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Peace and Justice News



Uncaged Art Exhibit begins at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Barrington, IL

Beginning on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024, St. Michael's Church, Barrington is hosting the

Uncaged Art Exhibit at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Community Room, 647 Dundee Ave., Barrington, IL 60010, and it is open to the community. The exhibit is comprised of beautiful and inspiring artwork by the children held in the Tornillo, TX Detention Center that opened on June 14, 2018. Over the eight months of its operation, 6,200 children were held in tents in Tornillo, a small border town.

Tornillo came to symbolize the mass detention of migrant children. A group of teachers visited the youngsters, inviting them to express their pride in their countries of origin through art, and the children produced 200 pieces of art.

When the Tornillo detention center closed, officials began throwing out the artwork. A local Catholic priest recovered 29 pieces, and later stated, "What came through in the art was the strong spirit of these young men and women...who, even under those conditions, were still inspired to do something beautiful."

The exhibit is sponsored by the Sanctuary Task Force, Anti-racism Commission, Hispanic Affairs Committee, and Peace & Justice Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago. It has appeared in the Southwest, California and is now touring the Midwest at churches, non-profits, schools and libraries. The goal is to share the experience of immigrant detention, particularly of children, through art. It is free and open to the public from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM on Wednesdays (except different hours on Ash Wednesday), Saturdays and Sundays from Feb. 14 to Feb. 25 at St. Michael's in Barrington.

A Reception will be held on Sunday Feb. 18 at 11:30 with refreshments, a 12-minute video, and a speaker who is a representative of the Sanctuary Task Force, and an immigrant who has been through the process and granted asylum. See below for the hours.

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1:00 – 2:00 PM and 7:30 – 8:30 PM (following the noon and 6:30 Ash Wednesday services)

Saturday, Feb. 17, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Sunday, Feb. 18, RECEPTION following the 10 AM service, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Saturday, Feb. 24, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Sunday, Feb. 25, 11:00 – 1:00.

This art exhibit is part of the Episcopal Church's efforts to replace immigrant detention and electronic monitoring with the use of community-based supportive services.

Recent news articles:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/chicago/news/uncaged-art-from-previously-detained-migrant-children-on-display-in-chicago/>

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/el-paso-uncaged-art-spotlights-detained-kids-memories-home-n1044516>

"Uncaged Art from the Tornillo Detention Camp" curated by Dr. David Romo and Dr. Yolanda Chávez Leyva, directors of Museo Urbano, University of Texas at El Paso. Photographs ©Frontera Studio Graphic design by Amy Briones, Centennial Museum, University of Texas at El Paso.

A Note from our Sunday School Director

Kim Curtis

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We would love to invite you to volunteer with the beautiful babies of St. Michael's. Please use the link below to see if you are available for the dates on the sign up. Nursery is available before the 9:15am for worship and choir volunteers thru the 10am service. Most parents pick up their child for communion which allows the nursery angel to leave and receive communion. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at kcurtis@stmichaelsbarrington.org

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050944ABA623ABFF2-45992494-nursery>

LIFT



***NEW UPDATED LIFT/CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR
CHECK IT OUT***

LIFT Schedule

FROM THE LIFT LEADER'S DESK

Last week I was listening to the WGN noon news waiting for the snow forecast. I heard a report so jolting to me that I got up, grabbed my remote control and "rebound" it. The reporter stated that approximately 400 employers responded to a survey on Gen Z job candidates (11-26 yrs. old).

Gen Z candidates were generally unprepared for job interviews. The reasons: 1) failure to make simple eye contact, 2) they dressed inappropriately and asked for unreasonable salaries, and 3)...wait for it...one in five brought a parent to the interview.

I confess that it was #3 that had me running for the remote control. My “knee-jerk” reaction thought was, *Wow! Those helicopter parents simply cannot climb out of the pilot’s seat!* Then I paused to think about the young people who feel so insecure that they need support (snarky answer: because of said helicopter parent).

