



The Messenger

March 2024

*Saint Michael
& All Angels
Episcopal Church*

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To Know, Live and Share the Love of Christ

“...parting is such sweet sorrow...”

William Shakespeare (*Romeo and Juliet*)

Some forty-eight years ago, I began a blessed and wonderful journey just across Ironwood Road a mile or two west of St. Michael’s. Along that journey, I’ve been privileged to share life, love, and sacred times and spaces with countless persons. More often than not, they’ve been persons with big hearts and deeper faith. And while nearly all that time has been spent here on this North American continent alone, I’ve nevertheless seen unbelievably beautiful places and experienced wonder in the most unexpected times and ways – always knowing that each of the other continents contains similar people, similarly beautiful places, and similar wonders beyond telling.

And so now with “sweet sorrow” I write this brief message of love and thanks to each of you, my most recent fellow travelers. From adolescence on I have found both entertainment as well as important life lessons contained in the works of J. R. R. Tolkien. And one poem (or song if you’re musically inclined) has left a deep imprint on my heart, mind, and soul. I now “gift” this poem to you in thanksgiving for your invitation for me to live, love, and serve with you these past twenty months. And, of course, I wish you enduring blessings and Godspeed as you continue your “new” journey in the days and years ahead!
Mark+

***The Road goes ever on and on,
Down from the door where it began.
Now far ahead the Road has gone,
And I must follow, if I can,
Pursuing it with eager feet,
Until it joins some larger way
Where many paths and errands meet.
And whither then? I cannot say.***

Bilbo Baggins in *The Lord of the Rings*





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South Bend,
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Our Bishop is

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

Saint Michael's Clergy

Fr. Mark Van Wassenhove,
Transitional Rector

Treasurer:

Linda Kroll

Vestry

Lynne Switalski, *Senior Warden (2025)*

Colm Cregan, *Junior Warden (2025)*

Beth North (2025)

Jack Mueller (2025)

Spencer Hixon (2025)

Carol Nickel (2025)

Mel Chapman (2026)

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Andi Zavor (2026)

Michael Griffith (2027)

Nnamdi Chikere (2027)

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Articles and Ministry Schedules
for *The Messenger* are due on the
Second Monday of each month

Office Hours:

Call for an appointment



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.

**Thank you for your donations and keeping up your
pledge and offerings to Saint Michael's!**

Visit our home page SaintMichaelSB.org

To make your secure, confidential
online donation today!

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



Children's Chapel!

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!



There are different kinds of gifts but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kind of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Ministries

Below is a list of the active ministries of the church. Please take a peek and if you feel called to share your time and talent with any of these, please reach out to either the current leader of this ministry, our Senior Warden, Chris Dunlap, or Father Mark:

Ministry	Ministry Leader	Description of Ministry
Card Ministry	Sharon Fiorella-Teves	Sends Birthday and Anniversary Cards
Living Our Faith Ministry	Lynne Switalski	Our obligation is to live and share our treasures with others. “All things come of Thee, oh Lord, and of Thine own have I’ve given thee”
Altar Guild	Korina Mueller	They care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish. Altar Guild members prepare the sanctuary for Holy Eucharist
Children’s Chapel	Father Mark	A brief reflection on day’s Scripture lesson followed by a fun activity for children. Chapel begins at the first portion of morning worship service
Saint Michael’s Family Garden	Beth North	Growing vegetables and flowers to share with all
Service on Saturday “SOS”	Sandy Stackhouse	Packing and serving food bags and a meal to those in need
Adult Formation	Carol Nickel	Classes and resources offered to adults to deepen their biblical knowledge, learn a new spiritual discipline, or find some comfort and inspiration
Proclaimers	Shery Roussarie	Readers of the Word of the Lord during Holy Eucharist
Supper Club	Andi Zavor	To give opportunity to become acquainted with the members of our Parish, on a social level during a meal
Church Sign Ministry	Sharon Piechorowski	Changing the words on the outside sign to invite the community into the church
Mary & Martha Guild	Nanette Krieger	Serving coffee and snacks after an event
Music Ministry	Grayling Hawkins & Marvin Curtis	Serves the music during the Holy Eucharist
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Sharon Fiorella-Teves	Lay person licensed by the bishop to administer the consecrated elements of the eucharist
Flower Ministry	Charlene Bollman	To brighten the sanctuary with flowers in celebration and in honor of loved ones



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.

