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Upcoming at St. Michael's

It's survey time! Please take part. The Church Assessment Tool (CAT) measures various features of a congregation's life, faith, ministries, attitudes and priorities. Better participation by parishioners will result in a better picture of St. Michael's. Deadline for taking the CAT survey is January 29. To do it now, [click here](#).



Pre-Annual Meeting Hearings, Sunday, January 19, at 9 & 10:10, in the Community Room. An opportunity for parishioners to more closely investigate our financial condition and to ask questions about our leadership and mission.

Parish Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 26, at Noon, in the Community Room. We'll start with a light lunch and try to keep the entire meeting to 75 minutes.

The Annual Meeting Information Package can be found by clicking [here](#). (To conserve paper, only a limited number of paper copies will be available at the Annual Meeting itself.)



From the Rector Are you a member?

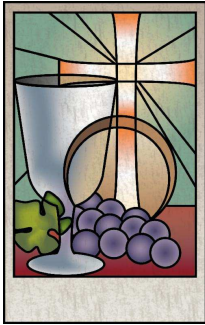
Dear People of St. Michael's,

Everyone takes part when we send forth one or more of our Home Lay Eucharistic Ministers at the end of a Sunday worship service. After the commissioning by the priest, all say, "*We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup.*"

This response is based on a verse from St. Paul's letter to the Romans: "*...we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.*" (12:5) It's a poignant

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,
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and very personal concept. Church membership, as Paul sees it, is not mainly about affiliation with an organization. Christian's who belong to the church belong to others who follow Jesus, and to Christ himself through that belonging to others.

I don't see this notion of church membership fully realized in every moment of every day at St. Michael's. But I do catch glimpses of it, and I pray you do too. In between glimpses, we carry on by faith.

Of course, St. Michael's is also an organization. And we're part of larger organizations - the Diocese of Chicago, the national Episcopal church and the Anglican Communion. As rector, I'm required to compile a list of 'members' each January as of December 31 the prior year. Membership standards for the Episcopal Church (with which we comply at St. Michael's) are nominal: one must be 16-years-old, be baptized and take part in worship in one's congregation at least three times a year.



I'm thinking of membership now not only because of annual reporting but because of our upcoming annual meeting. I believe there are plenty of people who regularly take part at St. Michael's and who, for all sorts of reasons, are unaware that we include them as 'members' in our records.

No doubt we need to improve our communications about membership - both the spiritual and the organizational dimensions. But for the moment, I hope you will take some time in this New Year to muse on your own understanding of church membership. And if you're reading this, chances are you've been identified as a member of St. Michael's - and your wardens and vestry members and I will therefore be grateful for your presence and participation in our Annual Meeting on January 26.

Thank you for all you do as a result of your membership at St. Michael's.

Patrick +

Also from the Rector

+ Many thanks to all who contributed to the open offering on Sunday, January 12. We raised almost \$3,500 to help with the expenses related to the evacuation of Joseph's wife Rhoda and daughters Michele and Grace to Nairobi, Kenya. Joseph remains in Renk at this time. Grace and Michele are enrolled in school in Nairobi, on a month-to-month basis, hoping to return to Renk when it is safe to do so. **Please see a note below from Joseph**, complete with a photo of his beautiful family. We will try to share further information here in the *Sword* when we know more and ask for continued prayers.



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+ **Marti Kahn, Lou Longo, Ann Ross and Betsy Wintringer** (along with Fr. Kevin and me) took part in an overnight retreat at Techny Towers, Northbrook, on Friday-Saturday, January 10-11, to begin our parish's two-year THRIVE commitment. You'll all be hearing more in various venues in the coming weeks.

Food For The Journey

Sunday, January 19 - John Davis, St. Michael's Treasurer, will introduce the 2014 Budget and representatives from our preschool will present information regarding program and classroom expansion plans. This is scheduled in anticipation of the Annual Meeting on January 26.

There will be no Food for the Journey presentation next Sunday, January 26. Please join us for the Annual Meeting at noon in the Community Room.

From Our Youth Minister

Kara Baker kbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org

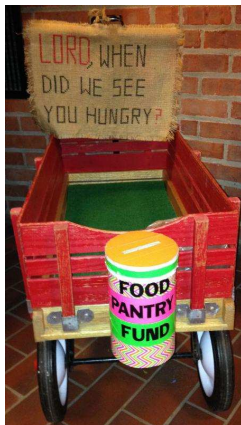
UPCOMING:

Friday January 24-Sunday 26- Episcopal Diocese of Chicago New Beginnings, a retreat for middle school students at 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/>. **LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER IS THIS WEEK!!!**

EYE 2014 (Episcopal Youth Event) Application deadline January 31!

