

The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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Outreach in the Kitchen

a letter from parishioner Jeffery Cross

During this Easter season, it is fitting to remember the words of Christ when he appeared to his disciples after his Crucifixion and Resurrection. As recounted in the Gospel of John, Christ appeared to the disciples and asked Peter if he loved Him. Peter replied: "Lord, you know I do." To which Christ stated: "Feed my sheep."

The women of St. Michael's will continue in their efforts to follow Christ's commandment to Peter and his disciples by volunteering to serve dinner to the homeless on April 11th at the Franciscan Outreach Association's soup kitchen near North and Ashland in Chicago.

St. Michael's Outreach Committee was first introduced to the soup kitchen in the Spring of 2009 when a number of parishioners rode the train together to work in the kitchen preparing food, washing dishes, and serving dinner to the homeless guests. At the time, Father Manny Borg, now rector of St. Nicholas Episcopal Church in Elk Grove, was the director of the soup kitchen.

- 4.7 Kathleen
Carrell, Grace
Raymond
4.8 Steve Knoop
4.9 Patrick Duncan,
Jaqueline Allen
4.10 Helen Curtis
4.11 Martha
Callahan,
Mackenzie Rough,
Jill Viola
4.12 Libby Conners
4.13 Mary Tudela,
Al Qualiardi, Mark
Pullinger

Anniversaries

- 4.7 Jennifer & Matt
Beverly, Gayle &
Phillippe Maraval
4.8 Beth & Court
Rejman
4.9 Kathleen &
James Blair, Kay &
Randy Lewis,
Heather & Ben
Belcore
4.11 Shân Atkins &
James Erbs
4.12 Judy & Jeff
Tolle

Since then, dozens of Parish members have served. St. Michael's Outreach Committee has also supported the soup kitchen with a generous monetary grant in several years. Our volunteer efforts and grant has enabled the soup kitchen to serve many homeless in many ways. For example, in 2010, the soup kitchen provided 30,014 full meals, 1,706 showers and 1,736 bags of laundry washed, dried and folded. Most importantly, it has enabled the soup kitchen to make available counselors that help the homeless get back on their feet, find jobs as well as permanent living solutions.

Many of us who travel into the city or around the county to visit other large urban areas are constantly confronted by a homeless man or woman, many with children in tow, asking for a handout. In difficult economic times, the population of the homeless has clearly grown, and it has changed demographically to include more people who recently lost jobs and families. Often, we face the dilemma of whether we should give something. Sometimes we worry that our "spare change" for a meal will be used only to buy alcohol or drugs. St. Michael's generous donations to the Franciscan Outreach program are, of course, one solution by our community of disciples of Christ to "feed Christ's sheep" and make sure that the funds are used wisely. The volunteer effort by the Parish women on April 11th will also allow many of our Parish to directly do something positive for the unfortunate among us. We will serve from 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm. The soup kitchen, located at 1645 W. LeMoyne, near North and Ashland, is a short walk in a safe neighborhood from the Clybourn Metra stop. Completing our work by 7:00 p.m. also allows us to hop back on the 7:30 pm train to Barrington.

The Franciscan Outreach Association needs volunteers throughout the year. If you would like to serve, you can access a calendar of dates available for volunteer service at www.franoutreach.org.

-Jeffrey Cross

From the Rector:

Alleluia! Thank you!

*Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

- Hymnal 1982, #205, verse 1

Dear People of St. Michael's,

Alleluia!

Rest in Peace
 4.8 Kenneth Barton,
 Richard Lareno
 4.9 Babbie Westcoat
 4.10 Ralph Crist
 4.12 Jacob Guss,
 Barbara Kohlhase

Our celebration of Easter at St. Michael's was both meaningful and beautiful - all the more so because of the profound Holy Week services preceding the Easter celebration. Annually, at various points along the way, many of us are reminded that, collectively and individually, these Holy Week and Easter worship services rely on the faith and time and gifts of dozens and dozens of people. This year I felt a distinctive spirit of common intention among all who took part. I'm deeply grateful.

A few persons have expressed gratitude for one or more of the sermons that were offered here at St. Michael's during Holy Week and Easter. I've compiled a file with all of the messages (with the exception of Laurie Michael's Maundy Thursday message, not available in time to include ...); and you can link the file by clicking [here](#).

