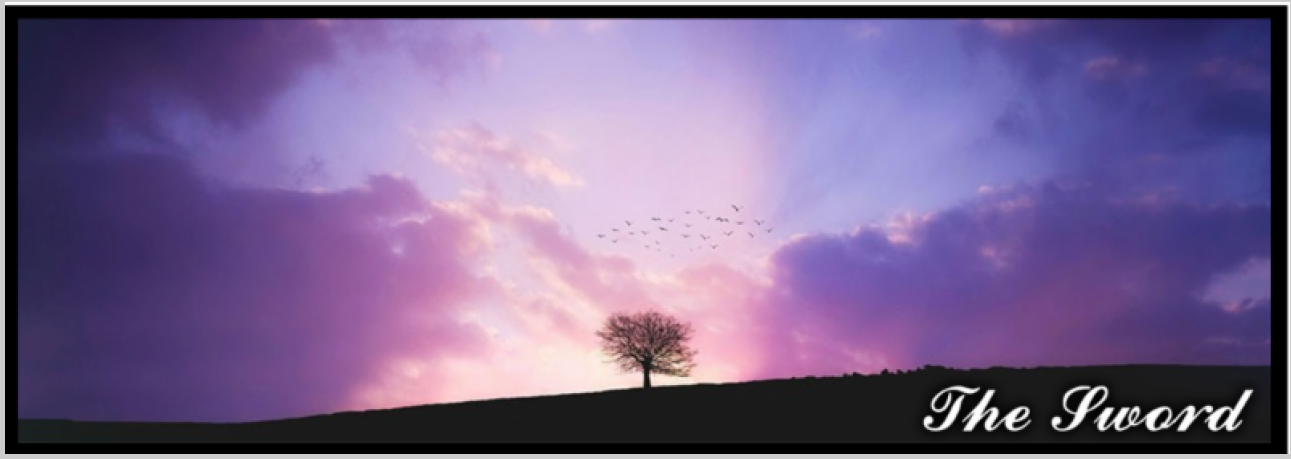

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St. Michael's Worship Times

The Power Of Prayer

In the past few years I have totally redefined prayer in my life. Prior to my participation in the Healing Prayer Ministry, I approached prayer as a time to ask God for things I wanted. I would feel guilty if I asked for too much or if my prayers were exceptionally needy. I would pray in times of crisis, stress and in church. When things were going well- not as much. I never lost faith, I just had an incomplete relationship with God through prayer.

Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, I experienced the transformational Power of Prayer (POP). My faith journey and deeper relationship with prayer began with the loss of my father; the prayers that reversed his short term medical condition, and the yearning I felt for a deeper conversation with our Lord. My journey continued in a Lenten study which introduced me to healing prayer- including imaginative prayer, and instruction on praying for others. Suddenly my relationship with prayer changed overnight. I lost the guilt around praying for my needs- because now, I pray for others much more than for me. I learned to stop the incessant worrying that had ruled my life, replacing it with the love and trust in God to take control. I give him my cares in prayer, and I know as a loving Father he will help me.

For this Lent, here are a few ideas contrary to conventional wisdom. Do not give up POP. Put your faith in the Power of Prayer (POP). My private space with God is when I am behind the wheel of my car for my job. Find your own sanctuary and have an

Sundays:
8:00 a.m. Rite I
10:00 a.m. Rite II

For additional service information, events and activities, please visit our website by clicking here.

+Church School for children 3 years through 5th grade: 10:00 a.m. (drop-off @ 9:45 a.m.)

+Junior High 9:45 am meet in Sturtz House & then join service at Communion time.

+Senior High 10 am attend worship together, then meet in Sturtz House after the service.

+Food For The Journey (adult formation) after the 10:00 a.m. service.

Nursery care is available downstairs for children from ages newborns to 3 yrs.old.

Coffee & Fellowship after each service.

extended conversation with our Father. Pray for yourself and others. Listen for the Holy Spirit to respond. Ask to see the wonders of the spirit working in your life. Seek these God moments - times of clarity when we find a deeper understanding of the divine, as in the innocence of a child's remark or a brilliant sunset.

