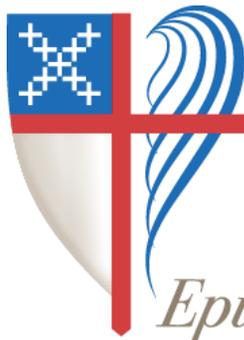


The Messenger



*Saint Michael
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The Altar Guild: A “Behind the Scenes” Ministry

Jennifer Dunlap & Korina Mueller



Liturgy begins and ends with the work of the Altar Guild. It is an honor and a privilege to care for the sacred vessels, bread, wine, linens, and candles. The duty of the altar guild is to prepare all things necessary for the celebration of the Eucharist and other sacraments of the church such as weddings, funerals, and baptisms.

The altar guild is a special ministry — a gift of time and talent to serve God in His house “behind the scenes”.

We are in need of new members. Please join the Altar Guild Ministry. It is a wonderful way to help our church. No experience is necessary as we have some wonderful longtime members who would be happy to provide training. Thanks to Beryl Cockram we have easy to follow handbooks and well organized cabinets making it easy for a new member to learn the ropes with the help of a current member.

Feel free to ask any of the current Altar Guild members and they will tell you what a rewarding experience it is to work behind the scenes. The current members are: Korina Mueller, Julie Bussan, Tracy Griffith, Soni Smith, Jennifer Dunlap, Linda McLaughlin, Marcy Cortes, Sharon Piechorowski, & Beryl and Tony Cockram.

Members are generally just assigned one weekend a month and work in teams.

We would love to add you to our team!

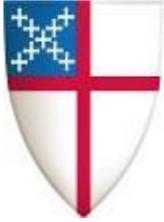
Please call **Korina Mueller at 574-273-9007**

if you are interested in joining our team, or speak to one of our current members.

Blessings,
Jennifer Dunlap & Korina Mueller

A prayer used by many Episcopal Churches regarding the commitment the Altar Guild ministry makes to the church:

“Almighty God, grant we beseech thee, that we may handle holy things with reverence, and perform our work with such faithfulness and devotion that it may rise with acceptance before thee and obtain thy blessing; through Christ our Lord. Amen”



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The Rev. Cindy Van Parys, *Deacon*

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November Income: 15,104
YTD Income: 234,562
YTD Income Budget: 253,917
YTD Expenses: 248,609
YTD Expenses Budget 253,904



Capital Campaign

November Income: 2,750
YTD Income: 23,827
Pledged: 352,090
Paid pledge: 335,160
Difference: 16,930



Our Mission

As a community, we love God and one another by:
Worshiping in the Anglican tradition;
Feeding the body, mind, and spirit and;
Nurturing all of God's children;
Thereby fulfilling our call to follow Jesus Christ.

DON'T FORGET....

Please remember to set the alarm if you are the last person in the building and make sure all lights are turned off.

If you want to schedule an event at Saint Michaels,
please check with the office to be certain the day is
available.





The High Calling of Our Life Together

The Reverend Matthew Cowden, *Rector*

I just opened a card from my cousin. It was sent here to the church and showed up in a stack of mail that I was working my way through fairly quickly. In the active flurry that is the routine of arriving at the office: turning on lights, lighting my candle, checking messages and opening mail, I thought this was just another Christmas card from a far flung member of the church. This was from my cousin in Arizona. "Arizona" didn't register in my brain and her married name on the return address label didn't cross the threshold of my awareness as I hurriedly and routinely opened it. It was indeed a Christmas card but as I stood over my desk reading the contents I realized that this was from my dear cousin whose father died last spring. I reconnected with her and her sister as their father, my uncle, had been battling cancer over the last two years and I ultimately conducted his memorial service in Nashville last March. With her card was a letter. As I read her words my heart caught up with my busy head.

I slowed down. I stopped. I was slowing down all my busy office activity before I consciously realized I was doing so. She was thanking me for being there, for her, for the family, for him. This letter was spoke deeply of the reconnection we had made and of the grief that accompanies us, her, me, you, all of us, especially as we pass through the first holidays from losing our beloved. My flurry of office-entry activity slowed to a loud silence as I read her letter. Love welled up, my heart bowed my body, and I held my head as soft tears fell on my desk.

