in the midst of correcting a leak and subsequent water intrusion into the Sacristy. The Sacristy closet has received the greatest amount of damage, as has deteriorated stucco on the exterior of the building. Oh, and let us not forget the replacement of our dishwasher in the kitchen, which occurred earlier this year. Thanks be to St. Washmore, and to the fundraising team and all of you who contributed and attended fundraising activities for this important project. Cost for the dishwasher was \$11,995.

One important area of attention is managing necessary routine maintenance of equipment and important structural elements of the St. Michael's. This includes updating scheduling and coordinating with vendors who perform needed work; twice yearly rain gutter cleaning is an example. Recently, routine annual maintenance of the large water heater located in the choir rehearsal room occurred. Recognition should be given to Bob Spiers who has and is volunteering to update and coordinate the performance of routine maintenance. Coordination such as this isn't glamorous but is vital to our continued operation.

To borrow a quote from Dave Reilly, "We are the light at the end of the block." (Please forgive me Dave if these aren't your exact words.) For God's abundance to be so freely shared with a world so desperate in need, this place, this remarkable place called St. Michael & All Angels Church needs, and at times demands, our attention. This is why your continued support of our facility is so vital. Let us all strive to continue to be beacons of light and hope to a world which can seem so dark at times. And may God's Grace fall upon this church and to all those who serve for it and are serviced by it.

St. Michael's Facility Committee

Each month (typically) on the second Tuesday evening at 5:30 pm, a group of volunteers gather to devote a lot of time and energy to discuss important facility related issues. In the spirit of robust volunteerism, the facilities committee brings forth and presents to the Jr. Warden for Facilities important issues which are then presented to Vestry during our monthly Vestry meetings. Discussion and debate,

which can be robust, is respectful, and is driven, as a cornerstone of endeavor, by the desire to see our facility operate as efficiently and effectively as possible. I think it important to thank the current members of St. Michael's Facility Committee for their efforts. Thank you, Carl Braginsky, Cliff Fairley, Steve Flagg, Randy Hansell, and Bob Spiers. Together, under the guidance and important input of our Rector, Scott Painter, we, in community, bring forth important information to our Vestry; through the Jr. Warden for Facilities, for that, I am personally grateful.

This committee always welcomes new members to join and participate. It is a commitment that occurs monthly and each meeting lasts for approximately an hour and a half. If you wish to take your parish experience to a greater level and have some areas of expertise in construction-related activities, please reflect and consider this as an invitation and opportunity to serve our St. Michael & All Angels community.

Kevin Warren

Jr. Warden for Facilities

MOW/WOW Report

As an ongoing ministry of stewardship for our church and the surrounding property, the twenty or so parishioners of the Men and Women on Wednesday logged about 1,300 hours in total during 2025, which averages to over 20 hours per week. We often don't know in advance who is showing up each Wednesday. Sometimes five or six people show, often as many as a dozen or up to around 20 workers arrive. Everyone "works" at their own speed, and no one is supervising. Folks find their own niche of what they want to do and how they want to do it. This is all done as a measure of our affection for the church community. The fellowship also extends to sharing a light snack and coffee time. Some folks depart after coffee, but others stay awhile to finish up their projects.

During 2025, the MOW/WOWs also demolished, rebuilt and painted the wooden exit stairs and landing on the east side of the Parish Hall. This was a major project taking several weeks of preparation and work. Another big project was restoration and refinishing of the wood surrounding the main courtyard doors. In addition, we completed, over a two-year period, converting all the fluorescent fixtures into LEDs, providing significant energy savings.

A pre-Easter Cleanup Day was held in early April, cosponsored with the Facilities Committee. Thanks to a good turnout of volunteers who spent the morning in efforts to make the church and grounds shine for the upcoming season.

Among the projects: compost was spread in the garden beds; the folding tables and chairs received a good cleaning; and graffiti was painted over on a wood fence in the old Dollar Tree parking lot.

