



ST MICHAEL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sword September 7, 2023

St. Michael's Weekly News & Updates



[Our Website](#)

[Watch us on Vimeo Live](#)

[Watch us on Facebook Live](#)

[Previous Sermons](#)

**A Note From Our Rector**

Jesse Perkins

[jperkins@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:jperkins@stmichaelsbarrington.org)



This past week has been a holy one; I have seen this church doing exactly what churches should do. We are planning celebrations of where we have been, we are praying for families who have lost loved ones and walking the path of grief and love with them, and we are planning for our future ministry and impact in this community and beyond. It occurs to me that the work ahead for us is some heavy emotional lifting! We will experience the highs and the lows of being an intentional faith community over the next month. All of that can be a little overwhelming, if we are not aware of it.

When things get busy, and grief gets stirred up, and perhaps the future starts to become less certain and even unknown, I want to remind myself and any of you who may feel this way today, that we trust in a God who is right there in the middle of it with us. That is the miracle of the Incarnation: that God became flesh to be one of us and among us, and that Incarnational miracle did not end when Jesus ascended back to the Father. God is still right there beside us, cheering as we celebrate, giving us a hug of comfort when we grieve, and inviting us to live more and more fully into the people and church that God needs us to be.

Take a deep, prayerful breath today; go for a prayerful, meditative walk. Take a moment to sense the Spirit which surrounds all things, and holds all things, and within it we live and move and have our being. Take that prayerful breath, tap into the deep peace that passeth understanding, and know you are loved no matter what comes our way.

Pray for each other and for the church!  
Jesse+

**A Note from our Sunday School Director**

Kim Curtis

[kcurtis@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:kcurtis@stmichaelsbarrington.org)



Last week we had a fantastic Sunday school teacher luncheon. This informative meeting is just what we needed to regroup after the summer and prep for this Sunday's kick off to the program year. Father Jesse and Deacon Tim joined us to encourage our spiritual growth as leaders. We developed some fresh ideas that will strengthen our relationship with the students.

We will begin each Sunday school with interactive activities that include music and age-appropriate discussions. We are so blessed to have volunteers who are dedicated to creating meaningful teaching moments for our children. We are all committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment.

Whether you're new to St. Michael's or a long-time member, we encourage you to be part of this special 75th anniversary; one - of a kind - kickoff Sunday. It is a fantastic way to reconnect with your own spiritual self-awareness, faith, friends and the love of our church family!

We have had a few bouncy houses this year at events but wait until you see this one. It will be appropriate for a kick-off Sunday with a Chicago Bears theme. These are so fun for kids, and they do learn from a bouncy house. Growing up is full of ups and downs. Something else true in life is you might hit a few bumps, but getting bounced around teaches us to get back up and always come back for more fun!! See you Sunday.

## LIFT



**Welcome back all LIFTers!**

SUNDAY MORNING 9:00 A.M. STURTZ HOUSE

### **FROM THE LIFT LEADER'S DESK**

**It takes a village...** You know the phrase and if you're totally honest with yourself you know that it rings true on so many fronts...especially when it comes to raising little people into big people.

Over the past two years, **Ric Lindeen**, has slowly been transitioning out of the Confirmation Leader's role (Fr. Jesse and I have assumed the position.). You need to know that Ric took over 9 or 10 years ago when things were not so stable for our program. He contacted the Diocese, got us some great programming material, organized our group and set our high-schoolers off on a really great program that we are still following today. St. Michael's is indebted to Ric for his efforts and love that he put into the program.

Ric now wants to go fishing more and do some very important babysitting for his new grand baby! Who can blame him? When you see Ric, please thank him for his many years of volunteer service to our youth at St. Michael's. We've been blessed.