If 2017 has taught me nothing else, it has taught me the value of our relationships; the high value of our relationships with one another and with Christ Jesus. Who we are to one another, how we treat one another, how we stay in touch with one another, how we care for one another, show up for one another, be patient with one another, forgive one another, encourage one another and love one another: these mean more about being the Body of Christ and the Family of God than making any flurry of activity. Our holy relationships mean more than having an efficient office routine, a perfect bulletin, or even a well polished Sunday service. Don't get me wrong, I value these, but our highest investment is meant to be in who we are with one another in Christ.

This is our calling for the New Year. This is the 2018 resolution worth making: to prioritize the health, love and connections of our relationships.

As we begin a new year, even as we grieve and remember our loved ones whom we have lost, let us carry with us the lessons of love and authentic relationship. For this is where Christ dwells.

Yours in Christ,

Ministries

SOS:
Service On Saturday
“All come and eat,
without price.”
 ~Isaiah



Please come and enjoy a delicious meal and good conversation with our SOS guests.

This month: Saturday,
January 20th
 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Dessert donations are always welcome!



Wednesday
Gathering For
Group Spiritual
Direction
 Wednesday evenings,
 lighting the candle at 7 p.m. in the chapel.

Touch, center, exhale, be still: know God. We feature guided conversation, exploration and active wondering including one or more periods of quiet prayer that can be described as “centering prayer” or “meditation” or “contemplation.”

See Hank Blunk for details or email at jubilee1@comcast.net.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

We are proud to host this critical ministry at Saint Michael’s. The meeting is open to all those with a willingness to stop drinking, on Monday mornings at **10 a.m.**



Al-Anon: 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. Tuesday mornings at

Noonday Prayers- Now every Wednesday at Noon

At noon we gather downstairs in the chapel to pray the Noonday Prayer from the Daily Office (BCP). This is open to whomever would like to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Anita Thomas or the church office.



Midweek at Mike’s is our weekly lunch-and-fellowship event in the lower-level Parish Hall. It is an informal opportunity to spend time with other parishioners while enjoying our carry-in lunches. Mid-week at Mike’s meets immediately following the weekly Noonday Prayer Service. Join us for the service, or if you just have time to eat, arrive around 12:15 and enjoy a relaxing time of prayerful togetherness.



HELP WANTED:



Altar Guild members needed

If you are interested, please
 call Korina Mueller
 574-273-9007

See the article on page 1 for
 more information

UPCOMING EVENTS



Saint Michael's Annual Parish Meeting

Will take place on **Sunday, January 28**
immediately following the 10 a.m. Eucharist.

Fr Matthew's Rector's Report will be delivered
during the 9 a.m. Adult Forum
downstairs in the parish hall.

MINISTRY REPORTS DUE INTO the OFFICE
by **Sunday, January 21**
for inclusion in the Annual Meeting Packets.



**ST MARGARET'S
HOUSE**

St. Margaret's House Winter Walk
Sunday, February 18, 2018
1:30pm-4:30pm

Join in the annual St. Margaret's House Winter Walk. Through this one mile walk, St. Margaret's House raises awareness of the women and children who walk to access services, no matter the weather.

The Walk will take place on Sunday, February 18, 2017. It begins in the lobby of the County City Building and ends at St. Margaret's House.

On-site registration opens at 1:30pm and the one mile walk begins at 2:30.

They will have tours of their newly remodeled House and refreshments afterward!

Beth North is organizing a Saint Michael & All Angels Winged Walkers Team again! There will be online registration and donation opportunities in addition to making an "earmarked" donation through St. Michael & All Angels, if you wish, by placing a check with St. Margaret's House Walk in the memo line, in the weekly offering plate or donating in cash to any of the walkers for them to turn in when they walk.

Any questions or are interested in walking, SEE BETH NORTH!





