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




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*"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in Heaven."*  
 Matthew 5:16

**WOMEN OF SAINT MICHAEL**  
 2025-2026  
 Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

*Shining Light in the World*

**2025-2026 SPEAKERS AND EVENTS**

**WOSM September Luncheon – Shining Your Light Through Self**  
 September 17 - 11:30 am - 1:00 pm • SMAA Youth Center on the 2nd Floor

Cynthia Yanof, author of "Life is Messy God is Good," will kick off our year enlightening us with ways to navigate the world with God in the midst of it all. Her 2024 book has a tag line on the cover "Sanity for the Chaos of Every Day Life." Isn't that something we can all lean into and use a little more of? Cynthia's faith-based talk will provide insights on how to give yourself permission in three key areas: redefining success, reprioritizing your days, and doing the hard things. With her sense of humor and ability to dive right into the messy, you won't want to miss this talk on bringing God forward and empowering yourself in all things with His help.

Following the luncheon, books will be available for signing and purchase in the Youth Center.

**WOSM October Luncheon – Shining Your Light Through Art**  
 October 22 - 11:30 am - 1:00 pm • SMAA Youth Center on the 2nd Floor

Carlyn Ray, a lifelong Dallasite, opened her studio in 2013, where she creates bespoke custom installations, teaches classes, and runs a nonprofit. Carlyn discovered her passion and mission through glass blowing at an early age. She is committed to creating large-scale installations, immersive environments, and custom pieces that not only challenge her creatively but also bring joy, connection, and a sense of magic to her community and beyond. It is an honor for Carlyn to share this journey and spirit through her art.

We have two additional opportunities on dates before and after our luncheon to embrace this spirit of art with an Open House and Workshop.

**Carlyn Ray Designs & Dallas Glass Art Open House**  
 October 18 - 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm • 8510 Chancellor Row, Dallas, 75247

Join us for an open house with Carlyn Ray, our October WOSM Speaker, at her studio. This will be a wonderful opportunity to shop sale items and gifts for the holidays! You will also be able to see her workspace and the custom commissions being created. And of course, enjoy fellowship with one another. Glassblowing demonstration from 3-4 pm. All are welcome!

**WOSM Glassblowing Workshop (2 options)**  
 October 25 - 1:00 pm or 3:30 pm • 8510 Chancellor Row, Dallas, 75247

Carlyn personally invites you to her community studio, Dallas Glass Art, for a private glassblowing workshop held for parishioners and their guests. You will be making your very own pumpkin, just in time to decorate for fall! The registration fee is \$85 per person. Look for our private event link coming soon!

**WOSM March Family Evening Event – Shining Your Light Through Nature**  
 March 3 - 6:00 - 7:15 pm • SMAA Youth Center in Education Building on the 2nd Floor

Join us at SMAA for a family evening to learn about God's work with people and nature, especially elephants! Since 2000, Dallasites Debra Stevens and Scott Jackson have visited Africa, forming deep connections with villagers and wildlife. In 2013, Debra met an orphaned elephant named Naledi at Abu Camp in Botswana, and their bond sparked a lifelong mission. In 2017, Debra, Scott, and elephant handler Bee co-founded the Elephant Havens Wildlife Foundation, creating the only sanctuary of its kind in Botswana. Debra will share their story, moderated by Kathy Wise, editorial director for *D Magazine*, who fell in love with the cause after writing about it for the magazine.

**WOSM Gardening Workshop**  
 April 9 - 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm • Walton's Garden Center, 8652 Garland Road, Dallas, 75218

Join us for an evening with nature! Find your inner passion and connection to horticulture. We will create a beautiful container garden and learn about herbs – their enhancement of food and role in cocktail mixers. What a fun way to celebrate spring! Following our gardening, light bites, and a bit of shopping, we will have an optional Dutch treat dinner at Smoky Rose, next door to Walton's.

President's Message



Dear Friends,

It's time to shine, sparkle and be brilliant, ladies! Welcome to a new year of wonderful WOSM events, activities and opportunities — there's something for everyone in this year's offerings. And remember, every female parishioner is automatically a member of the Women of Saint Michael, so join the fun, make new friends, and enrich existing friendships.

