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The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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This Sunday At St. Michael's

+Food for the Journey, Sunday, 20 Jan, **after the 7:45 a.m. service in the library and at 10:05 a.m. in the Undercroft:** 2013 Budget Presentation

+Please keep in view...the Parish Annual Meeting, Sunday, 27 January at 12:00 p.m. A light lunch will be served. Childcare is available.

A Letter from the Wardens

Sr. Warden | Kathy Randolph

Jr. Warden | Shan Atkins



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The purpose of this week's letter is both to give you access to some information about major activities undertaken by parish leadership over the past year and to invite you to the upcoming Parish Annual Meeting. The upcoming Annual Meeting, is going to be held January 27 at noon in the Community Room. **Lunch will be served** so we don't have to do our work together on empty stomachs!

Did You Know?

In 2012, the vestry has invested its time and energy in a number of areas vital to our shared life. We have produced a

...there are eleven children in the First Solemn Communion Class of 2013?

Anniversaries This Week Birthdays

1.20 Jack Schmidt
1.21 Matt Blue
1.22 Dylan Johns
1.23 Judy Tolle,
Judie Buckley
1.24 Jessica
Holzknecht, Mark
Eissler
1.25 Annie Conners,
Molly Conners,
Margaret
Longworth, Joseph
Pardun
1.26 Michael
LaBarge

Anniversaries

Rest in Peace

1.20 Lena Pesce
1.21 Michael
Lorenzo, Stuart
Parker
1.22 Robert
McLaughlin
1.23 Norma Sayles
1.24 Jeanne Capulli
1.25 Nancy Race,

report which covers a few of the significant areas of our work. You can download a .pdf copy of the report by following this [link](#). The specific topics discussed are:

**Budget (balanced!)
Sunday Worship
Parish Life
Bylaws
Personnel**

It has been both fulfilling and demanding to serve our collective needs during 2012; we know we speak for all vestry members when we say that we are honored to serve as leaders in this wonderful community of faith. Come join us at the Annual Meeting on January 27 to learn more about the progress and successes of the past year and to talk about the priorities we have set for ourselves in 2013. At that time we will properly recognize our departing vestry members and elect new members to serve for a variety of different terms.

In His Service,
Kathy Randolph and Shan Atkins, Wardens

From the Rector:



+ Parish Annual Meeting,
Sunday, January 27, at Noon in
the Community Room; a light
lunch will be served

**+2013 Parish Budget
Presentation,** Sunday, after the
7:45 a.m. service in the Library
and during Food for the Journey,
at 10:05 a.m. in the Undercroft

Please mark your calendars now! Additional information will be provided in the coming week.



Annual Meeting 2013 Financial Presentation

The Financial Presentation for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, 27 January is available for your review before the meeting by clicking

Lolita Ewart
1.26 Catherine Silver



[here.](#)

In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:
Paulette; Thom; Steve; Mary; Joan; Rollo; Ed; the Battcher family;
the Callahan family; Mia; the Michaels family; Allison; Sergio;
Anne & Bob; Millie & the Troy family; Mary; Steve &
Bonnie; Barrington Township Food Pantry; military troops in
danger including those from our parish, especially, Zane, Robert,
Ryan, Michael, Bruce, and Taylor.



One last image of Christmas - Jane Dawson was in the Nave, and came in to ask if I had a camera. The sun was shining directly on the Christ Child in the manger, just over the left shoulder of Joseph. Also, look at the rainbow effect of the stained glass captured in the background. Beautiful! Thank you, Jane, for bringing it to our attention!

+On the 26th of January, a memorial service will be take place for Anna Toll, mother of Marti Callahan, at St. Michaels. Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in the Community Room and the Memorial Service to follow at 1:00 p.m.



+Graham Erbs and his father, Jim, are coaches for a robotics team competing in a Robotics Championship celebrating their accomplishments and competing with and against the best!



+Terry Haycock was recently honored "In recognition of outstanding commitment as an Arts in Bartlett past board member (secretary)" at the organization's 10th Anniversary Celebration. She received a Certificate of Appreciation and a set of commemorative wine glasses. During the five years he served the organization she was also artist relations director, newsletter editor and reception coordinator.



