

# The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

November 7, 2013

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## Ministry



## What's Confirmation All About Anyways?

Confirmation as outlined in the Book of Common Prayer is, "In the course of their Christian development, those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the

responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by the bishop." More informally speaking, Confirmation is an experience to wonder, explore, question, and discuss our faith with others. Most importantly, Confirmation is the opportunity for our youth to make an independent declaration of their commitment to live as a Christian in the Episcopal Tradition.

Youth will participate in 8 months of classes and preparation before making the decision whether or not to be confirmed in the spring of 2014. Monthly classes will focus on topics such as Time & Our Use of It, Vocation-What am I Being Called To?, Justice & Morality, Sexual Ethics, and an Episcopanel-Faith Stories from our Pews. Additional activities include an overnight retreat at Stronghold Retreat Center, attending Holy Week services, participating in Food for the Journey classes, completing a service project as a group, selecting and working with a mentor throughout the year, attending a worship experience of another faith tradition, and having a meeting with a member of clergy.

Those participating in the class this year are Cara Allen, Annabel Buxton, Sean Doran, Hannah Harris, Miranda Hutchinson, Marissa Longo, Dillon Rejman, Megan Yerger, and Julia Yerger. How can I support them, you ask? Well, the power of prayer is remarkable! Please remember these

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11.10 Carter Brett  
11.11 Emma Bishop  
11.12 David Brooks,  
Sean Tucker  
11.13 Tina Gilbert  
11.14 Griffin Blue  
11.16 William  
Stoettner, Arthur  
Holzknecht, Kate,  
Wirth, John Magro,  
Jessie Erickson

young adults in your prayers. Secondly, if you are willing to serve as a mentor, please let me know.

Thank you for supporting these members of our congregation as they navigate this chapter of their spiritual journey. A journey that began when they were baptized and one will continue as they enter into adulthood.



Members of the 2013 Confirmation Class

Blessings,  
Kara Joy Baker

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**Announcing: New *Sword* Editor**, Nancy Holmes. This week's *Sword* was prepared by Nancy Holmes - with tremendous guidance from outgoing editor Nerissa Brueckbauer. Because the Communications Director staff position will not be filled right away, Nancy will be assuming primary responsibility for the *Sword* for at least the next several months. As before, parishioner communications about the *Sword* can be sent to [news@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:news@stmichaelsbarrington.org).

**From the Rector:**

**2014 Vestry Member Nominations.** Vestry nominations are made each January at the Annual Meeting by a nominating committee that normally includes the rector, wardens and willing vestry members. We now welcome parishioner suggestions and inquiries that will help us prepare the final list of nominees. Share your thoughts or questions by email: [praymond@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:praymond@stmichaelsbarrington.org), [ksrandolph@gmail.com](mailto:ksrandolph@gmail.com) and/or [shanatkins@earthlink.net](mailto:shanatkins@earthlink.net). Please know that, while nominations from the floor at the annual meeting are welcomed, only a single slate of candidates is initially presented for the congregation's consideration. This custom is sometimes questioned because it seems autocratic more than democratic; and other parishes have traditions or bylaws that result in competitive nominations and elections. However, the multiple candidate

**Anniversaries**  
11.10 Ann & Jim  
LaBarge  
11.11 Kate & Mark

Imhoff  
11.14 Michelle &  
David Trautwein

systems sometimes result in hurt feelings by those who were not elected to leadership positions about which they felt dubious in the first place. The rector, wardens and vestry members have had numerous conversations about all of this over the past few years and welcome interested parishioners to join the conversation and share their thoughts.

**'Purse' for Nerissa Brueckbauer.** Key clergy and staff who leave their ministries at St. Michael's are often thanked by the congregation with a cash gift collected from grateful members. Parishioners are welcomed to send a check indicating (anything like) "Mrs B Purse" in the memo line anytime before Nerissa's November 24, farewell reception; or look for the right place to drop a cash or check on any of the next three Sunday mornings.

