



The Red Door

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Christ is Among Us

There's an old preaching parable about a monastery, a very famous place, very far, very remote. It's a place that many people had come for miracles and signs and wonders and healing, and most of all, for the peace of God, which passes all understanding.

But the monastery fell on hard times. People began to argue with one another, as we so often do, and people stopped coming after a while. They stopped getting new vocations. It was no longer vibrant.

The abbot of the monastery began to worry about what would happen. He began to despair about the way it would be. So he decided that he had no other choice but to leave the place for a time and to go find a rabbi who used to pray as a solitary, not far from the monastery. The abbot went out to see the rabbi, and he sat down and wept. He said, "I don't know what to do."

The rabbi just held his hands and said, "We'll pray." And the rabbi prayed, and when he was finished he said: "I'm sorry. I have no advice to give you, but I do have this word from God for you to take back to your people, to take back to your community." He said, "Tell your people 'one of you is the Messiah. Christ is among you.'"

Surprised, the abbot got up and walked away, thinking "Ok, surely it's not me. And it's not Bob..." When he got back to the monastery, he gathered the monks together and said, "I have a word for you from the rabbi. He said I could share this with you once, and then we're going to go on with our business. One of us is the Messiah. Christ is among us."

And they began to look at each other differently, they began to treat each other differently, and the peace of God returned to that place.

What if we saw Christ in one another? What if we understood what it means that Christ is among us, one of us, all of us together in this inverted kingdom, turned upside down and made for the healing and wholeness of the world? What if?

*Peace,
Bill+*



All aboard for a new school-year adventure! Join us for a travel-themed Messy Church filled with hands-on activities, maps, passports, food, music, prayer, and a special blessing and backpack tags for students and families. Together, we will discover that through every new beginning, unexpected turn, and exciting destination, God goes with us wherever we go.

EXPLORE
LEARN
GROW

ADVENTURE
FRIENDS
FAITH

All Aboard!

God Goes with Us

Sunday, August 23

5-6:30pm

Free Dinner

St. Michael's Parish Hall
2304 Periwinkle, Sanibel

A Messy Church back-to-school adventure for all ages

Yoga: Spirit in Motion

Take a break from the stress and hustle of daily life and join us for a rejuvenating yoga class. JoEllen adapts for all abilities and skill levels; beginners welcome!

Thursdays @ 9am

St. Michael's Parish Hall-2304 Periwinkle

*Saturday Yoga will resume in October

Certified Yoga Instructor
JoEllen Simons

Bring a mat, (if you don't have one, we have extras) water bottle, and comfortable clothing. No class fee, but there is a donation basket available for the instructor.

A part of Spiritual Pathways
@ St. Michael's

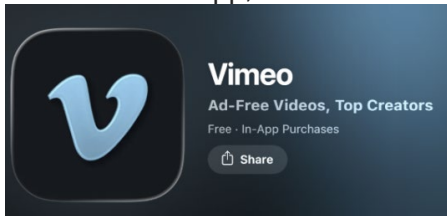
For more info:
pathways@saintmichaels-sanibel.org

Vimeo is now back on Apple TV!

Vimeo is the platform we use to livestream our church services and it was removed from Apple TV for a while, but it has now been returned, so if you have the Apple TV app on your television set, you can now watch our services on your big screen.

Using the Apple TV App

- Open the **App Store** on your Apple TV.
- Search for the Vimeo app, it looks like this:



- Select **Get** to download and install it.
- Log in to your account to browse your library, saved lists, or watch later queue.
- Go to smaasanibel where you can find all our services and save it as a favorite.

If you don't have the App, you can also Stream via AirPlay from your iPhone or iPad to your tv:

- Connect your iPhone or iPad and your Apple TV to the same Wi-Fi network.
- Open the Vimeo app on your mobile device.
- Play your chosen video, tap the **AirPlay** icon on the player screen, and select your Apple TV.

65th Anniversary Series #5: *Sing a New Song: Music at St. Michael's*

Long before we can explain our faith, we often *sing* it. Music has a way of reaching places words alone can't always reach—lifting our hearts in praise, carrying us through grief, and binding us together as one voice.

Through the decades, music has helped shape the spirit of worship at St. Michael's. Hymns and anthems have celebrated baptisms and weddings, honored saints, comforted families at funerals, and filled the church with joy at Christmas and Easter. Even when we don't feel especially strong, a familiar hymn can hold us up. Sometimes, we come to church

and someone else sings the faith on our behalf until we're ready to sing again.

Music is also one of the most welcoming doors a parish can offer. For newcomers, a hymn sung with confidence and warmth can feel like an embrace. For longtime members, music becomes a treasury of memory: a melody that recalls a loved one, a verse that carried you through a hard season, a refrain that still makes you smile.