Food for the Journey, Sunday, 20 Jan, after the 7:45 service and at 10:05 a.m.:

St. Michael's Parish 2013 Budget Overview

John Davis, the St. Michael's Parish Treasurer, will present the 2013 budget after the **7:45 a.m. service in the Library and during Food for the Journey in the Undercroft Sunday**. This is scheduled in anticipation of next week's Annual Meeting. Please, come and become informed on your parish budget!

There is no scheduled Food for the Journey next week given the Annual Meeting.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS ARE BACK... (In Epiphany: Ideas Worth Spreading - reflecting on TED talks)

Worship (5:30pm) * Brown Bag Meal (6pm) * Conversation (6:30)

Come to any part of an evening or show up for it all...

During Epiphany, we will be talking using as series of videos about Ideas Worth Spreading (from TED talks) to reflect on how our faith

intersects with conversations in the world at large. This week we will look at **The Danger of a Single Story by Chimamanda Adichie**. She writes, "The single story creates stereotypes, and the problem with stereotypes is not that they are untrue but that they are incomplete. They make one story become the only story." We will be watching the entire video on Wednesday night, but if you want to watch it in advance, you can follow this [link](http://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story.html): http://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story.html



Stand Up and Be Counted! *or* Does Our Church Database Have YOUR Family Membership Record Correct? *or* Are your adult children living on their own, moved away, not attending on a regular basis?

342 Member/Family

- 32 Updated Member/Family Profile Sheets

3 10 Member/Family still to be counted!!!!



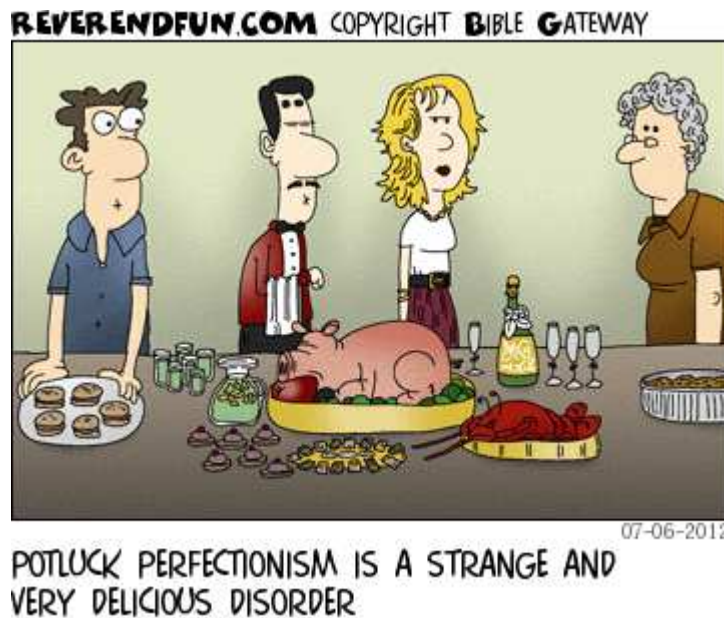
We still have a long way to go!

Please! We need your help to ensure that we have the most up-to-date information on the church database. This database is the source we use for all of our current members, those considering

membership, and many others with whom we connect. It is vital to have updated information to ensure all parishioners receive important information like the Annual Meeting packet and so that we may verify our voter list used at the Annual Meeting. In order to make this effort as efficient as possible, you have three options:

- fill out a Member/Family Profile Sheet by clicking [here](#) or
- you may go to the website and go to the Home Page, then follow the the directional bar at the top to "About Us," then follow the drop down to "I'm New" and "Getting Connected." Under the heading "Explore Membership" you will find the link to the form.
- or you may pick a form up in the back of the church and return it to Nancy Holmes in the Church Office

We are asking that you update your information no later than Friday, 18 January. Thank you!



Parish Potluck

20 January, 5:00 p.m.

Spaghetti is on the Menu!

