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# The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church,  
Barrington, IL.

12 April 2012

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## Did You Know?

Marti Callahan hand-decorated over 250 sugar cookies for the children of St. Michael's and visiting children at services on Easter morning?

The few remaining cookies were donated to the children of the

## Upcoming:

Sunday, Food for the Journey, 9:45 a.m.

Friday, 20 April, the **Baker** Wedding Bash

Saturday, 5 May, the Vestry Vision and Leadership Gathering

Sunday, 6 May, Bishop Anderson House Spring Event and Volunteer of the Year Event Honoring St. Michael's Parishioner, **Nancy Carney**

*More information on all these events and more may be found further below in this newsletter.*

## The Moment(s)

*a pastoral letter from the Rector*

Many of us felt it - the poignant moment at the end of the Good Friday liturgy. Awe may be the best word to describe it. Afterward, those of us in the sacristy remained silent for an unusually long time. Many people lingered in the nave or hallways or choir room before heading home.

Later, some said that the moment was brought on by the music, which was sublime. Others concluded that it was the seamless relationship between the music and the liturgy. That's a possibility, too. But I gather that we all grasp the complex relationship between form and spirit. The parish clergy and staff and I, as well as all our worship ministers, choir members and other musicians, work hard to prepare excellent worship and music. But our best experiences of worship beguilingly depend on the Holy Spirit showing up in the moment.

Surely we've all wondered about the relationship between form and spirit in other realms of life. On some vacations, for instance, we merely travel. But then, on a trip with an itinerary like any other, there's that moment. We see that we've been swept up into a great adventure. You may always prepare a stunning table for your guests. But then there's that one evening in which all your attention to detail seems to have set the stage for a WOW! party that is remembered for years.

Urban Academy of  
LYDIA Home in  
Chicago. The  
Development  
Director commented  
that the children  
never receive cookies  
that look like "works  
of art." Thank you,  
Marti!

### Anniversaries This Week BIRTHDAYS

4.15 Dave Evans  
4.16 Dillon Rejman  
4.18 Julianne Schultz  
4.19 Judy Heinrich,  
Charles Pehaligen  
4.20 Bradley Kean,  
Rachael Bushnell,  
Carol Schmidt, Steve  
Schultz  
4.21 Margaret Blass,  
Brittany Jaekel,  
Emily Stoettner

### ANNIVERSARIES

4.15 Denise &  
Raymond Witzak  
**REST IN PEACE**  
4.18 Julie Manning  
4.21 John Malmsten

Speaking of parties and moments, one focus for me now that Easter is past is our Friday, April 20, wedding celebration for **Kara and David Baker**. I'd like to guarantee one of those over-the-top moments for **Kara and David** - and for all of us - as we gather 'round them on the 20th. But all I can do is ask for your help in responding to the invitations that have gone out, and then work with all who are taking part to line up the details ... and then hope and pray for the Spirit.

Many other events are, of course, upcoming at St. Michael's: an evening for younger parents (April 28); a vision and leadership gathering hosted by the vestry (May 5); and the award presentation to **Nancy Carney** at the Bishop Anderson House annual benefit (May 6) - just to name a few. In the best case scenario, these and other gatherings and events will yield, for all who take part, even more great and meaningful moments.

- Patrick +

Also from the Rector:

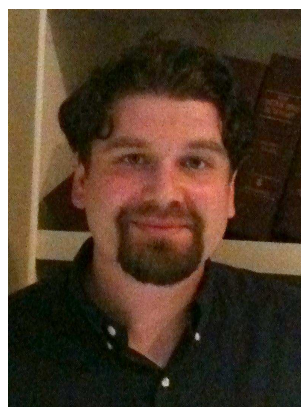
+ More information on the events described in the last paragraph of my letter above can be found elsewhere in this Sword or in other upcoming Swords!

+ Our excellent organist, *Barbara Wischmeier*, has been serving at St. Michael's on an interim basis since the fall of 2010. During Holy Week *Barbara* received a call and job offer to serve as the full-time Music Director and Organist for Trinity School, Midland, Texas. **Barbara** will be away this coming weekend to finalize the details of her move, and **David Baker** and I will soon share a plan to identify, call and hire a new organist for St. Michael's. **Barbara's** last day at St. Michael's won't be known for awhile - but whenever it is, please know I've already been fielding inquiries about giving her a good send-off.

