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## The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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### Did You Know?

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### Some Upcoming Events:

(Details about these and other events may be found in this newsletter or future newsletters. A more comprehensive list of upcoming events may be found at the end of the newsletter.)

- +Sunday, 29 July, Senior High Mission Trip Returns from Belle, West Virginia
- +Thursday, 2 August, Stories from the Road, pictures and sharing from the mission trips
- +Saturday, 4 August, Exterior Painting Work Day
- +....*looking ahead*....Soul Journey Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study to resume Tuesday, 11 September

### About that New Year's resolution ...

*a pastoral letter from the rector*

Dear People of St. Michael's,

Happy New Year!

You'll initially wonder, no doubt, about the apparently out-of-season greeting. But think about it: isn't it true that, as August nears, a new school year is coming into view? And isn't it also true that we make as many resolutions now as at any other time of year?

Have you ever noticed how, right about now, many of us are sifting through and sorting out our hopes and priorities and resources? We're partly doing so, I believe, in order to figure out our best main commitments as we anticipate a 'new year'.

My role as St. Michael's rector in this context compels me to ask you to include your church in your resolutions. And I hope and pray that you'll do so because your faith in God is alive and well and because the renewal of spirit that you find here at St. Michael's grounds you in every other realm of life. (If not, a good resolution for you may be to make an appointment with me, or with Fr. Kevin, or with Deacon Laurie.)

A viable New Year's resolution that includes your faith community will have to be your own. But if you want some ideas to get started ... a resolution might be about:

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## Anniversaries This Week

### Birthdays

7.29 Madeline Tolle,  
Phillip Quarfoot,  
Jessica Rhodes,  
Madison Greenlief  
7.30 Arthur Lanham,  
Nicole Bacher,  
Calvin Szarzynski,  
Cameron Waller  
8.1 Will Brooks,  
Cam Sells, Macray  
Poidomani, David  
Racicot, Charlie  
Palmer  
8.2 Patti Cross,  
Robert Sells, Gayle  
Maraval, Taylor  
Madonia  
8.3 Nancy Holmes

- A baby step or a giant leap.
- Saying 'No!' and stepping aside from a ministry that is no longer a blessing.
- Crossing a line of resistance and more generously giving of time, talent or treasure.
- Making time and space to better understand and put to good use your God-given gifts.
- Expanding your understanding and practice of prayer.
- Learning the name of and having a conversation with at least one fellow parishioner or newcomer each month.

I've written letters like this in past years. But I've usually waited for September, when Sunday worship attendance rises, to ask parishioners for their attention and commitments 'for this new year.' Many members, of course, say, "Yes!" But many others shrug at me. They've already made their resolutions. Their dance cards are full. And they say, "Maybe next year."

By writing this in July, I'm hoping to get in your view, and for you to keep St. Michael's in your heart and mind, as we all imagine the year ahead and what it holds for each of us and for all of us together.

- Patrick +

Also from the Rector:

+Sixteen St. Michael's parishioners enjoyed a 2-day canoe trip with an overnight campout on the Wisconsin River this past weekend (July 21-22). Special thanks to Paul Clancy for his thorough and caring organization and leadership and to all who took part. Special thanks, as well, to Jean Birkett (mother of St. Michael's parishioner Ellen Lindeen) and the rector and all the people of St. Barnabas' Church, Richland Center, Wisconsin, who welcomed about half our group to spend the night in their church on Friday night, July 20 - and fed us breakfast the next morning!



On the river with St. Michael's!!

