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Calling All Ministry Leaders!
Lindsay Taylor, Senior Warden



Hello, St. Michael's! As I write this, summer activities are underway for all of us as we enjoy the warm weather. It is great to see you all every Sunday, and I know activities at St. Michael's are fully engaged with our many ministries.

Are you a ministry leader at St. Michael's? If so, we need your help. We are working to ensure we have an updated listing of ministries at St. Michael's. Whether you lead a worship-related ministry, bible study group, youth ministry, outreach ministry or club, we would appreciate it if you would provide your information at the link below. Please do not assume we have your information already - it will be helpful to have confirmation.

If you would please respond by Friday, August 18, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks in advance, and I hope you continue to enjoy your summer.

[Ministry Survey](#)

From the Desk of Deacon Tim:



This week I am remembering fondly The Reverend Mark McIntosh. Some readers here may recall Mark and his family worshipping with St. Michael's in the 1990's and early 2000's, before Mark took positions with Durham University in the UK and Durham Cathedral. I just finished reading, Seeds of Faith, a 2022 book that Mark wrote with The Most Reverend Frank T. Griswold, the 25th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, along with a companion book they co-wrote, Harvest of Hope. The "seeds" book reads like

a discussion between good friends of longstanding about faith and theology. I understand that the "harvest" book (on my list to be read) addresses practices for prayerful interaction with scriptures. Mark and Bishop Griswold have each died since they wrote the pair of "seeds and harvest" books.

The next to last chapter of Seeds of Faith takes up theological insight about -- as they perceive the issues -- the end of this life and transition to another form of life in and with God the Trinity. There is poignancy here as Mark briefly and gently mentions his experience with approaching physical death ("ALS has brought to stillness and silence much of who I was"). Mark quotes at one point the mystical theologian Thomas Traherne in support of an insight that "God's overwhelming generosity to us, even now in our mortal life, has the power to open our minds and hearts to the great Giver of all gifts -- and so help us by means of this contemplation to begin right now to live in the heart of God."

I hope to share with you more of Mark's gracious insights in coming weeks. It would please me if mutual discussion were to unfold. Should you like copies of the books for your own shelf, And All The Angels gift shop is offering to take orders, with their "profits" dedicated in support of charitable organizations focusing upon children and women.

It seems to me fitting that I encountered Mark's writing again in this time of transition from summer to approaching autumn, from summertime to schooltime. I remember crossing paths outside of church with Mark way north in Wisconsin about this time of year, each of us "dads" picking up children from summer camp. May your transitions be blessed with grace and peace.

Deacon Tim

A Note from our Sunday School Director

Kim Curtis

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Some important dates are as follows:

August 13 - No Sunday school. Nursery will be provided.

August 20th - Blessing of the backpacks and bouncy house after church!!!!

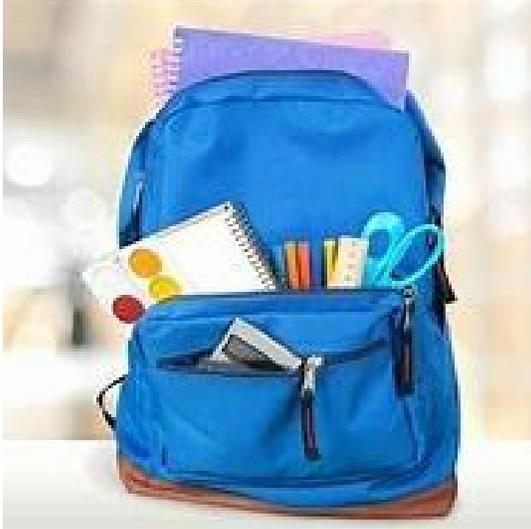
August 27th - Sunday school volunteer and teacher meeting at 11:30am in the library. If you are interested in finding out about what we do .. please join us. All newcomers are welcome!!

September 3 - No Sunday school or nursery due to Labor Day Holiday.

September 10 - Kick off Sunday! First day of the program year.

Lastly, a parent mailing will be sent out this month with a schedule of kid events for the year.

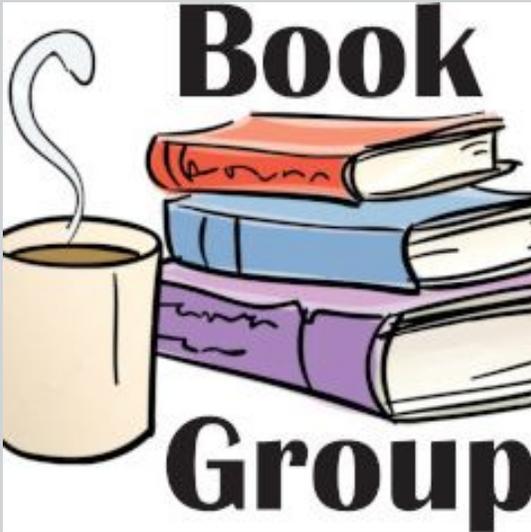
Upcoming Events



Blessing of the Backpacks & Technology

August 20, 10:00 AM

Please join us at the blessing of the backpacks and technology on August 20th at the 10am service.



Book Group Special Notice

The St. Michael's Book Club is taking a vacation. We will NOT be gathering in August.

