



ST MICHAEL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER RALPH

Many of you know that I have been devoting a portion of Sunday morning announcements to encourage us to pray for our new rector and have a “Welcoming the New Rector Moment.” It is important for us to be praying for our new rector and for ourselves to be ready to welcome them and join in ministry together.

Every day, I pray for St. Michael's and whoever our new rector will be. A couple of days ago, I was praying and got to the point in my prayers where I pray for our new rector. It was at this time I recalled an image from my youth, when I was still a child in the Roman Catholic Church. It was either a statue or a picture of Jesus and his heart was glowing. There was a heart in his chest, and it was glowing! Later I learned that this was called, “The Sacred Heart”. I guess it stayed with me. So, I prayed that our new rector would have the heart of Jesus, a sacred heart. Then I thought that was a lofty expectation. Then I thought, if I/we pray that our new priest has the heart of Jesus, that I/we should pray that we have the heart of Jesus too. That made me smile while I was praying. It is a holy and lofty goal for all of us!

Join me in praying that the heart of our new priest glows. Pray with me that we too will practice having the heart of Jesus in our interactions with each other, in our interactions with our new priest

when they come, and in our interactions with the world.



PHOTOS FOR THE NEW PARISH DIRECTORY

Father Ralph will be available after service THIS Sunday to take a professional quality photo of your family. This Sunday is your last chance in July to get your family picture taken!

If you have a recent professional quality photo, please email that photo as a JPEG to jcisco@stmichaelsbarrington.org.

If you do not have a recent high quality photo and are unable to make it to church to get your picture taken, please reach out to Jamie at the parish office, **847-381-2323**, to make arrangements to have one taken. These photos will all be used in the new directory.

This directory will be a gift to our new rector; it will allow him/her to put faces to names and begin to learn their new congregation. In order to make this a reality, your help is needed.

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Minecraft Vacation Bible School Experience

August 3rd - 6th
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m
Snack is included

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 647 Dundee Ave. Barrington, IL

Vacation Bible School is open to
all children pre-school - 5th grade
for the 2026-2027 school year

Click on QR Code to
Register or Volunteer



VBS is free to attend, a \$10 donation per child is appreciated

Contact Kim Curtis
kcurtis@stmichaelsbarrington.org
for more information



SUNDAY, JULY 19th IS STOCK THE SHELVES SUNDAY!

This month's "most needed" items are:

- Canned salmon/tuna/chicken/pork
- Cereal
- Coffee- **1 pound or smaller** - no K-cups, please!
- Liquid Laundry Detergent – **37 ounce or smaller** – no pods, please!
- Paper towels,
- Toilet paper

- Facial tissue
- Shampoo – **adult and baby**
- Razors
- Shaving cream
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Bar soap/body wash
- Deodorant
- Diapers sizes 4, 5, 6

Special request: granola or snack bars for Snack Packing on July 26.

Complete List of Needed Items



SERVICE SUNDAY RETURNS JULY 26!

The Outreach Team invites you to a Snack Pack and Spice Bag Assembly Line Party after the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, July 26. Your hands become God's hands as we bag up spices for Ravenswood Community Services food pantry, and snack packs for kids.

The Humboldt Community Free Store will be distributing the snack packs we create to help combat food insecurity for 75-100 children who don't receive school meals during the summer.

Fellowship for all and we mean ALL ages! Please bring a summer salad or dessert to share and the Outreach team will roast up spice bag chicken.

*Please drop off boxed snacks in Ruth's Summer Wagon
we're shooting for another 500 Snack bags!*

AND ALL THE ANGELS GIFT SHOP

Angels and Crosses and Stars, Oh My!

A new shipment of olive wood products from the Holy Land has arrived in the And All the Angels gift shop. Unique, handcrafted angels, Bethlehem stars and nativities differ in design due to natural variations in olive wood and the individuality of the artisans.



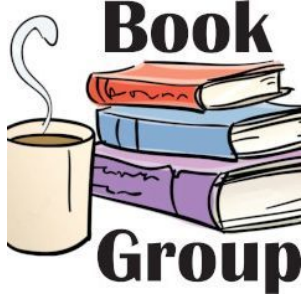
Visit our shop on Wednesdays from 11 am to 5 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from 9 am until noon.

For more information, contact Kathi Frelk kfrelk4@gmail.com or Cindy Osborne cosborne46@gmail.com.

BOOK GROUP

"My Friends" is a 2025 novel by Fredrik Backman, the #1 New York Times author of "A Man Called Ove". Danny Warner will lead our book discussion on Wednesday, July 15th, 7 pm in the church library.

All adult readers are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact Kathi Frelk kfrelk4@gmail.com



Venezuela Earthquake Response via Episcopal Relief & Development



In the wake of recent earthquakes in Venezuela, Episcopal Relief & Development is ready to respond. Disaster response is a primary pillar of the ministry of Episcopal Relief & Development. If you wish to support the people of Venezuela, a financial donation to Episcopal Relief & Development is an excellent option. There is a diocese of Episcopalians in Venezuela, part of Province IX.

Donations in any amount will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made through St. Michael's by check or online. *Please make payment to St. Michael's Church, and on the "memo" line note "ER&D – Venezuela relief."*

You may alternatively give directly to Episcopal Relief & Development through its website. When you visit their website, you will also find some prayer prompts for your consideration.

Episcopal Relief

Summer Supper Symposium

July 29th, 6 - 8 PM

Megan Wells

Portraying Helen Keller



Presentation at:
Holy Apostles Episcopal Church
26238 N. HWY 59 Wauconda, IL

August 26th, 6 - 8 PM

Fiedler and Weadick Families

Signing of the Declaration of Independence



Presentation at:
Federated Church of Wauconda
200 Barrington Rd. Wauconda, IL

Join us for a light meal followed by a Historic Storyteller

Presented by: Federated Church of Wauconda and Holy Apostles Episcopal Church

RSVP and Registration are encouraged. Questions are welcome, 847-526-8471.



Federated Church of Wauconda federatedchurchofwauconda.org 847-526-8471

Prayer Requests

The Angel family, George, Jackie, Bob, Gina, Maryann, Katie and Jim, the Zukowski family, Megan, Heather, Bonnie, Mitzi, Paul, Braelyn, Kimberlie, Kathy, Doug, Sally, Mary, John, Teresa, Liam and family, Nancy, Caden, Dave, Brian, Barb and Steve, and Patty, and for all whom you alone know.

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Birthdays

7/12 Clark Beverly
7/12 Kristen Krueger
7/13 Tim Murray
7/15 Betty Carrubba
7/15 Benjamin Sproul
7/18 Casey Mangan

Anniversaries

7/18 Andrea & Mike Willis

In Loving Memory

7/12 Kel Potter
7/12 Kevin Callahan
7/13 Aurthur Rogers
7/13 Paul Robbins
7/14 Ora Buckman
7/16 Bryon May
7/16 Elaine Walerius
7/18 John C. Forbes
7/18 Timothy Okonek
7/18 Donal Wolters
7/18 Timothy Hooker
Tami Zukowski
Deb Angel

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