



# The Red Door

## NOVEMBER 2025

### MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

## November

It has been four years since we have had a November that didn't involve some kind of rebuilding of our buildings! 2022 and 2023 were Hurricane Ian rebuilding. 2024 was repairing damage from Milton. It feels so good to (please God) be looking at a quiet November as far as our buildings. However, it will be anything but quiet for our church. We have many things going on this month. This edition of the Red Door will give you all the details. Here are some highlights:

- Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> we will switch to **2 services**: 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. We will also launch **2 busses** picking up at Shell Point (the St. Michael's bus and a Shell Point bus). Please contact Susan Gonzalez if you live at Shell Point and would like a ride to the 10:30 service and are not already on the rider list.
- Our **Love Sanibel** community gathering will be Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> from noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Community House. Last year's event was a great success with booths, music, food and fellowship.
- Our **Wednesday** service of **Eucharist** has resumed for the season. This simple, beautiful service is at **11:30 a.m.** in the Angel Chapel.
- Our November **Brat Night** will be called "**Welcome and Welcome Back**" on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. This fun, informal evening will feature a brat fry. You are invited to bring a dish to pass. We will be welcoming our snowbirds back and welcoming people who have joined the church in the past several months.
- November starts our **2026 Stewardship Season**. Our theme is "Pathways of Gratitude and Generosity" where we are invited to "give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good" (Psalm 136:1). Susie Wilson and Sue Sterrett are coordinating this year's stewardship campaign. You will receive a packet in the mail later this month.

These are just a few of the things that are happening in November. Check out the rest of this Red Door for further information and much more!

*Peace,*  
*Bill+*



## Two Worship Services Begin

We'll change our seasonal rhythm again this **Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>** as we start our 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services on Sunday. If you know someone who's not been able to come to church lately, you might want to remind them of the time change - or even invite them to come.

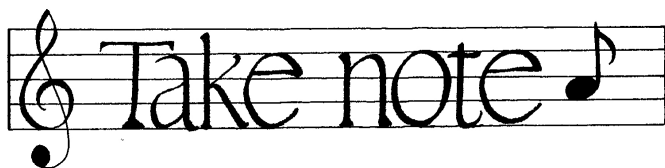


## Coleen's Pen

At one time, I lived in a small college town in Wisconsin and worked in a Minneapolis hospital on the shores of the Mississippi River. Half of my daily commute was through farms and tree covered hills and small rivers and the other half was concrete and high rises and rush hour traffic. I loved the quiet country, and I loved the busy city, and I loved the in between time of 'sorting through' what was to be left in one place and 'opening up' what I needed to be doing in the other. I find my dual life as a snowbird is similar. I feel lucky for living in and loving two very different communities.

There's sadness in leaving each place. Then the 'tween time' of arrival, of opening up what is before me for the season. And then the excitement of re-uniting with the destination. This is where I am now. Where I am on this very day, so excited to be back! Back to the faith family I had just begun falling in love with at Saint Michael & All Angels - looking forward to the smiles, the laughter, the prayers, the sacred times, the holy prayers and the fellowship I had just gotten a taste of last season.

And knowing there is more! With God, there is always more. Thank you for the spot here, it is much appreciated, and I could not be happier. May the blessings continue!



Do you enjoy singing hymns? Are you able to sing a melody more-or-less in tune? Saint Michael's welcomes everyone to try out the choir, even for just a single rehearsal or a service. No audition required, and no special skills are needed, except a love of singing and a desire to participate. Come at 12:00 p.m. any Friday to the Music Room (formerly The Cottage) or contact Choir Director **Erik Entwistle** at [music@saintmichaels-sanibel.org](mailto:music@saintmichaels-sanibel.org) for more details. Choir singing is so much more than just a fun activity - it can be a joy-bringing, spiritual experience that contributes an essential and uplifting dimension to the liturgy. Come make a joyful noise!

## Welcome Back!!

As you start settling back in Florida, don't forget to let Susan in the Church Office know of your return. Call, e-mail or just stop in and say "Hi." We are always happy to see you.



## Bus service from Shell Point increased beginning November 2

Due to the growing popularity of the St. Michael's bus transporting parishioners from Shell Point to Sunday services on Sanibel, we've recognized the need for more space and comfort. To better serve our Shell Point community, there is an additional bus provided by Shell Point, so that more passengers can join us each week and be accommodated comfortably.

Seats are filling fast so, please contact Susan Gonzalez if you would like to get a ride on the bus for the 10:30 service!



Sunday  
Nov. 2, 2025  
Noon-2:30pm

## Love Sanibel Community Gathering

**Noon-2:30pm (booths will close during the program)**

- Free Food-hot dogs, chips, beverages & Pinocchio's Ice Cream- Community Room
- Crafts/Activities- Great Hall (Sanibel bookmark station, shell painting- shells from Shellcrafters and coloring- sheets provided by Rachel Pierce hosted by St. Michael's, craft by CECI)
- Photo Booth-Lobby -take home photo strip & digital images
- Island Organizations- Founder's/Community Rooms & Hall
- Door Prize Board-in front of stage Door prizes provided by local businesses must be present to win, one prize per person  
(Door prize numbers announced at 1:45pm, stop by prize board to see if you have a winning number, unclaimed prizes at 2:15pm will be put back in for a last chance drawing)

