



The Messenger

Oct/Nov 2023

*Saint Michael
& All Angels
Episcopal Church*

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To Know, Live and Share the Love of Christ

**“In the time it takes you to read this...”
A Brief Meditation on God’s Graciousness**

In the time it takes you to read this,
the following will occur:

your heart will beat 52 times,
your bone marrow will produce 90,000,000 new red blood cells,
you will breath 10 times,
a typical neuron in your brain will fire 9,000 times;
and each beat of your heart,
each new red blood cell coursing through your body,
every thought you had or will ever have,
and every breath you take or will ever take
is a GRACIOUS GIFT FROM GOD.

In this season of “Living Our Faith” and thanksgiving,
I urge you to prayerfully remember and thank the Source and Maker of your life,
and then generously consider sharing some of the time, talents, and treasures
you’ve been freely given to support
the life and ministries of St. Michael & All Angels.

With Blessings & Gratitude...
Mark+

PS: Lest you’re wondering, above figures are based upon
the following “average” healthy human adult statistics:
heart rate = 70 beats/minute,
red blood cell production = 2 million/second,
breath rate = 14/minute,
neuron firing rate = 200/second,
and time it took you to read this = 45 seconds.



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South Bend,
an Episcopal Church of the
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Our Bishop is

The Rt. Rev. Douglas Sparks
VIII Bishop of Northern Indiana

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Linda Kroll

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Doug Kroll (2024)
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Carol Nickel (2025)
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Dr. Marvin Curtis, *Music Director*
Michele Layher, *Finance Secretary*
Andi Zavor, *Event Coordinator & Custodian*

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.

Thank you for your donations and keeping up your
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 & TBD	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: October 21 & November 18

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 August 2023

Revenue:\$13,467 vs Budget:\$21,667 Unfavorable:-\$8,200

Expense:\$20,776 vs Budget: \$21,667 Favorable:\$891

Net Income: -\$7,309

For Year to Date:

Revenue:\$111,883 vs Budget:\$173,333 Unfavorable:-\$61,450

Expense:\$164,106 vs Budget:\$173,333 Favorable:\$9,227

Net Income:-\$52,223

*****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.

SPECIAL SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

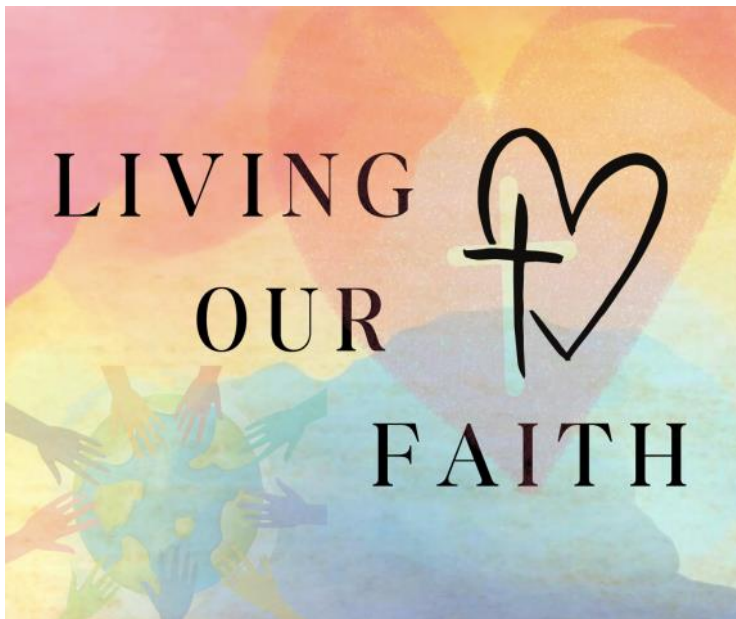


OCTOBER 8TH

Annual Blessing of Pets

Please feel free to bring your pet(s) to our Sunday 10:15 Worship for a special blessing

OCTOBER 15



The Annual Champagne Lunch



Following the Sunday Service

Sunday Morning Book Study

9:00 a.m.

