



Saint Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

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To Know, Live and Share the Love of Christ

Two Poems for This Advent Season

Both poetry and prose use words. And yet sometimes a poem's words can catch our attention and point us in directions which even the best prose cannot. Poetry can be transcendent. And the Advent Season can be this as well – provided we are willing to risk taking time(s) to be rather than just do.

So, at the beginning of this new Advent Season, the Spirit offers us poetic words from Anne Porter and Madeline L'Engle.

Noel

When snow is shaken
From the balsam trees
And they're cut down
And brought into our houses
When clustered sparks
Of many-colored fire
Appear at night
In ordinary windows
We hear and sing
The customary carols
They bring us ragged miracles
And hay and candles
And flowering weeds of poetry
That are loved all the more
Because they are so common
But there are carols
That carry phrases
Of the haunting music
Of the other world
A music wild and dangerous
As a prophet's message
Or the fresh truth of children
Who though they come to us
From our own bodies
Are altogether new
With their small limbs
And birdlike voices
They look at us
With their clear eyes
And ask the piercing questions
God alone can answer.

Anne Porter

Into the Darkest Hour

It was a time like this,
war & tumult of war,
a horror in the air.
Hungry yawned the abyss –
and yet there came the star
and the child most wonderfully there.

It was a time like this
of fear & lust for power,
license & greed and blight –
and yet the Prince of bliss came
into the darkest hour
in quiet & silent light.

And in a time like this
how celebrate his birth
when all things fall apart?

Ah! wonderful it is:
with no room on the earth,
the stable is our heart.

Madeleine L'Engle





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Our Bishop is

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VIII Bishop of Northern Indiana

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Articles and Ministry Schedules
for *The Messenger* are due on the
Second Monday of each month

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 10am-2pm



Worship, Prayer & Formation

Worship with the Angels!

10:15 a.m. on Sunday Mornings
In Person & Online Eucharist Continues

Please log in on **Facebook, YouTube** or our website
SaintMichaelSB.org.

Noonday Prayer and Bible Study
Wednesdays starting at 11:15am

Reader/Proclaimer and
Worship Minister
Schedules
are on page 10.

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pledge and offerings to Saint Michael's!

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For information about our finances to date,
please see **page 4.**



Children's Chapel!

Each Sunday when children are present

A brief reflection on day's Scripture lesson followed by a
fun activity. Chapel begins at 10:15am and occurs during
the first portion of morning worship service.

Hope to see you there!



There are different kinds of gifts but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kind of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Ministries

Below is a list of the active ministries of the church. Please take a peek and if you feel called to share your time and talent with any of these, please reach out to either the current leader of this ministry, our Senior Warden, Chris Dunlap, or Father Mark:

Ministry	Ministry Leader	Description of Ministry
Card Ministry	Sharon Fiorella-Teves	Sends Birthday and Anniversary Cards
Living Our Faith Ministry	Lynne Switalski	Our obligation is to live and share our treasures with others. “All things come of Thee, oh Lord, and of Thine own have I’ve given thee”
Altar Guild	Korina Mueller	They care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish. Altar Guild members prepare the sanctuary for Holy Eucharist
Children’s Chapel	Father Mark	A brief reflection on day’s Scripture lesson followed by a fun activity for children. Chapel begins at the first portion of morning worship service
Saint Michael’s Family Garden	Mabel Blunk & Beth North	Growing vegetables and flowers to share with all
Service on Saturday “SOS”	Sandy Stackhouse	Packing and serving food bags and a meal to those in need
Adult Formation	Carol Nickel	Classes and resources offered to adults to deepen their biblical knowledge, learn a new spiritual discipline, or find some comfort and inspiration
Proclaimers	Shery Roussarie	Readers of the Word of the Lord during Holy Eucharist
Supper Club	Laura Knoppers & Andi Zavor	To give opportunity to become acquainted with the members of our Parish, on a social level during a meal
Church Sign Ministry	Sharon Piechorowski	Changing the words on the outside sign to invite the community into the church
Mary& Martha Guild	Nanette Krieger	Serving coffee and snacks after an event
Music Ministry	Grayling Hawkins & Marvin Curtis	Serves the music during the Holy Eucharist
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Sharon Fiorella-Teves	Lay person licensed by the bishop to administer the consecrated elements of the eucharist
Flower Ministry	Charlene Bollman	To brighten the sanctuary with flowers in celebration and in honor of loved ones



Service on Saturday is so excited to be back in person again, and currently is serving the community on the third Saturday of each month.

Coming up: December 16

If you are able to help during the week or on that day, please email Dr. Sandy Brown to offer your arms and love.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this vital ministry of service and relationship to our community.

Our Success is driven by our base of parishioner and guest volunteer's who pack bags, store inventories and distribute food to those in need. If you are a current volunteer "Thank you for your Service", If you would like to join our volunteer staff, contact Dr. Sandy Stackhouse at 574 532 4706 or srbrownmd1951@gmail.com.

