



The Sword

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March 20, 2014

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Upcoming at St. Michael's

- +March 23, Welcome Jay Risk, Bishop Anderson House Executive Director @ all 3 Sunday services.
- +March 25, Prayer Shawl Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- +March 26, St. Michael's Book Club, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays in Lent

Worship + Meal + Conversation

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross Prayer Service (click [here](#) for Stations info), followed by optional Healing Prayer

6:30 p.m. Dinner (clergy will provide a salad, consider bringing something to share)

7:00 p.m. Conversation on seeking God & Prayer, (**OPEN to ALL**) or other small group conversations. Click [here](#) for more information.



Holy Week and Easter Worship Times



Click [here](#) and

From the Rector

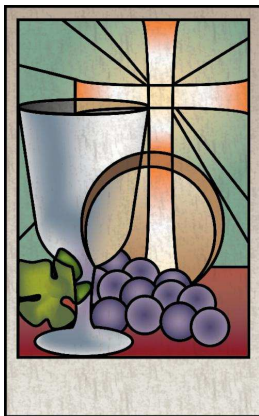
Pilgrimage, anyone?

*Teach us to know and love you, Lord,
and humbly follow in your way.*

Speak to our souls the quickening word,

also see printed schedule further down in this newsletter.

St. Michael's Sunday Worship Times



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](#).

and turn our darkness into day.

- Hymnal 1982, #148

Dear People of St. Michael's,

If you were to go on a pilgrimage, where would you go? *Why* would you go *there*? What would your destination and the journey itself reveal about you?

You may initially regard the notion of a pilgrimage as archaic. But consider the Lincoln admirer traveling to Springfield for the first time. Or the soul finally travels to the village in the old country from whence forebears came to America. Or just go watch for pilgrims any day of the year at Lambeau Field in Green Bay or Wrigley Field in Chicago.

A pilgrimage is usually understood as a long walk with a religious intention that was done a lot in the past. But it can be any journey with a singular intention related to core personal values. It could be said that we all go on pilgrimages, even if we are unaware and don't use that language.



The theme of pilgrimage arises in Lent because of our imagined companionship with Jesus as he travels to Jerusalem and his cross. My inclination to write on the theme was heightened by a startlingly relevant phone call yesterday. The Rev. Louissette 'Lou' Ness, Executive Director of Shelter Care Ministries in Rockford, was on the line. Since Shelter Care is one of our Episcopal Charities, I thought it might be a money pitch. But no.

Lou explained that she's starting a walk in Rockford on April 1 and headed to Washington DC.



Lou Ness

The theme of her walk is *'Hear our cry.'* She plans to sleep in Episcopal churches from Rockford to Washington and all along the way to gather the stories of souls whose American Dreams have never materialized or have collapsed.

Lou asked if she could 'stay over' at St. Michael's on the night of Sunday, April 6. I said yes. She said that she'd accept dinner if it was offered, and/or breakfast the next morning ...

You might think that Lou's pilgrimage is heroic or that it's pathetic and a folly. But after we absorb first impressions we might hear a whisper from inside: *"Where, if anywhere, can I locate conviction and values of that intensity in my life?"*

If you were to go on a pilgrimage, where would you go? *Why* would you go *there*? What would your choice of destination and the pilgrimage itself reveal about you?

- Patrick +

Also from the Rector

+ Those interested to read more about Lou Ness' walk from Rockord to Washington DC (via Barrington) may follow through the page on the Shelter Care website that can be found by clicking [here](#).

+ Destination: Jerusalem. Getting there. Let's recall that the Lenten 'pilgrimage' leads us to Holy Week ... first, before Easter. The steady rise in participation in Holy Week services over the past few years has been meaningful for all who've taken part. The schedule of services beginning with Palm Sunday, April 13, and through Easter Day, April 20, may be found elsewhere in this *Sword*.

+ The search for a new Director for Little Angels Christian Preschool is now officially underway. A Search Profile has been completed and can be found by clicking [here](#). Please consider individuals known to you who may be qualified and interested or who may know others. And keep the preschool in prayers during this time of change. You can also click [here](#) to visit the preschool website for additional school information.

Quick Links

- [+Our Website](#)
- [+Little Angels Preschool](#)
- [+Diocese of Chicago](#)



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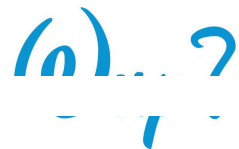
Lenten Greetings from Bishop Lee

Click [here](#).

Food for the Journey:

Sunday Morning Formation at 10:05 a.m.