### 1pm Program- Great Hall

- Welcome by Fr. Bill Van Oss, Rector of St. Michael's
- Mayor Mike Miller
- The Sanibel School Seahorse Chorale
- Vice Mayor Holly Smith
- Video of The Spirit of Sanibel
- Thank you to our Sponsors

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**St. Michael's Parish Hall  
2304 Periwinkle, Sanibel**

**Come learn about the season of  
Advent and how it can be fun to wait  
for Christmas! Families will make  
beautiful Advent wreaths/calendars  
and more! Free dinner too!**

**Youth Program for grades 6-12 meets  
at the same time, fun & games, bring  
friends!**



# October Messy Church Highlights

October's Messy Church brought many to the parish hall to experience how to "Let Your Light Shine" Pumpkin carving was fun for all, along with the "shine" activities, leading to time in church where the singing of *This Little Light of Mine* and having the kids share how they can shine God's light in everyday life.



It was also the first time our teens met our new Youth Minister, **Shelley Lunsford!** We are delighted to announce that Shelley has joined our team as part-time (7 hours a month) Youth Minister. Shelley grew up at St. Hilary's Episcopal Church in Fort Myers and has served as Youth Director there. She's been deeply involved in diocesan youth ministry — working at DaySpring's summer camp and weekend retreats like New Beginnings and Happening. In her role here, Shelley is leading a new teen experience that will run concurrently with Messy Church with age-appropriate activities, meaningful conversation, and connection—helping

every young person feel involved and included. That will be the majority of her time, prepping and then helping with teen Messy Church and occasional other activities with teens. You can read more about her in the introduction below.

## Meet Shelley Lunsford! Your new part-time Youth Minister

### Hello!

Hi, I'm Shelley! I grew up in the Diocese of Southwest Florida and have loved being involved in youth ministry for years. I've worked at DaySpring as a counselor and leader helping with their Summer Camp and weekend retreats like New Beginnings and Happening. Before coming here, I served as the Youth Director at Saint Hilary's.

### Now appearing at...

I'll be helping make the teen experience at Messy Church more engaging with age-appropriate activities, conversation, and connection. I'm excited to help teens feel involved and included throughout the night in ways that are meaningful to them.

### Contact Information

Phone number : (239) 281 - 9659  
Email: [youth@saintmichaels-sanibel.org](mailto:youth@saintmichaels-sanibel.org)



### A little bit about me

- I'm from Fort Myers, FL
- I grew up going to St. Hilary's Episcopal Church
- I have a cat named Benny
- I am currently in school to become a radiological technologist
- I love scuba diving and am advanced open water certified

## 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:

**ZOOM Meeting ID#: 829 7038 4775**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82970384775>

# Spiritual Pathways

Greetings!

It is my great joy to serve as the Spiritual Pathways Coordinator at St. Michael and All Angels Church. My personal mission is to facilitate sound organization and communication throughout our ministries, and to serve the needs of our Ministry Leaders who will in turn serve all whom God calls to the Pathways ministries. And of course, to continue on my own journey as God calls me forward.

You will see that our Pathways consist of many long-standing St. Michael's ministries, plus new ones too. Just as we are each uniquely made, God's Holy Spirit touches us in ways designed just for us. The Spiritual Pathways offer many ways to experience God together, and I am confident that each of us will find offerings that enhance our journey with God.

The Pathways are not only for St. Michael's parishioners! We extend a warm invitation to visitors and community members to join us on Pathways, and to experience love, support, and encouragement on their journey. Please reach out to anyone you know who may be interested in Pathways.

Our Pathways Leaders meet each month to facilitate planning and communication, and to explore ways we can better serve God in our Pathways ministries. During the October meeting we shared stories of how God is at work among us, and these will be shared with you in a future Pathways newsletter.

Please look through the Spiritual Pathways brochure or visit the web page which is on our St. Michael's website. On the web page, you will find links for each of the Pathways Ministry Leaders which you can click to communicate directly with them via email. They can answer your questions and keep you informed of start dates and other details.

I rejoice that we are finally finished with rebuilding after hurricanes and can fully engage with what God has for us now. I am thankful for Bill and Sue, and for others too numerous to

name who are engaged in ministries at St. Michael's. I look forward to serving alongside you, as we walk together in faith, hope, and love.

Yours for the journey,

~ **Doreen Bolhuis**

*Spiritual Pathways Coordinator*

## Save the Date for 2026 Retreats

**Annual Parish Retreat**, to be held  
January 23-25, 2026 with Bishop  
Brian Prior.

Additional days of reflection include:

**Men's Retreat** – February 24-25,  
2026 at DaySpring in Parrish, FL.

**Women's Day of Reflection** held  
March 21, 2026 at St. Michael's.

All are open to the Parish and wider  
community.

## St. Michael & All Angels 2026 Stewardship Campaign

Co-Chairs **Sue Sterrett & Susie Wilson**

### *Pathways of Gratitude and Generosity*

This fall we are taking a 6-week stewardship journey at Saint Michael and All Angels—walking our six Spiritual Pathways (Worship, Learning, Inner, Reflective, Action, Service) to practice gratitude that overflows into generosity. Each Sunday features a simple gratitude practice, a brief scripture focus, and a short testimony.

