

# The Sword



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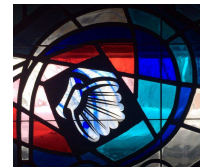
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## Upcoming at St. Michael's

### Sunday, January 12 - Feast of the Baptism of Jesus

+ **Four baptisms will be celebrated at the 10:45**

**Eucharist:** Max Brett, Nolan Lytle, Clive Uebelor and Myra Robinson, an adult candidate for baptism who kindly wrote a brief personal introduction that can be found further down in this *Sword*.



+ **Commissioning of the solemn communion class at the 9:00 am Eucharist.** Thirteen children, whose names can be found elsewhere in this *Sword*, will begin their journey of discovery about the sacrament of the Eucharist with recognition and a blessing.

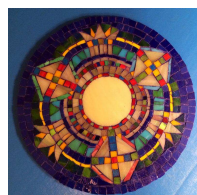
+ **Gold, frankincense and myrrh**, three artworks from the December 2013 Barrington Christmas Art Walk, will be on display in the St. Michael's narthex. See more information below under 'Also from the Rector.'

### Sunday, January 26 - Parish Annual Meeting, beginning with a

**light lunch and call to order at Noon.** The annual meeting provides an opportunity for all who take part in the life of the parish to review our ministries and mission and our financial condition. *Look for additional information below and in the weeks to come, and please plan to join us.*

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## From the Rector: Wondering about Wisdom

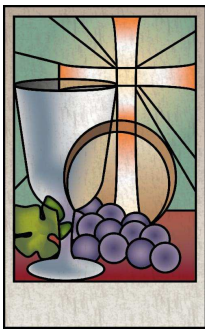


"... wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'"

- Matthew 2:1b-2

St. Michael's  
Episcopal Church  
*Service Hours*

Sundays:  
7:45 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
10:45 a.m.



For additional  
service information,  
events and  
activities,  
please visit our  
website by  
[clicking here](#).

Dear People of St. Michael's,

What made the Wise Men wise?

They left their known world and routines in order to follow a peculiar star. If I did that, my family and friends wouldn't call me wise. They'd call me crazy.

The 'wise men' concluded that the king they were seeking was not, after all, a member of any reigning royal household - was, in fact, an infant born to peasants. Was that *wise*? Really?

They broke a promise to Herod and changed their travel plans based on a dream. If I took action on the dream I had last night, no one would call *me* wise.

We heard the Wise Men's story in worship this past Sunday and again on Monday, the Feast of the Epiphany. Ever since, I've been wondering about wisdom.

Who even aspires to be wise these days?

How does the wisdom of God differ from conventional wisdom?

How is genuine wisdom expressed collectively - for instance, in a suburban Episcopal parish?

No easy answers here ... but the recognition of no easy answers may, at least, be one key to becoming wise(r). This comes with my prayer that, whatever you or I may make of the Wise Men of old, we may avail ourselves of any and all available light and dreams and trial and error to find our way, as they did, to Christ.

*Patrick* +

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## Also from the Rector

+ **Gold, frankincense and myrrh.** Those who were in worship this past Sunday know that I displayed near the Communion rail a painting that was created on the theme of 'Frankincense'. Based on positive parishioner feedback and questions, I rounded up the artworks on 'Gold' and 'Myrrh'. All three pieces will be displayed this Sunday in the St. Michael's narthex. To see the artworks and learn more about the artists, [click here](#).



+ **Reaching out to Bishop Joseph's Family.** As you can read in a linked feature article by parishioner Jackie Kraus, the escalating violence and uncertainty in South Sudan has led Bishop Joseph to evacuate his



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

wife Rhoda and daughters Michelle and Grace to Kenya. I'm already aware that Bishop Lee and one other parish in our diocese have committed some funds to help with the family's

Ministry

## Quicklinks

- Our Website
- Little Angels
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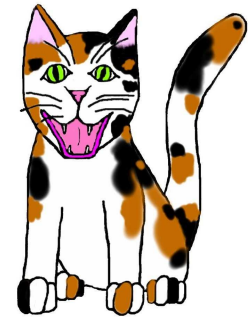
related costs. Our wardens and I feel St. Michael's should also offer special aid at this time. We welcome your special gifts through an 'open offering' at all three Eucharists this coming Sunday or by a check sent to St. Michael's with 'Bishop Joseph' in the memo. Please continue to pray for all in South Sudan. Jackie's article can be read by [clicking here](#).

