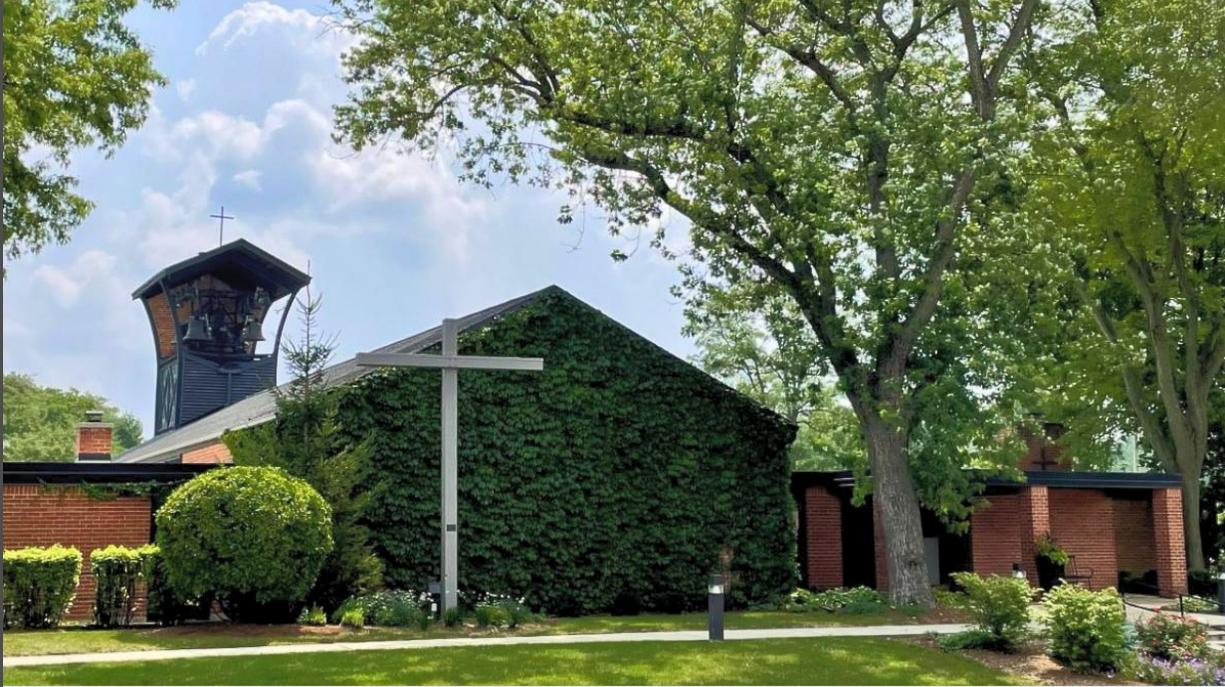




ST MICHAEL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sword February 15, 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,

As I mentioned in the Annual Meeting, I would like to announce a NEW weekend service at St. Michael's on Saturday evenings! Fr. Jim Swarthout will be leading a spoken worship service at 5pm weekly on Saturdays, starting on February 24, 2024.



**A Note from our Sunday School Director**

Kim Curtis

[kcurtis@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:kcurtis@stmichaelsbarrington.org)



Reminder no Sunday school this week. Enjoy President's Day weekend with your family and friends.

We will have nursery. Please consider signing up for a nursery angel. We really appreciate any kind of support for our Little Angels!

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>

## 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.)

[tmurray@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:tmurray@stmichaelsbarrington.org)

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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

## **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.!!**

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Bread Baking**

**Bread Baking Sunday February 25th!  
11:15 am**

Please join us after the 10:00 am service in the kitchen to bake the next batch of communion bread. Whether you've baked with us before or have absolutely no experience, we'd love to have you check out this fun ministry! No need to bring anything except yourself, hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary Ann Seagrist at [seagrist5@comcast.net](mailto:seagrist5@comcast.net) or 847-212-4218.

