



ST MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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A Note From Our Rector

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My heart is full of gratitude today for the services we had together on Sunday. It has been joyful to see and hear so many of you, and so many of you who are new, pray and sing

together in worship. A huge thanks to Dolores Duncan for sharing her Simnel cake again this year for Mothering Sunday (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mothering_Sunday), also called Laetare Sunday (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laetare_Sunday).

I am especially proud of our music ministry's hard work on the Taize service that came later that evening, where we welcomed many people from other churches to our building. If you missed it, you can get a little taste of it by watching and listening to the recording here: <https://vimeo.com/809515579>. The in-person experience was very meaningful and brought tears to my eyes as we sang, sat in silence, and prayed together.

All in all, it was perhaps the Fourth Sunday in Lent I have experienced, and it makes me look forward to a wonderful Holy Week together. Please take a look at the schedule and make plans to walk with us and Jesus to the cross, grave, and beyond. See you in church,
Jesse+

A Note From Deacon Tim

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From the Perspective of Deacon Tim --

The Barrington Area CROP Hunger Walk is planned for Sunday, October 15 at 1:00 p.m. I invite you to consider volunteering to recruit and coordinate St. Michael's parishioners. We are also asked to identify one or two parishioners to represent St. Michael's at one or two fall preparation meetings of similar congregational coordinators.

CROP Hunger Walks are sponsored by Church World Service. Over 2,000 communities nationwide participate in over 1,300 Walks each year. The work of Church World Service meets not only the needs of people with food insecurity, but also the needs of people suffering financial poverty, of refugees, and of people adversely affected by disasters nationally and internationally. Church World Service is rated 4-star on Charity Navigator.

Local agency beneficiaries of the Barrington Area CROP Hunger Walk include:

- * Northern Illinois Food Bank
- * Wauconda-Island Lake Food Pantry
- * FISH Food Pantry (Carpentersville)
- * BACOA Meals with Wheels
- * Project Hope (St. Anne Church)
- * Barrington People-In-Need-Ministerial Program
- * United Partnership for a Better Community Summer Lunch Program in Wauconda

If you feel called toward coordinating for this project within St. Michael's, then please contact Deacon Tim to introduce you to the Walk Coordinator in Barrington. Thanks!

A Note From Our Sunday School Director

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The children in our Sunday school have grown so much during this Lenten season. We continue to follow Jesus on his journey to the cross. We focus on the beautiful reminder that God provides for us and cares for us. In some of the lessons we learn that goodness can also be about truth and justice. We talk about how the Lord is my shepherd and how God's goodness and mercy are with us even when we face challenges. We reinforced how God is always present, giving us support and love.

On Palm Sunday we will be going through the stations of the cross. The children will also be singing. The Bridge group should meet in the choir room at 9:40am to rehearse clap your hands. The littles should meet in the Nave at 9:40am to rehearse with Doug. Then we will all head back to the community room at 9:50am for the Bells and Prelude. All children are welcome to walk together as a family outside around the church. When we enter back into church, I will gather the kids to go down into the undercroft for the Stations of the Cross lessons - kid style. Be sure to take a look at the Journey Thru Holy Week sign up genius below. We will have a children's activity on Good Friday that will include lunch. On Easter Sunday be sure to join us after the 11am service for the Easter Egg hunt. Wishing you all a happy Spring break!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050944ABA623ABFF2-journey>

LIFT



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

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



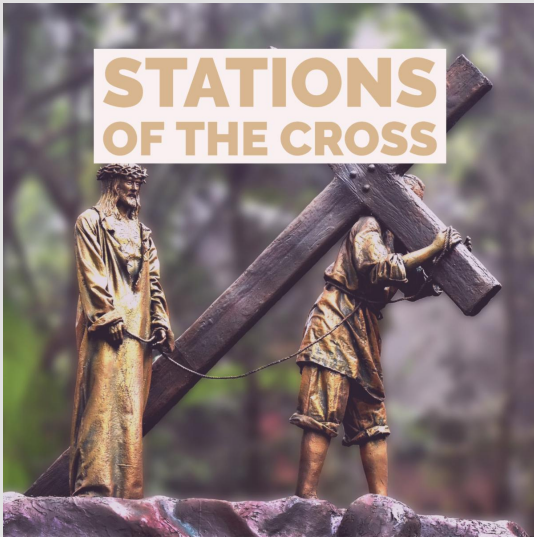
Prayer Shawl

Prayer Shawl will gather Thursday, March 30 from 10-11:30am in the library. All are welcome even if you just want to come and chat and eat coffee cake.

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

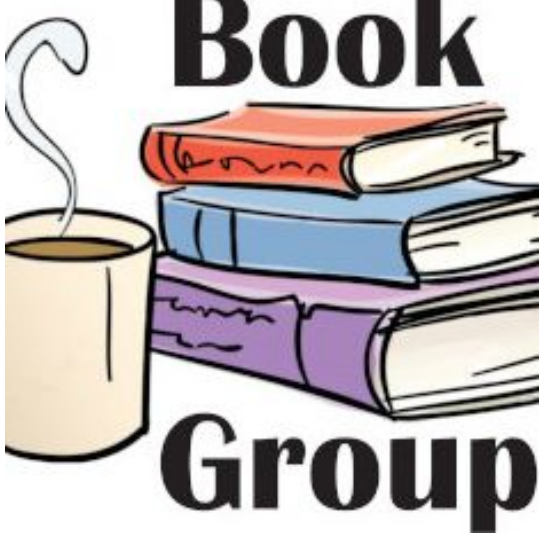
Easter Sunday services will be at 9 AM and 11 AM.

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

Book Group

"The Island of Missing Trees" by Elif Shafak is our book selection for April. The discussion will be led by Amy Hoff.

We will meet at 7 pm, in the church library, on Wednesday, April 19.



Announcements



Easter Altar Flower Donations

As Holy Week and Easter approach, the altar guild is busy planning a wonderful spring display for the Altar. You can help out by making a donation towards the floral arrangement in memory of a loved one or in Thanksgiving of something. Donations can be mailed to St. Michael's or put in the offering plate on Sunday with the memo saying "Easter". You can also donate from home by using this link:

[St Michael's Online Giving Portal](#)

Please input "**Easter Flowers**" in the memo line.

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 1
- An annual meeting luncheon on February 4

NOTE: When this schedule was posted last week it included an error regarding the October date, the date above is correct.

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](#)



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 sparklingly 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.

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Birthdays

3/26 Sean Harrington
3/27 Nickolas Sproul
3/29 David Waring
3/30 Mia Semcken
3/30 Chris Pepper
3/30 Michael Anderson
3/30 Jayda Garcia
3/31 Valerie Eaton
4/1 Joe Ridges

In Loving Memory

3/26 Babbs Wastcoat
3/28 Ruth Kraus
3/30 Henry Bailey
3/31 Ned Dally
4/1 Vette Kell
4/1 Dolores Curran
Bryan Albro
James Zadrizal
Pete Mendoza, Jr.

Prayer Requests

Bill, Jackson, Jack, the Mendoza and Duncan families, Cliff, the Zadrizal family, Sharon, Allison, Maelyn, and Conner, Cindy, Art, 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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