



ST MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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A Note From Our Rector

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This week, I am feeling grateful! The weather is sunny and nice, Easter was a blessing, my family and I are planning some trips this summer, and I am definitely grateful for a few things moving and shaking around St. Michael's.

I met this week with the new Fellowship Team, hoping to restart a ministry that will allow us to offer a small meal or reception for families when we host a funeral. I had twelve amazing volunteers respond to a quick email offering to help St. Michael's surround grieving families in love when they are burying a loved one. I am thankful to everyone who came and helped me think through our possibilities, and to Michelle Chan and Amy Hoff for agreeing to be the point people when such an opportunity comes. If you want to be a part of this group, to occasionally make food or help out in the community room during a reception, please email them or me.

On Saturday, I am proud to represent St. Michael's and the Diocese of Chicago at a bishop's consecration service in Ohio. The Rev. Anne Jolly will be consecrated and I have the honor of being a part of that service. I will bring your prayers and well-wishes, and be back to worship with you on Sunday.

And finally, I want to say a thank you to the pastoral care team who meets with me monthly and visits members of St. Michael's who are ill or who cannot attend regularly due to health. We are hoping to restart the Home Lay Eucharistic Visitors ministry again so that we can take communion to people who are not with us. We can train you right here at St. Michael's for this ministry (while pastoral care team is trained with Bishop Anderson House), so if you want to take communion to someone and make a difference in their spiritual lives, please let me know.

Blessings to you all, and I hope to see you in church.

Jesse+

A Note from our Sunday School Director

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On May 7th we will be celebrating Youth Sunday. We are looking for kid volunteers who can do a reading or two. We will also need help with ushering, handing out bulletins, greeters (at both doors, front & choir side). The senior LIFT kids will bring up the elements. Please let me know if your child would be interested in participating in the service that day. The little kids will be singing on Youth Sunday and will need to be at church to rehearse at 9:45am.

Some of our teachers have been using behavior modification programs within their classrooms. Certain behaviors are rewarded until they hit the classroom goal. The children decide on a theme for a well deserved party once achieved. Next week one of the classrooms will celebrate their accomplishments with a camping party. The extra efforts from our teachers have really paid off. Now many of the children are more focused and teachable as a result of striving for this collective goal. We are going to have one big Sunday school celebration at the end of the program year.

Thank you to all our teachers who volunteer their time each Sunday. I am super proud of all of you!! Thank you to all the parents who assist our growing Sunday school weekly. We need you too!

More importantly, I know all of us are super proud of the Sunday school kids! They have a lot of transitions and movement going on in a short time frame. This can be difficult at times for small kids. And even sometimes for us adults .

So, If you happen to see a child this Sunday, can I encourage you to mention something to them? Let's stop to talk to a child. Let's tell them what a great job they have been doing in church! Some words of affirmation in the air can be contagious and make someone happy!

LIFT



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

LIFT is cancelled this Sunday, 4/30.

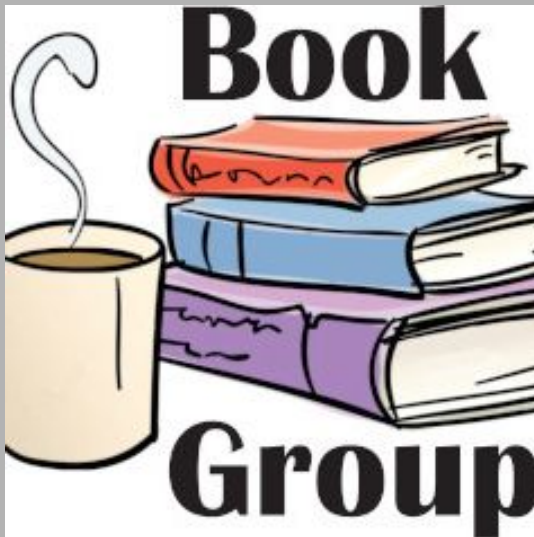
LIFT Schedule

Upcoming Events



Youth Sunday

Join us for Youth Sunday on May 7.



Book Group

The book selection for May 17 is "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus. It is a novel and the discussion will be led by Judy Tammi. Sharon Bullion will host, at 7 pm, in the church library.

Hope to see you there!



Food Drive

May 20-21

Details coming soon.

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 28



Please join us for the ladybug release, hot dogs, and ice cream on Pentecost Sunday!

We will be serving hot dogs; the ice cream will be self-pay. We will be ready to serve starting at 11:15 AM. We hope to see you there!

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](#)

Announcements



Time to update your info!

In the spirit of spring cleaning, we're updating our member database so that can have more accurate records and better serve our parishioners. Click the link below to go to the member update form where you can fill out your information, along with that of any of your other household family members. We only require the name and date of birth, but any

additional information you can provide would be appreciated!

[Member Update Form](#)

Upcoming Photo Directory

We are also working on a new photo directory for our members! We aim to have a draft ready and printed by mid-May so that we have time for corrections and updates for our final version which we plan to release mid-Summer. Photos are not required, but since it will be a photo directory, we do encourage you to provide one. The directory uses one photo for the member entry, so families should submit a group photo if more than one person wants to be included. Photos can be uploaded in the member update form linked above.



Please use the link below to read the thank you letter from St. Cyprian's for donations from our last food drive.

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Birthdays

4/30 Erica Ward
5/1 Sue Ferry
5/1 Jim Steed
5/3 Janet Sell

Anniversaries

4/30 Leslie and John Yerger
5/6 Annilee and Larry Quinlan

In Loving Memory

4/30 Alfred Watt
5/3 Margaret Morgan
5/6 Helen Collins
Theodore Nicholas Vanderent

Prayer Requests

Juliana, the Vanderent family, Roberta, Sadie, Janet, Barb, Cliff, Sharon, Allison, Maelyn,

and Conner, Cindy, Art, Ann, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Pat, Ruth, Brian, Ted, Barb and Steve, Patty, and Amy.

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