+ **Ready or not ... THRIVE!** The two-year Diocese of Chicago program to support parishes in becoming more intentional, faithful and vital begins this weekend with a Friday-Saturday retreat at Techny Towers, in Techny, Illinois (near Northbrook). Please pray for those taking part: parishioners Marti Kahn, Lou Longo, Ann Ross and Betsy Wintringer, plus Fr. Kevin and myself. More information about THRIVE from the website for our diocese can be found by clicking [here](#).

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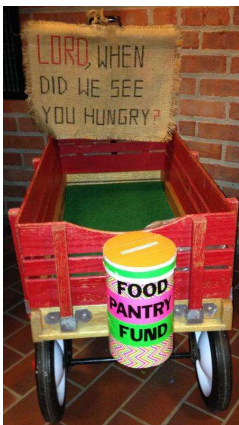
## What Does the CAT Say?

We need **YOU** (yes **YOU!**) to take an important survey, **The Church Assessment Tool (CAT)**.



**Starting TODAY**, you will be able to take the CAT by following this [link](#). The CAT is an on-line instrument that will help St. Michael's leadership in strategically planning for the future. If you want to know some more about the CAT this link will download a document with some frequently asked questions. If you are at least 16 and currently attend Church at St. Michael's in Barrington, we would value your feedback. The survey takes 30-45 minutes to complete and does need to be completed in a single sitting. If more than one person in your household attends St. Michael's then you are each encouraged to take this survey. *Please do not discuss the survey or your answers with others as this may influence their answers.* If you need a **paper copy**, please come to the office, and we will provide one for you along with a self-addressed stamped return envelope. All answers are **strictly anonymous**. If you have questions, please contact [Kevin Caruso](#).

## Little Red Wagon



In January, Church of the Redeemer, Elgin, will be our focus on

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## Food for the Journey: Sunday, January 12

This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord, so a question may arise in your household: Why are Baptisms part of some Sunday worship services? Come join in conversation with **Tim Murray** this Sunday during Food for the Journey about perspectives on the sacrament of Baptism revealed in the Book of Common Prayer.



supplying food for its Families in Crisis program. The needs are many, but food is essential. Please keep the Little Red Wagon full of breakfast, lunch and dinner food - canned or packaged. Clothing would also be acceptable. Many, many thanks for keeping the wagon so full in November and December. It was a bountiful gift given and deeply appreciated. May we continue this great effort!

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## From Our Youth Minister

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

- **Saturday, 1/11 @ 10:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. -** New Beginnings Staff Day
- **Sunday, 1/12 @ 9:00 a.m. -** LIFT Worship & Formation
- **Sunday, 1/12 @ 10:45 a.m.-** SMUSH Worship & Youth Advisory Board Meeting
- **Sunday, 1/12 @ 5:30-7:00 p.m.-** Confirmation Class in the Sturtz House

### UPCOMING:

**Friday Jan. 24-Sunday 26** - Episcopal Diocese of Chicago New

Beginnings, a retreat for middle school students @ St. Michael's! We are hosting, and I will be attending the retreat. It would be great to have a large St. Michael's representation. Check it out at

<http://www.episcopalchicago.org/at-work-in-the-church/youth-ministry/new-beginnings/>.

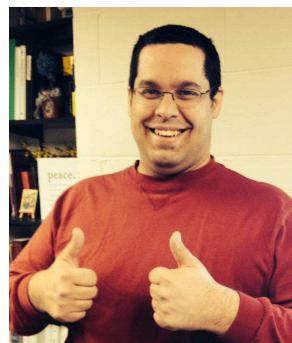
**Saturday May 3** - Group Workcamps Big Day of Serving in Dubuque, IA. This is just as it sounds, it's one day full of community service. Ages 12 and above are welcome to attend. This could be an awesome family event. I am happy to organize the trip if 5+ people (youth, parents, friends, etc.) are interested. Check it out at <http://groupmissiontrips.com/the-big-day-of-serving/locations/dubuque,-ia/>. PLEASE let me know if you are interested.