Coming up: March 16

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 January 2024

Revenue: \$12,189 vs Budget: \$19,417 Unfavorable: \$7,228

Expense: \$20,295 vs Budget: \$19,417 Unfavorable: \$878

Net Income: -\$8,106

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

Thank you again.

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

GARDEN TEAM RECRUITING FOR SPRING



Now that Mabel Blunk and Hank Blunk have sadly moved away, Beth North is RECRUITING for a co-leader of the SAINT MICHAEL'S FAMILY GARDEN efforts.

Responsibilities include:

- Working on/in the garden for 2-4 hours at least one day during the week beginning in late April/early May through early November.
- An orientation to UNITY GARDENS is strongly recommended

I would be happy to arrange for ALL VOLUNTEERS interested in helping, even if not as my co-leader.

CALL or TEXT Beth North – OR – take her aside during coffee hour some Sunday .
MOBILE # - 574.298.4987

Thank you!
Beth North

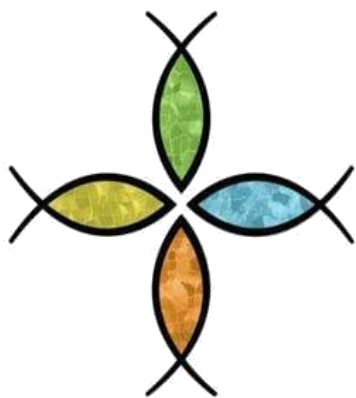
AUDIO VISUAL TEAM



Be one of Saint Michael's newest teams! We are looking for some more members to help stream the weekly service - no previous experience necessary, you just need to be somewhat comfortable with technology. Training will be provided, and step by step instructions are by your side to make it even easier.

Young members are encouraged to pursue this as well as we all know they are more tech savvy than most of us adults.....

See **Chris Dunlap** if you want to learn more about this ministry or would like to at least sit with a Sunday technician to see them in action.



HOLY CHOW

Adult Forum: Lenten Series

Feb 11– March 17th

Meeting starts at 9am but come earlier for breakfast!

Lenten Series: “The Saints’

This series will be about taking a look into the prayer practices of each of the Saints.

Holy Chow Breakfast will be served at 8:30 am

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to have a loved ones name in the Easter bulletin in Honor or in Memory of

Please fill out a flower envelope found in the pew backs or email info to the church office.

info@saintmichaelsb.org

Please have the information turned into the office no later than March 20th.



As a way to get to know our fellow church family members, we will be representing one family each month so you can put a face to a name, and learn something about them you may not know.

Our first family we will be introducing:

The Dunlap Family

Christopher, Jennifer, Caitlin and Ian

In their own words:

We came to Saint Michaels in the summer of 1997 when we first moved to South Bend. We were glad to be back in the Midwest where most of our family resided after a small stint in Walla Walla, Washington. We actually attended ONE service at the old location on Jefferson only to find out we were moving to a new church on Ironwood the next week. We noticed right away how warm and welcoming so many of the members were as they made efforts to get to know us, inviting us to join a new members group. Both our children were baptized and confirmed at St Michaels, and enjoyed their time in Sunday School, going on acolyte trips to Washington DC, and even got to go to England on a Pilgrimage trip during their high school



