



*Saint Michael
& All Angels
Episcopal Church*

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To Know, Live and Share the Love of Christ

“Brief Thoughts on Easter, Spring Cleaning, and Prayer”

While Easter is the springtime – and for that matter all time – ritual “par excellence” for Christians, another well-known and well-kept springtime ritual is “spring cleaning.” In keeping with that tradition, I recently began working my way through some boxes of accumulated papers from decades past. Buried in one such box I found a wonderful, and wonderfully honest, prayer composed by an unknown writer which goes as follows:

*Dear Lord,
So far today I've done all right.
I haven't gossiped,
haven't lost my temper,
haven't been greedy, grumpy, or nasty,
selfish or over-indulgent.
I'm really glad about that.
But in a few minutes, Lord,
I'm going to get out of bed
and from then on
I'm probably going to need
a lot more help from you.
Thank you in Jesus' name.
Amen.*

While I can't speak for you, I personally find this prayer to be not just amusing and clever, but also refreshingly accurate and honest. And therefore, I'm gladly sharing it with you in this season of growth, rebirth, and of course, Easter. Whether you're engaged in any spring cleaning or not these days, I do hope that you are taking time each day for prayer. As this prayer so well illustrates, the best prayers are frequently the simplest and sincerest ones. For prayer is much less a matter of eloquence and length, than of depth and humility.

So may I please suggest that you take time today – or better yet right now – to let God know what's really happening with you? Where, when, and how have you recently experienced happiness, hope, or joy? What are you currently hoping or longing for? Why and what are you worried about? Who or what might strengthen you in the days ahead? And as importantly, when, where, and how might you be a source of comfort and strength for others in the coming days?

Who knows, you just might find more than jellybeans or chocolate-covered eggs in your Easter basket this year? You might just find answered prayers!

With blessings...Mark



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VIII Bishop of Northern Indiana

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Worship, Prayer & Formation

Worship with the Angels!

10:15 a.m. on Sunday Mornings
In Person & Online Eucharist Continues

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

Noonday Prayer and Bible Study
Wednesdays starting at 11:15am

Reader/Proclaimer and
Worship Minister
Schedules
are on page 10.

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For information about our finances to date,
please see **page 4.**



Children's Chapel Has Returned!

Each Sunday when children are present

A brief reflection on day's Scripture lesson followed by a
fun activity. Chapel begins at 10:15am and occurs during
the first portion of morning worship service.

Hope to see you there!



**Please Keep the Members of the Vestry
& Rector Search Committee
in Your Prayers**



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Gathering All Saint Michael Historians

Who? Those with knowledge about our beginning, middle and present
(and those who want to learn)

What? To document the history of Saint Michael and All Angels
(the good, the bad, and the in between)

When? April 16, following service

Where? Parish Hall

Why? To gather and preserve all that makes us who we are today

Food? Of course!

(Please RSVP by leaving a message at 574-286-0826 or sheryarouss@gmail.com)



Service on Saturday is so excited to be back in person again, and currently is serving the community on the third Saturday of each month.

Next one: April 15

If you are able to help during the week or on that day, please email Dr. Sandy Brown to offer your arms and love.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this vital ministry of service and relationship to our community.

Our Success is driven by our base of parishioner and guest volunteer's who pack bags, store inventories and distribute food to those in need. If you are a current volunteer "Thank you for your Service", If you would like to join our volunteer staff, contact Dr. Sandy Stackhouse at 574 532 4706 or srbrownmd1951@gmail.com.

Saint Michael's Financial Report

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

For February 2023

Revenue: \$12,363 vs Budget: \$21,667 Unfavorable: \$9,304

Expense: \$21,427 vs Budget: \$21,667 Favorable: \$204

Net Income: Unfavorable:

For Year to Date:

Revenue: \$26,337 vs Budget: \$43,333 Unfavorable: \$16,996

Expense: \$42,282 vs Budget: \$43,333 Favorable: \$1,051

Net Income: \$15,945 Favorable: \$0

Thank you so much for you ongoing support of our parish.

We are currently in a deficit

.and every gift will help us finish the year!

Thank you again.



Supper Club: *Kick off dinner for our "Supper Club"*

The Kick-off dinner for the St. Michael and All Angels 'Supper Club' was originally planned to start in April but it has now been moved to this upcoming August. We will provide several opportunities to sign up for one of our groups for this summer. The sign up sheets will be located in the Narthex on one of the tables. We truly hope that you will take this opportunity to become acquainted with the members of our Parish, on a social level. All are welcome to participate. More details will soon be provided!



Thank you to my St Michael's Family

Fellow parishioners, please accept my gratitude to each of you for your prayers, cards, telephone calls, and other kindnesses throughout the past three years. You remain in my prayers as you face your own challenges.

Happenings in my life during this period have included:

- COVID-19 in 2020 before vaccines were available which left me debilitated for several weeks
- Deaths of two close relatives
- Hysterectomy for Stage 1A Grade 2 endometrial cancer
- Brachytherapy radiation treatments
- Surgeries for cataracts of each eye, spaced a week apart.