This. That. Whatever.
 by Charlene Bollman
 Epiphany:

Charlene Bollman



Does any of this sound familiar: “I am so glad Christmas is over!”, “I’ll be happy to back to a normal routine.”, “Thank God I don’t have to listen to another Christmas carol.” As true as these might be, they are an indication that we have retained our humanness and not entered into the Message of Christmas as it continued into Epiphany. Jesus, the shining star, our God Incarnate -- God made man provided us with the great “Aha!” -- the showing forth of human form in baptism and the revelation that Jesus Christ is the Messiah.

Epiphany is often thought of as the last of the twelve days of Christmas; thus, the name of 12th Night Celebration or sometimes Three Kings Day. The word itself has many means: appearance, showing forth, shining faith, manifestation, glorious wonder. It is a celebration of something extraordinary. Originally it developed from the Jewish Festival of Lights but it wasn’t celebrated as a Christian feast day until 361 AD. Because the East and West Christian churches differed on calendar dates, religious celebration events, days and even local customs differ greatly. Some are more serious like diving for a cross in a lake or river to receive special blessings to leaving shoes to be filled with treats. There are even food dishes, breaks, cakes and pastries reserved only for this day.

Magi. The Gospel of Matthew is the only one who references wise men. So, who were these people? The number is never mentioned. In fact, Matthew doesn’t call them Magi. “Magi” is a term which refers to a Persian religious class who were astronomers, seerers, and fortunetellers. (I’ll use “Magi”.) **Names.** Our Magi have been given the names Melchior, Caspar (also known as Gaspar) and Balthazar. This is from tradition and not the Bible. However, sometimes names have a way of being incorporated in Church traditions or rituals. It is common (especially in Eastern churches) to have your house blessed using the water from baptism. When this is done, initials are either written or inscribed above the main door:

C + B + M this stands for *Christus bendicat masicnem –Christ blesses this house.* Note the three initials—the Wise Man. **Home origin.** Scholars tell us that they might have from Persia, Arabia, India or even China. It is thought they might have traveled what is known as part of the old Spice Route. From other sources, we think they were considered to be wise man, non-Jews, and priestly descendants of the tribe of Medes who were recognized for their knowledge of Astronomy and the ability to interpret dreams.

Why are they so important? This group of educated people journeyed because of their belief in a long held prophesy. They believed that they would be given a sign of an extra ordinary king who would come to rule the whole world. **Star.** In 11 BC, Halley’s comet had appeared; then, suddenly Sirius—that former bright night star shone brightly in the daytime instead of at night. Physically this was caused from the conjuncture of Jupiter and Saturn but was God using this miracle to symbolize Jesus’ kingship and divinity? The Magi were ready to follow their beliefs. They stepped out of their comfort zone into unknown territory. It was a step into the darkness toward a light. What a Light it would be. They totally committed themselves to the journey. They followed the star. Lastly, they brought gifts. It was (and in many countries still is) the custom to bring important people and especially royalty, gifts. It is a recognition of their status and power. Note that when they find the child, they never hesitate. They know immediately. In Jesus they could see the Light. This is why they denied Harod’s request.

The gifts. Three gifts: gold, frankincense, myrrh. Gold was expensive; it had many purposes. It became a representation of Christ’s royal standing. Frankincense was used as incense at altars and said to please God. It would be an indicator of divine birth. Myrrh. The hymn says, “...its bitter perfume.” Myrrh was used to make very expensive perfume. Even poor people found ways to purchase some of it for use in preparing bodies for burial. (John tells us that Nicodemus had purchased 75 pounds of aloe and myrrh to anoint Jesus.) The symbolism is one of Christ’s immortality.

The Epiphany Light and our role. The guiding star over Bethlehem is never named. Some believe this is because the real star ultimately was Jesus. The Light from Epiphany is a celebration similar to a day spring: God is now incarnate, with us. From a long time of darkness and gloom, the world was illuminated with Light which would allow the Glory to shine over Jerusalem. Not just the then known of the kingdom of Jerusalem but “Jerusalem our happy home.” That place where Christ rules forever. In Light, justice, hope, glory but most of all Love. Are we called to have an Epiphany—to step out of our comfort zone, to follow the path Jesus has laid even into unknown territory. Are we called to bring the gift of ourselves to the King of Light? We are equipped with everything we need. May our journey begin.

