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FAMILY AT HOME AND IN SCRIPTURE

Dear People of St. Michael's,

Perhaps you, like me, have a calendar filled with family events this time of year. I was in Mississippi recently to celebrate younger cousins and their educational achievements. A set of twin brothers graduated from high school, one the valedictorian and his brother with high honors. Another high school cousin is transferring this summer to the elite math and science high school for the State of Mississippi. In another segment of my family, we celebrate this week the birth of triplet children 34 years ago. Family connections forged huge parts of my identity. I feel grateful and blessed, even for the parts that were sources of pain, like the death of a sister a few years ago during Covid.

The forging of family features prominently in the Old Testament passages we are encountering this summer from the Book of Genesis. Perhaps like me, you ponder how the family being formed around Abram/Abraham resembles one's own family members. Who is a favored child? Who is cut off? Who shies away from conflict? Who manages to be present with a calm demeanor when conflict erupts? How do we react when a family member appears to change? Or to become at last who they were meant to become? And how do these ponderings resonate with what we perceive in society? What might it mean to conceive of the Genesis stories as accounts of "seeds" being sown

for later accounts of the faithful people - and others they encounter - throughout the Old Testament, the Gospels, and the Letters of the Apostles?

Should you accept the opportunity to ponder with me, thank you. In all events, I pray for your blessings of celebratory events: graduation, matriculation, birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Flag Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, and more.

Deacon Tim



FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

HAPPY 81ST BIRTHDAY TO ST. MICHAEL'S!

According to St. Michael's "Affidavit of Organization" filed with the State of Illinois, our church's "birthday" is TODAY, June 18. The notarized affidavit indicates that a meeting was held on June 18, 1945 when the corporate name of St. Michael's Episcopal Church was adopted, and the members of the first vestry board were elected. A vestry board is the governing body of the church and consists of elected volunteers that manage the church's budget, financial resources, property and facilities. Please join me in thanking all of our wonderful volunteers over the years that have made St. Michael's Episcopal Church what it is today.



WORK HAS BEGUN...

Buildings & Grounds committee is hard at work!
The primary bathroom remodel project is underway at the Rectory as we are preparing for our eventual new Rector.
If you would like to contribute financially to this undertaking, please indicate "Rectory" on your gift. Stay tuned for more updates...



Sunday, June 21st is Stock the Shelves Sunday!

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

- * Liquid Laundry Detergent – 37 ounce or smaller preferred – no pods, please!
- * Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
- * Fresh fruit: apples, oranges, bananas melons

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!

Complete List of Needed Items



UNITED THANK OFFERING

Our ingathering for the United Thank Offering is June 28th. Bring your boxes and envelopes next Sunday. There are empty boxes and envelopes available. Let us cheerfully give.



Minecraft Vacation Bible School Experience

August 3rd - 6th
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Snack is included

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 647 Dundee Ave. Barrington, IL

Vacation Bible School is open to
all children pre-school - 5th grade
for the 2026-2027 school year

Click on QR Code to
Register or Volunteer



VBS is free to attend, a \$10 donation per child is appreciated



Contact Kim Curtis
kcurtis@stmichaelsbarrington.org
for more information

NEIGHBOR APPRECIATION ICE CREAM SOCIAL OPEN HOUSE



Ice cream cones as big as your head!
Ask and it shall be given to you, extra scoops included.

On Saturday August 8 from noon to 3:00 PM we're showing hospitality to our neighbors by serving ice cream along with an invitation to come in and visit.

Our neighbors near St. Michael's will receive invitations and coupons for free ice cream. We'll be open for those who wish to visit. Our aim is to make this a fun, memorable event. Afterwards, we'll offer the treats to parishioners and friends.

We are seeking approximately 12 volunteers to help with:

- Creating signs/banners
- Setup and cleanup
- Greeting neighbors
- Serving ice cream
- Directing traffic
- Hospitality and fellowship

Please email Pat Okonek for more details. Patokonek1@gmail.com.

This is an opportunity to open St. Michael's doors to people who may never have considered visiting before. With your help, we can create a joyful afternoon of hospitality that leaves a lasting impression long after the last scoop is served.

More details to come - watch the Sword!