This month, we're celebrating the gift of music in the life of our parish—and giving thanks for all who have offered their talents through the years: choir members, cantors, instrumentalists, guest musicians, music directors, organists, and every person in the pew who has sung out (or hummed along quietly).

Memory prompt: What hymn, anthem, or piece of music always brings you close to God? Is there a song that feels like “home” at St. Michael's?

Send Us Your Photos & Memories: We'd love choir photos, concert programs, snapshots of special musical guests, and your “favorite hymn” picks. Send them to Sue at communications@saintmichaels-sanibel.org

The next focus of our series will be on Faith Formation over these past 65 years, if you have memories and/or photos of a special retreat, speaker, Bible study, etc. you attended, please send them to Sue.

Photos - 1st row: (L) First Music Director/Organist, Dorothy Bunck, (middle) Interim Music Director/Organist George Farrow, (R) Lessons and Carols recorded outdoors during COVID 2020

2nd row: (L) Fr. Madden with one of the first children's choirs, early 1960's; (R) Lessons and Carols December 2021

3rd row: (L) Music Director/Organist Erik Entwistle and Guest Violinist Renata Arado; (R) choir 2022 with Music Director/Organist Tim Smith.

4th row: (L) choir 2025; (2nd) Organist Mike Baldwin, (3rd) Phill Urion on French horn, (R) Retired Music Director/Organist Hank Glass

~ Submitted by **Sue Van Oss**



Music
Over
The
Years



Love Sanibel Back 2026: An Island Summer of Joy, Connection and Service



This summer, Love Sanibel Back returned for its third year, bringing residents, visitors, local businesses and community organizations together around one simple message:

Buy Local • Spread Joy • Give Back.

Hosted by our church's Community Engagement Team, the ten-week initiative reminded all of us that even small actions can strengthen our community. Shopping at a local business, sharing a meal with a friend, leaving a positive online review, thanking an island employee or helping care for our beaches may seem simple—but multiplied across an entire community, these actions make a meaningful difference. Special thanks to Doreen and Mark Bolhuis, Dawn Harris, Patti Kolster, Bill Larson, Cathy and Wayne Luman, JoEllen Simons on our Team who many month of planning and staffing the events helped lead to it's success, along with all the other parishioners who pitched in!

Each week offered a new theme and a new way to participate. We began by celebrating Sanibel's beautiful sunrises and sunsets and welcoming summer by encouraging people to bring a friend to a favorite island destination. Eat Local Week highlighted participating restaurants, cafés and sweet shops, while Neighbors Connect Week invited people to reach out to someone new and enjoy time together at a local business.

Gratitude Week gave us an opportunity to thank the many people who keep Sanibel running—from first responders and nonprofit employees to restaurant servers, store clerks and the dedicated, often unseen members of the City's workforce. Christmas in July brought festive fun to island

shops, including Noah's Ark's annual celebration, while Beach Kindness Week encouraged everyone to care for our shoreline by picking up litter and learning more about the island's coastal environment.

Several special events helped bring the themes to life. The summer began with a joyful celebration at the Sanibel Farmers Market and a Sunset Happy Hour at Doc Ford's and Shalimar, where community members gathered to reconnect and celebrate the start of the initiative. Sip, Surprise & Create at the Heart of the Island Shops brought neighbors together for "blind dates with a book," coffee, pastries, creative activities, giveaways and visits with community partners.

The Love Sanibel Back Shell Stroll was a huge success and highlight of the summer. Over 600 picked up maps at Bubbly Latitude and visited 40 stops around the island to collect painted and natural shells and have their passports stamped. The adventure concluded at St. Michael's, where guests received prizes and enjoyed ice cream from The Shack of Sanibel, seashell cookies from Pinocchio's and shell-painting activities hosted by Santiva Islanders volunteers. The event offered a wonderful example of local businesses, volunteers and community organizations working together to create something joyful for all ages.

Wild Mile Week invited everyone to explore, experience and appreciate Sanibel's extraordinary natural treasures. It was a beautiful reminder that caring for Sanibel includes caring for the wildlife, waterways and natural places that make our island so special.

The summer concludes with Give Back Week and Celebrate Local Love. The food and basics drive benefiting FISH of SanCap and Community Housing & Resources gives everyone another tangible way to help our neighbors, while the final week encourages us to return to the businesses, restaurants, attractions and nonprofit organizations we have enjoyed throughout the summer and thank them for all they contribute to island life.

Love Sanibel Back would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors: Premier Sponsor Charitable Foundation of the Islands; Community Champion Sponsor Florida Trust Wealth Management; and Island Supporter Sponsors Bank of the Islands, Breakaway Vacation Properties and Periwinkle Park. We are also grateful for the collaboration of the City of Sanibel and the SanCap Chamber, along with the enthusiasm of participating businesses, nonprofit organizations and community volunteers.

