



ST MICHAEL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sword November 23, 2023

## St. Michael's Weekly News & Updates



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### A Note From Our Deacon

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## ADULT SUNDAY FORUM

When: Sunday, December 3, 2023, 9:10 am to 9:40 am.

Where: Conference Room near the Community Room

Topic: AI and God, with Bernice McCarthy

Dear People of St. Michael's,

I hope you have some idea how many of God's people connected with St. Michael's have vibrant ideas about faith and walking the walk of discipleship. Beginning with Advent season, Sunday, December 3, I plan to introduce presenters from among the community to share their ideas and experiences in an adult Sunday forum between the two Eucharist services.

Bernice McCarthy will lead off with a presentation on "AI and God." Bernice typically attends the 10am Eucharist. So, if you typically attend that service, I hope coming to church a little earlier would yield some insight into the mind and heart of someone you might want to know better. If you typically attend the 8am service, then I hope you might stay for a while longer and get to know one of the interesting and faithful people who attend the later service. And, if you are a parent delivering children for Sunday School, perhaps the adult forum will provide a stimulating way to occupy the time before the start of the later Eucharist service.

We Episcopalians are people of Both/And, the Middle Way (*Via Media*), so it is expected that the forum could prompt lively discussion! Watch the Sword for announcements about future Adult Sunday Forum presentations.

Peace,  
Deacon Tim

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

Kim Curtis

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Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!! No Sunday School this Sunday. Nursery will still be provided.

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. Sara mentioned this plan in announcements last week. 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 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>



“From Humbug to Hallelujah”

Advent Reflection Series with Fr. Jim

Wednesdays 7-8pm in Advent (December 6, 13, & 20)

Christians aren't immune from the stress and busyness that mark our culture at Christmastime, so "From Humbug to Hallelujah" really says it all. Fr. Jim suggest that the transformation in the life of Ebenezer Scrooge in Charles Dickens's classic tale "A Christmas Carol" can be the real experience of ourselves, families with gratitude to the power of Immanuel . . . "God with us!"

Advent Reflection Series going from humbug to hallelujah:

1. Break Christmas Chains Forged in Life (Advent Sunday 1)
2. Reawaken the Joy Inherent in Christmas (Advent Sunday 2)
3. Value Relationships Especially at Christmas (Advent Sunday 3)
4. Celebrate a Christmas Miracle of Heart all year round!

Discouragement overwhelms us when we focus on our own circumstances. This series will help you focus your people's attention on the Creator of our circumstances, and point ourselves and others to His good and greater plan for our lives. We will discuss breaking the chains that have been forged at times in our lives to reawakening the pure joy of Christmas, then through understanding the value of our relationship with Christ and with others, to understanding the transforming power of the Christmas miracle, and on to living that miracle all year long as we become AWAKE to change lives from humbug to hallelujah.

## Music Ministry



### Community Music 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 Schedule

## Upcoming Events



## Support St. Michael's in 2024!

[Click here](#) to submit your pledge, and further the life and ministries of the parish.



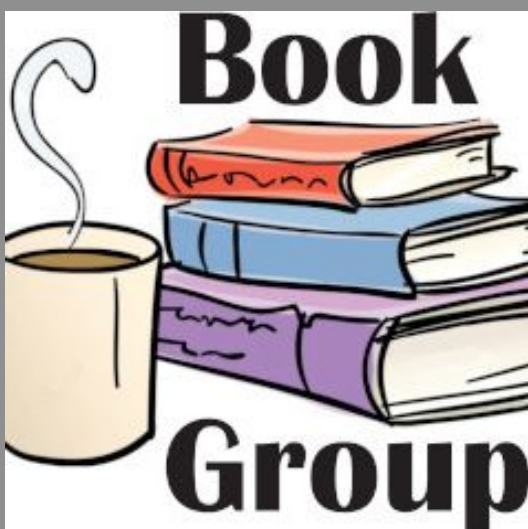


### **Communion Bread Baking Sunday, December 3 , 11:15 am**

Producers and consumers... About 10 years ago at a previous church, I was in a discussion in which we were talking about engaging the congregation more in the service. We had realized that many people in the pews were not really participating in the service, but that they were merely consuming the product. Most likely you've heard that the more you put into something, the more you get out of it!

Being a part of the team that produces the bread is a great way to participate in a new way. Please join us on Sunday December 3, right after the 10:00am service in the kitchen, no experience necessary. Advent Wreath making will be happening at that time too, so you participate in both events.

