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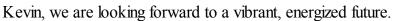
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# From Our Coordinator of Children's Ministry

Jeni Younger

Just wanted to express my gratitude for the kind words and support I've received these last few months. Thank you! It's been a joy getting to know the families and children of St. Michael's even more. I've especially enjoyed meeting families who are new to St. Michael's! Children's Ministries continues to run smoothly and, along with Father Patrick and Father



With the Lenten Season right around the corner, there are many opportunities for your family to participate. Here are just a few:

- Let someone else do the cooking for dinner! On **Shrove** Tuesday, March 4, join us for a pancake dinner. Our choir will be flipping pancakes starting at 5:30 pm until 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Pancakes and games will be provided!
- Attend the Ash Wednesday Service designed especially for children. The Family Service begins at 4:00 on March 5.

Check *The Sword* weekly for additional opportunities for you and your family during Lent.

# 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.

I'd like to offer special thanks to Sue Beverly, Kara Nance, and Brooke Raymond who have been instrumental in preparing our 16 candidates for Solemn Communion this year. Our candidates have worked very hard these last few months and if their "wondering" reflections are any indication of their spiritual growth, then they certainly show a deeper understanding of the gift of Eucharist that Christ gave to us all. We are so proud of Rhett, Ronan, Jacob, John, Cole, Austin, Tyler, Lauren, Ella, Ben, Scott, Campbell, Abby, Julianne, Natalie, and M.J.!

A BIG thank you also to Janet and John Kline for their commitment to and hard work with our fourth and fifth graders! The Bridge is an interactive, multi-sensory program that gives our young people the means to explore their own faith journeys.

As a parent of school-age kids, I understand you may have questions or concerns about Children's Ministries. Any comments or feedback you have is always welcome. Please feel free to contact me at 847-381-2323, ext. 15 or <a href="mailto:children@stmichaelsbarrington.org">children@stmichaelsbarrington.org</a>.

# **CAT (Church Assessment Tool) Survey Briefing**

We will be holding briefing sessions on **Sunday**, **February 23 at 9:00** a.m. and again at 10:45 a.m. to go over the results of the CAT survey in some detail. Please plan to join us for a good discussion. If you can't join us you can search out Lou Longo to bring you up to date.

In last week's newsletter we included some statistical information collected from the survey. We include it again this week for your review.

To see the complete executive summaries for both years,  $\underline{\text{click here}}$ . To see a summary of key statistics comparing the 2013 and 2010 results,  $\underline{\text{click here}}$ .

Food for the Journey: Sunday Morning Formation

THIS SUNDAY: February 23

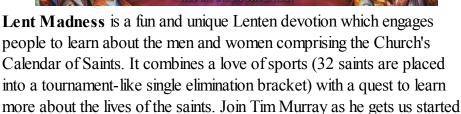
-<u>Little Angels</u>
Preschool Website
-<u>Diocese of Chicago</u>
Website
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#### **NEXT SUNDAY, March 2:** THRIVE.

Join Ann Ross for a lively conversation on questions such as: 'Who are we?' and 'Who is our neighbor?'

## **Pulling All the Stops**

and let the games begin!

from the Director of Music Ministries, David Baker

School of Faith @ St. Michael's

Small group, BIG IMPACT



I'm pleased to be able to announce that **Mark Sikkila** has been selected and has agreed to serve as Organist for St. Michael's. Mark's first official Sunday will be March 30, the Fourth Sunday in Lent. However he will also serve as our supply organist this Sunday, February 23. Mark will be leaving a position as Organist at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, De Pere,



Click here to read about the many small group opportunities just starting up. Sign up now to find a deeper and more lively understanding of our common life as a community or faith. Wisconsin (near Green Bay), and various other music leadership commitments in the Fox River Valley area of Wisconsin.

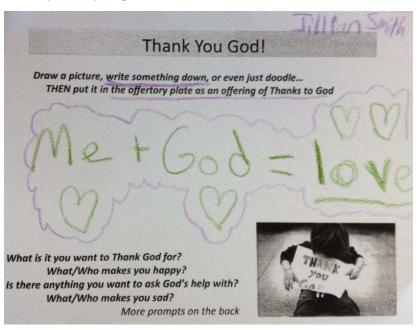
If you've been around St. Michael's for a while and Mark's name rings a bell (pulls a stop?), there's a reason. Mark has played our organ in years past and often supplied as Organist during the years David Lincoln was Music Director. So . Welcome, Mark! And welcome back!

In addition to having Mark here this Sunday, we will have a few other guest musicians: A brass quartet, led by Brandon Viliunas, will be playing at the 10:45 service, and we will also be hosting several guest vocalists at the 9:00 and 10:45 services.