The program's growth is a sign of success, but the current operating model will be restructured for 2027 to make it more manageable and sustainable. St. Michael's will remain the founding organization and guardian of the program's mission but will require others to assume more responsibility going forward.

Most of all, thank you to the members of St. Michael's who volunteered, attended events, supported local businesses and helped share the Love Sanibel Back message. This initiative is one way our parish lives out its call to love our neighbors—not only through words, but through presence, partnership, generosity and joy.

Love Sanibel Back reminds us that when a community chooses to support one another, small acts of kindness become something much greater. Together, we are helping Sanibel remain a place where businesses can thrive, neighbors can connect and love can be seen in action.

You can see photo albums of all the weekly themes and events at <https://www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org/lsb-photos---videos>

~ Submitted by **Sue Van Oss**

Thank You,

Noah's Ark Volunteers!

As Noah's Ark Thrift Shop wraps up another successful season, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the many dedicated volunteers who make this ministry possible. From sorting and pricing donations to creating displays, assisting

shoppers, working at the registers, and helping behind the scenes, every volunteer plays an important role.

Your generosity, hard work, and welcoming spirit allow Noah's Ark to serve our community in so many ways. The success of the shop makes it possible to support local nonprofit organizations and agencies through grants and donations of unused items throughout the year. We are deeply grateful for the time, care, and enthusiasm each volunteer shares.

We are already looking forward to the new season! **Donations will begin being accepted on September 1st, and Noah's Ark will officially reopen for shopping on Tuesday, October 6th.**

Current volunteers are reminded to complete the survey recently sent by email as soon as possible. Your responses will help the leadership team prepare schedules and plan for the upcoming season. If you did not receive the survey, or if you would like to learn more about becoming a Noah's Ark volunteer, please contact **Wendy McGaha**

Thank you again for making Noah's Ark such a joyful place to serve, shop and give back!

Bible Study with the Rector

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM



Join the Rector - The Rev. Bill Van Oss – as he leads a lectionary-based Bible study using the scripture readings for the coming Sunday. Join meeting at:

<https://zoom.us/j/93045997623>

ZOOM Meeting ID#: 930 4599 7623
or contact Susan in the church office.

Grants Committee Begins Another Year of Giving

The Grants Committee is pleased to announce that it is once again time to begin the annual process of awarding grants to selected 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. Thanks to the continued success of **Noah's Ark Thrift Shop**, we again anticipate distributing funds to organizations that are making a meaningful difference in the lives of those they serve.

The mission of the **St. Michael's Grants Committee** is to allocate Noah's Ark proceeds in a way that reflects God's inclusive love for all people, with a focus on the hungry, the unhoused, and those who are marginalized. Every grant awarded represents our church's commitment to faithful stewardship and to sharing Christ's love through compassionate outreach.

Last year, the committee awarded \$205,000 to 16 nonprofit organizations, supporting programs that provide food, shelter, essential services, and hope to individuals and families in need. These grants are made possible through the generosity of those who donate, shop, volunteer, and support Noah's Ark throughout the year. Their dedication transforms everyday purchases and donations into life-changing opportunities for others.

As in previous years, selected local organizations will be invited to submit an application. The committee carefully reviews each invited organization's mission, financial stewardship, and impact to ensure that grant funds are used in ways that align with its mission. **This is where you come in** – we are asking you, our parishioners, for the names of organizations that you have knowledge of, or work with, and whose work reflects the mission of our Grants Committee. We welcome the names of these organizations and will include these groups in our review. We ask that you submit them no later than September 18, 2026. You can direct information to Nancy Marshall, Grants Committee chair, or send the names of the

organizations along with contact information to the church office directly.

Over the coming weeks, committee members will prayerfully review applications and seek God's guidance as they determine this year's grant recipients. We ask you to keep the Grants Committee in your prayers as they undertake this important responsibility.

Madden Workman Education Fund

The Madden Workman Education Fund Committee is very happy to report to the Congregation of St. Michael's that this year we received seven applications for scholarships. The students ranged from Freshman to Seniors and their schools of choice are located from Florida to Massachusetts.

Because of the generous \$50,000. matching gift and the great response from our parishioners, the committee was able to award seven scholarships. In addition to that, money continues to be invested to enable the Madden Workman Education Fund to continue its ministry started many years ago by Father Madden to assist our young people in furthering their education.

The following is an example of appreciation for our parishioners.

"I would like to give you a huge thank you for awarding me part of this scholarship. I am forever grateful for your thoughts and your support in my education and future. The scholarship will greatly help me and my family continue pursuing my dreams and goals.

Thank you again for investing in my future and believing in me to make a difference. Thank you for being such a support community,"

International Coastal Clean-Up Day

Saturday, September 19th

St. Michael's will once again have a volunteer team to participate in this island wide and international wide event to clean up our beaches. We will have the same route as last year, starting at Island Inn Resort and all supplies are provided. This is a great activity for all ages. Mark your calendars now for the morning and more information will be coming soon.



