

The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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Upcoming at St. Michael's:

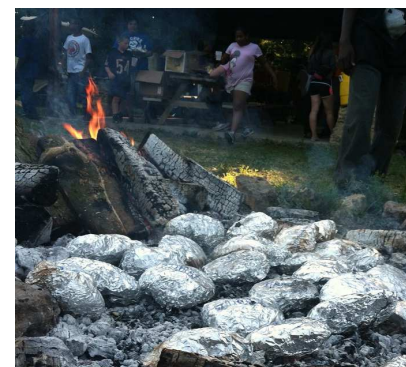
- +This Sunday, Food for the Journey, Volunteering as Stewardship and Haiti Mission Trip Send-Off!!
- +Next Sunday, Food for the Journey, Introduction to the Gospel of Luke at 10:30am (after 9:30 worship)

More important than a new title, a grateful heart

a letter to the people of St. Michael's from the Associate Rector

Dear People of St. Michael's,

The fire was crackling, the bugs were biting, and the evening was just about perfect. There is something about being at Camp that just warms my heart. Last week, I went with Father Patrick, Tim Murray and Grace Raymond to visit Camp Chicago, our Diocesan Summer Camp. We went to support the 4 St. Michaelites (Kara Baker, Katie Lindeen, Hillary Murray and Ali Pepper) who serve on the camp's staff. But what I wasn't quite ready for was the way my life flashed before more my eyes.



There were my own experiences as a child at camp, and then a counselor. But it was more than that. There were the young people (children in my memories) who I knew from my time as a youth minister; Counselors who I knew from helping with Jr. High and Sr. High retreats; the spiritual director who I knew from college; and the director of the camp who I met when I was a freshman in high school! And so, as you can imagine, this trip down memory lane was further furthest thing from an abstraction. It was like looking at a timeline of my life. Being swept away on that tide of relationships and accompanying memories left me feeling profoundly grateful for where it has led me, and my family. We are so glad to have found a Church community in St. Michael's which feels like home.

Since Patrick and the vestry formally announced that I will be staying on at St. Michael's as the Associate Rector, I have been hearing the word "congratulations"

Ministry Quicklinks

- Our Website

a lot! And, it is wonderful to be so clearly supported by this community... But, at the same time, for my part, I can't help but feel, I should be the one saying "Thank you" to each and every one of you. Thank you for calling me to continue to serve you and this faith community. Thank you for the love and care you have shown my family. Thank you for being willing to let me walk with you on your journeys of faith. I am humbled by the chance to extend my time with you, and look forward to many more years of discerning God's will together in this place. And I pray in the years ahead St. Michael's will be for each of us a spiritual anchor that helps us to grow in the knowledge and love of God.

-Kevin+

Anniversaries

This Week

Birthdays

7.21 Eleanor

Henry

7.22 Margaret

Lockett, George

W. Smith, III,

Julie Zgoda,

Ryan Ingram,

Jennifer Welsh

7.23 Vicki Ridges

7.24 James Erbs,

David Erbs,

Sarah Wickman,

Betsy Azzaro

7.25 Maxim

Engel

7.26 Scott Nance,

Riley Raynor,

Mary Jane Bode

Anniversaries

7.21 Melissa &

Greg Paris

7.22 Tommie

& Rollo Nasset

7.23

Kimberlee &

Rob Tomczyk

7.24 Libby & Todd Rieke

Rest in Peace
7.22 Colin Noble
7.24 Robert Keller

Jo A. [Signature]

JBS Offing

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Martha Korzenik

♡ Kara

Fr. Patrick, St. Michael's Vestry + Parish,
Oh the van! Oh the magnificent, spacious, righteous van! Thank y'all SO much for letting the LITs borrow the van this week. I don't know what we would've done without your help.
Thanks for being such an integral part of our camp and this whole diocese!
Charles

It was so great to see you!
God bless, Martha +

Patrick, Kevin, Tim, & Ms Grace,

Thank you so much for visiting us at Camp Chicago. It was wonderful to see ^{& feel} your support for Hilary, the LITs, & for our program. It was wonderful to have you & you are welcome in our community always.

