

# The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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9.29 James Romer,

## Upcoming at St. Michael's:

### +Soiree....Saturday!

Ready or not, here comes the 3rd Annual South Sudan Soiree: September 28, beginning at 6:00 pm. (More detailed information below.)

### *Works in progress*

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

Dear People of St. Michael's,

Our family art studio is a mess right now. Brooke and I have been working on one of our 'marriage mandalas', this one for auction at Saturday's *South Sudan Soirée*. Brooke draws the geometric shapes and begins a color theme within the overall form of a circle. Then I play with shapes and add more colors, often focusing on tiny details, until we agree that a particular mandala feels 'done'.

In any one mandala we use thirty or more colors, various paints and pens, brushes, rulers, compasses and other materials. During the days or weeks that a mandala is in progress, secondary items accrue: wine glasses, tea mugs, eyeglasses, kids' notes from school, and more. Brooke advocates cleaning up as we go along. I'm always barking, "Don't put that away! I won't be able to find it!"

I'm partly sharing this family vignette right now to indirectly promote Saturday's *Soirée*. I hope that even a secondary story may increase your incentive to enthusiastically and generously take part. Thank you in advance for doing so!

I'm also pondering how I (at least) can't seem to complete a

Kristin Baudin  
 9.30 Kathy Mangan,  
 Brady Dern, Jack  
 Rough  
 10.1 Earl Duncan,  
 Wendi Nagy, Sharon  
 Bullion, Miranda  
 Belcore, Brooke  
 Raymond  
 10.3 Jim Tammi,  
 Gillian Stoettner  
 10.4 Vinnie Orpen  
 10.5 Paul Clancy,  
 Nicholas Montgomery



satisfying artwork without at least some prior disarray. And I notice that I'm not alone. Various recent, good projects around St. Michael's, for instance, have required disruption and messes (even if more controlled than mine!) before the satisfying final outcomes. I'm thinking of the

recent concrete project at the front of and around the church. Or the detritus from a hole blown through an exterior wall yesterday. The hole prepared the way for a vent from a new tankless water heater, now supplying unlimited hot water to the church kitchen (just in time for the *Soirée!*).

Consider the same rhythm in the realms of our relationships and visions -- whether we're redeveloping the church mission statement, questioning the blessing of same-gender relationships or wondering about a long-range plan for the preschool. Along the way, we may precipitate or unavoidably find ourselves in some or a lot of disarray.

Isn't it true, though, that in so many instances the chaos resolves, and for the good? In the best cases, the resolution feels revelatory and rewarding, like a finished artwork beautifully rendered. Sometimes, even, we sense the hand and grace of God at work in all of it.

May all your messes, and all those we share in faith at St. Michael's, have such blessed outcomes!

**Anniversaries**

9.29 Teri & Bill Doran  
 10.1 Julie & Gary  
 Gunderson, Jenn &  
 Greg Mears  
 10.2 Wendy & Bill  
 Nagy  
 10.3 Renee & Jeff  
 Buxton  
 10.4 Elizabeth &  
 Robert Anderson  
 10.5 Kathleen & Kent  
 Carrell

*-Patrick+*

Also from the Rector:

+The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels  
Sunday at St. Michael's we'll be celebrating what is known in all Anglican churches, including the Episcopal Church, as the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. For more information on this feast and on St. Michael the Archangel, click [here](#) ...



+Sunday's Guest Preacher: Bishop Frank Gray  
Many good souls I know hold our guest preacher for Sunday, Bishop Frank Gray, in very high esteem. Among others he's blessed as mentor and friend are our diocesan bishop, Jeff Lee, and

(also with us on Sunday) Bishop Joseph Garang Atem of Renk, South Sudan. Bishop Gray served as Bishop of the Diocese of Northern Indiana 1986-1998 and Assistant Bishop for the Diocese of Virginia 1999-2006. He's authored several books on practical Christian living and due to his ministry commitments in South Sudan was made an honorary Canon in the Diocese of Renk in 2006. Please join in welcoming Bishop Gray and his wife Karen, and Bishop Joseph.

