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The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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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, Food for the Journey, Sermon Talk-Back with Father Raymond, 10:05 a.m., *read more below...*
- +Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Newcomers' Blessing during the service followed by Welcome Gathering in the undercroft with a special coffee hour and continues with a chance to learn more about St. Michael's from parishioners and clergy. This will be a great chance to get better connected.
- +Wednesday Evening Series, 10 October, Marriage, divorce, singleness, celibacy, co-habitation, whose life hasn't been touched by these? A pastoral conversation... 5:30 p.m. Eucharist, 6:00 p.m. shared dinner, 6:30 p.m. conversation, *read more below...*

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A letter to the people of St. Michael's from the rector

Dear People of St. Michael's,

During the presidential debate last night, neither candidate used the word *stewardship*. The word wasn't uttered because it's become a religious relic. It's mainly invoked in church when we're being asked to give money.

But the word *stewardship* would have been apt last night in the context of every question asked and every answer given. When creating the pie made from our national treasure, how much of the filling is expected from whom? Who gets a slice and how big or small? And to which of the slices should a president devote the most attention?

Whether or not the word was or is used, these are all questions of *stewardship*.

Did You Know?

...Little Angels Christian Preschool has 104 children registered in their programs for a total of 89 registered families?

Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays

10.7 Jack Warner,
Ashley Dickenson
10.8 Phyllis
Raufeisen, Taylor
Witzak, Joy
Dowling, Jacquelyn
Murphy
10.9 Madelyn
Lanham, Holly
McQuestion, Bill
Doran
10.10 Marcene
Penhaligen, Hugh
Robinson, Dayna
Imhoff, Jim Bullion
10.11 Denise
Witzak
10.12 Janet Bacher,
Mark Hutchinson,
David Baker
10.13 Wes Kimes,
Lauren Carrell,
Marissa Longo

Whether or not we always see it, *stewardship* also permeates every realm of life for each of us and our households. How do we allocate our lives—not only the money but also our time, skills and relationships? Who gets what slices? To which should we devote the most attention?

From a purely secular view, questions of *stewardship* can mostly be reduced to cost-benefit analysis and politics, whether in the public domain or household life. But the *stewardship* equation is more complex for Christians. In theory, we believe that all that we have - health, skills, love, money, positive relationships - all of it comes from God.

It's not our money.

It's not even our life in the first place.

We're only temporary *stewards* of whatever we have, whoever we are.

This view was recently put in pithy terms by an Episcopalian I know from a North Shore parish. "*At our church, we don't invoke the Old Testament notion of the 10% tithe,*" he said. "*What Jesus clearly asks of us is 100%.*" He wasn't proposing a 100%-of-income church pledge. But he *was* proposing a faith-lens through which to view our questions of giving to the church.

We who take part in the life of the church can't look through this lens and rightly say, "*I'm not going to participate in stewardship this year.*" By virtue of getting out of bed each morning and all the ensuing choices of the day, week, year and life, we all participate in stewardship all the time. Naturally, I hope that your stewardship includes the church. And I pray that you include it because you value your membership here and because you find the grace of God here.

- Patrick +

Anniversaries

10.7 Cassie & Doug
Ams, Tina & Brian
Summerfield
10.8 Michele &
Dennis Campbell
10.9 Trish & John
Henry, Kary & Kevin
Caruso

Also from the rector:

● **Thanks to the Vestry's thoughtful and hard-working Stewardship Committee Members: Bob Gilbert (Chair), Pete Douglas, Christy Cressey and Mike Savage.** You'll be hearing from them soon by way of a first class letter. Your timely response will help the Vestry make responsible budget plans to support the parish's ministries and mission for 2013 and beyond.

10.13 Susan &
Arthur Lanham

Rest in Peace
10.7 Wesley Ewart,
Robin Waterman
10.10 Anne Munro,
Nelson Forrest
10.11 Kenneth Kehe

● **Parent Pages**, a resource to enrich families' participation at St. Michael's, was mailed today to all households with children 18-years-old and younger. If you don't receive it or would prefer to read it online, you may also find **Parent Pages** by clicking [here](#).

