

St . michael 's

Messenger

April - May, 2009



Our Purpose

*To bring the light, love and joy of
Jesus Christ into this world – by living the written
word, sharing the living word, and loving without
exception.*

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Bob Weekley and Bruce Von Hasseln
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SPECIAL OCCASIONS

April

MAY

Happy Birthday to:

7th Mia Curry
10th Sharon Schlossin
13th Marge Blarr
20th Virginia Bradley
22nd James Gibson
22nd Janet Casagrande
28th Jerry Broome
29th Keith Szen

1st Cynthia Dedde
3rd Diane Meacham
9th Mark Bidell
24th Gary VonHasseln
26th Norma Miranda



Happy Anniversary

1st Sharon & Larry Schlossin
23rd Faye & Norman Hambridge

5th Carol & Leon
Shatzel
22nd Marge & Norm
Lang

Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday, April 21st at 7:00 pm**
Judges' Row Block Club Meeting in Parish Hall.
- **Sunday, April 26th – 9:30 am** -Service of Holy Eucharist.
- **Sunday, May 3rd – 9:30 am** – Service of Holy Eucharist
- **Monday 5/4 – Monday 5/11** – Secretary will be on vacation
- **Sunday, May 10th – 9:30 am** – Service of Holy Eucharist –
Spring Ingathering **UTO**
Happy Mother's Day
- Monday, May 11th – US Postal Service postage increases to 44 cents (Forever stamps can still be used).
- **Tuesday, May 12th at 7:00 pm**– Vestry Meeting
- **Wednesday, May 13th** - Women's Guild Meeting
Lunch at 12:00 noon – roast beef sandwiches – provided.
- **Sunday, May 17th – 9:30 am** – Service of Holy Eucharist
- **Sunday, May 24th – 9:30 am** – Service of Holy Eucharist –
Father Sam
- **Monday, May 25th** – Memorial Day – office will be closed
- **Sunday, May 31st – 9:30 am** - Pentecost – Pipers will be participating in the service.

PARISH NEWS

St Michael's Finances

As reported in the Vestry Meeting on April 14th, even with a \$4626.27 heat bill that was paid, the church at present is in good financial standing. We are showing a plus figure of \$4792.28 over our expenses at the present. The Building & Grounds Chairman listed several projects that are necessary for the church and will be worked on during the summer and they will be expensive to repair. We ask you to keep up your pledges, especially during the summer months. The Vestry thanks you for your diligence and commitment to your pledges.

ECS

ECS total to date by our parish \$1,785.00
I think that everyone on our parish list can afford to give at least a \$1.00. If you've never given to ECS before, try this year. See how good it makes you feel, helping others. If the government can give billions to banks etc, you can give at least \$1.00 to ECS. No one at any of the ECS charities are getting huge bonuses or severance packages.
Thank you in advance. Chuck

Don't forget Pentacost Sunday with our own Celtic Spirit Pipers at the Church. We look forward to seeing you all at this wonderful service. Make sure you bring the kids to enjoy this musical event.

FROM OUR DEACON

Mother/Daughter Dinner – May 9th, 2009 @ 5 PM

Ladies are welcomed into St. Michael & Angels Church Hall for a special dinner prepared by the men of the parish. There will be no charge for you to come and socialize with your other lady friends, catch up on the latest things happening at the church, talk about your favorite recipes and share ideas while you are taken care of by your husbands and boyfriends. The dinner will be a Baked Ham with all the traditional accompaniments and served piping hot to you at your seats. Oh, did I mention there will be entertainment... We realize that you work hard all year and now you deserve a break. But, you do need to RSVP by signing up on the sign-up sheets posted either downstairs or at the back of the church. For more information, call Mike Ham or Bob Weekley.



Easter is here. We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and our own personal resurrection. It is a time for us to contemplate what has been purchased for us by the blood of our innocent and beloved savior. We have a new life which is new joy, new freedom, new responsibilities and new rules. It's the new rules part that can be so difficult. But, remember that they are written on your heart so they are not hard to access: Love your enemy, don't make it easy for others to sin, turn your other cheek so that those who don't like you and wish you harm can attack you again. Sound difficult? Even the saints thought so. Thank God for forgiveness. The best way that I have found to live (and to love to live) a successful Christian life is to make the effort to come to Church on Sunday. In Church we are in the healing presence of God, we hear the Word of God and we learn from those saints that God has personally given to us who are our fellow congregants. I have learned by experience that it is the best road to follow. So don't take a vacation from Church, take a vacation from the subtle forces of evil that seek to weaken us and come to Church. Is it really an effort? Do it anyway.

Love, Deacon Shirley

UTO Ingathering, May 10th

As in years past, it is customary to have the spring ingathering on Mother's Day. UTO was started by a group of women for the caring for women and children. All monies collected are returned to organizations all over the world that work to better conditions for the poor and oppressed. The reason for the little "blue box" is to put coins in it for all the things we are gratefully and thankful for – all our blessings that many people around the world don't have.