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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, Bishop Joseph, who is the Bishop of Renk, is with us to share about recent developments in South Sudan., 10:05 a.m., *read more below...*

+ Little Angels Preschool's Annual Scholastic Book Fair will be open for St. Michael's church members on Sunday from 8:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

+Sunday, 10:45 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, 17 October, Bishop Joseph shares stories from South Sudan.... 5:30 p.m. Eucharist, 6:00 p.m. shared dinner, 6:30 p.m. conversation, *read more below...*

### Old and Young Together

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

Dear People of St. Michael's,

Please take note of the range of ages represented in the following album of images from life and ministry at St. Michael's - just this week:

- **Monday:** Forty souls showed up for the **Arrival of the Pumpkins**. Along with teens and their parents were a grandpa, a two-year-old and a childless 30-something man on his day off.

- **Tuesday evening:** our **Haiti missionaries**, ranging in age from 15 to 60s and 70s, landed at O'Hare. They formed a big, tight group hug at baggage claim and found it hard to separate and go their separate ways. *See their picture below in "In the Parish Family."*

## Ministry Quicklinks

- Our Website
- [Church School this Sunday](#)

## 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

10.14 Bernard Tresnowski, Kim Tomczyk, Rob O'Riordan, Sydney Tucker  
 10.15 Bridget Couch  
 10.16 Frederick Eaton, Frank Cesario, Judy Myers, Abraham Holtermann  
 10.17 Kathy Randolph, Keith Kampert, Vette Kell  
 10.18 Barbara Harris, Courtney Lekai  
 10.19 Ellen Lindeen, Patrick Mangan, Annette Holzknicht, Harry Wintringer  
 10.20 James Blair, Jim Carney, Julie Gunderson, Max Weiss, John Yerger, David Kline

## Anniversaries

- **Wednesday:** a parishioner in his 80s with whom I was visiting left a singular impression on me: **dignity**. He's had plenty of reasons to have lost his but hasn't.

- **Today, Thursday:** The cacophony outside my office window is the preschool playground. Toddlers laugh, squeal, whoop, seek attention, compete for toys, and more.

In just these few images are souls in every stage of life. And this *Sword* will include news or invitations that will also invite, inform or appeal to people in every stage of life. You'll find a report on our newly formed **Family Advisory Board** (not to be confused with our separate **Youth Advisory Board**). There's an invitation to the upcoming **50 Something! Oktoberfest** (Sunday the 21st) And more.

This letter is devoted to considering all the generations represented in the life and ministry of St. Michael's. The view may not initially seem profound. But sociologists, realtors and ad executives (among others) know that we in our culture are increasingly segmented by age and isolated from those of other ages in our relationships, activities and lifestyles.

In instances like St. Michael's, the local church remains a striking exception. It's one place where souls of all ages take part, have roles, are valued, form relationships, seek God. In the best scenario, we're not just sharing the building. Stories shared across generations expand our curiosity and perspectives. The young are inspired by the elders. The elders are energized by the young.

Our cultural conditioning may cause us to mainly see and associate with others at church of our own generation. I hope, though, that we'll all take note of those who are older and/or younger than ourselves. And not only take note. Consider the opportunities for and value of intergenerational relationships, worship, learning and service that the church uniquely provides.

- *Patrick +*

Also from the Rector:

Marriage, Divorce ... and more. The Gospel appointed for this past Sunday addressed matters of marriage and divorce, and my sermon generated quite a few responses. (You can read a final, edited copy by clicking [here](#).) The Wednesday evening program this week was a follow-up to Sunday, and the wide-ranging topics raised by those who took part included divorce, remarriage, cohabitation, media images and values, date rape, celibacy and singleness, and spiritual and emotional healing from broken relationships. A unifying theme to which almost everyone returned was the role of the church and in particular how we can be supportive and resourceful for one another in a world in which all of us feel the impact of broken

10.16 Jennifer & Ed  
Tilly, Mary & Steve  
Mathison, Carol &  
Bob Erker  
10.18 Carol & John  
Schmidt, Kathleen &  
Tom Chapman  
10.20 Kathy & John  
Kent, Whitney &  
Carter Brett

relationships. Feel free to share further thoughts, questions and/or suggestions. Eway McLaughlin shared a poem with the group gathered on Wednesday evening called *A Prayer for Those Who Live Alone*. A copy of the prayer may be found by clicking [here](#).

