



The Messenger

July/August 2024

*Saint Michael
& All Angels
Episcopal Church*

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To Know, Live and Share the Love of Christ



I have a secret to tell you. A week or two before my first day at St. Michael's, my husband sent me a text asking me to name my favorite flower. You all had asked him for this information, so that you could welcome me in grand style. Now, you may wonder why my husband of thirty years doesn't know my favorite flower, but I assure you that his ignorance is not his fault. I don't have a favorite flower. And I told him so in my text reply:

"I love all the flowers."

His response: "I really need to know your favorite." The poor guy; he didn't feel like he could come back to you with, "She loves all the flowers."

But that was my response again: "I told you, I love all the flowers."

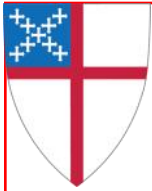
His reply: "Please just name a flower." And so I complied: "I don't know. Black-Eyed Susans, I guess." I chose this flower on the spur of the moment not because it is better than the rest, but because the library that my children and I frequented when they were young was a riot of Black-Eyed Susans from mid-summer into autumn, and the kids and I loved walking through them before and after picking out our books.

Unfortunately for those tasked with buying me flowers for my first day, Black-Eyed Susans aren't in season in mid-April. And so you all gave me a vase of silk flowers and a coaster, and our Senior Warden apologized on behalf of all of you for not being able to get the real thing.

Here's what's funny: much the same thing happened at my last parish. A week or two before my one-year anniversary with them, my volunteer secretary asked me to name my favorite flower. I told her that I love all the flowers. She insisted that I name one. That day, I blurted out, "I don't know. Daisies, I guess." I believe that I had just watched the movie *You've Got Mail* and heard the character Kathleen Kelly say, "I love daisies. They're so friendly. Don't you think they are the friendliest flower?" By the way, daisies weren't in season then, either. But the parish still filled my life with daisies, just as you have with Black-Eyed Susans.

Martin Luther wrote that "God writes the gospel not in the Bible alone, but on trees and flowers and clouds and stars." God's message of salvation, grace, and above all, love, is not limited to what we find in Scripture. The divine presence can also be witnessed in the natural world around us, including the riotous shapes, sizes, smells and colors of the flowers. Yes, the world can be a hard, violent, and painful place, full of brokenness and evil. But it is also a place full of beauty and love, and flowers are a sign of that. Dandelions grow in sidewalk cracks. And God promises us that one day the world will be transformed: "The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy" (Isaiah 35:1-2).

Whenever I see a daisy, I think of the people of St. John of the Cross, of my time there, of the ministry we did together and of the love that we shared with each other and the world, and I feel my heart strangely warmed. And now, whenever I see a Black-Eyed Susan, I think of all of you, of the time we will spend together, of the ministry and the love I expect we will share with each other and the world. And I feel my heart strangely warmed. Yes, I love all the flowers, but these two have taken on a new meaning for me. Today, the Black-Eyed Susan is a promise, that God is with us in what is still a beginning; that he is gracing us with the gospel and with love. And together, we can help that gospel riotously propagate and spread. With God and with one another, we will be transformed, and so will the world. See Photos on Page 8



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South Bend,
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Our Bishop is

The Rt. Rev. Douglas Sparks
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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.

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pledge and offerings to Saint Michael's!

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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!



Postponed: Please watch for update in bulletin and media sites for a new date.

Mass outside followed by the annual church picnic

Please bring a dish to pass. Meat will be provided (including veggie options)



HOPE TO SEE YOU
THERE!

Also, looking for a volunteer to be the grill master— apply within....



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: July 20 and August 17

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 May 2024

Revenue:\$14,159 vs Budget:\$19,417 Unfavorable:\$5,258

Expense:\$16,408 vs Budget:\$19,417 Favorable:\$3,009

Net Income:\$2,249

For Year to date 2024:

Revenue:\$86,339 vs Budget:\$116,500 Unfavorable:\$30,161

Expense:\$108,114 vs Budget:\$116,500 Favorable:\$8,386

Net Income:\$21,775

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

Thank you again.

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH:

Altar Flowers



Please sign up for flowers in the Narthex on the flower chart on bulletin. It is your responsibility to bring the flowers that week— whether it's from your own garden or a florist. You will want to either drop off Saturday if you can or early Sunday so the Altar Guild can make sure they are in their appropriate spot before the Service.

After the service, if you know of someone that you would like to take those flowers to after the service, please do not hesitate to ask. We want them to be well loved throughout the week rather than just for that day.



Supper Club

This club is to give opportunity to become acquainted with the members of our Parish, on a social level. We meet at the church on the 2nd Friday of each month at 7pm.

Dinner is potluck style each time.