SOME EXAMPLES OF WORK INCLUDE:

- **Trash pickup** in and around the property and in the neighborhood.
- **Recycling, moving furniture**, setting up and taking down for. Events.
- **Helping decorate interior and exterior spaces** for special times, especially Christmas; and removing and putting away the decorations.
- **Preventive maintenance** of building systems.
- **Property maintenance** including light plumbing, electrical, painting and window washing, and carpentry work.
- **Landscaping maintenance:** mowing, trimming, weeding, pruning, planting seasonal annuals and watering in the summer months
- **Keeping the pew racks neat** and stocked with welcome cards and offering envelopes.
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We encourage any interested person to join us on any Wednesday, beginning at 8:30am. No advance notice required, no special skills are necessary!

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Treasurer's Report

Preparation of the 2026 budget began in late summer 2025 with discussions between clergy and the Finance Committee, and with discussions between clergy and ministry leaders. Drafts of the budget were presented three times to both the Finance Committee and Vestry, and at two forums during January. Vestry approved the budget during their January meeting.

The long budget development time and extensive community involvement have resulted in a budget that addresses the needs and issues of the parish and provides a realistic picture of our finances for the year. In 2025 our pledge income was 100.62% of our budget, open offerings were 102.54% of the budgeted amount, and expenditures were 100.09% of the estimated amount. In 2025 a significant fund-raising effort was conducted to pay for a new dish washer. That effort, along with other fund-raising activities, careful monitoring of expenditures, and the limited grants that we have received, resulted in our actual transfers from designated and undesignated funds to being only 84.45% of the budgeted amount.

Many challenges are represented in the 2026 budget. St. Michael's faces the same inflationary pressures we all feel in our home budgets – just doing the same thing as we did last year costs more money. Modest cost of living increases will be provided to staff based on years of service.

Our beautiful 100-year-old building needs constant attention. During 2025 there were several changes to St. Michaels staffing – a new Associate Rector was called, our Parish Administrator retired and was replaced, and an Administrative Assistant was hired. During 2026 we will need to staff the children and youth ministries.

The 2026 budget anticipates \$110,058 being transferred from designated and undesignated funds. The fact that almost ½ of the planned transfers will come from undesignated funds points to a need to continually replenish the designated funds – building, outreach, music, and meal ministry. This should not over shadow the impact of the parish's outstanding and unprecedented response in the 2026 pledge campaign.

During 2025 our bookkeeping was accomplished by a hybrid team of staff, volunteers, and the services of Virtual Church Secretary, a professional contract bookkeeping service. Also, during 2025 we implemented new software that makes keeping track of donors and donations much easier.

Dave Reilly
Treasurer



2025 Budget & Actual Financials / Vestry-Approved 2026 Budget		2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
Revenue				
Open Offerings		35,000	35,890	30,000
Pledge Income		607,000	610,779	640,000
Building Use income		3,000	2,615	3,000
Fundraising			2,383	5,000
Transfers from Reserve Funds				
Transfer - Undesignated Reserves		20,000	11688	53,000
Transfer - Capital/Building Fund		6,500	6,500	
Transfer - Youth Fund		19,800	9,750	16,000
Transfer - Music Fund		17,700	20,342	24,000
Transfer - Outreach Fund		9,000	9,000	9,000
Transfer - Meal Ministry Fund		4,000	8,000	5,000
Transfer - Children/Family Ministry Fund		1,000	609	
Transfer - Litzenberger Award Fund				3,058
Transfer - Altar Guild Fund				2,500
Total Income & Reserve Transfers		\$723,000	\$725,245	\$790,558
Expenses				
To Provide Clergy		220,062	221,936	274,632
To Provide Ministry to Children, Families & Youth		43,812	33,051	44,400
To Provide Music Ministry		92,612	97,430	103,673
To Provide Parish Administration		107,314	103,736	105,864
To Provide Staff Benefits		29,700	34,047	34,100
To Provide for Building and Campus		77,802	76,185	82,680
To Support the Diocese of Oregon (DPA)		107,720	107,720	105,566
To Support Direct Outreach		16,900	21,119	19,900
To Support Worship		250	1,002	3,000
To Support Ministries Inside the Parish		27,650	28,245	16,300
Total Expenses		\$722,500	\$724,469	\$790,115
Net Revenue & Transfers or (Deficit)		(\$822.00)	\$775.00	\$443.00

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Team L.I.F.E.