Our theme this year is **Shining Light in the World**, based on Matthew 5:16: "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your

father in Heaven." Our programming is grounded in *shining light* through self, art, nature, and service.

One of the most well-known and anticipated events hosted by the WOSM is the Annual Speaker series. Please take a few minutes to peruse the front page for our entire year's schedule with opportunities to learn, enjoy fellowship, be creative, and serve others. The broad variety of offerings this year includes an early evening family event and two private hands-on workshops, glassblowing, and gardening.

During the holiday season, the Exchange will again graciously host a private holiday shopping evening for the WOSM on November 19 – perfect to get in the Christmas spirit and make progress on your gift list for loved ones! Shopping at the Exchange is a wonderful way to make an impact as it doubles gifts, one given to the recipient and the other given to community charities via the grants distributed by the Gifts Committee.

The other funding source for grants is the biennial Women of Saint Michael Parish Party and Auction. *This year's party, Stars & Light, is chaired by Christi Houser. Mark your calendars for this, not to be missed, sparkling event on Friday, February 6, 2026, at The Fairmont Hotel beginning at 6:30pm.* Guests will enjoy dinner and drinks, dancing, live and silent auctions as well as a wine and whiskey pull. The Wine and Whiskey Pull, chaired by Laurel Page and Anne Yager, will gather donations on November 6 at a festive party. There are plenty of opportunities, large and small, to get involved in the Parish Party, so please get in touch with Kristi Wilson, Volunteers Chair, if you are interested.

Outside of our walls, WOSM serves the needs of our neighbors, particularly at Jubilee Park and Community Center. We'll be kicking off the new year focused on others as the annual WOSM Day of Service, chaired by Sarah Hamlin, will be January 23. The annual Mother/Daughter tea, chaired by Bonner Allen, will have a French twist this year, and will take place on February 28. Our afternoon event, "A Day in Paris," will include painting, making friendship bracelets, photo opportunities and music; featuring delicious French pastries and refreshments.

Mark your calendars for the annual Spring Luncheon on Wednesday, May 6 at 7000 Park Lane. Co-chairs and sisters, Tricia Stewart and Ginger Baden, are planning a wonderful celebration with an inspiring program and a blessing of the Gifts Committee's grants to conclude our year of Shining Light in the World.

In closing, thank you for the blessing and privilege to serve as your president. I encourage you to consider deepening your involvement in the WOSM community. The more involved we are, the more connected we feel, and the greater impact we have on our community. Come as you are, come when you can, and join the smart, talented, committed women (kind, fun and genuine, too) who comprise the Women of Saint Michael. It's going to be a beautiful year to shine our light in the world!

Warmly,  
Elizabeth Williams, *President*  
WOSM 2025-2026

Chaplain's Letter

Dear Friends,

As I was preparing this letter, I began to reflect upon the women of faith whose stories we see in Scripture. Women of courage, like Deborah who was a judge of ancient Israel and led its army in battle. Women like Sarah, the wife of Abraham, who helped him to entertain angels unaware, providing them a meal, who then as an older woman had a child that started the line of generations that eventually included our Lord. Women like Tabitha, whose ministry of sewing for others was extolled by her friends to the Apostles. Martha and Mary, beloved friends of our Lord who served him well and listened to his teachings. Sweet Mary, the mother of our Lord, whose good ministry in bearing and raising our Lord is shown by its fruit. Not to mention the other women, who joined Mary, as they kept vigil at the cross with Jesus as he died.

The diversity of the women of faith and their varied gifts of ministry have certainly continued through the ages to today. The gifts of time and treasure that you, the Women of Saint Michael, share with our church and community are remarkable to behold. From leadership to hospitality to artistry, to the love of children (your own and other's), to the care of the poor and ministry to the sick, and supporting those in grief – the gifts you bring to world are as diverse and unique as you are as individuals with one another and those women who have come before us in our faith. My hope for this year with you is that you will continue to bloom where you are planted. That you will continue to be a light in our world in leadership, in service, and in sharing abundance. I am therefore looking forward to being the chaplain to the Women of Saint Michael once again this year. May we boldly share our gifts as we journey together in our faith.