Watch for a Stewardship packet to arrive in your mailbox in mid-November, along with dates of several Neighborhood Gatherings to be held in January; a chance to socialize in a home setting with parishioners new and old, and receive an update on St. Michael's

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good."  
(Psalm 136:1)*



# 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 & Starting Dec. 6**

**Saturdays @ 9am too!**

**St. Michael's Parish Hall-2304 Periwinkle**

**Certified Yoga Instructor**  
**JoEllen Simons**

Bring a mat, (if you don't have one, we will 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](mailto:pathways@saintmichaels-sanibel.org)



## Reflections on Spiritual Growth in Later Life



Those that rsvp'd will receive a reminder email next week for the first of the monthly gatherings

**Nov. 10 3pm**

**@The Cove in the Estuary**  
**at Shell Point**

Please note we have reached capacity for the location. Feel free to purchase the book and read it on your own, it's a great read!

**PART OF SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS**  
**@ ST. MICHAELS**



# Beyond the Broken Heart: Grief Support Group Starting Dec. 5 10am in the Meditation room @ St. Michael's

Saint Michael's will be offering a Grief Support Group beginning Friday, December 5th through Friday, February 27th. The group will meet weekly on Fridays at 10 AM, with the exception of December 26th.

This program provides a safe & supportive place for those who have lost a loved one to walk through the journey of grief alongside others who share similar experiences. Using *Understanding Your Grief*, created by Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D., C.T. there is no charge for the materials, optional donation basket to help cover costs will be available.

The group will be led by Wayne Luman, who has 20 years of experience in ministry, along with his wife, Cathy. Together, they have facilitated grief and support groups and have personally experienced grief and loss in their own lives. Please contact Wayne or Cathy at [Lumancathy6@gmail.com](mailto:Lumancathy6@gmail.com) if you are interested in registering, have questions, or would like additional information.

All are welcome. - invite a friend to come with you.

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## GATHER AT THE TABLE

**BEGINS SUNDAY OCT. 26  
5 WEEKS FROM 5-7PM  
@ BOLHUIS/VEL HOME**

**The current group is full, but we are already collecting names for the next 1-2 groups which will start in early January so RSVP now!**

We'll share a simple meal, read C. S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity* as we go (books provided), and talk about how God is moving in our lives.

All are welcome—no prior reading needed.  
RSVP to Doreen at [pathways@saintmichaels-sanibel.org](mailto:pathways@saintmichaels-sanibel.org)

**Come Hungry- Body and Soul!**  
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## Women of St. Michael's Welcome All to the New Fall Season

The "Episcopal Church Women" (ECW) of Saint Michael's, comprised of all women at Saint Michael's, welcome newcomers, snowbirds, and year-round old-timers to the 2025/2026 season.

Our first lunch and get together is on **Monday, November 10**. Join us in the Parish Hall at 12:30 for a festive lunch. Those of us who have been volunteering at Noah's Ark will take off our aprons and come over to join the rest. We'll have some fellowship, getting to know one another (meet new friends!) and hear the latest about what's happening with our various missions. What's the latest at Noah's Ark Thrift Shop? What's happening with the Grants Committee? What's happening with transportation from Shell Point? Are we having a World Day of Prayer with other churches?

After that, we will have a program that you definitely will not want to miss: "The Wisdom of Women" by the women of Florida Trust Wealth.

Here is some news hot off the press as I write this in late October (with eyes on potential weather event "Melissa"—please go away). **Save the date—Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>—for the annual Women's Retreat.** This year it will be at St. Michael and All Angels rather than away at DaySpring as in years past. Come to the lunch meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup> and learn all about it and plans for next year and beyond as our beautiful community grows and changes.

We are thrilled that our co-leaders for Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> will be the **Rev. Coleen Tully** and **Sue Van Oss**.

At St. Michael's, the ECW delights in providing hospitality, educational programs, and other events for church and community. We volunteer our time, have fun, and collectively donate substantial contributions to the community for good works – as women of St. Michael's have

done for decades. Proceeds from Noah's Ark provide a key source of funding for good works.

We are thrilled to have been part of a successful come-back year at the Ark, made possible by the many women and men who volunteered. We look forward eagerly to our new program year, starting November 10. We are most happy about seeing you.

~ **Barbara Manard**, *ECW President*



**Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>  
at 8:30 a.m.**

Men's Fellowship has resumed meeting two times per month, on the second and fourth Tuesdays - at 8:30 a.m. in the library and on Zoom.

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, which is Veterans Day, retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel and former Flight Nurse **Wendy Warner** will tell us about her experiences and observations as a nurse and how her faith has encouraged and inspired her.

Our November 25<sup>th</sup> meeting is just before Thanksgiving, but those of us who are available will meet for fellowship and to discuss Richard Rohr's daily meditation.

Heads up - we will meet only once in December - on the 9<sup>th</sup>. The program will be presented by "illusionist" **Chuck Kettman**.