Embrace the GPS system in your car or phone. When you power it up, it tells you where you are going and shows you the path to take to get there. Prayer links us to God's GPS: guidance, provision and strength. Use it often and activate it through prayer.

Finally, *rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Greg Smith
Lay Leader- St. Michael's Healing Prayer Ministry

In the Parish Family

Sam with his father & mother.

Congratulations to Sam Nesbit on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with Troop 25. He is one of the 6% of Scouts that attain the prestigious rank and his family, and big brother (Nate) especially, couldn't be more proud of him. Way to go Sam!

Former member**, Elaine Snyder** died Monday, February 22. Elaine moved last year to be by her family in Kansas. A service is planned for later in the spring at a church in Chicago. *May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

We had many people who attended our Mardi Gras on February 7 ask for the Cajun pulled pork recipe. So...here it is.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Fran & Bill, Mahrya, Mary, George, John, the Strain family, Alan,

Jack, Tim, Fred, the Romano family, Erin, Laura, Al, Greg, Jean, Eddie, Becky, Amy.

Little Angels Preschool is proud to announce we have earned re-accreditation from the **National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)**, the nation's largest leading organization of early childhood professionals. We are proud to have earned the mark of quality from NAEYC and to be recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards. NAEYC Accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences possible.

FROM THE YOUTH PASTOR

Nate Nesbit
nnesbit@stmichaelsbarrington.org

Hello St. Michaeleans! Here are a few upcoming events that the youth will be embarking upon, and if you've been looking for a way to take part and help out then look no further. Click here for details.

+ Feb. 27: Outreach Trip to Cary Grove Food Pantry
+ Mar. 12: Youth 'Lock Out' in Chicago

Speaking of Faith

Are you new to the Episcopal faith? Are you a lifelong Episcopalian that would love to know more about the church? While our high school confirmands prepare for their own Confirmations in May, we would like to offer a similar opportunity for adult learners. Read

Second Wednesday of each month:
Eucharist with Healing Prayers 7:30 p.m.
This worship experience focuses on individual needs for restoration of mind, body, and soul. All are welcome.

Food For The Journey
Sunday Adult Formation

Sunday, February 28
"Why Did Jesus Die, and How is He Risen?: Praying into the Full Gift of Holy Week"
Presented by The Rev. Mark McIntosh
Our lives as Christians develop,

in ways we cannot yet even imagine, from the dying and rising of Christ. Though we celebrate these mysterious events annually, how can their hidden depths of meaning become more profoundly at work within our lives as human beings and as members of a parish family?

Fr. Mark and his family (Anne, Liza, and Nate) were members of St. Michael's for over a decade, ending in 2009-10 when Mark was appointed a professor at Durham University, and canon of Durham Cathedral in the north of England. He is the author of a number of books on the mystical life and theology, served as canon theologian to the 25th Presiding Bishop, and chaplain to the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church. He is now the inaugural holder of the endowed professorship in Christian Spirituality at Loyola University of Chicago. He and Anne live now in

more...

For further information contact Deacon Laurie+.

Peace and Social Justice

A Peace & Justice group is forming at St. Michael's Church! We invite you to attend a meeting on Monday evening, February 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Read more...

Contact Ellen Lindeen at peacellen123@gmail.com or Ric Lindeen at riclindeen@yahoo.com.

Recycle With A Purpose

from Deacon Judy Heinrich

With your help, during Lent, we will be collecting plastic grocery bags to make mats for homeless veterans. These mats are 6' by 3', which are placed as barriers between the ground and blankets used to keep people warm. 500 hundred bags are needed to make one mat. Read more...

Lent Madness Update: Week 3

Upsets! Nail-biters! Blow-outs! (One wonders if it's election season.) Click here for an update on the saintly smackdown.

And, remember to follow the **Golden Halo** on the side bar to the left.

