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EPISCOPAL 101 WITH DEACON TIM



Are you new to The Episcopal Church? Or, if not new to the church, are you interested in finding out more about The Episcopal Church? Beginning in early June I will host 4 or 5 sessions of "Episcopal 101" on Sundays, either between the worship services or immediately after the 10am service.

I need feedback from participants about which time frame you prefer. Also, location! Would you prefer to meet in a quieter location like the church library? Would you prefer claiming a corner of the Community Room? Perhaps on sunny and warm days, gathering on the front porch outside the Narthex (lobby)?

I plan to use Christopher L. Webber's book, Welcome to the Episcopal Church. There are a handful of copies already in the book shop, And All The Angels. We could have more copies ordered. Or you could find the book via the Church Publishing website or through online booksellers. As you wish.

The sessions will build upon one another. You could nonetheless encounter interesting info about our denomination if you participated in only one or two sessions. And stories! You may become inspired to add your story to the evolving Story of The Episcopal Church. (Spoiler alert, this is a hint about the book's introduction.)

Please send me your questions, feedback and preferences via email to tmurray@stmichaelsbarrington.org

STOCK THE SHELVES – THIS SUNDAY MAY 17TH



Sunday, May 17 is Stock the Shelves Sunday!

Your donation will help to feed 1,000-1,500 people each month. Every bag/box/can helps! Items marked with * are the most needed this month by our various food pantries.

- * Coffee
- Canned salmon/tuna/chicken/pork
- Canned vegetables
- Granola bars or other snack bars
- Snacks: Cookies, Crackers, Almonds, Dried Fruit, Granola Bars, Jello, pudding
- Single serve fruit snacks - apple sauce, peaches, pears
- * Cereals
- * Pasta Sauce with Meat or Cheese
- Plain Oatmeal (quick or old-fashioned)
- Rice (brown, white, or instant) – 1 pound bags preferred
- Dried beans -black or pinto – 1lb bags preferred
- * Condiments – Ketchup/Mustard/Relish/Soy sauce
- * Liquid Laundry Detergent – 37 ounce or smaller preferred – no pods, please!
- * Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, and Kleenex
- * Dryer sheets
- * Shampoo, Conditioner
- * Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
- * Body wash/bar soap
- * Deodorant
- * Diapers - size 4, 5, 6

- * Fresh fruit: apples, oranges, bananas melons
- * Onions (fresh) – red, yellow, white or green
- * Potatoes (fresh) – red, yellow, russet or white

Please leave donations in the Silver Wagon by the front door, the green wagon by the Community room or in the library.

The Silver Wagon ministry honors Ruth Silver, a long-time member of St. Michael's, and her dedication to this essential mission.

Questions? Email Llorra Wonder at llkwonder18@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!

REBUILDING TOGETHER – METRO CHICAGO

35th National Rebuilding Day – April 25th, 2026 – Maywood Illinois



St. Michaels really brought the “Light” to Maywood, with a great team. Our Hearts, Hands, and Energy brought great joy, and renewed hope to our homeowner. This project is a reminder that no one stands alone, and that kindness can rebuild more than just walls. It restores spirits and strengthens neighborhoods. United we serve, and share the labor, laughter, and fellowship. With gratitude and respect, we focus on hope and brighter days ahead. Thanks to the team, and all those who donated to the wish list items and directly to Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago.

2026 Team: Marti & Steve Kahn, Meridith Kahn, Jon Keating, Judi Tammi, Ann & Ric Ryba, John Malloy, Connie Wolf, Phil Paneitz, Lora Wonder, Kirk, Katie, Caden & Trevor Chan, Lynn & Forest Mayberry, Jill Deichmann, Bill Ferry

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Hi Sunday school friends,

Please feel free to have your child bring an item from home for the weekly children's sermon box. We will take turns making sure each child has a turn this summer.

PRE-SCHOOL

LITTLE ANGELS SUMMER CAMP

Unleash the Fun in the Sun at
Little Angels Summer Camp!

Weekly themes:

- ✓ June 8-11 Fairytale
- ✓ June 15-18 Camping in the woods
- ✓ June 22-25 God Bless America
- ✓ July 6-9 Build it - construction
- ✓ July 13-16 Under the sea
- ✓ July 20-23 Color Explosion
- ✓ July 27-30 Insect Investigators

**Registration starts March 30
on ChildPilot**

**Payment is required at
time of registration**

**\$75 for 2 days
\$150 for 4 days**

9 - 11:30
We have the option to add
lunch from 11:30 - 12:30

Camp is for children 2 years old - 5 years old

SING AND RING IN SCOTLAND

Choral Evensong tour to Aberdeen-Edinburgh Scotland, June 20-28, 2027
Coffee Hour Talk May 17th after 10am service



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St. Michaels is excited to partner with Music Celebrations International to coordinate a Cathedral Residency and Evensong Tour for our adult choir, children's choir, and bell choir to visit meaningful historical sites and beautiful old churches in Scotland! We will be performing several Evensongs, have a private Eucharist service on the site where our founding American Bishop, Samuel Seabury, was consecrated, visit many castles and ruins, and lead Sunday worship in the medieval Dunblane Cathedral near Edinburgh <https://share.google/vYnE1zLAJSBuHJFa>. There will be hairy cows, whiskey tasting, and much fun to be had by all! I hope you will very seriously consider joining this amazing trip. Plans are in the works to do fundraising this year to help offset some of the cost. Non-singers and singers from other churches are welcome on this pilgrimage!

I hope you will come learn more and consider ways you can help support us in prayer, attending our fundraising events to support travel scholarships, and learning more about what your St. Michael's musicians are up to, and the ways we as a church can connect to our roots and the global Episcopal Church in Scotland!