Team L.I.F.E. helps St. Michael & All Angels thrive by encouraging year-round stewardship, not just annual pledging. Our work focuses on four ways people meaningfully contribute to the church's mission. L.I.F.E. stands for Labor, Influence, Finances, and Expertise—the four core ways we give:

- **Labor** – the work we do
- **Influence** – how we seek to effect change in others and the world through the Holy Spirit
- **Finances** – the monetary gifts we make and how they are used
- **Expertise** – the skills and gifts we bring to ministry

What we focused on in 2025

In 2025, Team L.I.F.E. continued shifting stewardship from a once-a-year campaign to a **shared, ongoing practice**. Key efforts included:

- Using Eric Law's *Holy Currencies* to guide our approach
- Hosting a **summer game event** to build our "currency of wellness" by having fun together
- Communicating about stewardship **throughout the year** via e-blasts
- Improving clarity around **online giving**, making it easier to understand and use (thank you, Dave Reilly!)
- Annual campaign

The 2025 Annual Campaign

Our fall campaign centered on the parish-wide theme "**Many and One, in the Spirit / Muchos y Uno, en el Espíritu.**" We:

- Celebrated ministries from the past year
- Invited people to help us build on the planning and momentum begun in 2025
- Encouraged everyone to take part at the level they are able. Invited first-time pledgers to commit financially and through time and talent. Asked those who are able to be as generous as they can.

What we achieved together:

- **\$637,717** in pledged giving
- **\$651,197** in total expected giving, toward the **\$700,000** budget estimate
- **206 pledges** (goal: 200)
- **43 new pledges** (goal met)
- **77 increased pledges** (goal: 50)

Our annual **Pie Day in November** gave us the chance to thank everyone who made or will make commitments for 2026.

Thank you for supporting St. Michael's with your **money, time, and gifts**.

With gratitude to:

The Rev. Scott Painter, Padre Toni Alvarez, Joe Afryl, Kristina Kallen, Dave Reilly (Treasurer), and Henry Welch (Vestry Liaison). It has been a blessing to work together.

Margaret Marcuson

Chair, Team L.I.F.E.





¡2025 fue un año de crecimiento y cambios en St. Michael/ San Miguel!

En la asamblea anual de enero, agradecemos a nuestra Guardiania Mayor saliente, Thrina Parent, por su año de liderazgo y dimos la bienvenida a Sheryl Fullerton, Julie Romberg, Tim Shields y Henry Welch al consejo parroquial (vestry) como la clase de 2027.

El consejo parroquial eligió a Kevin Warren como Guardián Menor de Instalaciones y a Elizabeth Rouffy como Guardiania Menor de la Comunidad.

En Pentecostés, el 8 de junio, el consejo parroquial organizó el picnic anual de la parroquia y la liturgia en Wilshire Park. Fue una hermosa liturgia bilingüe oficiada por Scott+ y el Padre Jesús Reyes, con música maravillosa dirigida por el Coro, y seguida de una animada comida compartida. Este fue el último domingo del Padre Jesús con toda la comunidad de St. Michael; tuvimos la oportunidad de despedirnos y expresar nuestro profundo agradecimiento por su ministerio entre nosotros.

En junio también nos despedimos de Gloria Orellana, nuestra querida Asociada para la Administración, quien se jubiló después de 17 años en este cargo. Gloria fue el eje central de St. Michael, con un profundo conocimiento del funcionamiento de esta iglesia y de las personas que forman parte de ella. Su recepción de jubilación fue una gran celebración.

En julio contratamos a Matte Edey como nueva Administradora Parroquial. Matte aporta una gran riqueza de conocimientos y experiencia a su trabajo en St. Michael. En agosto, nuestro sacristán (sexton) Manny Luna se mudó a California. Manny fue una parte integral de esta parroquia y un amigo para todos. Realizamos una celebración durante la hora del café en su honor, completa con sándwiches de helado, sus favoritos.