● **Today, October 4: The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**
Wow! Woof! Hiss! Meow! We held four separate animal blessings in conjunction with the Feast of St. Francis - three on Wednesday and one today, the actual feast day. Three of the blessings were with preschoolers. We enjoyed lively, wonderful participation by kids, parents, dogs, cats, fish, a rabbit and various other critters both live and stuffed. Thanks to Fr. Kevin for his leadership in developing the child-friendly blessings, and to all who otherwise showed up, helped and brought animal friends. *"Of all the saints, Francis is the most popular and admired, but probably the least emulated ..."*
- *From Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, p. 404

This Sunday's Food for the Journey, Sunday, 7 October, 10:05 a.m. - Sermon-talk back...

Our Food for the Journey program this week will feature an opportunity to discuss the sermon and readings with the preacher, Father Patrick. Often, good sermons, rather than providing clear answers, provoke profound questions. Bring your questions and comments and engage with fellow parishioners around the sermon of the week.

Next Week's Food For the Journey, Sunday, 14 October: A conversation with Bishop Joseph

St. Michael's has had a long standing relationship with Diocese of Renk in the South Sudan. We are blessed to have Bishop Joseph, who is the Bishop of Renk, with us to share about recent developments in South Sudan. Bring your questions and comments.

For anyone who would like to see a video of September 23rd's presentation on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, our approach to children's formation and Sunday Church School, presented by Nerissa Brueckbauer, click [here](#) and go to the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Video of 23 September 2012.

In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:
Kim; Scott, Alex, Linda & Josh; HMLA 469 Marine Unit; the O'Rourke & Corry families; Jennifer; Thom; Jim; Colin;

Judie; Steve; Lee; Mary; Bishop Joseph, Roda, Michele & Grace; Amy; Lydia & family; George & Kay; the Belden family; Lou; Terry & Ann; St. Cyprian Food Pantry Food Pantry; military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Zane, Robert, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, and Taylor.

+Five Fourth and Fifth Graders helped purchase \$287 worth of toiletries (soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deoderant, baby wipes and diapers) for LYDIA Home Chicago on Sunday, 30 September.

Abby Chapman, Eric Perrine, Ella Younger, Justine Savage and Jaqui Maire learned that 40 children between the ages of 7 and 17 live in residence at LYDIA Home for an average of one to three years. They also learned that an average of 25 children each week come to LYDIA to be placed in the SAFE Family program - a family with whom the child lives for a period of time until he or she can return home. They learned that 25 children a week means that LYDIA places 1,300 children a year in the SAFE Family program. Our St. Michael's youth participated in this service program through our S.O.S. (Social or Service) group for 4th and 5th graders. Good work! To quote Abby, we went "mega-shopping."

+Just a point of information, the Rector has changed his regularly scheduled day off from Fridays to Mondays.

+An update from **Deacon Laurie**:

"We are safely arrived at St Marc's Jeannette and excited about the work that lies ahead. Tomorrow the Got art? projects for the school children begins @ 9 am and everyone will be very busy.

Laurie will be able to work with the local Haitian nurse at the nearby St Marc's Medical Clinic.

May every step be a prayer"

(I was unable to include a picture of the Mission Trip participants in the Sword because of its format, but you can see the picture posted on the cork strip outside of the church offices - nerissa)



St. Michael's parishioners and Little Angels Preschool children gathered together on Thursday to have pets of all types - living and stuffed - blessed. Can you see the fish that was blessed?



The Garbarek' standard poodle was blessed Thursday morning.



Caren Hunter, Director of the Preschool, brought her two dogs, Tulsa, & her little sister, Sadie, to be blessed.

+Two parishioners, **Kathy Bugar and Nancy Marks**, are currently participating in the Good Shepherd Hospital Bereavement Facilitator Training Course. We are most grateful for their participation and anxious to hear about their experiences.