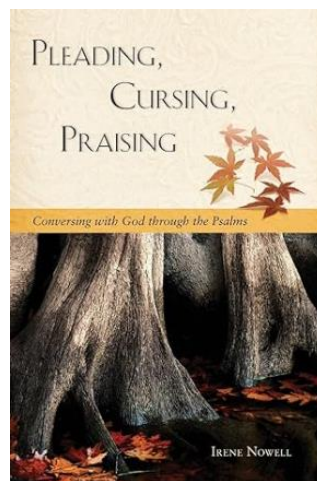
Sunday, October 22

Sunday, November 5

Pleading, Cursing, Praising: Conversing with God through the Psalms

by Irene Nowell

**BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT CHURCH
BEGINNING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**



Irene Nowell's work would be both impressive and important if she were only" a masterful Scripture scholar or a gifted spiritual guide or a compelling teacher . The fact that she is all three makes her an extraordinary resource for Christians today . In *Pleading , Cursing , Praising* , Nowell puts all these gifts to use to offer a guide to praying with the psalms.

Nowell maintains that the psalms teach us to tell our story, to cry out our pain, and to give praise to God. They also teach us to listen - to the voice of God, the voice of Christ, the voices of the people around us, and the voice of all creation . This book includes questions and exercises for personal reflection , brief prayers for praying along the way, and suggestions for composing one's own psalm-prayers. It promises to enrich the spiritual life of everyone who reads it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 13 @7pm: Supper Club

This club is to give opportunity to become acquainted with the members of our Parish, on a social level. This Group will be meeting at the church on the 2nd Friday of each month. Dinner is potluck style each time. All are welcome to participate. The sign up sheets will be on one of the Narthex tables.



October 21st @ 6pm Faith by the Fire Potluck

Come sit by the fire for a night of love and laughter. Bring a dish to share and don't forget your lawn chair.

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



SAVE THE DATE
2023 DIOCESAN CONVENTION



This year St. Michael And All Angels will be the host parish for the annual diocesan convention. It will be held here the first weekend in November. Mark your calendars now as we will be needing volunteers to help with the many activities that are being planned. There will also be educational sessions for those interested in attending.

More information will be provided as soon as possible!

WHERE SHALL I GO?

Through the frosted window pane,
I see a determined thick gray squirrel
carefully circling the backyard pond.

Having seen him in the summer taking this
same journey to get his fill of water,
he is now facing a world as hard as the
walnuts in his homemade tree retreat.

Not easily detoured, he takes stutter steps
on the icy court like a tennis
player sizing up his foe's weakness
to gain advantage.

For a moment, he imagines everything
happening to him at once
and shivers slightly with pleasure.
A surge of wind has him look up and sniff,
perhaps smelling the edge
of his life's possibilities.

Undaunted, he turns and trudges
down another path he is sure will be
more favorable, a path we all can take
when life freezes over.

T. D. Richards



Prayers of the People at Saint Michael's

Oct/Nov Birthdays

October

3 William Kamanda
 11 Deirdre Mylod
 12 Chris Haizlip
 14 Camille Arnett
 15 Adrian Stackhouse
 17 Sandra Stackhouse
 22 Colm Cregan
 24 Jin Snyder
 25 Lenore Cassady
 26 Paul Mcleod
 27 Alan Swain

November

1 Korina Mueller
 2 Kay Lynn Antonelli
 3 Lorraine Anderson
 4 Nanette Krieger
 6 Joshua Anderson
 Sandy McCarthy
 8 Jerome Tiah
 11 Tj Becker
 12 John Baxmeyer
 13 Elizabeth White
 14 Anthony Cockram
 16 Michael Griffith
 Charles Wiemer
 17 Devon Brugh
 22 Emilia Davis
 23 Eric Arnett
 24 Melissa Cowden
 26 Robin Douglass
 Connie Lee Swain
 28 Shery Roussarie
 CeCe Cole