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## In The Parish Family

Winter Crockpot  
Soup



### Great News to Share!

Our brand new website editor, **Jonathan Galliher**, has a brand new *full time* job! He begins his new career on January 20 as a software engineer at Medline Industries in Mundelein. Jon will continue working on our website but as you can see in this photo he is very happy to be starting his new job.

Congratulations and great success Jon!

**Solemn Communion Candidates** will be recognized and commissioned





One of the easiest and tastiest soups yet for a cold winter night! This is a favorite of the Baker household. [Click here](#) for recipe.

## Remembering This Week

### Birthdays

1.5

Art Kinney

Gail Baar

Christina Roennau

1.6

Deanna Arms

at the 9:00 a.m. Eucharist on January 12. They'll be undertaking weekly study and reflection over the next few months in a process that concludes, prior to Easter, with a three-day retreat and an appropriate Eucharist. The 2014 candidates for First Solemn Communion are: Rhett Allord, Ronan Allord, Jacob Arms, John Cesario, Cole DiDomenico, Ella Marcinek, Ben Mears, Scott Nance, Campbell Paris, Abby Raynor, Julianne Schultz, M.J. Ward, and Natalie Stoval. Congratulations!

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## St. Michael's to host New Beginnings #30

**New Beginnings** is a weekend retreat for Middle School Youth focusing on the 2 greatest commandments: loving God with all of our heart, mind, and strength, and loving our neighbors as ourselves. The event is designed specifically to respond to the needs and concerns of 6th-8th grade students. The retreat, led by a team of youth and adults from around the diocese, begins on



**Friday evening, January 26 at 7:00 P.M. and concludes on Sunday afternoon, January 28, with a Eucharist beginning at 3:00 p.m.**

There is a series of talks given by youth and adults, skits, songs and small group discussions and activities. These talks focus on subjects such as self, friends, parents, siblings, school, God's love, prayer, the Church and "Who is Jesus?" In addition, there is time for fun, creating, and sharing. Participants not only learn and grow, but have a wonderful time.

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## Hello,

My name is **Myra Robinson** and I am new to St. Michaels. I wanted to introduce myself as I have decided I want to be baptized and plan on doing so this coming Sunday. I have been to mass several times with my daughter, Christy, son-in-law, Jeff and my grandson, Josh. Both Christy and Josh were baptized at St. Michaels, when Josh was an infant. I have been to other churches in my life however, when I walked into St. Michaels for the first time it just felt right. I believe in God with all my heart and soul and I am truly excited about my baptism.

Sincerely,  
Myra

Donna Brooks  
Julie Allord  
Jack Magro  
Morgan Magro  
Nick Magro  
Sullivan Magro  
Pete Belden  
1.7



Betty Strouse  
Ann Dickson  
Lindsey Murphy  
Jeff Buxton  
1.8

Dolores Curran  
Bill Saunders  
1.9  
Jan Semerad  
Mike Savage  
1.10

William Nagy  
Jessen Koelling  
1.11

Susan Johnston  
Avery Erickson  
Kary Caruso

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### Calling Green Thumbs

The altar guild has de-greened (after Christmas clean-up) the church, gathered the poinsettias and lined them up in the hallway outside the parish offices for folks to take home. Please take as many as you would like for yourself or to bring to a friend. They need good homes so please don't leave without one!



### Anniversaries

1.10  
Vickie & John Schnure  
1.11

Marti & Steve Kahn



All holiday merchandise at **And All the Angels Gift Shop** is currently discounted at 40% off. All Christmas books and nativity sets will be 20% off. Remember = 100% of the gift shop proceeds are returned to the community to help women and children in need. Happy Shopping!

### Rest in Peace

1.6  
Robert Johnson  
Frank Faust  
Antionette Lutsky

1.7  
Lloyd Silver  
Anna Toll  
1.8

### *And speaking of the gift shop....*

**And All the Angels DESPERATELY Needs Volunteers!**

The snowbirds have flown the coop, so the angel store needs more helpers to cover the store. No experience needed; on-the-job-training; loads of fun and short hours available! If you can volunteer just one day a month on a Saturday or Wednesday, WE WILL TAKE YOU!

