

## Saint Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

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*To Know, Live and Share the Love of Christ*

### Drive In Eucharist at St. Mike's

Thank you for those who joined us for outside Eucharist on Sunday, September 13. Father Matthew and Father Nate from St Paul's Mishawaka presided. Cars were physically distanced and filled most of the lot. A special thank you to Vestry member Bill Lewis for coming up with the safety plan and to all that helped usher the cars, prepare the Altar, and set up the sound system. It was wonderful to be with our Church family again, and enjoy the beautiful Sunday morning together— God is Good!



### Quarantine

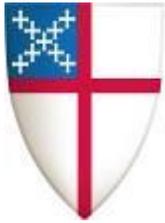
*Spencer Hixon*

Everything changed the week of March 9<sup>th</sup>.

A close friend of mine had passed away and I decided to fly out to the East Coast to attend her memorial service on the 6. But the flights out and back were tense. We had been asked to socially distance for weeks, yet no one in the airport seemed to care, which struck me as particularly jarring as I stood shoulder to shoulder in a line filled with international travelers. My first flight home was delayed on the tarmac for an hour, so I had to run to the connecting flight before it took off. I may not look it, but I am out of shape. As I sat on the plane next to a man a few years older than me, I was coughing hard due to running across an airport and allergies acting up. By the end of the flight, I was seated alone as everyone else had moved seats, likely convinced I was going to get all the them sick. That was the last time I spent any real amount of time within 6 feet of a stranger without wearing a mask.

When St. Joseph County shut down that following week, ahead of the state, it impacted everything. We had tickets to go see *The Lion King* on the 15, but that show was canceled. My son and daughter were suddenly schooling from home and I was their teacher. Our usually-full weekends quickly became empty and our calendars neglected. Life slowed down.

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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*  
The Rev. Cindy Van Parys, *Deacon*

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- Sandra Brown Stackhouse (2023)

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- Jen Foust, *Parish Secretary*
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- Michele Layher, *Finance Secretary*
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Covid Office Hours:  
.10 a.m.-12 p.m., Monday-Thursday



**To Know, Live and Share the Love of Christ**

**All public worship in the church building has been suspended until further notice due to the Coronavirus.**  
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.

Until then, please join us at  
**SaintMichaelSB.org on Sunday mornings**  
and also on our **Facebook page**  
**For worship online**  
**At 10 a.m.**

Followed by Fellowship on Zoom at 11 a.m.  
Please email or Fr Matthew for the link and password.

**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](mailto:Rector@SaintMichaelSB.org)

**Compline, Night Prayer of the Church**  
**Sunday, Monday, Tuesday at 9 p.m.**

Saint Michael's Facebook page  
And Fr Matthew's Facebook page  
And at [www.MatthewCowden.com/Live/](http://www.MatthewCowden.com/Live/)

**Need a prayer?**

**Need to add someone to our prayer list?**  
Message, call or text Fr Matthew at 574.309.1709  
Or Deacon Cindy at 574.286.9345

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**SaintMichaelSB.org**  
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Or please continue to send in your pledge by mail.  
Your ongoing generosity assists Saint Michael's in continuing to meet our ongoing bills and obligations as well as keeping our commitment to be the presence of Christ in the world.

# Blessing our Beloved Pets on St. Francis' Day

The Rev. Matthew Cowden, Rector



In 2012 The Episcopal Church authorized Rites for the Care of Animals. It was quite well done and meaningful. There is actually an older resource, though, that I really like. It's called *Animal Rites, Liturgies of Animal Care* by the Rev. Andrew Linzey. It provides a deep theological framework for engaging with our "brother" and "sister" creatures particularly when it comes to offering prayers, blessings and even funeral rites for our pets. Linzey quotes theologians throughout the history of Christianity to support our reverent engagement of animals in liturgy. Here are a few:

We ought to show kindness and gentleness to animals for many reasons but chiefly because they are of the same origin as ourselves. ~ St. John Chrysostom (c. 347-407)

St Francis tamed the wolf of Gubbio and called all animals by the name of "brother" and "sister." ~ Celano, *Francis of Assisi* adapt.