+Pumpkin alert! (Heads up about the pumpkins coming Saturday, Oct. 5 ... BHS Homecoming!)

### Rest in Peace

- 9.29 Lindsay Hardy
- 9.30 Dorothy Wright
- 10.1 Nora Parker
- 10.3 Sammie Dowling
- 10.4 Charlotte Jahnke, Howard Johnson, Olivia Bailey



It is not too late to get your tickets for the Third Annual South Sudan Soiree which is Saturday, September 28 here at St. Michaels!

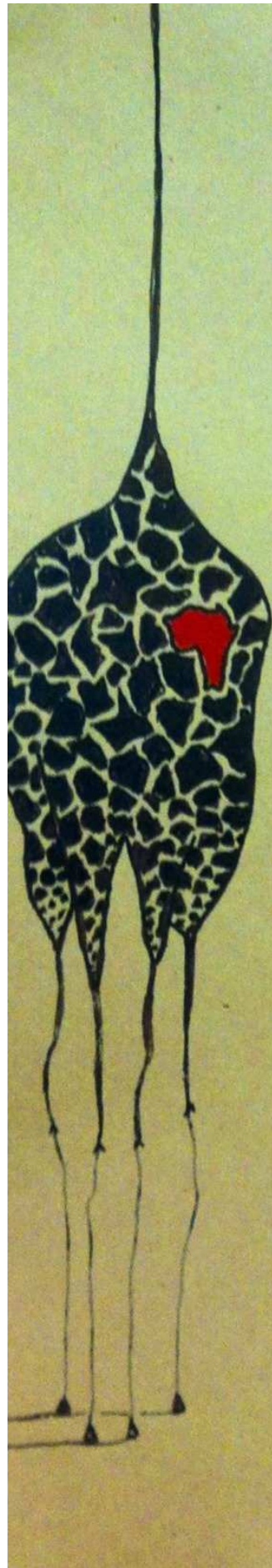


## Little Red Wagon

In the month of September our gathering of food will go to the

Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry. It is the one pantry we serve that is open 6 mornings and 2 evenings each week.

Churches in its area provide the volunteers for each day. Special needs are canned meats, rice, canned tomatoes/sauces, crackers, paper products, shampoo, and soap.



Look at this line-up of LIVE AUCTION items:

\* Red Hots - corporate, family or special occasion performance - one time from now until December 2014 donated by Steve Barnum Value - \$600.

\* Art work by Jackie Smith, "The Long Walk Home" Value - \$800.

\* Dinner for 8 by "Jeff the Chef" at Chicago Residence of the Rt. Rev. Jeffrey D. Lee. Donated by Bishop Jeff and Lisa Lee, Value - Priceless

\* Week in South Fork, Colorado, in a four bedroom townhome in the River Club Community, donated by Graystar Construction Value: \$3000.

\* Art Work by Rev. Patrick Raymond, "Many Waters

Cannot Quench Love" Value - Priceless  
\*Two Bulls Tickets with Luol Deng signed jersey, donated by Vidur Gangwal and Luol Deng. Value: Priceless

\*Week on Grand Cayman, in two bedroom condo on the beach, at the Heritage Club.

Donated by Jeff and Michele Phillips

Value: \$4,000.

\*Two Bears Tickets (sixth row) for December 9 versus the Dallas Cowboys with Tailgate & BBQ Accessories - donated by Kim Lessner Value: Priceless

And don't forget the numerous, fantastic Silent Auction offerings!

We are also selling Raffle Tickets for a full weekend with a brand new 2013 Bentley!

If you would like to Pay at the Door, call the church office with your reservation, but please reserve your seats so we can plan accordingly.

Looking forward to a wonderful evening of fun, fellowship and fundraising for our school in

South Sudan.