+The Proposal for Sundays 2012-2013 that I made at the July 16 Vestry meeting can be read by clicking [here](#). The document explains

8.4 Hannah Johnson,  
Christopher Nolan,  
Ella Younger

#### **Anniversaries**

7.29 Stephanie &  
Richard Johns

8.1 Jane & Gene  
Dawson, Gail & Bill  
Baar

8.2 Christine & Hugh  
Robinson

#### **Rest in Peace**

7.31 Arthur  
Anderson

8.1 John Ray

8.3 Charles Buckley,  
II

8.4 Robert Treveiler,  
Karl Richardson

why I've proposed to the vestry that we focus on numerous opportunities for improvements but that we not undergo another major overhaul for the coming year. The sole possible change in the schedule involves a proposal to relieve some stresses on musicians, clergy and the parking lot environment by moving the starting time of the 10:30 liturgy to 10:45. I will be gathering additional information and parishioner responses in the coming weeks and making a final recommendation to the vestry at our August meeting (the date for which is still being resolved).

#### **Wednesday Night Series, August 1st**

**We are taking the Week off!** No Eucharist/Dinner/Forum will be held at the Church on August 1st. We will be back to our regularly scheduled programming the following week, Wednesday, August 8th!

#### **In the parish family**

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Morgan, Terry, Peter, Gina, Loraine, Pamela, William, Nicholas, Lee, Kent, Ward, Jo Ann, Mary Ann, Kevin, Matt, Mary, Bishop Joseph, Roda, Michele, Grace, Amy, Erin, Katie, Cynthia, Redeemer Family in Crisis Program, military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Silas, Eric, Zane, Robert, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, Arielle, Taylor, Taylor, Tim and Jake.

+It's a boy.....oh joy!! Ignazio Francesco Biscaglio was born on Saturday, July 21, 2012. His parents are Elizabeth and Anthony Biscaglio of Melrose Park. Proud grandparents are **Peggy and Rob Blass**.

+Please keep the youth and adults from St. Michael's who continue on the Senior High Mission Trip to Belle, West Virginia in your prayers.

Our youth: **Julia Osmond, Lauren Pepper, Madelyn Lanham, Grant Kimes, Mason Darrow, Sean Malec, Aidan Donohue, Colin Pepper, Joe Schmidt, Matt Reiser, and Patrick Hogan.**

Our adults: **Megan Donohue, Phil Darrow, Paul Carrubba, Kara Joy Baker.**



Youth and adults from Church of the Redeemer, CCB and St. Michael's as they depart on the Senior High Mission Trip.



### Little Red Wagon in July and August

Church of the Redeemer's Families in Crisis Program serves the needs of about 25 families - financial, food and clothing. No other church donates food to this program; so it is important that we gather an abundance the three times a year that we do it.

Clothing (especially children's) is also gladly received. Important foods needed are rice, dried beans, corn, tomatoes, sugar, flour, cereal and canned meats. Personal and

+The **Donohues, Mike and Megan**, will be moving in the next few months to Providence, Rhode Island for a job relocation. **Ryan** is anticipating a military enlistment in the near term, while **Caitlin** packs her bags to begin college at Miami of Ohio, and **Aidan** will make the move east with his parents.



+**Barb & Steve Hubbard** were awarded the Volunteer Award of the Year for their work at Wellness Place. Steve does their computer work and also works with those with prostate cancer. Barb volunteers her services with cancer patients using her naprapathic knowledge and background. They are pictured at the left holding their award. Congratulations, Barb and Steve!

+On Sunday, 5 August, at the 9:30 a.m. service, **Samuel Viola**, parents **Jill and Joe Viola**, and **Felicity Caruso**, parents **Kary and Kevin Caruso**, will be baptized here at St. Michael's. Please come and help welcome the newly baptized. Future dates for baptism at St. Michael's include, 26 August, 30 September and 4 November.

### Is Haiti calling you....to donate books?

household items are also appreciated. Our drive for these things will run July through August. Monetary donations can be dropped into the large can attached to the Little Red Wagon.



St. Michael's is a donation location for donated books for the used book sale that will take place at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Barrington Hills, August 11th and 12th (see specific details about the sale below). Drop off any type of books in the two yellow bins outside of the Community Room by the 8th of August. All proceeds will go to support the expansion of the FanFan Elementary School in Haiti. For more information, please contact Deacon Laurie Michaels, [travelaurie@hotmail.com](mailto:travelaurie@hotmail.com)



Original piece of art by parishioner Karina Nance.