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### **Food for the Journey, this Sunday, 10 November, and Sunday, 17 November**

**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, 10 November (9:00 & 10:05 a.m. - NOTE: additional 9:00 a.m. session added this week)**  
***Planning for the End of Life: a gift to your loved ones***

#### **Rest in Peace**

11.10 Max Wallach  
11.11 Myra Driever  
11.12 Allen  
Cummings  
11.13 Norman Jones,  
Patricia Yager  
11.14 Frank  
Kohlhase  
11.15 Charles  
Harrigan  
11.16 Robert Warren

"Creating an advance directive is a gift to those you love. By writing down your desires for care, comfort and treatment, the people you love are spared the burden of making the tough decisions for you." (Be@Ease website). Join Ellen Weiss as she shares with you a tool called 5 Wishes. The 5 Wishes tool was designed to make planning for the end of life both thorough and easy. (To allow those who attend the 7:45 a.m. service to participate, Ellen will lead conversations at 9:00 a.m. in addition to the normal 10:05 a.m. time slot)

### **Food for the Journey, 17 November (10:05 a.m.)**

***Beyond the Advent Wreath:*** Practices, Traditions, and Resources to help Advent come alive

It is all too easy to get swept away in the "cultural" x-mas season that begins after Thanksgiving and ends the same day the church's Christmas begins! Join Marti Kahn as she leads a discussion about how to experience Advent as a time of preparation for Christmas rather than just a CRAZY, BUSY shopping/social season. Bring your own practices to share!

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## From Our Youth Minister

It's hard to believe that it is now November and the holiday season will be upon us shortly. With so many opportunities to serve others, LIFT & SMUSH have independently decided on outreach projects for themselves. LIFT will be working with members of The Bridge, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to help organize, plan, and carry out the Advent Celebration on 12/1 for our entire parish. SMUSH will be making fleece tie blankets for Barrington Giving Day. If you would be willing to donate fleece toward the project, please bring them to my office any time. Each blanket requires 2 pieces of fleece that are 2 yards long. THANKS!

THIS WEEK:

**Friday 11/8, 3:00-7:30-**Youth Volunteers to serve at the soup kitchen, Franciscan Outreach Center. I'm still looking for 2 more youth and/or adults.

**Sunday, 11/10 @ 9:00-**LIFT Worship & Advent Celebration Planning

**Sunday, 11/3 @ 10:45-**SMUSH Worship & Fleece Blanket Making

UPCOMING:

**Friday 12/6 Deadline-**Those who signed up to sponsor LYDIA Home children, please bring Christmas presents to Kara's office.

**Saturday 12/7, 1:00-6:00-**LYDIA Home volunteering. We are doing a new project for them this year, and there are only 6 spots. Let me know if you would like attend.

**Friday 12/20, 5:00-8:00-**Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg.

### Little Red Wagon

In November we will be gathering food for St. Cyprian Food Pantry. It is the largest pantry to which we donate food. It serves over 1,600 people each month. The needs are great! With the approach of Thanksgiving, items such as yams, cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin and stuffing mix would be great additions to the usual breakfast, lunch and dinner foods. The pantry further requests,

TUNA,  
TUNA,  
TUNA,  
soups &  
cereals!



Monetary donations to

**There is something new at St. Michael's!**

the Food Pantry Fund  
are always welcome.

Thirteen individuals from St. Michael's -- clergy, staff and several of our ushers, among others -- received basic training this past Tuesday evening in CPR and in the use of our new AED unit, now installed near the elevator on the main floor of the church. Many thanks to program donors as well as to Jim Bullion, who saw the project through to completion, and Laurie Michaels, who arranged for the training. A second training is scheduled for this Saturday, November 9, at 9:00 a.m. This class only has one or two openings left. If you would like to attend Saturday's training (or are interested in a future training session) please contact Nancy Holmes in the Parish Office (847-381-2323).

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Help a Needy Family have a Thanksgiving Meal!



**Little Angels Christian Preschool and  
St. Michael's Church School**  
are sponsoring a **Food Drive** to benefit  
**St. Cyprian's Ecumenical Food Bank**  
in Downtown Chicago.