The diocesan youth ministry office is currently accepting applications to be part of the diocesan delegation to EYE 2014! This exciting tri-ennial event will be held July 9-13 at Villanova University in Philadelphia. The online application process will be open through January 31. High school youth in grades 9-12 and adults interested in attending EYE should apply soon. **Learn more** about EYE 2014 and our travel plans at <http://www.episcopalchicago.org/at-work-in-the-church/youth-ministry/eye-2014/>. Contact Chad Senuta, the Associate for Youth and Campus Ministry at cсенута@episcopalchicago.org or 312-751-4200 ext. 722 with any

Little Red Wagon



In January, **Church of the Redeemer**, Elgin, will be our focus on supplying food for its Families in Crisis program. The needs are many, but food is essential. Please keep the Little Red Wagon



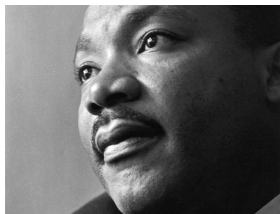
full of breakfast, lunch and dinner food - canned or packaged. Clothing would also be acceptable.

questions about the application process.

Saturday, February 1- The Great Chili Cook-Off from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. PLEASE come help with the cooking efforts for this favorite fundraising tradition.

Saturday, May 3- Group Workcamps Big Day of Serving in Dubuque, IA. St. Michael's WILL participate, as we've gotten enough initial interest. Ages 12 and above are welcome to attend. High School students, especially those who are unable to participate in our week long mission trip, think about participating as well. Check it out at <http://groupmissiontrips.com/the-big-day-of-serving/locations/dubuque,-ia/>. PLEASE let me know if you are interested.

Remembering
Martin Luther King
January 20, 2014



MLK
~ *Unknown Author*

Treat people kindly.
Do what is fair.
Work for all people
Show that you care.
Change what is wrong,
but please,
do not fight.
Think of new ways
to change wrong
to right.
These are the ways
if we work as a team
to remember the man
who said,

Order Your Chili Now

I know that everyone is very sad that the Green Bay Packers are not in Super Bowl XLVIII, but alas, Youth Ministries at St. Michael's has your remedy! We will once again be selling chili, sure to be the hit of any Super Bowl Party. Vegetarian, Meat, and Spicy chili will all be available for purchase. To be sure you get exactly what you want, be sure to preorder. You can pre-order by seeing a youth representative after the 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. services on either 1/19 or 1/26 or by completing an order form {[click here](#) for form} and emailing it to kbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org or dropping it in Kara Baker's mailbox in the church office. Chili will be available for pickup after all services on Sunday, 2/2. Many thanks for all you do to support youth ministries at St. Michael's.



Abastecerse de chile! Stock Up!

Do you know why you should buy **EXTRA** batches of chili from the youth fundraiser? [Click here](#) to learn....."20 Things To Do With EXTRA Chili."

Welcome to Our Guest Musicians

Guest organist **Tony Payne** will be with us for at least the next two Sundays at the 10:45 a.m. Eucharist only. Dr. Payne has served in a number of roles at the Wheaton College Conservatory of Music for over 30 years, including as Director of the Wheaton College Artist Series. He recently concluded a ministry of 20 years as Director of Music at First Baptist Church, Wheaton. Dr. Payne is internationally known as a

"I have a dream".

composer and for his leadership in ecumenical discussions about worship and music. He's recently served on the leadership teams for national conferences on worship and music organized by worshipleader.com. Welcome, Tony!



And, **Aaron Albin** will join us again at the 7:45 a.m. service this Sunday. Dr. Albin is a conductor, music educator, and arts advocate living in Chicago, IL. Before moving to the Windy City, Aaron served seven years on the piano faculty for Lone Star Music Academy, co-founded and directed a community chamber ensemble named "Ascolti", and was highly active as a conductor, pianist, and guest clinician within the Dallas Fort Worth metroplex. Welcome back, Aaron!

