



Saint Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

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To Know, Live and Share the Love of Christ

Experimenting with In Person Worship: Palm Sunday & Easter, March 28 & April 4

The Rev. Matthew Cowden, Rector

Dearly Beloved Friends, here at the one year anniversary when we began the pandemic distancing, I am glad to say we are planning to re-emerge and begin meeting in person. Three guiding principles:

(1) Meeting in person will be an Experiment. (2) Online Worship is Primary. And (3) we will not call it Normal until all our beloveds are able to be together in person, no matter how long it takes. As an Experiment we will continue to watch the numbers in St. Joseph County and may need to pull back from in-person gathering if cases increase. We want everyone to be safe. Online worship is here to stay. It's a shame it took a pandemic to get us to embrace the technology that has been available for years. Many people are finding us online and participating in our Saint Michael's community in our Facebook, YouTube and website livestream/broadcasts. These will continue always and, especially here in the pandemic, will be considered the Primary way we communicate Christ in worship. "Normal" is not a word we plan to use for our worship until we all our beloved Saint Michael's members are able to join us in person, and this may take years. The coronavirus is here to stay and we are still learning how it operates. Some of us will not feel safe or be safe in crowds for a long time and we honor that.

Please call the church office for reservations 574.243.0632

On **Palm Sunday, March 28**, we plan to meet for in person worship at **10 a.m.**

On **Easter, April 4**, we plan to have two services, one **at 9 a.m. and one at 12 Noon.**

Following our Diocesan policy, space is limited to 25% capacity. Please call the church office for reservations to attend.

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Re-Emerging Church

Julie Wilkin, Sr. Warden

On behalf of the Vestry, I wanted to share our excitement as we watch new programs develop and familiar traditions begin to re-emerge. We are happy to share that our beloved Easter Egg hunt **WILL** take place outside after both services on Easter Sunday!

We are thankful to Shery who has stepped up to lead the proclaimer schedule and logistics. We are thrilled SOS will resume food bag distribution in March.

Cherub and Seraphim Choirs, led by Juan Carlos, have begun practicing. The Cherub choir meets virtually on the 1st/3rd Monday of the month and the Seraphim choir meets virtually on the 2nd/4th Monday of the month. Our Youth Group met for a movie event in March and will be leading a church service project on April 24 at 2:00pm. We will be spreading mulch and would like to invite you to join us. We will need help weeding, spreading, and transporting.

We would like to thank Teri Lynn Stackhouse for organizing the people and technology to make church choir possible right now. We are also looking into a project with Unity Gardens, stay tuned for further details. It feels like spring, a season of growth, at Saint Michael's and it is so heartwarming to be a part of this! We are so thankful for all the up front and behind the scenes work that happens to make this a great place to call home. Julie Wilkins, Sr. Warden

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an Episcopal Church of the
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Our Bishop is

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

Saint Michael's Clergy

The Rev. Matthew Cowden, *Rector*

Vestry

- Julie Wilkins, *Senior Warden (2022)*
- Lynne Switalski, *Junior Warden (2022)*
- Linda Kroll, *Treasurer (2022)*
- Marcy Cortes (2022)
- Jenni Dunlap (2022)
- Sandra McCarthy (2022)
- Sharon Fiorella-Teves (2023)
- Bill Lewis (2023)
- Sandra Brown Stackhouse (2023)
- Amy Fulkerson (2024)
- Doug Kroll (2024)
- Rachel Schibley (2024)

Staff

- Jen Foust, *Parish Secretary*
- Dr. Marvin Curtis, *Music Director*
- Michele Layher, *Finance Secretary*
- Andi Zavor, *Custodian*

Articles and Ministry Schedules
for *The Messenger* are due on the
Second Monday of each month and may be
emailed directly to Jenni Dunlap at
cjcdunlap@sbcglobal.net

Covid Office Hours::
Monday-Thursday
By appointment



Worship & Prayer

All public worship in the church building has been suspended until further notice due to the coronavirus pandemic.
The Rector and Vestry are following the Bishop's Office as it makes decisions about when and how we can return to in person worship.

10 a.m. on Sunday Mornings

Offer your weekly sacrifice of praise on the Lord's Day
by worshiping with us online at our website
SaintMichaelSB.org

or on our **Facebook page** or our **YouTube channel**

Our weekly Sunday Liturgy is at 10 a.m.