This Sunday, March 23
It ALL starts with asking "Why?"



Why do we get out of bed? Why do we exist? What is our purpose, cause, belief? Simon Sinek argues that all the greatest and most inspiring leaders and organizations start with these types of questions. They start with: Why, rather than What? or How? During our last workshop with the Diocese, St. Michael's Thrive team watched a video in which Simon

Lent Resources

St. Michael's 'Household Prayer Calendar'

[Click here.](#)

Print a copy for everyone in your household.

Preparing for Lent

[Click here.](#)

The Lent App Church Publishing for iPhone & iPad Suitable for all ages.

[Click here.](#)

Lent Madness!



Who will win the golden halo?

[Click here.](#)

Lenten Kids Korner Activities



[The True Meaning
Milagros Cross](#)

Last Week:

[Pretzels for Lent](#)
[The Lent Song](#)

Sinek explores this thesis using the examples of Apple Computers, the Wright Brothers, and Martin Luther King Jr.. This video has been viewed more than 16 million times! During today's Food for the Journey, we will watch Sinek's talk and then with the time remaining have a conversation about how these ideas might impact our life at St. Michael's. Ann Ross, one of our Thrive Team Members will be facilitating the conversation.

If you will be unable to join us, or are want to watch it before Sunday here is the link:

http://www.ted.com/speakers/simon_sinek

Next Week: March 30, 2014

What does it mean to be "Spiritually Vital?" (A conversation about Thriving at St. Michael's)

In the midst of our recent conversations, it became clear to the Thrive team that the phrase "Spiritually Vital" is understood very differently by different people! Which made us wonder, how can we understand what it means to be MORE spiritually vital, if, as a community, we aren't even clear about what it means to be "Spiritually Vital" in the first place. And so, on Sunday March 30th, we hope you will join us as we explore what it means for this community to be spiritually vital. The Thrive Team looks forward to listening to what you have to say!

Music Notes



Thanks to **Christy Cressey** for arranging for Xu Rui to be here from Beijing and share in the music ministry at two liturgies this past Sunday. This is Xu Rui's first visit to the United States to play at the International Young Artist Piano Concerto Competition sponsored by Emilio Del Rosario Music Foundation, fostering artistic excellence in gifted young pianist and composers in Chicago.

Thanks to **Aaron Albin** for serving as a regular sub for us in January, February, and March. He will continue to serve as needed.

We look forward to hailing **Thom Wibbels** at the 10:45 liturgy this coming Sunday.

[Lent Word Search](#)

Then on Sunday March 30 we are pleased to be welcoming our new organist, **Mark Sikkila**, who will play at the 7:45 and 10:45 a.m. liturgies.

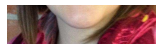
Please consider sharing your gift of music for some or all of the rest of Lent, Holy Week and Easter. I am particularly interested in parishioners who can sing. You don't need to be able to read music, just be able to "make a joyful noise." If you are interested in joining us for part of Lent, Holy Week, or Easter please email me at dbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org.

Blessings,
David Baker
Director of Music Ministries

From the Youth Pastor

Kara Baker

kbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org



Greetings All,

**School
of
Faith**
@ St. Michael's

**Small Group,
BIG IMPACT**



There are a number of ways to participate in small groups this Lent. Consider investing some time in your

I wish you all a safe, rejuvenating, relaxing, and restful Spring Break. I want to say thank you to Dr. Ken Stiff for coming to chat with our youth about Camp Chicago. I've attached the flyer to this email (click [here](#)) for those of you who missed the presentation on Sunday. If you're around at church during Spring Break, don't forget to bring your canned goods and snacks for feeding the hungry during Lent. The collection basket is next to the Outreach Table in the hallway.



THIS WEEK:

Saturday, 3/22 @ 2:00-6:30-Youth Lunch/Snack & Divergent Movie Outing to Deer Park Century 16. (Outing time changed due to movie schedule)

PLEASE let me know by Thursday 3/20 if you plan on attending.

Sunday, 3/23 @ 9:00-LIFT Worship & Formation

life of faith.

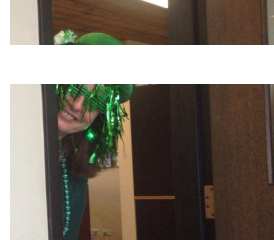
Sign up now!
Click [here](#).

Sunday, 3/23 @ 10:45-SMUSH Worship & Formation

UPCOMING: Click [here](#).