# In the Parish Family

#### Those who have asked for our prayers:

Demetrius, Jim, Dorothy, Carol, Randy, Jordyn, the Osmond family, the Hoffman family, Jan, Julie, Tommy, Jean, Ed, Julie, George, Daria, Carrie, Cynthia, Paul & family, Amy, Rollo, Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry, safety & peace in South Sudan.



**Jillian Smith** filled out her clipboard card in church last Sunday with an awesome **Thank You to God!** 

# Ash Wednesday March 5



**6:30 a.m.** Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

#### **Newcomers Dinner**

## Wednesday, February 26th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Are you new to St. Michael's? Or perhaps you have been here for a while, but you still feel new! Then join us for dinner on February 26th from 6:30-8pm. We will happily provide childcare if that would make it

**4:00 p.m.** Abbreviated Children's Service & Imposition of Ashes

**5:30 p.m.** Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

**7:30 p.m.** Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

#### **Reminder:**

In many Christian congregations, the ashes for the Ash Wednesday liturgies are made by burning the palms from the prior year's Palm Sunday services. In the next couple weeks please bring your palms to the church and place them in the marked basket in the nave, or bring them to parish office. Thank you.

easier for you attend. In our time together you will have the chance to some members of the parish and the clergy. We will also take you on a tour of the building and answers any questions you might have. Questions? Contact Fr. Kevin at <a href="mailto:kcaruso@stmichaelsbarrington.org">kcaruso@stmichaelsbarrington.org</a> or 773-519-0159.

# St. Michael's Choristers Selected for English Cathedral Residency

Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants, who minister in Thy temple.
Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in our lives.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

-A Chorister's Prayer dates to 4th Century

In August 2014, St. Michael's Choir members will partner with choristers of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Geneva, Illinois, to serve a residency at Chichester Cathedral in Sussex, England. During summer holiday time, visiting choirs from around the globe spell cathedral choirs in the United Kingdom from their regular duties in support of daily worship. <a href="Read">Read</a> More...

Have we tweaked your interest? Contact Greg Michaels, Kay Richards, Tim Murray, or David Baker with questions.

# Prayers and Action for South Sudan Thursday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori has called upon the church to pray for the people of South Sudan.

**Tonight, February 20 at 7:30 p.m.**, Bishop Lee and the people of the Diocese of Chicago will **gather at All Saints' Episcopal Church** in Chicago (All Saints' is located one block east of the Metra line) to respond to this call and honor the partnership with the Diocese of Renk. All are welcome to hear stories and scripture, sing and chant, pray for our loved ones in South Sudan, and act on their behalf.



In the waters of baptism we are lovingly adopted by God into God's family, which we call the Church, and given God's own life to share and reminded that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ.

Sunday, February 23 we will welcome into Baptism

at the 9:00 a.m. service

Emeline Beverly

Summerfield

and

Clive Thomas

Uebelhor

at the 10:45 a.m. service
Jack Grayson
Connelly
and
Taylor Carole
Miller

## **Needles and Prayers**

Compassion and the love of knitting/crocheting have been combined into a prayerful ministry here at St. Michael's. The Prayer Shawl Ministry reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy. The blessing ripples from person-to-person, with both the giver and receiver feeling the unconditional embrace of a sheltering God.







The circle will meet next on **Tuesday, February 25 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** in the church library. Along with shawls and baby blankets there is a need right now for lap blankets for wheelchair patients. For those who can make it we gather at Bologna's Restaurant in Barrington starting around 5:00 p.m. All are welcome. No experience is needed. For information contact Vicki Ridges at <u>vicki joeridges86@yahoo.com</u>.

May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** 

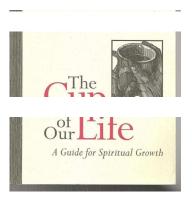
Come to St. Michael's on **Tuesday March 4** for a Pancake Supper sponsored by St. Michael's Choir. Pancakes will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be pancakes and song. Loads of Alleluias will be



*alleluia-ed* before the Lenten time of alle---- *restraint*! Funds raised will be designated for chorister scholarships for the August 2014 Chichester Cathedral residency.

# Women's Lenten Bible Study

All women are welcome - invite a friend or neighbor - come share insights, reflections, prayers and fellowship as we travel through this Lenten journey together. We will meet on Tuesday evenings 7:00-9:00 p.m. in St. Michael's Library, **March 4 - April 15**, to discuss Joyce Rupp's *The Cup of Our Life*. Read more...



## Little Red Wagon



In February, Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry will be our focus on supplying food for the needy. Please keep the Little Red Wagon full of the regular supplies and in addition this month: cookies, crackers, jello, pudding, paper goods and personal hygiene products. Note: W/IL Food Pantry served over 200 families in December.



#### **REGISTER NOW!**

#### WOMEN'S RETREAT

March 14 (5:00 p.m.) to March 15 (2:00 p.m.) at The Cenacle, 513 West Fullerton Parkway, Chicago, IL Join the women of St. Michael's in a retreat lead by the

Rev. Jeanne Stewart, Associate Rector Christ Church Winnetka. Cost per individual double occupancy \$90 Cost per individual single occupancy \$110 Price includes meals. Click here for registration form.