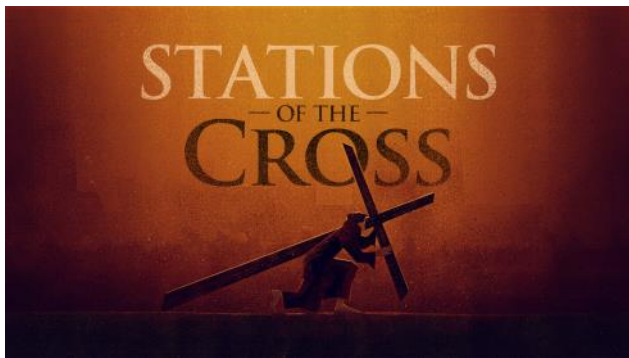
years. Our daughter Caitlin was the first youth proclaimer, starting a trend of other young members to become interested in this ministry as well. Chris has also been a proclaimer as well as a LEM for many years. Both of us have served on the vestry, with Chris just recently finishing up a two year term as Senior Warden. In years past, we have both enjoyed teaching Sunday School teachers, from Pre-school to High School years. Currently, we also serve on the Altar Guild, and Chris will be joining the Finance Committee this month. I have been helping with the monthly messenger for probably five years now as well. So, if anyone ever wants something to be in the newsletter, please let me know. We also show our love to Saint Michaels through our monthly pledge donation— giving your time, talent, and treasure is so important to carrying on Christ's work. And, we encourage others to try a ministry that interests them— it is such a great way to give back to your church and build relationships with your fellow parishioners.

Most of our weekdays are spent at work— Chris is a Professor of Chemistry at Saint Mary's College, and I work as an Account Manager at McGowan Insurance right down the street from Saint Michaels. Although we are empty nesters now, we still take care of our fur babies, Luna, our 10 yr old Doberdor (Doberman/labrador mix), and our 10 yr old black cat, Milo. We love to hike, especially at National Parks— this summer we plan on visiting Acadia National Park in Maine. Chris is a beer enthusiast always up for trying something new. He welcomes anyone to join him at a local brewery— just tell him a time and place. And if there are any other pickleball players out there, let me know— I am always up for playing pickleball— Chris would love someone to take his place! I can teach you if you want to learn!

Our children are both John Adams High School alums. Our daughter Caitlin is now 24 yrs old, after Adams, she attended Butler University for her undergrad, and now is a second year Grad Student at Purdue University working on her doctorate in Chemistry. Chris is thrilled that she is following in his footsteps. Her future will not however be in Academia, like her father, but rather she hopes to someday work for a pharmaceutical company. Our son Ian, almost 21 (March 26), is attending the University of Alabama in Huntsville studying Electrical Engineering. He also currently has a co-op opportunity working on the Redstone Arsenal— the army's center for missile and rocket programs. Although you won't see our children very much anymore, they will always consider St Michael's home and we are blessed that they were raised in such a loving and supportive Church family.

With Love, Jenni and Chris Dunlap

LENTEN EVENTS



New schedule for Stations of the Cross during Lent

In the past we have had Stations of the Cross at 6pm. on Wednesday evenings. Since many members of our parish do not like to drive at night, we are going to schedule for Wednesdays at noon.

Stations of the Cross at 12 noon on Wednesdays. Feb 11– March 27th

All are welcome to attend. It is not a long service and you may want to bring a lunch and join us afterwards. Hope to see you then.



Maundy Thursday Dinner

March 28 at 5:30pm– Potluck,
sign up sheet in Narthex

Followed by:
Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: March 28th Right after service (sign up sheet in Narthex)- Everyone welcome to sign up– there will be someone with key all night to keep you safe



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:

March 29th Noon and 7pm

**Easter Vigil March 30
8:30pm**

at the Cathedral of St James
Downtown South Bend



Prayers of the People at Saint Michael's

March Birthdays

3 Trang McLeod
8 Joyce Frost
14 Katrinia Kamanda
15 Angel Cortes
 Marcy Cortes
22 Amy Hixon
26 Ian Dunlap
27 Adelaide Hixon
 Michael Zavor
 Claire Van Wassenhove
28 Gina Putt
30 Karen Gray
31 Sharon Piechorowski