Often there is prelude music beginning before the hour. Our worship is live from the sanctuary with prerecorded elements from around our church.

Communion on Sundays

Please come by for our

Drive Through Communion: 12 Noon—12:30 p.m.

Please enter the parking lot on Turner's Drive

11:00 a.m. on Sundays: Fellowship on Zoom

Please email or Fr Matthew for the link and password.

Wednesdays, 12 p.m.

Noonday Prayer and Bible Study on Zoom

followed by lectionary Bible Study

Please email Fr. Matthew for the Code to join us.

Rector@SaintMichaelSB.org

Sunday-Tuesday, 9 p.m.

Compline, Night Prayer of the Church

Saint Michael's Facebook page

And Fr Matthew's Facebook page

And at www.MatthewCowden.com/Live/

Need prayer?

Need to add someone to our prayer list?

Message, call or text Fr. Matthew at 574.309.1709

Or email the office at info@SaintMichaelSB.org



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For information about our finances to date,
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Re-Emerging Church Continued from page 1 Just as we are experiencing nearly everywhere we go, **masks and social distancing are required for participation in the in-person worship services.** Also in keeping with diocesan policy and safe practices, singing will be kept low. This is not how we would want to experience easter but it is what helps to keep droplets and potential threats from virus. Please keep in mind, one of the most concerning things about this virus is how contagious it is when a person is asymptomatic. Someone may be a carrier and not even know it. Also, while it appears capricious in the way it undermines the health of otherwise perfectly healthy young people, it is especially dangerous to our elders and those with compromised immune systems.

The schedule for our Holy Week and Easter Services are as follows:

Palm-Passion Sunday, 10 a.m.

Online and In-Person, please call the office for reservations: 574.243.0632

Outdoor Easter Egg Hunt will follow.

Easter Day, April 4, 9 a.m. & 12 Noon

Online and In-Person, please call the office for reservations: 574.243.0632

Outdoor Easter Egg Hunt will follow.

Communion will be also be distributed in the parking lot after each service for those who wish to drive through.

The other Special Services during Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday; April 1, 7 p.m.

Online Only, please tune in to Facebook, Youtube or the website

Thursday Night to Friday Morning

If you are interested in participating in the All Night Vigil, please call or email Fr Matthew

The Chapel of Repose will be available for private prayer and keeping watch with the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel of the Angels.

Good Friday, April 2

12 Noon: In person Only, Confession and prayers in the Sanctuary, Communion from the Reserved sacrament will be distributed. This short service will be less than 30 minutes. Reservations are not needed for this short Noon service but masks and distancing are required.

4 p.m. Online Only, The Service of Good Friday will be done in a combined Rite with Fr. Nate Warne and St. Paul's, Mishawaka. Please tune in for this online only service.

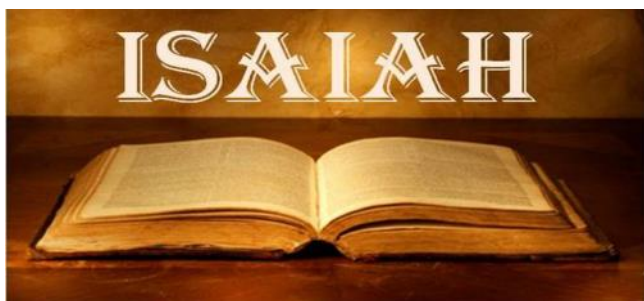
Holy Saturday, April 3, 10 a.m.

Online Only, A short service of prayer from page 283 of the *Book of Common Prayer*

Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 3, 8:30 p.m.

The shortest Easter Vigil ever. Gather at the fire pit, process to the church, pray, welcome the Risen Christ. **Online** will be on the Saint Michael's Facebook page only.

In person but reservations are not needed for this service.



Join us for this 8-week study of Isaiah from Epic of Eden, led by Fr. Matthew.

Sundays, April 18-June 6, 7:00 p.m. via zoom



Service on Saturday is Taking some Time to keep people Safe and will not be meeting this month to serve our community.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this vital ministry of service and relationship to our community. We look forward to returning to this ministry as the pandemic numbers lessen.

