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# The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

8 November 2012

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## Did You Know?



## Notes from the Communications Committee and e-Sword Editor

Just a few notes to answer some questions about the *Sword* that we have been fielding often enough lately to indicate that they should be addressed to a broader audience.

- It has been brought to our attention that some readers were concerned with the length of the e-*Sword*. If you are one of those readers, we remind you of a "work around" solution to the problem. If you click on any of the topics listed in the green column to the left - "In This Issue"- you will be taken directly to the article and will not have to scroll through the entire newsletter.
- Generally, we prefer to run things in the *Sword* no more than 3 times. Re-running items for several weeks is a sure-fire way to make readers skip your piece entirely.
- Please send pictures; and if you do so, it must be a jpg, png or gif.
- Please send information to be published in the *Sword* no later than Tuesday.
- Also, please note that a "leaner" edition of the *Sword* will be published on Wednesday, 21 November instead of the usual Thursday edition on the 22nd, Thanksgiving.
- Call or email Nerissa if you have any questions about getting your information in the *Sword*; she plays nicely with most of the children on the playground. 847.382.2323 ext. 15 or [nbrueckbauer@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:nbrueckbauer@stmichaelsbarrington.org).

## 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.)

+Saturday, 6:00 p.m., "An African Eve: South Sudan Soiree"

....Matt Sells has volunteered to work on St. Michael's social media sites? Thank you, Matt!

## Anniversaries This Week

### Birthdays

- 11.11 Emma Bishop,  
Michael Lopez
- 11.12 David Brooks,  
Sean Tucker
- 11.13 Tina Gilbert
- 11.14 Griffin Blue
- 11.15 Fred Fletcher
- 11.16 William  
Stoettner, Arthur  
Holzknecht, Kate  
Wirth, John Magro,  
Jessie Erickson
- 11.17 John  
Kuechmann, Jack  
Dern, Thomas  
Darrow, Ella  
Mathison, M.J. Ward

### Anniversaries

- 11.11 Kate & Mark  
Imhoff
- 11.14 Michelle &  
David Trautwein

### Rest in Peace

- 11.11 Myra Driever
- 11.12 Allen  
Cummings
- 11.13 Norman Jones,  
Patricia Yager
- 11.14 Frank  
Kohlhase
- 11.15 Charles  
Harrigan

+Sunday, Food for the Journey, Fierce Conversation for the Future of the Church, 10:05 a.m., *read more below...*

+Wednesday Evening Series, 14 November, Digging into Scripture. 5:30 p.m. Eucharist, 6:00 p.m. shared dinner, 6:30 p.m. conversation, *read more below...*

## Redistricting the Heart



a letter to the people of St. Michael's from the Rector

Dear People of St. Michael's,

Maps often tell stories. So I've noticed lately, as I've studied a variety of maps, mostly because of related decisions.

Take, for instance, the map of the Episcopal Church in

Illinois. It will be scrutinized as never before by those of us representing St. Michael's at the November 16-17 annual convention for the Diocese of Chicago. We'll be voting on a resolution to explore reunification with the Diocese of Quincy, in the western part of the state. In 2008 the Bishop of Quincy and a large cohort of his supporters fled the Episcopal Church to align with the Anglican Church of North America. Still remaining in the Diocese of Quincy, however, is a sheepfold with remaining Episcopalians looking for a bishop.

Of far more immediate interest to far more people, of course, were the maps that riveted the whole nation on election night. We saw states turn from grey to red or blue. We cursed or gave thanks for the electoral college. We saw the results of new maps that resulted from congressional redistricting.

Maps also come to mind in conjunction with our South Sudan Soiree, Saturday evening. Since Bishop Joseph Atem's 2011 visit, life in Renk has been dominated by issues related to maps: the still-new national border with Sudan (immediately to the north of Renk); unresolved borderlands disputes; if and when the border is open or closed; and the flow of refugees across the border into Renk.

Finally, on a totally personal scale, I was recently intrigued by an article about 'heart maps,' an art therapy practice of drawing what one loves and values within the traditional shape



In 1877, the original Diocese of Illinois was divided into three separate dioceses.



Our parishioner delegates to diocesan convention: Tim Murray, Craig Anderson and Ann Ryba. On the right: Elgin Deanery voting youth delegate Joe Schmidt. St. Michael's member Ali Pepper, a junior at NIU/DeKalb, will be a voting campus ministry delegate.

+ Examples of heart maps can be found by doing a Google image search. A simple related article can be found at: <http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/top-teaching/2011/01/heart-maps-and-writing>.