+Little Angels Preschool welcomes two new teachers this year! Read more about them below.



My name is **Mary Pat Hofmann** and I will be teaching 3 year olds on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I have a degree in Elementary Education and have taught 1st, 5th, and Pre-K in the past. I am currently working on my Masters in Literacy Education at Northern Illinois University. I am married to my supportive husband, John, and have 2 children (7 & 10) in the Lake Zurich School District. In my free time I enjoy running, biking, baking, and spending time with my family. I am very excited to begin working at Little Angels Preschool.



My name is **Teresa Kurz** and I have worked with young children for the past 25 years in Maryland, Georgia, and now Illinois. I have a BS in Biology from Towson University, a MS in Science Education K-8 from Walden University, and a credit-hour certificate in Early Childhood Education. I love working with children because of their energy, enthusiasm, and natural curiosity about everything! I have lived in Cary for the past 6 years with my husband Art and

Little Red Wagon in October

With fall we find that we are closer to that time of year when we are when we give special thanks for all the gifts we receive from land, sky and water. To share these gifts we will be gathering food for St. Cyprian Food Pantry in Chicago during October & November. Last November the pantry provided food for 871 families or 3,749 individuals.

So in shopping for this food pantry think of food for breakfast, lunch and dinner on this one special day.

If you don't have time to shop, donations of money and gift cards can be deposited in the canister on the wagon.

Thank you to those who have given these donations. It helps us to supply the greater needs.

my daughter Jenna who is now a freshman at the University of Dayton in Ohio. Luckily, I still have one dog, 2 cats and 10 pond fish to keep me busy at home. My hobbies include reading, hiking, gardening, biking, and jogging.



From Our Youth Minister and Children's Choir Director

THIS WEEK:

Saturday 10/6 @ 8:00 am--PUMPKIN ARRIVAL! Come one, come all to help unload the pumpkin truck. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we will need all hands on deck to get our patch ready for our patrons. This fundraiser is the responsibility of everyone involved in youth ministry. Come lend a hand! I will have coffee & donuts!

WHAT TO BRING: Wheelbarrows, work gloves, and clothes to get dirty



Sunday 10/7 @ 12:15-1:00 pm--Mandatory Confirmation Participant & Parent Informational Meeting (pizza provided)

Thursday 11/22 (Thanksgiving Day) 11:30-1:00--Thanksgiving Day Meal Delivery. I know this is far off yet, BUT as it is a holiday, I'm hoping to get some early commitment. If you know your family plans for Thanksgiving and would like to include delivering a meal to recipients like shut-ins or firehouses & police stations, please let me know.

Wednesday Evening Series, 10 October

5:30 p.m. Eucharist * 6:00 p.m. Dinner * 6:30 p.m. Discussion

Marriage, divorce, singleness, celibacy, co-habitation, whose life hasn't been touched by these? A pastoral conversation... NOT a lecture, or a presentation, but a chance to enter into dialogue about how our lives are impacted by the kinds of relationships we have.

Newcomers* ~ New Members*
WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S



If you started attending or became a new member of
St. Michael's
between 2011 -2012, we would like to take this opportunity
to formally say... Hello! We're glad you're here!

*some of you may not feel new but since we haven't done
one of these
in a while, we felt like it was worth casting the net wide!

This Sunday, October 7, 9:00 a.m.
Blessing during the service followed by
Welcome Gathering

or

Sunday, October 14, 10:45 a.m.
Blessing during the service followed by
Welcome Gathering

A time to recognize you and your family with a simple
prayer of welcome
during worship. After the service we invite you to an
informal

Welcome Gathering where you can meet other
newcomers*and new members*
of the congregation. It will also be a chance to learn more
about St. Michael's.

Clergy, Vestry Members, fellow parishioners (and food!)
will also be part of this special time just for you.

Please RSVP

847-381-2323 x11 or nholmes@stmichaelsbarrington.org
 Please specify which day you have chosen to join us.
 Childcare available upon request.