CREDO is the name of an 8-day program provided by the national Episcopal Church Pension Fund in order to support the overall health and vitality of Episcopal clergy. I'll be taking part in the program October 22-29, in Salter Path, North Carolina, and I'll be grateful for your prayers during that time. Both Father Kevin and Deacon Laurie are scheduled to take part in separate CREDO programs in 2013.

### Rest in Peace

10.17 Ellen Huss,  
Eileen Owen,  
Frederick Cole  
10.19 Charles  
Cormier

### This Sunday, the Chicago Red Hots!

Guest Vocalists for all three services on Sunday will be the Chicago Red Hots. This talented group includes Dave Stretch, Gwen Johnston, David Baker, and Steve Barnum. Thank you, gentlemen!

### This Sunday's Food for the Journey, Sunday, 14 October, 10:05 a.m. - 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.

**Next Sunday's Food for the Journey, Sunday, 21 October, 10:05 a.m.** - A chance to Hear from Haiti: stories and pictures from the mission trip. Parishioners will share about their recent experience in Haiti. At the beginning of October, we sent bags full of school supplies and a number of volunteers Haiti and they are back. Many of you generously contributed to this work, and now is a chance to hear how it went.

### 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; Lisa; Steve & Barb; 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.

+From Little Angels Preschool:

The four year old classes from last school year planted the seeds from three different kinds of pumpkins, a white one, a green one and an orange one and these are the pumpkins that grew. They will be picking them in a few weeks and will plant the seeds again, we will see what color the pumpkins end up to be next year! The vines are planted in the landscape bed just outside of the playground gates, feel free to stop by and see how big they are!



+38 good-hearted souls arrived on Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. to unload a truckload of pumpkins! See a short video clip of the event by clicking [here](#). (Once, again, many thanks to the anonymous donor to the church for the FLIP Video for making this possible.) This video is also posted on the [website](#) under "Media" and "Our Videos."

+Here is a wonderful picture provided to us of our Haiti missionaries courtesy of Elizabeth van der Weide, Haiti Project Coordinator from Wisconsin.



## From Our Youth Minister and Children's Choir Director



Many thanks to all who helped unload the pumpkins this past Monday. There were 40+ people joining in the effort. It was a wonderful kick off to our first fundraiser of the year. Thank you again for your support for youth ministry at St. Michael's!

### THIS WEEK:

Sunday 10/14 @ 9:00--LIFT Worship & discussion with Bishop Joseph

Sunday 10/14 @ 10:45--SMUSH Worship & pizza lunch in the Sturtz House

### UPCOMING:

Saturday 10/20--Service opportunity with Habitat for Humanity. Local churches are getting together to work on a local home. Please let me know if this is something you would like to do.

Sunday 10/28--SMUSH & LIFT Outing to Fright Fest at Great America



Bishop Joseph with us last year.

### Wednesday Evening Series

Wednesday Night October 17th  
5:30pm Eucharist \* 6pm Dinner  
(bring something to share) \*

6:30pm Conversation

Bishop Joseph shares stories from South Sudan. This Wednesday, we are blessed to have the chance to visit with Bishop Joseph. He will join us to share about the difficult events of this past year. This is a

great opportunity to learn more about St. Michael's long standing relationship with the Diocese of Renk, in the South Sudan. Bring your questions and comments.

## Parish Potluck and New Ministry, Family Advisory Board

*by Nerissa Brueckbauer*

One of the newest ministries at St. Michael's is the Family Advisory Board commissioned in September 2012. I have been asked just what this board is and what the purpose and role of the board will

be. Those are truly interesting questions that will have to await specific answers until we are a bit further down the road of this program year; but, perhaps, sharing how the board came to be may reveal more about its vision and purpose. The Youth Minister has a Parent Advisory Board, but Children's Ministries has not boasted such a board in the past. When Peggy Blass, the Assistant Children's Ministries Director retired in the spring, the checks to my balance were suddenly missing. This was not healthy place for any ministry. Why not take the opportunity to adopt a system like the Youth Advisory Board? In discussing this with clergy, we decided to broaden the scope of the board from "Children's Ministries" to "Family". And then the question became what constitutes a "family"? We decided that a family at St. Michael's is really *the family of St. Michael's composed of the many families of any size, from one to many*. We established a preliminary set of suggested focus areas, but those are subject to change as we determine what issues really shape the board. Some of the suggested focus areas include:

- To encourage families in their religious and spiritual lives in practical ways at home, at St. Michael's and in our local communities.
- To help refine the vision of the particular ways in which families may participate more fully in scripture, liturgy/worship and fellowship at St. Michael's.

**Our Kick-off Event is the Parish Potluck on Sunday, 28 October at 5:00 p.m. detailed below. Our vision is to host these potluck dinners on the last Sunday of the month, January through October.**

Currently on the board are **Mary Mathison, Renee Blue, Sof Cesario, Sue Beverly, George and Jennifer Tarulis, Nerissa Brueckbauer and Julia Bishop, in an advisory role, as well as, the Reverends Caruso and Raymond.** If you would be interested in serving on the board, or if you have suggestions for the board, please contact me, [nbrueckbauer@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:nbrueckbauer@stmichaelsbarrington.org) or telephone 847.381.2323 extension 15.

**Parish Potluck, 28 October, 5:00 p.m.**





### 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.

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 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.

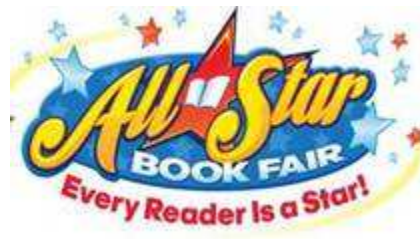
Clergy, Vestry Members, fellow parishioners (and food!) will also be part of this special time just for you.

Please RSVP

847-381-2323 x11 or [nholmes@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:nholmes@stmichaelsbarrington.org)

Please specify which day you have chosen to join us.

Childcare available upon request.



**Little Angels Preschool's Annual Scholastic Book Fair will be open for St. Michael's church members on Sunday, October 14th from 8:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

The books will be located

downstairs in the area outside of the Preschool Office (near the elevator). Renee Blue will be the preschool representative at the Book Fair to help with your purchases. Feel free to come downstairs and look at all the wonderful books available for children, teens and adults! Thanks in advance for your support.





## **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.



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

"Oktoberfest" will be held on October 13, 2012 at 7:30 pm 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. All St. Michael's adults are welcome to attend! Contact Jenn Newman (gneman1@mac.com) or Lindsey Murphy (ljohn07@hotmail.com) if you would like to attend.

## **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 outside the community room.** 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. Does anyone want to be in charge of decorations??? That would be great! Please let Clark know, 847.438.6225.



### **Renk Ministry Partnership Update On Travels of Bishop Joseph Garang**

By the time you receive this issue of *The Sword*, Bishop Joseph Garang, Diocese of Renk, will have landed at O'Hare and been welcomed by St. Michael's parishioners gathered at Wool Street Grill (Wed., Oct. 10).

At this writing, he is waiting to board his 3:00 AM flight at Kenyatta Airport, Nairobi.

Bishop Joseph will be at St. Michael's Sunday, the 14th, to greet us, to thank us for prayers and support, and to bring us up to date on the current situation in S. Sudan and Renk in particular. Go to the UPI link, click [here](#), for the good news about the President of Sudan opening the border, which has been closed since April. Bishop Joseph will tell us what that means for the Diocese of Renk, located at the northern-most border of S. Sudan.

Praise God for the Covenant of Relationship, inaugurated in Jan., 1998, calling us to pray for each other, visit each other, share each other's resources, making us each richer in Spirit.



### **Volunteer for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Michael's!**

St. Michael's is preparing to host our **7th annual free community dinner on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22**. In the past, our guests have included members of the community, 50 recruits from Great Lakes Naval Base, youth from Maryville Academy, and many from our parish. Volunteers are needed for this event: cooking unstuffed turkeys (we supply the bird), pie baking, set-up, table setting, decoration coordinator, serving, clean-up. Items

needed to borrow just for the day: laptop computers, cell phones, (the recruits love this special time to connect with their families), guitars, and a karaoke machine. Volunteer slots fill up early for this popular event. Sign up poster is located in the foyer outside the Community Room.

