



ST MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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A Note From Our Rector

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Hello St. Michael's! This week, I have some house keeping for you: Firstly, please plan to attend our Annual Meeting on February 5 following the 10am service. Lunch will be provided, and Kim is working on childcare possibilities. If you click on this link (<https://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/church-announcements/1236-annual-meeting-2023>) you can see the vestry slate, and even cast an early/absentee vote. Paper ballots will be available during the annual meeting for those who prefer it, and we are electing vestry and diocesan convention delegates.

Church financials for 2022 and the 2023 Budget are approved and available further down in this Sword, and our treasurer, John Davis, will be holding a financial review meeting this Sunday following the 10am service in the conference room.

And finally, as we near my seventh anniversary as Rector of St. Michael's (September 1, 2016), the vestry and I have been planning a possible sabbatical this summer. In this diocese and in our letter of agreement, rectors are eligible for a sabbatical after 5 years with two weeks accrued per year worked, not to accrue beyond 7 years. With approval from the wardens and vestry, I plan to be on my sabbatical May 1 through July 31. Last year, Bishop Chiton encouraged me to move forward with my plans as the seventh year approached. You can read her letter to the Wardens and Vestry here.

Chilton sabbatical letter to Vestry

Sabbaticals are quite different from vacations, and offer a time of growth and inward focus that is made difficult with the day to day parish activities and responsibilities. A successful sabbatical usually includes continuing education, prayer, and rest. My hope is to begin a Doctorate of Ministry, take a spiritual retreat, and travel a bit with my family. Fr. Jim Swarthout will be the supply priest for those Sundays during my sabbatical, and Deacon Tim will be covering pastoral care (pending final agreement with the diocese and Tim). The Wardens and I will be working out a more detailed plan for other responsibilities as we get closer.

Blessings, friends, and see you in church,
Jesse+

A Note From Our Sunday School Director

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Be sure to sign up for the Parents night out on Thursday, February 9th. We will have fun activities for Sunday school children from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. The kids will be able to do some cooking, crafts, and watch some movies together.

Please use the link below to sign up!!

[Parents Night Out](#)

LIFT



Jr. & Sr. LIFT meets EVERY Sunday morning - 9:00 a.m. Sturtz House

[LIFT Schedule](#)

From the LIFT Leader's Desk

Reminder: the next Sr. LIFT night is Feb. 5, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Also, don't forget to click on the LIFT Schedule button/link for the updated calendar for the year.

Peace, Kay Lewis

Upcoming Events



Financial Review Meeting

A Financial Review Meeting will be held on January 29, 11:30 am, in the conference room. John Davis, our treasurer, will be leading a review of 2022 and a 2023 budget presentation.

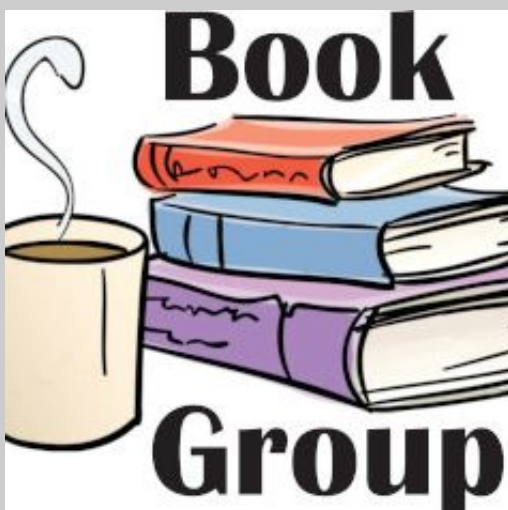
Annual Report 2022



Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 5, 11:30 AM

Jesse and Katy Perkins will be hosting an Open House Reception at the Rectory following the meeting. Please join us for beverages and desserts.



Book Group

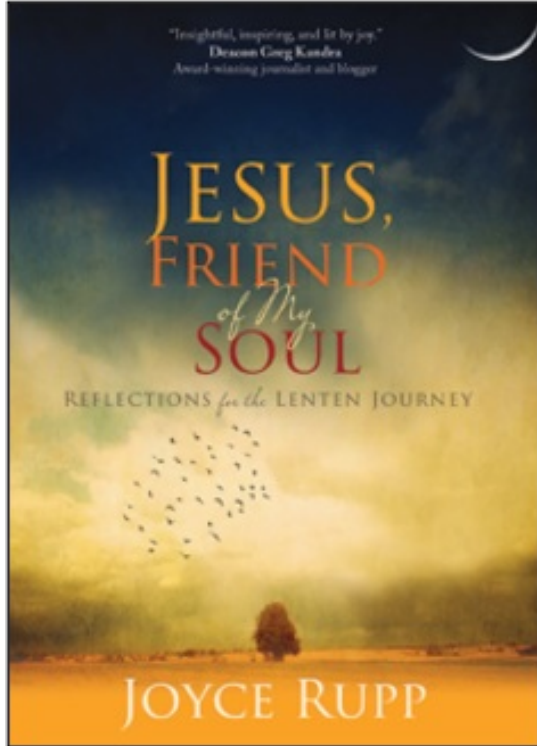
The Book Group will meet Wednesday, February 15, at 7 pm in the church library. The book for February is "The Reading List" by Sara Nisha Adams. The discussion will be led by Kathi Frelk.