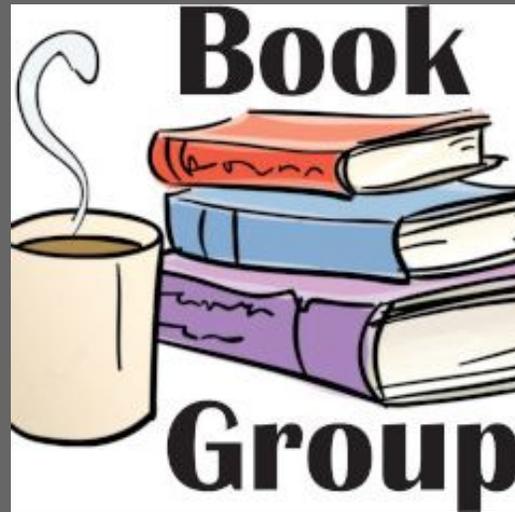


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## Book Club

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)

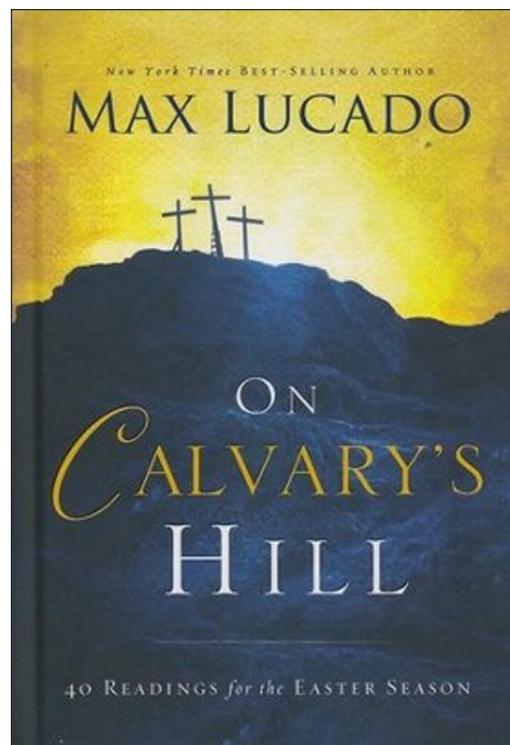


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## Women's Lenten Bible Study

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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### Lenten Fast

This week, many Christians throughout the world will begin their Lenten fasts by attending an Ash Wednesday service, and by receiving the imposition of ashes. The ashes have marked the start of our Lenten fast since the 10th century at least, with some evidence that a similar practice can be traced back to the fourth century.

(<http://ww1.antiochian.org/content/orthodox-ash-wednesday>) Often they are made by burning last year's palms from Palm Sunday, or can be purchased "pre-burnt" from church supply companies. When we come to the altar and receive they mark, the priest, "remember that we are dust, and to dust we shall return," inviting us to repent and receive

God's forgiveness while we have breath still to breathe....

CLICK HERE FOR MORE -> <https://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/church-blog/1400-symbols-of-our-faith-5-ashes?preview=1>



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## Meals on Wheels Volunteer Coordinator

# VOLUNTEER



We are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator for Meals on Wheels. Too many seniors find it challenging to access healthy food or cook nutritious meals. That's where Meals on Wheels comes in. This remarkable network delivers a staggering 251 million meals each year to 2.2 million seniors and counting. The coordinator works with St. Michael's volunteer drivers to schedule deliveries two days a month. If interested, please contact Jesse at [jperkins@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:jperkins@stmichaelsbarrington.org).

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## Lent Madness



# LENT MADNESS

## WHO WILL WIN THE GOLDEN HALO?

Use the link below to register for your digital pdf – any questions please contact Kay Richards at [kmr1941@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kmr1941@sbcglobal.net)

<https://www.lentmadness.org/category/lent-madness-2024/>

## 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

2/18 Penny Kazmier  
2/19 James Pepper  
2/22 Suzanne Fleer  
2/22 Connie Wolff  
2/22 Darci Lorenzo

### Anniversaries

2/22 Kristy and Sean Harrington

### In Loving Memory

2/18 Henry Parker  
2/21 Agnes Sanford  
2/21 Terrence Willis  
2/23 Don Johnson  
2/24 June Foy

2/22 Sara Torbeck  
2/23 Semmy Semerad  
2/23 Laura Dern  
2/23 Juliet Duncan  
2/24 Rick Ryba  
2/24 Hayden Harris

## Prayer Requests

Lynda, Emma Rose, the Kean 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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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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