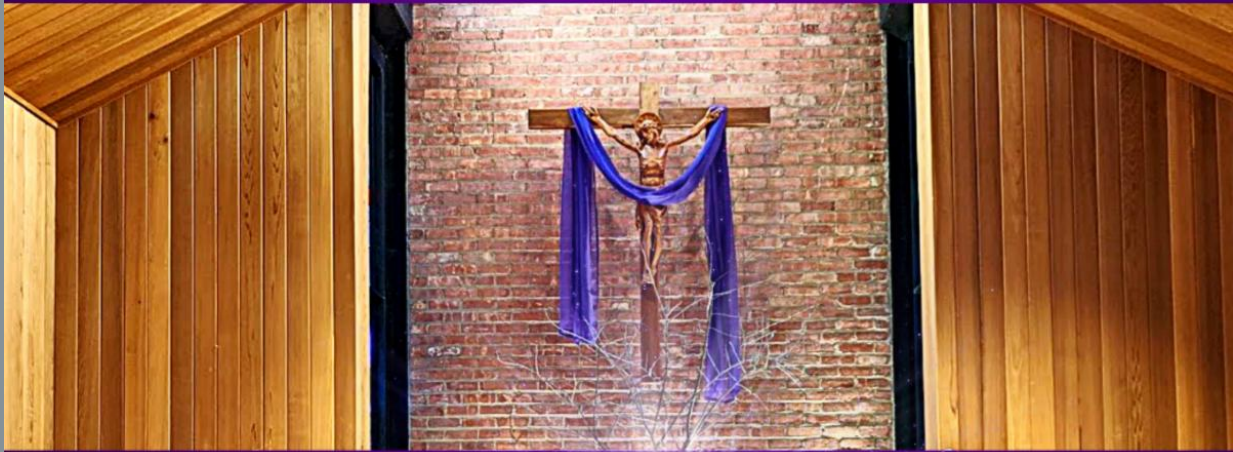




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A Note From Our Rector

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Have you seen the news of this revival happening at Asbury University in Kentucky? It seems that a chapel service has organically grown into a revival, lasting for more than 12 days. Uncontrived, it would seem, that Christians on campus simply prayed, sang, and listened to God's word. As it went on, it began to attract people from all over the world to this little town in Kentucky, all seeking to find what these college students seem to have found. I have had a range of emotion in reaction to this: cynicism, criticism, and also longing and hope.

It was in the midst of my own range of emotions that I happened upon an article by Nadia Bolz-Weber who, as she does, sums it up so succinctly. So for today's Sword, and as we enter our own season of seeking after God, I want to share this with you. I hope it stirs you as it did me. You can read it here:

<https://thecorners.substack.com/p/on-longing-and-the-asbury-revival>

Best quotes from the article:

"Noticeably absent from the front of the chapel are: flashy praise bands, lighting systems, projectors and screens, celebrity worship leaders and people over 25."

"But there is something in my soul which longs for what I am seeing on these live-streams. Or what I feel I am seeing."

"I long to sing with others
I long to be open-hearted
I long to trust something for once
I long to be un-self-conscious in my devotion to God
I long to witness something real"

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Take a read today, and let us enter our Lenten observance with longing for what only God can give us.

Jesse+

A Note From Our Sunday School Director

Kim Curtis

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It's time to say goodbye to our friend, the [alleluia](#), to let it rest for a while, so that it will return to us at Easter full of enthusiasm. During the children's chapel service yesterday, the children had fun burying the alleluias then hiding them in the church. So if you see a box covered in a cloth in the library bathroom you will know what it is! That's where they decided. And I said ok. I let them make that choice. It was a good one! Sometimes it feels good to say yes in a child's world of so many no's.

We also made progress learning about making mistakes, forgiveness, and becoming a better version of ourselves during Lent. Basically, our goal during Lent is YOU vs YOU. To get better than who we have been. To listen to God's commandments. To transform and work at making better choices. They all know right from wrong and Lent is a perfect time to reinforce that process.

Save the Date:
Good Friday April 7th.

"Journey Through Holy Week" 10:00am -12:30pm.