Guatemala Mission Update

by Dave Evans

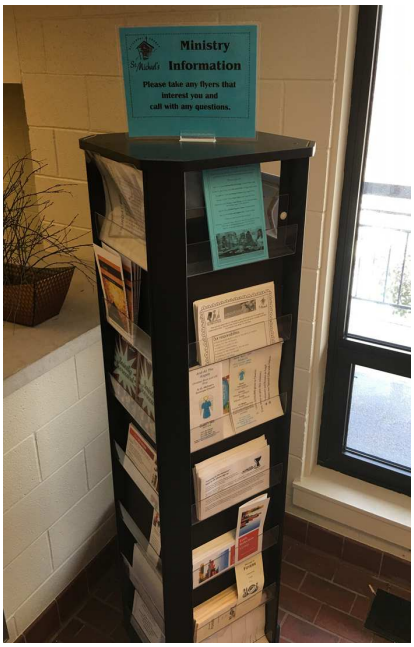
Wilmette and are actively involved at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Evanston.

If you can, please bring a plate of pastries to share at coffee hour for our visit with Fr. Mark! Thank you.

Many St. Michael's parishioners have contributed to Porch de Salomon mission trips to Guatemala - did you also know that St. Michael's is now "officially" supporting PdS in its important work with an Outreach grant to help feed poor families? March 4-12 Team Chicago will be traveling again to Panajachel, and will be sponsoring a medical clinic. **We can use your help,** and there will be a collection box in the church office for vitamins and over-the-counter medicines to assist the clinic efforts. Children's, adult, and pre-natal vitamins, as well as pain relief and cough/cold medicines are welcomed. Financial contributions would also aid greatly toward the cost of purchasing and transporting these supplies. Please contact Dave Evans at (224)628.3654 or cyclothymic01@att.net if you can help. Read more...

Information Central

Have you seen the wonderful new ministry information display located outside the Community Room? Dolores Kampert gathered up all the loose ministry information papers that were on the long table and consolidated them into this convenient circular display. The new presentation will make it easier to find something you're looking for OR find something new. Thanks Dolores!



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Vestry Meeting Summary January 25, 2016. Click here.

Lent 2016

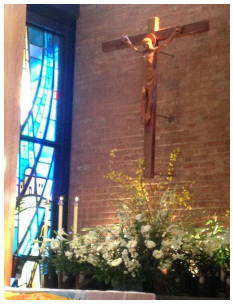
Lenten Opportunities at St. Michael's

Celebrate the sixth and final season of the beloved period drama Downton Abbey with a trip to Chicago's Richard H. Driehaus Museum (one of the few remaining examples of the palatial homes erected by the wealthy of America's Gilded Age). *Dressing Downton: Changing Fashion for Changing Times* features more than 35 costumes from the popular British television series Downton Abbey.

The outing will take on Friday, April 8, 12:00 p.m. Tickets are $25 ($17.50/ seniors) which includes a docent introduction and individual tour headphones.

If you are interested in joining the group please contact St. Mark's parishioner, Laura Kierig 847-525-9791 by March 2.

Remember Loved Ones and Give Thanks for Blessings through Easter Flower Donations **(submission deadline to have your donation printed in the Easter bulletin is March 20.)**

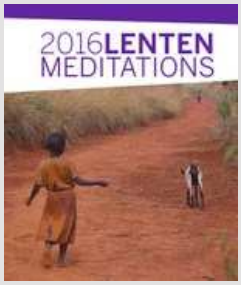


As Easter approaches, we anticipate a joyful and inspiring celebration of our Lord's resurrection. We wonderfully enhance our worship by adorning our church with glorious flowers that announce "Christ is risen!" Click here to read how to donate altar flowers.

Help Needed at Easter Receptions

Festive receptions will follow all the Easter Services, 8:00 p.m., March 26 and 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. March 27. Please bring a plate of finger food to the service you plan to attend and drop it off in the Community Room. People may pick up deviled egg

Stations of the Cross
Every Wednesday in Lent at 6:00 p.m. in the Nave.
Simple soup supper follows.



