



ST MICHAEL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sword February 8, 2024

## St. Michael's Weekly News & Updates



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### A Note From Our Rector

Jesse Perkins

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Hello St. Michael's!

I left the annual meeting hopeful and excited, as I hope you did too. So much to be grateful for at St. Michael's, including a slow and steady regrowth after the return to in-person worship. We also spent a good deal of time discussing God's healing and how we can both receive it in our church, and take it out with us. God's salvation, redemption, and healing of the world bringing it to wholeness as it was created to be.

If you missed the sermon or the annual meeting, you can watch the videos here (email the church office for the password to access the directory):

<https://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/church-blog/1396-2024-annual-meeting-docs>

Just around the corner is Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. We are bringing back our annual Waffle making stations for Shrove Tuesday (we need to borrow waffle irons!) and adding some board games!

On Ash Wednesday, we are having services at the church at 12pm and 6:30pm (kids welcome).

Blessings to you as you finish this season of Epiphany, and begin preparation for a Holy Lent.

See you in church,  
Jesse+

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

Kim Curtis

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Annual meeting day seems just as important to me as kick off Sunday. It's mid point during the year and seems right to have reflection then review some of the procedures with the kids. It was fabulous to see so many families. Churches goal is to keep the children safe both at church and in the community. In todays world, we can have some tricky people and events occur. It's important to make sure the kids know to not wonder alone after church. Keep up with the buddy system or stay with a family member. The teachers will have a simple chat with the kids about this as well.

Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday and waffle night. This year the Taylors and Torbecks will include game night. If you have a waffle iron can we borrow it for the dinner??

On Ash Wednesday we will have a special childrens lesson in the chapel at 6:30pm. As usual, we will join the families during communion.

No Sunday school on President's Day weekend 2/18. Most of the volunteers will not be at church. We will still have nursery.

Hope to see you Tuesday!

## Lent Adult Study with Deacon Tim Contemplating Sanctified Art



Deacon Tim invites 8am worshippers and 10am worshippers to gather in the conference room near the community room between the Sunday services to contemplate and pray upon music pieces and images each week during Lent, with Sanctified Art. Each session will begin at 9:10 am, lasting 30 minutes. This might be for some an entry point for a different prayer practice. For others, a chance to practice guided contemplation. Wherever you may be in your prayer journey, please join us. (By the way, if you feel called to lead the contemplation a time or two, please contact Deacon Tim.)

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## Adult Forum with The Rev. Ralph Osborne



You are invited to join an adult forum after the 10:00 services during Lent. We will meet in the library from 11:30 -12. Fr. Ralph will be leading a study of chapters 13-17 in the

Gospel of John. It is called the Farewell Discourse. Each week we will explore the last words Jesus had for his disciples. The first Sunday, Feb 18, will be led by Bill Ferry. There will be a video introduction to Lent in the Holy Land. Be reading those chapters of John's gospel. Join us as we open ourselves to what Jesus said before traveled the Way of the Cross.

## 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***

#### ***THE LIFT GROUP ENJOYS A DAY AT SKYZONE***

On MLK. Jr. day, the LIFT group had fun at SkyZone. I think it's pretty evident by the pictures. Enjoy!

#### **SCHEDULE CHANGE:**

**NO LIFT on FEB. 18** - President's Day weekend.

See you on **Feb. 25th** for morning LIFT - 9:00 and **Sr. LIFT Night 6:00-7:30 p.m.!!**



Oops, wrong way!



Miss Kay is head over heels for LIFT



The sugar has JUST kicked in!



We may have killed the Rector's kid... 😞



## Upcoming Events



### **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+

### **Ash Wednesday**

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

## Ash Wednesday

Wednesday February 14  
12pm and 6:30pm



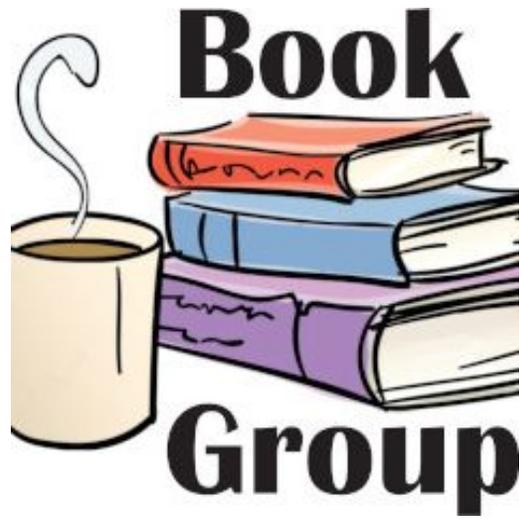
*...penitence and fasting  
...pardon and absolution*

