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8.11 Benjamin
Belcore, Kyle

Upcoming at St. Michael's:

+Next Sunday, Food for the Journey, "Beyond Death..." at 10:30 a.m. (following 9:30 a.m. worship).

+Parish Picnic, Sunday, 25 August following the 9:30 a.m. service - watch for details here.

+Looking further out, remember three services begin on Sunday, 8 September! 7:45, 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.!

Be at ease ...

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

Dear People of St. Michael's,

Who do you know who relishes anticipating and planning for his or her death? Few if any people that I know. But in the gospel text from Luke that we heard in worship this past Sunday (Luke 12:13-21), Jesus tells a story in which he implicates a man who is so engrossed with *this* life that he fails to anticipate and take into account his death.

This scenario brings to mind a new community-wide initiative in the Barrington area called 'Be@ease', funded by Bob Lee's 2012 'Ride for 3 Reasons'. Be@ease asks all local residents to take seriously the value and benefits of intentional and conscientious end-of-life planning. The main feature of the program involves taking the time to simply and clearly communicate your wishes in anticipation of your own death - whenever it may come. I encourage you to explore www.beatease.org.

From my vantage as a Christian pastor, I have to note that Be@ease only slightly explores spiritual beliefs. Admittedly, it

- Anetsberger
 8.12 David Koelling,
 Teri Doran
 8.13 David Dattilo,
 Marshall Beverly, Will
 Pullinger, John
 Mathison
 8.14 Kaky Bowles
 8.15 Patty Dattilo
 8.16 Jeffrey Eaton,
 Robyn Boetsch,
 Cynthia Sykes
 8.17 Eliot Raymond

has little to do with *after*life. But many times over the years of my ministry, I've seen how family and friends who are left behind following a death can be blessed by conscientious end-of-life planning or cursed by the lack of it.

Be@ease will partly be introduced in the Barrington area through churches. I've been asked to identify some parishioners who may be willing to take part in a two-hour training and then introduce the program to our congregation through some presentations to take place this fall. Please let me know - praymond@stmichaelsbarrington.org - if you may be interested and willing to take part.

-Patrick+



Anniversaries

- 8.11 Leanne &
 Bernard Tresnowski
 8.12 Amy & John
 Magro
 8.16 Judy & Jim
 Tammi, Ginny & Jerry
 Conners
 8.17 Laurie & Greg
 Michaels

Food for the Journey, 11 August, Sunday

Beyond Death...

What role does the Church have in supporting people and as they pass from this life? What role does the Church have in supporting the families of those who die? How can we prepare our loved ones and ourselves for death (spiritually, emotionally, financially, etc.)? What does the Church teach about life after death? What do we mean when we talk about resurrection and salvation? What do you believe?

Prompted by Father Patrick's article in this week's Sword, we will be having a conversation about death and the beyond. As the quip goes, the only certainties in life are death and taxes. Join us in the library at 10:30 a.m. (following the 9:30 a.m. service). Bring your questions and insights to this conversation...

In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Mary; Cleo & William; Gary; Colin; Cassie; Jim; Steve & Barb; Rollo; Scott; Bob; Ross; Evelyn; the Bullion family; John; Hugh; Jackie; Tom & Jan; Connie; the Heinrich/Hubbard/Poll family; the Paris family; Paul,

Rest in Peace

8.14 Thomas
Wigdahl, Philip
Cutliffe

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.

8.15 Helen Roberts,
Lloyd Silver, Alex
Gazzola, Deborah
Greene

+We have recently renewed the lease of the Sturtz House by LIFECO (L- Living I- Independently F- Futures E- Emerging C- Community O-Opportunities) Barrington School District 220. The LIFECO Program is designed for students who need continued life skills past the four years of high school. The LIFECO program offers opportunities to build personal life skills, such as shopping, budgeting, cooking, cleaning, and personal care. In addition, students have an opportunity to work at a job site in the neighboring communities

8.17 Ralph Morris



Vacation Bible School Mission Outreach Assistance "Thank You!!!"

Over 80 children attended Vacation Bible School this week from St. Michael's, Little Angels Christian Preschool, St. Anne Catholic Community and the neighborhood! Many of our experiences are documented on our Facebook page: **Vacation Bible School 2013 -Paul's Journey.**

Little Red Wagon

During 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!

Thank you for helping the children of VBS to lead the way in a mission outreach project. This year we were asked if we could assist LYDIA HOME Chicago by collecting backpacks and school supplies for the children they serve as they get ready to Journey Back to School. This year, LYDIA has a need for 51 backpacks and supplies for older and younger children. This was a tall order! And we achieved our goal! Grace Nowack from LYDIA Home will be on hand at our closing ceremony for VBS when we bless all the backpacks and school supplies we collected! (Reminder: donations should be received by Sunday, 18 August.)

Vacation Bible School Memories

We asked the children to watch for God this week - you know he's *everywhere!* Here are some of their "God Sightings":

-the rain

- a beautiful sunset
- my pets
- eating the apple pancake at Walker Brothers
- when my mom and dad tell me they love me
- in my heart
- a smile on another person's face
- the opportunity to attend a good school
- the creativity in art
- my new sister
- spending time with family and friends
- having watermelon for snack
- when God made me feel better when I had a headache
- stained glass



VBS Welcome!



Kara Joy Baker leads the VBS groups in song!



