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A note from Deacon Tim Murray



Dear People of St. Michael's,

I appreciate your response to our recognition of Migration With Dignity last Sunday. In the sermons and Coffee Hour, Ellen Lindeen shared her deep experience and knowledge about Episcopal Church ministry with people who migrate: refugees, asylum seekers, migrants who arrived as children,

temporary workers, students admitted with student visas, and others. Those who attended, particularly in the Coffee Hour, wondered how we might help going forward.

We would like to identify in the near term one or two others who would assist Ellen with leading the parish Peace & Justice ministry. We also welcome any who would like to volunteer for - yet not necessarily lead - Peace & Justice ministry. Within the parish ministry, we could for instance develop plans to connect with observer training available through the Diocese of Chicago ministry for Peace & Justice. Observers attend public court hearings in which migrants may be present, for example.

Additionally, And All the Angels gift shop and I are developing a plan to purchase bulk orders of Bibles in Spanish or other languages. Deacons of the diocese have developed a relationship with a chaplain who serves at a migrant detention facility. The chaplain is able to provide Bibles to people in detention. Except for religious texts such as a Bible, the detained people are unable to keep personal property to themselves when they are moved from facility to facility.

These are just a couple of examples of tangible support that could be offered. May a vibrant parish Peace & Justice ministry serve as a shining example of the ways that the St. Michael's Church community exemplifies the Baptismal commitments to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves, and to strive for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being . . . with God's help.

I welcome your questions about participating with the parish Peace & Justice ministry.

With prayer for peace,

Deacon Tim

Upcoming Special Parish Meeting March 15th



The Special Parish Meeting discussed at the Annual Meeting last week, will be held on March 15th after the regular 10am service. The meeting will also be available on Zoom.

The purpose of the meeting will be to conduct the Warden, Vestry and Convention delegate elections that were delayed. Nominations from the floor are also allowed under the bylaws. You will be able to vote at the meeting or in advance. Further

information about how to vote in advance either electronically or by using a paper ballot that can be returned to the church will be finalized in the next few weeks.

There will be several other notices coming out in the next few weeks, The first notice will relate to the slate of candidates finalized by the Nominating Committee of Bill Ferry, Sandy Rauschenberg and Ann Ryba and approved by the Vestry.

Please reach out to Fr. Ralph or either of the Wardens if you have any questions.

PRE-SCHOOL

Registration for the 2026-2027 school years begins on January 26th.

Open Positions

Co-Lead 4's Preschool Teacher, Rainbow Room:

Start Date: March 1, 2026

Hours:

Monday: 8:30-3

Tuesday: 8:30-3

Wednesday: 8:30-3

Thursday: 8:30-3

We will hope this person can stay on in the summer and fall 2026.

For Fall 2026-2027, we will need a co-teacher five days per week in the Rainbow Room.

1 preschool aide

Start date: asap

Hours:

Tuesday: 8:30-12

Thursday: 8:30-1

Friday: 8:30-12

We hope this position will carry over into the 2026-2027 school year and beyond

Summer Camp staff (3 people needed)

2nd week of June-last week of July, with the week o July 4th off.

Hours:

9am-12 pm

Days:

Monday-Thursday

Thank you for your assistance in getting the word out!

Janelle

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"For children, play is serious learning.

Play is really the work of childhood."

-Fred Rogers

SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Ash Wednesday the Sunday school children will gather at 6:30pm in the chapel for a special Ash Wednesday lesson.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent — a season where we slow down, reflect, pray, and prepare our hearts for Easter.

The ashes remind us that we belong to God. They are a sign of humility, repentance, and a fresh start. It's not about being perfect — it's about turning our hearts towards God.

After our children's time together in the chapel, we will join our families in the church to receive ashes. This is a meaningful moment during Lent and a chance for the children to bond.

I encourage your children to come with an open heart and a spirit ready to grow.