In the Parish Family

This past Monday the parish office had a visit from the **Leprechaun**. The little fella peeked into our offices and then was off like a flash to search for that proverbial pot of gold. The face looked somewhat familiar...can *you* tell who it was?



Those who have asked for our prayers: Dolores, Julie, Carol, Brian, Dave, Donna, Dimetress, Cynthia, Kristen, Laurie, Ceres, Lois, Dorothy, Monique, Mason, Allison, Jim, Rita, Chris, Melinda, Veronica, Brian, Paul & family, Amy, Rollo, Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry, safety & peace in South Sudan.

AWSM Retreat a Blessing to Many

Did You Know?



You can listen to past sermons online? Most of our Sunday sermons are archived on our website. Click [here](#) and turn up your volume.



Nearly 30 women attended the **AWSM (All Women of St. Michael's)** retreat March 14 - 15 at the Cenacle in Lincoln Park. Rev. Jeanne Stewart, Associate Rector,

Christ Church Winnetka led the retreat. The women gathered in large and small groups to share their stories and create more meaningful relationships in the community of St. Michael's. During the Eucharist at the close of the retreat, Rev. Jeanne reminded us that God is present in our authentic selves. By all accounts the retreat was a success! AWSM is looking forward to next year's retreat.

Bishop Joseph to Visit in April

Companion Diocese **Bishop Joseph Garang Atem**, Renk Diocese, South Sudan, has been invited to attend the consecration of Bishop-elect Matt Gunter as the Eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Fond du Lac. His scheduled time Chicago is April 23 - May 5. For information on his schedule, contact **Jackie Kraus**, coordinator for the companion diocese relationship between Chicago and Renk, by email at kraus.jackie@yahoo.com.



**TODAY is the
First Day of
Spring**



If you look *very* closely you can see the new green buds pushing towards the sun in the Garden Columbarium. The vernal equinox begins at 12:57 p.m. today....and not a moment too soon either!

Happy Spring.

Congratulations to St. Michael's Solemn Communion Class of 2014

by Jeni Younger, Children's Ministries Coordinator

On March 8, our Solemn Communion Class, along with their families, celebrated their hard work culminating in a service and celebration created especially for them. In the weeks leading up to the service, the children were part of an intense preparation of Holy Eucharist that examined some of the most compelling parables that Jesus shared with us. Their conversations were lively and filled with wonder and grace at Jesus' invitation to sit at His sacred table.

What a privilege to share such a blessed and joyful experience with our 16 Communicants. Please join me in congratulating **Rhett, Ronan, Jacob, John, Cole, Austin, Lauren, Tyler, Ella, Ben, Scott, Campbell, Abby, Julianne, Natalie and M.J.** Click [here](#) for a photo montage of the special day.



There are many people to thank for the gifts they provided throughout Solemn Communion: Father Raymond and Father Kevin for their time and talent with the children; Sue Beverly, Terry Haycock, Kara Nance, and Brooke Raymond, our Catechists; Kara Baker and Kay Lewis for our music; Jennifer Mears for coordinating our wonderful reception, Tina Stoval for the beautiful altar flowers (one white rose for each of our 16 communicants); and the contributions of our wonderful parent helpers. Thank you all!

Little Red Wagon

(located in the front foyer)



St. Cyprian Food Pantry will be our focus in March and April in collecting food for the needy.

In addition to regular supplies, specifically requested items are: au gratin potatoes, dried beans, canned

Lent Madness

The bracket for **Lent Madness** 2014 is filling in. Are your predictions faring well? Did you see that the king of all England

who repelled Viking invaders, Alfred the Great, was sent to the showers by combative street fighter J.S. Bach (something about a bassoonist and jealousy)? Talk about your saintly smack down! Earlier this week, the scriptural saint Lydia, an apparently independent woman of renowned hospitality and patron of Paul's ministry to the emergent church in Philippi (read all about it in Acts 14), defeated the patron saint of non-violent resistance, Moses the Black, one of the great desert fathers. Oooh, the ironies abound. Can you feel the tension as the Saintly Sixteen takes shape and we move ever closer to the nail-biting rounds of the Elate Eight, the Faithful Four, and finally the championship match for the **Golden Halo**? Cheer on your favorite holy women and holy men. Learn about sometimes obscure and always remarkable people who were an inspiration to others in faith. Make your vote count at www.LentMadness.org each weekday of Lent.



