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(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.)

+This Sunday **St. Michael's Children's Choir will be singing at the 9:00 am service.** Their Anthem is *Ain'-a That Good News* arr by Mark Patterson.

+Sunday, Food for the Journey, A chance to Hear from Haiti: stories and pictures from the mission trip. 10:05 a.m., *read more below...*

+Wednesday Evening Series, 24 October, A chance to Hear from Haiti: stories and pictures from the mission trip. 5:30 p.m. Eucharist, 6:00 p.m. shared dinner, 6:30 p.m. conversation, *read more below...*

Mission trip to Haiti: Joy Amidst the Pain

A letter to the people of St. Michael's from parishioners and Haiti Missioners Dave Evans and Christy Cressey

Dear People of St. Michael's,

Dave Evans-

Tuesday, October 2: It was before dawn as 11 parishioners from St. Michael's arrived at O'Hare to meet up with our two traveling companions from St. Andrew's, Madison. We were about to embark for a week in Haiti, on a mission to St. Marc's Parish/School in Jeannette, a small, quiet, rural community. It is a quantum leap away from the disorienting chaos of Port au Prince, where we spent our first and last days of the trip.

For me, one of the most meaningful moments of the trip was participating in the "Got Art?" project for the school children of St. Marc's. It appeared that many of the kids had never done any painting before, and it was moving to observe their faces as they engaged in the creative process. Despite our inability to speak the native language of Creole, we were able to share the celebration of discovery as students expressed themselves in their artwork. This beautifully highlighted the

Did You Know?

...Bishop Joseph arrived on the 10th of October and will depart on the 19th of November, and by the time he departs he will have attended over 20 official events at close to 15 churches?

Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays

10.21 Mackenzie Jaekel
 10.22 Carl Baar, Court Rejman, Gwen Kenrich
 10.23 Sean Malec
 10.24 Tony Belcore, Gary Lukovich
 10.26 Timothy Vollman, Lynn Mayberry, Bob Daly

Anniversaries

10.22 Kathy & Bill Saunders
 10.23 Cheri & Rick Walter
 10.24 Stephanie & Peter Douglas
 10.26 Susan & Gwynne Johnston
 10.27 Meredith & David Perrine

truth that in so many ways we are all alike, apart from all our cultural and material differences.

Another great aspect of our mission was the development of friendship and teamwork experienced as we worked and lived together. Many hours were devoted to work, and we also had time to get to know one another more in a whole new context. There were some things no one could prepare us for; it was an adventure in following the Holy Spirit into an unknown place where our usual resources, language and knowledge, were of little use to us.

Tuesday, October 9: It was just after 9pm as our return flight arrived in Chicago. Most of our group was exhausted, yet excited about coming home. Arrival at O'Hare was a flurry of activity as we collected our baggage and met up with family and friends who'd come to greet us. It was a joyful reunion! The love and grace, as well as the tragedy and loss we encountered in Haiti have affected us all. Now it is up to us somehow to allow God to turn our experience into compassionate action as we go into the worlds in which we live...

Christy Cressey -

(A reflection shared by Christy Cressey)

I couldn't have been more blessed, to be able to travel with Madelyn Adams, Dave Evans, Kay Lewis, Terri Longo, Deacon Laurie Michaels, Adele Osmond, Brooke and Eliot Raymond, Jim and Judy Tammi. Sadly for Tim Murray, who was planning on attending, an important last minute work obligation prevented him from joining the mission trip to St. Marc's Church and School in Jeannette, Haiti. I had wanted to attend also, but just hadn't gotten around to signing up. Tim's vacant roundtrip became my ticket to one glorious adventure with some fantastic St. Michael's folks, plus Elizabeth van der Weide, Director of the St. Marc's effort, wonderful art director Sventi and of course, Pere Lenore, Director of the school and rector and his gracious wife Fifi. Each and everyone had so much to share: interconnectedness and synergy will be indelibly stamped upon my heart forever!

After a two hour delay due to a flat tire in Port-au-Prince we were finally headed along our bumpy, rut infested pathway to Jeannette. Anticipated thoughts ran through my head, "How am I going to be helpful to those that I will soon meet?" We were embraced each and every day by a people with so little, yet hearts of gold filled with the Spirit of our Lord. Every moment with these beautiful people was a true reminder that God works in wondrous ways through each and everyone of us -- for rich or poorer.