Lenten Reflections from Episcopal Relief & Development emailed daily to your inbox. Click here to sign up.

d365
devotionals 365 days a year

Daily Devotionals for Young People. read about site and sign up here.

Lent Madness!

Who will win the golden halo?
Click here.

trays from the kitchen and bring them back filled. Marti Callahan is also looking for volunteers to help clean-up after each service and to keep the food platters and punch bowls filled. Please contact Marti if you can help marticallahan@gmail.com.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Sunday, March 20, Palm Sunday
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Service begins in the Community Room

Thursday, March 24, Maundy Thursday
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
Watch at the Altar of Repose, 9:00 p.m. through 8:00 a.m. Friday

Friday, March 25, Good Friday
6:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross
10:00 a.m. A Walk Through Holy Week for Children
7:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, March 26, The Great Vigil of Easter
8:00 p.m.
Followed by a reception in the Library.

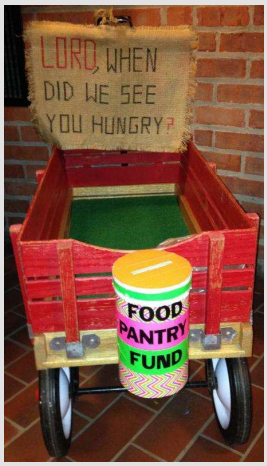
Sunday, March 27, Easter Day
7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Followed by festive receptions in the Community Room

Easter Egg Hunt following 9:00 a.m. service

Lenten Desktop Meditation

Click here.

Now We Remain
by David Hass
sung by St. Joseph English Choir



Collections in February will go to the Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry. Especially needed are foods for a balanced diet and soaps, detergents, personal care items.

Remembering This Week

Birthdays

2.28
Jeff Moore
Christine Olson
Julia Yerger

We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts.
Living, now we remain with Jesus, the Christ.

Once we were people afraid, lost in the night.
Then by your cross we were saved.
Dead became living, life from your giving.

Something which we have known,
something we've touched, what we have seen with our eyes:
this we have heard, life giving Word.

He chose to give of himself, became our bread.
Broken that we might live. Love beyond love, pain for our pain.

We are in the presence of God. This is our call.
Now to become bread and wine: food for the hungry,
life for the weary,
for to live with the Lord, we must die with the Lord.

We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts.
Living, now we remain with Jesus, the Christ.

Fellowship Fundraising

Here's a great opportunity to see what's going on in Wauconda AND help raise funds for **Holy Apostles Church** in Wauconda. Our wonderful friends at Strawberry Moon Bar (204 S Main Street, Wauconda), where some Holy Apostles parishioners gather in fellowship each week, have offered to donate a percentage of their profit to Holy Apostles Church each Tuesday during Lent. Please pass the word, bring a crowd, have a beverage of your choice and one of their yummy appetizers, and help us increase our capacity to help others. Thank you.

13th Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

Sunday, March 6 at St. James Episcopal Church, 516 Washington St., West Dundee. Featuring The Dundee

3.1
Madeleine Anderson
3.2
David Bishop
3.5
Drew Kunzon

Anniversaries

2.29
Jean & Bob Gale
3.2
Jan & Emanuel Semerad
3.3
Sharon & Rich Curran

Rest in Peace

2.28
Stacey Curtis

Scottish Pipe Band and Irish Dancers. Call to reserve your tickets at 847-426-5612. Adults $12/Kids $6.
Two Seatings: 11:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

A Splish Splash Sprinker Park for Barrington.
Raffle Tickets for the chance to win a diamond ring are available downstairs outside Little Angels Preschool office. Click here for all the details on the park.

LYDIA Home is hosting a fundraiser to celebrate 100 years of serving the Chicagoland area. It is one of the many organizations that St. Michael's supports with your outreach dollars. Click here for information on the organization and the fundraiser.

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vestry@stmichaelsbarrington.org
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Hayden Harris, Youth Representative
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Rich Hornickel, Sexton
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