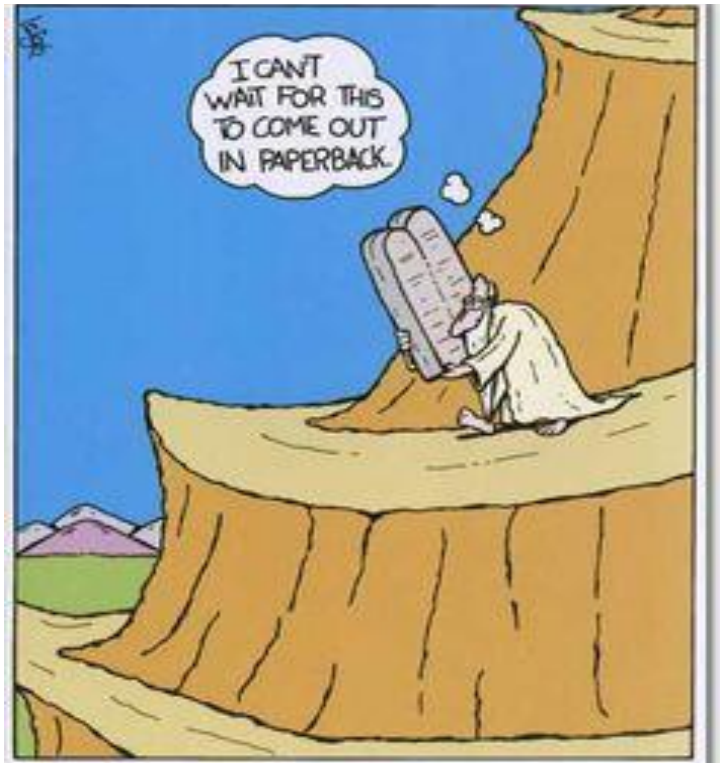
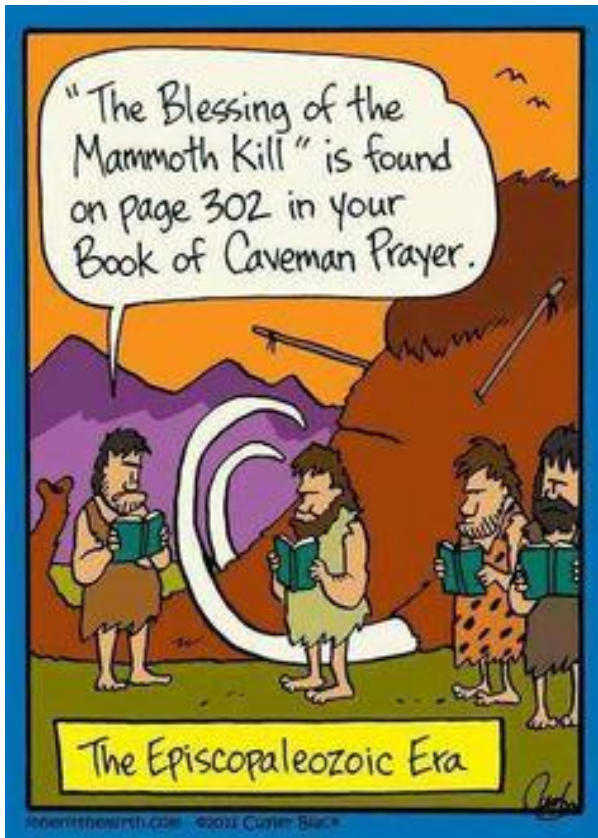
All are welcome to participate.

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

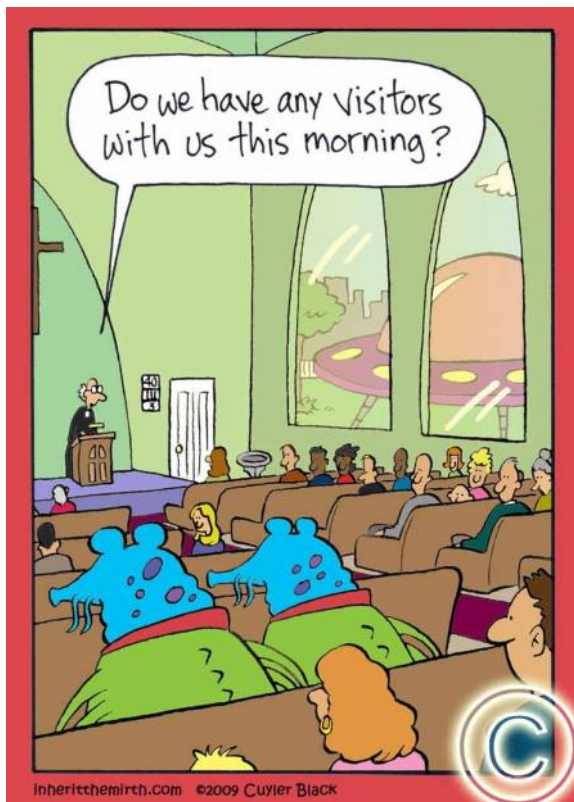
Next up: **July 12 and Aug 9**



Please join us— we have lots of laughs, and usually there is even a “game” to play!