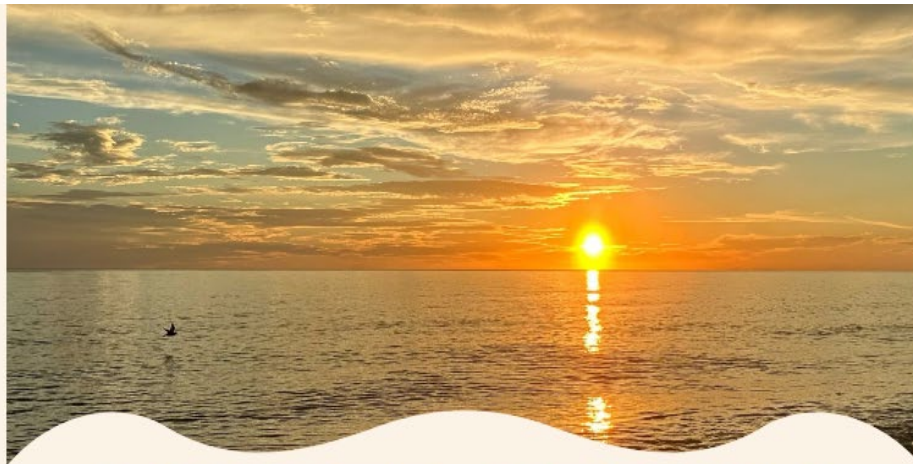
I hope you will be able to join us.

All men of St. Michael's are welcome to attend. For more information contact **Bill Larson** or Susan G. in the Church Office.

**Men's Fellowship ~ Meeting ID #820 0070 2322**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82000702322>





# SACRED STROLL

**THURS. NOV. 20 5PM**

**STARTING FROM THE BLIND PASS  
BEACH PARKING LOT**

**ADDITIONAL PARKING AREA WILL BE SHARED UPON  
ARRIVAL IF NEEDED**

**Enjoy a casual walk and conversation on the beach led by Erik Entwistle, with a brief thought to reflect on as the walk begins. Walk as far as you want, sunset will be at 5:37pm. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing. Bring water bottle and bug spray if desired.**

?s or ideas for future strolls? contact Sue at [communications@saintmichaels-sanibel.org](mailto:communications@saintmichaels-sanibel.org)

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**St. Michael's Episcopal Church Women is proud to present  
"Wisdom of Women" by the women of:**

**FLORIDA TRUST**  
WEALTH MANAGEMENT



**Monday November 10, 2025  
12:30 pm lunch served 1:00 pm talk  
St. Michael's Parish Hall**

This special presentation will touch on the basics of investing and financial planning, including retirement, long-term care, caregiving, creditor protection, titling of trusts, inheritance, estate tax and more.

Presenters from Florida Trust Wealth Management (formerly Sanibel Captiva Trust Co.) will share common scenerios that impact women of all ages; suddenly becoming single, planning to ensure adequate financial resources, cash windfalls and establishing a legacy for family.

The program will be led by female members of The Trust Company team, including Bell Tower Office President Megan Marquardt, CFP®, CTFA, Carolyn Rogers, wealth advisor, and Jodi Schwartzel, portfolio manager.

"The most common questions we hear are, 'Do I have enough money to maintain my lifestyle in retirement?' and 'What will happen financially if I find myself alone?'" said Marquardt. "We hope our attendees leave with answers to these questions and the tools they need to navigate their circumstances." All women are invited to join us and invite a friend!

From Your Parish Nurse,  
Wendy



November is the National Family Caregivers Month, which leads me to think, it is a time when we all need to reach out and recognize all the family caregivers who provide assistance to loved ones who are ill, disabled, injured, or just aging and need help. Some of these caregivers are aging along with those they are trying to assist. Others have jobs in the workforce, are parents, or they may be struggling with an illness themselves. Sound familiar?

According to the National Council on Aging, “Families are often the primary source of support for older adults and people with disabilities. In fact, today in America, more than 53 million family caregivers provide unpaid care. That's an economic value totaling more than \$470 billion.”

Caregiving sometimes can be overwhelming and even make you feel isolated and alone. We need to be aware of people in our congregation and community that may need you. The need can be as simple a listening ear, preparing a meal or even a little respite time to allow them to recharge.

Sometimes it is difficult to navigate and find the resources that can help caregivers. Use the ‘Helpful Caregiver Resources’ list provided to maybe find some avenues to help. Also, Sanibel thankfully has many resources available through F.I.S.H. Also know if there is anything that I can do to help you find needed assistance, please email me at: [nurse@saintmichaels-sanibel.org](mailto:nurse@saintmichaels-sanibel.org).

A saying I found on Facebook said, “we can get through anything as long as we have people to lean on.” We can lean on others and God. Isaiah 40:29 says, “He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.”

## Helpful Caregiver Resources

- Family Caregiver Alliance (FCA)  
– [www.caregiver.org](http://www.caregiver.org)  
Offers education, online support groups, and caregiving tips for families.
- AARP Caregiving Resource Center  
– [www.aarp.org/caregiving](http://www.aarp.org/caregiving)  
Provides practical guides, legal and financial information, and caregiver planning tools.
- Eldercare Locator (U.S. Administration on Aging) – [www.eldercare.acl.gov](http://www.eldercare.acl.gov)  
1-800-677-1116  
Connects caregivers with local aging services, respite care, and support programs.
- Alzheimer’s Association 24/7 Helpline  
– [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) | 1-800-272-3900  
Specialized support for those caring for someone with dementia.