En 2024, el consejo parroquial asumió el compromiso de financiar un puesto de rector asistente a tiempo completo que comenzaría a mediados de 2025. Este puesto vital apoya y sirve de puente entre las comunidades anglo y latina, y fue posible gracias a su generosidad. ¡Gracias!

El reverendo Antonio Álvarez llegó a principios de julio (¡con globos incluidos!). Como parte del proceso de

discernimiento previo a su llegada, Scott+ solicitó que un pequeño grupo de líderes parroquiales entrevistara al Padre Toni por Zoom. Muchas gracias a Anabertha Alvarado, Jana Gregory, Lindsay Gutiérrez y Susie Silva-Strommer por su cuidadoso trabajo al elaborar preguntas en español e inglés que nos permitieron conocer al Padre Toni y preguntarle cómo visualiza su ministerio en nuestra parroquia multicultural.

2025 fue un año particularmente activo para el Comité de Personal. Muchas gracias a Marie Bagwell, Jana Gregory y Roberta Recken, quienes redactaron y editaron cuidadosamente las descripciones de los puestos de Administrador/a Parroquial, Sacristán, Rector/a Asociado/a y Asistente Administrativo/a.

Es un privilegio servir como Guardiania Mayor del consejo parroquial y un placer trabajar con nuestro rector, Scott+. Estoy agradecida a todos los miembros del consejo, quienes aportan su conocimiento, experiencia, dedicación, creatividad y fe a este ministerio. Quiero agradecer especialmente a los miembros salientes Ann Hargraves, Lindsay Gutiérrez, Pat McLaughlin y Susie Silva-Strommer por su servicio en el consejo parroquial. Sus aportes y orientación fueron invaluable para nuestro trabajo. También quiero agradecer a nuestra secretaria parroquial, Becky Tooley, quien dejó su cargo después de años de servicio. Estamos agradecidos de que Barb Mason haya asumido su lugar.

Estoy emocionada por ver lo que 2026 tiene reservado para la comunidad de St. Michael! Gracias a todos por ser parte de ella.



En Cristo,

Ann E. Wetherell

Ann Wetherell

Guardiana Mayor

Querido pueblo de San Miguel y todos los Ángeles,

En nuestra última Asamblea Anual, ofrecí un tema para ayudar a centrar nuestra vida común en lo que sabíamos que sería un año desafiante: “Muchos y Uno, en el Espíritu.” Arraigado en el camino de Jesús y en el testimonio de la Iglesia primitiva, este tema nos invitó a honrar la rica diversidad de dones, historias y experiencias entre nosotros, confiando al mismo tiempo en la obra del Espíritu que nos va conduciendo hacia una mayor unidad de propósito, misión y amor.

En medio de la gran agitación del año pasado, esta visión ha seguido guiándonos.

Dentro de la vida parroquial, atravesamos transiciones significativas junto con crecimiento y renovación. Nos despedimos —con gratitud y cariño— de Gloria Orellana, Asociada de Administración por muchos años; de Manny Luna, nuestro sacristán dominical; y del Padre Jesús Reyes, sacerdote asistente interino. A partir de ello, entramos en una nueva etapa de liderazgo y personal, dando la bienvenida a Joy Fithian como Asistente Administrativa, a Matte Edey como Administrador(a) Parroquial, y llamando al Padre Toni Álvarez como Rector Asociado, con responsabilidad principal en el cuidado pastoral de los miembros latinos y en la reconstrucción de nuestros ministerios de formación. Integrar a varias personas clave en un periodo corto requirió paciencia y cuidado de toda la comunidad, y ya ha comenzado a dar buenos frutos.

San Miguel y todos los Ángeles sigue creciendo. Esto se refleja en la asistencia a los servicios, en los nuevos compromisos durante la campaña de mayordomía y en la participación cada vez mayor de personas recién llegadas a la vida parroquial. El Comité de Bienvenida ha tenido un papel importante al ayudarnos a recibir a las personas de manera intencional y a conectarlas con oportunidades significativas de comunidad y servicio.

