



ST MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sword March 16, 2023

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A Note From Our Rector

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If you have been looking around lately during the 10am service (and even the 8am!), you may have noticed that St. Michael's has a considerable number of visitors these

days. Truly it is a blessing to see new faces, and to welcome them into our worship and community life. Just the past month, we had a newcomers' brunch where eighteen people stayed! Learning names and faces, and helping to integrate our new members into the life of the parish has become a wonderful and blessed need.

So I need some volunteers! I need one or two people to take on the task of a Newcomers committee, and a couple of additional people to be on the team. My dream would be to reimagine the greeters ministry, so that we are really the front line when it comes to meeting new people and ushering them into our community. Not only would this include greeting them on Sunday mornings, but getting information for our church directory (in the works), name tags, and serving a newcomer brunch every year or more when needed.

Would you like to help me reimagine our Newcomers response team? Shoot me a note.

Blessings, ☐ Jesse

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A Note From Deacon Tim

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This week I am delighted to present Lynn and Forest Mayberry to highlight [Forward Day by Day](#) as a Lent Devotion and the Mayberrys' reflections upon their parish ministry efforts. Lynn and Forest facilitate Foyers Groups and they have participated in St. Michael's efforts in support of the Theological College of Renk Diocese of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan for several years.

A variety of inspiring people and ministries issue devotions, meditations, and reflections with which to encourage us on our paths of spiritual development. I am sampling several of these with guests (members of St. Michael's community) in video interviews posted with the weekly newsletter during the season of Lent. We want to hear your reactions and any suggestions for your favorite Lent reflections to consider highlighting for the benefit of the community. Please email [Deacon Tim](#).

A Note From Our Sunday School Director

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Building and Grounds

We have expected this for some time now. The community room rooftop unit has given us a lot of years of heating and air conditioning comfort. Actually, to be accurate, it's been 20 plus years. Last week when it went out again, we were told it needs to be replaced. In order to have proper bids for this replacement we need to have 3 comparable proposals. I have been told delivery dates could be a few weeks. I have explained it would be important for us to have it installed before Easter. So that is the goal! Also, with the numerous power outages we have been having, I'm having an overall electrical inspection this month of the circuits and panels. Finally, BLAST cleaning is been officially contracted as our new cleaning company. They will be cleaning the church twice a week on Mondays and Fridays. This schedule I am loving. Clean up before and after Sundays!

LIFT



Jr. & Sr. LIFT meets EVERY Sunday morning - 9:00 a.m. Sturtz House

[LIFT Schedule](#)

From the LIFT Leader's Desk

I tell them often, but I thought it's time to tell you, the parishioners, what the phrase *It Takes a Village* looks like.

This past year, Michelle Chan and Mary Ann Seagrist have been my Sunday morning helpers - there every week (at least one of them). Remember, these are volunteers; they

don't have to do this!

In the past, I've had a wonderful corps of LIFT Reserves adults who have graciously said yes to my request to help out with LIFT on Sunday mornings. Those precious individuals (Bill Ferry, Lynn & Forest Mayberry, Greg Mears, Wes & Ann Kimes, Michelle & Kirk Chan, Caroline & Fred Hille, Samia Hefferan, and forgive me if I've left someone out) helped to give me assistance and keep us in compliance with the Episcopal Church's rules about keeping our children safe (having at least two adults present).

But this year, oh boy! Having consistent help has been such a blessing! I can travel to see my little grandson without guilt!

When Michelle taught recently, she told me that she was teaching the lesson on Jesus' transfiguration and how God had spoken out of the cloud that he was well-pleased with his son and to listen to him. Then Jesus told the three disciples to "Get Up..." She asked, "What would you do if Jesus asked you to get up and come here?" Jackson said, "I would Run to him."

Last Sunday, Mary Ann taught for me and used some lessons from the Living Compass Lenten guide on Compassion. Her text to me: *When asked near the beginning of the lesson does anyone know what empathetic means, Sam said something like "It's understanding how the other person feels." Then Winston said, "It's putting yourself in someone else's shoes." I was floored & excited that not one, but two of them knew!*

It is a joy and a privilege to teach young people. It is a huge responsibility that the LIFT team takes seriously, from teaching to planning activities for fun and service, to tracking our money. It truly *Takes a Village*. Thank you, Lord, for my wonderful village!

Peace, Kay Lewis
LIFT Leader

Little Angels Preschool

Hello St. Michael's Members, Little Angels Christian Preschool is holding a "Cards for a Cause" Fundraiser from March 6 – 17, 2023. You can order boxed sets of 30 beautiful cards and envelopes for \$30. Great to have in the house when you suddenly realize you need a card for someone! An order form will be located in the church office on Sunday for anyone who would like to order a box. Please place cash or checks payable to St. Michaels Episcopal Church in the envelope by the order forms. Please see the flyer for the box set options.