LIFT

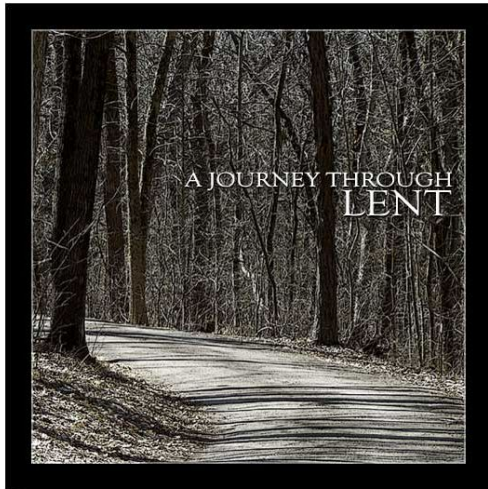


Jr. & Sr. LIFT meets EVERY Sunday morning - 9:00 a.m. Sturtz House

[LIFT Schedule](#)

From the LIFT Leader's Desk

Upcoming Events

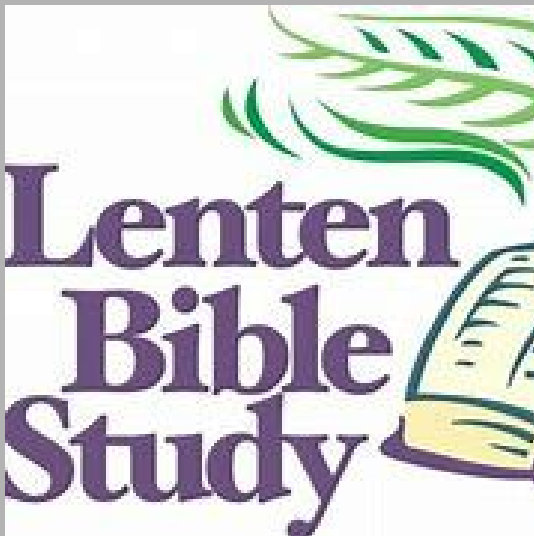


Lenten Class

FORGIVENESS...what a loaded word. Jesus emphasized forgiveness over and over in his teachings. Why? Was it for him or was it for us? There are so many angles of forgiving and being forgiven. Come and share this time together as we walk our Lenten journey as fellow pilgrims. Class begins March 1.

Read more here:

Lenten Class



TUESDAY MORNING WOMENS' LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Sturtz House and by Zoom

The ladies of the Tuesday morning Bible study invite you to join us for a special Lenten study called *Practicing Compassion with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*. The world is desperately crying out for compassion, and at times, so are we. The study raises the question, "What if the journey with Jesus to the cross and tomb was an opportunity to dwell in the gaze of the one who looks upon us all with compassion and love?"

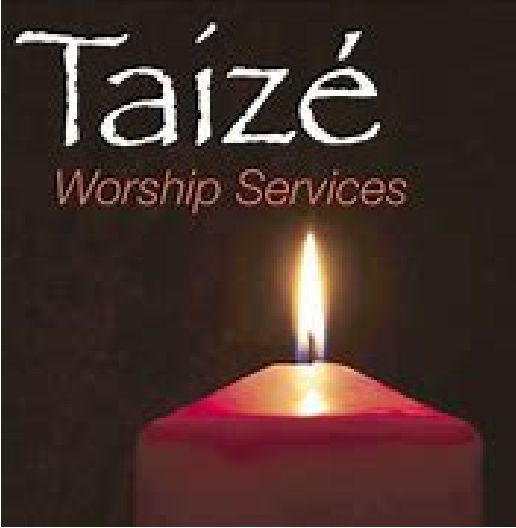
Just think about that gaze from the cross in the sanctuary that we see every Sunday morning. We will be discussing how we receive the unbelievably great compassion that God has for us, and how we can share that compassion with others in a way that brings healing to all.

We would love you to join this warm, welcoming and wise group of women for great discussion. We meet both in person and by Zoom. Please contact Nancy Seth (847-212-2539) or Kay Lewis (847) 909-8374 for more information.

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.

Announcements

Newcomers' Brunch

I want to thank Ann Kimes for hosting a fantastic Newcomers' Brunch in the library on Sunday, where 18 people stayed to meet others and to celebrate in their recent (re)involvement in St. Michael's. This was the first time in over three years for us to be able to host such a meeting, and I am happy to welcome them to our parish family. Welcome!

Jesse



Communion Bread Ministry Group

Thank you to our Bread Ministry Group for volunteering your time on Sunday, If you would still like to join us, we plan to meet every 4-6 weeks throughout the year to continue baking. The bread is easy to make, so no experience is required.