In addition to all the wonderful volunteers and vendors who donate just about everything needed for the event, this year **we are humbly requesting monetary donations.** Each year we need to rent a warming oven, round tables, and a few items not covered by our generous donor vendors. We are asking for cash donations that total \$500.00. If you can help in any way it would be gratefully appreciated.

If you would like to learn more, contact Nancy Holmes in the Parish Office at 847-381-2323 x11 or [nholmes@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:nholmes@stmichaelsbarrington.org).



**And All the Angels  
offers freshly  
brewed fair trade  
coffee. We have a  
variety of flavors!  
Come smell the  
coffee!**



**Little Angels Christian  
Preschool Approved for  
Heinen's Program!**

Our Little Angels has been approved for a program at Heinen's which means 1% of cost of groceries will be donated to Little

Angels for those who apply. To find out how you may participate in

the program and donate 1% of the cost of groceries you purchase at Heinen's to Little Angels, click [here](#).



### **Be an Altar Bread Angel!**

Are you looking for a truly behind the scenes volunteer opportunity that you can perform in the comfort of your own kitchen? Then join the St Michael's Altar Bread Bakers. Each baker signs up for one month of baking to provide 10 loaves of altar bread. We provide the recipe and instructions, and all you have to do is bake and deliver to St Michael's sacristy on the last Sunday of the month. If you are interested in joining the Bread Bakers, contact Ann Ryba at 847 877 1565 or [green051458@gmail.com](mailto:green051458@gmail.com). It's a blessed task--hope you can participate.



*7th Annual*

*Free Community*

*Thanksgiving Day Dinner*

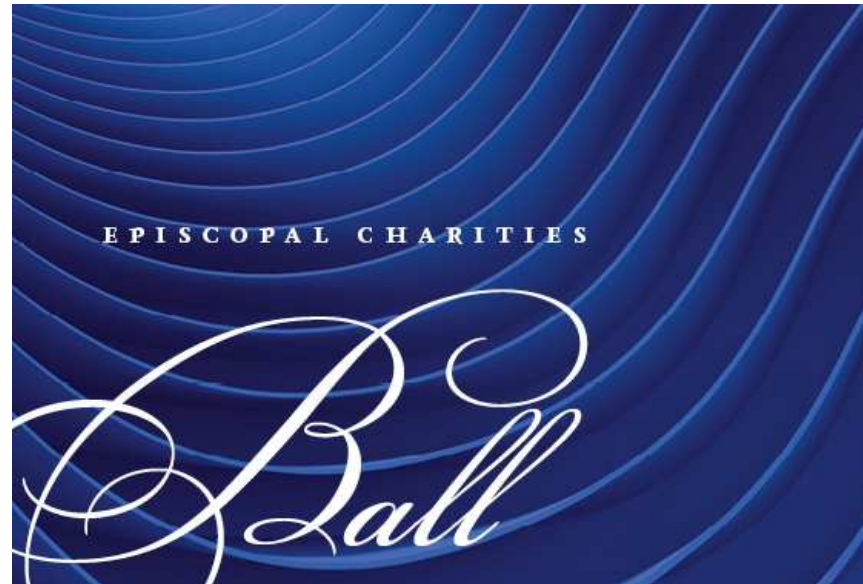
*Nov. 22 at 12 PM*

*(one seating)*

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

*Please Call for Reservations 847-381-2323.*

*Local transportation and delivery of meals to those  
who are homebound is available upon request.*



"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](mailto:sharon@eccsonline.net), or visit <http://www.eccsonline.net/>.  
 Thank you!  
 Kitty Beecken  
 2012 Episcopal Charities Ball Chair"

### Upcoming Events

- +Wednesday Night Series, 17 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*
- +Parish Potluck, October 28th, Sunday, at 5:00 p.m.
- +Sudan Soiree, November 10, Saturday, 6:30 p.m.

### Revised Common Lectionary Year B, Pentecost 20

Job 23:1-9,16-17, Psalm 22:1-15, Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31

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