



ST MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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A Note from our Rector

The Rev Jesse Perkins

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Hello St. Michael's!

This week will be the last Sword article from me until late August after I return from my half-sabbatical, so I wanted to take this opportunity to clarify who is doing what in my absence, and to also say some words of thanks. A sabbatical is nothing short of a gift of time; I am deeply grateful to be in a diocese and a parish in which this is possible and even encouraged. For a priest, a sabbatical is the only time that he or she is not on call; even on vacations, a call can come in at any moment. It is a wonderful part of the calling to a priesthood and parish ministry, and also a responsibility from which a break is good and appreciated.

I am also grateful for the many projects that are ongoing as I am away, including the Vision team, the 75th Anniversary Celebrations team, and the Fund Raising team (more on that later this year). It was back at the annual meeting that I presented these three areas for us this year, and I am delighted with their progress so far. I am also grateful to our Building and Grounds team and its staff leader, Kim Curtis, for their proposals to vestry this month, and the improvements coming to our building's exterior. I will not steal her thunder, so check out Kim's article.

As I prepare to spend some time away from the office and pulpit, you are in good hands. Every Sunday there will be Communion; there are also several different supply priests, with Fr. Jimmy coming several times, and others you get to meet and enjoy. They are sure to keep worship engaging.

In my prayers, I have been praying for the Holy Spirit to nourish, heal, restore, and enliven our church life. St. Michael's has seen its share of change, challenge, and grief. I hope this next year and the years to come are times of deepening our faith, worship, and work together.

Blessings to you, and I'll see you in seven (short) weeks.

Jesse+

Head of Ministries:

Deacon Tim Murray will be overseeing all ministries, pastoral care, and worship while I am away. We have created a 7 week paid staff position to compensate him for his extra duties, and if you have a question or concern it is a safe place to start with Deacon Tim.

75th anniversary plans:

Lindsay Taylor, Sr Warden, is coordinating the plans for the 75th anniversary, along with many other volunteers helping. If it is about this fall's festivities, Lindsay is the person to talk with.

Head of Staff:

Bill Ferry, Jr Warden, will be to all paid staff for anything they may need while I am away.

A Note from our Sunday School Director

Kim Curtis



Reminder no Sunday school or nursery this Sunday 7/2! Enjoy the Fourth of July with your family and friends. Rib fest is approaching and I just scheduled a bouncy house for all the kids who attend to enjoy. Vbs is also approaching and would love to have a few more volunteers! Please call or email me if you are interested!!

For sometime now, the building and grounds team has been compiling proposals from various vendors. These proposals were for large capital expenditures. Once we started to calculate these costs, we had to prioritize the need vs funds. This was impossible because they all were needed repairs. Having faith, we kept searching and finally found proposals that kept within our budget. So Today, we must thank the Holy Spirit for watching over us and our Building. The vestry approved ALL the projects this past Monday.

Having said that, during the month of August, we will be getting the parking lot repaired and seal coated from Parisi Paving. The Rectory and Sturtz house driveways will also be replaced. The community room ramp will be restored from Fortune Restoration. In addition, the curbs and concrete will be repaired along the community room side of the building. A local vendor Johnny Concrete will perform this work. This will include repairing the steps by the preschool where the railing has fallen off.

Another building update is the community room AC /heat rooftop unit, RTU #5, is being installed in July!

Lastly, a big thank you to the Vestry, the B&G team, and mostly Father Jesse who had guided and directed all of the above in the right direction.

St. Michael's will look amazing for our 75th anniversary!

Don't forget to reserve your spot for VBS! As the time approaches, we do fill up fast!

VBS Sign up



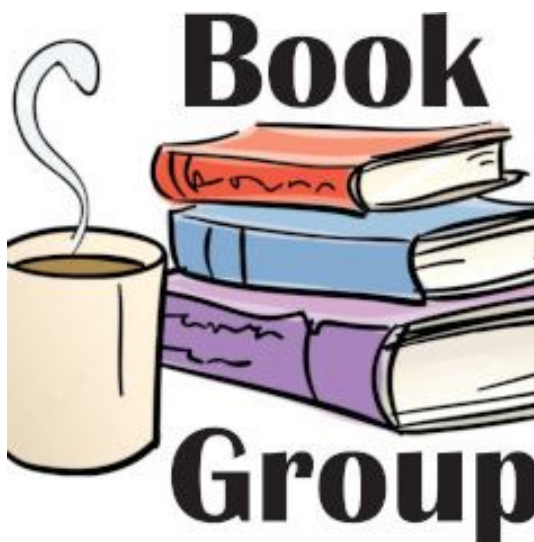
Upcoming Events



Rib Fest

Saturday, July 15

The sign-up form is now posted in the hallway by the community room.



Book Group

Book Group will meet on July 19 at 7 pm in the Library.

The book is The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben.

Veterans Group

After a lengthy recess the group will reconvene on July 12th at 19:00 hours. All Veterans are welcome.



A speaker is scheduled.

Jim Tammi
Commander

Announcements



With thanksgiving to God, Archbishop Joseph Garang is pleased to announce the date for Ordination and Consecration of Bishop Simon Chuang Ayok Deng, third Bishop of Renk Diocese, and Bishop in the Church of God, at St. Matthew Cathedral, Renk Town, July 17, 2023.

St. Michael's and Renk Diocese have been in a Covenant of Relationship since January 1998, and the Diocese of Chicago and Renk Diocese have had a Companion Diocese Relationship, passed by resolution at Diocesan Convention, since 2001. The CDR has been renewed by resolution every 5 years by delegates to Convention.

St. Michael's partnership with Renk Diocese includes the building of Renk Theological College, rebuilding it when destroyed by the government of Sudan, and ongoing scholarship support of seminarians. Over the years, parishioners have visited Renk, and Archbishop Joseph has visited St. Michael's and the Diocese of Chicago.

Watch this space for further information about Bishop Simon Chuang Ayok Deng.

Renk Ministry Partnership (RMP)

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:

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Birthdays

7/2 Mason Guthrie
7/3 Leslie Yerger
7/4 Michelle Smith
7/7 Eddie Taylor

Anniversaries

In Loving Memory

7/4 Ned Dally
7/5 Clark Beverly, Sr.
7/7 Antionette Schirmer
7/7 Wilson Hartz

7/8 Dick Kraus
7/8 Steve Kahn

7/8 George Morgan
Cliff Wulff
Janet Lareau
Catherine Bowles

Prayer Requests

The Bowles family, the Lareau family, the Wulff family, Andy, Jeff, Marilyn and Pat, Cayden, Juliana, Barb, Sadie, Cindy, Art, Ann, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Ruth, Brian, Ted, Barb and Steve, Patty, and Amy.

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