



The Cross & the Sword

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St.
Alban's
Sunday



*June 19th at 9:30 a.m. Eucharist
and Church picnic
at the home of
Gary and Laura Michael*

Dear People of St. Alban's,

The following is communication from the Diocese of Northern Indiana that originated from Mother Bernadette Hartsough who is the Priest-in-Charge at St. Thomas/Santo Tomas, a bi-lingual parish in Plymouth, IN. In light of the past week, I thought I would share it with you here:

On this past Tuesday, May 24, 2022, parents dropped off their children at Robb Elementary School. Nineteen students and two teachers would never return home.

As many of you know, I have been deeply affected by this recent school shooting. We live 1,129 miles from Uvalde Texas. This tragedy did not happen close to home, yet it should hit home for all of us. Ordinary women and children engaging in everyday activities were killed. We can just talk about it and gather information. We can complain about it. We may even feel angry and frightened. In the midst of all these emotions, we are called to comfort those who mourn and to support them. I am reminded of the words of St. Paul from 2 Corinthians,

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.”
2 Cor.: 1:3-4.

Thoughts and prayers are needed for the community in Uvalde and action is needed to stop gun violence.

St. Thomas/ Santo Tomás is standing in solidarity with Uvalde. We are sending notes of love and prayer in English and in Spanish to the families in Uvalde who lost loved ones. We are addressing them to specific families. The list of families and victims are below this letter. Also, we are praying for them daily. If you would like to send cards, please send them to:

Episcopal Diocese of West Texas

Attn: Uvalde Response
P.O. Box 6885
San Antonio, TX 78209

I have coordinated with the Diocese of West Texas and Bishop Sparks to send

monetary donations through Bishop Sparks' Discretionary Fund. The Diocese of Northern Indiana will then send the donations on behalf of the parishes in Northern Indiana. Donations can be made [online](#) or sent to the diocesan office at 117 N. Lafayette Blvd., South Bend, IN 46601. Please write Uvalde in the memo line.

God bless the community of Uvalde and all the communities that have experienced gun violence.

Victims of the shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas

Students identifying as girls:

Layla Salazar-10
Tess Mata, 10
Alithia Ramirez, 10
Makenna Lee Elrod, 10
Jailah Nicole Silguero, 11,
Annabell Rodriguez, 10,
Jacklyn Jaylen Cazares, 10
Eliahana Cruz Torres
Amerie Jo Garza, 10
Ellie Garcia
Alexandria Aniyah Rubio
Nevaeh Bravo, 10
Miranda Mathis, 11
Maitie Rodriguez, 10

Students identifying as boys:

Uziah Garcia
Jayce Carmelo Luevanos, 10
Rojelio Torres, 10
Xavier James Lopez, 10
Jose Flores, 10

Teachers

Eva Mireles
Irma Garcia

Shooter

Salvador Ramos

A Prayer for Uvalde

O God our Father, whose beloved Son took children into his arms and blessed them: Give us grace to entrust your beloved children of Uvalde to your everlasting care and love and bring them fully into your heavenly kingdom. Pour out your grace and loving-kindness on all who grieve; surround them with your love; and restore their trust in your goodness. We lift up to you our weary, wounded souls and ask you to send your Holy Spirit to take away the anger and violence that infects our hearts and make us instruments of your peace and children of the light. In the Name of Christ who is our hope, we pray. Amen.

In the Peace of Christ,
Fr. Michael r.+

OUTREACH

The War in Ukraine

I recently read a book on the Revolutionary War that was fought in America in 1776. A war that no one thought we could win. That is except those involved in gaining freedom from an oppressive foreign power.

The British were a super power, with arguably the most most powerful army and navy in the world.

When the invasion of Ukraine began, I, and most others, gave Ukraine little chance of success in saving their country from the oppressive invaders from the north. The Russian military was thought to be one of the top three militaries in the world, and here we are after a month of bombing, fighting, and invading, and Ukraine is still holding it's own. Some would say even better than just holding their own.

Like during the American Revolution, a small army in a quest for freedom from its oppressors, is able to do amazingly well, with the support of their freedom seeking populous remaining strong and consistent. Now the underlying reason for this article.....Please Keep These Freedom Loving People in Your Prayers!.....Like we Americans these people cherish their God given freedom, and they will fight till the bitter end to protect it...as we would.

Thanks for your prayers!
George Shamp Outreach Chairman

FINANCE

Our income for the month of April was \$6,813.31 against a budget of \$8,983.32 which is a shortfall of \$2,170. However, we do have, I think, a couple of pledges that have been paid for the full year which may account for part of the shortfall for the month.

On the brighter side, our YTD report shows income of \$43,745.22 against a YTD budget of \$35,983.29 which is an overage of \$7,761.94. Again, this will be affected by pre-paid pledges; however, I do hope we will be able to reduce our deficit with part of these funds.

In looking at our expenses, I can see that Vestry members and staff have done a great job of staying on budget as we are just slightly under budget in most areas.

Thank you for being faithful to your pledge, **you are the best!**

ENDOWMENT

Some of you have asked what the Endowment Fund is all about. This fund was initiated in 2004 for the purpose of holding and investing contributions from members of Saint Alban's and the general public to create earnings to be used to carry out the ministry of the church. The intent is to not use these funds unless it is absolutely necessary, but rather to build the fund so that the earnings can be used by the church while maintaining the principal.

The last several years prior to losing our previous priest, it became necessary to use \$10,000 each year for three (3) years in order to meet our expenses. This shows the importance of building this fund so it is available in extreme circumstances.