Al mismo tiempo, 2025 ha sido un año especialmente difícil para muchos en nuestra parroquia que son inmigrantes y refugiados. El clima político actual ha generado miedo, incertidumbre y necesidades materiales reales. A través del trabajo de la Congregación de Bienvenida a Inmigrantes y de los Coordinadores de los Ministerios, la parroquia ha ofrecido educación, acompañamiento, apoyo para la organización

comunitaria y redes discretas de cuidado. El Fondo Discrecional del Rector distribuyó miles de dólares en ayuda para renta y alimentos este año, y agradezco profundamente la generosidad constante que ha sostenido este ministerio.

Nuestro proceso de visión estratégica también ha continuado, involucrando ampliamente a la parroquia y generando una gran cantidad de comentarios y aprendizajes. El trabajo ha tomado más tiempo del previsto, especialmente porque nuevas presiones externas han transformado nuestras preocupaciones y prioridades compartidas, pero el comité ha perseverado fielmente. Esperamos compartir este trabajo con el Vestry y con toda la parroquia en los próximos meses.

Fue un buen año. Crecimos los unos hacia los otros: escuchando, colaborando, trabajando y soñando. Al avanzar hacia el año que viene, pido la gracia de enfrentar lo que llegue con valentía y ternura, atentos al Espíritu que une a los muchos en uno, y abiertos a la belleza que surge cuando decidimos permanecer, mirar y bendecir lo que Dios está haciendo nacer entre nosotros.



Con ustedes,

El Rvdo. R. Scott Painter

Rector

Estimados miembros de St. Michael's/San Miguel,

Estoy agradecido por la oportunidad de servirles como Rector Asociado para la Formación y el Ministerio Latino. De hecho, dudo que un californiano haya recibido una bienvenida tan cálida en Portland en mucho tiempo. Me ha quedado claro que esta es una comunidad que practica una hospitalidad intencional. Y que también está comprometida a vivir nuestro pacto bautismal en el servicio divino a través de la oración, el culto, el servicio a la comunidad y la búsqueda de la justicia.

A mediados de junio me mudé a Portland desde Fresno, California, con mi esposo y nuestra gato Biscuit. Y después de mi primer domingo en San Miguel, el 6 de julio, mi esposo y yo nos sorprendimos al encontrar un pequeño gatito que se acercó a nosotros al llegar a casa. Así que recibimos el regalo inesperado de un nuevo compañero felino, Boots, al comenzar este ministerio entre ustedes.

En mis primeros seis meses me he centrado en conocer la parroquia; su organización y procesos formales, el liderazgo clave de los ministerios, su historia y sus costumbres litúrgicas.

En cuanto a la formación, me he centrado principalmente en brindar oportunidades para la comunidad de habla hispana de la parroquia, especialmente aquellas que fortalecen nuestra identidad episcopal/anglicana. Así que, en otoño, ofrecí una serie de foros de Introducción a la Iglesia Episcopal en español. Trabajé con Leslie, nuestra Asociada para el Ministerio con Niños y Familias, y Deissi Blanco, la coordinadora de la capilla de los niños para los Ministerios de habla hispana, para encontrar materiales apropiados.

En cuanto a la atención pastoral de la comunidad de habla hispana de San Miguel, tan pronto como comencé mis responsabilidades, recibí solicitudes de Quinceañeras, Bautismos y Primeras Comuniones. Hemos celebrado cuatro bautismos, tres Quinceañeras y al menos siete Primeras Comuniones desde julio. Y con la ayuda de Palmira Cruz y Susie Silva-Strommer, organizamos visitas a domicilio o convivencias. También he asumido la presidencia de la reunión de los Coordinadores de Ministerios, el grupo que dirige los diversos ministerios que sirven a la comunidad de la Misa.