Please sign up and pre-pay for this event. You will not have a confirmed reservation until your check is handed in to the church office with the word "Women" in the memo section. Carpooling suggested.

> Any questions, please contact Marti Kahn ~ kentkahn@bellsouth.net or 847-842-2287 Terri Longo ~ terrilongo@yahoo.com or 847-387-3645

# Mission and Evangelism Lessons from South Sudan

On March 18, Episcopal Church Foundation will offer a free webinar,

"Faithful and Trusting Christians: Mission and Evangelism Lessons from South Sudan." Using case studies from Sudanese church history, 2013 ECF Fellow, the Rev. Jesse Zink will share lessons for evangelism and church growth.





Jesse Zink

**Registration** will be closed at 5:00 p.m. ET on March 17 or when the web conference is fully booked. For those unable to participate a recording of the webinar will be made available online. Click here to sign up online.

**Remembering This** Week

IF INTERESTED, WE CAN HAVE A VIEWING AT ST. MICHAEL'S. Contact Fr. Kevin at kcaruso@stmichaelsbarrington.org.

# **Birthdays**

2.23

Laura Dern

Emanuel Semerad

2.24

Rick Ryba

Alexander Pullinger

2.25

Kim Garrity

2.26

Max Raynor

Barbara Kane

Hunter Eissler

2.27

Allison Bradtke

Macy Brett

Mae Martorano

2.28

Jeff Moore

Christine Olson

Julia Yerger

3.1

Sandra Volkmann



What's on tap? Incredible Latin food, specialty drinks and even a simple merengue dance lesson for everyone!

Back by popular demand is a chance to win a Downton Abbey style feast lovingly prepared and served by BAH staff and trustees. The Silent Auction will be filled with baskets to tantalize you, and the popular wine pull will include a \$100 bottle of France's finest.

Why attend? Because Bishop Anderson House is fostering the spirit of care across the region. We are equipping more and more students with lay chaplain training skills they use in their communities. Our chaplains visit more and more folks who have suffered great trauma or loss. And the medical district looks to us for education and research into spirituality and medicine.

To sustain, to thrive, we depend on your generous hearts. Please be a part of "Keeping the Care in Health Care," and join us on April 27.

#### **Anniversaries**

2.29

Jean & Bob Gale

Click here for ticket information.

# Rest in Peace

3.23

Don Johnson

2.24

June Foy

2.25

Bill Allen

2.27

Jean Clendinning

Mary Schwind

2.28

**Stacey Curtis** 

#### **Contribution Statements**

Contribution Statements for 2013 have been mailed to all parishioners as of February 11. Please take a moment to review your statement for any donation discrepancies between our records. If you have not received a statement or find a discrepancy on your statement after reviewing, please contact Kim Lessner at the parish offices, 847-381-2323, ext. 16 or via email <a href="mailto:klessner@stmichaelsbarrington.org">klessner@stmichaelsbarrington.org</a>. Thank you!

# Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

# Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

with Dundee Scottish Bagpipe Band and Irish Dancers

Saturday, March 8 2 Seatings - 5:00 p.m. & 6:15 p.m.



St. James Episcopal Church 516 Washington Street, West Dundee

Pre purchased ticket: Adults \$12; Seniors \$10; Kids \$6 At the door ticket: Adult \$15; Senior \$12; Kids \$7

To purchase tickets call the parish office at 847-426-5612



#### A Blast from the Past

Take a stroll down memory lane or at least the upper level northwest hallway. There you'll find a history wall created by Ruth Silver which begins in the year 1948. The photo at right is Barrington's Masonic Temple located on Cook Street. It was the first real meeting place for St. Michael's Church services from 1948 - 1954. Each Sunday a small portable altar and gold cross were wheeled out in order for 30-40 parishioners to partake Eucharist. That very same





cross is still being used today on the children's altar on the lower level (next to the elevator). Can you just imagine the prayers spoken and the prayers answered in front of that simple little cross? Thanks be to God.

# **Upcoming Events**

- +February 23, Holy Baptism @ 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.
- +February 23, CAT Survey Briefing Sessions, 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
- +February 25, Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- +February 26, Newcomer's Dinner Gathering, 6:30 p.m.
- +February 26, St. Michael's Book Club, 6:00 p.m.
- +March 4, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:30 p.m.
- +March 5, Ash Wednesday @ 6:30 a.m., 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- +March 9, Lent Kick-Off Happening, between the 9 & 10:45 a.m. services

+March 14-15, AWSM Women's Retreat, at The Cenacle, Chicago +March 18, South Sudan Webinar, 5:00 p.m.

# Revised Common Lectionary Year A, Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Leviticus 19:1-2,9-17; Psalm 119:33-40; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

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