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### Children's Ministry

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The Sunday school ministry is stronger than ever. We had an amazing turn out for Vacation Bible School. It was a Blast and the children had such a great experience. We are already planning our theme for next year's VBS. Thank you again to all who participated and contributed to its success.

**Reminder: the Blessing of the Backpacks is this Sunday, August 18. There is NO Sunday School. We invite all the children to attend worship as a family. Once in a while, I feel being together for the whole service is an important part of the overall learning process. I will be heading to Colorado this week to move son #1, Michael, into the University of Boulder.**

The preparations for the program year have begun. The start of the regular Sunday school will kick off on September 8. We will be sending out parent letters in the next two weeks with some specifics for the year. The kids will be in three levels. **Level 1** room is 3 year olds who are potty trained to kindergarten; **Level 2** is grade 1 and grade 2; and **Bridge** will be grade 3 thru grade 5.

Since the Sunday school has expanded, we are in need of more consistent helpers. My goal is to have two teachers for each Level. Currently, we only have one teacher in each room. Unlike regular school classrooms, our attendance is unpredictable. It is imperative we have the appropriate teacher child ratio. When we don't, it is difficult if a child has to go to the bathroom or needs assistance. While I am usually the one that jumps in, I also have to remain available to assist in the nursery. In addition to this, I have to be on top of safety for all the kids and timing for us to enter church during the doxology. Having said all that, I will be on the lookout for new recruits for our team!



### Sunday Worship Times



**8:00 a. m. Rite I**  
**10:00 a.m. Rite II**  
*Coffee & Fellowship  
after each service.*

### Sunday Summer Church School



● **SUMMER**  
Church School  
(6/1 - 9/1)  
for children  
ages 3-5th grade  
**NO CHURCH  
SCHOOL  
AUGUST 18**  
10:00 a.m. in the

Speaking of nursery, we are having a baby boy boom. We

lower level classrooms. They will join their families in time for communion.

- **JR. & SR. High** Church School resumes 9/8/19

- **Adult Formation** Seasonal (watch for dates)

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

For Church School information please contact [The Rev. Lisa Erdeljon](#), Associate Rector for Christian Education.

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

## Quick Links



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[Our Website](#)

can expect to double the number in the nursery as well. There is a two hour training certificate called "Keeping Gods Children Safe" required for anyone helping in the nursery or Sunday school. This can be done online at home on your own time. I would love to have some additional teachers on board before the kick off date of September 8. This way we can include the new team members in the commissioning of the teacher's blessing.

The curriculum of *Living the Good news* is easy to follow while providing the structure of scripture supported with a kid friendly activity. As always, parents are welcome to stay in the Sunday school and participate with your child.

The Family Movie Night was so fun. We broke in the new popcorn popper and had s'mores. We plan to have more movie nights and to establish more St. Michael's family traditions over the next program year. Wishing everyone good luck this week with starting school!

## Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 18

We invite all students, teachers and educators to bring their backpacks, literal or figurative, with them on Sunday, August 18 to the 10:00 a.m. service. We will fill them with prayers and well wishes for the start of the new school year. And remember, there will be no church school on this Sunday.

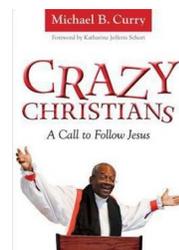


## All-Parish Read: Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus by Bishop Michael Curry

Did you pick up your free copy of Bishop Curry's book? It's not too late to grab a copy and start reading!

Now that we've started reading (or at least started thinking about reading), let's connect for some casual conversation.

I'll continue to meet at Flesk Brewing (200 Applebee Street, Barrington, in the Ice House Mall) on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.; **AND** I'll meet between services on Sundays. We'll gather only for the month of August (4 sessions), starting on Tuesday, August 6. Come to one, come to call, come on Sundays **OR** Tuesdays - whatever fits your schedule best. We can plan to read two chapters at a time (starting with the Preface, Forward, and Chapter 1).





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Let me know if you have any questions:  
[lerdeljon@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:lerdeljon@stmichaelsbarrington.org)

## Sturtz (Youth) House Update

Our youth house, which we previously shared with School District 220, is being re-fitted for 100% use by our Jr. and Sr. High students. This is very exciting as the kids will have their OWN space 24/7 to meet, learn, pray and socialize. The house has had some wonderful recent improvements but there are still some items they need to make it complete.

With that in mind we would like to ask for your support helping us set up the youth center to start the NEW school year strong.

[Click here](#) to see how you can help make this a great place for our youth. And thanks!

## Music Survey Hymn Sing - PART 3 of 3 Sunday, August 25

Grab a cup of coffee after the 10:00 a.m. service on August 25 and head back to the nave. We'll sing through about 15 hymns and rate them on several categories. This will conclude our efforts and give us direct and measurable information on roughly 45 hymns. Please join us-your input is most appreciated!

## Attention Parents - It's Time!

 **Sunday School  
REGISTRATION**

If you are interested in your children participating in Sunday School programming this program year, please complete the [Sunday School registration form](#) and return it to the church.

If you have any questions or wish to receive information on becoming a Sunday School teacher, please feel free to email our Sunday School Director, Kim Curtis at [kcurtis@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:kcurtis@stmichaelsbarrington.org).

