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From Our Rector

The Rev. Jesse Perkins

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"I urge you to save and do whatever it takes to participate in a short term mission trip overseas (out of US) as soon as possible. It will enlarge your heart, expand your vision, stretch your faith, deepen your compassion, and fill you with a kind of joy you have never experienced. It could be the turning point in your life."

*Pastor Rick Warren ~ from A Purpose Driven Life
Retrieved on 4/18/18 from [Porch de Solomon's](#) website .*



Worship Times Sundays

8:00 a.m. Rite I

10:00 a.m. Rite II

*Coffee & Fellowship
after each service.*

For additional service information, events and activities, please visit our website by [clicking here](#).

Church School Schedule

*(Grades 6-12 will
still meet in the*

While I have never read his book, I think Rick Warren might be on to something here in this quote. All of the above quote is true, and more, as Team Chicago traveled to Guatemala to help Solomon's Porch build a small house for a family in need. Our very own Deacon Laurie+ says that the difference between being a tourist and being on a mission trip is this: when you are a tourist, you pass through a place. When you are on a mission trip (or pilgrimage), the place passes through you. While I can only speak for myself, that is completely true - with this trip, and with the other trips I have taken. This trip was unique in several ways - the first was that we were affiliated with an organization that



Team Chicago Work Site

has a twelve year history in this city and with its people. I love the fact that while we only stay for a week, they continue day after day caring for the people of Panajachel, Guatemala, and surrounding areas. They continue these relationships long after we leave and are unable to do so ourselves. That is important.

Another aspect of this trip was the contrast we saw while we were there. While during the day we were building a house for a family who had so very little (the father had an

Sturtz House)

Children ages 3 through 5th grade:

9:45 drop-off.

Church school for children ages 3 thru 5th grade starts promptly at 10am in the lower level classrooms. They will join their families in time for communion.

Nursery (infants and children up to 3 years old) is available downstairs from 9:30am through the 10am service.

Junior High

9:00am ~ Junior High meet in St. Michael's library & join the service at 10am (or earlier if serving).

Senior High

9:00am ~ Senior High gather at the Sturtz House & join the service at 10am (or earlier if serving).

Quick Links



[Our Website](#)

injury and was unable to work, and whose original house was crumbling after an earthquake), in the evening we returned to the city and ate at local businesses, helping these hardworking people make a living and stay out of poverty. We were surrounded with both the natural beauty of the area, and also with a mentally ill person on the sidewalk in front of our "hotel" with nowhere to go, struggling in the middle of a psychological episode. Finally, by supporting Porch de Solomon, we helped make sure that the Gospel of Jesus Christ was preached and celebrated in the local context and among the people there, in a way that will continue after we leave. It was a lot to take in, as most mission trips are. As Rick Warren says in his quote above, mission trips change you. I encourage you to go on one soon (or again) if possible.

With such an experience, re-entry is hard. You experience the sudden jerk from one culture to another, accompanied by the tiredness of travel. Often you are left with emotions of gratitude for what you have, and a desire to do even more to help others. I am thankful to Team Chicago, with Dave Evans at its helm, for the opportunity of this trip, and for the change it brings within us. Perhaps next year you can come too, and experience it for yourself. In the near future, after we all have settled in a bit, we will put together a presentation for you and tell you all about it.

I also want to say "thank you" to you and to Mother Lisa, for while Team Chicago was serving in Guatemala, you all surrounded a family in the midst of their grief. Thank you for being Church for the Harms family here in Barrington this week.

See you in church,
Jesse+



From Our Curate

The Rev. Lisa Erdeljon

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There's a saying that you can never go home again. Even Jesus couldn't "go home"-read Matthew 13:54-58, Mark 6:1-6, or Luke 4:16-20. In each of these, the locals couldn't believe that this man was Jesus, "the carpenter, the son of Mary," and they attempt to run Him out of town.

And yet, despite the warnings, we all probably try to "go home" at some point-back to where we grew up, back to our parents' houses, back to the place we call "home". For me, that is happening right now. In fact, if you are



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Summary
Mar. 19, 2018
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reading this article this evening, I am currently on a plane, on my way back to Virginia.

I'll be spending a week at home, with my parents. We'll have some fun together (Virginia has some excellent wineries and we're very close to the DC museums), and we have some work ahead of us because one of the tasks of this trip is to start the process of downsizing for my parents. In the next year, my parents are hoping to move out of the house they purchased BEFORE I was born. And so, while I'm home, I'll start going through my childhood bedroom, my childhood collection of dolls, and even the various china sets we inherited from my grandparents. And you'll know when I get back because I'm bringing a moving truck with some antique furniture and other cherished possessions.

There is one more piece of this trip that I am actually really looking forward to: I will be preaching and presiding at my home parish! Down the street from my parents' house is the church I used to attend when I was growing up and that supported me through discernment and in seminary. And I have been invited to both preach and preside at the altar next Sunday. So, while I'll miss you all here, I will be surrounded by people who have seen me grow from a middle schooler (who walked to church by myself) to a seminarian, and now they will know me as a priest, too.

I hope you all have a wonderful week, and I pray my "going home" is more successful than Jesus's was!

And... I guess I'll have to update my phone contacts: "Hey Siri, call home" will have to be changed pretty soon!

In The Parish Family



Who's the 'big kid' in the back row with the funny hat? Why, that's Fr. Jesse! He read a book to our preschool class Tuesday to help celebrate NYCEA Week of the Young Child. It also happened to be Crazy Hat Day - hence the biretta on his head.

