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SUNDAY BREW



Please join us after the 10am service, this Sunday, June 7th to learn about some existing and new ways that you can participate/support our liturgies. We welcome folks of all ages and abilities to discover opportunities you may be interested in but didn't know were available to you. The beauty of our Sunday service is that we are one family sharing a community meal of faith. We want everyone to feel welcome to serve as they are able.



AND ALL THE ANGELS GIFT SHOP

Brighten your kitchen or gift a tea towel to a host or hostess, teacher or newlywed, homeowner or new apartment dweller. Or tie a tea towel around home-baked bread or a bottle of wine for extra-special eco-friendly gift wrap. And All the Angels has a variety of decorative, practical tea towels in stock. Visit our "boutique in the basement" for all-occasion cards and gifts.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Minecraft VBS Experience

Are you looking for a fun summer activity for your children? Join us, Monday - Thursday August 3-6, 2026, 9:30 am- 12:30 pm. VBS is open to all children entering pre-school thru 5th grade for the 2026 -2027 school year.

Registration will be available soon, check back for more information. To volunteer or donate boxes please contact Kim Curtis kcurtis@stmichaelsbarrington.org



From the LIFT Leader's Desk

This week we highlight our third and final graduating senior from our LIFT group, Vinnie Parisi. He is graduating from Lake Zurich High School and will be attending Illinois State University for Finance. He's been a member at St. Michael's for two years. At Christmas, Easter and other special occasions, you probably saw and "heard" him play the Euphonium with the St. Michael's Brass Quartet! He appreciates the community here and said we were beyond welcoming and he never felt like he didn't belong. "I will remember all the fun memories I had, especially at LIFT, with my friends." Wishing all our graduating seniors God's blessings!



Watch for upcoming information about next year's Confirmation Class. We will be opening this up to our sister parishes who have "Youth" but no "Youth Program." Please spread the word among our fellow Episcopal Churches: St. Mark's, Barrington Hills; Holy Apostles, Wauconda; St. Philip's, Palatine; St. Simon's in Arlington Heights; and St. James, West Dundee. St. Michael's can be a light, here in the suburbs, for Christ. Pray for God to increase the harvest!

Peace, Kay Lewis

P.S. Just a reminder, due to scheduling difficulties and attendance, this year's Mission Trip to Gary, IN, will be cancelled. See you back in the Fall!

BOUND THROUGH PAIN SUFFERED



WITH GUN VIOLENCE

Dear People of St. Michael's:

This coming weekend features a call from Episcopal Peace & Justice Ministries to Wear Orange for Awareness of Gun Violence. I am reminded that members of St. Michael's, as well as family members and friends of parishioners, have painful experience with the effects of gun violence. Also true is that members of St. Michael's own firearms. Some members of St. Michael's, in fact, are both gun owners and deeply grieved by experience with gun violence.

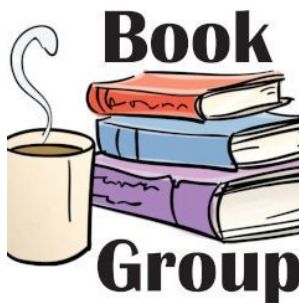
The Episcopal Bishops Against Gun Violence created a liturgy for "Remembering All Who Have Been Affected By Gun Violence." The liturgy calls us to mindful prayer for teachers and other school personnel, as well as first responders like police, firefighters, and paramedics. Prayers are invoked for people suffering from the effects of accidental shootings, including children. The liturgy acknowledges that people of all kinds are affected, regardless of faith, gender, socioeconomic status, racial identification, or nationality; living in communities urban, rural, and suburban. The liturgy concludes with this collect:

"God of Astonishing Mercy, Compassion and Immeasurable Love, restore our broken hearts and enliven our confidence to find new ways to revive our world to become one of peace. Amen."

Let us pray for those impacted by gun violence and consider wearing orange this weekend to symbolize support for gun violence prevention. Please pray for peace.

Deacon Tim+

BOOK GROUP



The Count of Monte Cristo, by Alexander Dumas, is our June book. Rick Ryba will lead the discussion and host the Wednesday, June 17th meeting, 7 pm, in the church library.

We have switched dates and books for July and September: Danny Warner will now lead the discussion of **My Friends**, by Fredrik Backman, on July 17th; Georgianne Harms will lead **Phosphorescence**, by Julia Baird, on September 16th.

We welcome new members. Questions? Contact Kathi Frelk kfrelk4@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Prayer Requests

Sarah Field, the Cross family, the Lick family, Marilyn, Frank, Tami and family, Megan, Heather, 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

Over the next several weeks and months you will begin to notice changes to the Sword and other church publications. The communications committee has been hard at work developing standards to streamline and coordinate the church's communication efforts.

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Birthdays

6/9 Nancy Wulfers
6/9 Willa Taylor
6/10 Jillian Smith
6/11 Jack Torbeck

Anniversaries

6/12 Martha and Chris Osos

In Loving Memory

6/8 Marguerite Forrest
6/8 Danielle Stauffer
6/8 Catherine Bowles
6/8 Nancy Meccia
6/12 Mary Nicol
Bryan Cross
Robert Lick
Sarah Field
Kitty Grant
Kathleen "Kay" Richards

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The Sword

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