



The Sword

Growing and learning together in Christ through worship, fellowship and service.

Your e-connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

July 31, 2014

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Upcoming at St. Michael's

- +Tuesday, August 5, Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
- +Sunday, August 10, Holy Baptism, 9:30 a.m.
- +Thursday, August 14, Healing Prayer Ministry, 7:00 p.m.
- +Monday, August 25-29, Preschool Staff Orientation
- +Tuesday, August 26, Prayer Shawl Ministry, 7:00 p.m.
- +Wednesday, August 27, Book Club, 7:30 p.m.
- +Thursday, August 28, Community Meal, 5:00 p.m.



**Summer Worship Schedule
Sunday Services at
7:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.**

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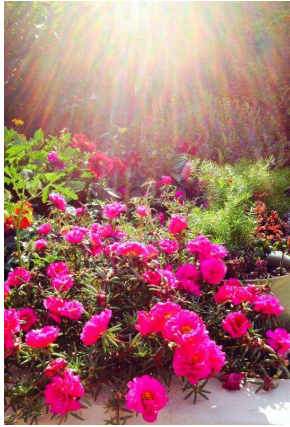
**See below for eSword
summer publication schedule.**

The not-so-perfect church

Dear People of St. Michael's,

Church websites tend to be a little utopian. By





Thank you to all the **St. Michael's Garden Angels** who tend to all the flowers planted around the church.

As every flower lover knows, flowers have a language of their own.

Every sentiment is expressed in one form or another by these fragile blooms, and as a leading psychologist states "Flowers are a perfect replica of human life

planting ~ growth ~ bloom ~ withering."

Click [here](#) for a fun list of the 'meaning of flowers'.

that I mean that the home pages and the rector's letters often put the best face on the congregation and promise a lot to potential new members.

Having this perspective, I was surprised and intrigued when, a few days ago, I came across the following paragraph in the website greeting of a rector from another parish:

We cannot guarantee that your participation will be "trouble-free." That does not happen in this life. What we can commit to is that we will work together, make mistakes together, clean up our messes together, and finally, come face to face with the truth that the realm of God includes all of us, the ones we like and the ones we find hard to care for. The Lord truly loves us all.

I don't know the context of that rector's muse. Maybe there's recently been trouble in that parish. But I do know that the rector in question has been leading that parish for a long time and is well-regarded. In fact, I learned of him because someone with a St. Michael's connection described that rector to me as one of the most positively influential people in his life.

Maybe the rector in question had a positive influence on the person with whom I spoke in part because he has a quality of 'speaking the truth in love' (Ephesians 4:15). Don't we feel a certain kind of relief when some soul identifies a discomfort we and others have been feeling, especially if they do so with clarity, humility and compassion?

If you're worried that I'm warming up here to name problems at St. Michael's, be at ease. So much of what I'm aware of at St. Michael's now is positive. But I'm also aware that we have A LOT going on now. Many conversations, hopes, and questions are in the air. And as Dr. Seuss famously wrote in 'Oh, the Places You'll Go': *I'm sorry to say so; but, sadly, it's true; that Bang-ups and Hang-ups can happen to you.*

I admit that I can imagine a few Hang-ups and Bang-ups in the context of some of our present conversations and initiatives. Thankfully I can also imagine that in the midst of all of it, we can each find something new to learn about patience, humility, listening, forgiveness or, above all,

God's enduring and boundless mercy.

- *Patrick* +

Also from the Rector



St. Michael's Youth Pastor

Click [here](#) for search profile and contact information.

+ I regret that we didn't have a chance for a recognition and blessing of those from St. Michael's who are leaving today (as singers or supporters) for the **Chichester Cathedral Residency Choir trip**: David and Kara Baker, Kathy Galliher, Tim Murray, Kay Richards, Jan and Semmy Semerad, and Judy and Jim Tammi. As David and Kara Baker were leaving town, I put a printed blessing in their hands which you can read by clicking [here](#).

+ **Our search for a new youth pastor** has been continuing and has included recent interviews and visits with a few strong candidates, but no resolution yet. We are hopeful that the process may be finalized so that a new youth pastor can begin ministry here by the end of August. Thank you for your ongoing prayers.

+ **Special thanks to all who took part** last Saturday in the memorial mass and committal for former rector **Bill McLean**; and especially for all who stepped up to serve in the liturgy and those who put on a truly generous, gracious, beautiful and much-appreciated reception in the Community Room.

