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A Note From Our Rector

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Hello St Michael's, and Happy Halloween, All Saints, and All Souls days! Yesterday we had our Hotdogs for Halloween, and things were going pretty good before the blizzard started! We had to move inside, and as expected the foot traffic disappeared with the wind and snow. While the weather may have been suboptimal, I love that St. Michael's is present in its immediate community on a night when so many are walking by our building. Not only are we able to offer a small dinner and some candy, we are visiting with our neighbors and helping keep a helpful and watchful eye on the kids around us. All good things. I do dream of a much bigger event, so put your creative ideas hat on and if you think of other ways we can be present in our community during this holiday, please let me know.

This Sunday, we will be celebrating All Saints Day and All Souls (All Faithful Departed). For me, it is the liturgical "high point" in the fall, where we bring together life, death, joy, grief, past/present/future. On Sunday morning during the second service, we will baptize two new members in to God's family. At 6:30pm we will celebrate All Souls Day with a Requiem Mass, carving out space in our busy lives to remember, celebrate, and grieve those who have gone on before us. We also come humbly remembering our own lives are short, and yet as we are born, live, and die, we are always in the hands of God our creator. I hope you can join me.

Finally, on November 12, we will have our Stewardship Sunday where we complete pledge cards of our financial gifts and commitment to St. Michael's for next year. Please begin considering your support of this parish and its ministries. Together with time and talents, we contribute our resources to pay our common life's expenses. Most visible is our facility, where we gather for worship, study, prayer, and action. St. Michael's gives away 20% of its offerings, sending 10% to the Diocese and granting 10% to worthwhile outreach ministries. The rest funds our staff and benefits, who shape the parish's presence during the week and its ability to respond to needs both inside and out.

Like in every aspect of our financial life, the church's costs have risen with inflation over the past year or two. Not only do we want to maintain our facility, this great place that was gifted to us from parishioners of the past, we want to pay our staff a livable and competitive wage. Our utilities and insurance, like yours, increases too.

But as you consider your gift to the church and the church's current needs, financial commitments, and future hopes, I truly believe that giving is first and foremost an expression of our faith and our deepest desire to follow in Jesus's footsteps. We give with our left and our right hand does not know! We give sacrificially, like the widow and her mites. We make sure that our heart is first focused on God, and that money is the tool God has given us to do good things with. I hope that you begin considering how you can support the future ministries of St. Michael's, and complete a pledge card on November 12.

I told a group a couple of weeks ago that I am more excited about St. Michael's future now

than I was five years ago. We are resilient, we are passionate, we are faithful and committed! And God has much work for us to do. Pledge your joy, pledge your heart, and pledge your financial gift for 2024. RSVP here:

<https://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/church-blog/1349-stewardship-nov-12-2023>

God bless,
Jesse+

A Moment or Two

By Fr. Jim Swarthout



“The greatest among you must be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.” Matthew 23: 1-12

The Word:

In warning his disciples not to use of the titles “Rabbi,” “teacher” and “Father,” Jesus condemns the spirit of pride and superiority such titles connote. Those who minister as teachers and leaders should be humbled by the fact that they are not teachers or leaders in their own right but by the inspiration and grace of God. In the reign of God, those who exercise authority have a particular responsibility to lead by serving.

For the person of faith, joy is found not in the recognition or honor that one receives in doing good but in the act of doing good itself, in realizing that we imitate Christ in such service, in the assurance that we are bringing the love of God into the lives of others.

Reflection:

Christ-like servanthood begins with our kneeling down; it requires us to climb down from our towers of authority and perches of privilege to see life from another’s reality. The ideal of the servant-leader taught by Jesus in today’s Gospel. Jesus exalts those whose leadership and influence over others are centered in humble service, in selfless integrity, in respect for the hopes and dreams of others, in the ability to empathize and reach out to the suffering and struggling, the poor and forgotten. Jesus, who welcomed to his side the rejected and scorned of society, who lifted up the “little ones,” who washed the feet of his friends and taught them to do the same, leaves the legacy of such “greatness” to us, his people, friends neighbors, his Church!