### Little Red Wagon



In April we will

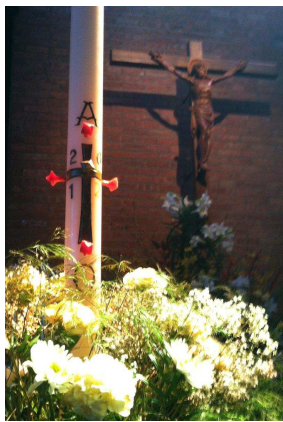


### Food for the Journey, Sunday, April 15, 9:45 a.m., The Nicene Creed...Who wrote it and why does it matter today? with Dr. Joshua Davis from UofI

The Episcopal Church understands itself as a creedal rather than confessional church. This means that the ancient statements of faith (written in the 4th century) define who we are as a community of disciples.

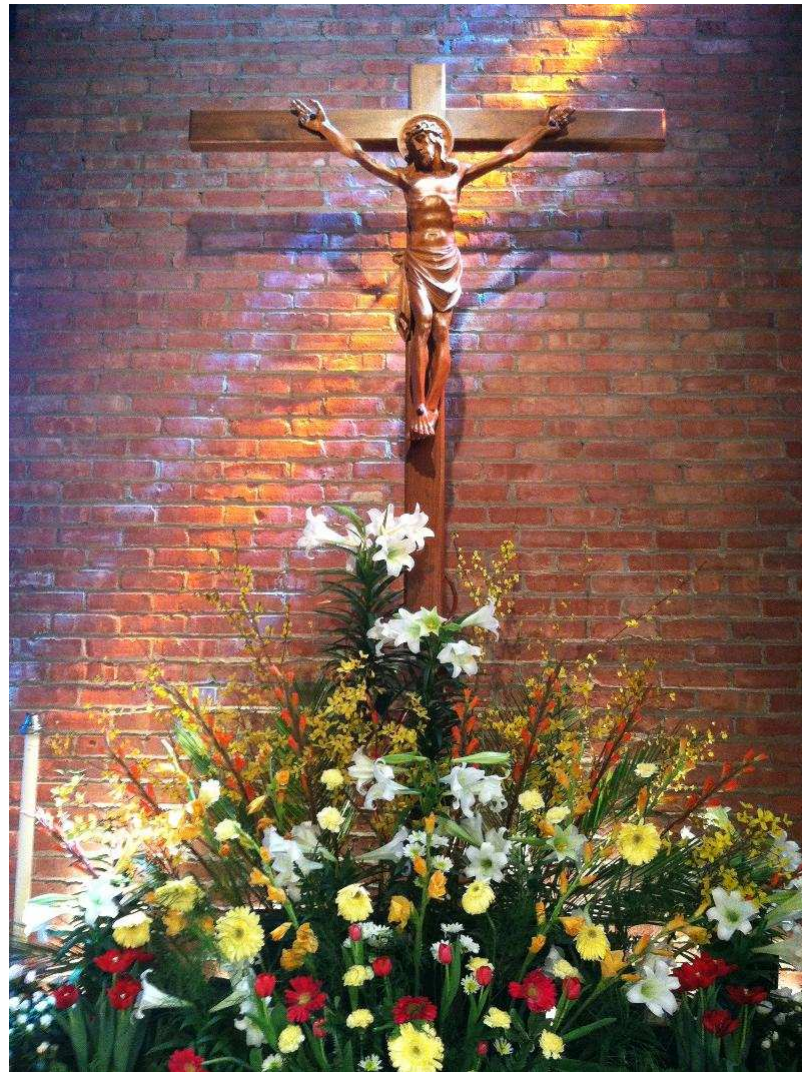
Yet, some of us may be confused by what it means to recite these creeds together in our services, or even what the significance of confessing these words is. Come join us as we discuss these questions and ask what meaning and importance the creeds have for

continue to gather food for St. Cyprian Food Pantry. This will help refill the shelves that were emptied at Easter time. The pantry has reached a new high of serving 855 families in one month. So the need continues to increase. Our Food Pantry Fund is also in need of replenishment. It is used to supplement needed items that are not donated. Please help to provide this most basic need in our lives.



our lives and churches today.