Safeguarding our Congregation: AED Installed

Tim McLaughlin

An Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) has recently been installed at Saint Michaels! It is mounted on the wall at the top of the stairs to the lower level, perhaps you have already noticed it. This is a central location quickly accessible should an emergency occur in either the upstairs sanctuary and classrooms or downstairs in the parish hall and classrooms.

The AED is a device designed to restore proper heart rhythm on a person having a cardiac emergency. The device is equipped with one set of pads each for adults and children. Everything needed for responding to a cardiac emergency is included in the AED box, and one of the great things about the device is no prior experience or training is needed. All that is needed is to take the device out of the larger of the two red boxes within the AED box, turn it on, and follow the verbal instructions. That is the real beauty of an item like this – all you have to do is be able to understand and follow instructions in English. Further, anyone using the AED is covered by Good Samaritan laws, so should a cardiac event have an unfortunate outcome, the person administering the AED cannot be held responsible.

An instructional DVD is included with the kit, so if anyone would like to learn more, please ask me for it.

The AED is a wonderful piece of lifesaving equipment...

let's hope we never have to use it!



Our December visitors

December 10: A visit from St Lucia & December 17: A visit from St Nicholas





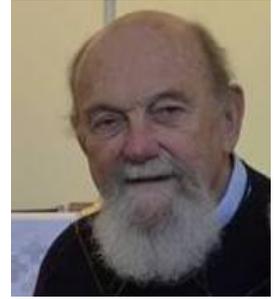
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From a Contemplative Corner

Hank Blunk



Epiphany is more than a day in the Liturgical Calendar. “Epiphany” is also a way to describe a contemplative experience. Dictionaries say epiphanies are “a sudden realization about the nature or meaning of something” and they “come about due to some experience that may trigger the new awareness.”

Last month, I wrote that contemplative experiences (epiphanies) may happen during practices of meditation, slow reading, etc. . . . and that Mary herself was open to such experiences. She allowed herself to be perplexed, to question, to wonder, to ponder, and she trusted that “nothing is impossible for God” . . .

When, in our mind’s eye, we see Christmas as Mary, Joseph, Jesus, cattle, shepherds, angels, a huge star, and arrival of the wise men, as Christmas, “one and done”, we miss lots.

The arrival of the Wise Ones from the East, recounted only in Matthew’s story, is an event recalling that Jesus’ birth is not just about those of us who are faith insiders, but for all. That is a new awareness, a greater realization, a more inclusive insight, something unexpected, both a promise and a challenge. . .

Each Gospel writer has his own way of describing the “epiphany” of Jesus’ life, teachings, ministries, trial, crucifixion . . .

- Matthew’s wise men arriving set the stage for a wisdom teacher Jesus who gives “epiphanies” of ancient teachings, saying things like “You have heard that it was said. . . but I say to you.”
- Mark rushes through Jesus’ life. “Immediately” is his key energetic word! Midway, then, Mark provides two epiphany moments, when Jesus asks, “Who do you say that I am?” . . . followed by a mountaintop experience usually called “transfiguration.”
- Luke, writing the Gospel which bears his name and Acts of the Apostles, (and possibly a third volume which was either lost or never forthcoming), wanted to disclose the breadth and expansiveness of this Jesus movement!
- John’s view is less historical, seeming to come from beyond the multiverse! He expressly states his hope that readers will come to a saving awareness: “Jesus did many other signs. . . but these are written so you may come to believe. . . and. . . have life in his name.” (John 20:30-31)

And that’s just the Gospels! Slow and reflective reading may help us have “epiphanies” all year around.

The Psalmist said it this way:

God has spoken once,
Twice I have heard this. . .
~Ps 62:11

Magic and Innocence

By: Spencer Hixson



Every good Christian knows the story of the Nativity. It starts with Mary being visited by the archangel Gabriel (a feast we celebrate way back on March 25th called The Annunciation) and ends with the Adoration of the Magi on Epiphany. But how much do we know about these

Magi? There are numerous traditions, but strictly speaking the Bible only mentions them in one chapter, Matthew 2. It does not mention where they were from, how many of them there were, or what happened to them after escaping King Herod, though it does support the idea that they arrived when Jesus was two years old. Tradition fills in the other details.