Back in January I extended a challenge - or an invitation - to any who may feel led to take part in a simple reaffirmation of faith when Bishop Chris Epting visits St. Michael's on Sunday, April 28. At the time I spoke of it, the bishop's visit seemed in the far distant future. Now it's just four Sundays away. I'm wondering, of course, if the experience of our Holy Week and Easter worship and fellowship may have stirred up in any of you a curiosity or inclination to take part in the reaffirmation when the bishop comes. Please speak to me or Fr. Kevin if so. (We both plan to make a reaffirmation that day.)

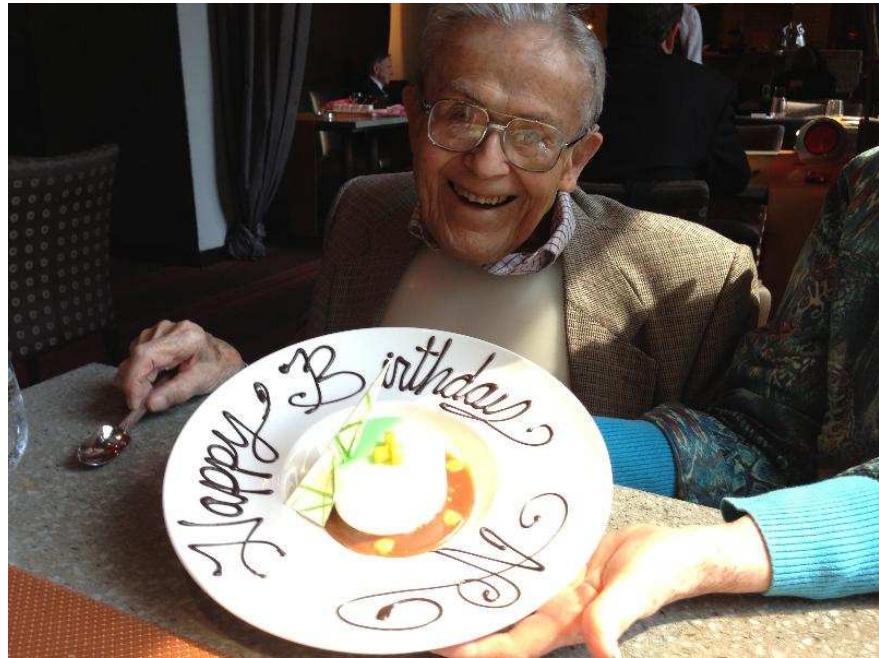
The bishop's visit is only one among many items on our full parish calendar for the coming months. (Stay tuned for more events and dates.) I pray with you that the blessed spirit and enthusiasm and faithfulness that carried us through Holy Week and Easter Day will remain with us throughout the 50-day Easter season and beyond.

Patrick +

In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:
 Sharon; Sue; Bob; Connie; Mary; Debbie; Pat; Mary; Bob; Steve; the Mayberry family; the Bishop family; Claudia; Peggy; Sonji; Cleo; Kelsey; Allyson; Gina & Cliff; BH & family; Bob & the Geasey

family; Mary & Bob; Ed; Scott; Eddie; Donna & Dave; Blaike; Leal; Karen; Rollo; Ben & Paulette; Amy; Scott; the Caruso family; the Schaefer family; safety & peace in South Sudan; Bishop Joseph; St. Cyprian Food Pantry; military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Zane, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, and Taylor.



The photo of Fr. Bob Orpen on his 92nd Birthday was sent to the *Sword* by former Music Director Marjorie Johnson who made a special birthday visit to Bob and Vinnie.

Food for the Journey, 7 and 14 April at 10:05 a.m.

The Lord's Prayer: Reflecting on the prayer that Jesus taught us... (April 7th)

Each week, we pray the words Jesus taught us, just before we break bread together. Father Jim Bullion will lead us in a conversation about the origins of this prayer. As a way of helping explore its meaning, Father Jim will help us reflect on the prayer in its original language and offer some thoughts about different ways of translating it. Join us as we reflect on this cornerstone of Christian faith. Bring your questions...

The Nicene Creed: What are we praying? (April 14th)

Almost every week we pray the words of the Nicene Creed proclaiming our beliefs about God as Father, Son and Spirit. This ancient creed comes from the 4th century and uses language which can feel abstract and foreign ('begotten not made'). So, why is it that this creed continues to be a cornerstone of our faith? What is it that we are we really saying about God? Father Kevin will lead us in an exploration of the Nicene Creed. Bring your questions...