Rest in Peace

10.21 Margaret Ford
 10.22 Robert Brown
 10.23 Barbara Hager
 10.24 Helen Roberts,
 Edwin Randall, Jack
 Haugen
 10.25 Eva Johnson
 10.26 Stephen
 Wright, Norman
 Linde

This 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 to Haiti, and they are back. Many of you generously contributed to this work, and now is a chance to hear how it went.

Next Sunday's Food for the Journey, Sunday, 28

October, 10:05 a.m. - Scripture, Tradition and Reason... oh, my - The three-legged stool (of Scripture, Tradition, and Reason) is nearly ubiquitously associated with the way Anglicans understand themselves. How do we make sense of the world? What role does scripture have to play? What role does science and personal experience play? What about the traditions of our ancestors? Join Father Kevin for a conversation about this classical Anglican idea as we reflect on why it still resonates so strongly today.

In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:
 George & Kay; Lee; Jennifer; Mary; the Belden family; Lou; Terry & Ann; the Oetinger family; Bishop Joseph, Roda, Michele & Grace; Amy; St. Cyprian Food Pantry Food Pantry; military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Zane, Robert, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, and Taylor.

+Speaking of pumpkins, we received the pictures below and a note from John Totten. This is the Totten's backyard, and Ashley (pictured) is the Totten's granddaughter. To find out from where these pumpkins originated, read John's note below the pictures!



"Ashley Vavak, selecting a pumpkin that grew from a vine in the rose garden. The vine was apparently planted by a squirrel from one of the seeds from one of last year's SMUSH pumpkins that we had. We just let it grow and look at what happened pumpkins!

Ashley enjoyed coming by St. Michael's last Monday to also help unload the truck. What fun!"

You, too, can enjoy such an experience - just come buy a pumpkin from SMUSH!

MISSING! A boy's brand new (never worn) reversible black (black on one side, grey plaid on the other) Northface puffy parka went missing two Sunday's ago (7 October) at the 9:00 a.m. service. If you have seen it, please contact the Church Office, 847.381.2323. Thank you!



From Our Youth Minister and Children's Choir Director

THIS WEEK:
 Saturday 10/20--Service opportunity with Habitat for Humanity. Please let me know if you are interested.

Our Youth Minister Last Year at FrightFest at Great America!

Sunday 10/21 @ 9:00--LIFT Worship & breakfast out to Panera. Please bring \$ for breakfast.

Sunday 10/21 @ 10:45--SMUSH Worship & Formation

UPCOMING:

Sunday 10/28--SMUSH & LIFT Outing to Fright Fest at Great America. Please let me know if you will attend so I can plan for transportation.

Saturday 11/10 @ 6:00 pm, SUDAN SOIREE--SMUSH & LIFT are needed to make the soiree a huge success. Food servers, kitchen helpers, and greeters are needed. So far I have 5 kids, 20 more young people are needed. DRUMMERS needed as well! We need drummers for the drumming circle. So many ways to be involved! Please let me know if you are willing and able to help and in what capacity.



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Wednesday Evening Series

Wednesday Night October 24th

5:30pm Eucharist * 6pm Dinner (bring something to share) *

6:30pm Conversation

Hearing from Haiti Missioners. Whereas Sunday morning provides an opportunity to provide a glimpse into the trip to Haiti, the length of our Wednesday forum provides a chance for a fuller look. Join the conversation as we hear stories from the trip.

50! Something Oktoberfest, Sunday, 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. 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.



Exploring Sacred Music in the Anglican Tradition, Sunday, 21 October, 6:30 p.m., Renaissance Polyphony

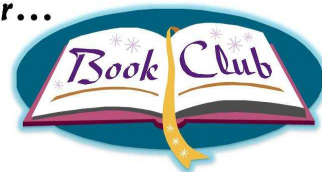
Our Exploring Sacred Music Program continues this Sunday!!

Expanded format includes video performances of major choral groups. Our rebuttal to rock music videos!

Please come and invite anyone who enjoys great music and fellowship.

Home of Greg and Laurie Michaels, 450 Pinewoods Dr., North Barrington

Book Club is for...



...you!

discussion to be about Dickens' life, but not restricted to Claire Tomalin's book's perspective.

The scheduled selection for our **October 24th meeting (7:30 p.m.)**, in the church library, all adult readers are welcome) is: *Charles Dickens: A Life*, by Claire Tomalin. Ellen Lindeen is discussion leader, Maribeth Totten is meeting host.