Anniversaries of our beloved Departed

Fred Barrell Jr.
Clara Rebecca Brennan
Jim Schenk
William Hans
John Marvin
Timothy Gerald Welsh
Charles "Ed" Lattimer
Marie Hirsch
Raymond Nutty
Dr. George Green
Ruth Wolford
Steve Burns
Mitch Wayne Rous-
sarie
Opal Sparks
Clark John Curtis, Sr.
Elizabeth Gadd
Lynn Minichillo
Benedicta
Philip Lockhart
Raymond H. Barclay
Lucy Walter
The Rev. Jack Bliven
Cortney Larsen
Shannon North
Susan Ryan Welsh
Merle Philipson
Kenneth Coddens
Jane Dorgan
Barbara Courtright
Rosemary Hickey



March Anniversaries

20 Father Mark & Kim Van Wassenhove

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	Jacob Monroe
Ashlee Zendt	Brian Knipple

For our elected leaders

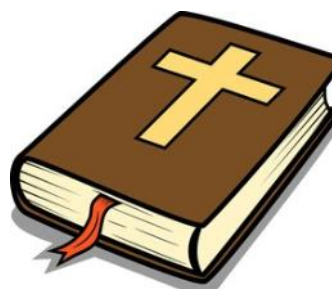
President Joe Biden
Vice President Kamala Harris
Governor Eric Holcomb
Mayor James Mueller (South Bend)
Mayor Dave Wood (Mishawaka)

For Healing, Guidance and Strength

Ren Singleton	Kristen Holt
Barb Wilson	Lorraine Anderson
Susan Slack	Red Kurz
Anita Thomas	Larry Putt
Michael Thomas	Claire Van Wassenhove
Victoria	Charlie & Ann Gruenig
Chuck & Devon	Phil & June Bays
John Seehafer	Mike & Cindy
Joyce Frost	Michael & Andi Zavor
Marvin Curtis	Larry Howe
Grandma Ma	Tony & Beryl Cockram
Charlene Bollman	Michael Griffith & family
Joel Blunk	Jim Piechorowski
Larry Willoughby	Jack Mueller
Darlene Hammon	Dr. Bill Kamanda
	Brielle Sia Kamanda

Readers-Proclaimers, Prayer Leaders

Date	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
1st Reading	Exodus 20:1-17	Numbers 21:4-9	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Isaiah 25:6-9
Reader	Jack Mueller	Sandy Stackhouse	Adrian Stackhouse	Grace Bawing	Marcy Cortes
Psalm	Psalm 19	Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22	Psalm 51:1-13	Psalm 31:9-16	Psalm 118:1-2,14-24
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Ephesians: 2:1-10	Hebrews 5:5-10	Philippians 2: 5-11	Acts 10:34-43
Gospel	John 2:13-22	John 3:14-21	John 12:20-33	Mark 14:1-15:47	Mark 16:1-8
Prayer Leader for Prayers of the People	Sally Hansen	Nanette Krieger	Grayling Hawkins	Carol Nickel	Shery Roussarie



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 3	Chris Dunlap	Lynne Switalski
March 10	Spencer Hixon	Dinah Hawkins
March 17	Larry Willoughby	Sharon F-T
March 24	Nathan Hawkins	Dinah Hawkins Sharon F-T
March 31	Paul McLeod	Beth North



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

We meet at Saint Michael and All Angels on the 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoons of each month. We are a troop of 6th-9th 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**

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.**

Supper Club

This club is to give opportunity to become acquainted with the members of our Parish, on a social level. We will be meeting at the church on the 2nd Friday of each month. Dinner will be potluck style each time.

All are welcome to participate.

The sign up sheets will be on one of the Narthex tables.

Dinner on March 8th @ 7 pm



Lenten Events
 Stations of Cross Wednesdays at Noon
 Maundy Thursday March 28 Dinner 5:30/7pm
 All Night Vigil March 28 after service in Chapel
 Good Friday Service March 29 Noon and 7pm
 Easter Vigil March 30 8:30pm at the Cathedral



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