



ST MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sword May 4, 2023

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A Note From Our Rector

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Sabbatical Preparation

Hello St. Michael's! It is officially May, which means we are getting closer to summer and to my upcoming sabbatical scheduled for July 1 - August 20. This is half of a sabbatical, and I plan to take the second half in the summer of 2024. You can read about these plans and their evolution by going here: <https://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/media-resources/st-michael-s-blog/19-blog/pastors-blog/1269-rector-sabbatical-changes>

So what is a sabbatical, what will I be doing, and what are the protocols? I hope this newsletter article answers all of those questions.

[READ MORE HERE]

<https://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/church-blog/1288-sabbatical-preparations?preview=1>

A Note from our Sunday School Director

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Wait until you hear the children sing during the offertory this week. They have been practicing for a few weeks a new song during music time. It's going to wow you all!!

Each year Youth Sunday is such a spectacular celebration and recognition of our youth at

St. Michael's. Make sure to take some pictures and email them to me. This year, staff is making a conscious effort to keep a file of pictures for annual meeting presentation.

Please arrive earlier than usual at 9:40am to practice the song. The bell choir will also be rehearsing then. If your child wants to participate in the day at the last minute. We can have them be a greeter at the front door or the choir door. All our readers and greeters can get into place right after we rehearse in the Nave.

Looking forward to seeing you and enjoying the nice weather headed out way.

LIFT



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

[LIFT Schedule](#)

Upcoming Events



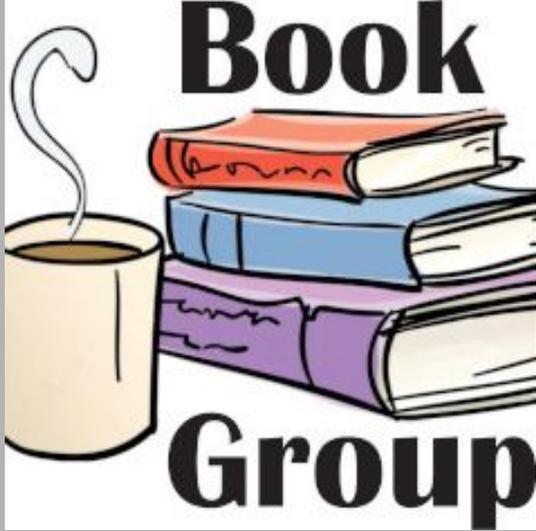
Youth Sunday

Join us for Youth Sunday on May 7.

Book Group

The book selection for May 17 is "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus. It is a novel and the discussion will be led by Judy Tammi. Sharon Bullion will host, at 7 pm, in the church library.

Hope to see you there!



Food Drive

May 20-21

Details coming soon.



Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 28

Please join us for the ladybug release, hot dogs, and ice cream on Pentecost Sunday!

We will be serving hot dogs; the ice cream will be self-pay. We will be ready to serve starting at 11:15 AM. We hope to see you there!

St. Michael's 75th Anniversary Lindsay Taylor, Senior Warden

I am excited to write to you all this week about 75th Anniversary festivities at St. Michael's Episcopal Church this fall! (Yaaaaay! Party! Woo!) There will be a series of events, including:

- A kickoff Sunday potluck on September 10 (fire up your Crock Pots!)
- A formal event on Saturday, September 30
- A St. Michael's Sunday after-church reception on October 1
- An annual meeting luncheon on February 4

NOTE: When this schedule was posted last week it included an error regarding the

October date, the date above is correct.

These events will be sure to offer many opportunities to use your special skills and gifts to be a part of the planning and execution of these exciting celebrations. While I am sure everyone at St. Michael's will be involved, I am sharing an initial opportunity to sign up to express interest in volunteering.

If you are interested in volunteering your time and skills to making the 75th anniversary of St. Michael's the best it can be, please share your information at the following sign-up link: [St. Michael's 75 Anniversary Events Volunteers Sign-Up](#)

Announcements

Congratulations to St. Michael's 2023 Seniors

John Cesario



Parents: Sof T'so & Frank Cesario

Members of St. Michael's since: John's family has attended St. Michael's since he was a baby.

High School: Saint Viator High School

Future Plans: Going to Illinois Wesleyan College

What does he appreciate most about St. Michael's?

I appreciate the people at St. Michael's.

What will he remember most about St. Michael's?

I will remember LIFT and how we sat around a fire at night.

Benjamin (Ben) Mears



Parents: Greg & Jennifer Mears

Members of St. Michael's since: 2011/2012? For a long time!

High School: Fremd High School, Palatine

Future Plans: Attending Saint Louis University as part of their Physical Therapy program and Diving on the swim/dive team

What does he appreciate most about St. Michael's?

St. Michael's is a community. We all know each other and look out for each other. People want to learn about you and genuinely care.

What will he remember most about St. Michael's?

One of my fondest memories is of the Youth Mission trip we took to South Haven, Michigan in 2017. I was 12 years old and it was one of the first times I was on a trip without my parents. I had so much fun hanging out with friends and being an active part of the community. We did a lot of different projects - nothing too hard, mostly clean up type of work, but I really felt like we made a difference.

Michael James (MJ) Ward



Parents: Michael & Erica Ward

Members of St. Michael's since: We've been members of St. Michael's for nearly 16 years - we joined St. Michael's when MJ was two years old...he started in the 2's with Mrs. Killick and Mrs. Carol in the fall of 2007.