+ **And speaking of the Community Room**, be prepared for some disruption and big (positive) changes in the Community Room as the installation of acoustic panels takes place, if all goes according to plan, on August 12-14. Sound absorbing panels will be mounted on the ceiling and several along the west wall, and sound diffusers will be placed on the east wall, over the kitchen. Both types of material can be seen in the digital rendering that can be viewed by clicking [here](#). We are still working on a plan for other features of the 'Community Room Improvement of Sound' (CRISP) project and will report as progress is made.

+ **Parishioner and Vestry member Randy Lewis** spoke with me today about his interest in flying to Harlingen, Texas, later this month. He hopes to take part there with others in a witness of faith in response to the mounting border/immigration crisis that has particularly

**St. Michael's
Worship Times**



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9:30 a.m.

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involved the motives, condition and plight of children at the border. Those who may wish to know more, join Randy, or otherwise support him may contact him at randylewis409@gmail.com. On the same topic: earlier this month a clergy colleague sent me a copy of a recent editorial from the San Diego Union-Tribune by Episcopal bishop (and former Diocese of Chicago rector) Jim Mathes. The editorial can be read by clicking [here](#).



Summer Food for the Journey

Sunday morning Formation gathers immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service.

Sunday, August 3: Sabbath

(facilitated by The Rev. Laurie Michaels)

In today's world, with its relentless emphasis on success and productivity, we have lost the necessary rhythm of life, the balance between work and rest. Constantly striving, we feel exhausted and deprived in the midst of great abundance. We long for time with friends and family; we long for a moment to ourselves.

Come to this Sunday's Food for the Journey to gain some insights about Sabbath keeping throughout the week and to learn about some practical ways to find rest, renewal and delight in the midst of our busy lives.



Exploring Healing Prayer

Prayer and Study Group

For those interested in being part of the **healing ministry prayer team**, there will be a six week prayer and study group, **starting in mid-August**. This will give us some tools to pray for others in the context of Sunday service, later this fall. After the study is



completed we'll meet up monthly to pray for each other and for "the need of the hour". Study material will be provided.

If interested please contact **The Rev. Eva Baydoun** by August 4 at ulrika.baydoun@gmail.com or call 847-373-7560.



July & August

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Family Ministries

Josh Baudin

Interim Coordinator of Family Ministries

A back-to-school family gathering is planned for **Saturday, August 23**. Join us in the Community Room at 5:00 p.m. for a unique family formation experience. Email Josh Baudin at jabbaudin@gmail.com to register. Please include your family name and the number folks in your group.

Stay tuned for the details on our Fall family serve.

In The Parish Family

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Jane and Gene Dawson, August 1, 2014.

In 1964 The Beatles sang 'I Want To Hold Your Hand'...and they still are!

May God, who has given you fifty years together, of his infinite goodness and mercy continue to bless you and your union. May the Father who created you, the Son who redeems you, and the Holy Spirit who sanctifies you, preserve and keep you all your days. Amen.



Quick Links

[+Our Website](#)

[+Diocese of Chicago](#)

Those who have asked for our prayers:

Donna & family, Susan, Julie & family, Angie, Linda, Jim, Margaret, Ralph, Alice, Ted & Diane, Margaret, Jim, Suzi & family, Diane, Tom, Austin, Melissa, Nancy, John, Chris & family, Veronica, Cynthia, Becky, Brian, Paul & family,



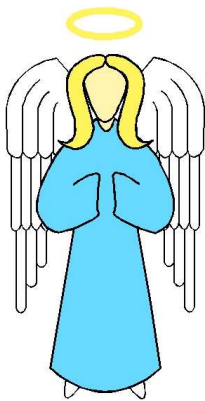
Little Angels Christian Preschool



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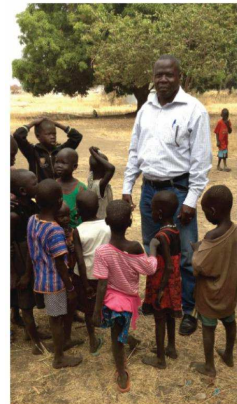
Amy, Redeemer Families in Crisis Program, safety & peace in South Sudan.

From the Renk Ministry Partnership: Emergency Update on Renk Diocese



Bishop Joseph, his people and clergy are thankful for the daily prayers of the people of St. Michael's. "Fear of what will happen next" is still preventing people from returning to their homes, schools remain closed, the clinic cannot keep up with the medical needs at hand.