## Get CPR/AED Trained



### **CPR TRAINING**

**MON., NOV. 17  
9:00AM-1:00PM**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
BY NOON NOV 12**

**COME GET TRAINED ON  
HOW TO PERFORM CPR –  
TAUGHT BY THE  
CAPTIVA FIRE DEPT.**

**14981 CAPTIVA DRIVE  
(PARKING IN OVERFLOW LOT  
FOR BUBBLE ROOM)**

**FREE FOR  
PARISHIONERS**



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[nurse@saintmichaels-sanibel.org](mailto:nurse@saintmichaels-sanibel.org)



## Noah's Ark Thrift Shop: Grateful, Busy, and Brimming with Treasures

After a joyful reopening, Noah's Ark has been bustling—with friendly faces, full racks, and the kind of "I can't believe I found this!" moments that make thrift shopping so fun. Here are a few highlights and ways you can help keep the momentum going:

### **1) Donations: Thank You, and Please Keep Them Coming**

Your donated, gently used items are the life of the shop. We gratefully accept clean, in good-condition donations such as home décor, housewares, small furniture/accent pieces, clothing and accessories, books, and beachy treasures. Every item you share becomes a blessing twice—first for the shopper who finds it, and again through the ministries your purchases support. (If you have questions about what we can accept, please check out our webpage, [www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org/noahs-ark](http://www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org/noahs-ark))

### **2) Deep Gratitude for Our Volunteers—And a Call for New Hands**

Huge thanks to our dedicated volunteers for the countless hours spent sorting, pricing, arranging displays, greeting shoppers, and keeping the shop running smoothly. You make Noah's Ark warm, organized, and welcoming. If you've been thinking about volunteering, this is a great time to jump in! We have roles for all schedules and comfort levels—from backroom sorting to floor hosting and checkout help. Training is provided, and you'll join a joyful, supportive team. To learn more, stop

by the shop or contact our volunteer coordinator, **Sue Sterrett**.

### **3) A Strong Start: Two Weeks of Joyful Reopening**

The first two weeks back have exceeded expectations—steady foot traffic, enthusiastic shoppers, and lots of positive feedback about our refreshed displays, new merchandise on the floor and the warm hospitality shown by our volunteers. Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, shopped, and spread the word. Your support directly fuels St. Michael & All Angels' ability to serve those in need on the island and beyond.

### **4) Share Your Finds:**

#### **#TreasuresIFoundAtNoahs**

We love seeing your discoveries! Snap a photo of your favorite score and post with **#TreasuresIFoundAtNoahs** on our Facebook or Instagram accounts. <https://www.facebook.com/noahsarksanibel> <https://www.instagram.com/noahsarkthriftshopsanibel/>

Your shares help others discover the shop, support our mission, and keep the joy going.

On behalf of the Noah's Ark team—thank you for giving, serving, shopping, and celebrating with us. Together we're turning everyday items into extraordinary blessings.



*Volunteers on Opening Day*

## Outreach Holiday Love 2025

The holidays are getting closer all the time, and your Outreach Ministry is busy preparing to spread St. Michael's love across our community. The committee has already financially given to Misión Peniel, Pine Manor, All Souls Episcopal, and Gladiolus Food Pantry for their holiday programs, but we know many of you will want to become personally involved with spreading the love. Below are some thoughts as to how you might join in helping our brothers and sisters have more joyful holidays.

For 4 weeks, beginning the third Sunday in November, we will have a Giving Tree in the Parish Hall. This year we are buying clothing for the Immokalee farmworkers through gift tags on the tree put together by Misión Peniel. You can take a tag, purchase the item(s) and return them under the tree with the tag attached. There is no need to wrap items, but bringing in a gift bag would be good. There will also be a box available for cash donations if that works better for you.

Also, beginning the first Sunday in November and continuing through December, our traditional **red collection tubs** have returned and will be at the church entrances for food donations of non-perishable cans and packaged goods. Our November collection will go to the Gladiolus Food Pantry specifically for their Thanksgiving 🐓 celebration. Some suggested non-perishable items are below. The three items below are specific requests, but please feel free to bring other items you believe appropriate. Our request list will expand as we continue on into the holiday season.

 Gravy

 Stuffing

 Instant Mashed Potatoes

Thanks so very much for helping spread St. Michael's Love across our community. This is a particularly needy time of the year for many of our brothers and sisters. Your giving is so very much appreciated!!

~ Outreach Ministry Team

## Love First After School Program

Our new Wednesday after school program is full with a waitlist of Sanibel School kids from kindergarten-third grade. With the support of a crew of dedicated volunteers who help with homework and activities, and our bus drivers who pick up the kids at school each week we are making an impact in these young lives. Yes, there have been interesting moments like our volunteers learning what arrays are in third grade math, lol... but hearing the kids repeat the 10 commandments by heart after only 4 weeks, and serving others by putting together treat bags for the children of Immokalee has been inspiring! (thanks to all who donated bags of candy!)

It takes a village, well in our case, an island, to raise a child, and we are so grateful to all who are helping these kids learn how to be kind and caring Christians! Thank you to all our volunteers so far; **Tom Cleaver, Chuck Sterrett, Laura Korn, Bill Larson, Debbie Larson, Susie Wilson, Wendy Warner, Mark Bolhuis, Doreen Bolhuis, Linda Davenport, Jerry Davenport, Cathy Luman, Wayne Luman, JoEllen Simons, Lee Williams and Fr. Bill.**





## Ministry of Lector Reading & Prayers of the People

**Want to Participate in Worship Services?**

**Do you Love to Read?**

**We've Got a Spot for You!**

Have you ever listened to someone read Scripture during worship and thought, "*I could do that*" — or maybe "*I'd love to try*"? Here's your chance!

