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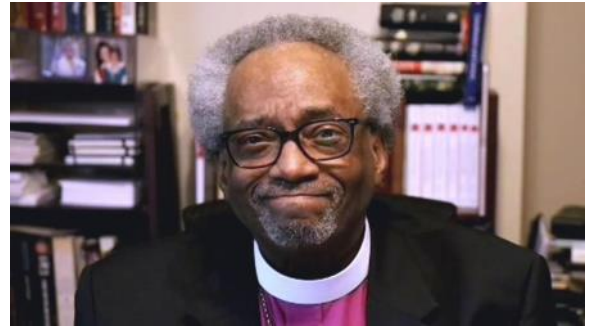
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To Know, Live and Share the Love of Christ

A Word of Encouragement to the Saint Michael's Family From Our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael Curry

The original video may be viewed on our Facebook page.

Hello to all of my friends at Saint Michael's and All Angels, and to your priest, Father Matthew Cowden. It is a real joy and a privilege to just say a word of greeting and thanks to you and to Father Cowden for his ministry. He and I serve together on the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church. And his work, his dutifulness, and great care, and thoughtfulness is a remarkable gift to the Episcopal Church in its wider councils. And I thank him and I thank you for enabling him to serve the wider church in this way.



But I also want to thank you for two other things. My name is Michael, and when I was a little boy, my godfather would always send me a little card, kind of prayer card, on or near the feast of Saint Michael and All Angels. And just that little reminder seared itself somewhere in my consciousness, somewhere in my soul. And so every time I either get to visit a St. Michael's and All Angels or have some contact with a church bearing that name, there is a part of Michael Curry that smiles and thanks God for you.

But there's a second reason and Matthew doesn't know this. I'm one of the people who periodically read Compline with father Matthew on Facebook. It's been during this pandemic and he has faithfully led

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A Special Thank You, From Our Beloved Mary Jane

The Rev. Matthew Cowden, Rector

In her last weeks with us, Mary Jane was adamant about making sure I thanked everyone at Saint Michael's on her behalf. She insisted that I write this in

The Messenger. In love and service to Mary Jane Willoughby, I know how to follow orders, and do so with a full heart, even as hers was full for all she has received from you, her church family. Thank you for all the love, thank you for the many meals, and for the cards, the gift of flowers, the phone conversations and texts and, of course, for the ongoing prayers. Thank you for taking such good care of her and Larry.

Mary Jane fought cancer valiantly for four and a half years, negotiating every step of the way with God and her doctors. As my wife Melissa mentioned to me, "She is one of the strongest women I know." Yes, indeed, that's our Mary Jane. She was so full of strength and love and so thankful for you all.

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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

Saint Michael's Clergy

The Rev. Matthew Cowden, *Rector*

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

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- 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

Pandemic Office Hours::
By appointment



Worship, Prayer & Formation

Worship with the Angels!

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

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

to pray along with us online on Sundays. In-Person worship is limited to 25% capacity at this time but, so far, no reservations are necessary. Pandemic precautions are still in place, including the wearing of masks and maintaining distance for in-person gatherings. There is currently no coffee hour after the service.

Drive Through Communion: on Sundays NEW TIME

Please drive through between for Communion & Prayers
11:30 a.m.– 12 Noon

Please enter the parking lot on Turner's Drive

Noonday Prayer and Bible Study on Zoom
Wednesdays, 12 p.m.

followed by lectionary Bible Study
Please email Fr. Matthew for the Code to join us.
Rector@SaintMichaelSB.org

Adult Bible Study: Christian Education

See page **Four** to see our *Isaiah* Study through June
Sunday Nights at 7 p.m. on Zoom

Sunday School for Children concludes in May

See page **Five** for more information.

Cherubim Children's Choir

First & Third Mondays at 6 p.m. meeting **online!**
See page **Five** for more information

New Adult Choir

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Compline, Night Prayer of the Church

Sunday-Tuesday, 9 p.m.
Saint Michael's Facebook page.