FACTS: In S. Sudan, 4.9 million people are in need of humanitarian aid; 1.3 million have been forced to flee their homes. Our brothers and sisters in Renk Diocese fall into these statistics. A number of churches in the Diocese (in Melut, Paloch, Geiger) are serving as makeshift camps for the displaced and distribution points for food and other assistance. Maban is currently held by the rebels.



SUDRA's Rev. Joseph El Hag with children whose families have been forced to flee their homes.

Bishop Joseph is preparing to travel to Renk from Juba, Monday, August 4, after being advised by his people and Chief Bior to stay away. (His family remains in Nairobi since January) He will visit throughout the Diocese, as able, to assess the situation. He'll send us an update on the crisis that began in December, as a political power struggle between the President and V. President of S. Sudan. Since that time, conditions have worsened, descending into a civil war in that 3-year-old country.

Our ongoing prayer support and sharing of resources light their way during these dark days. As covenanted partners,

we share in the hope and faith in God's plan for peace in S. Sudan. Let us continue to pray...*together*.

St. Michael's Garden Columbarium Is Getting A New Look

Work is underway for the complete renovation of the outdoor garden columbarium here at St. Michael's Church. It involves a completely new design with all new walking surfaces and plantings. Attached [here](#) find a (nearly final) drawing. You'll note that larger plants will no longer be placed along the wall where they can obscure niches. Included in the new design is a water feature and more comfortable bench seating better suited for the contemplation of those who most often visit the columbarium. Five gifted and devoted parishioners, headed by Carol Hebert, have been tending to every detail.



Name Tags Are Coming!

Don't forget to get your photo taken this Sunday at church OR send in a 'selfie' headshot!

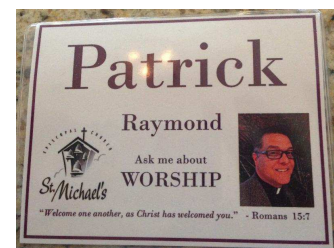


(see article in newsletter)

Smile and Say Cheese

Ever wish you could actually remember everybody's name? Have you been embarrassed or frustrated because you can't think of someone's name that you 'should' know? Worry no more - because **name tags are coming to St. Michael's!**

And what? A name tag *with a picture on it?* Yes! Name tags, while not being used, will be stored on a magnetic board and will serve as a 'photo ID' of sorts

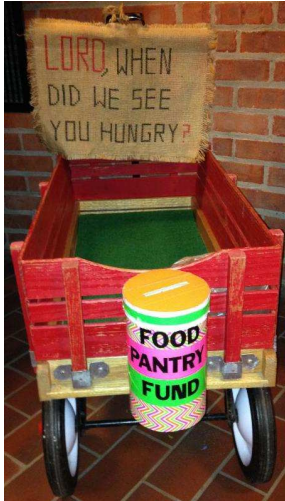


for people to use to get to know each other.

Imagine this with YOUR name & photo!

But we need your help. Please send in your best selfie, profile picture, or whatever you want to use on your name tag to Nancy Holmes nholmes@stmichaelsbarrington.org. Of course this is optional but strongly encouraged. Also, on Sunday's there will be someone in the Narthex taking photos for people who need a photo image taken.

Little Red Wagon (located in front foyer)



Church of the Redeemer/Families in Crisis Program will be the focus in the month of August.

The needs are many for these families that enter Redeemer's doors. Over the years we have managed to find used furniture and appliances as well as food for them. But the gathering of food is our main purpose. They need items for breakfast, lunch and supper, as well as soap, detergent and personal items. Please help keep the wagon filled.

REMEMBER: Hunger never goes on vacation!

Little Angels Preschool Garden



At the end of the school year in May, Little Angel Preschool students planted a garden on the south side of the building. Today the garden boxes are flourishing and already yielding a plentiful bounty. Succulent yellow squash is being harvested now and the peas are getting ready to pop! What a great learning experience for the children and what a lovely addition to the church grounds. Thank you Little Angels!

Be An Altar Bread Angel

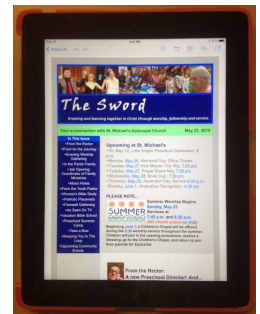
Are you looking for a truly behind the scenes volunteer opportunity that you can perform in the comfort of your own kitchen? Then join the St. Michael's Altar Bread Bakers. Each baker signs up for one month of baking to provide 10 loaves of altar bread. We provide the recipe and instructions and all you have to do is bake and deliver to

St. Michael's sacristy on the last Sunday of the month. If you are interested in joining the Bread Bakers, contact Diane Clancy at 847-687-7431 or dianeclancy84@gmail.com. It is a blessed task - hope you can participate.