Photo: some of last year's St. Michael's crew at the clean-up day!



A New Way to Support Island Scouts

St. Michael's is pleased to become the new charter organization for the Scout troop on Sanibel. Beginning in September, the Scouts will meet in the church parish hall on Tuesday evenings, and we are exploring a simple way for parishioners to help welcome and support them.

We are looking for volunteers who may be interested in providing dinner for approximately 10–15 Scouts on the first, second, or third Tuesday of the month from September through May. A Signup Genius would allow volunteers to select one of the 21 dates that work for them.

Meals do not need to be elaborate—or even homemade! Volunteers could prepare a simple meal, like a pan of lasagna, or chicken casserole, a crockpot of sloppy joes, order pizza from Scooter's, or provide a sandwich platter from Publix. Because many parishioners live off island and evening traffic can be challenging during high season, meals could be dropped off earlier in the day or even on the weekend when you come to church and placed in the church's warming cabinet or refrigerator, where they could be pulled out and put in a warming cabinet or crockpot if needed for the Scouts to enjoy that evening. Of course, you would be welcome to bring it and serve it yourself if you wanted to.

At this stage, we are simply trying to determine whether there is enough interest within the parish to meet this need. Please let us know if you would consider signing up for one Tuesday meal during the Scout year. Together, we can offer these young people a warm welcome, a good meal, and the support of their new church home. If you are interested, please let **Sue Van Oss** know when you see her or contact her at communications@saintmichaels-sanibel.org. Thanks for considering this volunteer opportunity.

Outreach Corner

Wednesday Morning

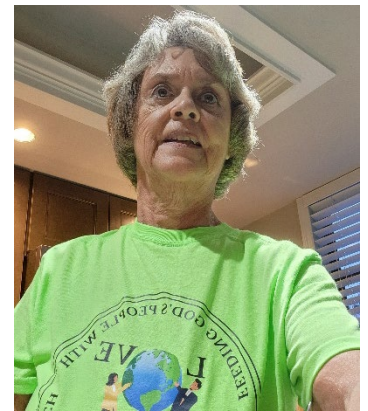
At 8:00 a.m. every Wednesday, at an inconspicuous clapboard building off Route 41 in North Fort Myers, hundreds of people wait outside. Cars overflow the parking lot onto the grass and down the side road. They come with walkers and wheelchairs, bicycles and grocery carts, and everyone carries a vinyl grocery bag. Many have been in line since the wee hours. Inside are 70 volunteers getting ready for them. Each wears a lime green tee shirt with a logo of a man and woman holding up a globe encircled with the words, "Feeding God's People with Love All Souls Episcopal Church." And that's what they do!

At 9:00 a.m., the doors open. Two greeters allow people to file in, a few at a time. Some are unwashed; some are disabled; some bring children; some are elderly; and many speak little English. They are not all Episcopalians or even Christians, but all are welcome to Wednesday Morning at All Souls. As they enter, there's a makeshift mail station where folks collect their mail if they have no mailing address. They come into a cavernous room filled with white tables and are given full grocery bags of non-perishables, along with plastic bags of frozen chicken, beef and pork. Each can select baked goods and collect bottled water, fresh fruits, vegetables, and even clothing. There are additional services for veterans, helping with landlord tenant issues, medical assistance and more. Dining tables fill the center of the room where volunteers serve hot meals with dessert. Nothing costs them a cent, and every Wednesday, the whole show repeats itself.

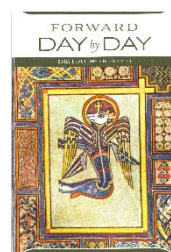
Behind the white table room, is 'the Crib.' A dozen industrial sized freezers line one side of the room. Food donated by Publix and other vendors come into the Crib from volunteers who collect donations by driving private vehicles to sites all over Lee County. However, this is sometimes unreliable and there is now an effort to find a van capable of transporting heavier loads and frozen food.

During the past year, St. Michael's, contributed \$20,000 from the Grants Committee and \$10,000 from the Outreach Committee to support this wonderful All Souls mission. Through these proceeds, SMAA not only helped support weekly outreach, but also helped buy a new freezer for the Crib. In addition, these proceeds help sponsor Laundry Love, a free laundry for homeless and underprivileged, who are also provided a free lunch by volunteers. Along with this financial assistance, each week many bags of excess items from Noah's Ark go to the All Souls Thrift Shop to help raise money through their resale store.

So, how do I know all this? Because I proudly own a lime green t-shirt and am the Outreach Liaison between All Souls and "St Mike's," as All Souls director, **Charlie Thompson** calls us. Thanks so very much for all your wonderful support through Noah's Ark and the Outreach Committee. Your love is much appreciated.