Those who have asked for our prayers: Dot, Kay, Ryan, Kathy, the Vasich family, Judie, Bob, the Harms family, Laurie, Ann, Mark, Ted, Christina, Barb & Steve, Patty, Phyllis, Amy.



Announcing the formation of
**St. Michael's
Gardening Alliance**
Growing with Purpose

LAUNCHING THIS SUNDAY APRIL 22. Stop by our table at coffee hour. Sign up! Get Plant Sale order forms! Meet the team!

Click [here](#) for additional information.

Vestry Contacts: [Rob Wisnowski](#), [Greg Michaels](#),
[Bill Ferry](#)

Growing God's Kingdom in Partnership With RTC: Celebrating 20th Year Covenant Anniversary with Renk Diocese

Sunday, April 15, Renk Ministry Partnership officially launched St. Michael's annual fundraiser for Renk Theological College in support of scholarships for 37 seminary students at RTC, which is a designated center for Peacemaking & Reconciliation in Upper Nile State, South Sudan.



Graduates will "go on to be real change agents in an area of the world that needs them and God's good news desperately", wrote Fr. Jesse.

Every Sunday, through May 20, RMP invites you to stop at the RTC table outside the Community Room to pick up a packet to participate in "Growing God's Kingdom in Partnership with RTC". There are several options for giving - one-time gift, monthly pledge, individual or group sponsorships. Help plant the seeds for change in South Sudan.

Little Red Wagon



St. Cyprian Food Pantry in Chicago is our focus in April.

Items needed are: toilet paper, paper towels, napkins & cleaning supplies.

Thank you to all who donated food items for Easter dinners. Ruth Silver delivered those items to St. Cyprian

Parish Within A Parish

Vestry Update

In an effort to improve communication and bring better visibility to the Vestry we are pleased announce the NEW "Parish within a Parish" launch. Each Vestry Member has been assigned 15 -18 members to create a small "Parish"

last week.

within our Parish. The opportunity for you is to have a contact to reach out to, ask questions, raise concerns, or suggest new ideas to. Throughout the year your Vestry Member will reach out to you via e-mail, phone, or small group meetings. This in no way replaces your current relationships, but will be incremental. Also, please feel free to reach out to them at any time. You will be receiving an e-mail from your Vestry Member connection. Thank You.



"Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other."

Romans 12:4-5



You Are Cordially Invited To Attend The

Senior Graduation Recognition Sunday Service and Reception

Sunday, April 29 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Reception Following

Our 2018 Graduates

Pierce Allord
Alma Brooks
Hayden Harris
Drake Imhoff
Karina Nance
Michelle Smith
Jack Warner

We are so proud of our Graduating Seniors!
God's Blessings to you all.

Parents of grads please RSVP to [Kay Lewis](#).

Remembering This Week

Birthday

4.22

Christy Cressey

Hunter Kilanski

4.23

Conner Rejman

Lucas Nance

Nicholas Sykes

4.24

Vaughn Mueller

Jaquelyn Maire

4.25

Cynthia Neff

Save the Date: Sunday, June 3 - Fierce Conversations

Have you ever wanted to have more authentic, deeper conversations as a group or with others?

4.26

Laurie Michaels

Dylan Murphy

4.27

Carolyn Schaefer

Lisa Erdeljon

4.28

Meredith Perrine

Anniversaries

4.22

Sue & Steve

Barnum

4.24

Christina & Robert

Robbins

4.25

Judy & Bill Heinrich

Lynn & Forest

Mayberry

Rest in Peace

4.24

David Capulli

4.25

Aileen Greenberg

4.26

Margaret Linde

Angus Ray

Patricia Kean

4.27

Dorothy Duffy

Have you ever sat in a meeting wishing the group could talk about the "real" issue?

Have you ever been frustrated when a group is having a hard time making a decision?

Join Courtney Reid, Director of Operations for the Diocese of Chicago and Fierce

Conversations trainer for this interactive program that will include an introduction to the principles of Fierce Conversations and a chance to explore some tools for more transformative conversation.



Questions, comments, want to get involved with planning?

Contact [Mtr. Lisa](#) or [Leslie Yerger](#).

A Note From The Harms Family

Dear Parish of St. Michael's,

While our grief has no floor or ceiling; our gratitude for your expressions of loving friendship is also without limits. We currently occupy a space of quiet reckoning and sadness; but knowing that you are all surrounding us gives us sustaining solace.

Georgianne and Dennis Harms and family

Little Angels Christian Preschool Summer Camp 2018

ALL children ages 2-6 years old are welcome to attend. Community enrollment is now underway. Click [here](#) for camp and registration information.

"Looking for Jesus in the Holy Land today," a pilgrimage for the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

The Diocese of Chicago is planning a pilgrimage for next year. Mtr. Lisa is interested in going and would love to get a group from St. Michael's to join her.

The trip will be on May 13-24, 2019, and led by Bishop Lee

and Dean Dominic Barrington of St. James Cathedral.

More information (including cost) will be available by Labor Day weekend, but [you can register online](#) for more information, and will receive a \$100-per-person discount for bookings made within two weeks of receiving a brochure (in September). Questions or comments? [Contact Mtr. Lisa.](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS



St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Barrington Hills, invites you for a floral demonstration, lunch, music and raffle on Saturday, April 21. You'll learn how to incorporate movement and color balance for large and small flower settings. Click [here](#) for additional information.

The Community Meal: The next meal will be Thursday, April 26, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church & School 200 N. Plum Grove Road, Palatine. All welcome!

St. Michael's Vestry

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John Davis - Treasurer, Craig Anderson - Clerk

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### **Clergy and Staff**

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St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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