Watch at the Altar of Repose

April 17, 2014 to April 18, 2014

Christians observe a Watch at the Altar of Repose as part of the Holy Week rites in which we remember and re-enact Christ's Passion. The watch recalls a scene in

tuna, ham, fruit, yams. And, needed for March/April: Easter type baskets. Thank you.

the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before Jesus was crucified: After praying with great anguish, Jesus discovers that the disciples have been sleeping. He admonishes them: "Could you not stay awake with me one hour? (Matt. 26:40).



Our Altar of Repose is set up in our chapel, adjacent to the choir room and sacristy - and also accessible from a north-facing exterior door. The watch begins immediately following the 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service and concludes at 6:30 a.m. on Good Friday morning. Devotional materials will be available. Anyone may take part in the watch, whether or not they have signed up.

For further information, contact Fr. Patrick Raymond. praymond@stmichaelsbarrington.org / 847-381-2323.

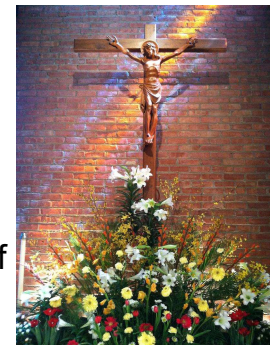
Easter Flowers

Remember Loved Ones and Give Thanks for Blessings through Easter Flower Donations

As Easter approaches, we anticipate a joyful and inspiring celebration of our Lord's resurrection. We wonderfully enhance our worship by adorning our church with glorious flowers that announce "Christ is risen!"

Donations toward the cost of the Easter flowers can be a special way of remembering loved ones; they can also express thanksgiving for the many blessings we receive.

The Easter bulletin will include a list of the flower donations.



To donate, please use one of the provided flower envelopes located in the narthex (front foyer). Fill out the names of your loved ones on the envelope, place your check inside, and drop your envelope in the regular collection basket or bring it into the parish office. **To have your donation printed in the Easter bulletin please submit your envelope by April 13.**

Remembering This Week

Birthdays

3.23

Kati Seffert
Tommie Nasset
Tim Raynor
Joshua Schultz
Whitney Brett

3.24

Bailey Gunderson
Beth Rejman
Ford Wickman

3.25

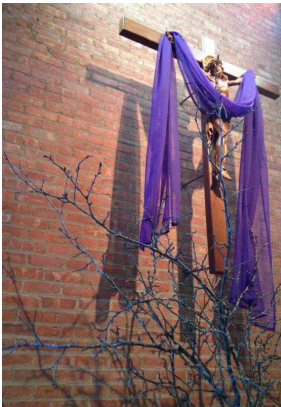
Kent Carrell
3.26

Hannah Harris
Sean Harrington

3.27
Bob Erker
3.28
Kristin Tomczyk
3.29
Lisa Van Eaton
Lynn Van Eaton
David Waring
Phoebe Welsh

Rest in Peace

3.24
John Thomas
Toni Kania
3.26
Babbs Wastcoat
3.28
Ruth Kraus



Help Needed



Receptions will follow all the Easter Services, 8:00 p.m., April 19 and 7:45, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. April 20. Please bring a plate of finger food to the service you plan to attend. Marti Callahan is looking for volunteers to help clean-up after each service and to keep the food platters and punch bowls filled. Please contact Marti if you are willing to volunteer at marticallahan@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible School 2014

June 16 - 20

Get read for WILDERNESS ESCAPE!

Where God Guides and Provides

In just a few short months St. Michael's and St. Anne's will join together for another Vacation Bible School Adventure. But, we can't do it without the help of adult volunteers. We need several volunteers who can share their time, energy and love with the kids who attend. Our first planning meeting with adult leaders will take place on **Tuesday, April 22**. Below are some great ways you can help make this program a success:

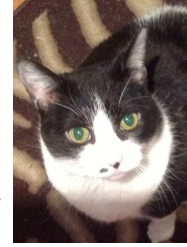
Celebration Leader
Fun and Games Leader
Craft Leader
Tribe Leader
Preschool Leader
Registration Team
Decorating Team
Photographer
Publicity Coordinator
Supply Coordinator



Please contact Jeni Younger at 847-381-2323 or children@stmichaelsbarrington.org if you are interested in volunteering or have questions. I look forward to hearing from you!

Senior Cat for Adoption

I have raised "Kookie" the cat from the kitten stage - first as my daughter's pet, more recently, mine. She is a lovely black and white, female house cat. But now, at 13 years of age, I must put her up for adoption. You see, I am selling my home, and cannot have the cat in the house while it is being frequently shown by and to strangers. This is not in the cat's best interest. In addition, my beau's entire family is allergic to cats, and cannot even visit my house for a few hours without becoming ill. So "Kookie" cannot come with me when I move into another house in order to be closer to my job.