Every creature is by its nature a kind of effigy and likeness of the eternal Wisdom. ~ St Bonaventure (1221-1274)

We remember that we are required to practice justice even in our dealings with animals. John Calvin (1509-1564)

So why do we bless our pets as we do every year in our annual St. Francis celebration? With good theological structure Linzey unfolds for us that, when speaking of blessings generally, the blessing of people, places and things empowers them and authorizes them to be in a particular relationship with the living God who is in our midst. Through blessings we are allowed to see others as God sees them and originally made them, free and holy. Blessing animals, especially our pets in domestic captivity, puts us and them in harmony with the freedom and holiness that God has intended since creation began.

Here at Saint Michael's we bless our pets during the main service. We bring our "brothers" and "sisters" to church, yes even in the church. For discovering the original freedom and holiness for all God's creatures such as we receive in the act of blessing, come and bring your animal companions for blessing. Leashes and collars for our deceased "brothers" and "sisters" are welcome, too, and will be prayed for.

I look forward to sharing this blessing with you during outdoor worship on Sunday, October 4 at 11:30 a.m.

## Saint Michael's August Financial Report

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

Thank you for continuing your pledge. The Payroll Protection Plan loan we received has helped but now our Finance Committee is predicting some very difficult months ahead, especially here in the third quarter.

Please consider a special gift to assist Saint Michael's during this pandemic.

We plan to come back strong in faith and rich in relationships.

We will get through this.

We will return to in person worship in due time but we need your ongoing support to do so. Thank you.



August, 2020	Actual	Budget
Income	\$17,133	\$22,125
Expense	\$19,258	\$22,125
Unfavorable	<\$2,125>	
Year to date to August	Actual	Budget
Income	\$146,513	\$177,000
Expense	\$172,457	\$177,000
Unfavorable	<\$25,944>	

## October 3, 2020 – Daughters of the King (DOK) Fall Assembly



Jesus has taught us to love our neighbors. We have become painfully aware that not all of God's children feel loved. At the Fall meeting of the DOK in the Diocesan Assembly of Northern Indiana we will be addressing this sad truth.

The women of Indiana are invited to join us in the panel discussion on how we can live out our motto as we address the impact of systemic racism. Discussions will be lead by national leaders of the Episcopal Church. We are honored to have Canon Stephanie Spellers, Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Evangelism, Reconciliation and Stewardship of Creation; Bishop Suffragan Gayle Harris from the Diocese of Massachusetts; and Bishop Douglas Sparks, VIII Bishop of the

Diocese of Northern Indiana.

**What:** Fall meeting of the Daughters of the King of the Diocesan Assembly of Northern Indiana with invitations to the women of Indiana

**When:** October 3, 2020

**Time:** 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.

**How:** Virtual Meeting via Zoom

### **REGISTRATION:**

*To begin register for this gathering, please respond to this email to Bunmi Okanlami [bokanlami@gmail.com](mailto:bokanlami@gmail.com) by September 15. You will receive the Zoom link from the host as a reply.*

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## Prayers and Meals: When We Need Both

Have you ever been on the receiving end of meals delivered to your door during a serious illness, injury, or following a surgery?

Isn't it comforting to know that so many people care and dinner is one less thing to worry about!?!



Saint Michael's would like to thank Dawn Tungate for picking up the meal delivery coordinator position. Father Matthew will let Dawn know when there is a need for meals, and she will coordinate with our wonderful volunteers to provide this care!



## *Quarantine continued from page 1*

I'd like to say that during this time, I became introspective, that I met God, that I attained inner peace, but that is not the case. Since I no longer got to see friends, I grew lonely and had to depend on family for interaction. Zoom meetings and Discord calls became the norm as we are scattered. Facebook became a source of stress. It seemed that since March 9<sup>th</sup>, there has been little good news to celebrate and instead, the year 2020 has been handing out sucker punches every few days. Protests against racism and police brutality met with racism and police brutality, unprecedented weather events, political machinations designed to weaken and dismantle our democracy, and the ever-mounting death count have all weighed heavily on my mind. They're made worse by the slow-but-steady decline I've seen occur in friends, family,

Under the best of circumstances, finding the time and discipline to write was difficult, but since March 9<sup>th</sup> it has become nearly impossible. My time has been spent on schooling and raising and entertaining my children at home, on doing house projects and chores, and spending my evenings online with my siblings. We've made many sacrifices in order to do the right thing – to socially distance. Every one of us has had a subdued birthday, we were unable to celebrate my wife earning tenure the way we would have liked, and I have been unable to assist my parents in moving. Instead, we've started cooking more and making more bread, we've read more, we've had time to pull up weeds, and we've done what we could to support small, local businesses. My daughter and I have read most of the Lord of the Rings together. We've gone on more walks together. Family has become king.

