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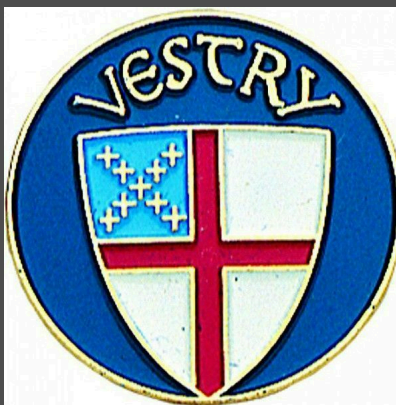
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A note from Sr. Warden Liz Gabis



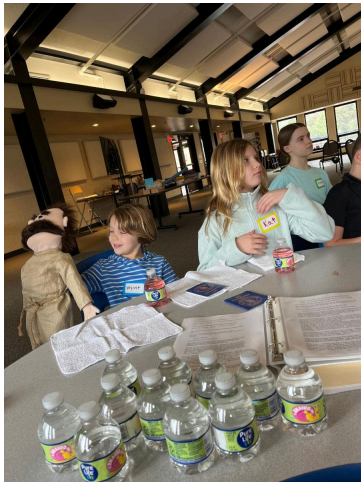
Thank you to everyone who helped make our Lenten and Easter festivities so wonderful. It certainly takes a village to collaborate and do all of the planning to make it a success. It was a joy to see it all come together. From the music to the altar guild, lectors, ushers, greeters, acolytes, communion bread bakers, fellowship helpers for our

three well-attended receptions, planning by the clergy, staff, vestry and the various ministries including worship, technology and communications, building and grounds, and the youth and children's activities including the beautiful Easter egg hunt.

This year Easter fell on my birthday, and it was a very special birthday for me. Easter is a moveable feast, set as the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the vernal equinox, so that date can range from March 22 to April 25 due to the lunar calendar rules. One of my favorite things that happened on my "Hoppy" Easter Birthday was the Children's Sermon that included approximately 25 children who cheerfully participated. I know it will be a very memorable birthday present for me for years to come.

If you were unable to attend any of our Easter services this year, we missed you! Please also remember that the recordings are available on the website.

Sunday School



What does the sword mean to you? I was discussing this with the team this week. It is communication, it is how we stay connected. I have written over 300 sword messages since my time at St. Michael's. Each week, I try to give a recap of the Sunday school and apply it to the real world that we are living. This time, I decided to break it down into an acrostic. An acrostic is when each letter of a word stands for a part of a message

S – Scripture theme of Jesus is alive, was the focus of this week Sunday school lessons

W – Word

What a powerful journey we've shared together—from the quiet reflection of Holy Week to the joy-filled celebration of Easter morning. On Good Friday, we walked through the story of sacrifice, love, and ultimate victory. And then, with laughter and excitement, we watched our children run in celebration during the Easter egg hunt—a beautiful reminder that joy follows resurrection.

O – Observation

Easter isn't just a day—it's a turning point. The resurrection reminds us that hope is never buried for long. Just like the empty tomb, God continues to surprise us with new life, fresh starts, and unexpected joy—even in seasons that feel uncertain or heavy.

R – Response

As we move forward, don't leave Easter behind. Carry it with you. Let it shape how you see your struggles, your relationships, and your purpose. Where do you need to trust that God is still bringing life? Where can you choose joy, even now?

D – Deed

This week, take one step to live out the resurrection: Encourage someone who needs hope or Spend time in prayer thanking God for new beginnings

The bottom line is we want to stay connected—there's still time to grow through opportunities. We always need help with our kiddos, let me know if you can help us out once in a while. If you see we have a lot of kids one particular Sunday, feel free to just join us.

SWORD..... These points will carry us into the last stretch of this program year. We will be looking forward to Youth Sunday on May 3rd.

Vacation Bible School will be Monday, August 3rd thru Thursday, August 6th this year, 9:30am – 12:30pm.

BUILDING TOGETHER



On April 25th, St. Michaels is again participating with Rebuilding Together for our 4th year. We have a team of over 15 volunteers headed to Maywood for National Rebuilding Day. Our Homeowner is thrilled with the long list of projects we have planned. Below is a link to learn more about National Rebuilding Day.

