



The Messenger

May/June 2024

*Saint Michael
& All Angels
Episcopal Church*

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To Know, Live and Share the Love of Christ



I, Mtr. Jen, have been called and sent by Jesus, the Messiah, according to God's plan. . . . I send this letter to you in God's church at St. Michael and All Angels in South Bend, believers cleaned up by Jesus and set apart for a God-filled life. I include in my greeting all who call out to Jesus, wherever they live. He's their Master as well as ours! May all the gifts and benefits that come from God our Father, and the Master, Jesus Christ, be yours. Every time I think of you—and I think of you often!—I thank God for your lives of free and open access to God, given by Jesus. There's no end to what has happened in you—it's beyond speech, beyond knowledge. The evidence of Christ has been clearly verified in your lives. Just think—you don't need a thing, you've got it all! All God's gifts are right in front of you as you wait expectantly for our Master Jesus to arrive on the scene for the Finale. And not only that, but God himself is right alongside to keep you steady and on track until things are all wrapped up by Jesus. God, who got you started in this spiritual adventure, shares with us the life of his Son and our Master Jesus. He will never give up on you. Never forget that.

The paragraph above is a riff on a riff of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. I began with the paraphrase found in Eugene Peterson's *The Message*, and then changed it to make it a letter from me to you. I didn't have to change much! But it's long; let's break down this opening of Paul's letter to the Corinthians into three sections:

Introduction of the sender and the recipients—Paul and the Church in Corinth, or in this case, me and you. What is beautiful about Paul's introduction is that it continues by including all Christians everywhere, reminding the Corinthians that they are not the only church on the planet, that they are a part of something bigger than themselves.

Greeting. Paul follows the traditional greeting of his time and culture, wishing grace and peace (or gifts and benefits) to the recipients.

Thanksgiving for the recipients and what God has done and is doing with and through them.

My favorite part of any textual analysis is when we get to this question: "So what?" Who cares about how Paul formulates the beginning of his letter to the Corinthians? And why on earth am I talking about it in my first letter to all of you?

Because, my friends, it says what I want to say to you.

I want you to know that I am here with you. But I also want you to know that the work and the ministry that we will do together for the foreseeable future isn't just about St. Michael and All Angels, because this parish is a part of something much bigger than itself. We are about the whole Church and the world; we are about the Kingdom of God! How exciting and humbling is that?

I want you to know how much I pray for God's grace and peace to be upon each one of you. I pray for this every day, without exception. And because I believe that our prayers are efficacious, this is no small thing!

I also recognize that I am not working with an empty slate. God has been working with and through you for generations already, thanks be to God! I can already see the evidence of Christ clearly verified in your lives! I will be spending much of my time in this initial season of our life together simply walking among you, listening to you, observing you, to see how you have grown, what God has already done with you, and how we might continue to nurture that.

"Just think—you don't need a thing, you've got it all! All God's gifts are right in front of you" (1 Cor 1:7). Do you believe this? Do you believe that as a congregation, God has already given you all that you need? My friends, you **MUST** believe this, or at least work on believing this. Our God is not a God of scarcity, but of ridiculous abundance! We are not a people of death, but of resurrection! You lack nothing that you need to be a congregation and a people that bears much fruit.

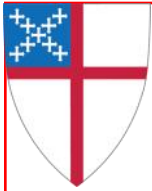
Let's work on bearing that fruit together.

Last, we give thanks with Paul that God is faithful in strengthening us, and will be to the end. There is nothing that we can do together that will cause God to abandon us, and when we feel weak, God gives us a share of divine strength.

Never forget that.

So let's get to it! I am so excited to join you in ministry, and I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us!

Hallelujah!



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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!



Ministry of the Month: The St Mike's Garden Club

Calling all who want to help our Garden grow— there is no green thumb or special gift for gardening required. Success isn't measured by how grand the garden is or how exotic the plants are. If the garden brings yourself and others joy, or if within it lays a fond memory, then your task has been accomplished.

See Beth North if you are interested in helping— she is still looking for a co-leader as well. She can be reached at 574-298-4987 or find her at coffee hour on Sunday.

If you don't mind getting your hands dirty, please join us! The garden work starts in late April / Early May and goes until early November. If you don't like getting dirt between your nails, that's ok— just wear gloves! We welcome all the help we can get!





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: May 18 and June 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 March 2024

Revenue:\$19,050 vs Budget:\$19,417 Unfavorable:\$367

Expense:\$18,721 vs Budget:\$19,417 Favorable:\$696

Net Income:\$329

For Year to date 2024:

Revenue:\$43,098 vs Budget:\$58,250 Unfavorable:\$15,152

Expense:\$58,837 vs Budget:\$58,250 Unfavorable:\$587

Net Income:\$15,739

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

Thank you again.