The term “magi” comes from the Greek word μάγος which means “magician” but was also the term used for Zoroastrian priests, who were renowned for their study of the stars. Western tradition gives them names: Caspar, an Indian who gave frankincense; Melchior, a Persian and the eldest of the group who gave gold; and Balthazar, the Arab who brought myrrh. The three gifts also have meaning, with gold representing Christ the King, frankincense representing Christ the Divine, and myrrh representing Christ the Man. Of course, why stop at only three magi? The Eastern Orthodox church includes twelve!

These details and others aside, the Feast of Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus as God, as shown at the visitation of the Magi, as well as the Baptism of Jesus and His first miracle at the wedding of Cana. But back in Jesus’ time, this was not a time for celebration or reflection. After the magi left Bethlehem by a different route, an angel told Mary and Joseph to flee to Egypt. When Herod realized the magi would not be returning to tell him where to find the infant king, he slew all the boys in and around Bethlehem that were 2-years-old and under. It wasn’t until Herod died that the holy family returned. This part of the Nativity narrative is too often left out, but remains a haunting melody in *Coventry Carol*, a lullaby to the innocents slain.

Though the wise men could see that Herod’s intentions were evil, I do not think that they suspected just how far he would go to kill a potential rival, even a child. It is a sobering reminder that even our best plans can have unintended consequences for others.



Adult Forum January Schedule

Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.

January 7	The Revelation of the Magi w Fr Matthew
January 14	Saul - Bible Study with Phil Bays
January 21	Jonah Bible Study with John Slattery
January 28	Rector’s Report @ 9 a.m. during forum time- Annual Meeting Day

And Save-the-Date for Holy Chow Breakfast 8:30 on Sunday, February 4

Vestry Elections 2018

Shery Roussarie, standing for election for Sr Warden



(First year of two possible consecutive terms)

I was born in Tachikawa, Japan during my father's time in the Air Force. When I was about six months old, we moved back to the States and lived the next couple of years in Arizona. I was 3 when we moved to Lubbock, Texas where I grew up and then attended Texas Tech. My church home was Lubbockview Christian Church, a Disciples of Christ denomination. This is where my Christian foundation was laid and it is the church I where was married. I was active in youth group in my younger years and Young Life in high school. After college, I married and eventually moved to Galveston, Texas, where my son was born. The year of 1993 was when my husband died and when I completed my Masters degrees.

In 1999, upon accepting the CEO position at Select Health Network and EVP at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center I moved to the South Bend area. While my son was growing up, we attended Trinity Evangelical Church, where he met his future wife. We attended Sunday school and church regularly and I was an adult leader in their active youth group. I transferred with Saint Joseph to a position in Marshall County. For the few years I lived there, I attended Evangelical Covenant Church in Donaldson. After accepting the CEO role at Allied Physicians of Michiana, I returned to South Bend and began looking for a new church home. On my first Sunday of searching, I walked into Saint Michael and All Angels, and I never left. Over these 7 years since coming to SMAA, I have found my home in the ministries of Living Our Faith, Proclaimers, Urban Abbey and Counting. I also participated on the Sabbatical Committee.

I love the life and vitality of Saint Michaels and hope to serve the church and Fr. Matthew as Senior Warden. Now that the mortgage is paid off, we are moving into a new phase in our parish life. With God's help, I believe that my experience in servant leadership and strategic planning can be useful in preparing for our future.

Carl Tungate, standing for election for Junior Warden



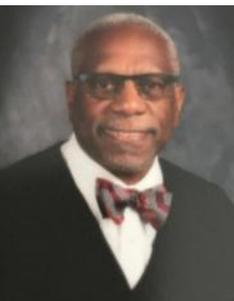
(First year of two possible consecutive terms)

I was born and raised in Brownsburg, Indiana which is about 30 minutes west of Indianapolis. I was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Speedway, Indiana from when I was born until I moved to the South Bend area after college. I was baptized and confirmed at St. John's. I served as an acolyte until I went to college. My wife, Dawn, and I were married at Saint Michael's in 1999 and we have three children; Alexandria, Larissa and Jolene.