We're looking for new folks to join our team of **Lectors and Prayer of the People Readers** — at one of our weekend services.

You don't need any special experience — just a willingness to share your voice and your faith. We'll walk you through everything you need to know, and you can sign up for whichever service time fits your schedule best.

It's a simple way to get more involved and be part of something meaningful. When you read Scripture or prayers aloud, you help everyone in the congregation connect more deeply with God's word.

If you are interested, please contact **Susie Wilson**



We are looking for more volunteers to help prepare the altar for the Eucharist that is celebrated at each service. No previous experience is necessary!! This is an open invitation for men and women. Please contact Fr. Bill or Susan Gonzalez in the Church Office if you are interested or would like more information.

## Flower Guild Ministry

We had a very informative demonstration in late October, by **Harriet Pattison** and **Carolyn Clark**.

However, we find that we really need more people who are willing to give one day every 5-6 weeks to do an arrangement on the altar. We can't do this without you.

If you missed the demo, we would be happy to provide individual assistance. Please let me know if you are willing to try. We need your help.

**Lee Williams,**

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### *Thank You...*

Thank you to all the ladies that have contributed to the Shawl Ministry. You are all leaders and have taken it on yourselves to knit, crochet and sew Prayer Shawls and Quilts even without a central person to coordinate and lead you. You're beautiful and loving creations which have been blessed for healing and care have meant so very much to many people. Thank you for your wonderful talents and time. ❤️



*On Sunday, October 26 shawls, quilts and holding crosses were blessed during the service by Fr. Bill.*

~ Wendy Warner, RN, Parish Nurse

*May They Rest in Peace*

**James “Feather Jim” Sprankle**  
September 4, 2025



**Lee Almas**  
October 11, 2025



**Barbara McDonald**  
October 20, 2025



## Prayer List

Please Remember in Your Prayers those on the parish list, not identified in this online version, but were listed on the version emailed to parishioners.

## Luminary Volunteers Needed!

Sanibel is culminating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events with a huge Luminary Holiday Stroll on Friday December 5<sup>th</sup> and this is a great time to show off St. Michael's to the entire community! We will be having live music, popcorn, home-baked cookies, cider, welcome bags, glow sticks and just sharing our trademark welcoming spirit! We need lots of volunteers to help with this event, including a set up crew from 4-5:30pm, and then two shifts from 5:30pm-7pm and 7pm-8:30pm, and then a take-down crew from 8:30pm-9:15pm. If you can help, please email Sue at [communications@saintmichaels-sanibel.org](mailto:communications@saintmichaels-sanibel.org). Put on your holiday sweater, and reindeer antlers and be a part of this fun night!



Tree lighting



St. Michael's is a cosponsor of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tree Lighting program; stop by and enjoy this special evening!





# Thanksgiving Day Service

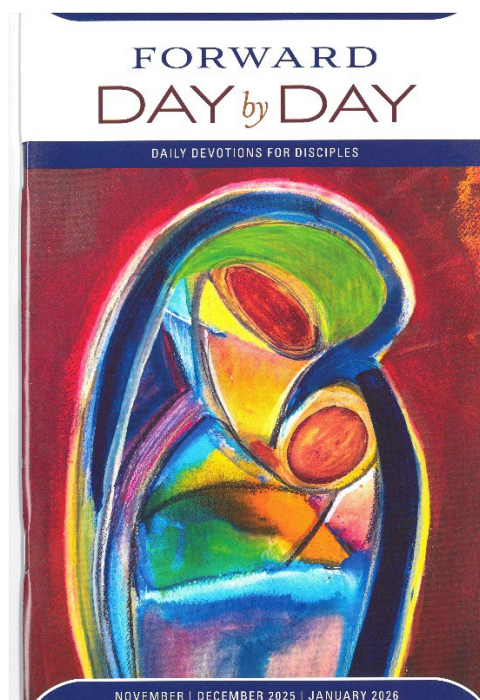
Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 a.m.

Join us for Holy Eucharist

Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item for the local food pantries. Place in our red buckets marked "Food Pantry" located by the entrances.



The New Quarter is Available



They can be picked up in the office, gallery or back of the church. If you'd like one mailed please contact the office.  
Large print version is available.

## Advent Wreath Making Kits



Create an Advent Wreath for your home. The word "advent" is derived from the Latin for "coming." Making a circle of greens with four candles - is one of the ways we are mindful of the coming of Christ into our lives again as we celebrate the Lord's Nativity at Christmas.

In order for us to have enough greenery and candles for the kits, we need to know if you are planning to do this! The Advent wreath making kits will be available to **pick up on/after** Sat/Sun, November 22/23 ~ at church or in the Church Office during the week.

