



# ST MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sword June 8, 2023

## St. Michael's Weekly News & Updates



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### **A Note from our Sunday School Director**

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**St. Michael's VBS 2023**

A graphic illustration featuring a pair of yellow heart-shaped sunglasses and several pairs of flip-flops in various colors (blue, yellow, white) with different patterns (stripes, solid, floral). The background is a light blue and white striped pattern with wavy lines representing water.

**SPLASH INTO GOD'S WORD**

Monday, 7/24 - Thursday 7/27

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

[VBS Sign up](#)

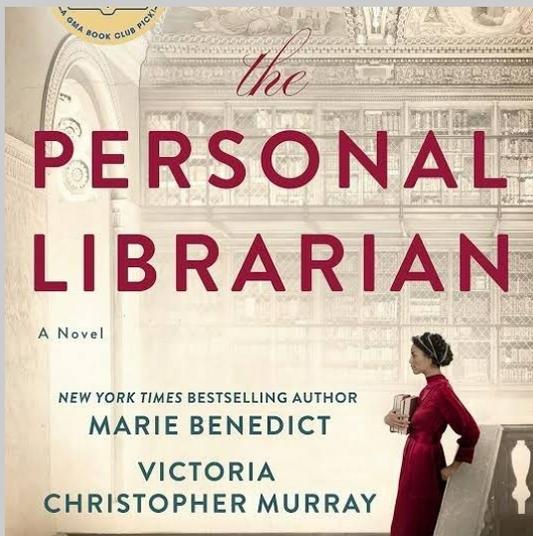
## Upcoming Events



### Rib Fest

Saturday, July 15

Stay tuned for more details regarding Rib Fest 2023!



## Book Group

The June book title is:  
The Personal Librarian By Marie Benedict  
Date: Wednesday, June 21  
Time: 7 pm  
Place: Church Library  
Discussion Leader: Carol Berman  
Meeting Host: Annilee Quinlan

## 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

### 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](#)

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## Diocese of Chicago

### Donate to Companion Diocese Partners in South Sudan An update from the Commission on Global Ministry

*While Sudan faces a surge in violence, the Diocese of Chicago's **Commission on Global Ministry** has been in frequent contact with longtime friend of the diocese, Archbishop Joseph Garang Atem, and his staff strategist for refugee assistance, Ajak Manyang, whose photos and reports inform this update:*

For the past few months, deadly violence has erupted in the country of Sudan as two competing generals have fought for control of the country. Thousands have died, been injured, or lost all their possessions. Tens of thousands have fled the war-torn area for neighboring countries, including South Sudan, where many people fled years ago during that region's civil war.

Conservative estimates suggest that more than 40,000 refugees have crossed the border with South Sudan, putting tremendous burdens on the resources of the country. Archbishop Joseph Garang Atem of the Upper Nile Internal Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, which includes the Diocese of Chicago's companion Diocese of Renk, South Sudan, has made an **urgent appeal for financial assistance** to support the refugees who have nothing but the barest necessities.

The Commission on Global Ministry is raising funds to assist our partners in South

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## 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](mailto:peacellen123@gmail.com)

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## Habitat for Humanity—an Outreach Partner

With very grateful hearts the Outreach Team acknowledges Larry Quinlan for his long-time leadership with our local Habitat for Humanity affiliate, Joyful Hands Partnership. Larry has served on the board for 24 years and put in countless hours of project management and elbow grease. During that time the Partnership was able to build nine new homes and remodel another six existing structures. The Outreach granting process has donated many thousands of dollars to build affordable housing for members of our community via this partnership and continues to be supportive of the mission. We are now seeking 2 representatives from St. Michaels to serve on the Joyful Hands Partnership board.

To remain a member of the Partnership, two members of St. Michaels will need to be appointed to serve on the board. It would be beneficial, although not required, that the representatives have construction knowledge and/or excel at coordinating volunteers and fund raising. More specifically board members will be required to attend one monthly board meeting and participate monthly in at least one Saturday morning worksite during construction season.

When the Partnership was originally formed by Barrington area churches the mandate was that the homes were to be in the Barrington school district. Today it has become difficult to find affordable properties in the district, forcing the Partnership to look outside of the school district. Also today, only three of the original eleven churches are still involved with the Partnership, St. Michael's being one. Each church committed to sponsor two board members, provide volunteers for work sites, and provide financial support. Finding two board members from our congregation is imperative to remaining affiliated with the Habitat cohort.

If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Melissa Buckley or Ann Ryba, or email [outreach@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:outreach@stmichaelsbarrington.org). Many thanks.

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### Birthdays

6/11 Cherry Stoddard-Babo  
6/11 Jack Torbeck  
6/14 Roxy Pepper  
6/17 Matthew Willis  
6/17 Avery Willis  
6/17 Natalie Willis

### Anniversaries

6/11 Maribeth and John Totten  
6/12 Michelle and Kirk Chan  
6/12 Martha and Christopher  
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### In Loving Memory

6/12 Mary Nicol  
Cliff Wulff  
Janet Lareau

## Prayer Requests

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

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St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 647 Dundee Avenue, Barrington, IL 60010  
The Parish Office is open 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
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### **The Sword**

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