Any questions? Please contact Mary Ann Seagrist at 847-212-4218 or [seagrist5@comcast.net](mailto:seagrist5@comcast.net)



### **Book Group**

Our Book Group will Celebrate Christmas at our meeting 7 pm, Wednesday, December 20. Instead of a book discussion in the library we will have a party in the Sturtz House! Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share, and a gift-wrapped book from your own library for a White Elephant Gift Exchange. We will also create the schedule for 2024, so please check your calendars ahead of time for availability to

lead a discussion or host a meeting.

All adult readers are invited to attend, we'd love to have you join us December 20!

Questions? Contact [kfrelk4@gmail.com](mailto:kfrelk4@gmail.com)

## Announcements



### **Reverse Advent Calendar Begins Sunday, November 26th.**

“... ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”  
Mark 12:31

Reverse Advent Calendar begins this Sunday – Collecting for Cumali

The Reverse Advent Calendar begins this Sunday, November 26th. During this first week of Advent, we will express our gratitude for heat and warm clothing. This week we are collecting men's large gloves and fleece blankets for Cumali. Our goal is to collect 75 pairs of gloves which are a critical need for the homeless population. Please bring your donations for Cumali by Sunday, December 3rd. [Learn more about Cumali.](#)

Returning this year: Our Amazon Smile Wish List has identified gloves and fleece blankets for Cumali and you can even have them shipped directly to St. Michael's!

## Volunteers Needed

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

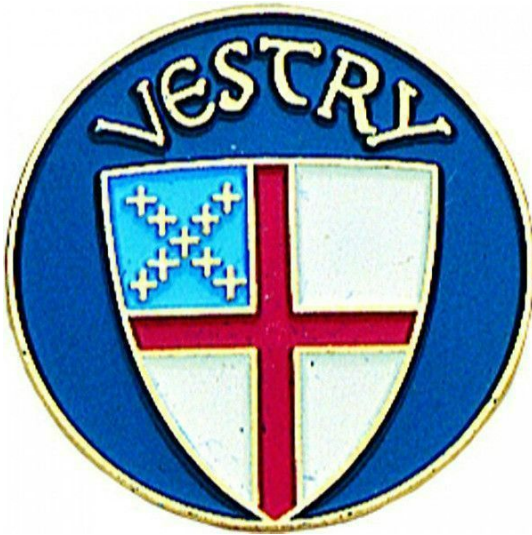


With the holidays and our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary fast approaching, we are in desperate need of a few more volunteers. We aren't looking for a huge commitment, just a few hours on a Wednesday, Saturday morning or Sunday morning. Even once a month would be a great help. The shop is easy to run and 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.

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.



## Katy's Christmas Baskets Update

All families have been adopted!

Please bring all boxes to church by Sunday.

We appreciate your support!



## 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.

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### Birthdays

11/26 Nancy Carney  
11/28 B. Rae Buckley  
11/28 Elisabeth Schoon  
11/28 Nancy Seth  
11/29 Pat Kane  
11/30 Mike Ward  
12/2 Richard Curran

### Anniversaries

11/26 Florence and Frank  
Compton

### In Loving Memory

11/28 Catherine Silver  
11/28 Wendy Nagy  
11/29 Ann Hamm  
11/30 James Knaak  
11/30 Karen Duffy  
12/2 James Bullion

## Prayer Requests

Kay, Richard, Christine, Charlie and Meg, Evelyn and Sarah, Sharon, Andy, Marilyn and Pat, Cayden, Sadie, Cindy, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Ruth, Brian, Barb and Steve, Patty and Amy.

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## Community News

### Barrington Police Department Food Drive

Accepting  
Donations until  
Mid December



[BarringtonFOP.org](http://BarringtonFOP.org)

Benefiting  
Local Food  
Pantries



[Barrington Police](#)

# FOOD DRIVE

Drop off donations at Barrington PD

[400 N Northwest Hwy]

Soups and stews  
Grain breakfast  
Canned or dried  
beans

Canned fish,  
meat  
Peanut butter /  
other nut butters

Pasta sauce,  
canned tomatoes  
Shelf-stable milk  
Canned  
vegetables



**FOOD DRIVE**  
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150 W MAIN ST  
BARRINGTONFOP.ORG BARRINGTON POLICE

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

**St. Michael's Episcopal Church**  
St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 647 Dundee Avenue, Barrington, IL 60010  
The Parish Office is open 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
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**The Sword**

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