Questions: contact Ellen Lindeen at

847.340.5873

## **Food for the Journey, this Sunday, 29 September and Sunday, 6 October**

**The conversation begins after the 9:00 a.m. service (roughly at 10:05 a.m.) and we are committed to ending at 10:40 a.m. so those who want to can make the 10:45 worship service.**

**Food for the Journey, 29 September 2013 (AFTER EACH SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM!!!)**

***A Conversation with Bishop Joseph: News from South Sudan***



Join Bishop Joseph of the Diocese of Renk in South Sudan for a conversation on Sunday September 29th. He will be in the community room after each service to share the story of our brothers and sisters in South Sudan. The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, and St. Michael's in particular, have a long standing companion relationship with the people of South Sudan. For those of you hearing about this for the first time, this is a chance to learn more. And for those of you who are very aware of this ministry, it is a chance to catch up on what happened in the past year and to show Bishop Joseph some support.

**Food for the Journey, 6 October (10:05 a.m.)**

***Hearing from Haiti Missioners. Come hear some stories and see some pictures from last summer's mission trip to Haiti.***

**Special Series Coming in November!**

**Grief Sharing Workshops:  
How to help when you don't have the words (3**



**Sessions)**

**Monday nights, Nov. 4, 11 & 18,  
7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**St. Michael's Church -  
Undercroft**

**(Due both to the emotional weight of the content and the structure of these offerings, we are asking people who want to participate to commit to attending all three sessions of the series.)**

**Watch for more information in the Sword!**



**Bishop Frank Gray to  
preach this**

**Sunday!** Gray, 73, retired from his post as bishop for the Diocese of Northern Indiana in 2006. As the author of two books of poetry, and who is currently at work on a chapbook of poems relating to Psalm 139 ("O Lord, you have searched me and known me ..."), he also published the family memoir in 2010, "For Thou Art With Me: Interned in the Philippines," the self-published memoir that chronicles his family's three years in a Japanese

concentration camp in the Philippines during World War II. Bishop Joseph, who is also with us on the 29th, considers Bishop Gray a mentor.

**In the Parish family**

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Steve & Barb; Evelyn; John; Jackie; Monika & Jamie; Bruce & family;

Joyce; Reagan & family; Amy; Rollo; the Bateman family; Cindi & Mike; William; Tom & Jan; the Bullion family; George & Adonna; Connie; Paul, Chris & family; Ted; safety & peace in South Sudan; Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry; military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Zane, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, and Taylor.

+From **Terri and Lou Longo**:

"On Saturday September 21st, we attended the marriage seminar "The Marriage You Always Wanted" at Lutheran Church of the Atonement. The presenter was Dr. Gary Chapman, noted author of the New York Times best-selling book, *The Five Love Languages*. We had not attended such an event since we were engaged 23 years ago. We both found real value, individually and in our marriage, in Dr Chapman's approach of balancing modern married life and scriptural teaching. We were surprised that after being together



*Terri*

over 25 years we didn't know to which of the love languages the other responded. We also learned some techniques to help us better communicate. Please speak to the clergy or one of us if you might be interested in considering the opportunity to pursue a marriage ministry at St. Michael's.

**Lou and Terri Longo"**

**Terri's contact information:**

[terrilongo@yahoo.com](mailto:terrilongo@yahoo.com) or contact Fr. Patrick or Fr. Kevin.

+ Recently received from Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Rockford, IL:  
"Dear Friends at St. Michael's,

How very generous of you to send a check to us as a thank you for hosting The Shelter Care Mission week! [Junior High Mission Trip in August; the youth and the adult leaders stayed in the Emmanuel church building.]

Believe me, it was our privilege to host such an exceptional group of young people and adult leaders.

We are excited to provide some new furnishings in the area our youth gather.

Blessings to you in your ministry!