There are many ways in which we've fallen short. Keeping our tempers in check and keeping depression at bay are full-time jobs that we sometimes fail at. The kids have undoubtedly watched more TV in the past 5 months than they have in the year before. But we've started redefining what is important and what we consider a success. Educational TV comes first. Getting a chore done a day is a big deal. Now that school has started up again, our roles are changing once more. I am a teacher again. I'm making an effort to establish a write-night instead of a game-night. My wife is spending more time at home. Camping is coming back into the scene. It has taken some time, but we are gradually reintroducing things we used to enjoy from a life left behind, though there is a long way to go. We likely will never fully go back to the way things were.

I cannot say we have it bad. So far, we have been blessed that none of our friends or family have been lost to COVID-19. But I also cannot say we have it figured out or that everything is fine and perfect. It's not. Rightful fear is still very present. We put on a brave face for our children every day. And though it is tempting to think that, by the end of this, we will all have found ourselves in a happier place, I am oft reminded of a quote by one of my favorite authors, Peter S Beagle:

“There are no happy endings... because nothing ends; and if there were any being dispensed, a great many worthier people would be in line for them long before [us]. But the happiness of the unworthy and the happiness of the so-so is as fragile and self-centered and dear as the happiness of the righteous and the worthy; and the happiness of the living is no less short and desperate and forgotten than the joys of the dead.”

We should not fool ourselves into thinking that our lives are trains set on a track we can see ahead, with switches to other tracks here and there, ever racing onwards towards some destiny. Destiny itself implies an end point. Instead, we must be constantly adapting and improving given the circumstances we find ourselves in. Helping others along the overgrown path we travel is, perhaps, the surest way we have to attain some level of purpose or immortality, for if we do not inspire others on their way while we are here, we cannot do it after we have passed on. For my part, I will keep working to better myself and strive towards being the father and husband my family deserves.



## From a Contemplative Corner

*The Venerable Hank Blunk, Sage in Residence*

### Black Lives Matter, Part 2

*Part one appeared in the August edition of The Messenger*

You may remember, that since being homebound by the Corona Virus pandemic, I have been binging on “*Black Lives Matters*” resources from YouTube, network programming, and by being intentional in my reading. There is more than I can keep up with. I am becoming more aware, both intellectually and spiritually aware, of how the lives of all of us matter, regardless of kin or color, and of how much I have been unaware.

I finished reading Howard Thurman’s *JESUS AND THE DISINHERITED*, published in 1949. It is a book that was carried every day by Martin Luther King, Jr., as a reminder and source of encouragement. Several of Thurman’s insights stand out for me: (1) Jesus was a disinherited person in Roman occupied Palestine. That had not occurred to me. (2) Thurman describes ways people talked about in the Gospels responded to being “disinherited” by Roman occupation: the upper-class Sadducees cooperated with Rome; the moralistic Pharisees distanced themselves from Roman stuff; common folks kept their heads down and went about daily life; “zealots” like Judas Iscariot were angry and looking for ways to cause an uprising; priests and others associated with the Temple went about being religious and selling stuff. (3) Jesus’ response was similar but with the conviction that “The Kingdom is within,” according to Thurman. (4) The typical behavior of these disinherited people was *fear, deception, and hate, except for Jesus*. (5) Jesus’ way, writes Thurman, was a “reverence for personality” and “recognition of fear, deception, hatred for what it is,” a lack of confidence and trust in God.

Thurman helped me get under several aspects of my awareness to see how easily we respond with fear, deception, hatred when we feel we are losing or have lost status. And Jesus’ understanding of “Kingdom within” can fuel a different response of love, risk and community.

