

# The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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## Upcoming at St. Michael's:

- +Next Sunday, Food for the Journey, "Sing a Sainly Song" at 10:30 a.m. (following 9:30 a.m. worship).
- +Parish Picnic, Sunday, 25 August following the 9:30 a.m. service.
- +Looking further out, remember three services begin on Sunday, 8 September! 7:45, 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.!

## Digital Signage - What do you think?

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

## Ministry Quicklinks - Our Website



## Anniversaries This Week Birthdays

- 8.18 Tony Belcore,  
Raymond Kean, Sue Pajakowski, Robert Robbins
- 8.19 Kerry Kean,  
Maggie Wickman
- 8.20 Eway  
McLaughlin
- 8.21 Jeni Younger,  
Tom Rough

Dear People of St. Michael's,

Time and again, the Church has found itself standing at the intersection of the timeless and the trendy.... Some trends are of course merely the fad of the moment, but others become integrated and embedded into our lives such that it is hard to remember life without them. Some "trends" that have become a part of our regular Sunday Church experience include: vestments, organ music, worship services in languages other than Latin!, lay acolytes, individual service books, paper bulletins, microphones, and the list goes on. As you have likely read about in previous Swords, and heard mentioned in Church, we are currently evaluating how to make the best use of our

8.22 Rob Tomczyk  
8.23 Brian Rough  
8.24 Katy Pepper,  
Nathan Wirth

public spaces. In particular we have been considering how we can design entry ways that as soon as you walk in the door help people get an impression of who we are and provide functional information to guests, newcomers and parishioners.

As a part of this design process we are looking into the use of what is called 'digital signage'. Even if you have never heard that term before you know what it is! It is everywhere. They are TV monitors used to display information. It would allow us to have a prominently displayed schedule of events (did you know there is a paper schedule put up every day? Most people don't even notice it!), information about upcoming things in the parish, a note of welcome and more displayed in one place. We are wondering if this might be a neat enrichment making good use of technological capacities without being overly invasive or out of place. As a way of trying to imagine how we might make good use of this technology we have mocked up some screens around the Church to show you where they might go, potential sizes, and the kinds of information that might be displayed. I have two reasons for writing this e-mail:

### **Anniversaries**

8.19 Christy & Bryan  
Cressey  
8.21 Melinda & Larry  
Knobe, Jeni & Jay  
Younger  
8.22 Ann & Terry  
Parker  
8.23 Maria & John  
Kuechmann, Peggy &  
Bob Blass, Maijorie &  
Mark Pullinger

(1) What do you think? Just like with the great Paint Petition (the invitation to offer your comments/feedback on paint colors), we want to invite you to offer your thoughts on this proposal. Are the monitors in the right locations? Are they the right size?  
(2) Have you used digital signage before? If you have some experience with this technology, we would love to hear from you. We have done our research, but we certainly value the opinions and thoughts of people who have already made use of this technology.

In either case, please contact the Rev. Kevin Caruso (847)-381-2323 x13 [kcaruso@stmichaesbarrington.org](mailto:kcaruso@stmichaesbarrington.org) with any thoughts and feedback.

*-Kevin+*

### **Rest in Peace**

8.19 Gustie Olson  
8.21 Christopher  
Brashear, Virginia  
Kenney  
8.24 Maribelle Byrum,



## FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

Sunday, August 18, 2013, 10:45 a.m. (after the 9:30 a.m. service)

### SING A SAINTLY SONG

**Tim Murray** invites you to join in conversation on "a song of the saints . . . patient and brave and true." (The Hymnal 1982, No. 293). How does the Episcopal/Anglican church view saints? Who is or are your favorite "*Hoiy Women, Hoiy Men*"? How might a saint's inspiring story relate to our own faith journeys? Plus - is there a relationship between Lent and saints and a certain basketball tournament? This conversation will take place in the **church library**.

## 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!

### In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Steve & Barb; Rollo; Scott; Ross; Evelyn; John; The Paris Family; Hugh; the Heinrich, Poll and Hubbard families; Jackie; Pamela; Brittani & Chris; Madelyn; Bryan; the Bateman family; Cindi & Mike; William; Tom & Jan; the Bullion family; George & Adonna; 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.

+Terry Haycock joined fellow Phi Theta Kappans and other organization reps for Elgin Community College's annual "Project Backpack". They stuffed backpacks with school supplies on Aug. 9 and distributed them to more than 1,500 recipients the next day. She was joined by parishioner

Dolores Duncan whose bilingual expertise was most





*Dolores*

appreciated. "It was both a joyous and sad experience-we were happy that we could help, but sad that there are so many families in U-46 and 300 who can't afford school supplies for their children."

*Terry*



### **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 18th St. Michael's Summer Choir
- August 25th Brandon Viliunas, trumpet

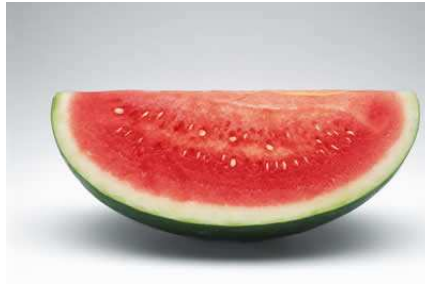


### **Are you interested in becoming a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) or an Acolyte?**

We are currently seeking those interested in serving in these rewarding ministries! To find out more about LEM, please contact Suzanne Fler, [suzannejf2@comcast.net](mailto:suzannejf2@comcast.net). For the Acolyte Ministry, please contact Wes Kimes, [wkimes@comcast.net](mailto:wkimes@comcast.net). LEM training is ongoing, and the next training for acolytes is scheduled on 25 August, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service. (The length of training will not preclude attendance at the Parish Picnic!)



**Upcoming project will shut down the Community Room entrance - DELAYED.** The Community Room entrance will remain open until the commencement of the project - which is delayed.



## **Parish Picnic, Sunday, 25 August after the 9:30 a.m. Service!**

Join the fun on the grounds of Pepper Construction, 411 Lake Zurich Rd., Barrington (take the first entrance to Citizen's Park, follow the signs to Hospice and look for the

large office building and tent).

What to bring:

- lawn chairs
- meat for the grill
- a dish to pass

There will be games for the children, easy access to the beautiful park and fellowship for all!!



## **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 [ljohn07@hotmail.com](mailto:ljohn07@hotmail.com) or Jenn Newman at [gnewman1@mac.com](mailto:gnewman1@mac.com) if you would like to participate.

## **SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER MEN'S RETREAT**

**WHO:** Men of St. Michael's, St. Mark's, and others invited, featuring as spiritual director, the Rev. David Gibbons, Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Barrington Hills

**WHEN:** October 25 to October 26, 2013 (Friday evening to Saturday



mid-day)

**WHERE:** The DeKoven Center, Racine, Wisconsin

**WHAT:** A spiritual retreat, featuring time for reflection, quiet, and spiritual nourishment set apart from whatever one's normal life habits may be.

## Upcoming Events

- +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
- +25-26 October, October Men's Retreat

**Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Pentecost 13** Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

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