**FALL FORMATION:
 Veterans of St. Michael's**

Thursday, October 11th at
 1900, in the Library of St.
 Michael's

All Active Duty or Veterans are
 invited to come, share a time of
 fellowship and stories with one
 another. Questions? Contact
 Jim Tammi, 847.382.4262



**Habitat for Humanity Partnership at St.
 Michael's Work Date October 13 -
 Volunteers Needed!**

Did you know that St. Michael's is one of the nine
 Barrington area churches that sponsors a local
 Habitat for Humanity partnership? We are now
 working on our seventh home, again in Carpentersville. This home
 is unique in that the proposed home owner is a paraplegic requiring
 special features for such a handicapped person.
 Each church is given a work date and our next date is October 13,
 any time between 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to do
 light carpentry work such as interior trim. If you are interested in
 volunteering please contact Larry Quinlan, 847-304-6971 or Dick
 Kraus, 847-381-5518 for specifics.

**From Renk Ministry Partnership...
 Travel Diary of Bishop Joseph Garang - Arriving
 in Chicago, Wednesday, 10 October**



Refugees in Renk Town waiting for aid.

For the past few weeks, after traveling to Nairobi, Kenya, to apply for his visa to enter the U.S. at the U.S. Embassy there (because the U.S. Embassy in Juba is not set up to issue such documents yet), Bishop Joseph has been in Renk dealing with the issues of the Diocese and of the thousands of refugees and increasing illness and deaths due to rain and unsanitary conditions. Today, Oct. 2, he traveled from Renk to Juba to prepare for his departure from Nairobi in one week's time, Oct. 10. He left Chief Bior behind with responsibility for the care of his family. Five-year-old Michele (named for St. Michael's) is suffering with malaria. Pray for her.

Thankfully, Bishop Joseph recovered last week from the same "rainy season" common affliction, and is now feeling well. He arrives at O'Hare Airport on Wed., Oct. 10, 5:10 PM, on Turkish Air. **RMP is hosting a "Dutch treat" welcome dinner at 7:00 PM, Wool Street Restaurant, that evening. For a reservation, please contact Nancy Holmes, 847-381-2323, in the church office, as soon as possible.**

There is good news from S. Sudan/Sudan. Go to this [link](#) for the news of negotiations between the Presidents of the two countries. Bishop Joseph reports that the people are rejoicing. "The language has changed from insulting to praising." (and he added, "that is politics".)

O God, protect Bishop Joseph as he travels, surround him with your loving care and bring him in safety to his journey's end; surround his family with your loving care and safety as they wait for his return. Amen.



Come help support St. Michael's Little Angels Preschool Annual Fundraiser!

"Oktoberfest" will be held on October 13, 2012 at 7:30pm at McGonigal's Pub in Barrington. The event will feature a live and silent auction that include a spa basket, fitness basket, vacation homes, sports memorabilia, landscaping packages, Ravinia tickets, etc. Tickets are open to all St. Michael's families [response cards are located in the narthex and in the church office]. If you cannot attend the event, but would still like to support the preschool, any monetary or gift donations are accepted. Please contact Lindsey Murphy at ljohn07@hotmail.com or Jenn Newman at gnewman1@mac.com for more information.

50! Something Oktoberfest, 21 October, 4:00 p.m.

This is just a reminder that our fall gathering will be on Sunday, October 21 in the Community Room of St. Michael's any time after 4 p.m. Clark Beverly will be our grill meister for brats and chicken.

Please sign up on the poster on the cork strip outside of the church offices.

You'll want to bring an appetizer, salad, side, or dessert to share. Please consider the dish that you share should server 8 - 10 people. Also, please plan to bring your own beverages because we will not be providing them at this event. Of course, water and decaffeinated coffee will be available during dinner. Clark has a fun Oktoberfest planned including live music - you'll have to ask Clark about that (but rumor has it *Die Muzikmeisters* are performing). There will be a free will donation to cover the cost of the meat and paper products, and Clark will let us know what his costs are that evening. Does anyone want to be in charge of decorations??? That would be great! Please let Clark know, 847.438.6225.