~ **Terry Gustafson**
All Souls Liaison
St. Michael's Outreach Ministry



Forward Day-by-Day
Devotionals
Now Available
(August ~ Sept. ~ October)

They can be picked up in the Gallery, at the back of church and at the church office.

If you'd like one mailed to you, please [contact](#) Susan in the office.

Large printed version is available.

From Your Parish Nurse,
Wendy

As we enjoy life in sunny Florida—and throughout the United States—healthy aging begins with caring for the body God has entrusted to us. Medical research consistently shows that healthy lifestyle choices can reduce the risk of chronic disease, preserve independence, and improve quality of life well into our later years.



According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), healthy aging means maintaining physical, mental, and social well-being as we grow older. Regular physical activity is one of the most effective ways to support healthy aging. The CDC recommends that older adults aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity each week, along with muscle-strengthening activities at least two days per week. Exercise helps improve cardiovascular health, strengthens bones and muscles, reduces the risk of falls, and can improve memory and mood.

Nutrition also plays a vital role. A diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and healthy fats helps lower the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes, hypertension, and certain cancers. Staying well hydrated is especially important in Florida's warm climate, where dehydration can occur quickly, particularly among older adults.

Routine preventive healthcare is equally essential. Regular blood pressure checks, cholesterol and diabetes screenings, recommended vaccinations, vision and hearing exams, and cancer screenings allow many health conditions to be detected and treated early. The National Institute on Aging emphasizes that preventive care and management of chronic conditions can help older adults remain active and independent for longer.

While Florida's sunshine provides opportunities for outdoor exercise and natural vitamin D production, excessive ultraviolet (UV) exposure increases the risk of skin cancer. The CDC recommends using sunscreen, wearing protective clothing and hats, and seeking shade during peak sunlight hours while continuing to enjoy outdoor activities safely.



By combining sound medical practices with faith, prayer, and fellowship, we can continue serving God with strength, purpose, and gratitude throughout every season of our life. For any questions or future topic suggestion feel free to email me at: Nurse@saintmichaels-sanibel.org.



If you are looking for a CPR Class,
Let me know and I will find a class
that fits your needs and schedule.

Contact Wendy Warner, Parish Nurse
in the Church Office or by email at
nurse@saintmichaels-sanibel.org

What Are Your Plans?

If you didn't complete this form last year or are a new parishioner, or you must update your information from last year, please fill out the form below. We want 100% participation in filling out this form. **This is for ALL parishioners who are staying in the area during hurricane season.** We want to make sure that all your 2026 information is correct. Please, if you can fill out this form so our information for this hurricane season is correct. We want to make sure you are safe and that we can communicate with you in the event evacuation is needed. An online fillable form is available on our website www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org/hurricane-plan-form or in the Friday Brief or pick up a form in the Gallery or Church office.

SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SANIBEL

Hurricane Season Plan ~ 2026 (Please Print clearly)

Name #1 _____

Cell Phone _____ Email: _____

Health Note: _____

Name #2 _____

Cell Phone _____ Email: _____

Health Note: _____

Landline _____

In the event of a hurricane, I / we plan to:

A person outside of the area that I / we will keep in contact with:

Name _____

Relation: Family _____ Friend _____

City/State _____

Contact number(s) _____

Email: _____

*Please return this form to Parish Nurse Wendy Warner or the Church Office.
This information is kept by Saint Michael's in case of a hurricane.*

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Summer is here and it's time to review your hurricane plan. Know when, where, and how you are going to evacuate *prior* to a storm. Reach out to other parishioners and neighbors who may need your assistance in getting prepared for a storm.

Basic emergency preparedness list:

It is preferable to keep everything together in an easily accessible place and have enough supplies to get you through for a minimum of 7 days.

- A gallon of drinking water per person per day
- Non-perishable ready-to-eat food
- Manual can opener
- Medications – see medical preparedness below
- Analog phone – one that does not use batteries or electricity.
- Personal hygiene items
- Pillow, blanket, towel
- First aid kit, sunscreen, bug spray
- Cash, credit cards
- Important documents - driver's license, social security card, medical cards, insurance policies – all kept in a sealed plastic bag
- NOAA weather radio or battery-operated AM/FM radio
- Clean clothes, sturdy shoes, hat
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Unscented bleach for disinfecting water
- Written instructions on how to turn off electricity, gas, water if authorities advise you to do so. Remember, you'll need a professional to turn back on natural gas service.