Blessings of peace and joy,  
The Reverend Robin H. Hinkle  
*Chaplain to the Women of Saint Michael*



Mission & Outreach Opportunities

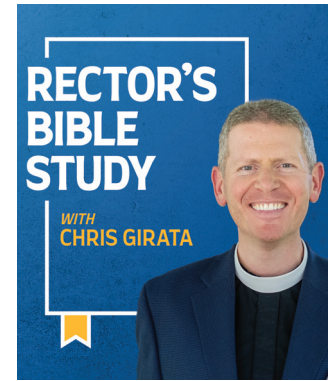
Through Mission and Outreach, Saint Michael is in partnership with amazing ministries in Dallas and beyond where we can share our gifts and talents. These programs include service opportunities at Austin Street Center, Stephen C. Foster Elementary School Tutoring, Jubilee Park and Community Center, Now-Forward (formerly North Dallas Shared Ministries), St. Philip's School and Community Center, Telas Honduras Mission Trip, VNA Meals on Wheels, and more.

Interested in learning more about ways to serve? Please visit <https://www.saintmichael.org/outreach>.

Women of Saint Michael Purpose Statement:

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

Season 9 "Women of the Bible" Fall 2025 – Spring 2026



The Bible often overlooks the stories of women. Many were ordinary, common, and sometimes even of low caste, but so many made extraordinary impacts on God's saving work through time. Join our rector, Chris Girata, on a year-long journey to reveal the powerful women of the Bible. We will be reintroduced to women we've heard about but hardly know. Each step of the way, we will discover how their courage, their strength, and their faithfulness shaped

the greatest stories ever told. God's promise of new life is made possible through these great women of the Bible who will inspire our discipleship, too.

WOSM – An Overview

Who exactly are the Women of Saint Michael, and what are the requirements to join? It could not be any simpler: all women, who are members of our parish, are members of Women of Saint Michael (WOSM). No forms to complete, no QR codes to follow. All you have to do is make sure your contact information in the Saint Michael directory is up to date. Our purpose is to "be the extension of Christ's Kingdom by uniting the women of the parish in a program of worship, study, service, and fellowship and leading them into the service for the Church in the parish, the community, the diocese, the nation, and the world."

Since 1945, the WOSM have organized activities that included, in the early days, publishing cookbooks, organizing home tours, producing musical performances, and holding Christmas bazaars. Today's robust programming offers luncheon speakers addressing a wide range of timely topics with a specific focus on discipleship through community engagement. In addition to speakers, WOSM also organizes parish-wide evening programs, the Parish Party or Mardi Gras Party, an annual Spring Luncheon, and numerous volunteer opportunities within the church and the Dallas community.

A treasured institution of the WOSM is the Saint Michael Woman's Exchange, which opened its doors in Highland Park Village in 1939 as a consignment shop called the "Woman's Exchange." Originally, the store served as a source of income for consignors, for whom jobs were scarce. Several years later, the Junior League of Dallas purchased the store as a fundraising project. By 1958, the WOSM bought the store from The Junior League for \$1,500 to create the St. Michael's Woman's Exchange we all enjoy today. Our store has occupied #5 Highland Park Village for over six decades and is an institution in the shopping center. On the surface, the Exchange looks like any other chic gift shop - but it isn't. Volunteers run our store—a real community effort; we love that!

Two other WOSM volunteer organizations are Altar Guild and St. Mary's Guild. Every service actually begins and ends with the work of the Altar Guild. Each week members assist the clergy and serve the Parish by preparing the sacraments and maintaining all supplies necessary for worship services. Caring for sacred vessels, vestments, bread, wine, linens and candles in all worship spaces is a true ministry. Meanwhile, St. Mary's Guild volunteers bake and sell delicious home baked treats at the Guild's bake sale table two Sundays a month beginning September 14th. All bake sale proceeds are donated to local charities.