I graduated from Tri-State University in Angola, Indiana with a degree in Civil Engineering.

After school I moved out to the South Bend area and have been here since. I am co-owner of JCI Bridge Group, Inc. which is a Heavy/Highway Construction Company which builds bridges for the State of Indiana and local counties. In my spare time, I enjoy time with the kids and family, doing home improvement projects, and week ends in the summer at our family's cottage on a lake in Lagrange County. I was Junior Warden in 2010, 2011 and 2014 and was on Vestry in 2013. I have enjoyed the time being Junior Warden and helping maintain the church facilities.

Grayling Hawkins, for three year term (2021)



Grayling Hawkins joined Saint Michael's in 2014. I have been involved in the parish in several capacities since joining. I have served on the Living our Faith Committee, currently with Saint Michael's Youth Group. I have served as a reader/proclaimer for the last year. I teach instrumental music, Orchestra; at LaSalle Academy in South Bend.

I love and play the flute and guitar. My hobbies are woodworking and photography

Dan Pfeifer, for three year term, (2021)



I have been member of Saint Michael's for over 30 years. I have held every position that exists within the parish. I was Junior and Senior Warden on multiple occasions, as well as served on the vestry. I was involved in the decision to relocating Saint Michael's from the corner of Ironwood Drive and Jefferson Boulevard to its current location. I was also involved with the building committee for the existing structure. I have been involved in the search process for the last four rectors that have served Saint Michael's. I am also the treasurer of the diocesan foundation and chancellor for the diocese. I have held both positions for over 25 years. I have been deeply involved in the growth of Saint Michael's and desire to see Saint Michael's continue on the path that Father Matthew has taken us.

Larry Putt, for three year term, (2021)



I am Larry Putt, a licensed preacher and Stephen Minister at Saint Michaels. I have been an Episcopalian since 2001, when I was baptized at Trinity Episcopal Church in Niles. At Trinity, I served as a Licensed Preacher, Reader, and Eucharist Minister. I helped build an Episcopal Church in the Dominican Republic during four mission trips. Currently I minister at Portage Manor, a residential facility for the mentally ill. At Portage Manor I run a small non-denominational group as we study scripture, sing, and wonder about the holy mysteries. My goal for the church is for us to be outward focused. Not all who need help can come to us. I believe Jesus wants us to follow him to places we are not comfortable. My mantra is from a song called the Summons and is the first verse, "Will you go where you don't know and

never be the same."

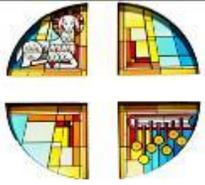
Mabel Blunk, for an unexpired vestry seat of one year, (2019)



I've been attending St Michael's for the past 5-6 years and have been struck by the incarnational nature of the congregation. Children are highly respected, the liturgy is prized, the congregants are actively seeking, events are accomplished with generous participation, and changes for the better are actively welcomed. It has been a privilege for me to be part of the teaching team for the J2A group that led to the Pilgrimage to England this past summer. I'm presently filling a vestry vacancy left by a member who has moved, and am willing to complete the term by being involved for the 2018 year. I have been retired for 11 years after having completed about 30 years in Elkhart as a pediatrician at

Bristol Street Pediatrics. Travel, music, hiking, gardening, and reading are my favorite ways of being a sister of the earth.





Prayers of the People at Saint Michael's

Those prayed for here will remain listed for sixty days and may be renewed upon request.

Don't see your birthday or anniversary here? Want to add a section for prayers?

Please contact Deacon Cindy or call the office to have it added.