We are a church that feeds people, body, mind and soul.

No doubt COVID 19 has led to changes in our daily lives and activities and SOS is no exception. Beginning in March we were forced to suspend our popular "SOS Luncheon & Food Bag Distribution" to a mobile "Food Bag Distribution" which allows us to maintain "Social Distancing" and the safety of our volunteers and Guests while providing a robust bag of basic foodstuffs, fresh meats and fruit to a minimum 50 families per month.

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 4703 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 January 2021

Income - \$14,385 vs budget \$21,667 \$7282 worse
Expense - \$14759 vs budget \$21,667 \$6908 better
Loss - (\$374) un-favorable

For February 2021

Income - \$15,459 vs budget \$21,667 \$6,208 worse
Expense - \$21,895 vs budget \$21,667 \$228 worse
Loss - (\$6436) un-favorable

For Year to Date (Jan 1 -Feb 28 th 2021):

Income - \$29,844 vs budget \$43,334 \$13490 worse
Expense - \$36,654 vs budget \$43,334 \$6,680 better
Loss- (\$6,810) un- favorable

*What are the causes and effects of poverty?
What is it like to be poor in Michiana (and beyond)?
How can I help in a meaningful way?*

If you have questions like these, Word and Table is for you.

WORD & TABLE

**Sunday, April 18, 2021 + 5:00–6:30pm
Free Event via Zoom**

Word and Table brings people together for a faith-based look at issues of social concern. On Sunday, April 18, we'll gather via Zoom to begin a deeper look at the topic of **poverty**.



Connie Snyder Mick, Ph.D., a researcher, educator, and author on poverty and public policy at Notre Dame, will offer insight to help us understand the facts behind poverty.

Angela Blake from St. Margaret's House will share local stories of poverty so that we might recognize the issue in our own community.



*All attendees will receive **three books** on the topic of poverty, as well as a **free meal** delivered to their home on April 18 in time for the presentation.*

For more information and to register, go to:

www.ctluth.com/wordandtable



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Prayers of the People at Saint Michael's

*Those prayed for here will remain listed for thirty days and may be renewed upon request.
Don't see your birthday or anniversary here? Want to add a section for prayers?*

March/April Birthdays

03/01 Aiden Yoder	03/31 Nick Cowden
03/02 Daniel Fulkerson	3/31 Sharon Piechorowski
03/05 Trang McLeod	04/01 Nadia Firestone
03/06 Mikey Badur	04/02 Chritian Wilkins
03/08 Joyce Frost	04/03 Andre Mussalama
03/14 Katrinia Kamanda	04/03 Alexandria Tungate
03/14 Andrew Nash	04/07 Teri Stackhouse
03/14 Julia Nash	04/08 Liam Harman
03/15 Angel Cortes	04/09 Elaine Millie
03/15 Marcy Cortes	04/10 David Foster
03/17 Amobi Ezenekwe	04/10 Megan Kroll
03/17 Sydia Lauer	04/12 Jon Badur
03/18 Daniel Davis	04/12 Maxwell Dell
03/18 Julie Long	04/15 Alice Miller
03/22 Amy Hixon	04/20 Luke Fulkerson
03/24 Richard Lauer	04/21 Matthew White
03/26 Ian Dunlap	04/23 Bradley Anderson
03/27 Adelaide Hixon	04/25 Raymond Griffith
03/27 Michael Zavor	04/25 Mark Hamilton
03/28 Gina Putt	04/25 Michael White
03/28 Lilliana Harman	04/26 Wayne Frost
03/29 Chris Anderson	04/29 Ava Wilkins
03/30 Karen Gray	04/30 Dinah Hawkins

For Healing, Guidance and Strength:

Rob Auer	Nora Arnold
Lucy Vellner	Mary-Jane Willoughby
Barb Coddens	Carl Lakovitz
Marie	Gina & Larry Putt
Craig	Char Bollman
Tony & Beryl Cockram	Marcy Cortes
Rob Auer	Grandma Ma
Victoria	Devon

For members who are unable to join us for Sunday worship:

Brian Knipple
Neva Hargreaves

March/April Anniversaries of Our Beloved Departed:

03/02 Fred Barrell Jr.	03/23 Merle Philipson
03/03 Clara Brennan	03/24 Kenneth Coddens
03/03 Jim Schenk	03/27 Jane Dorgan
03/03 William Hans	03/28 Barbara Courtright
03/04 John Marvin	03/31 Rosemary Hickey
03/04 Timothy Welsh	04/01 Lydia Naus
03/06 "Ed" Lattimer	04/02 Leonard Tucker
03/06 Marie Hirsch	04/04 Alva Raiford
03/06 Raymond Nutty	04/04 Pamela Chadwick
03/07 Dr. George Green	04/04 Ruby Sterzik
03/07 Ruth Wolford	04/07 Eugene Kraft
03/07 Steve Burns	04/12 Frank D'Ambra
03/08 Mitch Roussaire	04/13 Sheila K. Berg
03/08 Opal Sparks	04/15 Jean Mitchell
03/09 Elizabeth Gadd	04/15 Lowell Berg
03/09 Lynn Minichillo	04/15 Norma Yager
03/10 Benedicta	04/19 Dr. James H. Naus
03/10 Philip Lockhart	04/19 Ronald Roughton
03/14 Raymond Barclay	04/21 Patricia Derose
03/18 Lucy Walter	04/22 Claudia Addison
3/18 The Rev. Jack Bliven	04/22 Jack R. Melton
03/19 Cortney Larsen	04/22 William Hargreaves
03/22 Shannon North	04/29 John Hargreaves
03/22 Susan Ryan Welsh	

For Protection for our Armed Forces and those in Foreign Service:

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

For our elected leaders:

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

March/April Anniversaries:

03/24 Richardt & Sydia Lauer	04/11 Rick & Barbara Wilson
04/05 Marc & Julie Bussan	04/24 Teri-Lynn & Will Stackhouse
04/06 Tom & Holly Dell	04/29 Lynne & Rick Switalkski
04/10 Chuck & Janet Henkel	04/30 Jim & Gill Kruse-Snyder

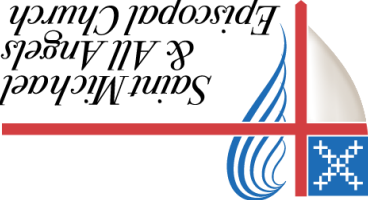
Readers-Proclaimers, Prayer Leaders
Prerecorded Readings and Prayers for January

Please record your readings and prayers in **landscape/horizontal mode**. You may record on one long video, pausing in between or in separate videos. Please email or text Fr Matthew with your recordings by Thursday at noon before the Sunday you are scheduled. A web link will be provided if necessary

Please let the office know if you would like to be included as a reader/proclaimer.

We are making every effort to include all of our voices from around the church.

Date	Mar 28	Apr. 4	Apr 11	Apr 18	Apr 25
Special Notes	Palm Sunday	Easter	Second Sunday of Easter	Third Easter of Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Readers/Proclaimers					
1st Reading	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Isaiah 25:6-9	Acts 4:32-35	Acts 3:12-19	Acts 4:5-12
Psalm	Psalm 31:	Psalm 118	Psalm 133	Psalm 4	Psalm 23
2nd Reading	Phillipians 2:5-11	Acts 10:34-43	1 John 1:1-2:2	1 John 3:1-7	1 John 3:16-24
Gospel	Father Matthew Mark 14:1-15:47	Father Matthew John 20:1-18	Father Matthew John 20:19-31	Father Matthew Luke 24:36b-48	Father Matthew John 10:11-18
Prayer of People For Easter Season					
Special Collect #1			For Joy in Gods's Creation Pg. 814 #1 IN BCP	For the Unity of the Church Pg. 818 #14 BCP	For Protection Pg. 832 #60
Special Collect #2			For Peace Pg. 815 #4 BCP	For the Absent Pg. 830 #52 BCP	For the Aged Pg. 830 # 49 BCP
Special Collect #3			For Our Enemies Pg. 816 #6 BCP	For those we Love Pg. 831 #54 BCP	For Families Pg. 828-829 #45 BCP
Prayers for those on our prayer list					
Birthday Prayers					
Wedding Anniversary Prayers					
Anniversary of our Beloved Deceased			Father Matthew	Father Matthew	Father Matthew


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