### **Is Haiti calling you....to create and donate an original piece of art to auction?**

Are you, as an artist, called to help artists in Haiti? Consider donating an original piece of your artwork to be auctioned by the Diocese of Milwaukee and the proceeds donated to benefit artists in Haiti, specifically the trade school in Jeannette, Haiti teaching vocational skills used by artists and craftspeople. "Got Art?" is looking for your work. Commitments by artists must be received by the 31st of July. The art piece must then be received by the 8th of September. The silent auction will open the 13th of October. The auction ends and a reception will be held on the 30th of October. To enter a piece, please contact Deacon Laurie Michaels, [travelaurie@hotmail.com](mailto:travelaurie@hotmail.com)



### **Is Haiti calling you.....to join others on a mission trip in October?**

The dates for the trip to Haiti are 3 through 10 October 2012. Please click [here](#) for more information about the trip, and contact Deacon Laurie Michaels at [travelaurie@hotmail.com](mailto:travelaurie@hotmail.com)



### **Contribution Statements for the second quarter of 2012**

have been mailed to all parishioners as of July 20. Please take a moment to review your statement for any donation discrepancies between our records. If you have not received a statement or find a discrepancy on your statement after reviewing, please contact Kim Lessner at the parish offices, 847-381-2323, ext. 16 or email her at [klessner@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:klessner@stmichaelsbarrington.org).

### **Reminder to all women of St. Michael's (AWSM)**

An ecumenical gathering, "United in Prayer", **Friday, July 27, 11:00 AM-Noon,**



Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, in the Private Dining Room. Contact Jackie Kraus, 847-381-5518, for more details, and/or a ride.



### **USED BOOK SALE FOR HAITI**

St Marks Episcopal Church, 337 Ridge Road in Barrington Hills, will hold a Book Sale to raise funds to help build much needed classrooms in Haiti. The sale will take place on Saturday, August 11 and Sunday, August 12 from 9 am -1pm and will offer a wide variety of books at reasonable prices. Please stop by and expand your library of adult or children's books, fiction and nonfiction.

Your purchase will go toward supporting the Fan elementary school in Laferonney ,Haiti. For more information about the school, go to [www.haiti-fal.org](http://www.haiti-fal.org).



### **Needed External Painting - Volunteer Call**

"Many hands make the work lighter and go faster"

Starting **Saturday, August 4th**, we ask for your help as faithful stewards of our spiritual home to perform needed maintenance. As with other recent Building & Grounds projects (Mulch Day, Adopt a Plot), these also hold promise to be good fellowship, meeting others and give a satisfying sense of faithful accomplishment. In this case (vs. applying mulch) experience and neatness are much more important and will proceed until completed as the weather permits.

Areas in need:

1. Sturtz House - windows, doors and trim (paint has failed and wood is exposed)
2. Church - N.W. windows (paint has failed and wood is exposed)
3. Church - Community Room entrance ramp railing & wrought iron furniture (rust is emerging and becoming unsightly)
4. Church - front entrance railing (rust is emerging and is THE area of important first impressions)

**Two ways to help are available, Project Saturdays & Project in a Box.**

**Project Saturdays: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM** with lunch and beverages provided. Needed materials, tools and supplies will be on hand.

**Project in a Box:** on any given work day, contact Kim Lessner for access to organized boxes of supplies for those who prefer a non-Saturday time.

To help us gauge food & beverage and help availability please sign up outside the Community Room or call/email Todd Ross 847-540-0652, [tdd.rss@gmail.com](mailto:tdd.rss@gmail.com)

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VOTE for Cathedral Shelter beginning July 23 at the Chicago Community Champions website.

EMAIL this link Chicago Community Champions to your friends, family, colleagues and have them VOTE.