Además, durante el mes de octubre, pasé varias tardes cenando y varios sábados almorzando con grupos de feligreses en sus hogares. Nos conocimos, escuchamos nuestras

historias, compartimos nuestras esperanzas y sueños para la parroquia, y nuestras preocupaciones del momento. Fueron estas convivencias las que me ayudaron a comprender la profundidad del impacto de las redadas de ICE en nuestra comunidad de la Misa. Escuché que los miembros de la comunidad de la Misa evitaban a los agentes de ICE durante sus descansos para almorzar, daban vueltas en los estacionamientos de los supermercados para asegurarse de que estuvieran a salvo y se preguntaban si ir al trabajo, a la iglesia o a la escuela era un riesgo que valía la pena correr. Y comencé a comprender el impacto continuo de esta situación en el bienestar financiero, físico y mental de los miembros de la comunidad.

En cuanto a mi participación en la parroquia en general, participo en la vida litúrgica de toda la parroquia, predicando y presidiendo junto con el Rector y otros clérigos. También he participado en los ministerios de justicia social y extensión de la parroquia, especialmente como enlace del clero con IWC. Y participo activamente en la gobernanza de la parroquia, participando, por invitación del Rector, en las reuniones del Consejo Parroquial, del Equipo LIFE y de planificación estratégica y de visión. También he participado en la vida de la diócesis, asistiendo a la Convención Anual y participando en la celebración del nuevo ministerio de varios clérigos en el área de Portland.

Me entusiasma profundizar mi relación con la gente de San Miguel durante el próximo año, especialmente en convertirnos en una comunidad verdaderamente multicultural, multiétnica y bilingüe, a medida que profundizamos en la belleza que reside en el corazón del camino cristiano.



Paz y amor,

J. Antonio Álvarez

Padre Toni

Rector asociado

Muchos y Uno, en el Espíritu

Ministerio Latino

El año 2025 fue otro año de transición para toda la parroquia de San Miguel pero especialmente para la comunidad hispana/latina de la Misa. El Padre Jesús Reyes estuvo entre la comunidad durante la primera parte del año presidiendo la misa, predicando y dando cuidado pastoral en conjunto con el Padre Scott. (El Padre Jesús sigue en nuestras oraciones por su salud; Que Diosito lo cuide, lo guarde y le de sabiduría a sus doctores.) También hay que reconocer la importancia del ministerio de los líderes laicos que de semana en semana preparan lo necesario para el servicio divino.

El Padre Toni Álvarez empezó su ministerio en San Miguel como Rector Asociado para ministerio Latino y formación cristiana a principios de julio. El padre Toni se mudó de Fresno, California, de donde es originario, a Portland a mediados de junio con su esposo y su gato. Padre Toni ha tomado cargo del ministerio latino en San Miguel trabajando en conjunto con el Padre Scott y los líderes laicos de la Misa. Durante los primeros seis meses Padre Toni se ha enfocado en conocer la comunidad, ofrecer más oportunidades para la formación cristiana en español y de fomentar más unidad entre las comunidades étnicas y lingüísticas de la parroquia.

Durante el año hemos vivido en la alegría de nuestro Señor Jesucristo en especial las celebraciones del Día de Pentecostés, la fiesta de San Francisco y la bendición de mascotas, nuestra fiesta patronal: fiesta de San Miguel y todos los ángeles, Día de muertos, nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, las Posadas y la misa de Nochebuena. Además celebramos varias quinceañeras y bautismos a través del año.

Hemos practicado la perseverancia especialmente en la fidelidad de la comunidad en asistencia a la misa frente a una situación hostil de redadas migratorias en nuestra ciudad y en las celebraciones especiales de la comunidad mencionadas previamente.

Hemos vivido en amor sirviendo a nuestra comunidad. Los promotores de salud y otros miembros de la comunidad compartieron varios eventos de salud y bienestar. Tuvimos un recaudado grande de comidas y donaciones para la comunidad cuando muchos sufrieron a causa del corte de beneficios de estampilla de comidas y por temor a las redadas migratorias. También tuvimos bastante participación en la feria de artesanías de adviento.

¡Anticipamos el crecimiento de nuestra comunidad en la fe y nuestra liberaciones de todo lo opresivo!