For more information, please email Kathi at kfrelk4@gmail.com

TUESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm
2/21/23 - 4/11/23

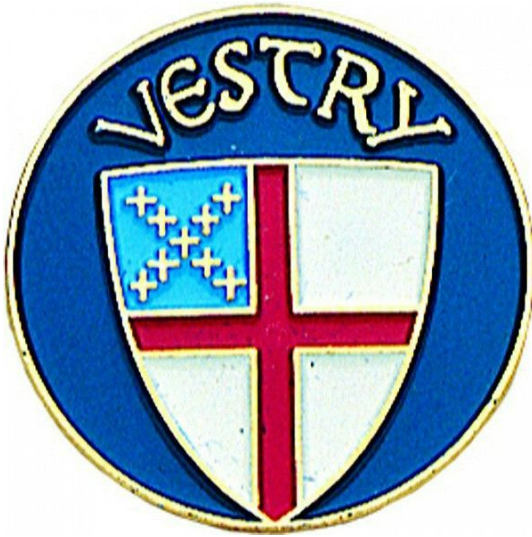
All women are invited to join the Spirited Sisters any time on Tuesday evenings, between February 21 - April 11, via Zoom. We will meet from 7:00-8:30pm to connect



with one another through prayers and conversations that centers on seeing Jesus in a new light through the beautiful lens of Joyce Rupp's reflections in Jesus, Friend of My Soul. This daily devotional is full of simple yet profound ways to understand the qualities of Jesus, so that we may become more like Him in our daily lives. For more information, contact Sally Smith at 847-274-4622 or Sue Barnum at 847-401-3050.

Spirited Sisters

Announcements



2023 Vestry Slate

Sam Adams-Lanham, 3 year term
Wes Kimes, 3 year term
Lynn Mayberry, 3 year term
Ellen Lindeen, 2 year term
Lindsay Taylor, Senior warden, 1 year term
Bill Ferry, Junior warden, 1 year term
Read about our candidates here:

2023 Vestry Slate

Absentee and Advance Voting

Communion Bread Ministry

Have you enjoyed having real bread for communion? Do you like to bake? Are you interested in a new fellowship opportunity? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please consider joining us for the new communion bread ministry. We will meet at 3:00 p.m. on February 19th in the kitchen/community room to work together to bake the bread, freezing it for use on Sundays. We plan to meet every 4-6 weeks throughout the year to continue baking. The bread is easy to make, so no experience is required. We will use the time



that the bread is rising to have some snacks and enjoy some fellowship. If possible, please bring the following items: baking sheet, rolling pin and a drink or snack to share.

Please contact Mary Ann Seagrist (seagrist5@comcast.net) or Amy Hoff (ahoff9032@gmail.com) with any questions. Looking forward to seeing you on the 19th!



INCREDIBLE ONE-DAY VOLUNTEER EVENT

Saturday, April 29, 2023
Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago

St. Michael's is sponsoring a very deserving homeowner, Leticia, whose Blue Island home is in need of light repairs. Rebuilding Together's one-day building/repair event assists low income or elderly homeowners who are in need of home repairs to stay warm, safe and dry.

At least 10 volunteers are needed for this one-day community volunteer opportunity. St. Michael's sponsorship includes simple cleaning, repairs, and painting.

In previous years Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago has had 80 homes with over 3,000 volunteers working on a single day.

St. Michael's parishioner Jill Deichmann is a past President and remains on the Board of Directors. Jill has volunteered for over 30 years with Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago. Please contact Jill or Brant to sign up.

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Go to [Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago](#) for more details.

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Birthdays

1/31 Jay Younger
 2/1 Myra Robison
 2/1 Patty Ledwig

Anniversaries

In Loving Memory

1/29 Patricia Magnuson
 1/30 Alice Peto
 1/30 Albert Lockett

2/2 Florence Compton
2/4 Wendy O'Riordan
2/4 Grace Guthrie
2/4 Jay Ward

2/1 Clara Penny
2/3 Dean Frelk
2/4 Jane Bachini

Prayer Requests

Cathy, Brittany, the Schmidt family, the Deiss family, Louis, Jim, Cliff, Deborah, Marilyn and Pat, Ann, Bryan, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Pat, Ruth, Brian, Ted, Barb and Steve, Patty, and Amy.

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The Sword

The Sword is published each Thursday. The deadline to submit items to be included is Wednesday at 5:00 PM. Any questions or comments regarding this publication should be sent to pbllass@stmichaelsbarrington.org

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