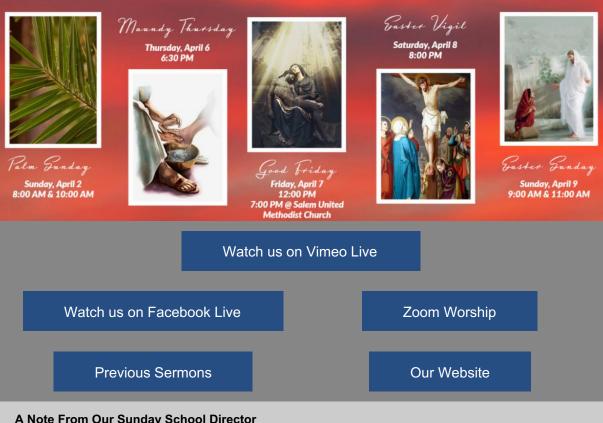


The Sword March 30, 2023

St. Michael's Weekly News & Updates



A Note From Our Sunday School Director Kim Curtis kcurtis@stmichaelsbarrington.org



I hope you all are enjoying your Spring Break. Reminder to be at church at 9:40am. Littles will be rehearsing in the Nave and the Bridge class will be in the choir room. Then we will join everyone in the Community room. After we enter back into Church, the children will

join their teachers and head downstairs. Each year Stations of the Cross is one of my favorite lessons to discuss with the Sunday School. This Sunday we will be visiting each station down in the Sunday school hallway and end in the Undercroft as Jesus' tomb. Each child will receive a small bag to collect a memorable item from each station. Each item represents a symbol of Jesus' journey to the Cross. If you have time before church on Sunday, I invite you downstairs to take a look at what the kids will experience. I have included some pictures of some of the stations.

Another upcoming Lent activity will be our Journey Through Holy Week event. Please join us on Good Friday morning from 10:00am-12:30am for a fun filled children's experience. We will journey thru activity and discussion of the Last Supper, foot washing, praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus's Arrest and Trial, Peter's denial of Jesus, the crucifixion, and a joyous resurrection. Please sign up on the sign up genius below. Lunch will be included.

I hope to see you all on Easter Sunday for our "Eggstravaganza" Easter Egg Hunt following the 11am service.



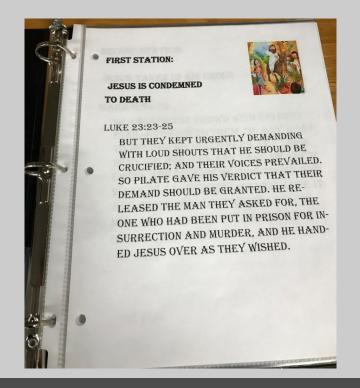
















Jr. & Sr. LIFT meets EVERY Sunday morning - 9:00 a.m. Sturtz House

From the LIFT Leader's Desk

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There will be NO Sr. LIFT this coming Sunday night, April 2. HOWEVER, we'll see you all (hopefully) this Sunday morning at our regular time (Jr. & Sr. LIFT included).

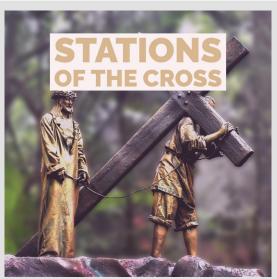
Hope everyone had (or will have) a restful spring break! Peace, Miss Kay

Upcoming Events



Palm Sunday Sunday April 2

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



Stations of the Cross

Wednesday April 5

Bellarmine Retreat House Outdoor Stations of the Cross will be at 3pm.

Maundy Thursday

April 6

The Maundy Thursday service will be at 6:30PM.





Good Friday

April 7

Good Friday Service will be at 12 PM at St. Michael's and 7 PM at Salem United Methodist Church in Barrington.



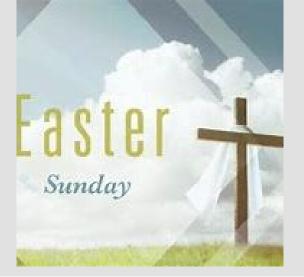
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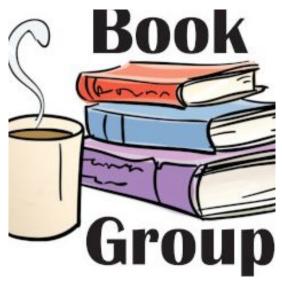
Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday Evening service will be at 8 PM.

Easter Sunday April 9

Easter Sunday services will be at 9 AM and 11 AM.