A Little Church Humor.....



Join the women of River Bend Chorus for a summer of music!



Every Tuesday evening, July 16 through August 13

6:45 - 9:30 pm

St Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

53720 N. Ironwood Rd, South Bend

Experience barbershop music for four weeks while learning a new song alongside the chorus. No previous barbershop or music experience required!

Then on week five, grab your family & friends for a concert to show off your new skills.



More information at
riverbendchorus.org/camp-harmony-2024



I still love all the flowers. But the Black-Eyed Susan just may be a favorite.

The Black-Eyed Susan gifts given to me when I arrived. They grace my office, and I love them!

Daisies and Black-Eyed Susans together: a symbol of my ministry, and of the grace, hope, and love of God in this often broken and painful world.



Prayers of the People at Saint Michael's



July/August Birthdays

July

2 Finda Kamanda
10 Dan Pfeifer
22 Jolene Tungate
Cindy VanParys
23 Charlie Henkel
27 Jack Mueller
Rick Switalski
28 Rick Wilson

August

2 Spencer Hixon
5 Bill Lewis
6 Janet Henkel
12 Sandy Lewis
16 Kristen Holt
17 Larry Willoughby
18 Toby Cortes
19 Lucinda Krieger
20 Lynne Switalski
26 Hank Blunk
27 Ben Hawkins
30 Sonja Smith

Anniversaries of our beloved Departed

July

Martha Wheeler	Thomas Cassady
June Wiltfong	Dale J. Kroll
Donald Takacs	Robert Canary
John Kallenberg	Shane
The Rev. Robert Bollman	Eugenia Lockhart
Charles Riewe	R.D.Thimlar
Lisa Wilcox-Coonan	Bettimarie Miller
Mary Mast	Anne Raymer
Julie Mertz	Samuel Penland

August

Audrey Reinbold	Velma Ostroy
Doroth Belshaw	Walter Leonard
Justin Meacham	Ernest Wotring
Eilene (Ellie) Alan	Yvonne Olson
Alex Waschull	Michael DuFour
Cyril Cockram	Janet Foster
Keith Klopfenstein	Randy Glover
Don Shaw	Fern Tucker
Dot Hass	Fredrick Muller
Elliott Hood	Sara Bird
Myra Hall	George A. Douglass, Jr
Nadine Chapman	Hilda Sophia Kint
Dr. John A. MacLeod	Rev. Robt. Willoughby
Herbert Tracy	Russell W. Rhodes
Anne "Phoenix" McCool	Kathy Wise
Fred R. Barrell	Margaret Pietrewicz
Louise Lauer	Devoe Stackhouse
Anne Hamilton	

July/August Anniversaries

July

7 Ned & Beth North
12 Spencer & Amy Hixon
14 Gray & Kwinam Jeong Rigley
23 Colm Cregan & Shery Roussarie
23 Hank & Mabel Blunk

August

11 Larry & Gina Putt

For Healing, Guidance

Ren Singleton	Joel Blunk
Barb Wilson	Larry Willoughby
Susan Slack	Phil & June Bays
Anita Thomas	Mike & Cindy
Michael Thomas	Larry Howe
Victoria	Sonja Smith
Chuck & Devon	Marcy Cortes
John Sehafer	Steve Maggi
Joyce Frost	Griffith Family
Marvin Curtis	James & Elaine Yeater
Grandma Ma	Alex, Ariel, Oliver &
Charlene Bollman	Jackson North

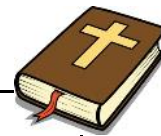
For Protection for our Armed Forces and those in Foreign Service