+ Some of you inquired about the source of the 'different kind of dance' story I told in Sunday's sermon. It was taken verbatim from *For the Time Being*, Annie Dillard, 1999. Most sermons are posted to the parish website in audio files by Wednesday in the following week. Paper copies are *sometimes* available from the clergy upon request.

+Kitchen preparations are already underway for Saturday's Soiree! Wine is in the building! Amazing auction items are rolling in! Don't miss it! Brooke and I look forward to seeing you there!

+As explained in last week's Sword, the vestry and chancellor Suzi Allen, with help from others, have prepared revised bylaws to present at the January 2013 annual meeting. To assure a positive and uncomplicated annual meeting, we are asking interested members to familiarize themselves with the proposed new bylaws and take part if possible on the information and response session that will be held on Sunday, November 18, during the Food for the Journey program, 10:00 a.m. You can view the proposed bylaws by clicking [here](#).

## "African Eve: South Sudan Soiree"



It is finally here! This Saturday, **November 10 at 6:00 p.m.**, 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. Join **special guests Bishop Jeff Lee and wife, Lisa, and Bishop Joseph!**

- 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
  - Mackinac Island Basket donated by Al and Vickie Johnson
  - 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



**-Scotch/Cigar Dinner  
Night at Biltmore with  
Gary Gunderson**  
-a week at a beautiful private villa in  
Mexico

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

**-and this just in, buy \$20  
chances to drive a Lamborghini  
for an ENTIRE weekend!!**



### **This Sunday's Food for the Journey, Sunday, 11 November, 10:05 a.m. Fierce Conversation for the Future of the Church**

Make your voice known... On November 15th and 16th, representatives from parishes across Northern Chicago will gather for our annual Diocesan Convention. The theme of this year's convention is "Fierce Conversations for the Future Church". Join those attending the convention as your representatives, as we discuss various resolutions and topics that will be addressed at this Diocesan Gathering. There will be a presentation on the legislation up for vote at this year's convention and then a chance to be in conversation with the delegates.

### **Next Sunday's Food for the Journey, 18 November Revision of Parish Bylaws**

Every organization has rules which order its life, some formal and some informal. Suzi Allen will be leading a conversation on the revision of the parish bylaws, the formalized rules which help us order our life together. The bylaws have not been revised since the founding of St. Michael's. This time will provide an opportunity to hear about the proposed changes and offer feedback. **NOTE: Suzi will be offering a session at both the regular Food for the Journey time (10:05-10:40am), she will be offering a presentation following the 7:45am service, also.**

### **In the Parish family**

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:  
 Lisa; Steve & Barb; Lydia & family; Nick & family; Rick; Gary; the Valkenburg family; Cynthia; Connie; Mary; the Davis family; Gladys; Gina; Todd; Kathy; Terry & Ann; the Oetinger family; Jennifer; Mary; those effected by hurricane Sandy; Nicole; Mae; Paulette; Sarah; Bishop Joseph, Roda, Michele & Grace; Amy; Campbell; Abraham; St. Cyprian Food Pantry Food Pantry; military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Zane, Robert, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, and Taylor.

+Joe Schmidt, a Senior at Barrington High School, was selected as a Voting Youth Delegate to the Diocesan Convention next week!

+St. Michael's filled 3 and a half tables at the the Episcopal Charities Ball last Friday evening! Great representation!

+**Amanda Dern** and **Madison Greenlief** are both appearing in Spotlight Youth Theater's production of *Seussical Junior*! Both of these 6th graders have named parts as "Who's"! It is a wonderful show!



### **Wednesday Evening Series -Digging into Scripture**

**Wednesday Night, 14  
November**

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

6:30pm Conversation

**Digging into Scripture...**

#### **looking at Sunday's readings.**

Explore the passages of scripture being read the following Sunday during worship [Daniel 12:1-3 and Mark 13:1-8]. This time is meant to provide an opportunity to reflect in more depth than Sunday morning allows. This offering is open to all. Consider joining the conversation.



**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.**

Given the true generosity of our parish, we have reached  
 our monetary target to support the Community  
 Thanksgiving Day Dinner! We humbly thank you!



### **Children's Christmas Gifts for St. Cyprian Food Pantry**

For over 15 years we have had the joy of making  
 over 50 children have a happy Christmas. Each  
 child receives two presents - one for need and one  
 for fun. This next Sunday, 11 November, Ruth  
 Silver will have the information sheets available in  
 the East Corridor by the Church Offices, or you may call her at  
 847.381.1871.



