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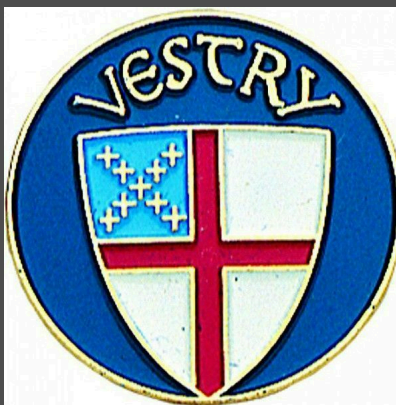
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A note from the Vestry



The results of the March 15th Parish election

Thanks to all who participated in the parish election that closed with the in-person voting during the March 15th Special Meeting. We appreciate the very

significant number of absentee ballots. The new electronic voting option accounted for almost 15% of the total votes.

There were two items up for consideration:

1. The election of the wardens and vestry was approved overwhelmingly.
2. The election of the 3 delegates for the Diocesan convention was approved unanimously.

Again, thanks for your participation and support
Your wardens and vestry

Sunday School

Journey through Holy Week (for Kids)

Join us on Good Friday for a fun kid experience, April 3rd, 10am – Noon. (your child can remain in the after-program if you attend the Good Friday Noon service.) This program helps children walk step-by-step through the story of Jesus' final days before Easter. Instead of only hearing the story, kids move through activities or stations that represent important moments of the week. This was created in stops throughout the church. The goal was to experience the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus' arrest and trial, Peter's denial of Jesus, and end with the resurrection.

Use the link below or QR code to register your child now

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

Sunday School Volunteers Needed

As we continue to grow and nurture the faith of our children, we are inviting members of our church family to consider serving in our Sunday School ministry. This is a meaningful opportunity to make a lasting impact by helping guide our youngest members in their spiritual journey.

Sunday School volunteers play an important role in creating a welcoming, safe, and engaging environment for children. Responsibilities may include assisting with simple lesson activities, helping children understand Bible stories, supporting crafts or games, and encouraging kindness and participation. You don't need to be a teacher—just someone with a willing heart, patience, and a desire to share God's love.

New volunteers will typically serve on a rotating schedule, allowing flexibility while still building relationships with the children and the team. All materials and guidance are provided, and you'll be supported every step of the way.

Whether you feel called to lead, assist, or simply explore how you can help, we would love to have you join us. Your presence can make a difference in a child's life—and in your own.

If you are interested or would like more information, please reach out. Together, we can continue to plant seeds of faith that will grow for years to come.

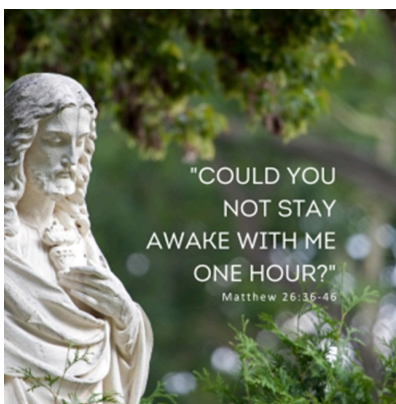
We are looking for individuals who:

- Have a caring and patient attitude with children
- Show a willingness to share and grow in their faith
- Are dependable and able to commit to a schedule
- Bring a positive, encouraging presence to the classroom
- Work well as part of a team
- Are open to learning and following provided lesson plans

Volunteer responsibilities may include:

- Assisting with or leading simple Bible lessons
- Helping children understand Bible stories in an age-appropriate way
- Supporting crafts, games, and interactive activities
- Creating a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment
- Encouraging participation, kindness, and respect among students
- Helping with classroom setup and clean-up
- Communicating with team members to ensure a smooth experience

ALTAR GUILD



"Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come. Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray."

Our Maundy Thursday service will end at the Garden of Repose in the chapel. As in the past, people are welcome to sit vigil in the chapel. It serves as a, quiet space for meditation, prayer, and "keeping watch" with Christ. Returning this year will be a poster where you can sign up for a time to sit vigil. It will be located in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider signing up for a time slot.

OUTREACH



Reach Out and Serve Sunday--THANK YOU ST. MICHAELS!

Our inaugural Service Sunday was a tremendous, fun, fellowship, intergenerational success! Approximately 40 helpers from ages 1 to 80 worked together and created **over 500** snack packs for Girl Forward after school programs--doubling the amount we hoped to fill!