If you miss the order form in the office or are not at church this Sunday feel free to contact Caren Hunter at chunter@stmichaelsbarrington to place an order.

Thank you in advance for helping us fund our playground improvements this season!

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Cards for a Cause Fundraiser

Offer boxed sets of 30* beautifully embellished cards with matching envelopes to help your organization reach their fundraising goals.

*Holiday Card Collection Box includes 50 cards and envelopes. Product images are provided for your general information and may change without notice due to availability.



Upcoming Events



Outreach Food Drive

This weekend there will be another Food Drive to once again help food pantries, and we need your help! Canned goods and other non-perishable food and household items will be collected at the Choir Room entrance on Saturday March 18 (9-11am) and Sunday March 19 (before services and 11am -1pm).

For a list of items needed most, please click here

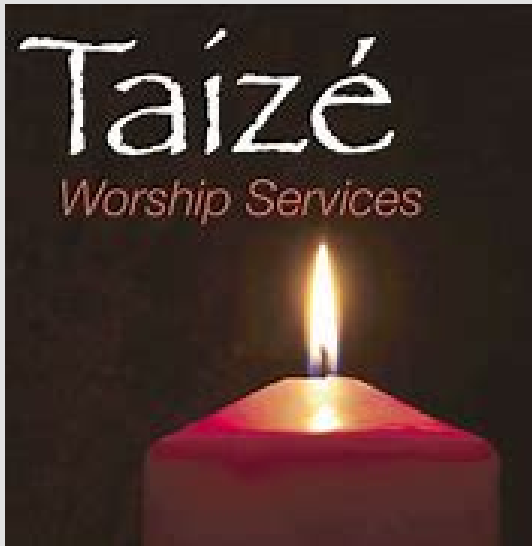
[Food Drive List](#)

Statistics on hunger and food insecurity continue to rise in and around Chicago, and pantries and feeding programs continue to be challenged daily in meeting the huge ongoing need.

St. Michael's has been collecting food and financial donations for many years to support local ministries. Our church community has stepped into addressing these needs in the past few years, and we have collected and distributed several thousand pounds of canned goods, non-perishable foods, and household supplies. We've delivered many carloads of donations and also sent financial gifts to support local feeding ministries, and hope to stay strong in responding to the situations our brothers and sisters find themselves in facing hunger and food insecurity.

Thanks so much for again being part of God's work in caring for the ongoing struggles of so many of our neighbors who have not experienced relief, and for whom the future is even more uncertain than ever.

Please note the graphic message in this week's Sword, and please consider donating food, resources, and/or time helping out Sunday with the collection.



Taizé Service

Sunday March 19, 6:30PM

Please join us for this ecumenical musical prayer service. A time for meditative contemplation and worship.



Palm Sunday

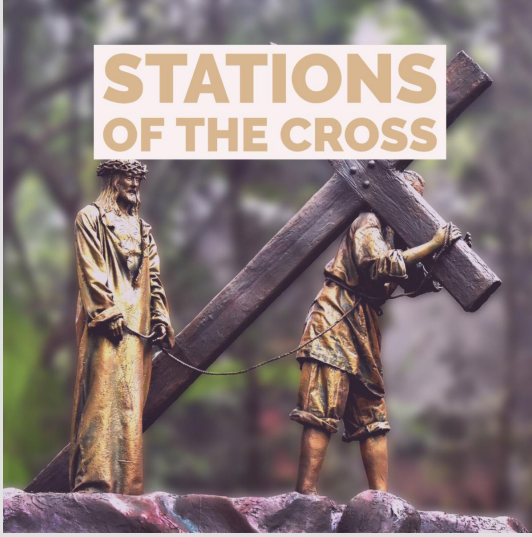
Sunday April 2

We will have an 8:00AM and 10:00AM service for Palm Sunday.

Stations of the Cross

Wednesday April 5

Bellarmino Retreat House Outdoor
Stations of the Cross will be at 3pm.



Maundy Thursday

April 6

The Maundy Thursday service will be at 6:30PM.



Good Friday

April 7

Good Friday Service will be at 12 PM at St. Michael's and 7 PM at Salem United Methodist Church in Barrington.

Easter Vigil

April 8

Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday Evening service will be at 8 PM.



Easter Sunday

April 9

Easter Sunday services will be at 9 AM and 11 AM.

We will be having an Easter egg hunt following the 11 AM service.

Announcements

St. Michael's 75th Anniversary

Lindsay Taylor, Senior Warden

I am excited to write to you all this week about 75th Anniversary festivities at St. Michael's Episcopal Church this fall! (Yaaaaay! Party! Woo!) There will be a series of events, including:

- A kickoff Sunday potluck on September 10 (fire up your Crock Pots!)
- A formal event on Saturday, September 30
- A St. Michael's Sunday after-church reception on October 10
- An annual meeting luncheon on February 4

These events will be sure to offer many opportunities to use your special skills and gifts to be a part of the planning and execution of these exciting celebrations. While I am sure everyone at St. Michael's will be involved, I am sharing an initial opportunity to sign up to express interest in volunteering.