A Note from our Sunday School Director

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'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: **'Love your neighbour as yourself.**

Can you imagine this discussion ... kid style? I love teaching any lesson with the Commandments to the kids. It reinforces behavior in general. This weeks story of GOD's rules, during was paired perfectly with Halloween and trick or treating with neighbors. Keep in mind the age of some students. These kids are still learning about the people in the neighborhood. It is significant to point out they are learning both. Love yourself and your neighbor. It is such a heartfelt warm feeling to see their eyes open with wonder about Jesus during these discussions. They are really learning! This is confirmed with the questions they are asking.

I am still in need of an additional teacher for Sunday school. Come see this wonder for yourself! I would love to have anyone interested join us as a visitor. We have some folks who job share in the commitment so it doesn't have to be every week. Feel free to contact me for more details.

On Sunday, at the Requiem, we will have child care and nursery for any one attending or participating at 5:30pm until the end of the service.

Music Ministry



All Souls Requiem Mass

November 5th, 6:30pm, St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 647 Dundee Ave, Barrington, IL 60010

This peaceful evening mass provides a place to remember departed loved ones, to sit with our grief, and receive hope and comfort through music, prayer, and scripture. The joint choirs of St. Michaels Episcopal Church, Salem Methodist Church, and Atonement Lutheran will be singing movements from Gabriel Fauré's Requiem Mass setting, accompanied by string ensemble and organ.

Questions, Please contact Sara Torbeck, Music Director.

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Community Events:

Chicago Master Singers Christmas concerts will take place December 9 and 10th and often sell out so get your tickets early!

All concerts are performed at

Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm Street in Glenview, Illinois

For tickets and information, please click here:

<https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/chicagomastersingerstickets/1978>

LIFT



LIFT Schedule

FROM THE LIFT LEADER'S DESK

SR. LIFT NIGHT - This Sunday, Nov. 5th

Different time, this month only - 5:00-6:30 p.m.



We hope to see you Sr. LIFTers (high schoolers) there this Sunday night. Our time is earlier this month because the beautiful Requiem is being presented by the choir at 6:30 p.m. (right after LIFT). Come for food, fun, and conversation! *As always, friends are welcome and encouraged.*

Please RSVP to Miss Kay so we can plan the food!
(kaylewis1029@gmail.com or 847-909-8374)

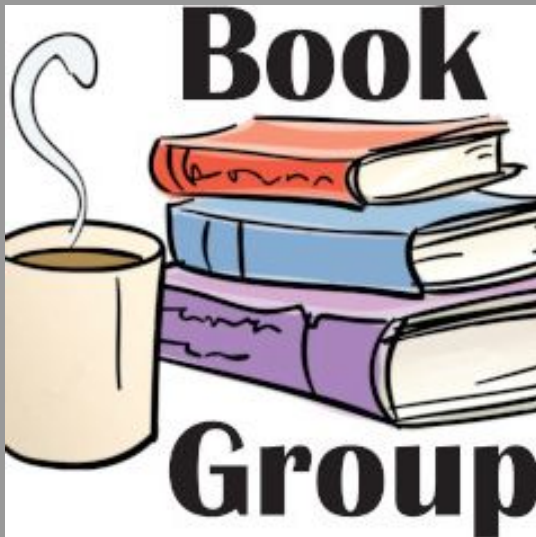
Upcoming Events

And All The Angels Christian Gift Shop Annual Holiday Sale



Friday, November 17th
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 18th
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 19th
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

All proceeds from this sale and from our gift shop benefit women's and children's charities.



Book Club

Book Group will meet Wednesday, November 15, 7 pm, in the library.

Judy Tammi will lead "The River We Remember" by Wm. Kent Krueger.