This past summer, **Paul Carrubba** informed me that he was retiring from serving on our LIFT/Youth Board after 30-something years of serving. Paul has taken our youth on countless Mission trips from California, to South Dakota, to Appalachia, to Gary, Indiana and more. He has been a true "Captain Paul" to our kids (He's also a captain with American Airlines.) I can honestly say that I could not have done my job these past six years without his help, guidance, counsel and plain old-fashioned elbow grease.

He has brought the needed experience and "institutional memory" (yes, that's needed) to the table when we floundered. He asked the hard questions and also posed good questions to ask for the future.

When you do see Paul around, please say "thank you" to him for serving so well and so selflessly. Have fun in your retirement with your sweet wife, Betty, Captain Paul. Over and Out!

## **Music Ministry**



### **Come Join the Choirs!**

Our music programming is starting up and we want YOU to be a part of it! No experience necessary, come join the fun as we praise God through Music and Fellowship!

**Adult Choir:** Meets Thursdays 6-7:30pm in the choir room and 9:15am for the 10am Services, starting September 7th!

**Intergenerational Handbell Choir:** Meets Saturdays 9-10:10am in the sanctuary starting September 9th!

**\*\*\* New Bridge/Lift Youth Choir:** Grades 3-12 Meets Saturdays 10:20-10:50am in the choir room starting September 16th

**Sunday School Music:** Every Sunday 9:50-10:00am in the undercroft!

Opportunities for instrumentalists with our Brass band, Blue grass band, Strings, and solo opportunities.

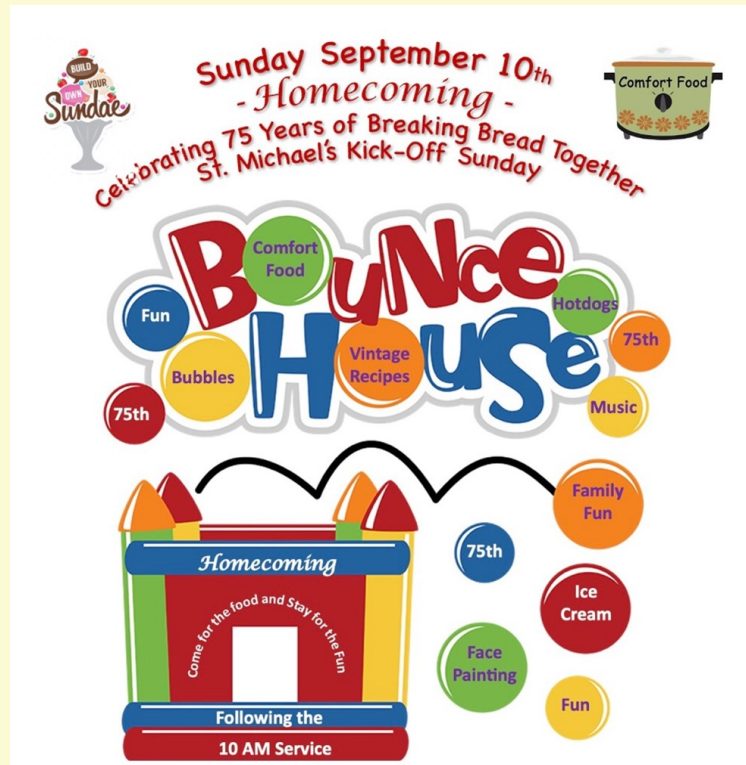
### **Important Music Dates:**

September 10- Kick Off Sunday

October 1- Bishop Visit/St. Michaels Day!  
November 5th- Requiem Service featuring movements from Fauré Requiem with singers from Atonement and Salem Methodist Choirs!  
December 3- Lessons and Carols featuring our handbell choir, youth choirs, and adult choir  
December 24- 4pm Handbells, Strings, and Youth Choir,  
10pm Adult choir with Brass quintet  
January 7- Epiphany Pageant  
March 14- Choral Evensong  
March 24-31 Holy Week and Easter Celebrations

Contact: Sara Torbeck to join the music! [storbeck@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:storbeck@stmichaelsbarrington.org)

## 75th Anniversary Happenings



St. Michael's is turning 75 and there are plans to celebrate!