Remembering This Week

Birthdays

1.20

Jack Schmidt

1.21

Matt Blue

1.22

Dylan Johns

1.23

Judy Tolle

Judie Buckley

1.24

Jessica Holzknecht

Mark Eissler

1.25

Annie Conners

Molly Conners

Margaret Longsworth

Joe Pardun

Brendan Willis

In The Parish Family

Those who have asked for our prayers: Frank, Michael, Art, Joe, the Sykes family, the Napoleon family, the Papamarcos family, Lucille, Len, Carrie, Roberta, Sara & family, Mary, Melissa, Carol, Jim, Paul & family, Amy, Rollo, Redeemer Church Families in Crisis Program, safety & peace in South Sudan. **Solemn Communion Candidates:** Rhett, Ronan, Jacob, John, Cole, Ella, Ben, Scott, Campbell, Abby, Julianne, M.J., Natalie, Tyler, Austin, Lauren.

Passing: We learned that former member, **Marilyn Lundy**, died last November 15. She and her late husband, Dick, were members at St. Michael's until they moved to Palm Springs in the '90's. May her soul rest eternal.

Kara Joy Baker has recently been hired as an adjunct faculty member at Kennedy-King College. She will be teaching two sections MUS10 1 Fundamentals of Music Theory this spring semester. Teaching on Monday and Wednesday mornings, she will continue with business as usual at St. Michael's.

Preschool Registration in Progress

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 for more information or to schedule a

Anniversaries

1.23

Kristin & Josh Baudin

Rest in Peace

1.20

Lena Pesce

1.21

Michael Lorenzo

Stuart Parker

1.22

Robert McLaughlin

1.23

Norma Sayles

1.24

Jeanne Capulli

1.25

Nancy Race

Lolita Ewart



tour. [Click here](#) for the 2014-2015 registration form.



Come and Meet Jesus

Soul Journey: A Women's Gathering returns from their Christmas break on Tuesday, January 21. Please come and start the New Year with us. We will be continuing our study of the Gospel of John. We meet on Tuesdays, in the Library from 9:30-11:30 a.m. We are presently working on childcare.

You do not have to know the bible to come. It doesn't matter if you haven't had time to come yet. Just know that this is a caring group of women that spans the spectrum from age to experience. We welcome all walks of life. Do give us a try, or come back if you've been away. Friends and neighbors are welcome! Come and meet Jesus again through the eyes of his beloved disciple, John.

And on the same note:

Tuesday Morning Soul Journey women's group **looking for a babysitter.**

Starting Tuesday, January 21 - 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Running through May 6 (excluding spring break)

Want to earn some extra money? Know a college student or someone who's free on Tuesday mornings?



Many, many thanks. Please call Kay Lewis at 847-909-8374.

**Put This On
Your Calendar**



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

*Please contact the
parish office if you
need an
absentee ballot.*



Trivia Night

at McGonigal's in Barrington
February 8, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

\$25 per person, includes light appetizers, Cash Bar

Women's Retreat

at The Cenacle Retreat Center, Chicago
March 14 - 15

Additional details to follow on both events.

Bishop Joseph Thanks St. Michael's for Support of His Family

Thank you, dear friends of St. Michael's. Roda, Michele, Grace, my niece, Achol, and myself are very thankful for your highly generous gift to support my family while living in Nairobi. By responding to the crisis in our country, you are friends indeed. I know the gift comes from your hearts. Therefore, God bless you always and keep you united in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Please receive my thanks and appreciation to all of you.
Many blessings. Thank you.
Bishop Joseph Garang +

[Read here](#) about the continuing crisis in South Sudan.

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



As of January 16, we
have 77 completed
hard copy surveys
returned. Way to go!

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,

Remember, using an iPad to take the survey may result in delays and crashes. It is best to use a regular computer at home or we can set you up at the church to do the survey. Call us for help.

Thank you for your participation.

Operations Manager in the parish office at 847-381-2323, ext. 16 or via email at klessner@stmichaelsbarrington.org. Thank you!

Live Theater on February 22

This winter, as part of its Chicago Playworks series, The Theater School of DePaul is presenting the 'children's play' (recommended for those 8 and up) *Number the Stars*. The Sound Designer for this show, performed at the Merle Reskin Theater in downtown Chicago (60 E Balbo Drive, Chicago, IL 60605), is the fabulously talented and just plain wonderful **Rachel Regan** (who also happens to be (Mother) Martha Gillette's daughter, and who has composed several original folk tunes for this production). [Click here](#) for information on the play and how to reserve tickets.



Upcoming Events

- +January 21, Soul Journey: A Women's Gathering, 9:30 a.m.
- +January 26, Parish Annual Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- +February 2, Chili Pick Up, Sunday morning
- +February 8, Trivia Night, 7:00 p.m.

Revised Common Lectionary Year A, First Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-12; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

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