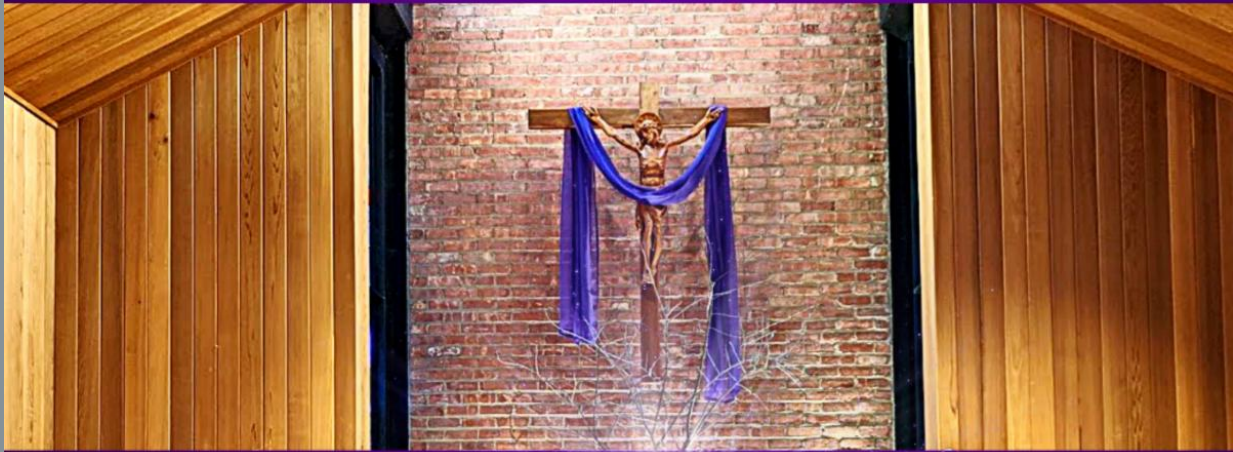




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A Note From Deacon Tim

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Video series: Lent Devotions-Meditations with Deacon Tim and Guests

A variety of inspiring people and ministries issue devotions, meditations, and reflections with which to encourage us on our path of spiritual development. I am sampling several of

these with guests (members of St. Michael's community) in video interviews posted weekly during Lent this year. The first is an interview with Kay Richards about Lent Madness [\[link\]](#), perhaps a surprising devotional practice. Following weeks will explore Lent devotional materials offered by Episcopal Relief & Development, Living Compass, The Center for Contemplation and Action, and more. Deacon Tim would love to hear your reactions and any suggestions for your favorite Lent reflections to consider highlighting for the benefit of the community.

A Note From Our Sunday School Director

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Today I was walking in the hallway towards the narthex door. Something familiar yet different caught my eye. It was the items on the glass book shelf that the gift shop uses to display. So many times I have seen Vicki Ridges cleaning and rearranging it. I usually just keep walking past. This day was different.

This time I felt like a stop sign ☐ jumped out in front of me. I stopped immediately to look. On display was our Sunday school craft from last week. One of the kids must have placed it there. It was a cut and paste to facilitate a discussion for the first week of Lent. The purple paper with stickers asked each child to label what they will pray, fast, and do during Lent.

I remember in the annual meeting the gift shop mentioned they had many gifts for children. And when you need that birthday party gift to check them out first. They have many of those new childrens gifts on display. Even so, that is probably why our Sunday school craft was left. The kids were interested in the new display of toys!



LIFT



Jr. & Sr. LIFT meets EVERY Sunday morning - 9:00 a.m. Sturtz House

[LIFT Schedule](#)

From the LIFT Leader's Desk

[Mission Trip](#)

Music Ministry

Lenten Class

Music Music Music!

St. Michaels recently acquired a large library of choral music from the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa. Looking forward to singing through our new musical treasures!

Music ministry is gearing up through Lent and I hope you will be a part of it, both in voice and joyful listening ears.

Sunday March 19th we have a special guest oboist Matthew Nerenberg joining us for the 10am service.

March 19th will be our Ecumenical Taizé prayer service. Community members from 4-5 churches in Barrington will be joining us. Please consider attending and perhaps even bringing a friend or attending as a Bible study group!

**** I am looking for a few set-up and take down volunteers after the 10am service March 19th to bring out our hundreds of candles for the service.

Palm Sunday (April 2) will feature bell choir, children's choir, and a bagpiper for our procession around the church! Come early to catch the beautiful music before service.

