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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sword November 9, 2023

## St. Michael's Weekly News & Updates



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### A Note From Our Rector

Jesse Perkins

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Watch Fr. Jesse's Sword article in video format this week!

[RSVP for Stewardship Sunday November 12, 2023, here](#)



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### **A Note from our Sunday School Director**

Kim Curtis

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I love when the kids are engaged and share their thoughts with the group. We have been discussing the liturgical calendar change during circle time. One amazing boy was stunned Advent is just around the corner. He said, "It's Advent already!!" I said back, "I know can you believe it." It felt so good to have the kids on the same page during our discussions.

This Sunday I would like to gather briefly during the stewardship luncheon to discuss the epiphany pageant. I plan to have the costumes ready for pick on Christmas Eve. Then a rehearsal the Saturday before the pageant. The time is still to be determined.

As our nursery continues to grow with babies, I would love some additional help. Having our nursery safe and enough coverage keeps the entire Sunday school on track.

During a teacher brainstorm session, we had a new plan. I made a sign-up genius for Nursery volunteers. What is great about volunteering in nursery is it's only for half the

service. Most parents pick up their babies to attend communion. Then you too could go up to church and join for communion. With some weekly Nursery Angels, I could balance teachers and children ratio for Sunday school. So, if you crave the to see these sweet bundles of love smile at you, please click the link and become an Angel.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050944ABA623ABFF2-45992494-nursery>

## Music Ministry

### Community Events:

Chicago Master Singers Christmas concerts will take place December 9 and 10<sup>th</sup> 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

## Upcoming Events

Stewardship  
Sunday  
Nov 12



Click to RSVP

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

## And All The Angels Christian Gift Shop Annual Holiday Sale



Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

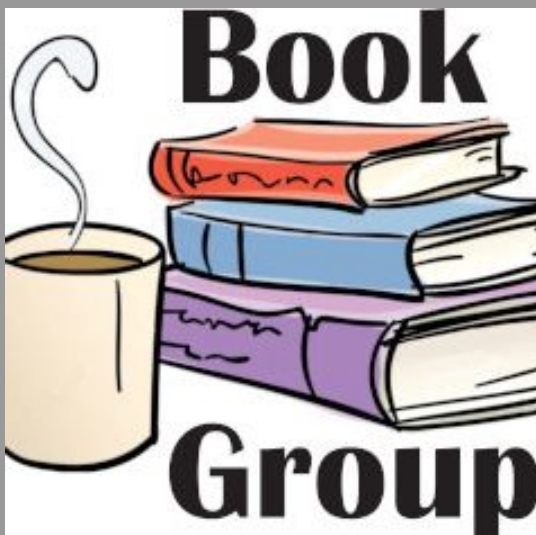
Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto:kfrelk4@gmail.com)

## Announcements



### Reverse Advent Calendar is coming!

**Reverse Advent Calendar is coming!  
Celebrating 75 years of generous  
giving and grateful hearts.**

*"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16*

St. Michael's Reverse Advent Calendar focuses on the spirit of giving by incorporating daily giving and reflections during the Advent season. Each week during Advent, we will highlight an organization and their specific needs. ***In honor of our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we have set a goal of collecting 75 items for each organization.*** Reusable blue bags will be available in the Narthex to collect your donations during the week and bring to St. Michael's, where donation boxes will be set up outside the community room.



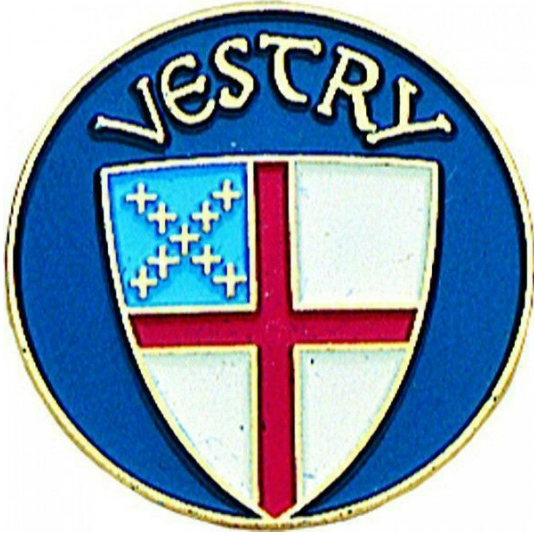
### Volunteers Needed

**And All The Angels needs your help!**

With the holidays and our 30<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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](mailto:llkwonder18@gmail.com) or Melissa

Buckley, [mdbuckley92@gmail.com](mailto: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!!

Call me please: Paulette Forrest.  
224-213-6483

Thanks so much!!  
[Pforrestpayne@gmail.com](mailto:Pforrestpayne@gmail.com)



## 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.

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## Home Lay Eucharist Ministry

### HLEM

“For where two or three gather together in my name there am I with them.” That’s what Jesus said and it’s a nice way to describe Home Lay Eucharist Ministry. When we visit someone at home who can’t be with the rest of us at church to deliver bread, wine and prayer it’s a simple expression of fellowship. Lynn and I have found it an honor over the years to share communion this way because it is personal one to one.

Sometimes we have been with parishioners that are friends already. Better yet we have made new friends; gotten to know people we otherwise would not have met. After the simple service there is time to share news about church, or what’s going on in their families lives or ours. Some folks have been members for a long time who recall St Michaels history with funny stories from the past.

We have met a life-long Barrington resident who was a WWII naval aviator that narrowly escaped capture after his plane was shot down. As his health declined, he asked us to give communion in hospital where we got to know his family during their visits. We also came to know a lady with family pictures all around and each time we visited she’d have an update on nearly every one of them. One lady, who had never attended St Michaels and shared her hospital room with a parishioner we had just seen asked us to bring her communion the next time.

After all our visits we always feel so happy to have shared simple prayer, communion and fellowship.

There are many different ways to enrich the steps along the circle of our Christian life. HLEM is a very unique opportunity to experience something Jesus did every day, share love, hope and the good news. If you’d like to join HLEM please email.

Forest Mayberry  
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#### **Birthdays**

11/11 NellaRose Torbeck  
11/12 David Brooks  
11/12 Sean Tucker  
11/15 Emeline Summerfield  
11/17 Jack Dern  
11/17 M.J Ward  
11/18 Chris Osos

#### **Anniversaries**

#### **In Loving Memory**

11/12 Allen Cummings  
11/13 Norman Jones  
11/13 Patricia Yager  
11/14 Frank Kohlase  
11/15 Charles Harrington  
11/16 Robert Warren  
11/17 Diane Krueger  
11/18 Harold Johnson  
Joe Ridges



## Prayer Requests

Charlie, Meg, Christine, Richard, 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.

Confirmation Retreatants:

Matthew Arnold, Jack Hefferan, Mia Semcken , Sam Weibel, and Jackson Summerfield.

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Vestry Members and Minutes

St. Michael's Staff

## 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](#)

## Barrington Police Department Food Drive

Accepting  
Donations until  
Mid December



BarringtonFOP.org



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Pantries

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canned tomatoes  
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Canned  
vegetables



## FOOD DRIVE

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11/17/23  
8AM-4PM

"Stuff a Squad"



## FOOD ITEMS REQUESTED

CANNED FRUIT AND MEAT; COFFEE;  
PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY; BAKING  
MIXES; CANNED PASTA MEALS; DRIED  
BEANS; PASTA SAUCE

ALL DONATIONS GO TO LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES  
SERVING OUR BARRINGTON NEIGHBORS IN NEED



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The Parish Office is open 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
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