***Click on the banners below for the exciting details.***

Registration forms are also available in the Parish Office.

***Anniversary  
Gala***

***St. Michael's Day and Bishop's  
Reception***



## WE NEED YOUR



### Call For Photos

The 75th Anniversary Committee would like to offer a commemorative photo slide show to honor and celebrate our 75 years as a parish at one of our celebrations. If you have any photos of you and your loved ones while at St. Michael's or at a St. Michael's event, and are willing to share them electronically, please send them to this email address: [peacellen123@gmail.com](mailto:peacellen123@gmail.com)

[For more information...](#)



### What does St. Michael's mean to me?

As part of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration we ask you to let us know "What Does St. Michael's mean to you?"

[Please click here to share your thoughts.](#)



*We are looking for volunteers to bring bagels, grapes, coffee cake or other goodies for the reception. [Click Here](#) to sign up to help!*

## Upcoming Events



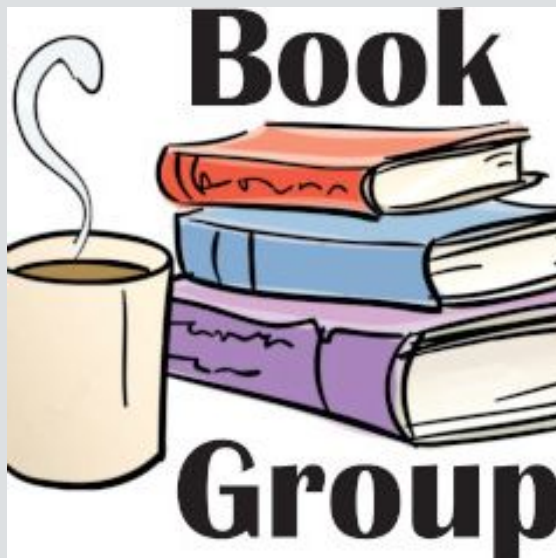
## **Tuesday Morning Womens' Bible Study**

Do you want to be a part of a welcoming group of women who laugh a lot, learn about the Bible together and truly support each other through thick and thin? That's the Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study. We meet every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. starting September 12th, in the Sturtz House in the spirit of friendship and to engage in searching, relevant spiritual discussion.

This fall, we will be taking a fresh and fascinating look at the stories of Jesus using the book, *Into the Mess: Reflections on the Life of Christ*, by Debi Thomas. It's a curious title, isn't it?

As Thomas puts it, "Jesus was a disrupter and a peacemaker. The stories he told were scandalous and the stories he lived changed the world. His stories are not stories of a sanitized Christ of piety and platitude, but of a Christ of complicated joys and transcendent sorrows." We'll talk about how the Gospel stories are an invitation to find the Christ who loves us in the midst of the messiness of our lives with the twists and turns, the marvelous joys, the unexpected disappointments and grief, and the mysteries of our unanswered questions.

Come join us! All women are welcome in person or by Zoom. Books will be available for purchase at the meeting on September 12th or call us to make arrangements if you are on Zoom. For more information, please contact Nancy Seth (847) 212-2539, or Kay Lewis (847) 909-8374.



## **Book Club**

The St. Michael's Book Club is returning from vacation!

*Pachinko*, by Min Jin Lee, is the book selection. We will gather on Wednesday, September 20 at 7:00 pm.

We are a very welcoming group and love to have new members. Come join us for the food and fun, even if you have not read the book.

## **Blessing of the Pets**

**October 8, 2023, 10:00 AM**

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

## Blessing of the Pets



## Announcements



### **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.

### **Altar Guild Open House**

Have you ever wondered how the linens and communion are set up each week? Why the clergy wear different colored vestments? Where our beautiful altar flowers come from? Who are the quiet mice who clean and set up for Sunday worship? What the heck is a sacristy? Learn answers to these pressing questions at our Altar Guild Open House, on Sunday morning, September 17th, after each service.