Pam

The Reverend Pamela M. Hillenbrand"



+Baptisms on Sunday, 29 September at the 10:45 a.m. service. Please welcome the newly baptized:

- Blake Jeffrey Pins, and his parents, Jordyn & Charles Pins.
- Luke Marchand, and his parent, Megan & Ryan Marchand



### **Celebrating St. Francis, Blessing of Animals...big, small or stuffed!**

It has become a well-loved tradition in many churches to bless animals on, or around, the feast of St. Francis (October 4th), the patron saint of animals. This year, Little Angels Christian Preschool invites the entire community of St. Michael's to our 2nd Annual Service of Blessing and Thanksgiving for Animals.

We will be in the nave on Wednesday and Thursday, October 2nd and 3rd to thank God for the companionship and love shared with us by the pets which are a part of our families. We will also thank God for the comfort given to so many young hearts by the stuffed animals they love.

Wednesday, October 2nd, 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 3rd, 9:00 a.m.

The service will be about 15 minutes long. Questions? Father Kevin, [kcaruso@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:kcaruso@stmichaelsbarrington.org) or Caren Hunter, [chunter@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:chunter@stmichaelsbarrington.org).

### **From Our Youth Minister:**

#### **THIS WEEK:**

Saturday, 9/28-Drum Rehearsal from 12:00-1:00 in the Community Room. Drummers must attend rehearsal in order to drum at the soiree.

Saturday, 9/28-Youth Servers at the Sudan Soiree. PLEASE ARRIVE AT 5:00 pm wearing black pants/skirt and a white top in the Conference Room. Remember to wear comfortable shoes as you will be standing all night! Upon arrival you will receive instruction about serving, eat pizza, and then ready yourselves for the guests arrival. THANK YOU SO

MUCH IN ADVANCE!!!

Sunday, 9/29 @ 9:00-LIFT Worship & Discussion with Bishop Joseph

Sunday, 9/29 @ 10:45-SMUSH Worship & Discussion with Bishop Joseph

**UPCOMING:**

Saturday, 10/5-Pumpkin Fundraiser Kickoff. It's that time of year again, the great pumpkin delivery! We need youth, parents, & parishioners to help unload the truck starting at 9:00 am.

Sunday, 10/6--2014 SMUSH Mission Trip Informational Meeting followed by Confirmation Class 2014 Informational Meeting beginning at 12:00 pm. Pizza lunch will be served.

Sunday, 10/6-Member of LIFT, Bridget Maire will be participating in a Walk to Cure Diabetes. You can find out more at [www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org), if you'd like to support her. Find more information below.



Please consider supporting Bridget by providing a donation for her "Trot" to Cure Diabetes. The walk is Sunday, October 6th, 2013 at Busse Woods in Schaumburg.

Donations can be made using a credit card by clicking [JDRE Link](#). You can also send a check made out to "JDRF" to 1062 N Penny Lane, Palatine, IL 60067.

Bridget and all of us are always humbled and greatly appreciate the support we get from family and friends. Thank you!

This will be our 10th year of supporting JDRF. Please help us reach our goal of \$10,000 for our 10th year. Over the past 10 years Bridget's team has raised more than \$65,000 for research towards a cure for type 1 diabetes!!! We will keep doing what we can to help find a cure because we believe in Bridget's lifetime, there WILL be a cure.

Bridget has accomplished so much herself over the last 10 years in

addition to learning how to manage and live with diabetes. She has achieved excellent grades, has become an accomplished Hunter/Jumper Equestrian rider, has participated in plays, chorus and band, has danced at Walt Disney World, and has spoken in front of her school and Walgreen's corporate offices about supporting JDRF.



**Kathy Randolph, our Senior Warden, is running the Chicago Marathon Sunday, October 13th.**

She has graciously offered to use her run as a fundraiser for youth ministry. Her words were, "If this old lady's running, somebody should benefit!" We invite you to support Kathy in her run and also to raise money for youth ministries & mission trips at St. Michael's. See a Youth Representative on Sundays until the marathon or contact

*Kathy (second from right) with her mother (far right), her daughter, Alyson (to Kathy's right), and Alyson's friend at a previous running/walking event.*

[kbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:kbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org).