Kookie

Would you please consider adding Kookie to your family or passing along this email to "cat friendly" families? Thank you ! Kathy Randolph, 847-373-1516.



Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday

April 13

7:45, 9:00, 10:45 a.m. + Holy Communion
(with procession of Palms)

Maundy Thursday

April 17

7:30 p.m. + Holy Communion

A Watch at the Altar of Repose will take place in the chapel following the 7:30 p.m. service and will continue through 6:00 a.m. on Good Friday. A sign-up sheet is available in the front foyer.

Good Friday

April 18

6:15 a.m. + Stations of the Cross
10:00 a.m. + 'A Walk Through Holy Week'
(a liturgy for children, suitable for all ages)
7:30 p.m. + Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Eve

April 19

8:00 p.m. + Great Vigil of Easter
Festive Reception will follow

Easter Day

April 20

7:45, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. + Holy Communion
Festive Receptions will follow each service

Upcoming **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Catch the Latin Spirit
Sunday, April 27, 6:00 p.m.
at Nacional 27, Chicago



Benefit Chair **Kay Lewis** promises a Bishop Anderson House party you won't want to miss. A night of incredible food and drink, plenty of fun and fellowship, and even a dance lesson--all to support the one of a kind pastoral care ministry of Bishop Anderson House.

This Sunday, March 23, Executive Director Jay Risk will visit St Michael's, and we will be selling event and raffle tickets at all 3 services. Raffle prizes include the popular "Downton Abbey Style Feast for 8," a \$500 Apple gift card, Kindle Fire, Kindle Paper White and more.

Bus transportation to the event is back by popular demand. The bus will depart St Michael's at 4:30 p.m., and depart Chicago at 9:00, when the event concludes. Price per person will be \$20-\$23 per person, depending on interest. Contact **Ann Ryba** at aryba@bishopandersonhouse.org for bus reservation.


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## **2014 Barrington Area Leadership Academy**

**Saturday, April 12, 2014**

**8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

This one day program is open to anyone interested in becoming more informed and an effective participant in the community. Click [here](#) to view their website and registration information.

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CROSSwalk Summit

A Day of Work Against Gun Violence and its Root Causes



When: Saturday, May 3, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where: St. James Commons

Read more about CROSSwalk [here](#).

Upcoming Events for Your Calendar

School of Faith ~ On going. See side bar for details.

Wednesdays in Lent ~

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross Prayer Service; 6:30pm Dinner; 7:00pm Program

March 25, Prayer Shawl Ministry, 7:00 p.m.

March 26, St. Michael's Book Club, 7:30 p.m.

April 9, My Bright Abyss, book conversation, 7:00 p.m.

May 4, Confirmation Recognition Sunday, 10:45 a.m. (see 5/18)

May 5, Vestry/Leadership Summit, time tbd

May 10, Flower Sale, youth fund raiser

May 18, Confirmation @ Christ Church

May 25, Summer Worship Schedule begins, 7:45 & 9:30 a.m.

June 1, Senior Recognition Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

June 8, Day of Pentecost

Click [here](#) for a complete calendar of events on our website.

Contact Info

St. Michael's Vestry

vestry@stmichaelsbarrington.org

Shan Atkins - Senior Warden; David Buckley, Jr., Junior Warden
David Bishop, Sof Ts'o, Dolores Kampert, Ray Kean, Pat Kane, Mike Savage
Christy Cressey, Teri Doran, Randy Lewis, Leslie Yerger, Jay Younger
John Davis - Treasurer, Craig Anderson, Clerk
Marissa Longo, Youth Representative; Sean Tucker, Youth Representative

Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Patrick Raymond, Rector; The Rev. Kevin Caruso, Associate Rector
The Rev. Ulrika (Eva) Baydoun, Assisting; The Rev. James Bullion, Assisting
The Rev. Elizabeth (Betsy) Ward, Assisting; The Rev. Laurie Michaels, Deacon
The Rev. Judith Heinrich, Deacon; Caren Hunter, Director of Little Angels
Preschool; David Baker, Director of Music Ministries; Jeni Younger, Coordinator
of Children's Ministries; Kara Joy Baker, Youth Pastor & Director of Children's
Choir; Kim Lessner, Parish Operations; Nancy Holmes, Parish Administrator &
Rector's Assistant; Rich Hornickel, Sexton;
Jonathan Gallilher, WebDesign

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