I’ve been listening to lots of Blues and Gospel music. I grew up on music heavily influenced by the Blues and the Harlem Renaissance, including that of “Fats” Waller, Louie Armstrong, and Hoagy Carmichael, who time after time returned to Harlem from his hometown of Bloomington Indiana . But I had little appreciation of the depth of human experience from which the blues arose.

I read James H. Cone’s *The Spirituals and the Blues*, in which he says, “As long as African Americans could sing and play the blues, they had some hope that one day their humanity would be acknowledged.”

Cone, widely regard as one of the most influential theologians in 20th- and 21st-century America, grew up in Arkansas with the “*Spirituals*” of his family’s AME church, but he wasn't allowed to go near the “juke Joints,” where the blues were the music staple. He writes that “Gospel Music” comes from the period of slavery and “The Blues” from when black folks were supposedly free, but “Jim Crow” laws enslaved them in different ways. Cone says even though he was not allowed to go to the “juke joints,” he could hear “The Blues” from his home Saturday nights. “Music of the devil,” church people called it. But Cone, reflecting years later, says

“The blues depict the ‘secular’ dimension of black experience. . . . The blues are about black life and the sheer heart and gut capacity to survive in an extreme situation of oppression.”

and  
The blues are “secular spirituals.” They are *secular* in the sense that they confine their attention solely to the immediate and affirm the bodily expression of black soul, including its sexual manifestations. They are *spirituals* because they are impelled by the same search for the truth of black experience.”



Another observation of Cone is that “spirituals are slave songs,” dealing with the historical realities of the entrapment, confinement and harsh realities of slavery. On the other hand, blues were conceived by black women and men still forced to exist in the United States and reflect “the experiences that resulted from Emancipation, the Reconstruction Period, and segregation laws.”

James Cone’s most recent book is **The Cross and the Lynching Tree**, likens the cross with trees upon which black men and women were lynched. There were no lynchings during the period of slavery because slaves were too valuable. By the 1830s, the aggregation of slaves in the United States was the most valuable asset in the world; more valuable than land, or railroads, or buildings! During slavery, there was plenty of harsh treatment of slaves, but no lynchings. A slave was too valuable. After Emancipation and through the mid 20th-century there were some 5 to 6 thousand black women and men lynched in the USA, mostly in the South (and quite a few in Indiana), and rarely was anyone brought to trial much less convicted for those deaths. Bodies were left hanging as reminders to black folks to “stay in their place,” just as the bodies of criminals against Rome normally were left on crosses for public display as a reminder to people that they were under Roman rule.



Billie Holiday

I’ve listened many times now to the song Blues Singer Billie Holiday used to close her live performances, “*Strange Fruit*.” In the lyrics, black victims are portrayed as “strange fruit,” as they hang from trees, rotting in the sun, blowing in the wind, and becoming food for crows upon being burned. It was a protest song that Billie Holiday bravely performed under grave threats and at high personal cost.

YouTube has a number of excellent talks by James Cone about ***The Cross and the Lynching Tree***. The interview of cone by Bill Moyers is especially good.

I’ve continued watching Emmanuel Acho’s “***Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man***.” His most recent conversation is with Roger Goodell, Commissioner of the National Football League. They talk about NFL players “taking a knee,” saying that was not about disrespecting the “Flag” or the national anthem, but rather about injustices in our society. That conversation left me wanting something more from Goodell. I thought he was handed a “gimmie” by Acho. People who commented about the interview thought so, too. (By the way, Oprah and Acho are doing a book together!)

YouTube has been an extraordinary resource for my awareness journey, both for newer insights about what’s happening and for reactions to emerging insight.

I had not heard of the “1619 Project” of the ***New York Times*** until a few weeks ago. It is an ongoing project commemorating the 400th anniversary of the arrival of enslaved Africans to the English colonies. The purpose of the project is to reframe American history around slavery and the contributions of African Americans. The contributions are many and many insights breathtaking.