Medical Preparedness:

- Make a **Medical Information List** with the names and phone numbers of your medical providers and why you see them; list of cognitive or communication difficulties you have; list of allergies and sensitivities; list of medications and dosages – both prescription and over-the-counter (OTC).
- Keep all medications in their original labeled containers
- Have a 14-30 day supply of each medication.
- Have additional copies of your prescriptions.
- List of medications that are in the refrigerator and a reminder to put them in a refrigerated bag or cooler.
- List of specific equipment you need – glasses, hearing aids, body supports, communication

devices, canes, walkers. Make certain they are all labeled and have extra batteries and chargers if necessary.

- List of emergency out of town contacts with phone numbers; provide the church with a copy.

Lee County's Special Needs Program provides three types of shelter – emergency public shelters, special care shelters and hospitals. The Department of Health will determine which is appropriate for your needs based on the information you provide on your application. The Program also provides transportation to these shelters. To adequately prepare for the number of people requiring these services, **pre-registration is required. A new application must be submitted each year to remain on the Special Needs registry (application packet is available on table in the Gallery.)** The Special Needs Program is designed to be a backup plan for an evacuation if you have no other place to go.

Protecting your Pets

- ✓ Keep up-to-date identification on your pets at all times.
- ✓ Have current color photos of your pets to be kept with your emergency supplies.
- ✓ Because of a greater threat of disease, it is important that your animal be up to date on their vaccinations.
- ✓ If you must evacuate, take your pets with you! Your pet's best protection is to be with you!

If you must leave your pets behind, DO NOT leave pets in carriers, as they will not be able to get more food and water when needed.

Place a notice on your front door advising what pets are in the house and where they are located. Provide a telephone number where you or a contact can be reached as well as the name and number of your veterinarian.

Lee County has one Pet-friendly Shelter at South Fort Myers High School which will shelter dogs and cats only when accompanied by owner.

www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org/tropical-preparedness

Important Numbers & Websites TO HAVE DURING HURRICANE EVACUATION

Emergency Fire and Police - 911
American Red Cross Lee County - 239-278-3401 or
1-866-GET-INFO
Spanish -239-278-5234
US Coast Guard Station Ft. Myers Beach - 239-
463-5754/www.uscg.mil
Community Housing Resources (CHR) - 239-472-
1189
FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)
800-621-FEMA / 800-621-3362
FISH OF SANCAP - 239-472-4775 or 239-472-
0404 24hr Service
FL Highway Patrol - 239-278-7100 or 239-344-
1730
Hurricane information Hotline – Sanibel 1-800-933-
6093
Lee Co. Emergency Management - 239- 533-0622
Lee Co. County Sheriff's Office - 239-477-1000
(non-emergency)
Lee County Electrical Cooperative (LCEC) - 239-
995-2121 or 239-656-2300
National Weather Service - 813-645-2506 ~ Tampa
Bay
Sanibel City Offices - 239-472-3700
Sanibel Fire Department - 239-472-5525
Sanibel Police Department - 239-472-3111
Island Water Authority - 239-472-1502
United Way - 211

IMPORTANT WEB SITES TO HAVE DURING HURRICANE EVACUATION

American Red Cross, Lee County - www.redcross.org
(Florida's Southern Gulf Chapter)
City of Sanibel - www.MySanibel.com
US Coast Guard - www.uscg.mil
FEMA - www.FEMA.gov
FISH OF SANCAP - www.fishofsancap.org or
info@fishofsancap.org
FL Emergency Management - www.FloridaDisaster.org
Fort Myers News Press - www.news-press.com
Hurricane Tracking - www.nhc.noaa.gov
Lee County Emergency Management –
www.leegov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement
United Way - www.unitedwaylee.org
National Weather Service - www.weather.gov



**Tuesday, August 11th & Sept. 8th
at 8:30 a.m.**

Men's Fellowship group will meet only once per month during August and September, as many of us will be traveling and enjoying the last days of summer, in the Church Library and via ZOOM.

On August 11: We will meet for fellowship and discussion of a recent movie, event, or performance we may have attended - and why we went and what we enjoyed or learned from attending.

On September 8, will be a more serious discussion: are evil spirits or supernatural beings present in this world or does evil exist solely as a result of mankind's bad (usually selfish) decisions?"

I hope your schedule permits you to attend these events - even from afar.

Men's Fellowship ~ Meeting ID #820 0070 2322
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82000702322>



The ECW leadership board and committees within continue to work planning our 2026 -2027 commitments, events and programs.

Noah's Ark had a good June and July finishing with a wonderful Christmas in July on the 7th and our last sales day on July 14th. Activity at the Ark will resume in early September for an opening day planned for October. Volunteers - enjoy your well-deserved rest.

Take care,
Terry Baldwin, President ECW

Final Summer Saturday Supper will be August 22 at Rosalita's

It has been great fun to gather each month in the summer after the 5:00 p.m. service at a local restaurant; and you have one more opportunity to join in; on Saturday, August 22nd at 6:15 p.m. at Rosalita's off Rabbit Road. Please rsvp on the sign-up sheet in the hallway or by emailing Susan G at parishsecretary@saintmichael's-sanibel.org

Photos from July's Summer Saturday Supper at Doc Ford's.