We will showcase our beautiful linens and vestments, give you a tour, and have treats to enjoy while you learn about this valuable ministry. You might even wish to join our merry crew!



The sacristy is located on the north side of the building, adjacent to the chapel, and down the hall from the choir area. See you there!



Hello St. Michael's,  
You may remember that during my Easter Sunday sermon, I mentioned watching the TV Series The Chosen. I still recommend it to you after three seasons. In fact, there is an opportunity right here in Barrington to attend a retreat to watch and reflect on this show. Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat is hosting The Chosen: A Spiritual Reflection Retreat and I commend it to you. Click here to learn more and register:

<https://jesuitretreat.org/retreats/october-6-9-2023>

**“Summary: During this retreat you will have the opportunity to reflect on the life of Jesus and his first followers in a whole new way. Together with other retreatants and members of our Ministry team at Bellarmine, you will watch The Chosen, the first-ever multi-season show about Jesus starring Catholic actor Jonathan Roumie as Jesus.**

**To learn more about The Chosen, check out their website**

**(<https://new.thechosen.tv/>) or watch the “Season 1” trailer here**

**(<https://www.lingoapp.com/107055/s/Rmq0xz/?v=24>).**



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

Join the St. Michael's team for the 41<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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.

## Grief Share Support Group

Grief Share Group beginning at Village Church of Barrington:

"Welcome, and thank you for your willingness to engage on a journey that will be welcoming, meaningful, and perhaps even challenging. Grief is real. We are



grateful to walk beside you as you begin this healing process. You will not be alone. GriefShare ministry coaches are available to offer free support, direction, encouragement, and prayer.

Video sessions are available to view online ([griefshare.org/leaderzone/my/video](http://griefshare.org/leaderzone/my/video)) We will have a ten -to fifteen-minute actual survivor(s) of grief at each session as well. Email Calvin Dinkins at [calvin@vcbweb.org](mailto:calvin@vcbweb.org) for information.”

*Read more here:*

## Grief Share Support Group

[View Our Announcement Page For More News!](#)

### Birthdays

9/10 Gaius Perkins  
9/13 Scott Imhoff  
9/13 Winston Summerfield  
9/14 Bill Milford  
9/15 John Allen  
9/15 Meghan Doran  
9/16 Janet Anderson

### Anniversaries

9/9 Jamie and Nickolas Sproul  
9/9 Betty and Paul Carrubba  
9/10 Janet and Thomas Sell  
9/14 Janet and Peter Bacher

### In Loving Memory

9/10 Helene Herriman  
9/15 Ryan Krochmolny  
9/15 Helen Peters  
9/15 Louis Schirmer  
Rocco Macri  
Art Kinney

### Prayer Requests

The Kinney family, Kathi, Johnny, the Imhoff family, Tim, Bill, Danielle, Marti, David, Andy, Jeff, Marilyn and Pat, Cayden, Barb, Sadie, Cindy, Ann, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Ruth, Brian, Barb and Steve, Patty, and Amy.

[Donate to St. Michael's](#)

[Vestry Members and Minutes](#)

[St. Michael's Staff](#)

St. Michael's Episcopal Church  
St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 647 Dundee Avenue, Barrington, IL 60010  
The Parish Office is open 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
website: [www.stmichaelsbarrington.org](http://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org)

**The Sword**

The Sword is published each Thursday. The deadline to submit items to be included is Wednesday at 5:00 PM. Any questions or comments regarding this publication should be sent to [pblass@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:pblass@stmichaelsbarrington.org)

---

St. Michael's Episcopal Church | 647 Dundee Avenue, Barrington, IL 60010

[Unsubscribe thalminiak@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:thalminiak@stmichaelsbarrington.org)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by [thalminiak@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:thalminiak@stmichaelsbarrington.org)