Julia Ward



Come down to the shop and talk with us or contact Chris Robinson at 847-382-6435.

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### Preschool Registration Beginning

Little Angels Preschool begins 2014-2015 Registration on Monday, January 13th for our current families, alumni families and St. Michael's church families. Open enrollment will begin on Monday, January 27th. We are excited to be offering new programs for all ages. Feel free to call the preschool office at 847-381-5490 or email Caren Hunter at [chunter@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:chunter@stmichaelsbarrington.org) for more information or to schedule a tour. Click [here](#) for the 2014-2015 registration form.



# TRIVIA Night

SAVE THE  
DATE



St. Michael's  
Annual Meeting  
January 26  
12:00 p.m.

*How many of King Henry VIII's wives were called Catherine?  
What is the smallest country in the world?*

**Saturday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m.  
McGonigal's Pub in Barrington**

This fun event is open to all adults in the parish.  
Sponsored by AWSM (All Women of St. Michael's)

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**It's a Bird. It's a Plane. It's The Viper.**





**Don't Forget to  
take the CAT  
survey!**  
[Link here.](#)



See article &  
instructions in this  
newsletter.  
Thank you for your  
participation.

The Monsters of the Midway have nothing compared to the Monster of the Hallway! Meet 'The Viper'. Our sexton, Rich, is keeping our floors shiny and clean with The Viper - a new electric floor scrubber. No more dirty mop water, no more streaks - floors soaped up and vacuumed in one easy process. Do we see a superhero cape on Rich's shoulders?

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### **Offering Envelopes for 2014**

Your 2014 offering envelopes are available for pick up in the Community Room foyer. We reduced the number of envelopes ordered this year so if your number was higher than 60, a new number has been assigned. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Lessner, Operations Manager in the parish office at 847-381-2323, ext. 16 or via email at [klessner@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:klessner@stmichaelsbarrington.org). Thank you!

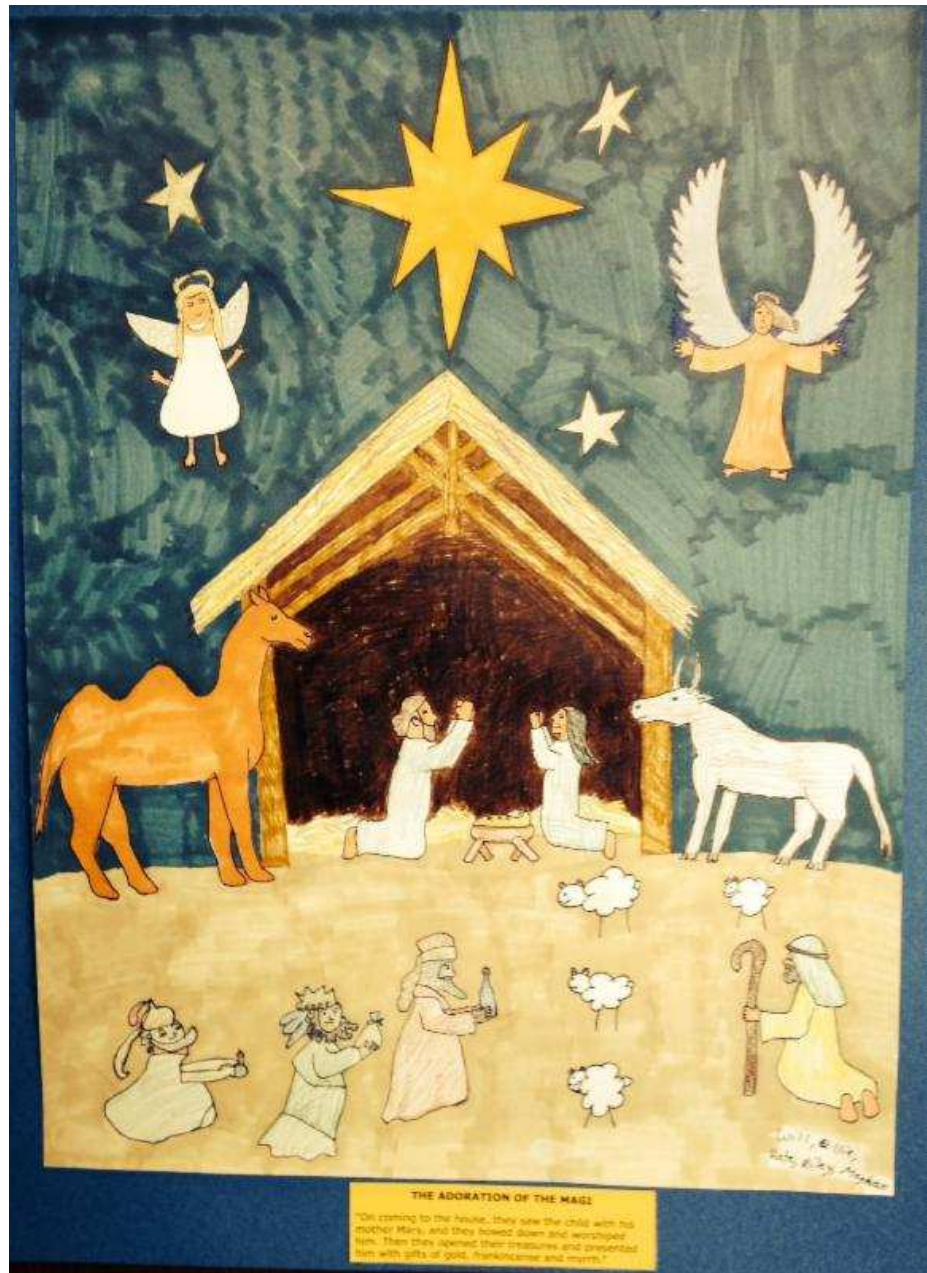
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### **They followed a Star**