LIFT



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REBUILDING TOGETHER



Rebuilding Together – Metro Chicago 2026

“Repairing homes, Revitalizing communities, and rebuilding lives”

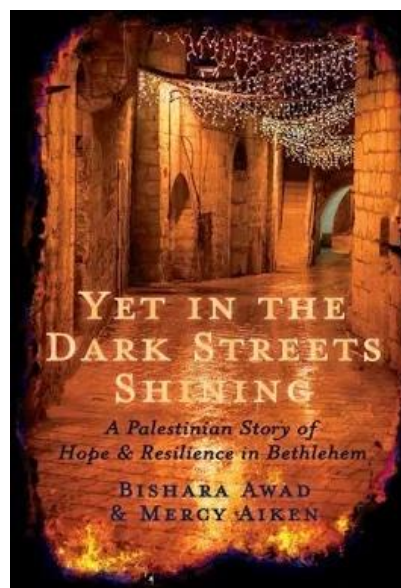
Saturday April 25th St. Michael's rejoins Rebuilding Together in Maywood for our 4th year. Rebuilding Together has been working for 35 Years in Chicago making homes Warm, safe and Dry.

We're looking for more volunteers this year. Anyone 14 Years and older can participate (With consent). If interested, please **contact Bill Ferry @ wkf630_2002@yahoo.com, or (847) 450-3846**

Learn more about Rebuilding Together – Metro Chicago with this link: [Rebuilding Together](#) |

Thanks to St. Michael's Outreach for their continued support.

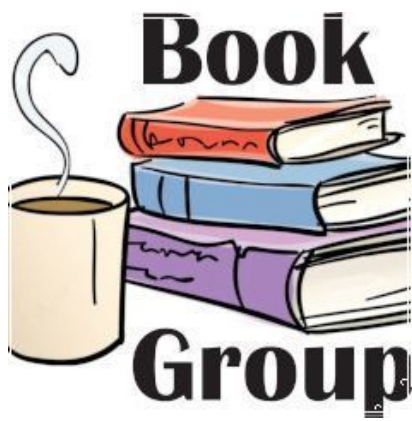
AND ALL THE ANGELS GIFT SHOP



"Yet in the Dark Streets Shining, A Palestinian Story of Hope & Resilience in Bethlehem" by Bishara Awad & Mercy Aiken is a paperback book, highly recommended by Fr. Ralph & Cindy Osborne, that is now available at And All the Angels gift shop. It is particularly recommended for pilgrims planning to visit the Holy Land in October.

Visit us on Wednesdays from 11 am to 5 pm, and from 9 am until 12 pm on Saturdays & Sundays. We stock a wide selection of gifts and books, and all our profits are donated to women's and children's charities.

BOOK GROUP



Because Ash Wednesday falls on the third Wednesday this month, the Book Group will meet on the fourth **Wednesday, February 25**. We will discuss "**The Correspondent**" - a critically acclaimed novel by Virginia Evans. The discussion will be led by Cindy Osborne, in the church library, beginning at 7 pm. Questions? Contact kfrelk4@gmail.com. We welcome new readers!

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 17, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held in the Community Room at 5:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



FOYERS

Foyers Groups connect people of our parish through informal social gatherings which include a casual meal.

Small groups (6 - 10) of parishioners meet in their homes for a series of meals over the course of a year, with each household taking a turn hosting.

Develop new friendships
Deepen old friendships
Strengthen our community bonds

To sign up, or to learn more, contact Jenn Mears: jennifermears19@gmail.com

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Birthdays

2/15 Lauren Gabis
2/17 Marilyn Borkgren-Okonek
2/18 Penny Kazmier
2/19 James S. Pepper
2/21 Erica Krysiak

Anniversaries

In Loving Memory

2/15 Damien Gabis
2/16 Juanita Fisher
2/16 Jim Galasso
2/16 Michael Foort
2/16 Jan Rutkowski
2/18 Henry Parker
2/21 Agnes Sanford
2/21 Terrence Willis
Vicky Jackson
Vicki Lewis
Philip R. Lessner, Jr.

Prayer Requests

Leslie and John and the Yerger family, Dolores and Earl and the Duncan family, Judie, Florence, Kristen, Marcia, David, Truman, Holly, Bruce, Chris, Emily, Jodi, Kathryn, Kim and the Lessner family, the Lewis family, Ralph, Ricky, Jack, Jerrina and family, Jordan, Amor, Braelyn, Lisa, Kimberlie, Jesophine, Kathy, Denise, Doug, Sally, Mary, John, Teresa, Dolores and family, Kitty, Olivia and family, Liam and family, Nancy, Caden, Dave, Brian, Barb and Steve, and Patty, and for all whom you alone know.

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The Sword

The Sword is published each Thursday. The deadline to submit items to be included is Wednesday at 5:00 PM. Any questions or comments regarding this publication should be sent to sword@stmichaelsbarrington.org

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