Among many YouTube and network programs, I watched CNN’s “***United Shades of America - The Time for Reparations***,” which explores numerous facets of conversations about reparations for black folks in the U.S. Reparations were made by Germany with Jews and Israel after World War II; The United States made reparations with some Native Americans whose lands had been confiscated; and in 1990 with Japanese Americans who were interred during World War II. One aspect of this is discussed by the host W. Kamau Bell and Thomas Kramer, a professor of public policy at the University of



W. Kamau Bell

Connecticut. Kramer, who is a specialist in matters of Reparations, calculated that “Hours worked by slaves from 1609 until Emancipation” multiplied by “Average wage of 11 cents per hour” multiplied by

“Compound interest of 3% to the present” would come to \$19 Trillion in Reparations, roughly that of the United States annual Gross Domestic Product. (He also noted that at the time of Emancipation slave owners were paid \$300 per slave as reparation, while the people who had been enslaved received nothing.)

Somewhere, I discovered that the “forty acres and a mule” promised to emancipated black folks by General Sherman as “Field Order 14” so they could farm in South Carolina was rescinded by an executive order issued by President Andrew Johnson shortly after Lincoln’s death.

Similarly, many, if not most, of the GI Benefits from World War II were handled differently for black folks. In a word, most black American GIs got little or nothing. Again, there is more than anyone can fathom.

During my explorations, I came to see that a clause in Amendment 13, the amendment “freeing the slaves,” provides the opening that made possible the “Jim Crow” laws, continuing exploitation of black folks, and the growth of imprisoned black men and private prisons as a major industry in the United States today. “13th” is part of Netflix’s “*Black Lives Matter Collection*” and documents the criminalization of African Americans using the 13th amendment and the U.S. prison boom. That continuing exploitation has been happening in the last 50 years or so, after the civil Rights legislation of the 1960s.



I have read in *White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism*. Mostly what I would say about that is “I know how to do that kind of fragility.” My binging is helping me understand better what’s been going on inside me, much of which I have not even aware! Also, I have read and watched some critics of this book. Mostly, I’m finding the critics of “*White Fragility*” standing in the ideologies and assumptions of their own defensiveness.

Finally, as I write this (August, 2020), Jacob Blake, Jr., a young black man has been shot as he was getting into his car, while his three children watched, in Kenosha, Wisconsin. It appears he was unarmed and shot in the back by the police.

As an 84 year old white man, I have been stopped once by the police in the last 30 years or so (except a couple of times when I was exceeding the speed limit by twenty miles per hour!). That time my auto license had expired. I politely thanked the officer for reminding me. (I said nothing about the ticket and upcoming fine!)

Jacob Blake, Jr., apparently had done nothing. Even if he had, what justifies shooting a man in the back while he is peaceably getting into his automobile where his children are waiting?





## Sunday School

The Sunday school team will be hosting Zoom Sunday School.

Email Fr. Matthew for a Zoom link if you need one!

- ◆ **The 1st and 3rd Sunday's from 9:30-10:00 will be for Children's Chapel live** (up to 8 years old)  
Ms. Melissa will be leading this group.
- ◆ **Youth church live will be the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 10:00-10:45.** This group will be for youth age 9 through Middle school. Fr. Matthew will lead this group.
- ◆ **The 5h Sunday of the month will be Sr High Youth Group Live from 10:00-10:45.** This group is open to middle school and high school aged youth.



### **Saint Michael's has teamed up with St. Vincent De Paul Society of St. Joseph County to provide Christmas for two families in need.**

#### **What this will look like:**

We will collect 2-3 gifts for each family member and provide a Christmas meal. These items will be delivered by us to the family one week prior to Christmas. Look for sign up lists in November, this will be posted on FB and through email. You may call, text, or message me to fulfill a gift or food item. I will update the pledged items as they are filled. A delivery date will then be determined. You may also drop wrapped gifts or food items to my house, and they will be delivered.

#### **Other Holiday giving opportunities to look for:**

During the month of November and December Saint Michael's would like to continue the tradition of a Christmas giving tree. We will be collecting socks and diapers. Please drop donations to the church during regular business hours.

Thank you for helping to share the spirit of giving and Christmas to those who may not otherwise receive it.