High School: Barrington High School

Future Plans: Attending University of Wisconsin at Madison (studying Business)

What does he appreciate most about St. Michael's?

I appreciate the kindness of everyone in the St. Michael's community.

What will he remember most about St. Michael's?

Listening to Grandma Betsy give sermons at St. Michael's.

Abigail (Abby) Robin Raynor



Parents: Tim & Cooper Raynor

Members of St. Michael's since: 1998

High School: Barrington High School

Future Plans: Attending the United States Naval Academy

What does he appreciate most about St. Michael's?

The thing I appreciate most about St. Michael's is the community. No matter someone's age, anyone I talk to is kind and loving.

What will he remember most about St. Michael's?

The thing I will remember most about St. Michael's is the dinners we ate at the Sturtz house during confirmation classes, they were always so good.



Rebuilding Chicago Team Works Wonders

We send many thanks to the volunteers and donors who supported the Rebuilding Chicago project.. The day turned out great and Letty was beyond words of praise; she shared this thank you note: "*St. Michael's volunteers,*

The Rodriguez family thanks you from the bottom of our hearts. We wish each one, along with your families, many, many blessings. Your hard work will never go unnoticed! The world is a better place because of people like you."

We were able to accomplish the following: paint the living room, dining room, and hallway. Replace the stair landing flooring and stair treads (thanks Steve!!), and structurally support floor joists. The union plumbers replaced a leaky toilet and shower valve and installed a laundry tub. The union electricians replaced 3 breakers, a few GFI outlets, 3 light fixtures and 2 ceiling fans. We also collected 3 boxes of home goods, toiletries, and cleaning supplies.

For our first year, I believe it was a great success and a great team!! Here are links to news coverage and photos.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/vzKsW5LTiLtpUgnU9>

[National Rebuilding Day: Rebuilding Together of Metro Chicago brings free home repairs, improvements to Englewood, Cook County - ABC7 Chicago](#)



Funeral Service for Terry Cummings

The service will be held at St Gregory's Episcopal Church, 815 Wilmot Road, Deerfield on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 2 pm.

CRISIS IN SUDAN, SOUTH SUDAN & RENK **By Archbishop Joseph Garang Atem**

Thank you for your love and prayers for your sisters and brothers in Sudan and South Sudan. The situation in Khartoum (capital of Sudan) is very bad. The fighting is going on up to now. It is making people flee from Khartoum to South Sudan, especially Renk Town, which is nearest to the border between the two countries. Since the fighting began, we received more than 45,000 in Renk Town and Paloch. It is difficult for Renk to manage that big number. It is creating big problems for all returnees, refugees and the host communities. Renk Diocese needs support of prayers and finances. Even a little will make a lot of difference because all are suffering from this unexpected crisis.

Continue praying for us, as we pray for you.
Your brother in Christ, Archbishop Joseph



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Time to update your info!

In the spirit of spring cleaning, we're updating our member database so that can have more accurate records and better serve our parishioners. Click the link below to go to the member update form where you can fill out your information, along with that of any of your other household family members. We only require the name and date of birth, but any additional information you can provide would be appreciated!

[Member Update Form](#)

Upcoming Photo Directory

We are also working on a new photo directory for our members! We aim to have a draft ready and printed by mid-May so that we have time for corrections and updates for our final version which we plan to release mid-Summer. Photos are not required, but since it will be a photo directory, we do encourage you to provide one. The directory uses one photo for the member entry, so families should submit a group photo if more than one person wants to be included. Photos can be uploaded in the member update form linked above.

Congratulations to Juliet Duncan!

Dear St. Michaels!

As you may or may not know, I have been working towards becoming a nurse since 2017 (prerequisites). I was accepted into the nursing program at ECC in February 2020 to be in the Fall 2020 cohort. I was elated! My lifelong dream could become a reality! After MANY bumps in the road, including the death of 7 people, including my dad, and being delayed by a year to graduate, I FINALLY made it! I will be graduating on May 20th and will be hosting a graduation party on Sunday June 4th from noon until 6pm. You can come and go as you please. The location is at Lord's Park in Elgin: East Shelter: 325 Hiawatha Drive, Elgin, IL 60120. We will be grilling burgers and hot dogs. There will be sides, chips, pop/juice, desserts, cake etc. If you feel so inclined, you may bring a dish to share (but do not feel obligated). I hope you will be able to come celebrate this momentous occasion with us! If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, my email is: Juliet2384@gmail.com or I can be reached at 847-951-9198.



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Birthdays

5/7 Adele Osmund
5/11 Emmie Phillips
5/12 Susan Beverly
5/13 Austin Lewis
5/13 Cooper Raynor

Anniversaries

5/8 Tina and Denny Roper
5/10 Jill and Brant Deichmann

In Loving Memory

5/8 Inese Pawlenko
5/9 William Deevy, IV
5/11 Jason Richardson
5/11 George Foy
5/12 Peter Bollenbach
5/12 Jesse Durand
Theodore Nicholas Vanderent

Prayer Requests

Juliana, the Vanderent family, Roberta, Sadie, Barb, Cliff, Sharon, Allison, Maelyn, and Conner, Cindy, Art, 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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