

**ST. MICHAEL'S**

**MESSENGER**

**January, 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.*

# St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

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### Office Hours:

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### Vestry:

Mike Ham, Sr. Warden; and Jack Bidell, Jr. Warden

Sharon Schlossin; John Neubert; Shirley Gardinier;  
Ed Gorczyca; Bob Weekley and Bruce Von Hasseln  
Donna Weekley, Clerk

# St. Michael's Recipes

Seeing we are still in the Christmas season .....

## Christmas Cake

submitted by Lois Conliffe

1 cup Thanks to God  
3 cups forgiveness  
2 cups sacrifice for others

1 cup good thoughts  
1 cup kind deeds  
3 cups well beaten  
thoughts (compassion)

Mix thoroughly, add tears of joy, sorrow and sympathy for others. Flavor with little gifts of love and kind ly service. Fold in 4 cups of prayer and faith to lighten other ingredients and mine to texture of great heights of Christian living. Bake well at high degree of human kindness and serve with a warm smile.

Dear Friends at St. Michael's

Thank you so much for the wonderful worship service and banquet held on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Terri and I enjoyed every minute of it and will remember your kindness always. Your gift was incredible and we will enjoy it for years to come.

May God continue to bless you in the years to come.

Father Wheeler+

### Update:

The TV and accessories have been installed and everything is working beautifully and being enjoyed each day.

## Christian One Liners

Don't let your worries get the best you;  
Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

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Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited  
Until you try to sit in their pews.

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Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.

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It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

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The good Lord didn't create anything without a  
Purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

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When you get to your wit's end,  
You'll find God lives there.

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People are funny; they want the front of the bus,  
the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

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Opportunity may knock once, but temptation  
bangs on your front door forever.

## NEWS FROM THE VESTRY

As promised, we will do our best to keep you informed about the parish with little snippets of information in the newsletter. First for the month of November, we had an income of \$8036.47 and expenses of \$8596.08. We are not that far off but we still need to maintain our pledges. You will probably have a complete financial report at the Annual Meeting on January 11th after the service. All members are requested to attend to vote for the new Vestry members and to get caught up with the latest of the St Michael's happenings. For those of you who were at Father Wheeler's retirement celebration, I thank you for participating. For the people that couldn't make it you missed a great time and you were missed.

Deacon Shirley Trail will be in the church during the week and she will be making the pastoral calls on the congregation during the next several months. Father Sam will be saying the service on a rotating schedule during the next several months while we continue in our quest for a regular parish priest. If anyone is sick and cannot get to the Sunday service, please let us know about it. Call the church or one of the Wardens.

Look forward to a "Fat Tuesday" event in February right before Ash Wednesday at St Michael's. It will be an event that you won't want to miss out on!!

Thank You  
Michael Ham  
Sr. Warden

## Upcoming Events

- **Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am:** Deacon's Service
- **Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>:** **NO WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING**
- **Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am:** **Starting again**  
Holy Eucharist with Prayers for healing; Bible study at 10:45 am; a soup lunch will be provided.
- **Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am:** Holy Eucharist with Father Sam. The annual meeting and vestry elections will follow and refreshments will be provided. Nominees: Mike Ham, Sr Warden, Jack Bidell, Jr Warden, Ed Gorczyca & Shirley Gardinier for vestry and John Neubert to fill Jack Bidell's remaining term.
- **Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am:** **Starting again**  
Holy Eucharist with Prayers for healing; Bible study at 10:45 am; a soup lunch will be provided.
- **Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am:** Deacon's Service
- **Wednesday, January 21<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am:** **Starting again**  
Holy Eucharist with Prayers for healing; Bible study at 10:45 am; a soup lunch will be provided.
- **Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am:** Holy Eucharist with Father Sam
- **Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am:** **Starting again**  
Holy Eucharist with Prayers for healing; Bible study at 10:45 am; a soup lunch will be provided.

## SPECIAL OCCASIONS

### DECEMBER

Happy Birthday to:

5<sup>th</sup> Linda Seitz  
9<sup>th</sup> Norma Crump  
22<sup>nd</sup> Jack Bidell  
25<sup>th</sup> Gladys Meachum  
27<sup>th</sup> Norma Fox  
29<sup>th</sup> Sonja Gardinier



Happy Anniversary to:

10<sup>th</sup> Mary & Dave Noonan