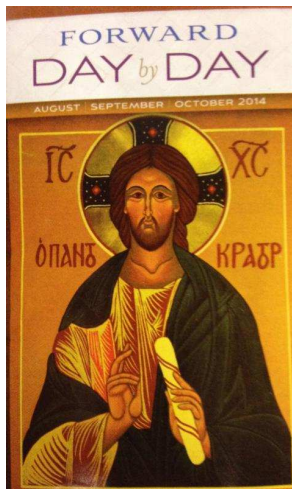
Summer eSword Publication Schedule

If you have information to be included in the weekly e-newsletter that is sent out on Thursdays, please send information to news@stmichaelsbarrington.org by noon on the Tuesday of the week of publication.



In August we will publish three (not 4) email newsletters, combining announcements from the 'off' week. Look for summer newsletters on August 7, 21 and 28. The regular publication schedule will resume in September.

Forward Day by Day
The Aug/Sept/Oct edition is now available in the Narthex (front foyer)



Did You Know?

Churchgiving tends to dip during the summer months but expenses remain constant. We appreciate those who are able and remember to contribute throughout the year. Although our major 'ask' for pledges takes place in late fall, we also welcome new pledges any time!



COMMUNITY
events

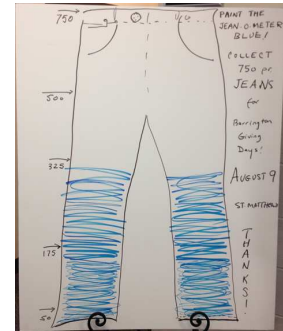
St. Michael's Collecting Jeans Our Goal: 750 pairs

Barrington Giving Day Back to School

held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Saturday, August 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, August 2 is the final day for jeans collection for Barrington Giving Days.

Many thanks to those of you who have volunteered at St. Matthew's and donated jeans to support Barrington Giving Day: Back to School. You have been very generous, and on behalf of the kids being served, thank you.



We are half way to our goal of 750 jeans (new or gently used). Let's see how close we can come to that goal by **filling the green wagon to the brim by August 2.** Thank you once again for your generosity. Questions? Contact [Ann Ryba](#).

Barrington National Night Out

August 7 ~ 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m

at Cook & Station Streets

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts and strengthen neighborhood spirit and community relations.

Click [here](#) to view their flyer and see all the great events lined up for this special community event.

Questions? Call Courtney Sasiadek, Executive Assistant to the Fire Chief (847) 304-3605 or csasiadek@barrington-il.gov.

Episcopal Relief & Development 75th Anniversary Photo Exhibition

Episcopal Relief & Development works with Church partners and other local organizations to save lives and

Remembering This Week

Birthdays

- 8.3
Nancy Holmes
- 8.4
Ella Younger
- 8.5
Derek Fearon
Trevor Fearon
- 8.6
Ali Pepper
Evan Yerger
Hilary Schultz
Cheri Walter
- 8.7
Robert Stoettner
- 8.8
Abigail Raynor
Jack Ward
- 8.9
Bill Poll
Ann LaBarge
Robert Stephenson

Anniversaries

- 8.5
Pat & Jim Steed
Deanna & Bill Arms
- 8.7
Dolly & Dick Curran
- 8.8
Patty & David Dattilo
Carolyn & Jack Schaefer

Rest in Peace

8.3

Charles Buckley II

8.4

Robert Trevelier

Karl Richardson

8.6

Nelson Thomasson

Daniel Capulli

Stephen McClesky

transform communities worldwide.

They help rebuild after disasters and empower people to create lasting solutions that fight poverty, hunger and disease. Working in close to 40 countries, their programs impact the lives of approximately 3 million people around the world.



One of the cornerstones of their 75th Anniversary Celebration is a **touring exhibition of iconic photos** from their programs around the world. This beautiful presentation leads the viewer through a meaningful, intimate exploration of their history and four core program areas. Experience the exhibition online by clicking [here](#).

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The Rev. Elizabeth (Betsy) Ward, Assisting; The Rev. Laurie Michaels, Deacon

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