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Dear Friends,

I am writing to you on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. In the short book of Jude, Michael is referred to as the archangel, which means chief of angels. Michael stands against evil or Satan in Jude and Daniel and defeats evil in the Book of Revelation. He is regarded as the patron saint of sailors, the military, and police among others.

The word angel comes from the Greek “angelos” meaning messenger, and they are mentioned over 200 times in the bible. One of these references is by Jesus after telling the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin. Jesus says in Luke 15:10 concerning repentance: “Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Over the many years, different people and groups have had vastly different opinions about angels. Teresa of Avila, the 16th century Spanish mystic whose feast day is October 15, found great spiritual union with God through various visions of angels. Many like her recount holy encounters with angels. Some other Christians say that angels do not have any contact with us, and still a few others deny their very existence.

For me, angels are an undeniable reality. While only four are named (Michael, Raphael, Gabriel, and Uriel), their existence and purpose shine in various parts of the

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bible. I cannot say if I have ever met an angel; nor can I say I have had a Teresa like vision. I can say that God's power and omnipotence are far greater than anything we can imagine, and I have no doubt that God's messengers play a role in creation and in all of our lives. Let us be thankful and rejoice in the message of God's love and our Salvation through God's incarnate Son.

In Christ,

Fr. Steve +

IT'S PARTY TIME *Ladies Night Out*
October 23, 6:30 PM
at Common Grounds,
335 Huey P. Long Avenue in Gretna. Contact
Noretta Stackel or Dagny Krogh for details.

Donate with Paypal!
Supporting our church home
just got easier!

Now, in addition to mailed in and weekend plate offerings we now have the convenience of setting up one-time or scheduled monthly donations on line. To set up your donation, just log onto the church's website at stphilipsno.org and click on **Donate by PayPal**. Fill out the form to set your offering. We also have a device on site allowing us to accept credit or debit card donations of any kind! If you need help with this process, please contact Mimi or Dagny at the office!

October Church Opening
Joy Kaler, Grace Benson

The Vestry and Vestry Notes

Vestry notes:

1. The Sr. Warden discussed the need for an extra microphone for Sunday worship. It was approved by the vestry to purchase one.
2. St. Philip's again will assist St. Mark's with their pumpkin patch. We receive a portion of the proceeds.
3. Various plumbing issues were discussed. The drain from the playground has been cleaned out, and a temporary ditch has been dug in the back to prevent flooding between the buildings. Also, there has been a water leak under the slab of the ministries center. This has been repaired, but the sidewalk must be repaired. Our insurance company has been notified and will pay for the repair.
4. It was reported that our PayPal account is now in full operation.
5. Preparations for the Angel Tree project for Christmas have begun. More information to follow.
6. The Jr. Warden will contact Entergy to see about repairs for the security lights on the south side of the building.
7. A special convention of the diocese will be held October 31. This is for approval of the diocesan budget for 2016, and the delegates from this year's regular convention will represent us.

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Sanctuary Farm and Wellness News.....

Hello Wellness Fans!

Last month I spoke of a partnership meeting I was having with the largest food bank in the area. Since then, Sanctuary Farms and Second Harvest Food Bank have developed a partnership to take on the challenges of wellness education in our city. The development of this partnership and others goes way back to beginning of our grant seeking days. People and entities who are willing to fund your good ideas want to know that you are serious, that you have a good game plan and that you have people who believe in you and support you. Developing good relationships demonstrates these critical behaviors.

But, we didn't just do this for show. When you have a great idea, doing some research is likely to lead you to others who have had the same idea and tried it out, some successful, some not. Learning from what others have already accomplished provides you the opportunity to more narrowly focus activities so goals can be reached. Also, we believe we can accomplish so much more when we join forces with others, especially big brothers like Second Harvest!

Our Wellness Program is a great one, and it's going to stick around. As you know, we have gone quarterly and that was done purposefully. We have covered some great topics and had some great healthy food. However, we want to grow and have the ability to share this program and its benefits with others. I am constantly on the lookout for ways to make our programming better. Second Harvest offers several education programs under the title "Cooking Matters". Our partnership states that Sanctuary Farms and St. Philip's agree to be a host site for these programs and promote them in our community. In return, Second Harvest provides the volunteer educators and all supplies needed for the classes. I have attended their educator training and will be participating in classes, which is an opportunity to serve available to all who are interested. We will be offering these programs which include cooking

October Readings

4th Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm 8
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