**Please fill out the form below, enclose \$10, and drop-off or mail to the church office by Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> or sooner.**

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### *Advent Wreath Kit*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

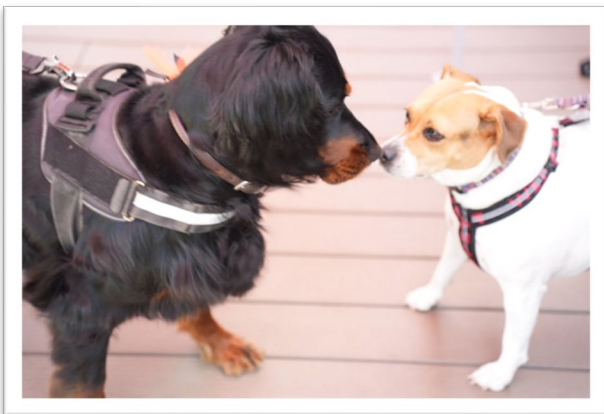
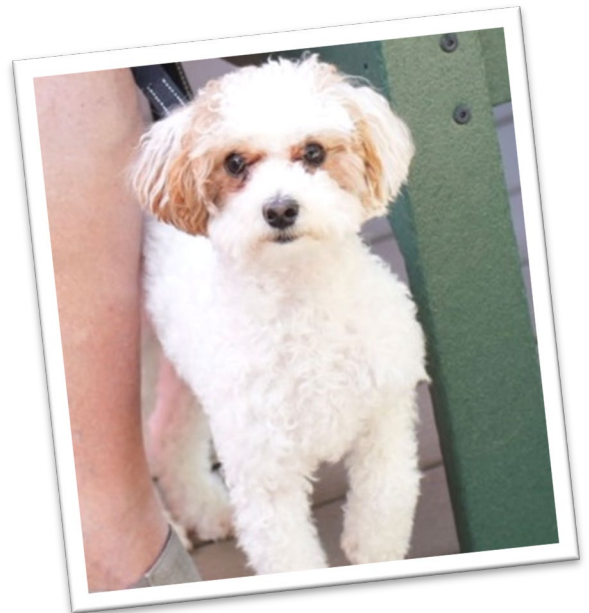
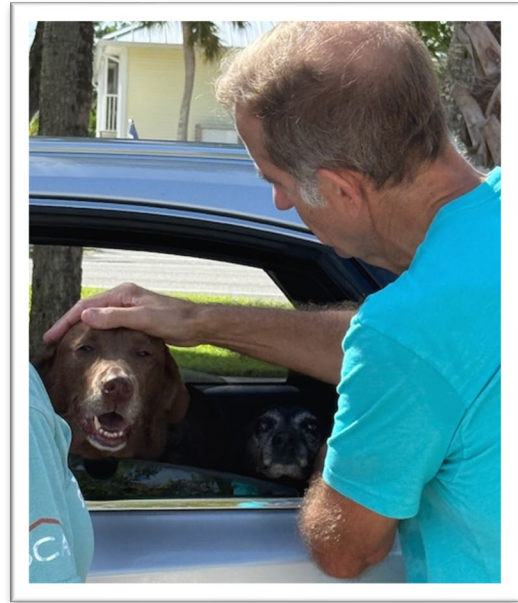
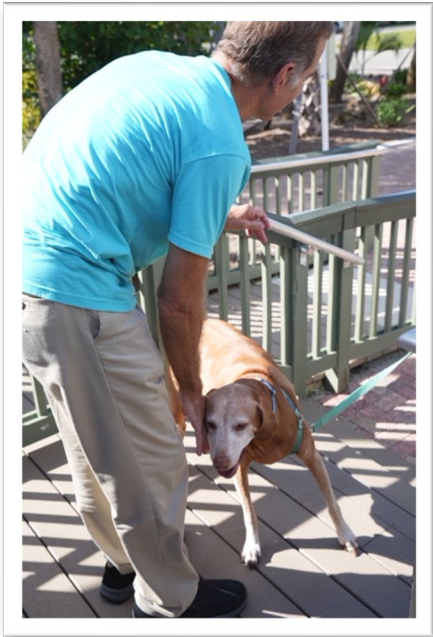
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to purchase:

(Circle one)    1    2    3    wreath kits

I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Blessing of the Animals – October 4<sup>th</sup>





**Let's Celebrate!**

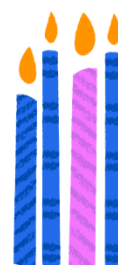
**Welcome Back Snowbirds &  
Welcome New Parishioners!**

**Thursday Nov. 13**

**5:00pm**

**St. Michael's Parish Hall**

**Dinner- brats, buns, fixings,  
beverages, plates, and silverware  
provided. Bring a side or dessert if  
you are able.**



## **Advent & Christmas @ St. Michael's**



**Mark Your Calendars Now!**

- Sat/Sun Nov. 15/16- Holiday Sharing Tree begins
- Sat/Sun Nov. 29/30 First Weekend of Advent  
Advent In a Bag Distribution
- Wed. Dec. 3 Gingerbread Workshop for kids with FISH and  
Afterschool program 2pm
- Thurs. Dec 4, 11, 18 Advent Bible Study 10am Zoom
- Thurs. Dec. 4 Caroling at King's Crown@Shell Point 2pm
- Fri. Dec 5, 12, 19 Grief Support Group 10am
- Fri. Dec. 5 Luminary Event 5-9pm
- Sat. Dec. 6 Concert with Erik Entwistle & Renata Arado 3pm
- Mon. Dec. 8 ECW Christmas Program 12:30pm
- Fri. Dec. 12 Lessons & Carols/Reception 3pm
- Sun. Dec. 14 Christmas Messy Church 5pm
- **Wed. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services 5pm and 8pm**
- **Thurs. Dec. 25 Christmas Day Service 10am**





# Teen Messy Church

• November 16th •  
5:00pm–6:30pm

All middle and high schoolers are invited to join us for Teen Messy Church this November! There will be spiritual discussion, crafts, and activities centered around the season of Advent as we start preparing for Christmas!