Blessings and Peace,

Julie

[JulieJWilkins@outlook.com](mailto:JulieJWilkins@outlook.com) or 517 392-6721



## 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.**

## You are invited to Wednesday Gathering For Group Spiritual Direction

with Hank Blunk and Cindy Uhrich co-facilitators

**Wednesday Evenings 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

Online on Zoom

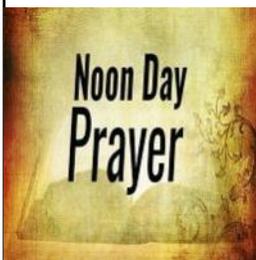
We provide a safe and open environment for conversation about God's presence in our lives.

Please email Rev. Cindy at [cindy.uhrich@inumc.org](mailto:cindy.uhrich@inumc.org) or the church office in-

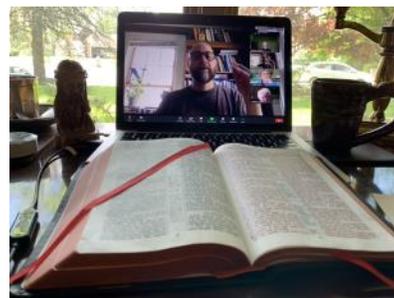


## Noonday Prayer and Lectionary Bible Study

### Wednesdays at Noon



We meet for an hour to prayer the midday prayer office of the Church and to read and study the upcoming lectionary readings for Sunday. Readings will be found at [Lectionarypage.net](http://Lectionarypage.net) Please keep in mind that we are using Track 2. Please email or text Fr. Matthew for the Zoom code to join.



## Compline, Night Prayer of the Church

### Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, 9 p.m.

Saint Michael's Facebook page

And Fr Matthew's Facebook page

And at [www.MatthewCowden.com/Live/](http://www.MatthewCowden.com/Live/)





# 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?

## For Healing, Guidance and Strength:

Roughton & Rhodes  
Family  
Lucy Vellner  
Victoria  
Tracy  
Julie Hixon  
Lynne Switalkski  
Barb Coddens  
Marie  
"Red"  
Craig  
Tony & Beryl Cockram  
Rob Auer  
Victoria  
Jake & Family

Ed Truswell  
Nora Arnold  
Mary-Jane Willoughby  
Tessa Harris  
Carl Lakovitz  
Jen Foust  
Marcy Cortes  
Gina & Larry Putt



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

Marjorie Deahl  
Brian Knipple  
Neva Hargreaves  
Rob Auer

## October Anniversaries of Our Beloved Departed:

John Badur  
Wayne Frost  
Charles G. Anderson  
Barb Harris  
Carol Miranda  
John Wiegand  
Issac Lingden  
Mary Lou Dunlap  
Donald Brennan  
Mary Gertrude Akre  
Eva "Billie" Kasa  
Adam D. Foster  
Virginia Mae Bowser  
Patti Hardy  
Thomas Black  
William A. Eldon

Emery Hughes  
Patricia Fitzgerald  
Zigy Zhang  
Ruth Green  
Einar Henricksen  
Carl Zwierzynski  
Paul Hass  
Phyllis Hamilton  
Cynthia Brown  
Sherwood Green  
Ted Hamilton



## October Birthdays

2 Barbara Papai  
10 Sanaya Firestone  
11 Deidre Mylod  
15 Adrian Stackhouse  
16 Jack Hickey  
17 Sandra Stackhouse  
17 Lily Wilkins  
18 Noah Fulkerson  
18 Linda McLaughlin  
22 Aurelia Ladd

22 Mary-Jane Willoughby  
24 Jim Snyder  
25 Lenore Cassady  
26 Paul Mcleod  
27 Alan Swain



## October Anniversaries:

08 Michelle & Eric Arnett  
13 Larry & Mary-Jane Willoughby  
22 Chris & Jenni Dunlap  
24 Carl & Susan Baxmeyer



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

Trevor Miller  
Erin Ford  
D.W. North  
Casey North  
Nathan Ratliff  
John Zendt  
Ashlee Zendt

Morgan Severeid  
Alexander Sasha Petkova  
Cecily & Adam Teach  
Peter Kristl  
Trevor Miller  
Matthew Monrie  
Shawn Burton

## For our elected leaders:

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





*St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals*  
 During outdoor worship  
 Sunday  
 October 4, 2020  
 11:30 a.m.



*Why do we bless our animals? See page 3*

  
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