**THE SOUTH BEND SYMPHONIC CHOIR
MARVIN V. CURTIS, CONDUCTOR**

*An Evening of
Broadway*



Guest Artist
**FRANK
CARGLE**
Chicago
bass/baritone

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

MAY 10TH

7pm

2024

53720 N. Ironwood
South Bend, IN

Free Admission/Donations Accepted

Meet the ... **The Hixon Family**

Spencer, Amy, Adelaide, and Samuel

We came to Saint Michael and All Angels in the fall of 2013 after moving from Clemson, SC to Mishawaka. We did a “tour” of several of the local Episcopal churches before deciding to make St. Michael’s our church home, attracted by the welcoming environment of the church.

Although we arrived as a family of three, both of our children have grown up in the community of St. Michaels. One of our favorite pictures is

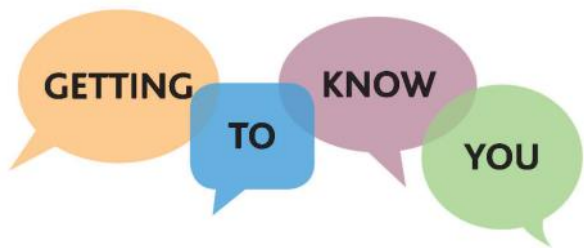


of Father Matthew presiding over the Great Thanksgiving while holding Adelaide on his hip. When she was old enough, she began serving the church as an acolyte, then added occasional singing, and has now transitioned to helping with the audiovisual equipment. Spencer is serving on his second term as vestry and both he and Amy helped lead the musical aspects of worship for the better part of 2023. We promise to return to that part of “our” ministry in the near future! Amy has a history of serving the Episcopal Church, leading the college ministry at Clemson University, then the entire college ministry of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina, and also serving on discernment committees.

Our weeks are busy. Amy is an Associate Professor in the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering & Earth Sciences at the University of Notre Dame, is the Director of Graduate Studies for her department, the Director for the GLOBES graduate certificate in environment and society. She currently leads a multi-million-dollar research center focused on radioactive materials. Her days are full of teaching, administrative responsibilities, and everything that comes with running a large research group. She travels frequently to attend conferences, grantee meetings, and to run experiments at user facilities. As you know by now, Spencer is an accomplished author, both publishing his own books – *A Sinister Love* is coming soon to Amazon – and contributing to reflections supported by Forward Movement. He also co-hosts the “Board Game Rundown” on YouTube, which has him regularly filming and attending conventions. Adelaide is in the junior high at The Montessori Academy at Edison Lakes. She is working towards her black belt in taekwondo, her silver award as a Girl Scout, and is quickly learning how to play the piano. Samuel is a second grader at Elm Road Elementary. While he mostly likes to spend time at home, he has been fencing for three years, just started archery, and is learning to play the piano. He loves being outside and might be the next member of the St. Michael’s Family Garden ministry. Our family also includes three cats – Luna, Nimbus, and Ash – a bearded dragon (Sandy) and a hamster (Gizmo).

We are blessed to raise our children in such a welcoming and understanding community and are so glad to call St. Michaels our church home.

With Love in Christ,
Spencer and Amy Hixon



If you haven't already, please be sure to **sign up** to have some personal time with Mother Jen. Whether you want to meet in a group setting, at your house, at the church, or your favorite restaurant. Sign up on the board downstairs or call the church office to schedule your time!

Mother Jen looks forward to getting to know you!



**The
Episcopal
Diocese of
Northern
Indiana**

SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp registration is open! If you know anyone interested, please check out the diocese website <https://ednin.org/episcopal-youth-camp>

Camp is available to kids 3rd to 9th grade headed into the 2024/2025 school year.



SILVERTONES



Join the Silvertones on
May 19, 2024 at 3:00pm
for there Summer Concert

The Concert will be held at
Saint Michael and All Angel's Episcopal Church
53720 N. Ironwood Road South Bend IN 46635

Silvertones is the resident glee club of the Forever Learning Institute. Founded in 2016, the group consists of more than 30 senior singers over the age of 50.

Admission is free & All are Welcome!