Thank you [Signature]

Great to have you with us
JBS

Thanks for being with us.
Janice Lambert

Great to see y'all!
Charles

♡ Kara

Little Red Wagon

During July and August our food collection will be going to the Families in Crisis program at Church of the Redeemer in Elgin. Their needs are many.

Please help supply food in the Little Red Wagon to help fill one of those needs!

a "thank you" from Camp Chicago

In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Jean; Carol; Lee; Bonnie; Mary; Dick; Ray; Tom; Mary; Cleo & William; Gary; Steve & Barb; Rollo; Scott; Connie; Paul, Chris & family; safety & peace in South Sudan; Church of the Redeemer Families in Crisis, Elgin; military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Zane, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, and Taylor.

+This was received by Judy Tammi, regarding our Senior High Mission Trip to Onigum, MN:

"Hello!

I received a note (postmarked June 26) from Pastor Mark from St. John's about the garden, and I thought the mission trippers and others might be interested in its progress.

"The garden is blooming! I watered the beds almost a week and a half ago, but timely rains have done most of the nourishing. Weeding will begin this Thursday and Friday, as I've been holding off while waiting for the "row crops" to establish their roots. You have made a difference! A hearty "Miigweth" from us all :)"



The Community Garden at St. John's

+ "Ask Brother Dunstan" is a religious advice column/blog written by a St. Michael's parishioner, Jonathan Galliher. The most recent post is about coping when you're suddenly prevented from taking up or continuing the career towards which you've worked for years, and is at <http://askbrdunstan.blogspot.com/2013/07/vocation-denied.html>.

Questions are welcomed, especially ones for use in the column, and should be sent to jonathangalliher@gmail.com.



Volunteering as Stewardship/Food for the Journey on July 21!

Join Dave Evans, Ann Ryba and a cast of thousands to get connected to some rewarding and varied volunteer opportunities. Stewardship can be easily integrated into your everyday life and we will share an abundance of activities in our area that will appeal to households of every size and age.

In addition to highlighting these great ways to serve others, we'll view a recap of the Senior High Mission Trip, we will bid farewell to our Haiti Mission Workers as they Jump of to Jeannette.



Food for the Journey, 28 July

Introduction to the Gospel of Luke:

Sunday 7-28 at 10:30am (after 9:30 worship)

Each Sunday, we hear a lesson from one of the four Gospels. Currently, we are working our way through the Gospel of Luke. Join us for an introduction to this Gospel. We will be working to get a bigger picture view of the important themes in this gospel.



The Church Blessing (or not) of Same-Gender Relationships

At its July 15 meeting, the Vestry reflected on the recently completed, three-part parish process and approved the form of a resolution which will be voted upon in August. The proposed resolution is provided below.

Resolved, that our participation in the worship, fellowship, ministries, rites and sacraments of the church is defined in and by civil law, the provisions of the Episcopal Church's General Convention and the authority of the Bishop of the Diocese of Chicago, under the pastoral care and jurisdiction of the Rector of our parish.

** Subject to these provisions and governing regulations, the Vestry permits and welcomes the use of St. Michael's church property for gatherings and rites related to*

the blessing of civil unions for couples in same-gender relationships.

** In the future, if and when defined and permitted by civil law, the provisions of the Episcopal Church's General Convention and the authority of the Bishop of the Diocese of Chicago, marriages of same-gender couples will also be permitted and welcomed on St. Michael's property.*

Decisions regarding the provision of such rites and blessings shall be made by St. Michael's Rector using the same standards from time to time established by the Rector and applied to heterosexual couples seeking to be married at St. Michael's. Such standards typically include: at least one of the two individuals is a baptized Christian; one or both persons shall be members of St. Michael's or have a legitimate pastoral connection to our parish; they intend to enter into a lifelong, committed, monogamous relationship; they participate in a series of counseling sessions as arranged with the presiding member of the clergy.

Vestry members will vote on this resolution at the August vestry meeting, which will be held on August 26. The results (including the number supporting, opposing, and/or abstaining) will be announced to the parish via various means, including the e-Sword. The outcome of the vote will represent the Vestry's recommendation (e.g., to allow or not allow) to the Rector for consideration, who then will determine the parish's position on the issue.