### **Little Red Wagon in November**

As Thanksgiving  
 nears, we continue  
 To share our food  
 gifts we gather for  
 St. Cyprian Food  
 Pantry in Chicago  
 during October &  
 November. Last  
 November the pantry  
 provided food for



### **LYDIA Home Christmas Gifts for Children**

Once again we have the privilege of assisting 19  
 children of the LYDIA Home residential  
 care program have Christmas. On the 18th of  
 November, Children's Ministries will have the  
 names and the "Needs" and "Dreams" lists of these  
 19 children available. We will also have a general list of the  
 supply needs for the dormitories that we are hoping to fill. Please  
 see Nerissa Brueckbauer on the 18th of November outside the  
 Community Room, or call/email: 847.381.2323,  
[nbrueckbauer@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:nbrueckbauer@stmichaelsbarrington.org)

**All Women of Saint Michael's (AWSM)- SAVE THE DATE!**



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.

AWSM Advent Celebration at Michele Phillips' home at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4th, 2012. Enjoy fellowship, food and music. Details to follow.



## BARRINGTON GIVING DAY 2012

Each December Barrington Giving Day invites families on the Free and Reduced lunch program residing in Barrington 220 School District to a Giving Day. Families receive food, warm coats, books, blankets, and gifts. Members of Barrington churches, schools, businesses and civic organizations have always been generous in their support of this day. Giving Day 2011 helped over 1,000 families, this included 3,000 children, and senior citizens. These families live in our school district. They are our friends and neighbors. Each year the need is greater.

Boxes for donations of new and gently used winter coats, books, and toys will be at various businesses, all schools and churches (St. Michael's has one!) in Barrington on November 7th through December 8th.



## Two Minutes for Peace

Wherever you may be this **Sunday, November 11**, please consider pausing for two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. as a commitment to peace, and in particular to offer prayers in response to gun violence, in all the contexts that it occurs.

Before November 11 was known as Veterans Day in America, Armistice Day was celebrated here and in Europe, to mark the cessation of WWI combat "at the eleventh hour on the eleventh day in the eleventh month" of 1918. The interrelated historic observances have inspired members of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship, working with the Crosswalk movement and other religious and secular organizations, to share in leading a community-based effort called 'Silence the Guns'.

The theme draws attention to the human casualties caused by gun violence in all contexts including warfare, terrorism, assault and murder, and urban street shootings.

**At St. Michael's, the 'two minutes' will be slightly displaced and incorporated into the Prayers of the People at Sunday's 10:45 Eucharist ... probably around 11:11 a.m.**

See [www.epfnational.org](http://www.epfnational.org) (the Peace Fellowship, in which parishioner Ellen Lindeed is active) and/or [www.silencetheguns.org](http://www.silencetheguns.org) and/or [www.crosswalkchicago.org](http://www.crosswalkchicago.org)

## **Looking for a Few Great Leaders** *by Kathy Randolph, Senior Warden*



The terms of five current Vestry members are ending at the upcoming Annual Meeting in January 2013. As a result, the People of St. Michael's seek leaders to serve on the Vestry.

The Vestry is an elected governance which is responsible for the care of parish finances and buildings and the selection of individuals to fill various positions of parish leadership and representation. Our Vestry team is comprised of 12 members with a variety of skills, education, gifts and talents from a cross-section of our parish. Leadership diversity is intention, as we seek to have representatives from all walks of life share their voice for the benefit of St. Michael's.

Now is the time! We need to hear your voice. Let us know if you are interested in being nominated to the Vestry for either a 3-year (4 positions open) or a 1-year term (one position). If serving on this body is not for you at this time, but you know some one who is willing to serve - please let us know!

The proposed new bylaws for St. Michael's show the church's requirements for vestry membership, and the proposed bylaws (to be adopted at the January 2013 annual meeting) can be viewed by clicking [here](#). A Vestry Overview is available by clicking [here](#).

**Call the office** with nominations and/or names of people to contact **by Friday, November 16th**. For more information regarding the vestry and criteria to serve, click on the link provided.

Blessings and Peace+  
Kathy Randolph  
Senior Warden

## **Upcoming Events**

- +Sudan Soiree, November 10, Saturday, 6:00 p.m.
- +Wednesday Night Series, 14 November, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
- +7th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 22 November, Thursday, 12:00 p.m.
- +Advent Celebration, Sunday, 2 December, 9:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

+AWSM Advent Celebration, Tuesday, 4 December, 7:00 p.m.  
+Lessons and Carols, Sunday, 9 December, 5:00 p.m.

## Revised Common Lectionary Year B, Pentecost 24

Ruth 3:1-5, Psalm 127, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44

### 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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