Joshua Davis is Visiting Assistant Professor of Catholic Studies at the University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign. His articles have been published in Princeton Theological Review, Political Theology, and in the book Words of Life: New Theological Turns in French Phenomenology edited by Bruce Ellis and Norman Wirzba. He received his PhD in Theology from Vanderbilt University, and is married to The Reverend Danielle Thompson, Associate Rector at St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church, Chicago.



Many parishioners beamed in response to seeing the floral display in the church on Easter Day. It was masterminded by **Jane Dawson** with help from other altar guild members. Alleluia!.

## Baker Wedding Bash

The Evite has been sent out for the BAKER WEDDING BASH!  
Friday, April 20th, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Please join us as we celebrate  
KARA & DAVID BAKER'S WEDDING

Here's the Buzz about the BASH:

FOOD...It's an Appetizer Extravaganza!  
Kindly bring your favorite appetizer to share. Please contact **Julia Bishop** at davidandjulia127@comcast.net or 847-722-2733 if you are able to help with set up, clean up or wine service.

GIFTS...  
**Kara and David** are registered at Target and Kohl's. As an alternative to buying your own gift, we are taking a collection to buy gifts as a group. If you would like to contribute, please write a check to **Brooke Raymond** and deliver to the parish office by April 16th.

Hope to see you at the BASH!!

## **Stewardship Summary**

by **Bob Gilbert**, Chair  
*Vestry Stewardship Team*

Hello Cheerful Givers!

May God bless you for your faithful support of the 2011-2012 stewardship effort. This note will offer a final recap of results.

First of all, 2011 finished strongly. 2011 pledge income totaled \$928,250 which was an 8.4% gain over 2010. Even though a few final pledges for this year are still trickling in, the grand total for 2012 effort is now projected to be \$930,000, a modest improvement from a strong 2011. These gains coincide with the 8% increase in average Sunday attendance (2011 vs. 2010) and the slowly improving US economy.

St. Michael's parishioners are committed and loyal. There is virtually no slippage between what is pledged and what is actually received. To state the obvious, pledge income is vital and is over 90% of our ordinary income. Borrowing a phrase from **Fr. Kevin**, pledge income helps St. Michael's "to be the hands and the heart of Jesus."

To read the rest of Bob's summary click [here](#).

## In the Parish Family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

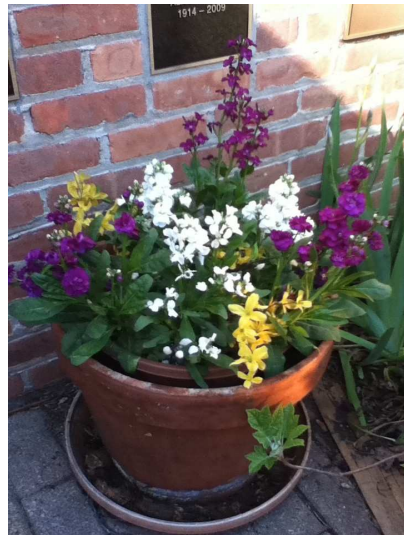
Scott, Sharryn, Evann, Colin, Patricia, Kim, Joseph & family, the Dutter family, Jessica, Jim & Agnes, Elizabeth, Paul, Mary, Terry, Amy, Fernando, St. Cyprian Food Pantry, military troop in danger including those from our parish, especially Silas, Eric, Zane, Robert, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, Arielle, Taylor, Tim and Jake.



+ It was great to see **Deacon Judy Heinrich** in church on Sunday. She was observed in the sacristy admiring the engraved paten donated in her honor!

+**Suzi Allen**, parishioner and St. Michael's Chancellor, works tirelessly each season on adding, replacing and/or maintaining the annuals, perennials and shrubbery in the columbarium to make it a sacred place of rest and peace. Those of us who have the gift of working here each day enjoy the fruits of her labor

often, and I think that parishioners who have the opportunity to only come once or twice a week are still fortunate to see her work. Thank you, **Suzi!** Below are a couple of pictures of the spring plantings.



+During the Walk Through Holy Week, we estimate that **Father Raymond, Father Caruso and Dave Evans** (as Jesus) washed the feet of 50 children! **Kara Nance** shared pictures of her boys, **Liam** (left) and **Scott** (right), with me for this newsletter. Look at their intense examination of **Dave** as he washes **Scott's** feet.