Dinner is provided and friends are always welcome to join!

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Please contact Shelley Lunsford for any questions  
[youth@saintmichaels-sanibel.org](mailto:youth@saintmichaels-sanibel.org)



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**NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 6PM-8PM**

- **YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS & PARENTS:**  
**YOUR COST IS COVERED!**
- **FRIENDS/GUESTS: PLEASE PAY**  
**SEPARATELY**

**RSVP NOW!**

**YOUTH@SAINTMICHAELS-SANIBEL.ORG**

Coming Up				
Service of Holy Eucharist & Social Hour	Every Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Sanctuary	
Service of Holy Eucharist & Coffee Hour	Every Sunday	8 & 10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary	
Church Staff Meeting	Every Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Thomas Madden Room	
F.I.S.H. – Mental Health Services Day	Every Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Library	
Wednesday After School Program	Every Wednesday	2:15 p.m.	Parish Hall	
Yoga Class	Every Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Parish Hall	
Santiva Islanders – Bridge	Every Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Library	
Bible Study w/ the Rector	Every Thursday	10:00 a.m.	ZOOM	
Evening Prayer (Compline)	Every Thursday	6:00 p.m.	ZOOM	
Choir Rehearsal	Every Friday	12:00 p.m.	Choir Loft	
AA Meeting	Every Friday	7:30 p.m.	Parish Hall	
Two services on Sunday begin – Sunday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup> (8:00 & 10:30)				
Daylight Saving Time ends – Sunday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Set clocks back 1 hour Saturday evening)				
Love Sanibel Community Gathering	Sun.	November 2	12:00 p.m.	Community House
Volunteer Day at EveryDay Café	Mon.	November 3	9:00 a.m.	CCM Soup Kitchen
M & F Trust Meeting	Mon.	November 3	11:00 a.m.	T. Madden Room
Digital Ministry	Thurs.	November 6	1:00 p.m.	ZOOM
Memorial Service for Jim Sprankle	Fri.	November 7	4:00 p.m.	St. Michael's
ECW Board Meeting	Mon.	November 10	11:00 a.m.	T. Madden Room
ECW Lunch & Program	Mon.	November 10	12:30 p.m.	Parish Hall
S.G.: Later Life Reflection Group	Mon.	November 10	3:00 p.m.	Cove in Estuary @ SP
Men's Fellowship (hybrid)	Tues.	November 11	8:30 a.m.	Library / ZOOM
Pastoral Care Ministry	Wed.	November 12	10:00 a.m.	ZOOM
Outreach Ministry (hybrid)	Thurs.	November 13	1:00 p.m.	ZOOM
Welcome & Welcome Back Supper: Bring side or dessert to share	Thurs.	November 13	5:00 p.m.	Parish Hall
Giving Tree Tags Available	Sat/Sun	Nov. 15/16	After Services	Parish Hall
Messy Church	Sun.	November 16	5:00 p.m.	Parish Hall
Clergy Retreat	Mon-Wed.	November 17-19	DaySpring	Conference Center
Christian Formation Ministry	Mon.	November 17	1:00 p.m.	ZOOM
Spiritual Pathway Meeting	Wed.	November 19	10:00 a.m.	Meditation Room
Vestry Meeting	Thurs.	November 20	1:00 p.m.	T. Madden Room
Evening Stroll	Thurs.	November 20	5:00 p.m.	Blind Pass Beach
Distribution of Advent Wreath Kits	Sat/Sun	Nov. 22/23	After services	
Men's Fellowship (hybrid)	Tues.	November 25	8:30 a.m.	Library / ZOOM
Church Office Closed in observance of Thanksgiving – Thursday & Friday, November 27 & 28				
Volunteer Day at EveryDay Café	Mon.	December 2	9:00a-1:00p	CCM Soup Kitchen
Christmas Caroling	Thurs.	December 4	2:00 p.m.	King's Crown @ ShellPoint
Luminary Night	Fri.	December 5	Dusk	Sanibel
Piano & Violin Recital	Sat.	December 6	3:00 p.m.	St. Michael's





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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**



## **Worship & Fellowship**

- **Saturday at 5:00 p.m.** – Holy Eucharist, followed by Social Hour.
- **Sunday at 8:00 a.m.** – Holy Eucharist, followed by Coffee Hour
- **\*Sunday at 10:30 a.m.** – Holy Eucharist, followed by Coffee Hour

Livestreamed at [www.vimeo.com/smaasanibel](http://www.vimeo.com/smaasanibel)

(\*With Sunday Shuttle pickup at ShellPoint)

Sunday	5:00 p.m.	Messy Church – November 16 <sup>th</sup>
Wednesday	11:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study on ZOOM
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer (Compline) on ZOOM

## **Noah's Ark Thrift Shop**

Tuesdays, Fridays and 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.