May They Rest in Peace

Carolyn Wood

June 1, 2026



Martha Ponader

June 28, 2026



Alan Cragg

July 17, 2026



Memorial Service

Saturday, September 5 @ 2:00 p.m.



Jane Coleman

July 19, 2026



Margaret "Peggy" Hupfeldt

July 23, 2026

Prayer List Update

Many of the names on Prayer List have been removed since we are unable to follow up on how the person is doing. Please if you would like a person to be added back on, call or email Wendy, the Parish Nurse at nurse@saintmichaels-sanibel.org or call Susan at the church office.

Prayer List

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Parishioners:

Don Rolley	Carol Chaveas
Anne Brookhouse	Doug Lind
Jane Adams	John Pryor
Ralph Korn	Joan Desilet
Shirlla Cuscaden	Mary McManus
Susan Lord	Sherry Kanzius
Kristen Beltz	Sally Johnston
Margery Almas	

Family of Parishioners:

Debbie Colehower	Susan Hodder
JB Ryan	Bud Van Oss
Kathy Treutelaar	Judith Reid
Even Parker	Nancy Miller

Friends of Parishioners:

Denise S	Brent Cogswell
Brenda Norris	Kara K
Diana Horton	Brian Troast

Safeguarding God's Children

New & Recertification On-line Training

Safeguarding Online™ is an internet-based training program developed by Praesidium and provided by the Church Pension Group. Safeguarding Online can be accessed at any time, from anywhere. The program presently consists of six modules. Each module offers easy to understand, step-by-step instruction and ends with a brief quiz.

Certification and recertification are active for five years and **both are now available to take online.**

If you are not sure of your certification expiration or if you need one, **please contact Susan in the Church Office** at parishsecretary@saintmichaels-sanibel.org or (239) 472-2173.

New Birthdays and Anniversaries?

With so many new faces among us, we want to make sure we have your birthday(s) and anniversary (*if applicable*).

We try to pray for each person individually on these special days and will put your name in the worship service bulletin at the appropriate time. It will also appear in the Red Door Newsletter as you see here! If you feel so inclined, please fill out the form below and send it in to the church or drop in the offering plate, with your name and birth date, including year please (*for office use only*) - and thank you.

Name: _____

Birthday: _____

Name: _____

Birthday: _____

Anniversary: _____

August

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Birthdays

2 nd	Teresa Smyth	15 th	Stephen Creech
3 rd	Chuck Kettelman		Connie Edgar
	Persis Laverack		Ellen Petrick
5 th	Ann Cooper	17 th	Mike Fuller
	Coleen Tully	20 th	Erik Entwistle
6 th	Jim Rutledge		Halsey Spruance
7 th	Perry Longaker	24 th	Susan Ross
	Susan Ruth	25 th	Bess Chakravarty
8 th	Tim Gordon		George McGann
	Polly Parker		Penny Wilkinson
10 th	Birdie Anderson	26 th	Vera Neinast
	Don Van Alstyne	27 th	Pat Jones
11 th	Linda Spire		MaryAnn Wilbur
12 th	Yves Bourdét	28 th	Shirlla Cuscaden
	Demo Scutakes		Susie Wilson
14 th	David Bath	30 th	Fred Ockerlund
	Lynda Dunham		
	Nancy Rolley		

August Anniversaries

5 th	Judy & John Pryor
11 th	Judy & Sandy Montclare
20 th	Donna & Jerry Hubbard
	Ann & Sam Vasiu
22 nd	Cathy & Paul McCarthy
	Martha & David Vaules
24 th	Carol & Kenneth Gertsen
	Laura Peterson & Cotten Blackwell
31 st	Alice & Blake Wood

Next Vestry Meeting

August 20 & September 17

@ 1:00 p.m.

**In-Person in the
Thomas Madden Room**

September

Birthdays and Anniversaries



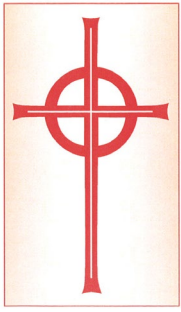
Birthdays

1 st	Angelina Bravo	13 th	Chuck Sterrett
	Jackie Coleman		Luca Van Oss
	Joyce Crone	16 th	Andy McGowan
	Phil Pilibosian	17 th	Hank Spire
4 th	Wendy Warner		Gayle Summa
5 th	Anne-Marie Bouché	19 th	Gina Rogers
	Susan Nichols	20 th	Marvin Bradley Jr.
	Karen Searles		Dean Traxler
6 th	Dick Allen	21 st	Penny Lind
	Bob DeVore	23 rd	Wes Dirks
	Sarah Jacobson	24 th	Isobel Fasy
7 th	Betty Cater		Mary Vollmer
	Terri Dunham		Deb Wilson
	Jan Hammond	25 th	Steve Stitt
8 th	David Edwards	26 th	Nancy duPont
	Sadie Lessinger		Ken Poppele
	Harriet Pattison		Lois Poppele
	Gary Scheiwe	27 th	Dan Koerselman
9 th	Blake Wood		Ted Tyson
10 th	Liz Smith	28 th	Mark Pendleton
11 th	Bella Hu-Hvatum		Sam Vasiu
	Reta King	29 th	Marjorie Smith
	John Pluhar	30 th	Linda Sturtevant
	Sally McGowan		
12 th	Ralph Korn		

