



ST MICHAEL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## St. Michael's Weekly News & Updates



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### A Note From Our Rector

Jesse Perkins

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This Sunday is it! The 2024 Annual Meeting, and I hope you are all planning to attend. We have BBQ sandwiches for lunch from Canteen in Barrington, and we are going to spend some time talking about our past year, and our ongoing endeavor to redevelop and grow this church post-COVID. We will not be able to livestream the annual meeting, however, a recording of the presentations will be made available in the days following.

In preparation, please consider bringing a tablet or phone to access the online materials; there will be some paper copies as well for those preferring them. We will be using the website as the “landing page” where you can see the Agenda, vote, and download materials as need them in the meeting. You can even look ahead at that website now, and bookmark it for Sunday:

<https://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/component/content/article/17-announcements/main-church/1374-annual-meeting-2024>

**Name tags:** Theresa (our parish administrator) and Deacon Tim will be working during the annual meeting to get everyone a name tag. If you have a printed one on the magnet board already, please wear it! If you do not, use a temporary one and give us your information and we will create you a permanent one.

**Parish Directory:** IT'S HERE!! A huge thank you to Theresa who spent a great deal of time working on the parish directory. It is a moving target for sure, so if you see things that need correcting, please let her know and it can be in the next version. I hope to provide a new digital version (or printed on copy paper) every year at the annual meeting reflecting the changes throughout that year.

Finally, as we get closer to Sunday, I want you to be thinking about something. We will talk more about this during the sermon and meeting; I want you to begin thinking about all the ways St. Micheal's Church has been a place of healing, and perhaps ways in which we can be that even more. God is healing the world, redeeming it, restoring it, and I want us to be a part of that! For everyone who enters our doors, and for us to take with us out into the world.

**St. Michale's: A Place of God's Healing.**

See you Sunday,  
Jesse+

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

Kim Curtis  
kcurtis@stmichaelsbarrington.org



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



***NEW UPDATED LIFT/CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR  
CHECK IT OUT***

LIFT Schedule Revised

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### ***FROM THE LIFT LEADER'S DESK***

#### **LIFT NEWS:**

**Sun. Feb. 4, 5:00-7:00 P.M. - *Confirmation Class***

**Sun. Feb. 25 - 6:00-7:30 p.m. - *SR LIFT night***

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## Upcoming Events

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### **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>



### **Shrove Tuesday February 13, 6:30 pm**

Mark your calendars to join us at St. Michael's for our annual Waffle Stations on Shrove Tuesday. This year, it is on February 13 at 6:30pm, and we will have waffle stations setup with all the toppings you can imagine. Feel free to bring your own favorite toppings to share. This year we are also having some family board games to play together, so come with the kids and have a fun, sugar-filled evening before beginning your Lenten fasts and disciplines.

If you have a waffle iron you could lend us, please let Kim Curtis () know. Also, we could use a volunteer or two to help make a few waffles ahead of time (starting at 6pm) to help ease the lines at the waffle irons for those who do not want to cook their own.

See you then!

Jesse+

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## Ash Wednesday

Join us for services on February 14,  
12 pm and 6:30 pm

# Ash Wednesday

Wednesday February 14  
12pm and 6:30pm

*...penitence and fasting*  
*...pardon and absolution*

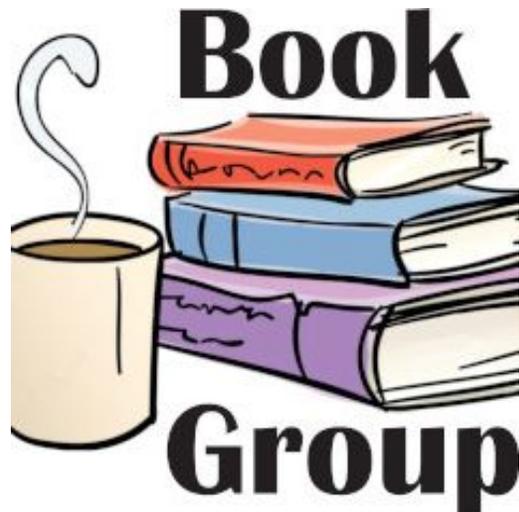


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## Book Club

The February book is "The Night Circus" by Erin Morgenstern. The discussion will be led by Amy Hoff. We will meet at 7 pm, Wednesday, February 21st, in the church library.

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



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## Announcements

### Pastoral Care Team Update

Hello everyone! Our pastoral care team is excited to bring back Home Eucharistic Visits to

anyone who's health prevents them from attending worship. If you would like to receive communion brought to your home by one of our volunteers, please email Forest Mayberry ([forestmayberry@comcast.net](mailto:forestmayberry@comcast.net)) to get on our list. Our goal is to reach everyone at least monthly.

