



ST MICHAEL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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A Note From Our Rector

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On Sunday, I reflected in our announcement time at all the huge events coming up in the church's common life. We are celebrating 75 years! It was 75 years ago when the first Sunday School began meeting that eventually became St. Michael's Parish. I hope you already have tickets to the Gala, and also have plans to attend the Sunday 10am service where Bishop Paula will be joining us for St. Michael's Day!

We also have three funerals on our calendar for the month of October, as we will give thanks for the life and witness of these three people, and commend these faithful souls to God. My first feelings upon looking at my calendar for the next couple of weeks is the feeling of being overwhelmed, however, upon closer inspection it occurs to me that the next couple of weeks will be doing exactly what a parish is meant to do. We celebrate the things that should be celebrated together. We grieve when there is death and loss, and we hold onto hope with each other that God gives us that this life is not all that there is.

And then on October 8th, we will bless our pets on St. Francis Day and give thanks together for what they mean to us. It occurred to me that we are getting a master class of the full spectrum of what a parish is meant to be and do! I invite you to bring your whole self and whole heart to the next couple of weeks; this is what a faith community does together. And we know, in full faith, that as we gather together for all of these varied events, God is there in our midst loving us and helping us love each other.

So buckle up! We are on this journey of faith and life together. I look forward to seeing you all many times over the next few days!

Blessings,

Jesse+

PS- The church office will be closed Oct 9.

A Note from our Sunday School Director

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This is not going to be your ordinary Sunday! We have plenty of happenings going on with the Sunday school this week. This week we celebrate St. Michael's Day, and have an extra special visitor- Bishop Paula! We want the kids to be part of this special celebration and are excited to invite them to ring bells as part of the Processional hymn!

I will be sending a separate email to all the parents outlining some additional information. We are going to have a rehearsal Sunday morning before the service.

Bridge children should arrive by 9:20am and come to the choir room to get dressed in their red choir robes. They will rehearse 'Praise to the Lord!' with adult choir in the sanctuary at 9:30am.

All Sunday School Children, please arrive by 9:40am and sit in the pews at the **back of the Nave**. We will have the children wait in the pews until practice begins. (We will not meet downstairs in the undercroft). We will practice the opening processional with the bells at 9:45am.

After the Opening Procession, all the children will exit the Nave together and go downstairs for Sunday school. Please discuss with your child the importance of manners and to be listening to the teachers on Sunday.

Here's a little fun phrase to help start the discussions. Hocus Pocus, it's time to focus!

LIFT



The PUMPKINS are Here! The PUMPKINS are Here!



Our LIFT group will once again be selling beautiful pumpkins this year to support our service/mission projects.

Please plan on making your purchases from us, if able. We will use the honor system, as always.

We appreciate your support!

75th Anniversary Happenings



We are looking forward to seeing everyone able to join us on Saturday evening, September 30th.

St. Michael's Day and Bishop's Reception

Upcoming Events

Blessing of the Pets

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October 8, 10AM

Please bring your pet to the 10:00 AM service for a blessing and a delicious treat.



Oktoberfest

October 21, 4pm

Oktoberfest returns! Please join us for appetizers, brats, hot dogs, sides and dessert.

Singles & Couples \$ 15.00
Families \$ 25.00

Sign up via the form by the community room.

In the Parish Family



In Loving Memory of Art Kinney

On Sunday afternoon, Art transitioned to the next life to be with his Lord. His passing was peaceful surrounded by friends, family, and prayer. Funeral services will be held at St. Michael's on October 1, at 2pm, with a reception following at Lake Barrington Shores. May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, rest in peace. Amen.



In Loving Memory of Rollo Nessel

On Sunday evening, Rollo transitioned to the next life to be with his Lord. Visitation will be held at St. Michael's Friday, October 6 from 5-8pm. Funeral services will be held at St. Michael's on October 7 at 11am. May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, rest in peace. Amen.



In Loving Memory of Zoe Younger

Funeral services for Zoe Younger will be held at St. Michael's on Thursday, October 12 at 10am. May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, rest in peace. Amen.

Announcements



FOOD DRIVE UPDATE: TOGETHER WE ARE MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE!

On Tuesday of this week, deliveries were made to Food For Greater Elgin - 2 carloads of donations from St. Michael's parishioners and Little Angels Preschool families (a conservative estimate is approximately 650 lbs. of items!). In addition, there were kind and generous financial donations made which will also help pantries to purchase specific items as needs are made known.

We had another great team of volunteers, some of whom have not been part of past food drives. On Sunday we were again graced with a spontaneous wave of helpers who showed up after the 10am service saying, "how can I help? what should I do?" Much gratitude to Una and Maeve Colohan, Henry Boynton, Tom Duffy, Gaius Perkins, Winston Summerfield - and there were more; I'm sorry if I left you off the list, but we are grateful for your helping hands!

Thanks always to the people of St. Michael's have not become tired of doing good, but been even more open hearted and generous in support of our many sisters and brothers who are contending with very difficult circumstances. This kindness is a reflection of God's never-ending love and grace. Thanks so much for again being part of God's work in feeding others!



CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

October 4, 2023 - fundraiser for the

CROP hunger walk. Stop by Chipotle's in Hoffman Estates (near Rt59 and Rt72) any time during 5-9:00pm and Chipotle's will donate 33% of your purchase.

Click here for more information:

[Chipotle Fundraiser](#)

October 15, 2023 at 1pm - 41st Annual Barrington Area CROP hunger walk

Join the St. Michael's team for the 41st annual CROP Hunger Walk on Oct 15, 2023 at 1pm. We are walking through the Village of Barrington to raise awareness and funds to fight hunger. You can choose a 1-mile or 5-mile route, or you can cheer on the walkers from the front of St. Michael's and pass out water. You can also make a

donation online at crophungerwalk.org, and then search St. Michael's under team names. Liz Gabis is our team captain and you can reach out to her with any questions (lizgabis@mac.com ; 847-917-2920). Money raised by CROP Hunger Walks nationwide provides food, medical care, disaster relief and self-help development for needy people in our community and around the world.

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Birthdays

10/2 Jamie Hollensteiner
10/3 Jim Tammi
10/7 Jack Warner

Anniversaries

10/1 Jenn and Greg Mears
10/6 Edie and John Davis

In Loving Memory

10/1 Harold Byron Smith, Jr
10/1 Nora Parker
10/3 Sammie Dowling
10/4 Charlotte Jahnke
10/4 Howard Johnson
10/4 Olivia Bailey
10/5 Alice Carrol
10/6 Grace Ehrlich
10/7 Wesley Ewart
10/7 Robin Waterman
Art Kinney

Prayer Requests

Joe, Sharon, the Nessel family, the Kinney family, Kathi, Danielle, Marti, David, Andy, Jeff, Marilyn and Pat, Cayden, Barb, Sadie, Cindy, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Ruth, Brian, Barb and Steve, Patty, and Amy

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