September Anniversaries

1 st	Peggy & Ted Tyson
3 rd	Myrtis & Byron Yake
5 th	Susan & David Kienzle
7 th	Christine & John Jackson
8 th	Elise & Dick Allen
10 th	Joyce & Victor Enns
20 th	Angelina & Norman Bravo
	Helen & Chuck Kettelman
21 st	Ellen & Sandy Trevor
24 th	Pat Norton & Hank Feldman
30 th	Sylvia & Roger Heider

Coming Up				
Service of Holy Eucharist & Social Hour	Every Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Sanctuary	
Service of Holy Eucharist & Coffee Hour	Every Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sanctuary	
Santiva Islanders – Coffee & Conversation	Every Monday	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Library	
Church Staff Meeting	Every Other Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Thomas Madden Room	
Sanibel Scouts – Beginning Sept. 1	Every (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd) Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	Parish Hall	
Santiva Islanders – Mahjong	Every Thursday	1:00-3:30 p.m.	Parish Hall	
Bible Study w/ the Rector	Every Thursday	10:00 a.m.	ZOOM	
Yoga Class	Every Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Parish Hall	
AA Meeting	Every Friday	7:30 p.m.	Parish Hall	
Volunteer Day at EveryDay Café	Mon. Aug. 3	9:00 a.m.	CCM Soup Kitchen, FMY	
Ministries & Facilities Trust	Mon. Aug. 3	11:00 a.m.	T. Madden Room	
Men's Fellowship (hybrid)	Tues. Aug. 11	8:30 a.m.	Library / ZOOM	
Outreach Ministry (hybrid)	Thurs. Aug. 13	1:00 p.m.	T. Madden Rm / ZOOM	
Grants Committee	Thurs. Aug. 13	2:00 p.m.	T. Madden Room	
ECW Board Meeting	Mon. Aug. 17	10:00 a.m.	T. Madden Room	
ZONTA	Wed. Aug. 19	8:00 a.m.	Parish Hall	
Santiva Islanders: Book Group	Wed. Aug. 19	11:30 a.m.	T. Madden Room	
Vestry Meeting	Thurs. Aug. 20	1:00 p.m.	T. Madden Room	
Summer Saturday Supper	Sat. Aug. 22	6:30 p.m.	Rosalita Cantina	
Messy Church	Sun. Aug. 23	5:00 p.m.	Parish Hall	
Sanibel Scouts	Tues. Sept. 1	5:00 p.m.	Parish Hall	
Fall Convocation – FMY/Npl Deanery	Tues. Sept. 1	7:00 p.m.	Iona Hope Church, FMY	
Volunteer Day at Misión Peniel	Fri. Sept. 4	11:00 a.m.	Misión Peniel, Immokalee	
Memorial Service for Alan Cragg	Sat. Sept. 5	2:00 p.m.	St. Michael's	
Church Office Closed – Labor Day – Monday, Sept 7				
Volunteer Day at EveryDay Café	Mon. Sept 7	9:00 a.m.	CCM Soup Kitchen, FMY	
Men's Fellowship (hybrid)	Tues. Sept 8	8:30 a.m.	Library / ZOOM	
Pastoral Care Ministry	Wed. Sept. 9	10:00 a.m.	ZOOM	
Outreach Ministry (hybrid)	Thurs. Sept. 10	1:00 p.m.	T. Madden Rm / ZOOM	
ZONTA	Wed. Sept. 16	8:00 a.m.	Parish Hall	
Spiritual Pathway Meeting	Wed. Sept. 16	10:00 a.m.	Meditation Room	
Vestry Meeting	Thurs. Sept. 17	1:00 p.m.	T. Madden Room	
Messy Church	Sun. Sept. 20	5:00 p.m.	Parish Hall	



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- ***Sunday at 9:30 a.m.** – Holy Eucharist, followed by Coffee Hour
Livestreamed at www.vimeo.com/smaasanibel
(*With Sunday Shuttle pickup at Shell Point)

Thursday 10:00 a.m. Bible Study on ZOOM

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Acceptance of donations will resume September 1st.

SEE YOU IN OCTOBER!

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