Also, we are trying to find a way to offer transportation on Sunday mornings to those who cannot drive. If you want to volunteer to offer a ride, or if you think this would be helpful to you on occasion, please email Fr. Jesse to let him know. At this stage, it is only a hope that we can one day offer this service, however, we are getting started with taking assessment of volunteer and parishioner needs and schedules.

Blessings,  
Jesse+



### **Uncaged Art Exhibit begins at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Barrington, IL**

Beginning on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024, St. Michael's Church, Barrington is hosting the Uncaged Art Exhibit at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Community Room, 647 Dundee Ave., Barrington, IL 60010, and it is open to the community. The exhibit is comprised of beautiful and inspiring artwork by the children held in the Tornillo, TX Detention Center that opened on June 14, 2018. Over the eight months of its operation, 6,200 children were held in tents in Tornillo, a small border town.

Tornillo came to symbolize the mass detention of migrant children. A group of teachers visited the youngsters, inviting them to express their pride in their countries of origin through art, and the children produced 200 pieces of art.

When the Tornillo detention center closed, officials began throwing out the artwork. A local Catholic priest recovered 29 pieces, and later stated, "What came through in the art was the strong spirit of these young men and women...who, even under those conditions, were still inspired to do something beautiful."

The exhibit is sponsored by the Sanctuary Task Force, Anti-racism Commission, Hispanic Affairs Committee, and Peace & Justice Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago. It has appeared in the Southwest, California and is now touring the Midwest at churches, non-profits, schools and libraries. The goal is to share the experience of immigrant detention, particularly of children, through art. It is free and open to the public from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM on Wednesdays (except different hours on Ash Wednesday), Saturdays and Sundays from Feb. 14 to Feb. 25 at St. Michael's in Barrington.

A Reception will be held on Sunday Feb. 18 at 11:30 with refreshments, a 12-minute video, and a speaker who is a representative of the Sanctuary Task Force, and an immigrant who has been through the process and granted asylum.

See below for the hours.

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1:00 – 2:00 PM and 7:30 – 8:30 PM (following the noon and 6:30 Ash Wednesday services)

Saturday, Feb. 17, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Sunday, Feb. 18, RECEPTION following the 10 AM service, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM  
Wednesday, Feb. 21, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Saturday, Feb. 24, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Sunday, Feb. 25, 11:00 – 1:00.

This art exhibit is part of the Episcopal Church's efforts to replace immigrant detention and electronic monitoring with the use of community-based supportive services.

Recent news articles:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/chicago/news/uncaged-art-from-previously-detained-migrant-children-on-display-in-chicago/>

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/el-paso-uncaged-art-spotlights-detained-kids-memories-home-n1044516>

"Uncaged Art from the Tornillo Detention Camp" curated by Dr. David Romo and Dr. Yolanda Chávez Leyva, directors of Museo Urbano, University of Texas at El Paso. Photographs ©Frontera Studio Graphic design by Amy Briones, Centennial Museum, University of Texas at El Paso.

## Chinese Mahjong

Chinese Mahjong is a game that forms community and teaches you some new skills. Please consider coming to watch or join in on Monday's @ the Sturtz House from 2:00pm-4:00pm. We would love to teach you. If you have any questions feel free to contact Michelle Chan @ [chelle1072@gmail.com](mailto:chelle1072@gmail.com) (847)858-2467.

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### Birthdays

2/4 Wendy O'Riordan  
2/4 Grace Guthrie  
2/4 Jay Ward  
2/6 Shona Garcia  
2/6 Una Colohan  
2/8 Lou Longo  
2/8 John Garcia  
2/9 Larry Quinlan  
2/10 Pat Steed  
2/10 Sally Smith

### Anniversaries

2/7 Darci and George Lorenzo  
2/10 Debbie and John Garcia

### In Loving Memory

2/4 Jane Bachini  
2/5 Suzanne Jantz  
2/5 Bob Hoffman  
2/6 Kent Taylor  
2/9 Patricia Jones  
2/10 Ralph Holvay  
2/10 Dave Hoffman

## Prayer Requests

Meg and Charlie, Sarah and Evelyn, Nancy, Jeff, Richard, Amy and Matthew, Christine, Jeff, Sharon, Andy, Marilyn and Pat, Caden, Sadie, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Ruth, Brian, Barb and Steve, Patty, Amy and Karen.

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**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.  
website: [www.stmichaelsbarrington.org](http://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org)

**The Sword**

The Sword is published each Thursday. The deadline to submit items to be included is Tuesday at 5:00 PM. Any questions or comments regarding this publication should be sent to [admin@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:admin@stmichaelsbarrington.org)

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