**The Bridge**, St. Michael's 4th and 5th graders, created artwork during Advent and Christmas as they reflected on the upcoming season of



Epiphany. The piece below was done by Will, Ellie, Kate, Riley and Meghan. Magnificent work!



The Adoration of the Magi: "On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."

**Check it Out**

Check out the *Faces of Philanthropy* article in the January issue of *Quintessential Barrington* magazine. Lots of faces familiar from St. Michael's doing great things!

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## **Save the Date: Come Children Sing!**

**Emmanuel Church, La Grange, Grace Church, Oak Park** and the **Episcopal Diocese of Chicago** invite young singers to *Come Children Sing!*, an all-day festival of song on Saturday, February 1 from 10 am to 3 pm at Grace Church in Oak Park. The day concludes with a 2 pm Festival Evensong led by Bishop Lee.

The event is free and all children from the diocese are welcome, even if your parish does not have a children's choir program. More details and registration information to come soon.

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## **Community Meal**

Join us for a FREE MEAL at

### **The Community Meal**

Thursday, January 23, 2014

Salem United Methodist Church

115 West Lincoln Avenue, Barrington

5:00 -7:00 p.m.

Soups on at Salem! They will be serving

several varieties of homemade soup. **Gene Dawson**, supervisor of the Barrington Township, will be sharing the history of Barrington.

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## **Men's Pre-Lenten Retreat**

The annual Men's Pre-Lenten Retreat will be held from 6 PM Friday February 7 through 3:30 PM Saturday, February 8, 2014, at the DeKoven Center in Racine, WI. This year's theme is "A Man for All Seasons" with Rev. Jay Risk, Director of the Bishop Anderson House, as leader. This is a time to fellowship with other men of all professions but with similar faith, aided by discussions. Space is limited. Don't miss out. To register or for more information, contact Dr. Bob Schenck at 312-371-1535 or [rschenckmd@gmail.com](mailto:rschenckmd@gmail.com). You may [click here](#) to view the retreat brochure.

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## **Upcoming Events**

+January 12, Commissioning of Solemn Communion Class, 9:00 a.m. service

+January 12, Holy Baptism, 10:45 a.m. service  
+January 26, Parish Annual Meeting, 12:00 p.m.

## Revised Common Lectionary Year A, First Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

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