11th Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

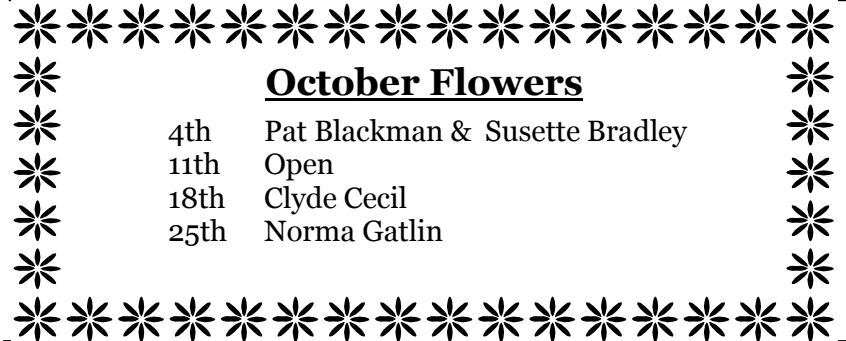
Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Psalm 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

18th Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 53:4-12
Psalm 91:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

25th Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm 126
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52



October Flowers

4th	Pat Blackman & Susette Bradley
11th	Open
18th	Clyde Cecil
25th	Norma Gatlin

October Hospitality Guild

St. Catherine Team

Team Captain: Grace Benson

Debra Bullard, Callie Fitzgerald, Tiffanie Stinson,
Melissa Zrabkowski, Alma Evans-Herron

First Fridays

October 2nd—Fr. Steve in the Parish Hall

November 6th—Gordon and Noretta Stackel

December 4th— Grace Benson Christmas Party

Consider signing up to host a First Friday. It's a wonderful opportunity to share time with your church family and have lots of fun too!

Call the office to reserve your month today!

504-394-2408



We Can Help!

St. Philip's is offering free tutoring!

Tutoring sessions are being offered here at the church Monday through Friday, 3:00PM to 6:00PM. Anyone who needs or knows someone who needs help, contact the church office at 394-2408 or Jamie Camardelle 208-0054.

End of Life Planning

End of life planning is not something most of us want to deal with, but making wishes known for you and those you love is important and can relieve much stress when our earthly life ends. Information on end of life advanced planning and the things we all need to know when someone in our family dies is now available. Please contact Fr. Steve to make an appointment to receive this information and to make certain your wishes are known.

August Financial Statement

Income:	\$14,287.00
Expenses:	-\$12,953.00
YTD Projected Net Income:	-\$18,128.00
YTD Actual:	-\$11,470.00

demonstrations, nutrition education, deciphering food labels, making informed food choices, eating healthy within a budget and even fun field trips to the grocery! We will keep you posted on the developments of this programming.

The USDA has pushed back notification of grant recipients to mid October. Please continue to keep this program in your prayers. It's not over until it's over.

As a reminder, **Wellness Wednesday** returns **November 18th, 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Prep & Prepare** for this meal will be **Tuesday, November 17th from 9-noon.**

Stay well!

Lots of love, Mimi

Outreach and Evangelism Committee (O&E)

O&E has their next quarterly mailer ready to go out and it is jam packed with event offerings to welcome our community. Consider joining us and get your ideas heard. We will work together to make them reality! The next **O&E meeting** will be **October 21st at 6:30pm** in the **Ministries Center.**

Altar Guild for October

- 4th** Betty Gaudet, Mary Olsen, Don Schwarzenbach, Frances Webb
- 11th** Joy Kaler, Connie Brechtel, Anne Cain
- 18th** Mary Ann Bass, Grace Benson, Anne Lewis, Pamala Judd
- 25th** Pat Blackman, Martine Lowe, Joy Miller

Serving Our Worship in October

8:00AM Eucharist

Lectors

- 4th** Frances Webb
11th Allen Hero
18th Frances Webb
25th Rob Zrabkowski



Lay Eucharistic Ministers

- 4th** Frances Webb
11th Allen Hero
18th Norma Gatlin
25th Rob Zrabkowski

Serving Our Worship in October

10:30 AM Eucharist

Lectors

- 4th** Alicia Schwarzenbach
11th Jamie Camardelle
18th Susan Smith
25th Susette Bradley

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

- 4th** Mark Bullard
11th Jean Heintz
18th Sherri Hammatt
25th Brett Heintz

History of Church and State

with **Rob Zrabkowski** continues on Sunday, October 18th, 9:15 AM. Come join us .



St. Mark's Pumpkin Patch opens October 12. Please check it out and volunteer to help. A sign up list is in the Parish Hall .

Help is needed daily especially between 9AM and Noon.

October Church Closing

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| 4th Frances Webb
Mark Bullard | 18th Kayce Stackel
Susette Bradley |
| 11th Norma Gatlin
Martin Lowe | 25th Bobbie Durkovich
Susan Smith |

October Acolytes

- 4th** Sophia Lucurto
11th Douglas Stinson
18th Jamie Camardelle
25th Volunteer

October Ushers

- 4th** Morris Judd, Pamala Judd
11th Jim Lyon, Jim Olsen
18th Mary Ann Bass, Casey Bass
25th Melissa Zrabkowski, Brett Heintz