We will be collecting donations  
**Monday, November 4 - Tuesday,  
November 26.**

Suggested donations are:

Canned Ham    Canned Yams    Canned Vegetables  
Box Potatoes    Stuffing Mix    Cornbread Mix  
Canned Cranberry Sauce    Canned Chicken/Tuna  
Cake Mixes/Icing    Brownie Mix    Any Box Dessert  
Gift card to Jewel Osco    Cash Donations are welcome

**Please place donations in the box located in the  
Preschool Entryway.**

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### **St. Cyprian Christmas Gifts for Children**

Once again we have the opportunity to purchase gifts for 51 children (2 gifts each). On Sunday, November 17, Ruth Silver will have their wish lists - one present for fun and the other for need. She will be at all 3 services outside the Community Room.





## It' s Christmas Basket time!

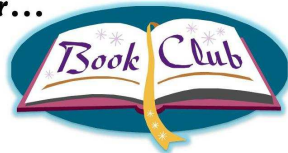
Thank you to those of you who so generously took a family from Cathedral Shelter to support this Christmas season This past Sunday we had all of the families sponsored before the 10:45 service started!

This week we will have the information for our families from Redeemer. Please look for us in the hallway outside of the community room, and consider sponsoring a family on your own, or perhaps with another family or a small group. The need is great, and the families are so grateful that you choose to help them during the Christmas season.

If you don't have time to shop, and would just like to make a donation, we will be happy to put your donation to good use in supporting a family. Also, if you are unable to be at church during the next couple of weeks, but still want to participate, please feel free to contact Nina Stephenson or Katy Pepper and we will sign you up.

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*Book Club is  
for...*



*...you!*

## Book Club Meets November 20, 7:30 p.m. in Library

The book this month, *Life, on the Line: A Chef's Story of Chasing Greatness, Facing Death, and Redefining the Way We Eat* [Grant Achatz, Nick Kokonas], is very timely, given the untimely death yesterday of Chef Charlie Trotter.

Our discussion will be led by our own foodie, Christine Olson.

Questions? Contact Kathi Frelk, [kfrelk@yahoo.com](mailto:kfrelk@yahoo.com)

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## In the Parish family

+Jodi and Bob Sundeen will be moving to North Carolina later this month. Please be sure bid them farewell.



+Congratulations to parishioner Dave Buckley for having been recently identified by Chicago Magazine as one of the Chicago area's Select Wealth Managers for his work in estate planning as partner in the local firm of Kelleher and Buckley.



+She did it again! As if her recent 26+ mile run in the Chicago Marathon wasn't enough, Senior Warden Kathy Randolph completed a 30-mile run (yes, 30 miles!), also in Chicago, this past Saturday, November 3. The run didn't prevent her, however, from serving at the altar for the 7:45 a.m. Eucharist the next morning ... Go, Kathy!

+Those for whom prayers have been requested: Roberta, Amy, Katie, Dick, Leanne, Julie & family, Judie, Lee, Erma, Joan, Alicia, Bill, Dolores, Vette, the Koelling/Ingram families, Joe, Joan, Mary, Kathy, Kasey, the Tarulis family, Paulette, Bill, John, Amy, Rollo, St. Cyprian Food Pantry, safety & peace in South Sudan; military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Zane, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, and Taylor.



## **Grief Sharing Workshops**

Have you ever had a friend in pain struggling with their loss? That loss could be the death of a spouse, a child in trouble, an unexpected career change, retirement, a family member with mental illness, multiple moves, an empty nest, a divorce? The list is exhaustive. However many forms in which grief arrives, there are similar tools to help that friend. We've all had the experience of wishing we knew what to do or just the right thing to say. God sees our hearts and knows we're trying our best.

"Grief Sharing is Vital Kingdom Work," says Harold Ivan Smith, and I have come to believe this in very personal ways.

Come to three sessions (all different material) and gather some tools for this important work.

We will be using the book, *When you don't know what to say/How to Help your Grieving Friends* by Harold Ivan Smith. Please call the office and ask to reserve your copy (about \$10) and to give us an idea of attendance. The book will be available at the sessions but you do not have to buy this book to participate.