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

For our Elected Leaders

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

Readers-Proclaimers, Prayer Leaders



Date	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
1st Reading	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19	2 Samuel 7:1-14a	2 Samuel 11:1-15
Reader	Angel Cortes	Michael Zavor	Sandy Stackhouse	Carol Nickel
Psalm	Psalm 48	Psalm 24	Psalm 89:20-37	Psalm 14
2nd Reading	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Ephesians 1:3-14	Ephesians 2:11-22	Ephesians 3:14-21
Gospel	Mark 6:1-13	Mark 6:14-29	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	John 6:1-21
Prayers of the People	Carol Nickel	Adrian Stackhouse	Nnamdi Chikere	Grayling Hawkins
Date	Aug 4	Aug 11	Aug 18	Aug 25
1st Reading	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14	1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43
Reader	Marcy Cortes	Nnamdi Chikere	Grace Bawing	Nanette Krieger
Psalm	Psalm 51:1-13	Psalm 130	Psalm 111	Psalm 84
2nd Reading	Ephesians 4:1-16	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	Ephesians 5:15-20	Ephesians 6:10-20
Gospel	John 6:24-35	John 6:35, 41-51	John 6:51-58	John 6:56-69
Prayers of the People	Jack Mueller	Michael Zavor	Adrian Stackhouse	Carol Nickel

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)
July 7	Nathan Hawkins	Dinah Hawkins Sharon F-T
July 14	Chris Dunlap	Lynne Switalski
July 21	Spencer Hixon	
July 28	Larry Willoughby	Sandy Stackhouse
Aug 4	Nathan Hawkins	Dinah Hawkins Spencer Hixon
Aug 11	Beth North	Sharon F-T
Aug 18	Lynne Switalski	Linda Kroll
Aug 25	Larry Willoughby	Paul McLeod



**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

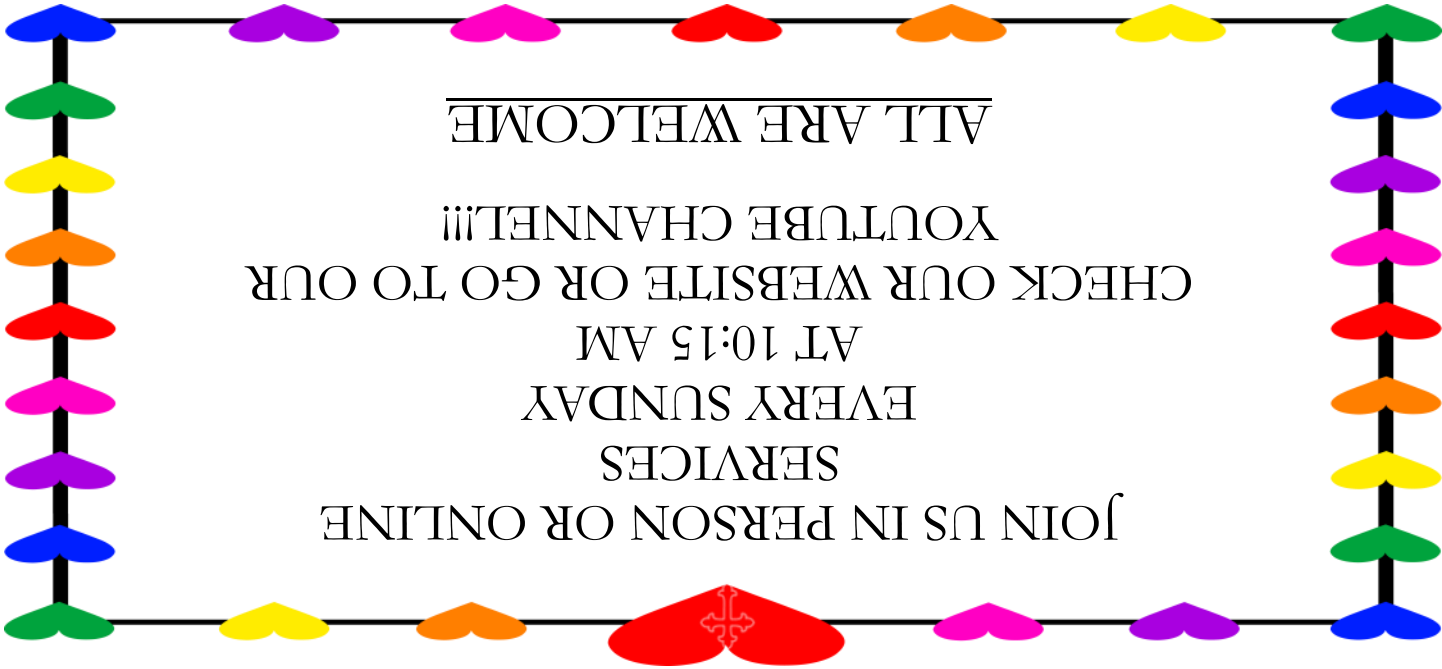
We are proud to host this critical ministry at Saint Michael's. Meetings are held on Monday mornings at **10 a.m.** All meetings are for those with a willingness to stop drinking.

Al-Anon Meetings

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.**





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 SERVICES
 EVERY SUNDAY
 AT 10:15 AM
 CHECK OUR WEBSITE OR GO TO OUR
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ALL ARE WELCOME


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