For Healing, Guidance and Strength:

Lucy Vellner
Rob Auer
Matt & family
The Badur family
Julie Stammich
Ginny Owen's & Family
Dave Rains
June Bays
Dollie Adkins
Norma Rogers
Chester & Family
Steve & Beth
Derek & Erin
Michael & Andi Zavor

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

Marjorie Deahl
Brian Knipple
Neva Hargreaves

January Anniversaries of Our Beloved Departed:

Betty June Pendl
Lottie Holmes
Hillary Bollman
John A. Postle
Sue Vandenberg
Kenneth Jebelian Sr.
Jill Whitmer
Harold W. Green
Joseph Thielmann
Mary Lou Baker



Victor Sitnik
Alfred Emery
Denis Leyes
Matthew Doorhe
John Edward Graham
Mary Henkel
Marion Barrell
Virginia Martin
Albert Deahl
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January Birthdays:

1 Gill Snyder-Kruse
Dave Miller
3 Dorothy Ball
6 Emily Krieger
8 Sandra Badur
9 Taylor McLaughlin
10 Caleb Yoder
15 Ranye Ezenekwe
19 Carl Baxmeyer
21 Elliott McLaughlin
23 Ned North

24 Naomi Bozovsky
26 Jim Hurst
Greg Penland
27 Meghan Cowden
29 Linda Kroll
Blaise Slattery



January Anniversaries:

2 Dave & Alice Miller
4 Tony & Beryl Cockram



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

Erin Ford
D.W. North
Trevor Miller
Casey North
Nathan Ratliff

John Zendt
Ashlee Zendt
Morgan Severeid
Alexander Sasha Petkova
Cecily and Adam Teach

For our elected leaders:

President Donald Trump
Vice President Mike Pence
Governor Eric Holcomb
Mayor Pete Buttigieg (South Bend)
Mayor Dave Wood (Mishawaka)



Flower Sponsors for January

Thank you to all who helped with the Christmas decorations and the purchases of all the poinsettias.

January 28 Anne & Charlie Gruenig for a Blessed New Year

Sign up on the Flowers List on the Bulletin board for future dates



Ministers of Worship

The Rev. Matthew Cowden, Rector
The Rev. Cindy VanParys, Deacon



	January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28
Altar Guild	Julie Bussan Korina Mueller Tracy Griffith	Sonja Smith Korina Mueller	Korina Mueller Jenni Dunlap	Jenni Dunlap Marcy Cortes Sharon Piechorowski
Acolytes	Alex Tungate Larissa Tungate Jolene Tungate	Aidan Yoder Caleb Yoder Lucinda Krieger	Evan Kroll Megan Kroll Joshua Cowden	Rachel Bussan Joshua Bussan Matthew White
LEM	Beth North Sandra Stackhouse	Sydia Lauer Dinah Hawkins	Paul McLeod Soni Smith	Michael Griffith Raymond Griffith
First Proclaimer	Charlene Bollman	Ren Singleton	Nanette Krieger	Mark Hamilton
Second Proclaimer	Soni Smith	Shery Roussarie	Adrian Stackhouse	Raymond Griffith
Greeters	Gary Rigley Adrian Stackhouse	Bobbie Thompson Michele Arnett	Lenore Cassady Barb Coddens	Beth North Gary Rigley
Usher	Randy VanParys Rick Wilson	Randy VanParys Julie Long	Randy VanParys Rick Wilson	Randy VanParys Julie Long
Counters	Rick Wilson Shery Roussarie	Time McLaughlin Carl Tungate	Marc Bussan Chuck Henkel	Carl Tungate Shery Roussarie



Coffee hour Hospitality:
Nanette Krieger
Dawn Tungate
Bobbie Thompson
Thecla Nowicki

****Updating Personal Information****
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WE JUST WANT TO SAY... **THANK YOU!**

Thank You Vestry Members!

We are blessed through the leadership and service of our Vestry. Most especially we give thanks for our outgoing Vestry leaders: Lynne Switalski, Sharon Piechorowski, Chris Dunlap, Spencer, Hixon and Jim Hurst. Thank you for your love and service, for hours of planning, praying and preparing. Thank you for rolling up sleeves to get the job done on so many occasions. Thank you for making sure the events over each program year took place. Thank you for being shepherds in our life together at Saint Michael's. We are all very grateful!

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