Anniversaries

October

22 Chris & Jenny Dunlap
 24 Carl & Susan Baxmeyer

November

28 Charles & Anne Gruenig
 28 William & CeCe Kamanda

Anniversaries of our beloved Departed

October

John Badur
 Wayne Frost
 Charles G. Anderson
 Barb Harris
 Carol Miranda
 John Wiegand
 Isaac Longden
 Mary Lou Dunlap
 Donald Brennan
 Mary Gertrude Akre
 Eva "Billie" Kasa
 Adam D. Foster
 Virginia Mae Bowser
 Patti Hardy
 Deborah Licini
 Thomas Black
 William A. Eldon
 Emery Hughes
 Patricia Fitzgerald
 Zigy Zhang
 Ruth Green
 Einar Henriksen
 Neva Hargreaves
 Carl Zwierzynski
 Paul Hass
 Phyllis Hamilton
 Ed Truswell
 Cynthia Brown
 Sherwood Green
 Ted Hamilton
 Honey Lou Ziemondorf

November

Art May, Sr.
 Betty Rose
 Frances Muncie Ehardt
 John Thomas
 Warren "Bud" Deahl
 Jewell Clizbe
 Robert Lee
 Elaine Millie
 Landon Miller
 Edgar Borris Midget
 Yaseen Rivera
 Richard "Rick" Jones
 Caleb North
 Francis Janssen
 Milrea Curtis
 Marjorie Deahl
 Rosemary Ward
 Joseph Kasa
 Caroline Schinke
 Mari Brown
 Dorothy Curtis
 William Stackhouse



For Protection for our Armed Forces and those in Foreign Service

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

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	Joyce Frost	Kristen Holt
Barb Wilson	Marvin Curtis	Lorraine Anderson
Susan Slack	Grandma Ma	Red Kurz
Anita Thomas	Charlene Bollman	Larry Putt
Michael Thomas	Joel Blunk	Claire Van Wassenhove
David Hixon	Larry Willoughby	Charlie & Ann Gruenig
Victoria	Darlene Hammon	Phil & June Bays
Chuck & Devon	Aimee Mitchell-	Mike & Cindy
John Seehafer	Matthews & Family	Michael Zavor

Readers-Proclaimers, Prayer Leaders

Date	Oct 1	Oct 8	Oct 15	Oct 22	Oct 29
1st Reading	Exodus 17:1-7	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9,12-20	Exodus 32:1-14	Exodus 33:12-23	Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Reader	Charlene Bollman	Garyling Hawkins	Sandy Stackhouse	Michael Zavor	Shery Roussarie
Psalm	Psalm 78:1-4,12-16	Psalm 19	Psalm 106:1-6,19-23	Psalm 99	Psalm 90:1-6,13-17
2nd Reading	Philippians 2:1-13	Philippians 3:4b-14	Philippians 4:1-9	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Gospel	Matthew 21:23-32	Matthew 21:33-46	Matthew 22:1-14	Matthew 22:15-22	Matthew 22:34-46
Prayer Leader for Prayers of the People	Marcy Cortes	Nanette Krieger	Carol Nickel	Adrian Stackhouse	Charlene Bollman

Date	Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 19	Nov 26
1st Reading	Revelation 7:9-17	Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25	Judges 4:1-7	Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24
Reader	Marcy Cortes	Nanette Krieger	Carol Nickel	Charlene Bollman
Psalm	Psalm 34:1-10,22	Psalm 78:1-7	Psalm 123	Psalm 100
2nd Reading	1 John 3:1-3	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Ephesians 1:15-23
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12	Matthew 25:1-13	Matthew 25:14-30	Matthew 25:31-46
Prayer Leader for Prayers of the People	Sandy Stackhouse	Michael Zavor	Adrian Stackhouse	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)
Oct 1	Sandy Stackhouse	Linda Kroll
Oct 8	Chris Dunlap	Linda Kroll
Oct 15	Nathan Hawkins	Dinah Hawkins/ Sharon Fiorella-Teves
Oct 22	Linda Kroll	Sharon Fiorella-Teves
Oct 29	Nathan Hawkins	Dinah Hawkins/Beth North
Nov 5	Sandy Stackhouse	Paul McLeod
Nov 12	Linda Kroll	Charlene Bollman
Nov 19	Nathan Hawkins	Dinah Hawkins/ Beth North
Nov 26	Chris Dunlap	Sharon Fioella-Teves



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 5th-8th 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!





Items Due By December 17th



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