



ST MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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A Note from our Rector

The Rev Jesse Perkins

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For Episcopalians (and many other Christian denominations), few symbols are as important as the Baptismal Font. It serves as the means and reminder of one of our primary sacraments- the way in which we begin our lifelong spiritual journey with God and in God's family the Church. Through it we are adopted by God as God's children. Baptism has ancient roots that date all the way back to John the Baptist in the Gospels...

[READ MORE HERE]

<https://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/church-blog/1304-symbols-of-our-faith-2-baptismal-font?preview=1>



A Note from our Sunday School Director

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Don't forget to reserve your spot for VBS! As the time approaches, we do fill up fast!

VBS Sign up

Upcoming Events



Prayer Shawl

Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, June 27 in the Library from 6-7:30pm.

Everyone is welcome! No experience necessary.

Communion Bread

Anyone interested in learning how to make communion bread, or those who already know, please join in on Sunday



June 25 at 1:00 pm at Mary Ann Seagrist's home. Last time when we baked in the church kitchen, we had some inconsistent results, so baking in a home oven may alleviate that issue. If you have an extra rolling pin, please bring it!

Seagrist Home:
29 River's Bend Court
Lake Barrington

Any questions, please contact Mary Ann Seagrist at seagrist5@comcast.net, 847-212-4218 Or Amy Hoff at ahoff9032@gmail.com, 281-793-4137

St. Michael's Presents:



Rib Fest

Saturday, July 15

The sign up form is now posted in the hallway by the community room.

Announcements

Barrington Back to School Giving Day

Once again St. Michael's will be part of the Barrington Back to School Giving Day. This event, supported by local churches, provides clothing and school supplies to students who are part of the School District 220 free lunch program. This year we are asked to provide 46 medium sized men's shirts to the program. You can put your donations in the bin located near the Community Room or order online through Amazon/your favorite retailer and have your donations sent directly to the church. Cash donations are also welcomed. Last year BSGD served 270 families. This was a 19% increase from the previous year. There is no reason to not think that the need will even be greater this year. They also accept gently used clothing items. If you have any questions about the program please contact Carol Berman at 847-815-7445.



Revive Volunteers

Revive is looking for volunteers to help register participants for the Christmas basket program.

Read more below:

[Volunteer Opportunities](#)

Diocese of Chicago

Donate to Companion Diocese Partners in South Sudan An update from the Commission on Global Ministry

While Sudan faces a surge in violence, the Diocese of Chicago's **Commission on Global Ministry** has been in frequent contact with longtime friend of the diocese, Archbishop Joseph Garang Atem, and his staff strategist for refugee assistance, Ajak Manyang, whose photos and reports inform this update:

For the past few months, deadly violence has erupted in the country of Sudan as two competing generals have fought for control of the country. Thousands have died, been injured, or lost all their possessions. Tens of thousands have fled the war-torn area for neighboring countries, including South Sudan, where many people fled years ago during that region's civil war.

Conservative estimates suggest that more than 40,000 refugees have crossed the border with South Sudan, putting tremendous burdens on the resources of the country. Archbishop Joseph Garang Atem of the Upper Nile Internal Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, which includes the Diocese of Chicago's companion Diocese of Renk, South Sudan, has made an **urgent appeal for financial assistance** to support the refugees who have nothing but the barest necessities.

The Commission on Global Ministry is raising funds to assist our partners in South

Donate

Peace & Justice News

The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago is always part of the Coalition of Welcoming Churches entry in the Pride Parade in Chicago. This year it is Sunday, June 25. The Peace and Justice Committee has paid the entry fee. If you would like to participate, or would like to help with the planning of our part in the parade, please let me know. Ellen Lindeen: peacellen123@gmail.com

Habitat for Humanity—an Outreach Partner

With very grateful hearts the Outreach Team acknowledges Larry Quinlan for his long-time leadership with our local Habitat for Humanity affiliate, Joyful Hands Partnership. Larry has served on the board for 24 years and put in countless hours of project management and elbow grease. During that time the Partnership was able to build nine new homes and remodel another six existing structures. The Outreach granting process has donated many thousands of dollars to build affordable housing for members of our community via this partnership and continues to be supportive of the mission. We are now seeking 2 representatives from St. Michaels to serve on the Joyful Hands Partnership board.

To remain a member of the Partnership, two members of St. Michaels will need to be appointed to serve on the board. It would be beneficial, although not required, that the representatives have construction knowledge and/or excel at coordinating volunteers and fund raising. More specifically board members will be required to attend one monthly board meeting and participate monthly in at least one Saturday morning worksite during construction season.

When the Partnership was originally formed by Barrington area churches the mandate was that the homes were to be in the Barrington school district. Today it has become difficult to find affordable properties in the district, forcing the Partnership to look outside of the school district. Also today, only three of the original eleven churches are still involved with the Partnership, St. Michael's being one. Each church committed to sponsor two board members, provide volunteers for work sites, and provide financial support. Finding two board members from our congregation is imperative to remaining affiliated with the Habitat cohort.

If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Melissa Buckley or Ann Ryba, or email outreach@stmichaelsbarrington.org. Many thanks.

In Loving Memory of Catherine (Kaky) Bowles, who passed away on June 8, 2023. Funeral details are pending and will be shared when they are finalized.



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Birthdays

6/25 Danny Warner
6/25 Brant Deichmann
6/26 Jack Schaefer
6/26 Marjory Larson
6/29 Fred Hille
6/30 Bill Ferry
6/30 Janette Warner
6/30 Marty Guthrie
7/1 Renee Buxton
7/1 Kalena Kclick

Anniversaries

6/25 Susan and Clark Beverly
6/27 Marilyn Borkgren-Okonek
and Pat Okonek
6/27 Sally and Greg Smith
6/27 Cindy and Bill Milford
7/1 Sandy and David
Rauschenberg

In Loving Memory

6/25 Mary Richardson
6/26 Marilyn Sargent
6/26 Suzanne Gustat
6/26 Hollis Schoepke
6/27 Patrick Dittmer
6/28 Marjorie Hussey
6/29 Sarah Rowe
Cliff Wulff
Janet Lareau
Catherine Bowles

Prayer Requests

The Bowles family, the Lareau family, the Wulff family, Andy, Jeff, Bob, Marilyn and Pat, Cayden, Juliana, Barb, Sadie, Cindy, Art, Ann, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Ruth, Brian, Ted, Barb and Steve, Patty, and Amy.

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The Sword

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