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From the Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club

Please join us for breakfast and a presentation by
Christopher Quinlan
Heifer International
Community Engagement Coordinator and
Rotary Peace Scholar

Thursday October 18th
7:00 a.m.
The Garlands of Barrington
6000 Garlands Lane
Barrington IL.
R.S.V.P to
Debra Schoendorf
847-382-3758
Debra.S.Schoendorf@MSSB.com
Cost of Breakfast: \$10

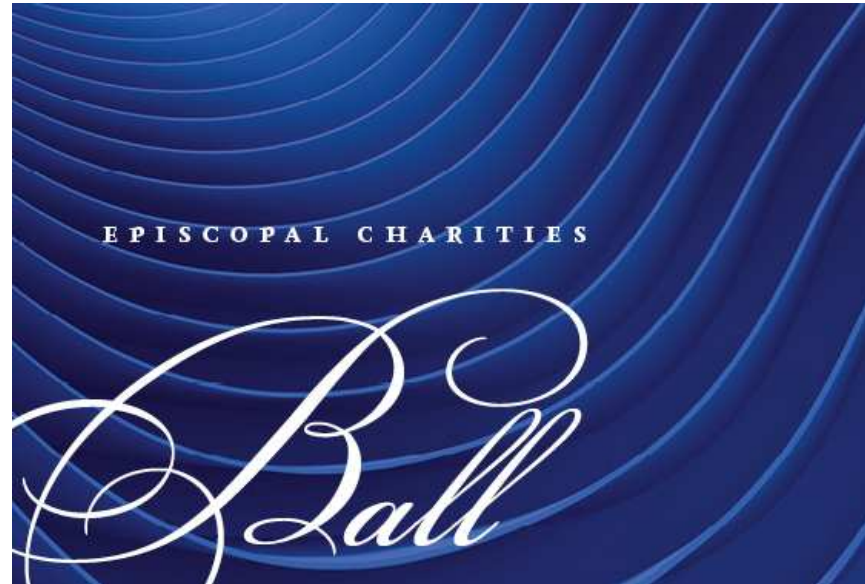
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Shanti, Peace -

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"Dear Friends,

I am delighted to invite you, your family and your friends to the Episcopal Charities Ball on Friday, November 2, 2012. Now in its 53rd year, the Ball is a wonderful time to come together as a community and raise essential funds in support of Episcopal Charities' life-transforming ministries. Held at the newly-opened, contemporary Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel, the evening will feature cocktails, dinner, dancing and exciting live and silent auctions. Tickets are on sale now, and the RSVP date is October 26. For more information, please contact Sharon Kushiner at (312) 751-6721 or sharon@eccsonline.net, or visit <http://www.eccsonline.net/>.

Thank you!

Kitty Beecken

2012 Episcopal Charities Ball Chair"

This Month's Meal:

Sunday, October 21st

St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

416 North First Street, Cary

6-8 p.m.



What's Happening in October?

- We will be serving spaghetti and meatballs, salad and desserts!
- The Community Meal is growing! This month the CM will be hosted in Cary (about 20 minutes from downtown Barrington)
- We are celebrating "World Youth Day" and taking part in St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church's Annual Pasta Dinner

Upcoming Events

- +Mission Trip to Haiti, 2-9 October
- +Wednesday Night Series, 10 October, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
- +Little Angels Preschool Fundraiser, 13 October, 7:30 p.m. at McGonigal's
- +Octoberfest, October 21st., Sunday, at 4:00 p.m., *50! Something*
- +Sudan Soiree, November 10, Saturday, 6:30 p.m.

Revised Common Lectionary Year B, Pentecost 19

Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 8, Hebrews 1:1-4;2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

Contact Info

St. Michael's Vestry

Kathy Sawyer Randolph - Sr. Warden, Shan Atkins - Jr. Warden

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; Thom 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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