We will be having an Easter egg hunt following the 11 AM service.





Book Group

"The Island of Missing Trees" by Elif Shafak is our book selection for April. The discussion will be led by Amy Hoff.

We will meet at 7 pm, in the church library, on Wednesday, April 19.

Announcements

FOOD DRIVE

TOGETHER, WE HAVE DONE IT AGAIN.

As I write this, I am filled with gratitude and grave concern. I'm grateful because our Food Drive on March 18 and 19 brought in many donations, and we delivered food to 3 area ministries who are very stretched during these times of great insecurity in and around Chicago. You may have heard or read about the remarkable responses to our Food Drives - for nearly 3 years we have gathered and distributed a LOT of non-perishable food donations, household items, and financial gifts to the pantries.

It is a moving experience every time we hold a Food Drive to see many parishioners come out in generous support of this effort, even as the economy continues to present challenges for all.

We again had a hardworking, good natured, and very effective team of volunteers - many thanks to Carol Berman, Patty Ledwig, Ray Kean, Kay Lewis, Marti Callahan, Ann Ryba, and others who helped out. Special mention to John Malloy, Rob Gier, and Rob Wisnowski, who worked extra hard on Sunday and loaded cars like Teamsters! Food Drives like this cannot be successful without many willing hearts, hands, and drivers. Thanks also to Fr. Jesse and Theresa for ongoing support and assistance with getting the word out.

And THANK YOU, St. Michael's for your open hearted and generous support, a reflection of God's never-ending love and grace. As Fr. Al Johnson used to say back in the day, "we are the hands and feet of Jesus" doing important work in meeting the needs of sisters and brothers less fortunate than ourselves.





Easter Altar Flower Donations

As Holy Week and Easter approach, the altar guild is busy planning a wonderful spring display for the Altar. You can help out by making a donation towards the floral arrangement in memory of a loved one or in Thanksgiving of something. Donations can be mailed to St. Michael's or put in the offering plate on Sunday with the memo saying "Easter". You can also donate from home by using this link: <u>St Michael's Online Giving Portal</u>

Please input "**Easter Flowers**" in the memo line.



Easter Vigil Reception Donations

To celebrate Easter and our ability to gather as a community, we are hosting a reception after the 8pm Easter Vigil service. We will welcome the Easter season with a jazz pianist, a chocolate fountain, champagne & other sparklingly drinks, and plenty of savory treats! Easter Sunday will be celebrated after the 10:00 AM service.

We need help to make the event a success. Please consider bringing food or donating other supplies. Please confirm back on the attached survey by 4/3/2023 (<u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050944ABA822A3FB6-easter</u>),or contact me directly via e-mail / Phone.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Contact: Bill Ferry with any questions. wkf630_2002@yahoo.com 847-450-3846

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Birthdays

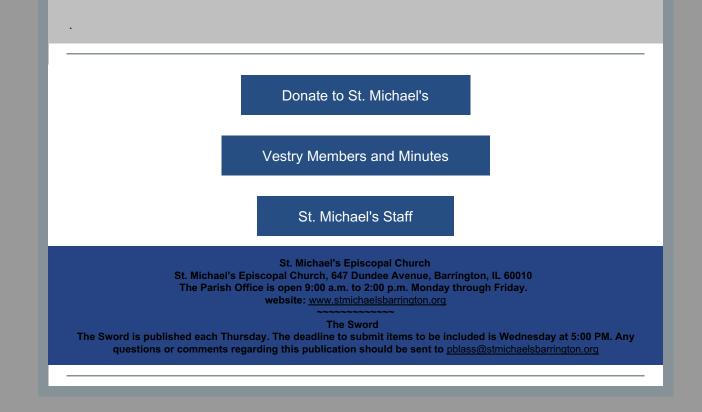
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4/6 Amanda Dern

In Loving Memory

4/2 Karl Schiffmayer 4/3 Louis Carrol 4/3 Cynthia Sykes 4/3 Wallace Younger 4/4 Eric Hays 4/5 Pamela Hartman 4/6 Dorothy Peterson 4/8 Derek Harms Louis McMahon Bryan Albro James Zadrizal Pete Mendoza, Jr.

Prayer Requests

Barb, Leslie, the McMahan and Perkins families, the Harms family, Bill, Jackson, Jack, the Mendoza and Duncan families, Cliff, the Zadrizal family, Sharon, Allison, Maelyn, and Conner, Cindy, Art, Brittany, Marilyn and Pat, Ann, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Pat, Ruth, Brian, Ted, Barb and Steve, Patty, and Amy.



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