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What a Wonderful Weekend – God's Presence Was All Around Us

By: Bob Hoyler

Thanks to all who attended either or both the Saturday BBQ and/or the Sunday masses. Y'all did a great job of letting Fr. Ralph and Cindy know just how much they are loved. God even teased us with some rain on Saturday, but it didn't dampen a great party and the opportunity for all of us to reconnect with old friends and meet folks new to the parish. Wasn't it great having so many young people among us? A special shout out to Ben and Winston for managing a rain-soaked Bags tournament and awards presentation.

There are too many folks to highlight in a list of thank-yous for both Saturday and Sunday, so I apologize if you feel left out. It was amazing how many folks helped with the cleanup. Thank you. However, I think 3 special mentions are in order.

I would like to thank Steve Kahn who instigated the idea of having a summer event like Clark used to host. Without him, the BBQ wouldn't have happened.

Thanks to the choir. They did an amazing job on Sunday. The music was absolutely beautiful. It's so great to have the choir back!!

And lastly thanks to Rick Ryba. St. Michael's has never had an event that enabled and promoted recycling; another way to serve the Lord by saving our planet. Rick volunteered to organize the separation of garbage, get and set up the bins; handle all the waste and make sure we recycled everything we possible could. He set a standard for how St. Michael's should handle recyclable waste going forward. Thanks Rick.

God is good and his love for us as a community shone through. God bless you all.

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ELGIN SOUP KETTLE MINISTRY AT ST. MICHAEL'S



For over 20 years, a group from St. Michael's has been providing one meal a month for the Elgin Soup Kettle. Sponsored by the Elgin Cooperative Ministry, their motto is "We provide hot meals every day of the week, no questions asked."

We provide a prepared dinner for approximately 80 people on the second Thursday of every month at Elgin's Holy Trinity Lutheran Church but are only a small part of a much larger effort, as the Soup Kettle serves daily breakfast and dinner at different churches throughout the Elgin community.

We are always looking for more help. Here is what to expect...Our list of volunteers receives an email once a month outlining that month's meal. Sometimes we are looking for ingredients, and a smaller group cooks the meal, and other times we may request pans of lasagna and bags of salad – there is no set menu. We are always looking for someone willing to drive the prepared food to Holy Trinity as well. You can help every month, or only once in a while, it is up to you.

Please use the links below to learn more about the Elgin Cooperative Ministry as well as how you can sign up to help with the Elgin Soup Kettle.

[Elgin Cooperative Ministry](#)

[St. Michael's Elgin Soup Kettle Sign-Up Sheet](#)

9/11 REMEMBRANCE LITURGY



On Friday, September 11, 2026, at Noon, in the Chapel, we will gather in person for a liturgy of readings, remembrance, and prayers.

Twenty-five years can be both a short and a long distance of time. Deacon Tim and Father Jimmy will lead us in devoting attention to Truthful Grief and Resurrection Hope.

On the following Sunday, September 13, we will include prayers devoted to remembrance and reflection upon 9/11 in the Eucharist services at both 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

CLAUDIA SWARTHOUT SHARES HELPFUL TECHNOLOGY WHEN HEARING IS DIFFICULT

I have two cochlear implants, and although they have been a wonderful gift, hearing every word in church can still be challenging. I've discovered the Live Transcribe app, which turns spoken words into text on my phone screen in real time. It is especially helpful during sermons, prayers, announcements, and conversations.



If you have an iPhone, go to the Apple Store. If an Android, open Google Play. Type in Live Transcribe and click on the app with the above icon (blue elephant) Tap install, open the app and allow microphone access. It can be free, but only for a short time. I recommend purchasing the yearly rate of 79.99. If you find you need more minutes per month, you can always upgrade.

If you want to change the size of the text, tap the text button on the bottom right. When you are ready to use the app, tap the microphone icon and you should see two vertical lines. This indicates its recording. Tap again to stop.
I hope this is of help.

To learn more about the app and how to use it please talk with Fr. Jimmy or Claudia Swarthout after services.



TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study begins on Tuesday, September 15th from 9:30-11:00 in the Sturtz House!

Get ready. This fall, we will be doing an in-depth study of parable of the prodigal son using Henri Nouwen's book, "The Return of the Prodigal Son" as our guide. It is a story for all time. We will explore how God, in his "crazy" abundant love, welcomes us home even as we wander, get tangled up in relationships and seek forgiveness - day after day after day.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other women in warm and welcoming group. We laugh a lot. We have rousing and practical discussions about the book, and we support each other by sharing blessings and prayer requests each week. Please join us!

For more information, please contact Nancy Seth at ncseth35@hotmail.com or Kay Lewis at kaylewis1029@gmail.com.



SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 9-13-26

Come visit our Sunday School classrooms during coffee hour on Sunday, September 13! See where our children learn, grow in faith, and create beautiful artwork.

Our Sunday School children will also be serving popcorn during coffee hour. Please stop by, enjoy a treat, and celebrate all the wonderful things happening in Sunday School !

Veteran's Recognition Plaque

A recognition plaque for veterans associated with St. Michael's has been proposed to honor those who served in the Military.

Before the memorial plaque can be created, the estimated number of names to be listed needs to be determined.



Please watch the Sword for more information as well as a link to a form in next week's Sword.

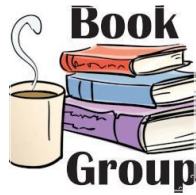
AND ALL THE ANGELS GIFT SHOP

And All the Angels carries child-size bracelets and necklaces, as well as children's keepsake crosses and rosaries, to commemorate baptisms, First Communion, faith and family celebrations.



Visit us Wednesdays from 11am to 5pm, and Saturday and Sunday mornings, 9am to 12pm.

For more details, contact Kathi Frelk, kfrelk4@gmail.com



BOOK GROUP

Phosphorescence, On Awe, Wonder and Things That Sustain You When the World Goes Dark, by Julia Baird, is our Wednesday, September 16, selection. We meet in the church library, at 7 pm.

Georgianne Harms leads this month's discussion, and new members are always welcome.

Questions? Contact Kathi Frelk, kfrelk4@gmail.com

KEY DATES IN OUR TRANSITION

Here are the important dates for our upcoming transition.

- Monday, September 21st - Fr. Nate's first day at St. Michael's
- Sunday, September 27th - Fr. Nate presides at both Sunday services with celebratory coffee hour/meet and greet between services

AROUND THE DIOCESE

**An Informational Seminar about
MEDICAL AID IN DYING (MAID)**

OR

DEB'S LAW

Will be offered on

Sunday, September 27

3:30 –5 p.m.

**Episcopal Church of the Holy Apostles
26238 N. Highway 59
Wauconda, Ill 60084
847-526-7148**

The Reverend Judith Doran will share information about SB1950, signed into law by Governor J.B. Pritzker on 12/12/25 and enacted on September 12, 2026. The history of MAID and current landscape in the U.S., how it is changing medical practices, and specifics about MAID in Illinois will be covered.

Reservations to attend can be made by emailing holyapostlesoffice@gmail.com or calling 847.526.7148, no later than Friday, September 25th.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Andrew, Barb, Sam, Jeff, Jamie, Maribeth, Bob, George, Jackie, Katie and Jim, Heather, Mitzi, Paul, Braelyn, Kimberlie, Kathy, Doug, Sally, Mary, John, Teresa, Liam and family, Nancy, Caden, Dave, Brian, Patty, and for all whom you alone know.

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Birthdays

9/8 Anabelle Osos
9/12 Nancy Marks

Anniversaries

9/9 Betty and Paul Carrubba
9/9 Jamie and Nickolas Sproul
9/10 Janet and Thomas Sell

In Loving Memory

9/6 Howard Johnson
9/6 Adelaide Hunter
9/8 Helen Robinson
9/8 Carmen Gozzola
9/8 Francis Kenney
9/9 Jack Fisher
9/10 Helen Herriman
Steve Hubbard

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