I encourage each of you to look at ways to help build this fund so we do have emergency funds if or when absolutely necessary. At the present time we have \$27,923.50 in our Endowment Fund. Would you consider naming St. Alban's as a beneficiary and using the Endowment envelope each month to help ensure the future of our church? Marilyn Rafter

The Feast of St. Alban Sunday, June 19



The Feast of St. Alban is on June 22;
this year we will observe it on Sunday, June 19 with

**A service at 9:30 a.m. followed with a picnic
at the home Gary and Laura Michael's.
Directions to follow....**

Look for sign-up sheet, on bulletin, in the narthex, so that you can let us know what covered-dish item or other contribution you may be bringing on that day. This will be a day to give thanks for our common life together and we hope to see you all there! More information to follow.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY...Don't forget that June 19th is also Father's day. Whether your dad is still with us or with the Lord, say a special prayer for him. May God bless all Father's and their most sacred vocation in life!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES OF 2022

Caitlyn Townsend will graduate from Northrop High School. The ceremony will take place at the Memorial Coliseum on June 4, 2022. Caitlyn will be attending Indiana University in Bloomington (I.U.) this fall and studying Psychology. She hopes to become a "Child Life Specialist".

Julie Zeider's granddaughter Morgan Jankowski graduated May 7th from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Arts in Ballet and a Bachelor of Science in Business/Marketing and Entrepreneurship. Morgan has accepted a ballet position with the Madison Wisconsin Ballet.

Monthly Meetings in June



Every **Wednesday** morning, except **June 8th and 15th due to vacation and Youth camp**, Fr. Michael will be leading a regular Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. followed by an informal Eucharist. He will be leading with a study of the Gospel of Genesis. Everyone is welcome.

ALSO....an **evening Bible Study and Eucharist** will continue on **Thursdays** except for June 9th and June 16th **at 6:30 p.m.** We are currently looking at the Book of Acts. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Daughters of the King meet at **10:00 a.m.** on Thursday, **June 9.** Jesus is the center and source of all Daughters of the King activities.



Vestry will meet on Tuesday, June 21st at 7:00 p.m.

DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP starts, Sunday, June 13th thru Saturday, June 18th. Attending camp this year is: Roman Pontius, Jacob Fazzaro, Mason Kenworthy, Simon Becker, Oliver Spencer, and Charlie Frede. Also attending is Cindy Spice, Megan Spice, Robbie Frede, Vicki and Emma Irvine and Fr. Michael. Please keep everyone in your prayers.



CHURCH RECORDS

New address for Ed and Gloria Guindon
7721 Battery Pointe Way, Apt 118
Indianapolis, IN 46240

cell phone: (260-515-2583)

e-mail address: eduindon@outlook.com

Vestry Stewardship

Operating Fund

Operating income for April	\$ 6,813.31	Operating income for 2022	\$43,745.22
Operating expense for April	10,620.76	Operating expense for 2022	44,145.52
Net loss for April	\$ (3,807.45)	Net loss for 2022	\$ (400.30)

Vestry Highlights

At the meeting of the Vestry on May 31, we did not have a quorum so nothing was voted on.

It was noted that:

- a) St. Alban Service, June 19th will not be streamed (since we are off site). It will be announced during the announcements to notify everyone ahead of time and also will be put in the bulletin.
- b) work on coffee hour guidelines.
- c) numerous repairs and maintenance specifically emergency repair of air conditioning day before funeral per Kenny.
- d) Johnny Appleaseed closet cleaned out and painted by Kenny.



The deadline for the July issue of *The Cross and the Sword* is **Tuesday, June 21st**.



2 Barbara White
4 Matt Michael
7 Carol Newell
11 Ed Brooks

12 Rick Spice
21 Blake Pontius
25 Glen Grate
28 Rose Trueblood
29 Pat MacWhorter
29 Anaelise Fazzaro

and Anniversaries

4 Dana & Barbara White
10 Larry & Christine Sanxter
21 David & Laura Birchfield

REMEMBER IN PRAYER ESPECIALLY: Jerry Anderson, Mindy Blech, Neal Birchfield, Dick Camp, Vincent Carboni, Ethan Clark, Jimmy Clark, Alesha Critten, Courtney, Elliot Culwell, Jane Davidson, Denise, Kari Doepke, Donna, Ethan, Kathie Edington, Joey Fazzaro, Mason Feller, Chris Foreman, John Francois, Denise Frede, Tammy and Greg Gillig, Karl Frick, Brook Gresback, Gary, George Imhausen, Cam Irvine, John Jeffries, Aerika Katip, Pat Kerlin, Julie Lieb, Jo McMahan, Maureen McMahan, Rick McMahan, Melissa, Michelle, Janet McQuain, Francis and Bobbie Mustapha, Rebecca Nash, Steve Potosky, Canon Henry Randolph, Mark Sowder, Sandra, Mary Scribner, Lamar Spencer, Cindy Spice, Ginger Spice, Rick Spice, Mariane Sumners, Melissa Surlis, Blu Turner, Judy Wall, Bishop Keith Whitmore.

Military: Kaylee Collins, Sean Collins, Matthew Michael, Danny and Robert Scribner, R. J. Smith,

ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday Eucharist Service: 9:30 a.m. In person or on-line.

Live streaming Service from Saint Alban's YouTube channel! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ATo1XzD8KUK>

It will also be posted on our Facebook page and it will be archived on our YouTube channel.

Vestry

John Lorenzen	Senior Warden
Julie Naunas	Junior Warden
Laura Michael	Fellowship
Elaine Fazzaro	Worship
David Birchfield	Stewardship
Marilyn Rafter	Financial
George Shamp	Outreach
Kenny White	Property
Amanda Fazzaro	Christian Formation
Jane Spice	Care Connection
Megan Spice	Communications Director

Church Staff

Priest-in-Charge	The Rev. Michael Roeske
Office Administrator	Debbie Grosjean

Office Hours

9:00 - 1:00
Monday through Friday

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