Many thanks for your support!
Sara

OUTREACH ALLOCATIONS

Thanks to the bountiful generosity of the St. Michael's family, the Outreach Team has recommended disbursement of \$29,600 to 13 partner agencies for the spring of 2026. With a

primary focus on organizations providing food and shelter, your gifts will ensure that thousands of people who are hungry, without homes, or rebuilding their lives will know they are cared for.

Your St. Michaels Outreach team meets twice a year to review grant applications, this year from 14 agencies. Factors include parishioner involvement, agency effectiveness, and impact on the community. (See guidelines) We are honored to be able to use our collective treasure to be God's hands in the world.

Gratefully, Your Outreach Team

Sam Adams-Lanham, Carol Berman, Melissa Buckley, Kate Chan, Una Colohan, David Evans, Sue Ferry, Bill Ferry, Kathy Galliher, Ray Kean, Cathy Koehlinger, Lou Longo, Terri Longo, John Malloy, Lynn Mayberry, Forest Mayberry, Bernice McCarthy, Marti Roehm, Ann Ryba, Tina Summerfield, LLora Wonder

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OUTREACH ALLOCATIONS SPRING 2026

Funds available	
Origin	Amount
Outreach 2025 balance	\$ 11,181
2025 True-up: 5% to 7.3%	\$ 15,786
8% of 2026 Pledged Income	\$ 48,961
Total for year	\$ 75,928
Spring Grants	\$ 29,600
Fall Grants	\$ 4,000
One-time Grants	\$ 2,000
AVAILABLE TO GIVE	\$ 40,328

Requests		Allocations			
Organization	Request	One time	Spring Grant	Fall Grant	Total 2026 Grant
Invitees					
Bacoa	\$ 5,000		\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00
Barrington Youth & Family Services	\$ -				\$ -
Barrington Township Food Pantry	\$ 2,100		\$ 2,100.00		\$ 2,100.00
Countryside UU-Chalice House	\$ 5,000		\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00
Cumali	\$ 5,000		\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00
Food For Greater Elgin	\$ 5,000		\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00
Porch de Salomon	\$ 6,500		\$ 3,500.00		\$ 3,500.00
Ravenswood Community Services	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
Rebuilding Together	\$ 4,000			\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Redeemer Family in Crisis (Elgin)	\$ 2,000		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
South Sudan- Renk Diocese					
Microloans	\$ 5,000		\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00
St. Anne Migrant Ministry	\$ 3,000		\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
St. Leonard's House/Grace House	\$ 8,000		\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00
					\$ -
5% set aside	\$ 3,100				\$ -
					\$ -
Sunny Hill		\$ 2,000			\$ 2,000.00
					\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 58,700	\$ 2,000	\$ 29,600.00	\$ 4,000	\$ 35,600

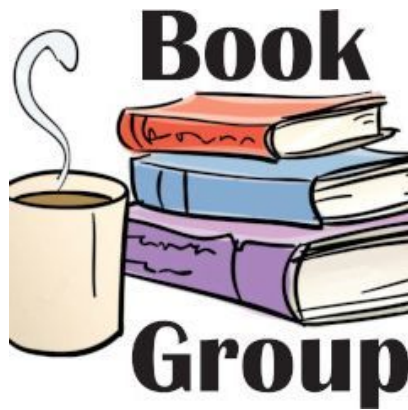
AND ALL THE ANGELS GIFT SHOP



Holding crosses, like the white 4-1/2" x 2-1/2" white cross pictured here, fit in the palm of your hand, and are available in a variety of colors. Also known as comfort crosses, they make great gifts for people of all ages... or for yourself. You can also choose olive wood holding crosses in several different sizes and shapes.

Visit us Wednesdays 11 am to 5 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays 9 am until noon, in St. Michael's lower level.

BOOK GROUP



My Mistake is a wry, witty, often tender memoir by a former New Yorker editor, magazine writer, and book publisher who offers great tales of his life. Kathi Frelk will lead the discussion about Daniel Menaker's book on Wednesday, May 20, at 7 pm, in the church library. We welcome new members! The June book, **The Count of Monte Cristo**, by Alexander Dumas, is longer than our usual selections so if you haven't already read it, you may want an early start! Rick Ryba will lead the discussion and host the June 17th meeting.

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:

[Church Reviews - St. Michael's Barrington](#)

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

5/17 Carol Hebert
5/18 Bonnie Factor
5/20 Frank Compton
5/21 Debbie Garcia
5/21 Trish Thomas

Anniversaries

5/17 Valorie and Frederick Eaton
5/17 Linda and Bruce Keclik
5/17 Lori and Chris Nolan
5/17 Terri and Lou Longo
5/23 Melissa and Dave Buckley

In Loving Memory

5/18 Alice Kell
5/18 Robert Blass
5/19 John Hall
5/19 Jean Schoepke
5/20 Laura Smith
5/20 George Schuster
5/21 Evelyn Hatcher
5/21 Marilee Manske
5/22 Reginald Foort
5/22 Arthur Lutz

5/22 John Claiborne III
5/23 Norton Penney
5/23 Richard L. Smith
5/23 Helen Kidder
5/23 Josephine Cooper
5/23 William McLean III

Prayer Requests

Marilyn, Frank, Tami and family, the Budzisz family, Megan, the Shipleys, Heather, Dolores, Bonnie, Mitzi, Morgan, Paul, Braelyn, Kimberlie, Kathy, Doug, Sally, Mary, John, Teresa, Kitty, Liam and family, Nancy, Caden, Dave, Brian, Barb and Steve, and Patty, and for all whom you alone know

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