To reiterate: this is a workshop to give you the tools to help a friend.

**Monday nights, Nov. 4, 11 & 18**  
**St. Michael's Church - Check for location**  
**7:00-8:30 p.m.**

Church office - 847-381-2323

Peace,

Kay Lewis

Lay Parish Chaplain

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**Angelus Concert to take place at St. Michael's on tomorrow night, 8**

**November at 7:00 p.m.**

Angelus is comprised of six young women from Mt. Vernon Senior

High School in Indiana. Dedicated to

the performance of sacred music of varied religious traditions and historical periods, Angelus is completely unique among American high school vocal ensembles. Angelus explores repertoire that is both historically and artistically significant, including medieval chant and polyphony, works from the American Sacred Harp tradition and contemporary Irish and American compositions. Please plan to attend this special event!

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**Monday Morning Meditations and Mandalas meets again on Nov. 11 & 25**



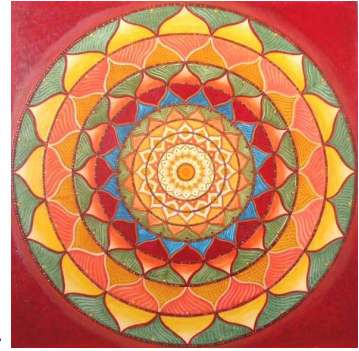
Meditations led by

**Janette Warner** . Mandala guidance and drawing materials provided by **Brooke Raymond** .

Monday Morning Meditations and Mandalas aims to provide a space to

step away from stress and into some breathing room of your own making - for reflection, quiet and calm. No artistic or meditation experience is necessary. The brief

meditations will focus on breathing and on appreciation for the present moment. Pre-drawn mandalas for coloring will be provided for those who prefer not to draw their own. All are welcome, to any or all sessions. No registration required. No charge, but donations will be welcomed and contributed to St. Michael's ongoing mission in Jeanette, Haiti. Questions? Contact [brookewraymond@gmail.com](mailto:brookewraymond@gmail.com) or [janet.warner1@gmail.com](mailto:janet.warner1@gmail.com).



**Volunteer for the  
Community  
Thanksgiving Dinner  
at St. Michael's!**

St. Michael's is preparing to host our **8th annual free community dinner on**

**Thanksgiving Day,  
Thursday, November 28.** In

the past, our guests have included members of the community, 50 recruits from Great Lakes Naval Base, youth from Maryville Academy, and many from our parish. **Volunteers are needed for this event: cooking**

**(unstuffed) turkeys (we supply the bird), pie baking, clean-**

**up.** Items needed to borrow just for the day: laptop computers, cell phones, (the recruits love this special time to connect with their families), guitars, and a karaoke machine. Volunteer slots fill up early for this popular event. Sign up poster is located in the foyer outside the Community Room.

In addition to all the wonderful volunteers and vendors who donate just about everything needed for the event, **this year we are humbly requesting monetary donations**. Each year we need to rent a warming oven, round tables, and purchase a few items not covered by our generous donor vendors. Any monetary donation is gratefully accepted and appreciated.

And remember, you are invited to join us for dinner! Great meal and great fellowship!

If you would like to learn more, contact Nancy Holmes in the Parish Office at 847-381-2323 x11 or [nholmes@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:nholmes@stmichaelsbarrington.org).

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## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!**

Are you looking for a new ministry? Do you like to shop or want to try your hand at creating displays with new merchandise? Then visit us downstairs for And All the Angels Gift Shop is in need of volunteers! We have a wonderfully enjoyable environment in which to work! And no experience is needed for we train on the job. If you can give a few hours of a Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday morning once a month, you will be a valued asset to this powerful ministry. As an all-volunteer operated store, all of our profits are awarded to women's and children's organizations, and we have given away more than a quarter of a million dollars to date!

**Come chat with us...We want YOU!**



**A Big Thank YOU!**



And All the Angels Gift Shop wishes to thank all patrons of the Global Fair held in October. Profits of \$700.00 was made to be given to the Haiti ministry to help with future projects!