All adult readers are welcome to join us! Questions? Call or email Kathi Frelk, kfrelk4@gmail.com

Announcements

Stewardship Sunday November 12

You are by now surely aware that Sunday, November 12th, is Stewardship Sunday for our congregation. We encourage you to mark this significant date on your calendar and make plans to participate in two essential events that day: our Sunday morning worship and the catered Celebration Luncheon immediately following the 10 am worship service.

Read more here:

Stewardship Letter

Fall back time change is this Sunday

Don't forget to set your Clocks back one hour!



Volunteers Needed

And All The Angels needs your help!

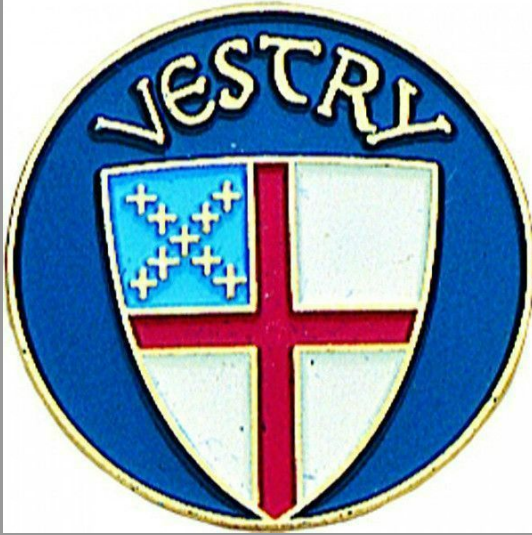
With the holidays and our 30th anniversary fast approaching, we are in desperate need of a few more volunteers. We aren't looking for a huge commitment, just a few hours on a Wednesday, Saturday morning or Sunday morning. Even once a month would be a great help. The shop is easy to run and I would be more than happy to walk you through the process. We are getting more and more new customers from the outside and I would hate to reduce our hours.

Any help you could give would be greatly appreciated. This ministry has helped a lot of organizations over the years and I would hate to see it disappear. We also have the holiday sale starting next month and could use a few pair of hands to help set up on November 11th. We start about 8:00 and go until we are done (which is usually by noon).

Please feel free to stop in the shop on a Sunday or give me a call at 847-358-1334.
Thank you for your continued support in this ministry.
Marti Callahan

Vestry Volunteers

The Vestry is preparing its slate of candidates for next year. If you would



like to volunteer, or know someone who would be a great candidate, please e-mail Bill Ferry (Junior Warden) at wkf630_2002@yahoo.com.

It's a great opportunity to get involved. We have 3 positions to be filled.

Questions, please feel free to call me at (847) 450-3846.



'Tis the Season for Katy's Christmas Baskets

Adopt a family and make their Christmas wishes come true. We will have about 35 families from Church of the Redeemer and Revive Center who need our help putting presents under the Christmas tree and food on the holiday table. Families range in size and ages.

Sign up online: [Katy's Christmas Baskets link](#). If you have questions, contact Llor

Wonder, llkwonder18@gmail.com or Melissa

Buckley, mdbuckley92@gmail.com.

This ministry honors Katy Pepper, who coordinated our Christmas basket program for many years. We remember her kindness and generosity through our parish's commitment to supporting less fortunate families during the Advent and Christmas season.



Artwork Display

Hello everyone!! Please remember to call me about posting a beautiful piece of your artwork by the Community Room. PLEASE DO NOT THINK you need to BE the ARTIST,, just a treasured piece of work to share for two weeks, plus a short description of why it means so much to you. It could be one of your children's drawings, a photograph (not necessarily a Church related theme). Look around your home and pick out something you love and let me know if you would like to participate!!



Gun Violence Prevention

On Sunday, November 19, 2023, at St. Michael's Church, Barrington, the Peace & Justice Committee is sponsoring a Gun Violence Prevention Sunday, so all who would like may participate in the national Episcopal Peace Fellowship campaign called "A Season of Pentecost: Gun Violence Prevention." From the first Sunday of Pentecost, May 28 until Nov. 29, the last Sunday before Advent, churches across the nation are working to end gun violence with a designated Sunday of actions.