+From Parishioner and Senior Warden, **Kathy Randolph**:

Dear Friends and Family,

The feature film *LIFE, LOVE, SOUL* is truly a family affair! My niece, Dedra Tate, produced the film; great-nephew Robert Tate-Brickle plays the lead character and her son, Jain Rice is also featured. The film won the "Audience Award" and other accolades during the Annual Urbanworld Film Festival this past summer. It's a powerful, positive Black family film. The producers have secured limited screenings at AMC Theatres in SEVEN cities beginning April 13th!! The film is rated PG13.

I just received the email!! It would be WONDERFUL if you would support the opening of this movie during its initial week!! The Chicago location has been confirmed ...

*LIFE, LOVE, SOUL* IN THEATERS APRIL 13th, AMC Loews  
Woodridge 18,1000 Woodward Avenue, Woodridge, IL 60517



Please pass this message on to your friends and family!! To help ensure the longevity of this film in the theaters, please purchase a ticket and view the film. Poor ticket sales will surely shorten the film's lifespan.

Thank you for your support!! **In fact, join me Sunday, 15 April at 1:00 p.m. in the St. Michael's parking lot to travel**

**together to see a 1:55 p.m. showing of the film together!**

**Kathy (847-373-1516)**

To see a trailer of the film click [here](#).



## **Exploring Sacred Music in the Anglican Tradition WILL NOT Meet in April**

**This month's Book Club information.**

**The book: "Cutting for Stone" by**

**Abraham Verghese.**

**The meeting: Wednesday, April 25,**

**7:30 p.m. in the library.**

**The leader: Kathi Frelk.**

Any questions may be directed to **Kathi** at [kfrelk@yahoo.com](mailto:kfrelk@yahoo.com).



## **SMUSH & LIFT Spring Flower Sale!**

The youth of St. Michael's are taking orders for flowers just in time for spring planting - think about that adopt-a-plot program at St. Michael's, also! You may email or fax your order to our Youth Minister, **Kara Baker**. Her email address is [kbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:kbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org) and the fax number is 847.381.3517. The form may be found by clicking [here](#). All orders must be received by the 13th of May, Sunday. All orders will be ready for pick-up on the 19th of May, Saturday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Thank you for supporting the youth of St. Michael's.

**WINGS (Women in Need Growing Stronger) Event**



(Please note the link in the body of the WINGS invitation above does not work, but the link cited just below Nina's name below does work.)

Dear St. Michael's Family and Friends,

I hope that you will join the fun at our 2nd annual Taste Takes Flight culinary extravaganza! VIP tickets sell out early, so register today.

Sincerely,

**Nina J. Stephenson**

Register by clicking [here](#) or calling 847-519-7820.

### **News from our Youth Minister**

Sunday, 15 April @ 12:30-4:30 p.m.--Volunteering at HELPING PAWS Animal Shelter in Woodstock, IL. Please let me know if you are interested for transportation purposes. We will get a tour of their facilities, a chance to see some of the animals, and be working on an outdoor beautification project.

Sunday, 22 April--SMUSH MISSION TRIP DEPOSIT #2 DUE (\$ 191.00 ) & LIFT MISSION TRIP DEPOSIT #2 DUE (\$111.50 )  
 Sunday 4/22--Confirmants to the Islamic Educational Center in Glendale Heights, 1:45-4:30 p.m.

Friday, 27 April--B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, A Reform Jewish Congregation in Deerfield 5:30-9:30 p.m.

Friday, 27 April-Sunday, 29 April -- Diocesan Jr/Sr High Retreat @ Camp Wonderland. Registration information at

<https://episcopalchicago.wufoo.com/forms/juniorsenior-high-retreat/>

Sunday, 29 April--SMUSH Mission Trip Work Day @

Redeemer, Elgin 1:00-5:00 p.m.



## Celebrate the Rites of Spring for Bishop Anderson House!

We hope you and your friends will join us to celebrate the "One of a Kind" ministry of Bishop Anderson House. Please save the date, May 6, 2012, for the annual soiree at

Salvatore's Ristorante, 525 W. Arlington in Chicago. This year **Nancy Carney**, long-time member of St Michael's, will be honored as the 2012 Volunteer of the Year at the event.