If you are interested in volunteering your time and skills to making the 75th anniversary of St. Michael's the best it can be, please share your information at the following sign-up link: [St. Michael's 75 Anniversary Events Volunteers Sign-Up](#)



Outreach Team/Chalice House

Thank you all for welcoming our Chalice House guests into our St Michael's family in Sunday. It was a lovely visit. Many thanks Chalice House to the outreach team and others for their work in making the visit possible.

From Laura and Christine of Chalice House:

What a wonderful service Sunday; thank you so much for letting us play a part in it. A few highlights:

- Marlon and his family are Catholic, and they took Communion as you may have noticed. They felt very welcome. Marlon and family translated the entire service via Google translate so that they could follow along.
- Berlin told me that during some period of his life, he lived with people who had taken him to church (I didn't quite catch when/where it was but evidently it was not his family, it was something more recent.) He said "thank you for bringing me back to God."
- Christine and I thoroughly enjoyed the process of delving into the biblical passages and think about how it connects to our work.
- Two St. Michael's parishioners volunteered to assist with the ministry; more hands are always helpful. Contact outreach@stmichaelsbarrington.org and we will pass the information on.



Easter Vigil Reception Donations

To celebrate Easter and our ability to gather as a community, we are hosting a reception after the 8pm Easter Vigil service. We will welcome the Easter season with a jazz pianist, a chocolate fountain, champagne & other sparkingly drinks, and plenty of savory treats! Easter Sunday will be celebrated after the 10:00 AM service.

We need help to make the event a success. Please consider bringing food or donating other supplies. Please confirm back on the attached survey by 4/3/2023

(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050944ABA822A3FB6-easter>), or contact me directly via e-mail / Phone.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Contact: Bill Ferry with any questions.

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One Book, One Diocese

On April 13 and 25, people from across the Diocese of Chicago will gather on Zoom to discuss *Resurrection Hope: A Future Where Black Lives Matter* by the Very Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas, dean of Episcopal Divinity School at Union Theological Seminary and canon theologian at the Washington National Cathedral.

Douglas will speak about her book via Zoom during the session on April 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. Central. Register to attend.

"I'm delighted to welcome my friend and colleague Kelly Brown Douglas back to our diocese, even if only via Zoom," Bishop Paula Clark said. "Kelly's visionary theological work continues to guide us from despair to hope as we continue the journey toward the Beloved Community that God intends for us."

The programs, presented by the diocesan Peace and Justice Committee and the Anti-Racism Commission, are the first in a "One Book, One Diocese" initiative that Ellen Lindeen, chair of the Peace and Justice Committee, modeled on the Chicago Public Library's popular "One Book, One Chicago" program.

READ MORE HERE

<https://episcopalchicago.org/one-book-one-diocese/>



Email Scams Continue

New "Phishing" technique targets directories, databases

Many congregations and dioceses have experienced email scams, in which emails appearing to be from the bishop or a clergy leader solicit church members to send money, provide information, or purchase gift cards. Recently, several congregations were targeted by individuals asking parishioners to "join the church directory and make an online contribution."

This is a form of email "phishing" known as "whaling." Please be assured that neither Bishop Clark nor any clergy or diocesan staff member will ask you for money, gift cards, or send database links, and any requests for these items should be deleted.

If you have questions about an email you have received:

- Carefully check the sender's name and email address
- Look out for misspelled words and incorrect grammar
- Do not click on any suspicious links or attachments
- Report the email as spam

Reporting A Scam

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is the main agency that collects scam reports.

Report your scam via email or by phone:

- 1-877-382-4357 (8 am - 7 pm)
 - Email phishing-report@us-cert.gov
- File a report at ftc.gov/complaint

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Birthdays

3/18 Ben Mears
3/18 Kathryn Ward
3/19 Sophia Younger
3/20 Heidi Guthrie
3/21 Kate Chan
3/22 Shân Atkins
3/23 Tim Raynor
3/23 Joshua Schultz

Anniversaries

In Loving Memory

3/19 LaVerne Jones
3/19 Loin "Mike" Bowen
3/20 Thomas Myers
3/21 Richard Von Albrecht
3/22 Zoe Blanchard
3/24 John Thomas
3/24 Toni Kania
3/24 Leanne Tresnowski
Bryan Albro
James Zadrizal
Pete Mendoza, Jr.

Prayer Requests

The Mendoza and Duncan families, Cliff, the Zadrizal family, Sharon, Allison, Maelyn, and Conner, Cindy, Sue, Art, Lata, Cathy, Brittany, Louis, Marilyn and Pat, Ann, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Pat, Ruth, Brian, Ted, Barb and Steve, Patty, and Amy.

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The Sword

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