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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)

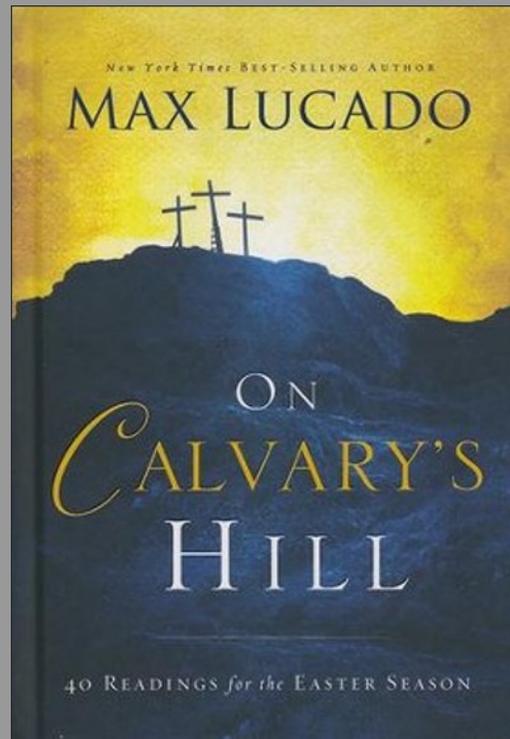


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## Women's Lenten Bible Study

Tuesday Evening Women's Lenten Bible Study  
7:00-8:30pm via Zoom  
2/20-3/26

Join us each week during Lent, beginning February 20, as we walk with Jesus - feeling His passion, sensing His authority, and hearing His promise that death has no power. Weekly discussions will be based on our reflections of the daily readings. Each reading includes Scripture verses, thoughtful prayers, and favorite passages designed to help us draw near to our Savior as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection. Contact Sally Smith at 847-274-4622 or Sue Barnum at 847-401-3050.



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## Announcements

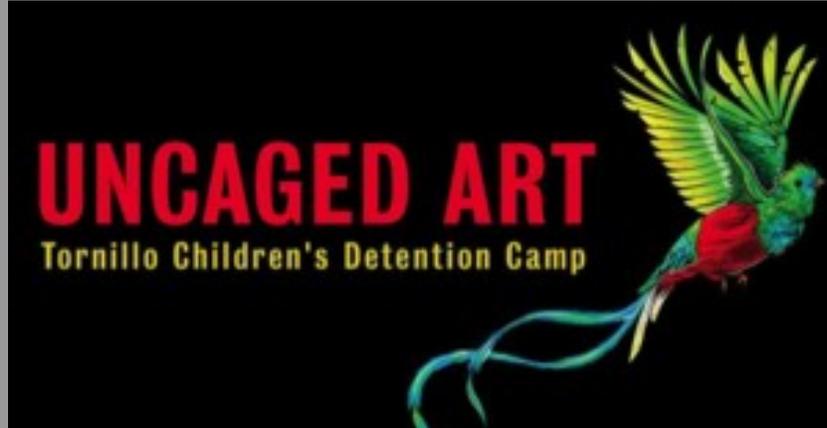
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### Pastoral Care Team Update

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.

## Uncaged Art Exhibit begins February 14 at St. Michael's



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

2/13 Molly O'Riordan  
2/13 Danny O'Riordan  
2/14 Charley Wickman  
2/15 Lauren Gabis  
2/17 Marilyn Borkgren-Okonek

### Anniversaries

2/13 Dayna and Scott Imhoff

### In Loving Memory

2/11 Patricia Johnson  
2/12 Mary Louise Weinberg  
2/13 Dorothy Rose  
2/13 George Ronald Morgan  
2/14 Ken Locher  
2/16 Juanita Fisher  
2/16 Jim Galasso  
2/16 Michael Foort  
2/16 Jan Rutkowski

### Prayer Requests

Lynda, Emma Rose, the Keen family, Zach and Jenny, Penelope and Sophia, Karen, Spencer, 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, and Amy.

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