Prayers of the People at Saint Michael's



May/June Birthdays

May

3rd Sheila Davis
 5th Mary Meyers
 6th Lauren Chapman
 Samuel Hixon
 9th Gary Rigley
 10th Vivian Harwood
 12th Marie Boetsma
 Kristina Chapman
 13th Sharon Fiorella-Teves
 17th Bernal Cortes
 18th Christine Anderson
 24th Evan Kroll
 29th Kumba Kamanda
 31st Scott Becker
 Patricia Kamanda

June

4th Mary Reber
 8th Barb Coddens
 11th Kornga Kamanda
 16th Kristen Holt
 26th Mia Cortes
 27th Francis Gray
 28th Anne Gruenig
 29th Nnamdi Chikere
 30th Carl Tungate

June

Anthony Crane
 Douglas John Mohnke
 Ida Ajevon
 Leonard Clizbe
 Darryl Monroe
 Doug North Sr.
 Jessie Wong
 Martha Meacham
 William Hargreaves
 Hubert Woodcox
 Jerry Ward
 Leslie Kelley
 Patrick Douglas Yocum
 Gerald Gilpin
 Ralph Seaman
 George Underkirk
 Keith Lanning
 Norman Salmons
 Louisa Hughes
 Arthur Banicki
 Janice Joy Dryden
 Kevin Cook
 Art May, Sr.
 Foday Kamara
 Valerie Lattimer
 J.Paul Douglass
 Vincent Schubert
 Dorothy Janssen

Anniversaries of our beloved Departed

May

Mary Jane Willoughby
 Lucille Rhodes
 Margaret Tracy
 Marcella Meline
 Ronald Popp
 Bob Tomonto
 Mabel Dick
 Robert Harwood
 John M. Fett
 Jim Arnold
 Elaine Gilpin
 Jacques Kubley
 Maxine Williams
 Percival "Percy" Reffell
 John Wesley Curtis, Jr
 William Adamchik
 Kelly Brown
 Helen Penland
 Stella Luke
 Sylva Shuttleworth
 June Underkirk

May/June Anniversaries

May

6th Randy & Cindy Vanparys
 28th Paul & Trang McLeod
 Michael & Andi Zavor

June

6th Chuck & Devon Brugh
 8th Doug & Linda Kroll
 9th Adrian & Sandra Stackhouse
 18th Brad & Mother Jen Fulton
 29th Phil & June Bays

For Healing, Guidance and Strength

Ren Singleton	Grandma Ma
Barb Wilson	Charlene Bollman
Susan Slack	Joel Blunk
Anita Thomas	Larry Willoughby
Michael Thomas	Phil & June Bays
Victoria	Mike & Cindy
Chuck & Devon	Larry Howe
John Seehafer	Sonja Smith
Joyce Frost	Marcy Cortes
Marvin Curtis	Steve Maggi

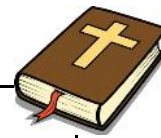
For Protection for our Armed Forces and those in Foreign Service

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	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
1st Reading	Acts 10:44-48	Acts 1:15-17,21-26	Acts 2:1-21	Isaiah 6:1-8
Reader	Grayling Hawkins	Michael Zavor	Grace Bawing	Jack Mueller
Psalm	Psalm 98	Psalm 1	Psalm 104:25-35,37	Psalm 29
2nd Reading	1 John 5:1-6	1 John 5:9-13	Roman 8:22-27	Romans 8:12-17
Gospel	John 15:9-17	John 17:6-19	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	John 3:1-17
Prayers of the People	Charlene Bollman	Adrian Stackhouse	Sandy Stackhouse	Nanette Krieger

Date	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
1st Reading	1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)	1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15),16-20, (11:14-15)	1 Samuel 15:34- 16:13	1 Samuel 17:1a,4- 11,19-23, 32-49	2 Samuel 1:1,17-27
Reader	Marcy Cortes	Sally Hansen	Charlene Bollman	Shery Roussarie	Sandy Stackhouse
Psalm	Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17	Psalm 138	Psalm 20	Psalm 9:9-20	Psalm 130
2nd Reading	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	2 Corinthians 5:6- 10,(11-13),14-17	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Gospel	Mark 2:23-3:6	Mark 3:20-35	Mark 4:26-34	Mark 4:35-41	Mark 5:21-43
Prayers of the People	Nnamdi Chikere	Carol Nickel	Jack Mueller	Grace Bawing	Michael Zavor

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)
May 5	Paul McLeod	Sharon F-T
May 12	Nathan Hawkins	Dinah Hawkins Beth North
May 19	Sandy Stackhouse	Charlene Bollman
May 26	Paul McLeod	Lynn Switalski
June 2	Larry Willoughby	Beth North
June 9	Spencer Hixon	Sharon F-T
June 16	Chris Dunlap	Linda Kroll
June 23	Larry Willoughby	Beth North
June 30	Paul McLeod	Charlene Bollman



**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.

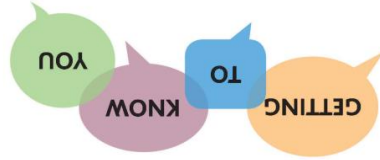
All are welcome to participate.

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

Dinner on June 14 @ 7 pm (no Supper club in May)



Mother Jen would like to get to know you... Please sign up on the board downstairs if you haven't already for a chance to spend some time with Mother Jen




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