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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, Scripture, Tradition and Reason, *oh my!* 10:05 a.m., *read more below...*
- +Wednesday Evening Series, 31 October, Digging into Scripture. 5:30 p.m. Eucharist, 6:00 p.m. shared dinner, 6:30 p.m. conversation, *read more below...*
- +Thursday, 1 November, All Saints' Service (with incense), 7:00 p.m.



*Painting the Bell Tower.*

### Ministry Quicklinks

- Our Website

### Can the "Unthinkable" Create the Possible?

*A letter to the people of St. Michael's from parishioner Dave Evans*

- [Church School this Sunday](#)

Dear People of St. Michael's,

**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**

10.28 June Kramer,  
Ken Curtis, Gregory Paris  
10.29 Kay Lewis,  
Scott Kimes, Gregory Michaels, Lawrence Garbarek, Audrey Brett  
10.30 Hilary Murray,  
Jessica Arms,  
Melissa Paris  
10.31 Christine Robinson, Robin Seyffert, Mark Imhoff  
11.1 Jim Stevens,  
Dave Rhodes, Ashlee Ager, Sharon Savage,  
Bob Hoyler  
11.2 Megan Donohue, Aimee Mattes  
11.3 Jenny Wickman,  
Greg Smith, Heidi Baartz

No matter how well put-together we may be, all of us face many questions which present themselves when we least expect them. Just a few of those questions might be: "Does anybody understand?" "Does God care?" "Can I find Him in my brokenness?"

On 16 September the "Food For the Journey" offering, "How Do We Respond When the Unthinkable Happens? What Role Does Our Faith Play?" helped explore some of these questions within ourselves and in our life as a community. You may remember John Yerger facilitated this discussion and gave not only his own unique perspective on "the unthinkable," but also inspired those in attendance to reflect on these issues in our own lives.

("Unthinkable" may seem synonymous with "impossible," but this session brought into focus the truth that these kinds of situations happen to all of us. The Scriptures tell us over and over that trouble and pain are part of life, and it just isn't optional. Jesus, especially, tells us we are never alone, and His Spirit works in and through our pain. We are commended to love, unity, and the fellowship of "one another.")

This gathering was well-attended and highly interactive, which made me wonder if our often-muted desires for deeper relationships are being awakened here at St. Michael's. Those who have experienced this kind of encouragement and comfort through the ministry of Christ expressed in a brother or sister know how precious it is.

A fond hope of mine is that St. Michael's increasingly becomes a sanctuary of hope and healing. The world "out there" may not always be a safe place to ask our deepest questions, especially when we are hurting. We can, however, begin to cultivate a culture of trust and concern, where burdens can be shared and borne together. We can sometimes drop the story of "I'm doing great! How are you?" We do that so we can tell the true story, and let another person gift us with a listening, supportive presence. We have so much to offer each other, and one of these gifts is the sense of not being alone in our questions or our suffering. We have only begun to draw from a deep well in ourselves and in our life together as Christ's new community. This would not only enrich and invigorate us as a church family, but also empower our lives and ministry in the world we live in. Now more than ever, our light is needed in this darkening scene.

**Anniversaries**

10.28 Noell & Tony  
Poidomani  
10.31 Christine &  
John Nelson  
11.2 Robert & Adele  
Osmond

(Gary Wills, an advocate for justice in India and other third world countries, says that God's plan for saving the world is US! He also says this may not seem like such a great plan, but it's what we have. In God's economy, empowered by His Spirit, our resource for dealing with "the unthinkable" turns out to be someone we know!)

*-Dave Evans*

**Rest in Peace**

10.28 Sherman  
Nobel, III  
10.29 Mary Michelle  
Lewis, Raymond,  
Raufeisen  
10.30 Esther Johnson  
11.1 Dorothy  
Peterson



**South Sudan Soiree, 10 November  
Reservation and Ticket Deadline  
Drawing Near!!**

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!

--exciting entertainment which includes a Drum Circle

--a musical presentation by the "Lost Boys"

--a delicious dinner of authentic African delectables

--a Marketplace to start your Christmas purchases

--a Wine Pull

--Exciting Silent Auction Items include:

-Necklaces donated by Anne McIntosh

-Themed Baskets by Ministries

-A Yoga Class-

-A Cookie Class

--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 Storytime at Cresswood Farm.