More to come regarding Holy week services.
Blessings to you all this Lent,

Sara



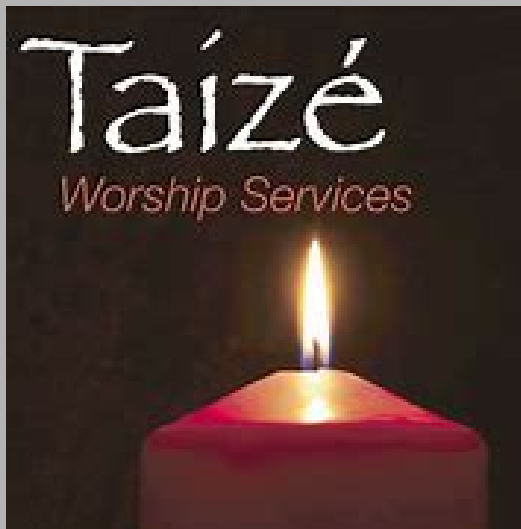
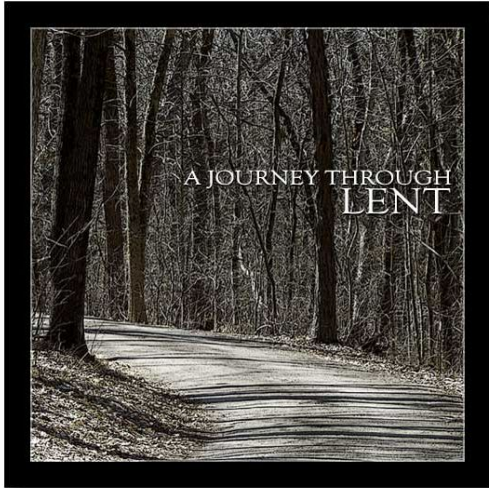
Upcoming Events

Lenten Class

FORGIVENESS...what a loaded word. Jesus emphasized forgiveness over and over in his teachings. Why? Was it for him or was it for us? There are so many angles of forgiving and being forgiven. Come and share this time together as we walk our Lenten journey as fellow pilgrims. Class begins March 1.

Read more here:

[Lenten Class](#)



Taizé Service

Sunday March 19, 6:30PM

Please join us for this ecumenical musical prayer service. A time for meditative contemplation and worship.



Palm Sunday

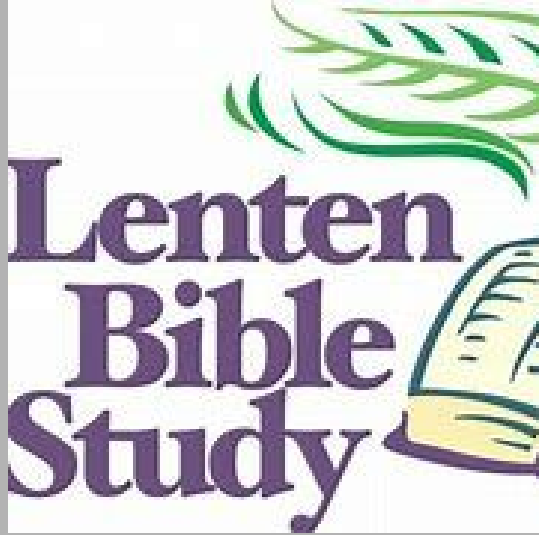
Sunday April 2

We will have an 8:00AM and 10:00AM service for Palm Sunday.

TUESDAY MORNING WOMENS' LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Sturtz House and by Zoom

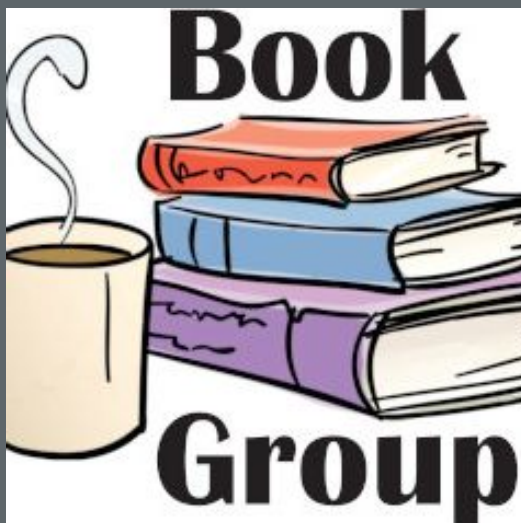
The ladies of the Tuesday morning Bible study invite you to join us for a special Lenten study called *Practicing Compassion with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*. The world is desperately crying out for compassion, and at times, so are we. The



study raises the question, "What if the journey with Jesus to the cross and tomb was an opportunity to dwell in the gaze of the one who looks upon us all with compassion and love?"

Just think about that gaze from the cross in the sanctuary that we see every Sunday morning. We will be discussing how we receive the unbelievably great compassion that God has for us, and how we can share that compassion with others in a way that brings healing to all.