Ours will include liturgical action with a "Make Us Instruments of Your Peace Litany" as a special Prayers of the People and reading the names of those who died by gun violence in the area. Our public action is to ask our parishioners to **wear orange** as a sign of caring about gun violence prevention. Hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves from harm.

For legislative actions, we will have information for people who want to participate in local, state, or national Letter-writing campaigns, use the advocacy toolkit for School Boards created by Students Demand Action for Gun Sense, call their legislators, investigate the state's laws regarding buying, keeping, or storing guns and work with Bishops Against Gun Violence (an Episcopal organization of bishops formed in 2013), Moms Demand Action, Brady, and Everytown for Gun Safety.

There is no specific action that you must be involved in to participate by wearing orange. The act will simply signify that you feel gun violence must be prevented, and the church is a place to start. We are not all united in what gun violence prevention means. Many think it involves background checks or ending sales of automatic and semi-automatic weapons. Despite 88% of Americans supporting these actions, Congress members have not been willing to try to pass these laws. Another statistic many do not know is that over 50% of all gun violence deaths are suicides. As Christians, we are called to act.

If you do not want to act, we can pray and devote a Sunday to caring about and for those who have lost their lives to gun violence, those who have lost family members to gun violence, and those who have been injured and traumatized by gun violence. Please come and wear orange as an act of prayer.

Foyers Sign-up Time is here!

Foyers is a wonderful opportunity for all members of St. Michael's, to engage

in fellowship together. Foyers features 2 types of gatherings. The first type is adult Foyers and the second is family Foyers. Adult Foyers are typically 4 groups of couples/singles, that are all adults, that meet as a group in each other's homes for a simple meal, 4 times over a period of a year. Family Foyers follows the same format, but it is adults and their children that form as a group, during the year period. This is a wonderful way for adults with young kids to be able to still enjoy fellowship with other families at St. Michael's.

Sign up for the next season of Foyers is underway for this next year's groups. The groups are randomly formed, and include adult couples and singles of all ages or a family of adults and their children. There is no formal format for the group get together, other than beginning the evening with the Litany of Reconciliation, a simple meal and getting to know each other in a small group setting.

Forest and I will be signing people after each service, for the next few weeks. Come find us and fill out your sign-up information. You can also email us to sign up for Foyers. If you are emailing your sign up, send us your first and last name, address, email and contact phone number. Our email is forestmayberry@comcast.net.

We are looking forward to another fun year of gathering together for Foyers!

Lynn and Forest Mayberry

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Birthdays

11/5 Catherine Deevy
11/5 Kirk Chan
11/6 Sam Adams-Lanham
11/7 Chloe Warner
11/8 Sandy Rauschenberg
11/10 Isabelle Peltier
11/10 Carter Brett

Anniversaries

In Loving Memory

11/5 Elizabeth McLaughlin
11/6 Janice Nagy
11/6 Sabra Capulli
11/6 Jennie Robinson
11/7 Timothy Crist
11/7 Norman Dally
11/9 Beverly Foort
11/10 Max Wallach
11/11 Myra Driever
Joe Ridges
Gene Parkhurst

Prayer Requests

Charlie, Evelyn and Sarah, Lynda, Emma Rose, Vicki and the Ridges family, Sharon, Danielle, Andy, Jeff, Marilyn and Pat, Cayden, Sadie, Cindy, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Ruth, Brian, Barb and Steve, Patty, and Amy.

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Community News



Big Fish at Harper Community College



Two St. Michaels parishioners are starring in this funny, larger than life musical about Edward Bloom and his fantastical stories! Marisa Boynton and her son Henry will be portraying Sandra Bloom and their son, Will Bloom.

Shows are:

November 10, 8pm

November 11, 8pm

November 12, 2pm

November 17, 8pm

November 18, 8pm

November 19, 2pm

For Tickets please follow this link to the Harper Box Office:

[The Harper Ensemble Theatre Company presents Big Fish - Harper College](#)

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