Saint Michael's Financial Report

"Where your treasure is there the desires of your heart will also be." *Matthew 6:21*

For November 2023

Revenue: \$18,176 vs Budget: \$21,667 Unfavorable: \$3,491
Expense: \$24,596 vs Budget: \$21,667 Unfavorable: \$2,929
Net Income: -\$6,420

For Year to Date:

Revenue: \$152,832 vs Budget: \$216,666 Unfavorable: \$63,834
Expense: \$209,185 vs Budget: 216,666 Favorable: \$7,481
Net Income: -\$56,353

*****Net Income is Unfavorable for Current and YTD*****

Thank you so much for you ongoing support of our parish.
We are currently in a deficit
and every gift will help us finish the year!

Thank you again.



GARDEN TEAM RECRUITING FOR SPRING

With Mabel Blunk and Hank Blunk planning to move to Goshen in January 2024, Beth North is RECRUITING for a co-leader of the SAINT MICHAEL'S FAMILY GARDEN efforts.

Responsibilities include:

- Working on/in the garden for 2-4 hours at least one day during the week beginning in late April/early May through early November.
- An orientation to UNITY GARDENS is strongly recommended

I would be happy to arrange for ALL VOLUNTEERS interested in helping, even if not as my co-leader.

CALL or TEXT Beth North – OR – take her aside during coffee hour some Sunday after she returns (January 14). MOBILE # - 574.298.4987

Thank you!
Beth North

Home for the Holidays

with Music Director Alastair Willis!

December 16 / 7:30 p.m.
December 17 / 2:30 p.m.



THIS ADVENT SEASON

Sun. Dec. 3: 1st Sunday of Advent
Advent Wreath Making
following 10:15 Worship Service

Sun. Dec. 10: 2nd Sunday of Advent
Advent Scripture
Reflection at 9:00 am

Sun. Dec. 17: 3rd Sunday of Advent
Advent Scripture
Reflection at 9:00 am

Sun. Dec. 24:
No Morning Worship Service;
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
7:00 PM



CHRISTMAS TIME AT ST. MICHAEL'S

This year, as we have done for many years, we will have our St. Margaret's Giving Tree in the Narthex. In the past they have requested hats and mittens... this year, they are requesting the same but with the inclusion of diapers. Their supplier no longer is available to their clients.

Last year we had a great deal of difficulty obtaining a family for our Christmas project. When we finally found a family that needed us, the parish came through with superb results.

This year we are doing something different. We are collecting personal items for the homeless men and women in South Bend. The bags of personal items are called **Blessing Bags** and they will be distributed to the homeless on Christmas Day after they have their annual Christmas hot meal at Hope Ministries.

Hope Ministries usually serves approximately 100 homeless dinners on Christmas Day. We thought these Blessing Bags would be a great Christmas gift for both men and women. Each week when you come to Church, would you bring one or two of the items on the list (Contents of the Blessing Bags) and put them in the box in the Narthex? We will fill the Blessing Bags on Sunday December 17th after our Sunday service. The Blessing Bags will then be delivered to Hope Ministries for distribution on Christmas day.

Your compassion and love for those who are homeless would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support.

CONTENTS OF BLESSING BAGS

Chapstick

Small bottles of hand lotion, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant

Small shaving cream men and sanitary pads for women

Small soap and wash cloth

Winter hat, gloves, mittens, socks, scarf

Small brush and comb

Tooth brush and tooth paste

Small hand sanitizer





**A Candlelight Service will
Begin at 7 pm**

**Please note there will be No Morning Service on
December 24th and
No Service on December 25th**

SILVERTONES

CHRISTMAS & CONCERT



Join the Silvertones on
December 10th, 2023 at 7:00pm
for We Come A-Caroling,
a fun and joyful celebration of the Christmas season.

The Concert will be held at
**Christ the King, Lutheran Church,
17195 Cleveland Road, South Bend.**

Silvertones is the resident glee club of the Forever Learning Institute. Founded in 2016, the group consists of more than 30 senior singers over the age of 50.

Admission is free and all are welcome!



RIVER BEND CHORUS

CHRISTMAS Concert

DEC 12TH, 2023 | 7:30 PM

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
53720 N IRONWOOD RD, SOUTH
BEND, IN 46635

FREE CONCERT | GOOD WILL
OFFERINGS APPRECIATED

Prayers of the People at Saint Michael's

December Birthdays

1 Emma Krizman 16 Charles Gruenig
Liam Krizman Stewart Zimba
4 Brielle Kamanda 19 Beryl Cockram
5 Jenni Dunlap 23 Chris Dunlap
6 Reid Bollman 28 Thomas Worland
9 Barbara Wilson
10 Laura Knoppers
12 Brayden Davis
14 Sarah Hamilton