Thankfully, early diagnosis and treatment of all conditions have resulted in good reports and absolutely no need for me to stay overnight in the hospital. All my doctors, nurses, and other healthcare personnel have been superb. They are knowledgeable, thorough, affable, patient, and dedicated to answering any questions about care. I very much appreciate the blessings of continued opportunities to watch St. Michael's Sunday services online each week. I applaud the technicians and other persons responsible for making these broadcasts possible. St. Michael's has abundant resources in each of its members. We can all rejoice in this wealth as we prayerfully search for a new rector.

Sincerely,
Valerie Roughton

*Please send Valerie and her family all of your love, positive thoughts, good energy and prayers! - Ty H. *

Poem of the Month

By the time you read this, Easter will be looming large. And while winter's stubborn grip might yet hold us, our calendar proclaims otherwise. Our Holiest Week points toward Easter and Spring's promised renewal. Life once dormant emerges fresh and splendid. Spring holds hope just as Easter holds life. Rejoice!

THE BLACKBIRD SINGS

Some may think it odd that out of this black, bold creature, who suggests dark places and bad dreams, there should come such rich music and measured cadence—hiding its underlying passion for singing.

Listening to its song on a green April evening, brings to my mind an organist striking high metallic notes with his instrument's mallets.

In spring, I have been drawn repeatedly from busy-ness to an open window by its sweet disturbance, and have been rewarded with moments of admiration for this bird.

A slow singer, who loads each phrase with history's overtones of love, joy, and grief learned from his dark tribe and passed on instinctively as they are now. But always fresh—always with new tears.

T. D. Richards



THANK
YOU

Many thanks to all the volunteers who gave their time to make our first Mardi Gras a GREAT success! The food was absolutely wonderful and the decorations were not only fun but they were tasteful! Even the vendors had a great time! Again, I want to thank all of the angels here at St. Michaels and all angels!

WE DID IT!!!!



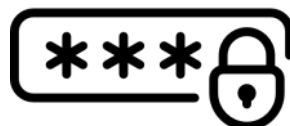
This month, I wanted to include a little reflection.
A little something to get us thinking!



Who are you when no one's looking?

When we're alone, our feelings are our own.
And so, when it comes time to speak, to decide, to make a choice
—who we are when no one's looking—
that's our truest self.
So who are you when there isn't someone breathing down your neck?
When there's no one to watch you make the right or wrong choice?

Who are YOU when no one's looking?





**From: Girl Scout Troup 54118–
Granger/South Bend**

We are finally resuming our meetings because of the reduction of COVID numbers in our area. We plan to meet at Saint Michael and All Angels on the 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoons of each month. We are a troop of 5th-8th grade girls, with a particular focus on STEM and the Outdoors, and scouting in a Christ centered environment.

For more information: Please contact Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana– Michiana, and request Troop 54118. The council will put interested girls and their families in contact with us.

Girl Scouts Northern Indiana– Michiana
Phone#: **1-800-283-4812**



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**SAVE THE DATE -
2023 DIOCESAN CONVENTION**

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

More information will be provided as we progress into 2023.

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.**



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 someone to the prayer list?

Please contact the office to have it added.

Birthdays

March

3/01 Aidan Yoder
3/02 Daniel Fulkerson
3/05 Trang McLeod
3/06 Mikey Badur
3/07 Bethany Carboneau
3/08 Joyce Frost
3/13 Campbell White
3/14 Katrinia Kamanda
3/14 Andrew Nash
3/14 Julia Nash
3/15 Katie Bozovsky
3/15 Angel Cortes
3/15 Marcy Cortes
3/17 Amobi Ezenekwe
3/17 Sydia Lauer
3/18 Daniel Davis
3/18 Julie Long
3/21 Mary Arnett
3/22 Amy Hixon
3/24 Richard Lauer
3/26 Ian Dunlap
3/27 Adelaide Hixon
Michael Zavor
3/28 Gina Putt
3/29 Christopher Anderson
3/30 Karen Gray
3/31 Sharon Piechorowski

April

4/01 Bria Carboneau
4/01 Nadia Firestone
4/02 Christian Wilkins
4/03 Andre Mussalama
4/03 Alexandria Tungate
4/07 Teri-Lynn Stackhouse
4/09 Elaine Millie
4/10 David Foster
4/10 Megan Kroll
4/11 Reade Carboneau
4/12 Jon Badur
4/12 Maxwell Dell
4/15 Alice Miller
4/21 Matthew White
4/23 Bradley Anderson
4/25 Raymond Griffith
4/25 Mark Hamilton
4/25 Michael White
4/29 Ava Wilkins
4/30 Dinah Hawkins
4/30 Anita Thomas