Still have questions or would like to make a comment? Email us at talktothevestry@gmail.com or drop a note off in the Church office. If you do so, please indicate if your communication is only for the Vestry; otherwise, we'll add it to the published input we've received to-date. In these remaining weeks before the August vote, we continue to welcome parishioner feedback and hope we will hear from many parishioners who have not yet expressed their opinion. To date the vast majority of the input we have received has been supportive of this action.

Reminders - All materials are available to any interested parishioners. If you're interested, just send us a request to the same email address above or leave a message with Nancy Holmes in the Church Office.



And All the Angels' July SALE Continues!

We have had a solid response to our July store wide 30% off of merchandise, with 20% off of books and Demdaco Angels! What a great opportunity to buy for those future celebrations!

Because of your patronage, it was our honor to give a monetary gift to Deacon Laurie Michael's Discretionary Fund to help meet special needs at Bishop Anderson House. Thank you for supporting our ministry.



Vacation Bible School Registration Deadline Approaching

Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth begins on 5 August and ends on 9 August, 9:15 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. We are presenting this amazing experience for children ages 3 years through 5th grade. **The deadline for registration is Wednesday, 31 July.** Registration forms are available by clicking [here](#), in the Church Office, on the St. Michael's website-www.stmichaelsbarrington.org, or by contacting Nerissa Brueckbauer at 847.381.2323 or nbrueckbauer@stmichaelsbarrington.org. Journey with us!!!



Music at St. Michael's this Summer

Greetings from St. Michael's Music Ministry! Even though the choirs are



on break, we still have some exciting things coming up this summer. We have some spectacular guest musicians joining us at the 9:30 services. Here is a list of what is coming up:

July 14th Emmie Philips, violin (Thank you, Emmie! It was wonderful!)

July 21st St. Michael's Summer Choir

July 28th Hannah Muzzy, harp

August 4th Jake Muzzy, cello

August 11th St. Michael's Summer Choir

August 18th Tom Clippert, classical guitar

August 25th Brandon Viliunas, trumpet

Our wonderful and talented organist, Thom Wibbels is on a much deserved vacation on the Sundays of July 14th and July 21st. We are pleased to have Jonathan Oblander filling in as our guest organist.

MARK your Calendars!

AWSM (All Women of St. Michaels) presents

Tuesday September 10, 7:00 p.m.

"An Evening With Bishop Joseph"

Back to Fall Event

Come enjoy fun and fellowship with your AWSM sisters and then join a discussion centered on women's needs and their role in South Sudan.

At Shan Atkins' home in Long Grove.

Donations will purchase much needed mosquito nets for Renk women and children.

Details to follow.



Barrington Giving Day-Back to School Event

Our neighbors at St Matthew's Lutheran are coordinating a summer Back-to-School event on August 3rd and are seeking some extra hands to make the labor lighter. They will be hosting 300-400 needy families from Barrington District 220 who will be doing their "back to school shopping." **Ten volunteers from St Michaels would be a great boost to the effort...**looking for community service? This is your ticket!

You can serve in two ways:

1. Help sort and inventory from now through August 2.
2. Help on the day of the event to restock, assist guests, manage traffic and all around

go-fer. Spanish speaking skills a real asset!

To sign up, go to <http://bit.ly/12r8cam> or call Sue Mullen at 847-382-7002.



Contribution Statements for Second Quarter 2013

Contribution Statements for Second Quarter 2013 have been mailed to all parishioners as of July 18. Please take a moment to review your statement for any donation discrepancies between our records. If you have not received a statement or find a discrepancy on your statement after reviewing, please contact Kim Lessner at the parish offices, 847-381-2323, ext. 16 or via email klessner@stmichaelsbarrington.org. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

+23 - 30 July, Haiti Mission Trip

+28 July to 2 August, LIFT Jr. High Mission Trip to Rockford

+5-9 August, Monday through Friday, Vacation Bible School, 9:15 a.m. through 12:00 p.m.

Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Pentecost 9

Amos 8:1-10; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

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