



ST MICHAEL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sword January 18, 2024

## St. Michael's Weekly News & Updates



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### A Note From Our Rector

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This week has brought some very “fun” weather, and even as I write this on Tuesday afternoon the family and I are all working from home thanks to the weather and the Barrington220 school schedule. Maybe it is just me, but being home with the kids and working feels harder now than it was during COVID! Or perhaps we were just all coping back then as best as we could, and now it is not as familiar. Otherwise, things around the church office continue to work and maintain our facilities (outdoor lighting, heating and air, coffee pots, etc.- see Kim for the details), good music and worship planning, budget creation and approval, and of course the upcoming Annual meeting.

I see some amazing things in this parish right now: change, yes, but creativity and energy in ways that I have not seen before in my time here. I am grateful for the many hands that come together to make this place what it is, and what it can become. While times of change make some aspects of the parish less predictable (like finances), it also creates hope for our future that stagnation and predictability can not bring.

On February 4 during the annual meeting, we will discuss our challenges and our blessings, and I hope to chart a course for St. Michael’s over the next five years. The Vision team and I have been working hard together to name a new vision for us and our work together. Please plan to attend the lunch after the 10am service, and be a part of our next chapter together. God is working in and through St. Michael’s, and we want to be even more a part of God’s redeeming and healing work in our selves and in our world.

Stay warm, and see you in church,  
Jesse+

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

Kim Curtis

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We would love to invite you to volunteer with the beautiful babies of St. Michael's. Please

use the link below to see if you are available for the dates on the sign up. Nursery is available before the 9:15am for worship and choir volunteers thru the 10am service. Most parents pick up their child for communion which allows the nursery angel to leave and receive communion. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [kcurtis@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:kcurtis@stmichaelsbarrington.org)

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

## LIFT



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**NEW UPDATED LIFT/CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR  
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**LIFT Schedule**

## Upcoming Events

**Support  
St. Michael's  
in 2024**



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



### **Financial Review Meeting January 28th.**

Our Treasurer, John Davis, will be holding a Financial Review Meeting on January 28th following both services.

He will go over the 2023 financial, and the 2024 budget.

All are welcome to attend.

### **Annual Meeting**

**February 4th, 11:30 am**



Vestry Slate 2024

Senior Warden (1 year term): Bill Ferry (2023 jr warden)  
Junior Warden (1 year term): Liz Gabis

Three-year Vestry terms (three open seats):

- Paul Carrubba

- Amy Hoff
- Jeff Tolle

Bios and Pictures can be found here:  
<https://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/church-blog/1379-2024-vestry-slate?preview=1>

## Announcements

### Reverse Advent donations

We (Truly) Can't Thank You Enough

It's a wrap--all Reverse Advent donations have been delivered, and most of them are already in use. The incredible inventory for St. Leonards surpassed ALL expectations of our goal of 75 set of underwear and socks

- Underwear - 158
- Socks - 290
- Undershirts - 27
- Scarves - 21
- Hat and scarf sets - 11
- Hats - 3
- Gloves – 4

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generous donations.

In December the Outreach Team voted to use our reserve emergency funds to support Grace Episcopal Church's Emergency Shelter. Grace, in Oak Park, was asked by community leaders to support unhoused asylum seekers, and has given up their community room, nursery and kitchen so that 23 young men from Venezuela are sheltered from Chicago winter. Rick and I visited the shelter, with rooms full of air mattresses, and kind young men, and were told by parish leaders and the rector that opening up their space to keep people warm and fed has changed their lives, personally and as a congregation. Please keep these servants of God in your prayers as they welcome the stranger in an intimate way--by giving up their church space. To learn more, or volunteer, go to: <https://www.graceoakpark.org/learn-about-grace-s-emergency-shelter.html>.

Ann Ryba



**Grief, God and Gratitude**

# **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HOPE & HEALING**



Al Johnson

**MONDAY JANUARY 29TH**  
**10:15 AM - 10:35 AM PST**  
**GRIEF, GOD, AND GRATITUDE**  
**WITH AL JOHNSON**

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**Diocesan Convention 2024 Delegates**



# EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Are you curious about our Chicago Diocese or our new Bishop? Want to represent St. Michael's as a delegate to the next Diocesan Convention in the fall of 2024? Send Fr. Jesse an email; we will elect three delegates at the annual meeting.

Each parish sends clergy and lay delegates to convention each year to conduct the business of the diocese. This next year, the convention will be virtual, although our delegation could meet in person here at St. Michael's to "attend" together if desired. We will vote on elections to committees, hear and vote on resolutions, and listen to the budget presentation. Please consider being a volunteer to represent us this year.

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## Birthdays

1/21 Marisa Boynton  
1/23 Judy Tolle  
1/25 Margaret Longsworth  
1/25 Brendan Willis  
1/27 Ruth Silver

## Anniversaries

## In Loving Memory

1/21 Michael Lorenzo  
1/21 Stuart Parker  
1/22 Robert McLaughlin  
1/22 James Carney  
1/23 Norma Sayles  
1/24 Jeanne Cappulli  
1/24 Dorothy Holvay  
1/25 Nancy Race  
1/25 Lolita Ewart  
1/26 Catherine Silver  
1/27 Sarah Jane Allen  
1/27 John H. Claiborne, IV  
1/27 Robert Bowles

## Prayer Requests

Jeff, Nancy, Richard, Christine, Tom, Emma Rose, Lynda, Jeff, Sharon, Andy, Marilyn and Pat, Caden, Sadie, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Ruth, Brian, Barb and Steve, Patty, and Amy

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The Sword

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