We also filled 70 spice bags for the Ravenswood Food Pantry, and hope to create more soon. We will deliver the snacks and spices to RCS this week--we are so grateful for our volunteers' time and talent. And thanks to all of you who donated snacks or funds, including our preschool friends. This will make a difference for lots of families facing food insecurity.

Jack Torbeck summed it up best "I want to do this again tomorrow! Or at least next week."

SEARCH COMMITTEE

Possibly, you know someone.....

You know the theory of 6, right? Everyone is connected by 6 steps. Now that we have moved into the "accepting applications" portion of our search, we believe you can help us in this mission to find our next Rector. In addition to the extensive search currently being coordinated through the Diocese of Chicago, we are asking if any of you may know (through your travels or acquaintances or family) of any priests who might be interested in applying. If you do have any leads or suggestions, please let us know by emailing the search committee at searchstmikes@gmail.com or reaching out directly to a committee member. We will then direct them to <https://episcopalchicago.org/for-clergy/clergy-openings/>

Thank you!

Now that our Rector position is posted on the Diocesan website, We invite you to take a look at our Parish Profile!

<https://stmichaelsbarrington.aflip.in/6ebe0890eb.html>

LIFT



FROM THE LIFT LEADER'S DESK

Resume LIFT - Sun. March 29 (Palm Sunday)

Friday, April 3 - LIFT Service Day - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Visitation to some of our St. Michael's shut-ins.

We will then go as a group to the noon Good Friday service.

NO LIFT - Easter Morning - April 5

Sun. April 12 - FINAL Sr. LIFT (for this year)

Sunday, May 3 - Youth Sunday/Graduate Recognition Day/Reception - Jackson Summerfield, youth preacher that day

Sun. May 17, FINAL LIFT DAY

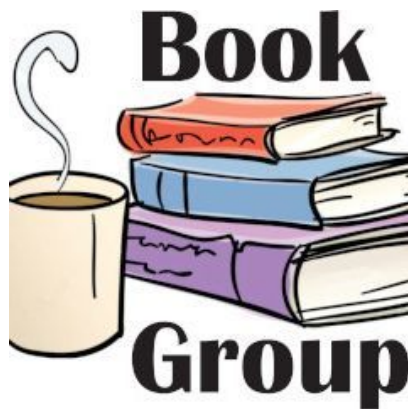
Final Spring Event - Top Golf - to be announced later

LIFT MISSION TRIP TO MILLER BEACH (GARY, IN) - Friday, July 31 - Sun. Aug.

2. Two nights this year! Mark your calendars now! More info to come!

[Click for LIFT Schedule](#)

BOOK GROUP



The novel "Theo of Golden", by Allen Levi, explores themes of generosity, community and finding holiness in everyday life. The discussion will be led by Carol Berman, in the church library, on Wednesday, April 15, beginning at 7 pm. All adult readers are welcome to join us!

AND ALL THE ANGELS GIFT SHOP



Visit And All the Angels gift shop for a wide selection of Easter gifts! Choose from our latest shipment of olive wood products from the Holy Land, bracelets and necklaces, wall and hand-held crosses, books, home decor and more! Our hours are: Wednesdays 11 am - 5 pm, Saturdays and Sundays 9 am - 12 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Can you please help us get the word out that St. Michael's is AWESOME? Please review our church - the more 5 stars we get will help us appear in more searches for people who are looking for a church home and researching churches online. See the link below:

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Skip the first part "AI", look for the box with the St. Michael's photo of the front of the church, and click on "google reviews". Please review us on Facebook and Yelp too (those links are on the same page). Thank you!

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Birthdays

3/29 David Waring
3/30 Mia Semcken
3/30 Chris Pepper
3/30 Michael Anderson
3/30 Jayda Garcia
3/31 Valorie Eaton
4/2 Martha Osos
4/2 Stewart Boynton
4/2 Paula Papamarcos
4/4 Ric Lindeen
4/4 David Smith
4/4 Pat Okonek
4/4 Mita Mullick

Anniversaries

In Loving Memory

3/30 Henry Bailey
3/31 Ned Dally
4/1 Dolores Curran
4/1 Vette Kell
4/2 Karl Schiffmayer
4/3 Louis Carrol
4/3 Cynthia Sykes
4/3 Wallace Younger
4/4 Eric Hays
Jesophine Flowers
Judie Buckley

Prayer Requests

The Compton family, Paul, Clark, the Buckley family, the Flowers family, Kristen, Braelyn, Kimberlie, Kathy, Denise, Doug, Sally, Mary, John, Teresa, **Kitty, Olivia and family**, Liam and family, Nancy, Caden, Dave, Brian, Barb and Steve, and Patty, and for all whom you alone know.

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