Muchos y Uno, en el Espíritu

Comité de Visión y Estrategia

El Comité de visión y estrategia se reunió por primera vez en septiembre de 2024 con la misión de escuchar, discernir y articular una visión estratégica para guiar a la parroquia durante la próxima etapa de nuestra vida y ministerio en común. A través de una serie de encuentros congregacionales y conversaciones con una participación amplia e intercultural, el comité recopiló aportes para comprender mejor los dones, compromisos, necesidades, deseos y desafíos de nuestra diversa comunidad.

Realizamos tres eventos para toda la parroquia en 2025, comenzando con una reunión de invierno el 9 de febrero, a la que asistieron entre 100 y 110 feligreses. Mediante conversaciones en mesas y conversaciones guiadas, los participantes reflexionaron sobre las experiencias que han dado forma a San Miguel y todos los Ángeles a lo largo de generaciones y ministerios. El encuentro enfatizó la memoria compartida como una práctica espiritual, honrando de dónde venimos para ayudar a discernir hacia dónde puede estar guiándonos el Espíritu. Los temas comunes incluyeron la bienvenida y el sentido de pertenencia, la capacidad de adaptación ante el cambio, la importancia de las relaciones y un compromiso de larga data con el servicio, la justicia y un culto formativo.

En el encuentro de primavera, el 4 de mayo, entre 65 y 75 participantes se enfocaron en la vida actual de la parroquia: cómo funcionan los ministerios y cómo fluyen el liderazgo, la energía y el cuidado dentro de la comunidad. A través de conversaciones centradas en los ministerios y la elaboración de mapas prácticos, los participantes identificaron fortalezas, superposiciones y oportunidades, así como desafíos relacionados con la sostenibilidad, la comunicación y el desarrollo del liderazgo. Este encuentro ayudó a que el proceso de Visión y Estrategia pasara de la narración compartida a patrones de comprensión más claros, manteniéndose relacional y espiritualmente fundamentado.

El encuentro parroquial de otoño, con 110 a 125 feligreses el 12 de octubre, sirvió como un momento clave de síntesis y discernimiento en el camino de visión y estrategia. Basándose en la escucha y reflexión previas, los participantes trabajaron con borradores de temas y direcciones emergentes mediante facilitación bilingüe y retroalimentación estructurada, poniendo a prueba un lenguaje común, prioridades y valores compartidos. El encuentro enfatizó la unidad sin uniformidad, fundamentando la planificación futura en la identidad bautismal, la humildad cultural, el liderazgo compartido y la alegría, e influyó directamente en el perfeccionamiento del lenguaje de la visión y de las prioridades estratégicas. Sobre la base de este trabajo, el comité articulará una visión y estrategias para profundizar en esa visión durante los próximos 3 a 5 años. El subgrupo de datos* del Comité de visión y estrategia ha recopilado y analizado los abundantes hallazgos provenientes de los aportes parroquiales, los cuales serán revisados en febrero por el comité en pleno y finalizados en un plan estratégico práctico que refleje los valores y las prioridades y necesidades más altas de la parroquia. Tras la presentación del comité a la junta parroquial (vestry) y al personal en el próximo retiro de la junta en marzo, el plan completo se compartirá con toda la parroquia esta primavera.

Los miembros del Comité de visión y estrategia incluyen a Victor Salinas (cofacilitador), Helen Crandell (cofacilitadora), Gladys Alvarado Martínez, Palmira Cruz, *Mandy Davis, *Shawna Gandy, Lynda Garner, *Matt Kallen, Lorenzo Luna, Adrian Neri Reyes, Karol Lissett Rivera Zúñiga, *Barbara Wyse, el Rvdo. Scott Painter y el Rvdo. Toni Álvarez. El trabajo fue facilitado por Julie Boleyn y Liliana Da Valle, del Instituto Kaleidoscope, con financiamiento de una subvención del Mission Endowment Fund.

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 Noreen Ione Busch Moses
 Daniel Contreras (Inurnment)
 Penelope Kreinberg
 Caroline Jae Litzenberger

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 Steve Eduardo Cruz, Jr.
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 2027
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 Kevin Warren
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