POST this link Chicago Community Champions on Facebook, LinkedIn, Yelp, Twitter and every other social network you're on AND VOTE.

Get crazy and TELL your friends to go to Chicago Community Champions - <http://www.plantemoran.com/bkmerger/Pages/chicago-community-champions.aspx> - AND VOTE.

BUT WAIT THERE'S MORE...in the grand Chicago electoral tradition, everyone can vote every day between **July 23 and August 3**.

IT GETS EVEN BETTER, everyone may vote several times a day between July 23 and August 3.

## **Vestry Meeting Summary**

*by Vestry Clerk Craig Anderson*

*What follows is a quick summary of the most recent Vestry Meeting; for a more detailed review, please click [here](#).*

At its meeting on July 16, 2012, the Vestry:

- Reflected upon and discussed the devotional for the evening, "You give them something to eat...", based on Mark 6:34-44.
- Approved the overall agenda for the evening as presented, as well as the consent portion of the agenda, which included the Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of June 18, 2012, an Outreach Steering Committee update, a Report of the Stewardship Committee, and the Building and Grounds Committee Project Worksheet update.
- Received and discussed information regarding some of the outcomes of the recent General Convention of the Episcopal Church and the subsequent parish gatherings on July 15 to solicit comments and thoughts from St. Michael's family, especially related to Adoption of Resolution A049, which provides for a trial rite that may be used anywhere in the Episcopal Church for blessing same-gender covenant relationships.
- Received a verbal summary of information included in the Vestry meeting packet pertaining to Development of a Proposal for 2012-2013 Sunday Worship, Programs, and Schedule; reviewed efforts thus far to address various concerns, such as format for the 9:00 a.m. service and allowing adequate time for church school; and discussed next steps.
- Was advised of the successful conclusion of the hiring process for the new organist.
- Approved the June 2012 financial statement and was informed that pledges are caught up, the Preschool is doing well, a new mortgage with a private lender is in place, and the audit report for 2011 has been completed.
- Reviewed the Outreach Steering Committee report included in the Vestry packet, which noted that volunteer coordinator duties will need to be shared among 3 or 4 persons; names of persons who might be willing to assist are welcome.
- Reviewed the report of the ongoing work of the Building and Grounds Committee, which noted that while many projects remain to be done, much work has been completed already.
- Further discussed the matter of blessing same-gender covenant relationships, in light of the recent action of the General Convention and input from the parish gatherings on July 15; discussed a process to engage in dialogue with the parish as a whole that will be developed with the help of additional input gathered from certain questions being presented to Vestry members via a survey instrument.

- Closed in prayer and adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 9:03 p.m.

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- +Saturday, 4 August, Exterior Painting Workday
- +....looking ahead....Soul Journey Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study to resume Tuesday, 11 September

### Revised Common Lectionary Year B, Pentecost 9

2 Samuel 11:1-15, Psalm 14, Ephesians 3:14-21, John 6:1-21

### Contact Info

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 Pete Douglas, Lora Gier, Amy Magro, Dave Evans  
 Dale Griffith, Sean Harrington, Pat Kane, Mike Savage  
 Cristy Cressey, Bob Gilbert, Michele Philips, Lance Marcinek  
 John Davis - Treasurer, Craig Anderson - Clerk  
 Joe Schmidt, Youth Representative Madelyn Lanham, Youth Representative  
 Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Patrick Raymond, Rector; The Rev. Kevin Caruso, Curate; The Rev. Laurie Michaels, Deacon; Caren Hunter, Director of Little Angels Christian Preschool; David Baker, Director of Music Ministries; Tom Wibbels, Organist; Kara Joy Baker, Youth Pastor & Director of Children's Choir; Nerissa Brueckbauer, Children's Education Director & Communications Coordinator; Kim Lessner, Parish Operations; Nancy Holmes, Parish Administrator & Rector's Assistant; Jeff Schirmer, Sexton.

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