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For information about our finances to date,
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Summer Around the Corner: Prayers, Light & Our Building

The Rev. Matthew Cowden, Rector

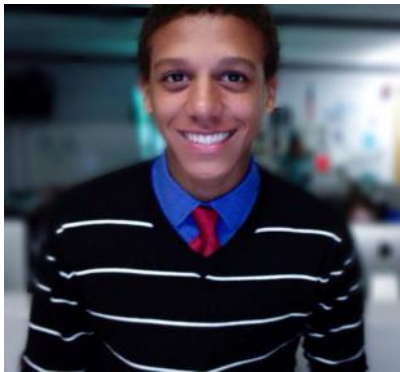
Dear Friends in Christ at Saint Michael's,

Here we are, over one year after in our pandemic pilgrimage. Thank you for continuing to say your prayers, every day, and being the loving people of God that you were made to be.

I am grateful for the words of Bp. Michael Curry. I asked that he provide a short word of encouragement for us and was surprised and humbled by his words. We are a people of prayer and called to continue to be, in good and in bad times. I am grateful that we are able to come together more as the pandemic wanes and provide the in person presence of Christ for one another, especially as we are doing for the Willoughby family.

It is our call from Christ to shine that light for one another and to nourish that light in our prayers, individually and together. Thank you for faithfully doing so, in person and online.

We now need your prayers for our physical space, the building of the church. Our church building is now over twenty years old and beginning to show its age and the wear of weather and critters. With summer around the corner, I would like to invite you to come to the building, look at it, take in the yard, the roof, the bird holes. We have an amazing expanse of land and an incredible gift of building space. In the long summer light, please come to the church to pray about what our church space needs most, how God is calling to continue to make it a beacon of hope to the world and to glorify God here on Ironwood Road. Our Jr. Warden, Lynne Switalski is hard at work getting quotes and considering repairs and work to be done. Beth North is working hard with Community Gardens and new ministry members to make the best use of our green space for food and new growth. What do you see? What is God calling to you in our church this summer?

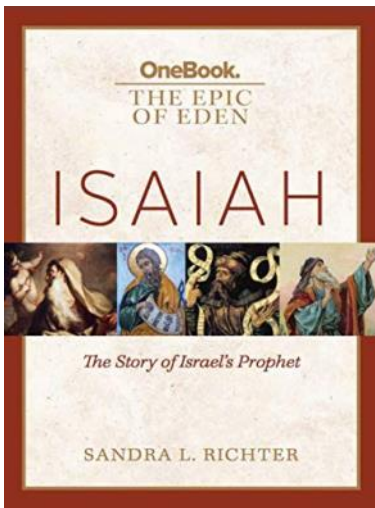


Congratulations Ben Hawkins!

Benjamin Hawkins has been attending Purdue University the last four years and has been studying Sports Nutrition. His dream job is to work with a professional sports team with diet and nutrition. He will be graduating on May 15, 2021! His family will be in attendance. He has been accepted into a Dietetic Intern Program which will be for 9 months starting in September. At the end of the Internship he will be able to sit for the Registered Dietician exam and get his RD credentials.

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Compline for you, but for many of us that he didn't even know about. That has been an enormous gift through these difficult times of pandemic, but it reflects his spirit, your spirit, and I believe the spirit of the living God. So thank you. Thank you for that and just hold on. Trust that spirit of the living God, the spirit who guided Mary when she gave birth, the spirit that rested upon Jesus at his baptism and for his life on earth. The spirit that gave life and courage to frightened and timid disciples to become apostolic witnesses in Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria and to the very ends of the earth as it says in the Acts of the Apostles. God bless you, God keep you, and may God hold you and hold us all in those almighty hands of love.



Join us for this 8-week study of Isaiah from
Epic of Eden,
led by Fr. Matthew.
Sundays, Now through
June 6, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Dr. Sandra Richter is leading our video series as we come to a better understanding of the Prophet and his message.

Books and Zoom code are available.

Starting the series late?

No worries, email Fr. Matthew
to catch up and join the class.

Saint Michael's Financial Report

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

For March 2021

Income - \$18,169 vs budget \$21,667

Expense - \$21,552 vs budget \$21,667

Loss - (\$3,383) un-favorable

For Year to Date (Jan 1 –Mar 28 th 2021):

Income - \$48,013 vs budget \$65,000

Expense - \$58,206 vs budget \$65,000

Loss- (\$10,193) un- favorable



During this pandemic

Service on Saturday is serving

bags of food and prayers on the third Saturdays to drive through guests. 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. 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 last 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.