As SMAA has grown and adapted over the years, the one constant is that the WOSM remains an organization for women of all ages to find joy, fellowship, and engagement while working together to fulfill SMAA's missions. Whether we are teaching Sunday School, VBS, or Confirmation; reviewing grants with the Gifts Committee; serving on the Altar Guild and preparing sanctuaries for liturgical services; baking delectable treats for St. Mary's Guild or serving one of our outreach opportunities, parishioners make connections with each other through meaningful volunteerism. In all cases, the WOSM provides an environment for rekindling, enhancing, or initiating rich, lasting friendships while fulfilling the gratifying work in which Saint Michael and All Angels participates.

WOSM Gifts Committee

*I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you visited me. I was in prison and you came to me.*

**Matthew 25:35-36**

Since 1945, the Woman of Saint Michael (WOSM) have had the privilege to be stewards of the funds raised to grant more than \$12 million dollars to Dallas County agencies through its fundraising activities, including the Parish Party Auction, and profits from the Saint Michael Woman's Exchange. The monies raised will be returned to the community through the Gifts Committee whose focus is on agencies that provide for crisis needs and financial stability of individuals and families living in poverty. ALL proceeds from the Parish Party go directly to the WOSM Gifts Committee and are distributed by the WOSM in the form of grants. In 2025, the WOSM awarded \$605,000 to 78 non-profit organizations.

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

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| Agape Clinic   | Lone Star Justice Alliance                    |
| AIDS Interfaith Network, Inc.                                  | Men of Nehemiah, Inc.                         |
| AIDS Services of Dallas  | Metropolitan Dream Center                     |
| AFRECS -American Friends of the Episcopal Church of the Sudans | Mosaic Family Services                        |
| Aspire   | Network of Community Ministries Inc.          |
| Association for Independent Living                             | New Friends New Life                          |
| Austin Street Shelter  | Now- Forward (North Dallas Shared Ministries) |
| AVANCE - Dallas Inc  | Bachman Lake Together                         |
| Behind Every Door  | Our Friends Place                             |
| Bold Idea  | OurCalling                                    |
| Brother Bill's Helping Hand                                    | Pleasant Grove Food Pantry                    |
| CareCenter Ministries  | POETIC  |
| Catch up and Read  | Project Transformation                        |
| Center for Survivors of Torture                                | North Texas                                   |
| Community Partners of Dallas                                   | Rainbow Days Inc.                             |
| Cornerstone Crossroads Academy, Inc.                           | Restored Hope Ministries                      |
| Crossroads Community Services                                  | Shared Housing Center, Inc                    |
| Dallas Bethlehem Center  | Sharing Life Community Outreach, Inc.         |
| Dallas CASA  | St Phillips School and Community Center       |
| Dallas Christian Women's Job Corps                             | Texas Ramp Project                            |
| Dallas Eviction Advocacy Center                                | The Family Place                              |
| Dwell with Dignity   | The King's Academy                            |
| Educational Opportunities Inc                                  | The Way Back House                            |
| Elevate  | Tomorrow's Women                              |
| Every Avenue (Incarnation Place)                               | TRAC- Transition Resource Action Center       |
| Exodus Ministries  | Traffick911                                   |
| Family Compass   | Treasured Vessels Foundation                  |
| Gateway of Grace   | U&I (fka Citizens Development Center)         |
| Genesis Women's Shelter  | Under 1 Roof                                  |
| Grant Halliburton Foundation, Inc.                             | VNA   |
| Heart House  | Well Community                                |
| Home Point (Housing Crisis Center)                             | Wesley-Rankin Community Center                |
| Hope Cottage   | White Rock Center of Hope, Inc,               |
| Hope Farm  | Wilkinson Center                              |
| Hope Supply Co.  | Youth Believing in Change                     |
| Human Rights Initiative of North Texas                         | Youth With Faces                              |
| Incarnation House  |   |
| Interfaith Family Services                                     |   |
| Irving Cares, Inc.   |   |
| Jubilee Park & Community Center                                |   |
| Legacy Cares   |   |
| Literacy Achieves  |   |