The reporter went on to say that the blame was thought to be several factors: the parents, the Covid disruption, and just not being taught the basics of professionalism. These Gen Z candidates generally lost out to older candidates. While #2 made me giggle and did not surprise me in the least, it’s the #1 answer that I want to address as a LIFT Leader.

I’ve taught the LIFT group that when they pass the peace with someone, they must look that person in the eye. I don’t let go of their hand until they look me in the eye. They will then go google-eyed at me, but I don’t care. To me, it’s just proper worship etiquette to actually look at someone while you give them your touch, your hand in peace. Eye contact *is* a connection, and it *is* the basis for our community. Even if you have a cold, or the other person has a cold, and you understandably don’t want to touch, eye contact and a smile does not transmit germs!

The Africans have a saying, ***I See You***. There is beautiful theology behind it. By not *purposefully*, with intent, looking at another, one is saying, You are invisible. You don’t matter. It is a wounding action.

The Tuesday morning women’s bible study just studied the story of the hemorrhaging woman who Jesus “busted.” *Who touched me?* He made her come forward. He outed her. But in that outing, He *Saw* Her. He *Listened* to Her. Everyone got to *hear her story*. And in that “*seeing*,” she was healed.

We are a community **because** we are connected! We **see** each other. We **see** each other’s joy; and we **see** each other’s pain and we connect in those moments. It is one of the things I love most about St. Michael’s.

While it may seem like a small thing to you, the next time you pass the peace with a LIFTer, make sure they give you good eye contact, a good connection, and you do the same with them, google-eyed or not!

Peace,
Kay Lewis

Upcoming Events



Financial Review Meeting January 28th.

Our Treasurer, John Davis, will be holding a Financial Review Meeting on January 28th following both services.

He will go over the 2023 financial, and the 2024 budget.

All are welcome to attend.

Click below to view the 2023 Annual report.

Annual Meeting

February 4th, 11:30 am



Vestry Slate 2024

Senior Warden (1 year term): Bill Ferry (2023 jr warden)

Junior Warden (1 year term): Liz Gabis

Three-year Vestry terms (three open seats):

- Paul Carrubba
- Amy Hoff
- Jeff Tolle

Bios and Pictures can be found here:

<https://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/church-blog/1379-2024-vestry-slate?preview=1>

Announcements

Grief, God and Gratitude

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HOPE & HEALING



Al Johnson

MONDAY JANUARY 29TH

10:15 AM - 10:35 AM PST

GRIEF, GOD, AND GRATITUDE

WITH AL JOHNSON

JOIN FOR FREE ON OUR WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://WWW.OPENTOHOPE.COM/CONFERENCE/](https://www.opentohope.com/conference/)

Diocesan Convention 2024 Delegates



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Are you curious about our Chicago Diocese or our new Bishop? Want to represent St. Michael's as a delegate to the next Diocesan Convention in the fall of 2024? Send Fr. Jesse an email; we will elect three delegates at the annual meeting. Each parish sends clergy and lay delegates to convention each year to conduct the business of the diocese. This next year, the convention will be virtual, although our delegation could meet in person here at St. Michael's to "attend" together if desired. We will vote on elections to committees, hear and vote on resolutions, and listen to the budget presentation. Please consider being a volunteer to represent us this year.

View Our Announcement Page For More News!

Birthdays

1/31 Jay Younger
2/1 Patty Ledwig
2/2 Florence Compton

Anniversaries

2/1 Mary Ann and BJ Seagrist
2/2 Patty and Jeff Cross

In Loving Memory

1/28 Richard Pepper, Sr
1/28 Edwin Tukey
1/29 Patricia Magnuson
1/30 Alice Peto
1/30 Albert Lockett
2/1 Clara Penny
2/3 Dean Frelk

Prayer Requests

Nancy, Jeff, Richard, Amy and Matthew, Christine, Jeff, Sharon, Andy, Marilyn and Pat, Caden, Sadie, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Ruth, Brian, Barb and Steve, Patty, and Amy

Donate to St. Michael's

Vestry Members and Minutes

St. Michael's Staff

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The Sword

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

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