Anniversaries of our beloved Departed

Fred Barrell Jr.	Susan Ryan Welsh
Clara Rebecca Brennan	Merle Philipson
Jim Schenk	Kenneth Coddens
William Hans	Jane Dorgan
John Marvin	Barbara Courtright
Timothy Gerald Welsh	Rosemary Hickey
Charles "Ed" Lattimer	Lydia Naus
Marie Hirsch	Leonard Tucker
Raymond Nutty	Alva Raiford
Dr. George Green	Pamela Chadwick
Ruth Wolford	Ruby Sterzik
Steve Burns	Eugene Kraft
Mitch Wayne Roussarie	Frank D'Ambra
Opal Sparks	Sheila K. Berg
Clark Jon Curtis, Sr.	Jean Mitchell
Elizabeth Gadd	Norma Yager
Lynn Minichillo	Lowell Berg
Benedicta	Dr. James H. Naus
Philip Lockhart	Ronald Roughton
Raymond H. Barclay	Patricia Derose
Lucy Walter	Claudia Addison
The Rev. Jack Bliven	Jack R. Melton
Cortney Larsen	William Hargreaves
Shannon North	John E. Hargreaves

Anniversaries

3/24 Richard & Sydia Lauer
4/05 Marc & Julie Bussan
4/06 Tom & Holly Dell
4/10 Chuck & Janet Henkel
4/11 Rick & Barbara Wilson
4/21 Tom & Lenore Cassady
4/24 Will & Teri-Lynn Stackhouse
4/29 Rick & Lynne Switalski
4/30 Jim & Gill Kruse- Snyder

For Protection for our Armed Forces and those in Foreign Service

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

For our elected leaders

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

Ren Singleton
Barb Wilson
Susan Slack
Anita Thomas
David Hixon
Victoria
June Bays

Michael Thomas
Kim Bach
Marcy Cortes
George Tungate
The Holt family
Sandy McCarthy
Julie Hixon

Chuck & Devon
John Seehafer
Joyce Frost
Charlene Bollman
Marvin Curtis
Jerriann Lorae



For Healing, Guidance and Strength



Readers-Proclaimers, Prayer Leaders

Date	March 26	April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
1st Reading	Jack Mueller	Nanette Krieger	Shery Roussarie	Sandy Stackhouse	Nanette Krieger	Jack Mueller
Psalm	Jack Mueller	Nanette Krieger	Shery Roussarie	Sandy Stackhouse	Nanette Krieger	Jack Mueller
2nd Reading	Shery Roussarie	Adrian Stackhouse	Michael Zavor	Marcy Cortes	Grayling Hawkins	Adrian Stackhouse
Gospel	Linda Kroll	Sandy Stackhouse	Dinah Hawkins/ Sharon F-T	Sandy Stackhouse	Sharon F-T	Paul McLeod
Prayer Leader for Prayers of the People	Shery Roussarie	Adrian Stackhouse	Michael Zavor	Marcy Cortes	Grayling Hawkins	Adrian Stackhouse

Crucifer / Altar Assistant(s)/Worship Leader, etc.

	Crucifer: Carry Cross In/Out/Gospel time, Welcome & Altar Asst: Credence table (assist setting Altar)	Gospel Book: Carry in/out/Gospel time, Welcome & Altar Asst Tabernacle side (assist clearing Altar)
March 26	Larry Willoughby	Linda Kroll
April 2	Beth North	Sandy Stackhouse
April 9	Nathan Hawkins	Dinah Hawkins/ Sharon F-T
April 16	Larry Willoughby	Sandy Stackhouse
April 23	Lynne Switalski	Sharon F-T
April 30	Spencer Hixon	Paul McLeod
May 7	Chris Dunlap	Sharon F-T
May 14	Larry Willoughby	Linda Kroll
May 21	Sandy Stackhouse	Beth North
May 28	Nathan Hawkins	Dinah Hawkins

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday (April 2)
10:15 a.m.

Maundy Thursday (April 6)
7:00 p.m.

Good Friday (April 7)
12 Noon (Stations of the Cross)
7:00 p.m. (Proper Liturgy with Adoration of the Cross)

Great Vigil of Easter (April 8)
9:00 p.m.
Trinity Episcopal Church, Niles, MI

Easter Sunday (April 9)
10:15 a.m.



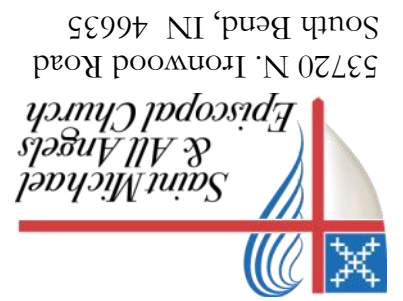
OUR COOKBOOK NEEDS RECIPES!

We are looking for a variety of recipes for our new cookbook, it will hopefully be completed this summer. Some of the recipes that were contributed, have disappeared from the recipe box in the Narthex. We are looking for at least 4 recipes from each person who chooses to donate their recipes to our book. If you enjoy cooking or baking, don't hesitate to add your recipes to our box! We really want this to be a great success and to show off the culinary skills here at St. Michael and all Angels. We would also LOVE any sweet tooth recipes!

Side note: If you previously submitted recipes and no longer see your recipes inside of the recipe box, please re-submit!

Thank you!





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