Last Name A-K Bread or Dessert

Last Name L-Z Salad or Side Dish



Little Red Wagon in January

Thank you to those who kept the Little Red Wagon filled in December with many good things for the Families in Crisis at the Church of the Redeemer. But the wagon is now empty and ready to be filled to assist the Barrington Township Food Pantry. Its special needs are cereal, crackers, jelly, tea, instant coffee, dish detergent, bath soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Monetary donations are also helpful to the Food Pantry Fund.

Sign-up sheets outside the Community Room this Sunday - it is not too late to sign up!
All ages, please join us for spaghetti and fellowship!

From Our Youth Minister and Children's Choir Director

THIS WEEK:

Saturday 1/19 , 1:00-5:00 pm--SOS, LIFT, & SMUSH trip to Feed My Starving Children. Please bring completed permission slip, money to stop for a treat on the way home, AND COME JEWELRY FREE. (FDA rules for packaging food)

SUNDAY 1/20 @ 9:00, LIFT Worship & Breakfast Out to Cook Street Coffee. Please bring money for breakfast.

Sunday 1/20 , 10:45--SMUSH Worship & Chili Orders

UPCOMING:

Friday 1/25, 7:00 pm-Sunday 1/27, 4:00 pm, New Beginnings Diocesan Retreat in Downers Grove. This is your last chance to register! <http://www.episcopalchicago.org/at-work-in-the-church/youth-ministry/new-beginnings/>

Friday 2/1, 4:00-9:00 pm, The Great Chili Cookoff in the Community Room

AWSM (All Women of St. Michael's) Bunco Night



Tuesday, February 5th

7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

St. Michael's Community Room

Come for the fun, laughs, and fabulous fellowship!

No Bunco experience necessary!

More details to follow soon.

Help, Thanks, Wow (Amen)

An Overnight Lenten Retreat for Women

Friday, February 22 to Saturday, February 23

Camp Stronghold, Oregon, IL

Drawing from the themes in Anne Lamott's latest book *Help, Thanks, Wow*, we will explore how these three simple prayers can help us get through tough times, everyday stress, and the hard work of living in our fast-paced culture. Led by Deacon Laurie Michaels, the retreat will provide opportunities for individual reflection, small group sharing & discussion, yoga, art, walking meditation, worship & song.

Space is limited so sign up soon! The cost is \$55 a person (double room) and scholarships are available. For details and registration, link to the registration form [here](#). Registration forms are also available in the church office and on the church website.

Dads and Kids Movie Night on February 22nd at 5:30 p.m. in the Community room at St. Michael's.

More information will follow and an e-vite will follow.



Registration for the 2013-2014 School year had begun.

Church Members are welcome to register with our in-house families thru January 18. We will open registration up to the public on January 22nd. Please see the registration form [here](#) for information on the classes we will be offering. Additional information is available on our [website](#) www.littleangelspreschool.org.



Invitation to a Combined Celebration at Church of the Redeemer

Greetings and blessings to all!
I hope everyone's Christmas season was full of blessings and joy.

On Friday, February 8, at 7:00 PM, we will have a combined celebration at Redeemer: The ordination as a permanent deacon

of our parishioner Rachel Hultz, and the Celebration of New Ministry as Rector for me.

I am not sending private invitations, but will love the honor of your presence. All clergy and lay leadership are welcome to attend. Clergy are welcome to vest for worship. There will be a reception following the service. No need to RSVP.

Please join us in giving thanks to our loving God as we celebrate these great blessings!

-Uriel+

Compartimos con ustedes nuestra alegría de la ordenación al diaconado permanente de Rachel Hultz y la aceptación de Padre

Uriel como Rector.

Viernes, 8 de febrero. 7:00 PM en la parroquia del Redentor.

Todos son bienvenidos!

-Uriel+

Upcoming Events

+Sunday, 20 January, Parish Potluck, 5:00 pm, Community Room

+Wednesday, 23 January, Wednesday Nights, 5:30 p.m. Eucharist

+Sunday, 27 January, Annual Meeting, 12:00 pm, Community Room

+Tuesday, 5 February, AWSM Bunco, 7:00 pm, Community Room

Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Epiphany 2 Isaiah 62:1-5,
Psalm 36:5-10, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

Contact Info

St. Michael's Vestry

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

Pete Douglas, Lora Gier, 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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