We would love you to join this warm, welcoming and wise group of women for great discussion. We meet both in person and by Zoom. Please contact Nancy Seth (847-212-2539) or Kay Lewis (847) 909-8374 for more information.



Book Group

Wednesday March 15

This month's book is "Finding Atticus" by Tom Ryan. Discussion leader is Susan DeBauch. We will meet at 7PM in the church library.



"Dear St. Michael's Family,

It is my honor to tell you that I have been selected by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry to serve as a delegate for Province V of the Episcopal Church to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW) for 2023. Nine of us have been selected from North America and Latin America & the Caribbean. I will be in New York City from March 3 to March 17 representing the Episcopal Church, Province V* of the Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, and St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Barrington. I am already engaged in weekly Zoom preparation meetings.

While I am in NYC, the delegation will be at the UN working most days from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. I am sharing this announcement to ask for your prayers and support. If you could please hold me in your prayers from now until I return March 17, I thank you. I will endeavor to serve the church in every way possible. Our delegation will be speaking to those at the UN about the Statement of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry which is available here. (Attached). If you would be willing to offer me financial support, I would also be most grateful. We have been asked to raise \$5,500 to

\$6,000 to cover our flight to and hotel & food while in NYC. I give thanks for this opportunity to work to eliminate violence against women and to support equality and human rights for women and in our country and worldwide.

If you would like to support me in my work at the UN, you may send a donation to St. Michael's or put a check in the collection plate with the designation: "Lindeen – UNCSW delegate." Many thanks."

Read more below:

UNCSW Delagate

Presiding Bishop's statement

Announcements



Passion Gospel Reader Opportunity

Hello everyone! We are deep into Holy Week planning, and are working to bring the Passion Gospel to Palm Sunday with a script. Remember in past years when we have had readers for different speaking parts? We want to do it again! This year is from Matthew's gospel, and has more people speaking than usual. We could really use some readers who might want to be a part of this one time experience. The readers can do so from their respective seats. The script is here: <https://www.oremus.org/liturgy/passion/matthew.html>

Will you take a part and help make the reading of Jesus's crucifixion a meaningful part of our Palm Sunday service? Send David Rauschenberg an email and let him know. rauscrd@comcast.net

Little Fox Learning Center is in need of volunteers to help students with reading. Please reach out to Mike Pierce if interested.

Little Fox Learning Center

Open House at the
Little Fox Learning Center
Friday Feb 17th
3:00 – 7:00 PM

See the center, learn about our
goals and opportunities, get
answers to questions
(847) 426-5922

516 Washington (at 6th St.)
West Dundee IL 60118
Use Driveway entrance to the
right of the church



**New Non-Profit, No-Cost Reading Development Service
for children aged 4-9. All children welcome.**

- Short term sessions occurring on a self-determined schedule
- Parent training and engagement to develop their child's skills
- Great for a jump start for new readers, who can start school reading well above age level
- Assisting with students who may have fallen behind in their reading skills due to pandemic issues
- * Reading skills only - not for general education or other subjects
(not a school or religious program though housed in a church)

ALSO OPPORTUNITY FOR VOLUNTEERS.

Needed: Adults with a desire to help develop and shape students life-long love of reading.

Committment: As little as 1 hr per week.
Specialized training and ongoing learning for volunteers.

*Sponsored by St. James Episcopal Church
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Metro Chicago

INCREDIBLE ONE-DAY VOLUNTEER EVENT

Saturday, April 29, 2023
Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago

St. Michael's is sponsoring a very deserving homeowner, Leticia, whose Blue Island home is in need of light repairs. Rebuilding Together's one-day building/repair event assists low income or elderly homeowners who are in need of home repairs to stay warm, safe and dry. At least 10 volunteers are needed for this one-day community volunteer opportunity. St. Michael's sponsorship includes simple cleaning, repairs, and painting. In previous years Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago has had 80 homes with over 3,000 volunteers working on a single day. St. Michael's parishioner Jill Deichmann is a past President and remains on the Board of Directors. Jill has volunteered for over 30 years with Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago. Please

contact Jill or Brant to sign up.

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Go to [Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago](#) for more details.

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Birthdays

3/8 John Davis
3/10 Susan Beuttas
3/11 Campbell Mears

Anniversaries

In Loving Memory

3/6 Sarah Logan
3/6 Henry Greene
3/6 David Bailey
3/6 Harry Strouse
3/7 Jerry Camper
3/11 Richard Curran, Sr
Bryan Albro

Prayer Requests

Cindy, Sue, Art, Lata, Cathy, Brittany, Louis, Marilyn and Pat, Ann, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Pat, Ruth, Brian, Ted, Barb and Steve, Patty, and Amy.

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The Sword

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