



ST MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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A Note From Our Rector

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"If you cannot preach like Peter, If you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, And say He died for all."
(Hymn: There Is A Balm in Gilead)

This past week I was blessed to attend a professional development conference called the Festival of Homiletics held in Minneapolis this year. Another attendee described it as "preachers on vacation," which certainly has some truth to it. For four days, we listen to great preachers and hear about the art of their craft...

[READ MORE HERE]

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RETURN OF THE ~~jedi-mack-king~~ CHALICE

It has been a long time since we last talked about this, and I remember well how split the church was on this issue, and how passionately each side felt. I am of course talking about bringing the chalice back into our common worship. Check it out here:

<https://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/church-blog/1215-rectors-newsletter-article-common-cup-survey>

I imagine that there remains a difference of opinion throughout the parish. Personally, I have returned to my pre-COVID way of life for the most part, trusting my immune system and the vaccines to keep me from becoming too ill. However, I also know that for others, there is no going back from our experience during COVID-tide, and that protection from all illness is a heightened priority.

That is why on this Sunday, Pentecost Sunday May 28, 2023, we will bring back the chalice AND ALSO serve the little cups. For this next phase, you get to pick your preferred way of receiving the wine.

[READ MORE HERE]

<https://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/church-blog/1298-return-of-the-chalice?preview=1>

A Note from our Sunday School Director

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We had the best lesson about how to trust God last week. Trust is a hard subject to teach. A visual science experiment helped us communicate the concept. We used water and oil to demonstrate this. The water was God and the oil was all of our worries. When we poured them together the oil surfaces to the top. We discussed how the water who was God carry's our worries. The water was our foundation with the worries on top. So to trust in God is putting him first so he can carry us. Try it at home. It can open up all kinds of discussions with the kids about what they are worried about.

This Sunday is our last official day of Sunday school. We will be celebrating another successful program year! Reminder there is no Sunday school June 4th and June 11th. We will resume again on Father's Day June 18th for the start of Summer Sunday school. I hope you all enjoy this little break before we kick off the summer.

Reminder to wear red this Sunday for Pentecost!

Happy Memorial Day!

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Have a great summer! See you in the fall!

Music Ministry

Our Summer "Occasional choir" begins June 4th. We will rehearse Sunday mornings at 9:15am before the 10am service (no mid-week rehearsal). The occasional choir supports

the hymns and offers a simple anthem through the summer. Music and practice tracks are available for those who would like them in advance.

Please reach out to our music director Sara Torbeck at storbeck@stmichaelsbarrington.org to be added to our weekly email list.

Upcoming Events



Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 28

Join us for Pentecost Sunday, wear red and enjoy the ladybug release, great music, food, and ice cream truck after the 10:00 AM service.

We will be serving hot dogs; the ice cream will be self-pay. We will be ready to serve starting at 11:15 AM. We hope to see you there!



Prayer Shawl

Prayer Shawl is going back to Tuesday evenings. We will meet May 30 from 6-7:30pm in the library. No experience needed. Come one - come all!!

St. Michael's 75th Anniversary Lindsay Taylor, Senior Warden

I am excited to write to you all this week about 75th Anniversary festivities at St. Michael's Episcopal Church this fall! (Yaaaaay! Party! Woo!) There will be a series of events, including:

- A kickoff Sunday potluck on September 10 (fire up your Crock Pots!)
- A formal event on Saturday, September 30
- A St. Michael's Sunday after-church reception on October 1
- An annual meeting luncheon on February 4

NOTE: When this schedule was posted last week it included an error regarding the October date, the date above is correct.

These events will be sure to offer many opportunities to use your special skills and gifts to be a part of the planning and execution of these exciting celebrations. While I

am sure everyone at St. Michael's will be involved, I am sharing an initial opportunity to sign up to express interest in volunteering.

If you are interested in volunteering your time and skills to making the 75th anniversary of St. Michael's the best it can be, please share your information at the following sign-up link: [St. Michael's 75 Anniversary Events Volunteers Sign-Up](#)

Announcements



TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE.