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## News About Our Upcoming Advent Pageant



Watch for information about our upcoming Advent pageant-S. Our pageant this year will flow over the four Sunday's of Advent and Christmas Eve.

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## Little Angels Successful Fundraiser!



Little Angels held the annual Fall Fundraiser this year at McGonigal's in Barrington. A fun time was had by all and almost \$10,000 was raised for

the preschool! We will be using the profits to build our outside garden area this spring, add some needed materials for our large motor space and purchase new materials for our classrooms. Thank you to all who participated by donating items, attending, and organizing the evening. A big thank you to Jenn Newman and Lindsey Murphy for co-chairing the event and Steve Mathison for being the auctioneer of the evening!

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## **A Letter from Bishop Lee: Marriage Equality in Illinois**

Click [here](#) to read the letter from Bishop Lee.

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### **Join us for a FREE MEAL at The Community Meal Wednesday, November 13, 2013**

The Community Church of  
Barrington  
407 South Grove Avenue  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



What's Happening in November?

- We will be serving salad, spaghetti, and dessert!
  - Carole Sandner, Master Gardener, will be demonstrating flower arranging starting at 5:30 pm. Take an arrangement home with you after the demonstration.
  - Thanksgiving stories will be read by our CM Tutor, Paul.
  - We will be offering FREE tutoring for students (K-12) in any subjects.
  - SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church youth group will be volunteering at the meal.
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**Holy Apostles Church  
Annual Auction & Dinner Dance  
November 15th at 6:00 p.m.**



**Tickets \$40.00**

**847-526-7148 or visit website at**  
[www.holyapostleswauconda.org](http://www.holyapostleswauconda.org)

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**BARRINGTON GIVING DAY-BACK TO SCHOOL  
CLOTHING EVENT: Open forum meeting Nov. 18**

St. Matthew Lutheran Church has committed to be the site location for the second annual **BARRINGTON GIVING DAY-BACK TO SCHOOL CLOTHING EVENT**. The date is set for Saturday, August 16. I hope that you will want to add this to your local ministry calendar for 2014. We have a great opportunity as churches in the Barrington area to work together to serve families in need right in our back yard.

Barrington Giving Day is right around the corner, December 14, so please support this huge effort in the community. This giving day distributes warm outer wear, books, blankets, toys, bikes, food and food cards to over 300 families in our community. We are taking donations of no-sew (knotted) fleece blankets too! You will be hearing more from the second Giving Day after the first of the year.

If you, your local ministry leader or interested lay leader would like to hear more about this August event, **there will be an open forum meeting at St. Matthew on Monday, November 18 at 7pm**. We would love to hear ideas about how to better reach out to our neighbors. Come and share; come and listen

Contact Sue Mullen at St. Matthew's (847-382-7002) if you have any questions.

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## **Upcoming Events**

- + 11 November, St. Michael's Veteran's Ministry, 7:00 p.m.
- +11, 18 November, Grief Sharing Workshop, 7:00 p.m.
- +8 November, Angelus Sacred Music for Women's Voices Concert at 7:00 p.m.
- +11 and 25 November, Monday Morning Meditations & Mandalas, 6:00 a.m.
- +15 November, Church of the Holy Apostles Fundraiser, 6:00 p.m.



## Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Pentecost 25

Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17; Luke 20:27-38

### Contact Info

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Dolores Kampert, Ray Kean, Pat Kane, Mike Savage

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Marissa Longo, Youth Representative Madelyn Lanham, Youth Representative

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The Rev. Patrick Raymond, Rector; The Rev. Kevin Caruso, Associate Rector; The Rev. Laurie Michaels, Deacon; Caren Hunter, Director of Little Angels Christian Preschool; David Baker, Director of Music Ministries; Thom Wibbels, Organist; Kara Joy Baker, Youth Pastor & Director of Children's Choir; Nerissa Brueckbauer, Children's Education Director & Communications Coordinator; Kim Lessner, Parish Operations; Nancy Holmes, Parish Administrator & Rector's Assistant; Rich Hornickel, Sexton.

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