Wednesday Nights in April... and early May (taking a break)

We will be taking a break from our regular Wednesday evening programs through the first week in May... Be on the lookout for more info in weeks to come!



Youth Fundraiser! Spring Flower Sale!

It's that time of year again to start thinking about all those beautiful flowers that will fill our yards this summer. Once again the youth will be doing there Annual Plant Sale to help fund upcoming mission trips this summer. Order forms are

available in the hallway and the church office or on the website. You may also download a form by clicking [here](#). We will take orders until 28 April and the flower pick-up will be Saturday, 4 May.

From Our Youth Minister

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 4/7, 9:00 am -- LIFT Worship & Formation

Sunday 4/7, 10:45 am -- SMUSH Worship & Formation

Sunday 4/7, 5:30-7:00--Confirmation Class in the Sturtz

House

UPCOMING:

Saturday 4/13, 9:15-12:00--Confirmation Outing to BAPS Hindu Temple

Monday 4/15, LIFT Mission Trip Deposit Due



AWSM (All Women of St. Michael's) is inviting you to a Great Gatsby evening.

Saturday, April 20th, 7 - 10:30pm in the Community Room. Enjoy appetizers while you listen to the live music of BHS' Big Phat Quintet. As the night goes on, the music and dance floor will heat up! Appetizers, dessert, coffee, tea, soda and water will be provided. Charge: \$20 per person. Roll out your boa and pearls. Spats and flapper dresses optional. Adults only please. Advanced ticket purchases will be greatly appreciated. Tickets will be on sale after all services on Sundays April 7th and 14th. Questions - please contact Sue Barnum, sbbarnum@comcast.net or 847-304-6989.



**Get a Foretaste of the Chicago Diocese
*Thrive!***



Magazine May Issue by picking up a brochure in the narthex that hints at the stories of vitality, creativity and generosity that will be told! More and more the Diocese of Chicago is many things. It is the hope of the Director of Networking for the Diocese, that we are more and more becoming a diocese that is qualified by the words: vital, inclusive, generous and thriving!



"Catch the Spirit" for the Annual Bishop Anderson House Spring Benefit

Laurie Michaels, Jim Bullion, Ann Ryba and the Trustees of Bishop Anderson House warmly invite you to "Catch the Spirit" at our annual spring benefit, on Sunday, April 28. This year the fun

begins at a new location, Scoozi!, at 410 W Huron, just off the Kennedy Expressway in downtown Chicago. \$125 per person includes drinks, laughter, dinner, inspirational testimonies, wine, friendship and the ever amazing Silent Auction, which this year includes a \$535 poker extravaganza, \$250 pet pampering basket, \$200 Episcopalooza basket, \$400 spa and renew basket, Priceless beer making lesson, \$350 movies and media basket, \$200 Girls' Day out basket, and many more.

Wait, there's more--you can purchase raffle tickets, too, & win these amazing prizes: A Downton Abbey Feast for 8 prepared by staff and trustees of BAH, hosted in elegant surroundings in Chicago; a \$500 Apple Gift Card; a Kindle with the works; a Hoover Vacuum and \$90 dinner gift card at Big Bowl.

Supporting Bishop Anderson House sustains our chaplaincy work as we help God's people in crisis, seeking to alleviate anxiety and fear and provide hope to those facing illness and loneliness.

Purchase event and raffle tickets on Sunday, 7 April, after all services from Jim Bullion! Or, better yet, click here and purchase online: www.bishopandersonhouse.org

Images from Holy Week at St. Michael's



Walk Through Holy Week Service on Good Friday



Dave Evans in the title role in a Walk Through Holy Week.



"Alleluias" unburied by the Children's Altar.

Summary from the 18 March Vestry Meeting from the Clerk of the Vestry, Craig Anderson

Please click [here](#) for a summary of March's Vestry Meeting.

Upcoming Events

- +20 April, Saturday AWSM Great Gatsby Event 7:00 p.m.
- +28 April, Sunday, Flower Sale Orders Due
- +28 April, Sunday, Bishop Anderson "Catch the Spirit" Spring Fundraiser
- +28 April, Sunday, Bishop Epting's visit, Confirmation and Reception

+4 May, Saturday, Flower Orders Delivered

+5-9 August, Monday through Friday, Vacation Bible School, 9:15 a.m. through 12:00 p.m.

Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Easter 2

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29 or 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

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Madelyn Lanham, Youth Representative
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