In previous Food Drives we have gathered and distributed a LOT of non-perishable food and household items. Earlier this week, deliveries were once again made to three feeding ministries: St. Cyprian's Food Pantry, Ravenswood Community Services, and Elgin's Church of the Redeemer were grateful recipients of 3 carloads of donations from St. Michael's parishioners and Little Angels Preschool families. In addition, there were kind and generous financial donations made which will also help these pantries to purchase specific items as needs are made known.

We had another terrific team of volunteers, many of whom have not been part of past food drives. On Sunday we were graced with a spontaneous wave of helpers who showed up after the 10am service saying, "how can I help? what should I do?" Much gratitude to so many who helped out with all aspects of this operation. Something like this cannot be done without willing hearts, minds, hands - and drivers.

The people of St. Michael's have not become tired of doing good, but been even more open hearted, generous, and enthusiastic in support of sisters, brothers, and families who are contending with very difficult circumstances. This kindness is a reflection of God's never-ending love and grace. Once again, thanks so much for being part of God's work in meeting the needs of others.

Barrington Back to School Giving Day

Once again St. Michael's will be part of the Barrington Back to School Giving Day. This event, supported by local churches, provides clothing and school supplies to students who are part of the School District 220 free lunch program. This year we are asked to provide 46 medium sized men's shirts to the program. You can put your donations in the bin located near the Community Room or order online through Amazon/your favorite retailer and have your donations sent directly to the church. Cash donations are also welcomed. Last year BSGD served 270 families. This was a 19% increase from the previous year. There is no reason to not think that the need will even be greater this year. They also accept gently used clothing items. If you have any questions about the program please contact Carol Berman at 847-815-7445.



Revive Volunteers

Revive is looking for volunteers to help register participants for the Christmas basket program.

Read more below:

[Revive Volunteer Opportunities](#)



Time to update your info!

In the spirit of spring cleaning, we're updating our member database so that can have more accurate records and better serve our parishioners. Click the link below to go to the member update form where you can fill out your information, along with that of any of your other household family members. We only require the name and date of birth, but any additional information you can provide would be appreciated!

[Member Update Form](#)

Upcoming Photo Directory

We are also working on a new photo directory for our members! We aim to have a draft

ready and printed by mid-May so that we have time for corrections and updates for our final version which we plan to release mid-Summer. Photos are not required, but since it will be a photo directory, we do encourage you to provide one. The directory uses one photo for the member entry, so families should submit a group photo if more than one person wants to be included. Photos can be uploaded in the member update form linked above.

Peace & Justice News

The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago is always part of the Coalition of Welcoming Churches entry in the Pride Parade in Chicago. This year it is Sunday, June 25. The Peace and Justice Committee has paid the entry fee. If you would like to participate, or would like to help with the planning of our part in the parade, please let me know. Ellen Lindeen: peacellen123@gmail.com

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Maybe the desire to make something beautiful is the piece of God that is inside each of us.
~ Mary Oliver

I acknowledge that the lands that we now call Illinois are the ancestral homelands of many Tribal Nations including: the people of the Council of the Three Fires: the Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and Odawa, the Peoria, Kaskaskia, Piankashaw, Wea, Miami, Mascoutin, Sauk and Fox, Mesquaki, Kickapoo, Ho-Chunk, Menominee, and Chickasaw Nations.

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Birthdays

5/28 Dawson Imhoff
5/29 Michele Phillips
5/30 David Buckley
5/30 Justin Cesario
5/31 Jenn Mears
5/31 Rob Wisnowski
6/1 Jill Anderson
6/1 Kevin Taylor
6/3 Craig Anderson

Anniversaries

5/29 Cooper and Tim Raynor
5/31 Vicky and Joe Ridges
6/3 Lisa and John Allen

In Loving Memory

5/28 Allen Sisson
5/28 John Höggren
5/28 George Rutkowski
6/1 Tyler Allen
6/2 Helen McKee
6/3 Ethel Shepherd

Prayer Requests

Marilyn and Pat, Earl, the Duncan family, Cayden, Juliana, Barb, Sadie, Cliff, Sharon, Allison, Maelyn, and Conner, Cindy, Art, Ann, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Pat, Ruth, Brian, Ted, Barb and Steve, Patty, and Amy.

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