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Worship Times Sundays

8:00 a.m. Rite I
10:00 a.m. Rite II
Coffee & Fellowship
after each service.

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

Church School Schedule

(Grades 6-12 will still meet in the Sturtz House)

Children ages 3



From Our Rector

The Rev. Jesse Perkins

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If you have heard me talk about St. Michael's outreach, you know that I am exceedingly proud of the work that this parish does beyond its walls. You all have a heart for helping people, of that there is no doubt.

Over the last year and a half, I have tried to give us a little focus to our efforts in an attempt to make it easier and more transparent. First, we annually give away 10% of our pledge income to other charities, most of them in the Chicagoland area. These organizations are sponsored by a member of St. Michael's, and are doing great work "on the ground" feeding, clothing, and helping the less fortunate.

Secondly, we are about to embark on a mission trip to Guatemala, in conjunction with Porch de Solomon and St. Mark's, Barrington Hills. Our goal there is to lend a helping hand to help build a house for a family without adequate housing. I hope this becomes an annual trip where we go to help. By going with Porch de Solomon, we not only get to help build a house, but we help support an organization that has a long history in Guatemala and knows the needs of the people there.

Finally, St. Michael's has partnered with the Diocese of Renk and Bishop Joseph for 20 years this year! Our efforts help educate, feed, and house the students of Renk Theological University (formerly college); these clergy and their families go on to be the real change agents in an area of the world that need them and God's good news desperately. **Starting on Sunday, April 15, the Renk Partnership Committee is**



launching a fund raiser to directly support a student of the Theological University; come to coffee hour on Sundays starting on April 15 to select a student to sponsor this year, helping them with tuition costs, as well as housing and food. Help plant the seeds for change in the Sudan.

through 5th grade:

9:45 drop-off.
Church school for children ages 3 thru 5th grade starts promptly at 10am in the lower level classrooms. They will join their families in time for communion.

Nursery (infants and children up to 3 years old) is available downstairs from 9:30am through the 10am service.

Junior High

9:00am ~ Junior High meet in St. Michael's library & join the service at 10am (or earlier if serving).

Senior High

9:00am ~ Senior High gather at the Sturtz House & join the service at 10am (or earlier if serving).

Quick Links



[Our Website](#)

Thank you for the giving hearts that you have to help people near and far.

God bless,
Jesse+



From Our Curate

The Rev. Lisa Erdeljon
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Over the past week, I've been thinking about some of the hard questions around believing in God. Questions like, "What is faith?" "How do I know God's will?" "Why do bad things happen to good people?"...

In preparing for my sermon last Sunday, I kept asking myself, "What is faith?" If you heard my sermon, you know I went to the dictionary for a definition (If you didn't hear my sermon, [click here](#) to listen to it or read my manuscript). For me, faith is something in the heart. I have no words or logical definition of what faith is, and, honestly, once I "found" faith, I never really doubted God. Maybe that is because, looking back at my life, even at my loneliest or most desperate or most lost moments, I can see that God was still present to me.

"Why do bad things happen to good people?" is also very relevant for me this week. If you have not heard yet, we lost one of our own this week. Derek Harms, age 20, died on Sunday, due to a tragic snowboarding accident. His parents, Georgianne and Dennis, have been members of the Barrington community and of the St Michael's community since Derek started preschool here, just after they moved to Barrington. *(Please see below for more information about the Visitation, Funeral, and Reception.)*

This is another one of those questions that test people's belief in God and it seems there is no logical answer. As someone who seeks scholarly answers-logical, brain-focused answers-I can certainly quote different theologians' opinions and theories on theodicy (the study of God within the context of the existence of evil). However, I also know that will never be enough, especially when we are in the midst of such pain and loss as right now.

These questions, and many of the other tough God questions, frequently bounce around my brain. Often I can push them aside, and often I can be satisfied with saying, "I



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don't need to know in my head, I know in my heart, and that is enough." And, most of the time, when faced with these really, really hard questions, the only way for me to find comfort is by saying that God is an all-knowing, all-loving, and all-powerful God, and although I do not understand all of God's mystery, God knows and loves me (and each of you), and is caring for us in ways we cannot and will not ever understand.

And hopefully, even if our logical heads do not fully understand that, our hearts and souls can.

In The Parish Family

REST IN PEACE: It is with a heavy heart and prayers that we share with you news of the death on April 8, of **Derek Harms**. Derek is the beloved son of Georgianne and Dennis Harms. Visitation will be 2:00 p.m. until the funeral service at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, April 15 at St. Michael's. A reception will follow in the Community Room at the church. Read obituary [here](#). *Rest eternal grant to him, Lord; And let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



Those who have asked for our prayers: Sage, the McEnhill family, Dot, Kay, Ryan, Kathy, the Vasich family, Judie, the Harms family, Laurie, Ann, Mark, Ted, Christina, Barb & Steve, Patty, Phyllis, Amy.

Team Chicago Mission Trip Update

Porch de Salomon is pleased and grateful to have completed our first family house of 2018: Juan Isidro and Juana's casa en San Jose Chacaya. Team Chicago put on the finishing touches (paint, stove assembly, landscaping, etc) and we all enjoyed a touching dedication ceremony and excellent meal. It's an honor and privilege to have been a part of the most exciting day/night ever for this sweet, hard-working family. We thank all the teams who helped fund and build it, especially Team Moza, our staff, and our faithful mission



Little Red Wagon



St. Cyprian Food Pantry in Chicago is our focus in April.