Because this book is new and hard to get, we are widening the

What the dickens do I mean by that?

Well, for one thing, the Lindeens and Georgianne Harms have noted that there is an exhibit of Charles Dickens' life and works at the Lake County Discovery Museum, and we hope that reports about that exhibit (for more information about the exhibit click [here](http://www.lcfd.org/discovery_museum/) - http://www.lcfd.org/discovery_museum/) will be a part of the discussion. Also, the Lindeens visited some "Dickens' places" when they were in England earlier this year, so will have pictures and stories from their experiences.

So, if you are a Dickens' fan please join us. It promises to be a delightful discussion about the greatest novelist of the Victorian era, who created some of the world's most memorable fictional characters.

Kathi Frelk

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

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Lucille Lindquist has been suspended for 6 months from partaking at Our Lady of the Swamp Church potlucks for eating directly from the serving dishes.

All ages, please join us for chili and fellowship!

**Last names A-K, Salad or Side Dish, please.
Last names L-Z, Bread (Cornbread/Garlic
Bread) or Dessert, Please.**

Sign-up Three Ways!

1. On the Posterboard outside the Community Room
2. Email- Nerissa at nbrueckbauer@stmichaelsbarrington.org
3. Call - Nerissa at 847.381.2323 ext.15



South Sudan Soiree, 10 November

Don't forget to get your tickets for a night of fun, fellowship, and stewardship for a most worthy cause. On **November 10**, St. Michaels is hosting the **2nd Annual "African Eve: South Sudan**

Soiree" to raise awareness of and funds for education in The Republic of South Sudan. Last year's Soiree raised over **\$40,000** which insured that Renk Theological College would stay open for another year. Our help is that important. The Soiree is a joyful night of exciting entertainment which includes a Drum Circle and a musical presentation by the "Lost Boys." There is a delicious dinner of authentic African delectables as well as appetizers during cocktail hour and dessert following. Also, there will be a Marketplace to start your Christmas purchases, a Wine Pull, and Silent and Live Auctions of fun and exciting gifts. We are also launching "Buy Ins" - no bidding, no kidding! Just get signed up for the price listed (before the spaces are gone) and you are in! Sign up for a Run with Bishop Lee on the Chicago lakefront or St. Nicholas Night Story time at Cresswood Farm. We have beautiful necklaces donated by Anne McIntosh, themed baskets by ministries, a yoga class, a cookie class, and more! The Live Auction will feature auctioneer extraordinaire, Randy Lewis, and items include a beautiful framed mirror/ television, a magnificent addition to any home, a week at a beautiful private villa in Mexico, and art work from two of St. Michael's most accomplished artists, Jackie Smith and Father Patrick. This great evening provides many opportunities to help our brothers and sisters in Renk while enjoying a wonderful evening. **So please, get your tickets before we sell out! Just send your RSVP to the church office with your donation or call 847.381.2323 to make a reservation.**



Little Red Wagon in October

With fall we find that we are closer to that time of year when we are when we give

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

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.



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.



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. It's a blessed task--hope you can participate.



All Saints' Day at St. Michael's

As has long been the custom, deceased loved ones will be remembered in prayer in the context of St. Michael's All Saints' Services. On All Saints' Day, Thursday, **November 1, we will pray aloud for all deceased loved ones, whatever the date of their death.** For this service on **November 1** you are invited to **bring a photo of your loved one to place by the altar.** On All Saints' Sunday, **November 4, we**

will pray aloud for those loved ones who have died within the past twelve months. If you would like to have the name of a deceased loved one read during the All Saints prayers, please print the name(s) in the designated binder, located in the narthex/front entrance, no later than Sunday, October 30.



Presenting the work of nationally recognized sculptor George Carruth. Come to the gift shop to check out his indoor/outdoor art. And All the Angels!

Little Angels Christian Preschool Fundraising Event a Huge Success!



Many thanks to all who made the fundraiser for the Preschool such a success, especially the organizers, Lindsey Murphy, Jenn Newman and Chuck Dale. Over \$13,000 was raised for the Preschool!

Upcoming Events

- +Wednesday Night Series, 24 October, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
- +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 21

Job 38:1-7,(34-41), Psalm 104:1-9, 25 Hebrews 5, 1-10, Mark 10:35-45

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