--The Live Auction will feature auctioneer extraordinaire, Randy Lewis, and such items as:

-a beautiful framed mirror/television

-a week at a beautiful private villa in Mexico

-art work from two of St. Michael's most accomplished artists, Jackie Smith and Father Patrick

**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**

**This 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.

**Next Sunday's Food for the Journey, Sunday, 4 November, 10:05 a.m. - Saints and Sinners!?!**



The difference between being a saint and a sinner is not always easy to see. As we celebrate the feast All Saints, we will be considering: What makes someone a Saint? And what do Saints have to do with my life? In part, our conversation is motivated by the addition of more than 100 people to the Episcopal Calendar of Saints in 2009! As always ALL are welcome to join in the conversation.

"I am not a saint, unless you think of a saint as a sinner who keeps on trying." - Nelson Mandela

**In the Parish family**

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Lee; Jennifer; Mary; the Belden family; Lou; Lisa; Steve & Barb; Lydia & family; Nick & family; Rick; Gary; 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.

+Death of Parishioner, **Joy M. Dowling**, Barrington, Illinois  
October 8, 1952 - October 23, 2012  
The visitation will be held from 5-8 p.m., Thursday, October 25, at  
Davenport Family Funeral Home, 149 W. Main St. (Lake-Cook  
Rd), Barrington.

The funeral service and burial will be private.  
In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the charity of one's  
choice.

+We will celebrate the following **baptisms** on the **4th of November**  
**at the 10:45 service:**

**Claire Kunzon**, Parents: Debbie & Joe Kunzon  
**Maxim Brooks Engle**, Parents: Valerie & Kelsey Engle  
**Anthony Joseph Belcore**, Parents: Miranda & Tony  
Belcore

+Many sincere thanks to all from the Octoberfest Crew of 50!  
Something for making the event on Sunday evening, 21 October,  
such a success! To all who pitched in to assist in every way and to  
all who brought such a wonderful array of dishes to share - thank  
you!



*Sunday clipboard artwork by Kate  
Chan.*



*And another masterpiece by Kate.*

+Eliot Raymond, parishioner and recent Haiti missionary, shares a video of his experience in Haiti on YouTube. You may see the video by clicking [here](#).



**Are you looking for an opportunity to serve in a flexible, meaningful and manageable way at St. Michaels?**

We are in need of a volunteer to sort and shelf books that have come into the church library. If this would be something that would interest you, please contact Ruth

Silver or the Church Office, 847.381.2323.

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

Sunday 10/28 @ 9:00--LIFT Worship & Formation, @ 10:45--SMUSH Worship

Sunday 10/28 @ 12:00--Fright Fest Great America Outing. We will stop for a fast food lunch on the way to the park, and leave to return home at 6:30. PLEASE let me know if you are interested. This trip will have a 5 youth minimum. If we have less than 5, the trip will be canceled.

UPCOMING:

Saturday 11/10 @ 6:00 pm, SUDAN SOIREE--SMUSH & LIFT are needed to make the soiree a huge success. We are still in need of a few more servers, kitchen helpers, and greeters. CALLING ALL DRUMMERS...we definitely have room for more drummers. Lots of ways to come be involved.



### Wednesday Evening Series -Digging into Scripture

Wednesday Night, October 31

5:30pm Eucharist \* 6pm

Dinner (bring something to share) \* 6:30pm Conversation Digging into Scripture...

We will study the readings

appointed for the Feast of All Saints. Whether or not you have ever spent time studying scripture, you are welcome to join us as we reflect on the passages we will be reading the following Sunday.

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

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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.

**It is not too late to attend! Please, just come on out on Sunday at 5:00 p.m.!**



### **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 28.**



### **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



### **Last Chance to Sign Up for Foyers**

Foyers sign-up is coming to a close. If you somehow missed us at church, you can still sign up via email through the end of the month at [janette.warner1@gmail.com](mailto:janette.warner1@gmail.com).

Foyers is one of the best ways to get to know people at the church a little better; most of our best friends at the church have been made through our connections with this ministry. Groups of four couples are paired together and each couple takes a turn hosting a simple meal. You have all year to meet four times. Don't have a partner? Grab a friend. Can't cook, or your house is too small? Choose a restaurant to meet at, and maybe cover the appetizers and wine for everyone.