Items needed are: toilet paper, paper towels, napkins & cleaning supplies.

Thank you to all who donated food items for Easter dinners. Ruth Silver delivered those items to St. Cyprian last week.

Remembering This Week

Birthday
4.15

Dave Evans
4.16

partners and supporters. Gracias a Dios –adelante juntos!
More photos [here](#).



1: Calendar (attached [here](#))

With only two more months of Sunday School left, we have some exciting activities planned.

2: Night Watch Lock-In with Fr. Jesse Friday, April 20 to Saturday, April 21

Join Fr. Jesse and teens from St. Luke's, Evanston, and St. Gregory's, Deerfield, for a Night Watch Lock-In. Gather here at St. Michael's at 5:00 p.m. on Friday; return here at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. Enjoy a night of fun, prayer, and reflection, plus morning Eucharist on the Beach with Bishop Lee! **To reserve your spot**, please email youth@stmichaelsbarrington.org by Wednesday, April 18.

3: Graduate Recognition Sunday, April 29

Please join us at the 10:00 a.m. service as we recognize our high school grads. The homily will be offered by a teen graduate and there will be a light reception in the Community Room after the service.

4: Mission Trip

Save the dates of Monday, July 23 through Thursday, July 26 for the Jr. and Sr. LIFT Mission Trip. We will be going to Miller Beach, IN, where we will work on several service projects, as well as have time for prayer and reflection and some good fun! This is open to anyone currently in 6th through 12th grade (for the 2017-2018 school year). Space is limited, so **please reserve your spot now**, by emailing youth@stmichaelsbarrington.org (or confirming with [Kay Lewis](#) or [Mtr. Lisa](#)).



Announcing the formation of
**St. Michael's
Gardening Alliance**
Growing with Purpose

LAUNCH:

- Sunday, April 22, Earth Day

GOAL:

- Manage St. Michael's grounds for both beauty and

Dillon Rejman
4.17
Susan DeBauche
4.18
Julianne Schultz
4.19
Judy Heinrich
Charles Penhaligen
4.20
Carol Schmidt
4.21
Peggy Blass

Anniversaries
n/a

Rest in Peace
4.18
Julie Manning
4.21
John Malmsten
Dorothy Lick

**Easter
Blessings**

bounty.

WHAT CHANGES:

- Expand ornamental flower beds to augment altar flowers.
- Establish small fruit orchard and vegetable gardens for benefit of local food pantries.
- Establish a network of St. Michael's gardeners to produce and distribute the bounty of our gardens.

HOW CAN I HELP:

- **Support** the Gardening Alliance **Plant Sale (May 26, 27)**
- Help with periodic work days on maintenance (details to announced).
- **Donate!** Funds will be administered through Building & Grounds to install irrigation, build raised beds, and buy plant material.

Join the alliance! Share your talents and garden resources!

Vestry Contacts: [Rob Wisnowski](#), [Greg Michaels](#), [Bill Ferry](#)

Highlighting Outreach



St. Leonard's Ministries is one of the many organizations supported by St. Michael's Outreach.

St. Leonard's provides a setting in which men and women recently released from prison can achieve productive and whole lives. Residents are provided with an array of program services designed to assist them as they make the transition to successful, independent living. Click [here](#) to watch a compelling video they shared of their good works.

Little Angels Christian Preschool Summer Camp 2018

ALL children ages 2-6 years old are welcome to attend.



In House sign up will begin on Tuesday, April 3.
Community enrollment will begin on Monday, April 16.



Click [here](#) for camp and registration information.

COMMUNITY NEWS



St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Barrington Hills, invites you for a floral demonstration, lunch, music and raffle on Saturday, April 21. You'll learn how to incorporate movement and color balance for large and small flower settings. Click [here](#) for additional information.

Love INC Lake County SW is excited to announce the launch of Serving Saturdays. On the last Saturday of the month (starting April 28 from 8:30-11:00 a.m.) Love INC will open their doors to youth groups, outreach ministries, families and individuals and provide opportunities to serve our neighbors in need. Ways to serve include: delivery team, writing/creating compassion cards, assembling and delivering Blessing Baskets and more. Please let us know if you are able to share in the fellowship and spread love in the Name of Christ. For questions or to reserve your spot call us at 847-469-8835.

St. Michael's Vestry

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Wes Kimes, Senior Warden; Dayna Imhoff, Junior Warden
Bill Ferry, Ann Ross, Jim Stevens, Rob Wisnowski, Greg Michaels, Lisa Farran, Tim Raynor, Deb Blohm, Gene Dawson, Michele Phillips, Suzanne Fleeer, Renee Buxton
John Davis - Treasurer, Craig Anderson - Clerk



Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Jesse Perkins, Rector; The Rev. Elizabeth (Betsy) Ward, Assisting Priest;
The Rev. Lisa Erdeljon, Curate; The Rev. Laurie Michaels, Deacon; Caren Hunter,
Director of Little Angels Preschool; Mark Sikkila, Organist & Director of Music; Sara
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St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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