**Update on the Kathy Randolph Marathon Extravaganza**

We have raised \$1,067 in our first week! Thanks so much for supporting Kathy and youth ministries.



*The Rev. John Daly*

**Seabury Institute - Free classes on the Bible from a GREAT teacher Friday September 27th and Saturday September 28th !**

John Daly is offering a number of free drop-in sessions which correspond to a seminary class he is teaching.

~~A number of people from St. Michael's are already planning on attending.~~ If interested, all you have to do is follow the [link](#) and register. Questions,

contact Fr. Kevin, [kcaruso@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:kcaruso@stmichaelsbarrington.org).



*Ruth Silver*

## **Ministry Highlight Sunday, 6 October: Little Red Wagon**

SUNDAY: October 6, 2013

### **MINISTRY: Little Red Wagon**

The Little Red Wagon is parked in St. Michael's narthex and is a collection point for food that is distributed to food pantries throughout the Chicagoland area. With more people unemployed, food pantries in the area are facing a rising crisis in that the number of families requiring assistance is far exceeding the amount of food available. Parishioners are encouraged to bring with them any non-perishable items or household goods (paper towels, toilet tissue, etc.) and leave them in the Little Red Wagon when they visit the church.





*Little Red Wagon*

**Ministry Highlight Sunday, 13 October, Thanksgiving Community Dinner!**



**Fundraiser for Haiti!**

And All the Angels Gift Shop is proud to present a **Global Gifts Fair on Sunday, October 6 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** All profits raised from this fair will be given to St. Michael's Haiti ministry! Look for newly purchased, handcrafted gifts from Haiti, and other countries around the world, **right outside the Community Room.**

Please help us to support the tremendous efforts of this ministry.



**Saturday, 19 October**

**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
at St. Michael's Pumpkin Patch  
Watch for further details here!  
Presented by the Children's, Youth  
and Families' Ministries**



**Sharing our Elder Care Journeys-  
Pastoral Care Workshop, October 26,  
9:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
St Mary's Episcopal Church, Crystal  
Lake, IL**

This workshop will focus on understanding the needs of our elders and learning some pastoral care techniques that can help us "be" with our senior friends and our parents in a more effective manner. It is for anyone involved in or interested in caring for seniors.

Offering presentations on the unique needs of elders, non-verbal communication, active listening and leading senior group ministry, the workshop will be led by a group of professionals familiar with the pastoral care of seniors. There is no charge for the workshop, however, a sandwich lunch will be available for \$5.00 per person. Click [here](#) for more information.



**Hands-on ministry -  
Saturday, October 5:  
Fun, food and fellowship along with  
good works.**

Twenty volunteers age 14 and over are needed to help re-pack food at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Meet at St. Cyprian's at 11:15 a.m. to carpool to GCFD, 4100 West Ann Lurie Place, Chicago. Share a bounty of delicious tacos at Birrieria Zaragoza, 4852 S. Pulaski St. before starting the volunteer shift: 1:30 to 4 p.m. Reservations, [jackie.combs.nelson@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.combs.nelson@gmail.com) (847) 318 9693 or cell (847) 276-0773.



**Do you know that St. Michael's has a Facebook page?**

**Like us at: St. Michael's Episcopal Church Barrington, IL or by clicking [here](#).**

## **Upcoming Events**

+28 September, Sudan Soiree, 6:00 p.m.

+29 September, St. Michael's Day, baptism, and visit by Bishops Joseph and Gray

+2 & 3 October, Service of Blessing and Thanksgiving for Animals (see times above)

+6 October, Global Gifts Fair, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., outside the Community Room

+25-26 October, October Men's Retreat

+27 October, 50! Something Oktoberfest, 4:00 p.m.

## **Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Pentecost 19**

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

## **Contact Info**

St. Michael's Vestry

Kathy Sawyer Randolph - Sr. Warden, Shan Atkins - Jr. Warden

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Dolores Kampert, Ray Kean, Pat Kane, Mike Savage

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