Too busy? Who isn't? Give it a try! The groups will be sent out by mid-November to the initial hosts and you will be contacted by them. Please call Janette Warner at (847) 516-3235 with any further questions.

**Want to make someone happy at Christmas? Donate a scarf, either purchased or handmade, to the Prayer Shawl Ministry and it will be matched with gloves and given to someone less fortunate.** We can accept donations for Christmas into early December. The next **Prayer Shawl** gathering will be **Tues., October 30, in the church library from 7:00 -8:30pm.** We continue to knit & crochet shawls and scarves



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.



for various needs. If you have any questions or suggestions please call Vicki Ridges at 847.458.2747.



### **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).



### **Taking Pastoral Care to a New Dimension: Elder Ministry Workshop, Sponsored by Bishop Anderson House**

Saturday, 10 November, 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
St. Andrew's, 1125 Franklin Ave, Downers Grove, 60615

This free workshop is open to all, and particularly those who have an interest in ministering to the homebound or those in continuing care facilities. It will also offer a taste of what the Bishop Anderson House Volunteer Training

Program is like. The experience of learning the skills of Active Listening are applicable in all life situations, so please, join us on November 10th.

To register, please click here: [REGISTER FOR PASTORAL CARE WORKSHOP](#).

## **Outreach Fall Granting Allocations Report**

*by Melissa Buckley*

The Outreach Grant Allocations Committee is excited to report that St. Michael's has made the difference in 27 organizations and ministries in the greater Chicago area! At their October meeting, the Vestry approved \$44,681 in grants - bringing the total for 2012 to \$108,881! This year, we are funding organizations like Lawrence Hall and St. Cyprian's Food Panty, that have been supported by St. Michael's for many years. Thanks to input from parishioners, we are supporting a couple of new organizations. [Feeding Greater Elgin](#) is a new food panty in Elgin started by local community members who saw a need and are working hard to provide food to over 800 families a month! Our 2012 donation of \$4000 will help them purchase food from the Greater Chicago Area Food Depository. St. Michael's Children's Ministries have visited [Lydia Home](#) several times over the past few years. Their \$3000 grant will be used to offset tuition costs for low-income students at Urban Academy. Urban Academy is Lydia Home's non-traditional high school for students that have dropped or failed out of the Chicago Public School system.

Please see this spreadsheet for more details on the grants funded for 2013. (Click [here](#) to see the spreadsheet.)

God has provided St. Michael's with the bounty to share with others. Each of us on the Grant Allocation Committee is honored to represent the shared values of St. Michael's parishioners and do the joy-filled work of getting to know these organizations that do Christ's work on a daily basis. On behalf of the committee and these 27 grateful organizations, THANK YOU!

Melissa Buckley, Chair

Committee Members: Kaky Bowles, Nancy Carney, Semmey Semerad, Lou Longo, Ann Ryba, Carol Schmidt, Maribeth Totten, Jeni Younger

\*\*\*Looking for a low commitment, high impact opportunity to get involved at St. Michael's? The Grant Allocation committee is looking for new members. If you are interested, please contact Melissa Buckley, [buckley92@ameritech.net](mailto:buckley92@ameritech.net). We meet 2-3 times a year and the basic responsibilities include reviewing grant applications and making recommendations.



**Baby, oh, Baby!  
And All the  
Angels  
has great things  
for that new  
baby in your life!  
Please come  
down and see our  
selection!**

### **All Women of Saint Michael's - SAVE THE DATE!**

AWSM Advent Celebration at Michele Phillips' home at 7:00 pm on December 4th, 2012.

Enjoy fellowship, food and music.  
Details to follow.



### **Upcoming Events**

- +Wednesday Night Series, 31 October, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
- +Parish Potluck, October 28th, Sunday, at 5:00 p.m.
- +All Saints' Service, 1 November, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
- +Sudan Soiree, November 10, Saturday, 6:30 p.m.
- +7th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 22 November, Thursday, 12:00 p.m.

### **Revised Common Lectionary Year B, Pentecost 22**

Job 42:1-6,(10-17), Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22), Hebrews 7, 23-28, Mark 10:46-52

### **Contact Info**

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