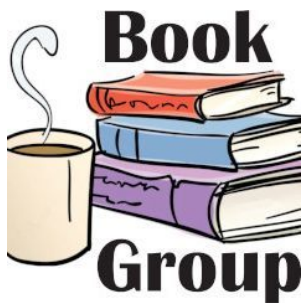
AND ALL THE ANGELS GIFT SHOP

Browse our unique selection of Father's Day cards and gifts: scented soaps, religious rocks, a Man of Faith keepsake box (*hurry! only one left in stock!*) visor clips, money clips and more! Visit **And All the Angels** gift shop Wednesdays from 11 am to 2 pm, Saturdays and Sundays 9 am until noon. For more information, contact Kathi Frelk kfrelk4@gmail.com or Cindy Osborne cosborne46@gmail.com.



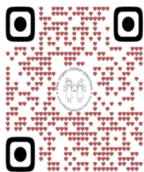
The Store will be closed on Saturday June 27th.

BOOK GROUP



Danny Warner will lead the discussion of **My Friends**, by Fredrik Backman, on July 15th, 7 pm, in the church library. Susan DeBauche will lead **Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books**, a novel by Kirsten Miller, August 19th. Georgianne Harms will lead **Phosphorescence**, by Julia Baird, September 16th.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Questions? Contact Kathi Frelk kfrelk4@gmail.com



LITTLE ANGELS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL IS NOW HIRING

Christian Preschool Music Teacher, part-time 3 hours per week
Substitute Teachers for the 2026-2027 school year

If interested, please contact:
Janelle Aynessazian, Preschool Director

jaynessazian@stmichaelsbarrington.org

(847) 381-5490

Scan QR Code for more information



DONATE BLOOD

**THURSDAY
JUNE
25**

3:00PM - 7:00PM

**HELPFUL TIP:
MAKE SURE TO EAT A
HEALTHY MEAL AND
DRINK PLENTY OF
WATER BEFORE
DONATING.**

(800) 7TO-GIVE



**ST. HUGH OF LINCOLN EPISCOPAL
CHURCH - BLOOD DRIVE**

LOCATION - WIEDRICH HALL

36W957 HIGHLAND AVENUE
ELGIN, IL 60123
(SE CORNER OF RANDALL RD & HIGHLAND AVE)

APPOINTMENTS APPRECIATED; WALK-INS
WELCOME! TO SCHEDULE, GO TO
WWW.VERSITI.ORG/IL. LOAD THE VERSITI DONOR
APP, CALL (800) 7TO-GIVE,
OR SCAN THE QR CODE

AS A SPECIAL THANK-YOU, ALL REGISTERED
DONORS WILL RECEIVE A MYSTERY SHIRT WHILE
SUPPLIES LAST.

PHOTO ID REQUIRED.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

Give the Gift of Life Thursday, June 25 in Elgin

St. Hugh of Lincoln in Elgin is partnering with Versiti Blood Center to host a blood drive at the church on Thursday, June 25, from 3 to 7 pm.

Appointments are appreciated; walk-ins are welcome! To schedule, go to www.versiti.org/il, load the Versiti Donor App, or call (800) 7TO-GIVE. All registered donors will receive a mystery shirt while supplies last.



Prayer Requests

Jackie, Bob, Gina, Maryann, the Richards family, the Lindeen and Grant families, Jeff, Katie and Jim, the Field family, the Cross family, the Lick family, Marilyn, Frank, the Zukowski family, Megan, Heather, Bonnie, Mitzi, Morgan, Paul, Braelyn, Kimberlie, Kathy, Doug, Sally, Mary, John, Teresa, Liam and family, Nancy, Caden, Dave, Brian, Barb and Steve, and Patty, and for all whom you alone know.

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

6/21 Kathi Frelk
6/22 Andrea Willis
6/24 Ann Kimes
6/25 Danny Warner
6/25 Brant Deichmann

Anniversaries

6/21 Anne & James (Scot) Pepper
6/25 Susan & Clark Beverly
6/27 Marilyn Borkgren-Okonek & Pat Okonek

In Loving Memory

6/21 Arthur Hanson
6/21 Anne Ziegler
6/22 William Krueger
6/22 Clarence McFeeley

6/26 Jack Schaefer

6/27 Sally & Greg Smilth

6/22 Bill Milford

6/23 Marjorie Morgan

6/23 Russell Turner

6/25 Mary Richardson

6/26 Marilyn Sargent

6/26 Suzanne Gustat

6/26 Hollis Schoepke

6/27 Patrick Dittmer

Bryan Cross

Robert Lick

Sarah Field

Kitty Grant

Kay Richards

Tami Zukowski

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The Parish Office is open 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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The Sword

The Sword is published each Thursday. The deadline to submit items to be included is Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.

Any questions or comments regarding this publication should be sent to sword@stmichaelsbarrington.org

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