Sunday School for Children & Youth concludes in May

Children's Chapel: Sunday, **May 16** will be our Final meeting for Online Children's Chapel with Ms. Melissa. Special Celebration bags will be dropped off at your house on **Saturday, May 15. Join us at 9 a.m.** on Sunday may 16 for a special Saint Michael's children gathering.

Sunday School for Older Youth: Will gather for our last class of the school year at **3 p.m., Sunday, May 23.**

Homework for the 23rd is: 1. **Read Chapter 3** in our *My Faith, My Life* book. 2. Work on **saying a prayer of thankfulness to God daily.** This will help you get in the habit of looking for the blessings in your life. 3. If you haven't **read the Moses story in the book of Exodus** (Moses is born in **Exodus** chapter 2, verse 2) or watched the Prince of Egypt movie, this would be an excellent time to do that.

Cherubim Children's Choir

First & Third Mondays at 6 p.m. meeting **online!**

Juan-Carlos Alarcon is leading our young children in this special choir, meeting twice a month online. You should have already received the Zoom code, but please email Fr. Matthew if your little cherub would like to join.



New Adult Choir: *Second & Fourth* Mondays at 6 p.m. meeting **online!**

Dear Musical Friends,

Thank you so much, each of you, for sharing your voice and talents with the Church and making a joyful noise to the Lord! Your musical gifts lift our spirits and help us stay connected, especially during this difficult season. Thank you for rehearsing, recording, and learning new skills of technology along the way.

I am excited to share with you that **Juan-Carlos Alarcon** will be leading us in singing and rehearsing online for our monthly anthems. He has been doing online rehearsals for our little ones in the Cherubim choir and has agreed to help us with our adult choir.

Teri Lynn, Juan-Carlos, and I met last week to map out the music ahead of us for the next couple of months. We would like to invite you to join us on the

Second and Fourth Mondays at 6 p.m.

each month to rehearse and be guided in recording your part.

Teri Lynn will be helping to weave together our recordings for the final production.

The first musical selection that we will work on will be **Look at the World by John Rutter.** Juan-Carlos will send out music parts and lead the rehearsal next Monday night online.



Our first meeting will be May 10 at 6 p.m. on Zoom. Rehearsals will only be a half-hour and we will be done by half-past.. Please email the church or Fr. Matthew for the Zoom code to join.



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?

May/June Birthdays

05/03 Sheila Davis	06/05 Michele Arnett
05/03 Jennica Liberatore	06/07 Bryce Crittendon
05/05 Mary Meyers	06/08 Hannah Auer
05/06 Lauren Chapman	06/09 Annabelle Papai
05/08 Chris Hamilton	06/09 Robert Swain
05/09 Gary Rigley	06/11 Kornga Kamanda
05/12 Marie Boetsma	06/14 Alasdair Ladd
5/13 Sharon Fiorella-Teve	06/18 Kami Baker
05/17 Debra Ball	06/18 Julie Wilkins
05/17 Bernal Cortes	06/21 Liz Hamilton
05/18 Christine Anderson	06/23 Will Stackhouse
05/20 Marc Bussan	06/24 Charles Loeser
05/22 John Liberatore	06/26 Mia Cortes
05/24 Evan Kroll	06/27 Francis Gray
06/01 Ethan McLaughlin	06/27 Tracey Griffith
06/01 Katharine Swain	06/28 Anne Gruenig
06/02 Lexi Crittendon	06/30 Carl Tungate
06/04 Mary Reber	

For Healing, Guidance and Strength:

Rob Auer	Gina & Larry Putt
Lucy Vellner	Char Bollman
Barb Coddens	Marcy Cortes
Marie	Grandma Ma
Craig	Devon
Tony & Beryl Cockram	James Smedely
Victoria	Savannah
Nora Arnold	Heather
Carl Lakovitz	

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

Brian Knipple
Neva Hargreaves

March/April Anniversaries of Our Beloved Departed:

5/1 Mary Jane Willoughby	06/06 Darryl Monroe
05/02 Lucille Rhodes	06/07 Doug North Sr.
05/02 Margaret Tracy	06/07 Jessie Wong
05/06 Marcella Meline	06/07 Martha Meacham
05/06 Ronald Popp	06/07 William Hargreaves
05/07/Bob Tomonto	06/09 Hubert Woodcox
05/07 Mabel Dick	06/09 Jerry Ward
05/13 Robert Harwood	06/09 Leslie Kelley
05/14 John M. Fett	06/13 Gerald Gilpin
05/15 Jim Arnold	06/13 Ralph Seaman
05/16 Elaine Gilpin	06/17 George Underkirk
05/16 Jacques Kubley	06/17 Keith Lanning
05/16 Maxine Williams	06/18 Norman Salmons
05/20 Percy Reffell	06/19 Louisa Hughes
05/21 John Wesley Curtis	06/20 Arthur Banicki
05/21 William Adamchik	06/20 Janice Joy Dryden
05/25 Kelly Brown	06/20 Kevin Cook
05/26 Helen Penland	06/21 Art May, Sr.
05/27 Stella Luke	06/21 Foday Kamara
05/29 Slyva Shuttleworth	06/24 Valerie Lattimer
05/30 June Underkirk	06/28 J. Paul Douglass
6/2 Douglas John Mohnk	06/28 Vincent Schubert
06/03 Ida Ajevon	06/29 Dorothy Janssen
06/05 Leonard Clizbe	

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

May/June Anniversaries:

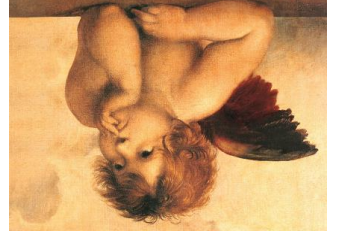
05/02 Jim & Sharon Piechorowski	06/09 Adrian & Sandra Stackhouse
05/06 Randy & Cindy VanParys	06/11 Jon & Sandra Badur
05/13 Stewart & Ruth Zimba	06/18 Tim & Linda McLaughlin
05/23 Dan & Amy Fulkerson	06/21 George & Carolyn Tungate
05/26 Paul & Deirdre Worland	06/23 Dean & Madeline Catanzarite
05/28 Paul & Tran McLeod	06/23 Robin & Lisa Douglass
05/28 Michael & Andy Zavor	06/24 Benjamin & Emily Garbarek
06/04 Raymond & Tracey Griffith	06/29 Phil & June Bays
06/06 Devon & Chuck Brugh	06/29 John & Jennica Liberatore
06/08 Bria & Kornga Carboneau	

**Readers-Proclaimers, Prayer Leaders
Prerecorded Readings and Prayers for May-June**

We are making every effort to include all of our voices from around the church.
Readings are recorded on Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. on Zoom

Date	May 30	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
Special Notes	First Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday	Second Sunday after Pentecost Proper 5	Third Sunday after Pentecost Proper 6	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 7	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 8
Readers/Proclaimers	Mel Chapman Lauren Chapman Tim McLaughlin	Char Bollman Doug Kroll Sandy McCarthy	Yumba Luvarro Tim McLaughlin Sandy Stackhouse	Charlene Bollman Nanette Kriger Carol Nickel	Doug Kroll Yumba Luvarro Teri-Lynn Stackhouse
1st Reading	Isaiah 6:1-8 Lauren Chapman	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Sandy McCarthy	2 Corinthians 5:6-10, [11-13],14-17 Sandy Stackhouse	Job 38:1-11 Carol Nickel	Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15;2:23-24 Doug Kroll
Psalm	Psalm 29 Mel Chapman	Psalm 130 Char Bollman	Psalm 92:1-4,11-14 Yumba Luvarro	Psalm 107:1-3,23-32 Char Bollman	Lamentations 3:21-33 or Psalm 30 Teri-Lynn Stackhouse
2nd Reading	Romans 8: 12-17 Tim McLaughlin	Mark 3:20-35 Doug Kroll	Ezekiel 17:22-24 Tim McLaughlin	2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Nanette Krieger	2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Yumba Luvarro
Gospel	Father Matthew John 3:1-17	Father Matthew Mark 3:20-35	Father Matthew Mark 4:26-34	Father Matthew Mark 4:35-41	Father Matthew Mark 5:21-43
Prayer Leader for Prayers of the People	Live TBA	Live TBA	Live TBA	Live TBA	Live TBA






New Children's & Adult Choirs Forming
Meeting & Recording Online
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In Person & Online Worship Continues
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