Please contact Mary Ann Seagrist (seagrist5@comcast.net) or Amy Hoff (ahoff9032@gmail.com) with any questions.



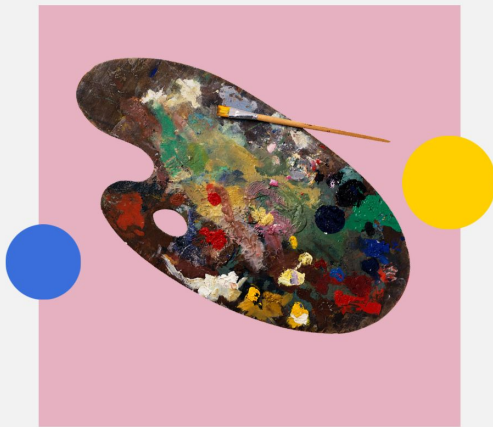


Passion Gospel Reader Opportunity

Hello everyone! We are deep into Holy Week planning, and are working to bring the Passion Gospel to Palm Sunday with a script. Remember in past years when we have had readers for different speaking parts? We want to do it again! This year is from Matthew's gospel, and has more people speaking than usual. We could really use some readers who might want to be a part of this one time experience. The readers can do so from their respective seats. The script is here: <https://www.oremus.org/liturgy/passion/matthew.html>

Will you take a part and help make the reading of Jesus's crucifixion a meaningful part of our Palm Sunday service? Send David Rauschenberg an email and let him know. rauscrd@comcast.net

Artwork



Hello everyone!!

Please remember to call me about posting a beautiful piece of your artwork by the Community Room. PLEASE DO NOT THINK you need to BE the ARTIST,, just a treasured piece of work to share for two weeks, plus a short description of why it means so much to you. It could be one of your children's drawings, a photograph (not necessarily a Church related theme). Look around your home and pick out something you love and let me know if you would like to participate!!

Call me please: Paulette Forrest.
224-213-6483

Thanks so much!!
Pforrestpayne@gmail.com

Little Fox Learning Center is in need of volunteers to help students with reading. Please reach out to Mike Pierce if interested.

Little Fox Learning Center

Open House at the
Little Fox Learning Center
Friday Feb 17th
3:00 – 7:00 PM

See the center, learn about our
goals and opportunities, get
answers to questions

(847) 426-5922

516 Washington (at 6th St.)
West Dundee IL 60118
Use Driveway entrance to the
right of the church



New Non-Profit, No-Cost Reading Development Service for children aged 4-9. All children welcome.

- Short term sessions occurring on a self-determined schedule
- Parent training and engagement to develop their child's skills
- Great for a jump start for new readers, who can start school reading well above age level
- Assisting with students who may have fallen behind in their reading skills due to pandemic issues
- * Reading skills only - not for general education or other subjects
(not a school or religious program though housed in a church)

ALSO OPPORTUNITY FOR VOLUNTEERS.

Needed: Adults with a desire to help develop and shape students life-long love of reading.

Commitment: As little as 1 hr per week.
Specialized training and ongoing learning for volunteers.

*Sponsored by St. James Episcopal Church
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Metro Chicago

INCREDIBLE ONE-DAY VOLUNTEER EVENT

Saturday, April 29, 2023
Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago

St. Michael's is sponsoring a very deserving homeowner, Leticia, whose Blue Island home is in need of light repairs. Rebuilding Together's one-day building/repair event assists low income or elderly homeowners who are in need of home repairs to stay warm, safe and dry. At least 10 volunteers are needed for this one-day community volunteer opportunity. St. Michael's sponsorship includes simple cleaning, repairs, and painting. In previous years Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago has had 80 homes with over 3,000 volunteers working on a single day.

St. Michael's parishioner Jill Deichmann is a past President and remains on the Board of Directors. Jill has volunteered for over 30 years with Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago. Please contact Jill or Brant to sign up.

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Go to [Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago](#) for more details.

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Birthdays

2/26 Max Raynor
2/28 Christine Olson
2/28 Julia Yerger
3/1 Malakai Duncan

Anniversaries

3/2 Jan and Semmy Semerad
3/3 Sharon and Richard Curran

In Loving Memory

2/27 Jean Clendinning
2/27 Mary Schwind
2/28 Stacey Curtis
Bryan Albro

Prayer Requests

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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