<https://www.rebuildingtogether-chi.com/rebuilding-day>

As in the past we have asked for donations to help support the work. Below is a link with a wish list from Amazon. You can order and have it shipped to St. Michaels, or to my home (722 S. Grove Ave., Barrington Ill 60010). We would like all Amazon orders shipped to arrive no later than 4/22 so we can bring them to our homeowner. Also, financial donations can be designated and sent to the church.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/L0E2LYSPLN59?ref_=wl_share

Thanks in advance for helping with the Mission:

“Repairing homes, revitalizing communities, rebuilding lives”.

Also, thank you to St. Michaels Outreach for their continued support.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

Possibly, you know someone.....

You know the theory of 6, right? Everyone is connected by 6 steps. Now that we have moved into the “accepting applications” portion of our search, we believe you can help us in this mission to find our next Rector. In addition to the extensive search currently being coordinated through the Diocese of Chicago, we are asking if any of you may know (through your travels or acquaintances or family) of any priests who might be interested in applying. If you do have any leads or suggestions, please let us know by emailing the search committee at searchstmikes@gmail.com or reaching out directly to a committee member. We will then direct them to <https://episcopalchicago.org/for-clergy/clergy-openings/>

Thank you!

Now that our Rector position is posted on the Diocesan website, We invite you to take a look at our Parish Profile!

<https://stmichaelsbarrington.aflip.in/6ebe0890eb.html>

LIFT



FROM THE LIFT LEADER'S DESK

Resume LIFT - Sun. March 29 (Palm Sunday)

Friday, April 3 - LIFT Service Day - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Visitation to some of our St. Michael's shut-ins.

We will then go as a group to the noon Good Friday service.

NO LIFT - Easter Morning - April 5

Sun. April 12 - FINAL Sr. LIFT (for this year)

Sunday, May 3 - Youth Sunday/Graduate Recognition Day/Reception - Jackson Summerfield, youth preacher that day

Sun. May 17, FINAL LIFT DAY

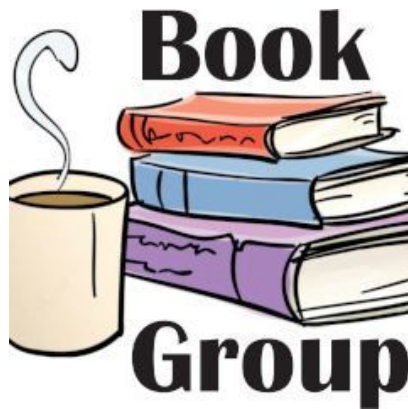
Final Spring Event - Top Golf - to be announced later

LIFT MISSION TRIP TO MILLER BEACH (GARY, IN) - Friday, July 31 - Sun. Aug.

2. Two nights this year! Mark your calendars now! More info to come!

[Click for LIFT Schedule](#)

BOOK GROUP



The novel "Theo of Golden", by Allen Levi, explores themes of generosity, community and finding holiness in everyday life. The discussion will be led by Carol Berman, in the church library, on Wednesday, April 15, beginning at 7 pm. All adult readers are welcome to join us!

AND ALL THE ANGELS GIFT SHOP



First Holy Communion gift frames, rosaries, bracelets and more are available in the And All the Angels gift shop. Remember us for Baptism, Confirmation, Graduation, birthday and other special occasions as well. We're open Wednesdays, 11 am to 5 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays, 9 to noon. We are happy to meet with you at other times, if we are available. Call us to arrange a time!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to making the Easter receptions a success! We showed once again that our church family does faith, fellowship, food, and fun really well.

Please check the kitchen counter for your serving platter or carrying container.

Thank you, Sam

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Birthdays

4/12 Jill Deichmann
4/12 Benjamin Deichmann
4/15 Dave Evans
4/17 Susan DeBauche
4/18 Julianne Schultz

Anniversaries

4/12 Judy and Jeff Tolle

In Loving Memory

4/12 Jacob Guss
4/12 Barbara Kohlhasse
4/14 Lawrence Dickson
4/18 Julie Manning
4/18 Carmen Morris
Florence Compton

Prayer Requests

The Compton family, Morgan, Paul, Clark, Kristen, Braelyn, Kimberlie, Kathy, Denise, Doug, Sally, Mary, John, Teresa, 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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