Music at St. Michael's this Summer

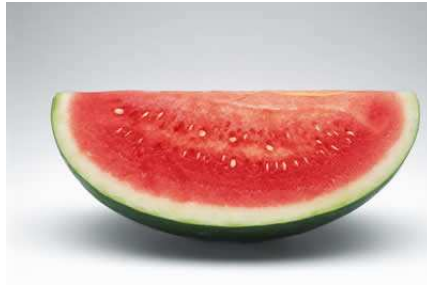
Greetings from St. Michael's Music Ministry! Even though the choirs are on break, we still have some exciting things coming up this summer. We have some spectacular guest musicians joining us at the 9:30 services. Here is a list of what is coming up:

- August 11th St. Michael's Summer Choir
- August 18th Tom Clippert, classical guitar
- August 25th Brandon Viliunas, trumpet



Upcoming project which will shut down the Community Room entrance.

Beginning on Monday, August 12, a concrete and brickwork project will secure the Community Room entrance. The project is anticipated to last until Friday, August 23. During that time, the Community Room entrance plaza will be taped off and no access will be allowed. The parking stalls along the sidewalk area just to the east of the plaza will also be in use for a staging area and equipment storage.



Parish Picnic, Sunday, 25 August after the 9:30 a.m. Service! Watch for more details in this space next week!!!

Men's Fellowship Event, 7:00 p.m., Friday, 13 September

On September 13th. there will be a men's fellowship barbecue at Todd Ross's home with Bishop Joseph. Please mark your calendars now!

From our Youth Minister

Not too much to complain about here, we had a FANTASTIC LIFT mission trip to Rockford last week as we served and learned about an Episcopal Charity, Shelter Care. 17 youth and 6 adults from Redeemer and St. Michael's served others, learned lots, and had a glorious time doing so. One of the highlights of our trip for me was a youth created and lead, bilingual Eucharist we did on our last evening of the trip. I am grateful to all who served! THANK YOU for being you and making a difference.

This week we have over 80 kids at VBS! It is wonderful to see so many smiling faces and youth who are serving as shepherds to the little ones. We are joined by parishioners of St. Anne's Catholic Church, and it is truly a pleasure to see our communities of faith working together for a common goal! Thank you to those who are helping out, the kids are loving it.

And now at the end of summer, I am going to be on vacation from Saturday 8/10-Saturday 8/17. Therefore, I will not be at church this Sunday, 8/11. I look forward to seeing you all when I return.

THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 8/11-Worship @ 9:30 (KARA IS ON VACATION, NO OFF SITE BREAKFAST)

UPCOMING:

Friday 9/25-9/27-Episcopal Diocese of Chicago New Beginnings Retreat for Middle School Students at St. Lawrence in Libertyville.

Friday 11/1-11/3-Episcopal Diocese of Chicago Happening Retreat for High School Students at Trinity, Wheaton.



Little Angels is gearing up for the new school year to begin!

We are looking forward to seeing the beautiful smiling faces of the children come through the doors every day!

We currently have openings in a few of our classes, so if you know someone looking for a preschool for

their child, feel free to have them call or email the preschool office.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, November 2nd will be our annual Fall Fundraiser. All church members are invited to attend. We are currently accepting donations for our auction and welcome donations from church members; ie: lake house, ball tickets, items from local businesses, etc. Contact Lindsey Murphy at john07@hotmail.com or Jenn Newman at gnewman1@mac.com if you would like to participate.



The Great Paint Petition - Last Call!!

My father once told me, "If you aren't making mistakes, you are not doing anything!" Well, I certainly must be **DOING A LOT** this summer! In my "enthusiasm" to move the Welcoming Public Spaces initiative along, I made the decision to paint some

proposed color blocks on the walls of the parish and ask for feedback. Evidently, this was not a preferred approach! I was asked to revisit the plan, and the result is **The Great Paint Petition** delineated below. I ask for your indulgence, grace and participation. (Please be gentle - remember, paint for me in my twenty years in the Navy only meant "Haze gray and underway." I am **WAY** out of my comfort zone here!)

Please take the time to examine the paint samples provided in the notebook on the wall outside of the Community Room. Rank samples in order of your preference (you do not have to rank every color, if you do not wish to do so) on the sheets provided. The colors are assigned numbers on the back of the sample sheet. The colors will possibly be

used throughout the parish in various locations - the Community Room entrance, the hallway outside of the church office, the hallway outside of the library, the bathrooms and the church office. If you have a suggestion for a particular color in a particular space, please feel free to note it. We want to hear from you!

Ranking: 1-10, please use any number between 1 and 10

1 connotes "Perfect Pick"

5 connotes "Tolerable"

10 connotes "What were you thinking? UGH!!"

Thank you!!!! Nerissa

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Mark your calendars for the St. James Commons Block Party!

The newly-renovated St. James Commons is now open for all to enjoy and on **September 15 from 3 - 6 p.m.** we're throwing a big block party to celebrate!

All parishes in the Diocese - along with friends and neighbors -- are invited to come by. There will be great music, food trucks, fun for kids and tours of the new diocesan center. Come celebrate and discover the ways that St. James Commons can benefit your ministry and make the whole Diocese of Chicago a place of grace and gladness.

For additional questions or to RSVP to the party, please contact Jennifer Boyle-Tucker via email jbtucker@episcopalchicago.org or at 312.751.4215.

Upcoming Events

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

+25 August, Sunday, Parish Picnic after the 9:30 a.m. service

+8 September, back to three service schedule on Sundays

+10 September, AWSM Fall Kick-Off Event, 7:00 p.m.

+13 September, Men's Fellowship Event, 7:00 p.m., at the Ross Home

Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Pentecost 11

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20, Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

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