Our Next book will be Pachinko, by Min Jin Lee. it should be available on the book club shelf at the Barrington Area Library.

We will discuss Pachinko on September 20.

75th Anniversary Happenings

Save The Dates to Celebrate...

75 Years of St. Michael's Episcopal Church

St. Michael's is turning 75 and there are plans to celebrate. Mark your calendars for the dates and



times below and keep a close eye on the Sword for more information in the coming weeks.

Sunday, September 10th – St. Michael's Kick-Off Sunday

Homecoming – 75 Years of Breaking Bread Together

Vintage meal and Ice Cream Social after the 10:00 AM service, complete with face painting, bouncy house and bubbles for kids of all ages. See link below to learn more, including how you can help.

[Read more here:](#)

Saturday, September 30th – Anniversary Dinner

An evening of remembering, laughing and fellowship.
More information coming soon!

Sunday, October 1st– St. Michael's Sunday with Bishop Clark

Reception following 10:00 AM service.

Questions? Please contact Penny Kazmier at 847-337-4498.



We have a special meal planned for the St. Michael's 75th Anniversary Kick-Off on Sunday, September 10th and we need your help making vintage recipes we have selected from St. Michael's cookbooks. [Choose from one of these recipes](#) and [sign up here](#) to help.

Here is one example...

RECIPE

Spinach and Mushroom Hash Brown Bake

Based on a strata recipe submitted by Mary Alice Linde and found on page 86 of the 1991 edition of the St. Michael's Parish cookbook, *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Ingredients

6 eggs
2 cups milk
16 to 20 ounces shredded hash browns, defrosted
10 package frozen chopped spinach, defrosted, drained and pressed dry
8 ounces sliced mushrooms
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons chopped onion
¼ teaspoon each – tarragon and onion powder
½ teaspoon each – paprika and celery salt

Instructions

Spray 9"x13"x2" baking dish with cooking spray and preheat the oven to 325 degrees.

Combine eggs and milk, beat well. Add remaining ingredients and stir to combine.

Pour into the prepared pan and bake uncovered 45 minutes to 1 hour, until set and slightly browned around the edges. Check after 30 minutes and if the casserole is browning too quickly, lay a piece of aluminum over the top and cook until set.

Let the pan sit for 5 to 10 minutes before serving.

SERVES

6-8



Call For Photos

The 75th Anniversary Committee would like to offer a commemorative photo slide show to honor and celebrate our 75 years as a parish at one of our celebrations. If you have any photos of you and your loved ones while at St. Michael's or at a St. Michael's event, and are willing to share them electronically, please send them to this email address:

peacellen123@gmail.com

[For more information...](#)

Announcements



Volunteers Wanted!

The Elgin Soup Kitchen ministry of St. Michael's Church invites parishioners to join this volunteer effort. On the second Thursday of each month, St. Michael's volunteers assemble, prepare, and deliver food for the Elgin Cooperative Ministry Soup Kettle, operating in the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Elgin. Each month about

a week prior to the event, members of the St. Michael's ministry receive email with the menu for the upcoming dinner and the number of guests to be fed (usually 60 – 80 people). Some volunteers shop. Some prepare food. Some assemble the preparations and deliver them from the St. Michael's kitchen on the appointed day. We have between 10 to 20 volunteers usually, and the number is trending toward 10 in recent months. Please contact Catherine Deevy, cwkoelling@att.net with your questions about details for how your interests may align with the needs of this ministry.



Peace & Justice News

Dear St. Michael's Peacemakers,
We have a new initiative! Underground Ministries has been working on the project, One Parish, One Prisoner, for years, and the program has now been approved for Illinois. What if our congregation organized around one person leaving prison? Shared stories, built relationship, accompanied them to reentry obligations, tapped local resources, introduced them to friends and family?

To learn more about this program go to <https://undergroundministries.org/chicago>

ONE PARISH ONE PRISONER pairs your congregation with someone releasing to your area and guides your 7-person team (including the pastor) through a two-year journey of relationship building, release planning and holistic re-entry support together.

If you would like to learn about this possibility, there are two information sessions this week: Thursday evening, Aug. 10, from 7:00 – 8:00 or Friday afternoon, Aug. 11, from 2:00 – 3:00. I will be attending the Thursday evening session. Information sessions are free, but you need to register at <https://undergroundministries.org/chicago> and click on Register for more info.

Ellen Birkett Lindeen



Revive Volunteers

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

Read more below:

[Volunteer Opportunities](#)

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Birthdays

8/13 David Dattilo
8/15 Patty Dattilo
8/16 Jeffrey Eaton
8/17 Tyler Gabis
8/17 Austin Gabis
8/18 Ray Kean
8/18 Robert Robbins
8/19 Kerry Kean

Anniversaries

8/16 Judy and James Tammi

In Loving Memory

8/13 Phyllis Stevens
8/14 Thomas Wigdahl
8/14 Philip Cutliffe
8/15 Helen Roberts
8/15 Alex Gozzola
8/15 Deborah Greene
8/15 Lloyd Silver
8/17 Ralph Morris
8/19 Gustie Olson
Zoe Younger

Prayer Requests

Rocco, Bill, Davis, Jackie A., The Younger family, Paul and family, Nancy C., Marti, David, 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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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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