December Anniversaries

4 Angel & Marcy Cortes
Chris & Joan Haizlip
18 Allan & Marie Blunt
19 Grayling & Dinah Hawkins
29 Jack & Korina Mueller

Anniversaries of our beloved Departed

2 Sharon McLeod
6 Frederick Goodman
7 Vivian Lee Harwood
9 Brenda Brewer
Kay Canary
Lyle Rogers
10 Robert Bertles
11 Stephanie Silla
12 John Olson
14 Jonathon Atkinson
17 Paul Flowers
19 Gene Palmer
21 Richard Cocks
22 Gerald Knoppers
23 Daphne Reamer
24 Carolyn Tungate
William B. Townsley
25 Edith Hart
Roy Kress
26 Bishop Shalita
28 Arthur W. Hughes
29 Christopher Agorichas
30 Dorothy J. Murat
31 Virginia "Nicky" Metzler



For Protection for our Armed Forces and those in Foreign Service

Trevor Miller Morgan Severeid
Erin Ford Alexander Sasha Petkova
D.W. North Cecily & Adam Teach
Casey North Peter Kristl
Nathan Ratliff Matthew Monroe
John Zendt Jacob Monroe
Ashlee Zendt Brian Knipple

For our elected leaders

President Joe Biden
Vice President Kamala Harris
Governor Eric Holcomb
Mayor James Mueller (South Bend)
Mayor Dave Wood (Mishawaka)

For Healing, Guidance and Strength

Ren Singleton
Barb Wilson
Susan Slack
Anita Thomas
Michael Thomas
Victoria
Chuck & Devon
John Seehafer
Joyce Frost
Marvin Curtis
Grandma Ma
Charlene Bollman
Joel Blunk
Larry Willoughby
Darlene Hammon
Aimee Mitchell-Matthews & Family

Kristen Holt
Lorraine Anderson
Red Kurz
Larry Putt
Claire Van Wassenhove
Charlie & Ann Gruenig
Phil & June Bays
Mike & Cindy
Michael & Andi Zavor
Larry Howe
Tony & Beryl Cockram
Hixon Family

Readers-Proclaimers, Prayer Leaders

Date	Dec 10	Dec 17	Dec 24**	Dec 31
1 st Reading	Isaiah 40:1-11	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	Isaiah 9:2-7	Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Reader	Shery Roussarie	Adrian Stackhouse	Carol Nickel	Shery Roussarie
Psalm	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	Canticle 15	Psalm 96	Psalm 147
2 nd Reading	2 Peter 3:8-15a	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	Titus 2:11-14	Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7
Gospel	Mark 1:1-8	John 1:6-8, 19-28	Luke 2:1-20	John 1:1-18
Prayer Leader for Prayers of the People	Nanette Krieger	Marcy Cortes	Charlene Bollman	Grayling Hawkins



Crucifer / Altar Assistant(s)/Worship Leader, etc.

	Crucifer: Carry Cross In/Out/Gospel time, Welcome & Altar Asst: Credence table (assist setting Altar)	Gospel Book: Carry in/out/Gospel time, Welcome & Altar Asst Tabernacle side (assist clearing Altar)
Dec 10	Linda Kroll	Paul McLeod
Dec 17	Sharon Fiorella-Teves	Sandy Stackhouse
Dec 24**	Paul McLeod	Sharon Fiorella-Teves
Dec 31	Nathan Hawkins	Dinah Hawkins Lynne Switalski



**Please note that there will be no Dec 24th AM Service. Be sure to join us for Christmas Eve service at 7pm.



**From: Girl Scout Troup 54118–
Granger/South Bend**

We meet at Saint Michael and All Angels on the 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoons of each month. We are a troop of 6th-9th grade girls, with a particular focus on STEM and the Outdoors, and scouting in a Christ centered environment.

For more information: Please contact Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana– Michiana, and request Troop 54118. The council will put interested girls and their families in contact with us.

Girl Scouts Northern Indiana– Michiana
Phone#: **1-800-283-4812**

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings ~ Small, Distancing Group Resuming

We are proud to host this critical ministry at Saint Michael's. Meetings are held on Monday mornings at **10 a.m.** All meetings are for those with a willingness to stop drinking.



Al-Anon Meetings ~ Small, Distancing Group Resuming

These meetings are for the family members of those with addictions. Living with a spouse or family member or having been raised by a parent who battled addictions has unique challenges.

Al-Anon is a safe place to share similar experiences and do the work of healing, learning to manage oneself. Meetings are Tuesday mornings at **9:30 a.m.**

OUR COOKBOOK NEEDS RECIPES!

We are looking for a variety of recipes for our new cookbook, it will hopefully be completed this summer. Some of the recipes that were contributed, have disappeared from the recipe box in the Narthex. We are looking for at least 4 recipes from each person who chooses to donate their recipes to our book. If you enjoy cooking or baking, don't hesitate to add your recipes to our box! We really want this to be a great success and to show off the culinary skills here at St. Michael and all Angels. We would also LOVE any sweet tooth recipes!

Side note: If you previously submitted recipes and no longer see your recipes inside of the recipe box, please re-submit!

Thank you!



Merry Christmas



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