## Little Red Wagon



**Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry** is our collection focus in August & September.

The pantry is run by local churches and serves 500 people every month. Welcome items are: canned chicken & tuna, soups (meat & veggie), cereals, canned fruit & juices, cleaning items. Thank you for your donations and support.

## Those who have asked for our prayers:

Emerson, Ryan, Diane, Taylor, Roxy, Deborah, Sharon, Vera, Sue, Ron, Shannon, Layne, Anna Reese, Macy, Vicki, Tim, Brian & Martye, Maribeth, Brian, Mark, Ted, Barb & Steve, Patty, Phyllis, Amy.

*[Names placed on the Parish Prayer List are*

## Little Angels Are Having A Great Summer

Little Angels Preschool Children enjoyed eight weeks of Summer Camp this year. They got to explore themes such as Fun on the Farm, Sports Camp, Under the Sea, Space is the Place, Creepy Crawly and Splish Splash. It was a fun summer for all! [Click here for photos.](#)

This month we are busy getting ready for the children to return on September 3 & 4. Floors are waxed, carpets cleaned, windows washed and lots of cleaning out is being done. We do have a few openings in some of our classes for the upcoming school year. Please contact the Preschool office at 847-381-5490 or email [chunter@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:chunter@stmichaelsbarrington.org) for more information.

*Mark your calendars!*



The day will conclude with a Taizé Service at 5:30 p.m.

## Bishop Search Update

In February, Bishop Jeff Lee announced that he will be retiring in 2020, and a Search and Nominations team has been formed to begin the process of nominating a new Bishop for the Diocese of Chicago. The first step in this process is a series of Listening Sessions across the diocese so that the team can create a profile reflecting who we are as a diocese, what we believe, and what we are seeking in our next bishop. [Read on...](#)

## Purchase With A Purpose *Thanks for your support!*

1. Heinen's (grocery in Barrington) School Donation Program. It's that time again to renew your registration to choose your school (have to re-up every year). Use your Tasteful Rewards™ Card during the school year and Heinen's will donate up to 1% of your purchases to **Little Angels Preschool**. [Sign up online](#) or in-store.

listed for four weeks.  
The newly departed are  
also prayed for during  
the Prayers of the  
People on Sundays for  
a duration of four weeks  
following their death.

Please notify any  
member of the clergy  
or [Nancy](#) to add a name  
to the prayer list.]

## Remembering This Week

### Birthday

8.18

Ray Kean  
Robert Robbins

8.19

Kerry Kean  
Maggie Wickman

8.20

Elizabeth  
McLaughlin  
Brogan Hughes

8.21

Jeni Younger

8.23

Katherine Anderson

8.24

Katy Pepper  
Lindsay Taylor

### Anniversaries

8.21

Jeni & Jay Younger

Karen & Pete

Chrisos

8.23

Juliet & Patrick

Duncan

Maria & John  
Kuechmann

### Rest in Peace

8.19

Gustie Olson

8.21

2. Back to school season is here and many of you are already shopping for supplies and gear. Remember to shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and Amazon will donate a percentage to **St. Michael's Episcopal Church**.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**Barrington Back To School Giving Day.** The event last week, hosted at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, served 202 families, 222 boys, 234 girls, and included 120 volunteers. 1177 new pieces and 1409 like new pieces were distributed to local families. Much of the clothing was donated by the churches in Barrington. Thank you to **Carol Berman** from St. Michael's who oversaw the collection of boys tops. And thank you to all who worked together to serve our community.

**St. Nick's Knacks Rummage Sale:** August 16 & 17 at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, Elk Grove Village. [Click here to read more.](#)

**Rest in His Arms** is hosting an angel gown workshop where you can learn to convert wedding dresses into "angel gowns." These angel gowns are given to grieving families when a baby does not make it home due to miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death. They are sent to hospitals, funeral homes and individual families. You'll be shown the process and will work alongside veteran gown volunteers who can easily provide you with help, as needed. Unfinished projects can be completed at home and turned in to a local area coordinator. Wedding dresses, patterns and samples will be provided - along with lunch. **A workshop will be held at St. Michael's in Barrington, IL on Saturday, September 14, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Bring your sewing machine, scissors/rotary cutters, pins and seam rippers. Please RSVP [nadineberczynski@gmail.com](mailto:nadineberczynski@gmail.com).

**Episcopal Church Women Fall Retreat October 11-13.** Join women from across the diocese explore God's healing powers. Our time together will include witness to miraculous healing, meditation, worship and music. Discounted registration is available through August 31. All registrations are due by September 30. Contact Linda Toberman with question [retreat@ecwchicago.org](mailto:retreat@ecwchicago.org). [Brochure and registration here.](#)

**The next Community Meal** will be held on Thursday, August 22, 5:00 - 7:00 PM, at First United Methodist Church, 123 N. Plum Grove Road, Palatine. All are welcome.

Christopher  
Brashear  
Virginia Kenney  
8.24  
Maribelle Byrum  
Jane Edmunds

**St. Michael's Vestry**

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Cam Sells, John Davis - Treasurer, Craig Anderson - Clerk

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**St. Michael's Episcopal Church**

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 647 Dundee Avenue, Barrington, IL 60010  
The Parish Office is open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
Summer office hours June/July/August: M-TH 9am-5pm; Fri 9am-noon.  
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