*Read more about this event and sharing a ride by clicking [here](#).*

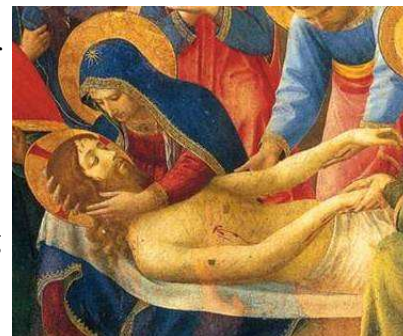


## Were You There?

Because it was created in the church undercroft, some parishioners may not have seen the tomb from which Jesus was resurrected at the end of our Walk Through Holy Week on the

morning of Good Friday, April 6. We had over 50 young children, over a dozen youth helpers and over 125 total participants. Thanks to the many people who shared in making this worship event for young children a success - including **Dave Evans**, who for a second year died and rose again in the role of Jesus.

The choral piece that so moved many of us at the conclusion of the Good Friday liturgy is titled *Pietà*, by Joseph M. Martin. Music Director **David Baker** selected the piece, **Barbara Wischmeier** nailed the intense piano accompaniment, **Kara Baker** shone on the soprano solo, and the choir voices and string accompanists all lined up in breathtaking manner.



Many know the word *Pietà* from the famed Michaelangelo sculpture by that name housed at the Vatican. The word is commonly used, though, in reference to any artwork that depicts Mary, the mother of Jesus, cradling his dead body after he is taken down from the cross. The story is not found in Scripture but the image has been the subject for many artworks for centuries. One example is the detail from Fra Angelico's *Deposition of Christ*, painted between 1432 and 1434. The text of the Joseph

Martin anthem is found below:

*In the shadow of the manger, by a candle's dancing flame,  
tender Mary holds her baby, as she breathes His holy name.  
"Jesus rest your weary head, close your weeping eyes." As  
evening falls, starts to sing a lullaby, "Lulay, lulay, peace be  
yours tonight."*

*In the shadow of the temple, in a place so far from home, Mary  
sees her child of wonder, and she marvels how He's grown.  
"Jesus rest your weary head, and think on gentle things." With  
loving arms she holds her savior as she sings, "lulay, lulay,  
peace be yours tonight."*

*In the shadow of Golgotha, underneath a darkened sky, Mary  
gently cradles Jesus. Through her tears she says goodbye.  
"Jesus rest your weary head. Your work on earth is done." And  
as the darkness falls, she whispers to her son, "Lulay, lulay,  
peace be yours tonight."*

### **A Night Out for Parents to Relax and Reflect...**

Finding God in the messiness of family life.

Who: Parents with children between the ages of 0-18

What: Good food, Good Conversation, and Some Reflections on Parenting and Faith

When: Saturday April 28th from 6:00 to 9:00pm

Where: McGonigal's Pub (Private Room) ,105 S. Cook St., Barrington

Cost: \$35 per person (a cash bar will be available) Please do not allow finances to be a reason for not coming. Scholarships are available.

[Click for pdf with more info.](#)



### **Splash in God's Word Vacation Bible School Registration for Ages 3 years through 5th grade (fall 2012) begins!**

Splash in two water themed stories from the Old Testament, two from the New Testament and one water themed story from the book of Acts this summer at VBS! A new workshop will be added to the traditional art, music,

and game centers this year - a science center! It will be great fun to wade in and get wet! We ask for a donation of \$25 for the week (scholarships are always available). Registration forms are available by clicking [here](#).

### Upcoming Events

Food for the Journey, 15 April, Sunday, 9:45 a.m.  
Baker Wedding Bash, 20 April, Friday, 6:30 p.m.  
St. Michael's Book Club, 25 April, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Parents Night Out, 28 April, Saturday, 6:00 p.m.  
Vestry Vision and Leadership Gathering, 5 May  
Youth Flower Orders Due, 13 May  
Youth Flower Orders Delivered, 19 May  
Last Day of Church School 20 May  
Summer Church Schedule begins, 27 May  
Feast of Pentecost, 27 May  
Summer Two Room Church School Begins, 3 June  
Vacation Bible School, 25-29 June

### Revised Common Lectionary Year B, Easter 2

Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1-2-2:2, John 20:19-31

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