

The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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- 5.5 Robert Blass
- 5.6 Jacqueline Smith

Upcoming at St. Michael's:

+Saturday, 4 May: Vestry and All-Parish Leadership Gathering, 8:30 a.m. - Noon

All parishioners of all ages are encouraged to join us. The theme will be 'Roots & Branches ... continued.' More information is provided below.

+Sunday, 5 May: 2013 High School Graduate Recognition and presentation of the Nicholas Alvin Johnson Memorial Scholarship at the 10:45 a.m. service

+Feast of the Ascension -- next Thursday, May 9 Holy Eucharist in the chapel at 6:00 p.m.

5.7 Adele Osmond
 5.8 Rhett Allord,
 Wyatt Trautwein
 5.10 Colin Pepper,
 Phyllis Stevens,
 Jennifer Tarulis
 5.11 Larry Knobe,
 Amanda
 McLaughlin, Emmie
 Phillips, Erin Reeff,
 Rick Walter, Jackson
 Paris, Luke Corteen



The Ascension window pictured dates from 1480;
 Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, East Harling, Norfolk,
 England.

Anniversaries

5.6 Annilee &
 Lawrence Quinlan
 5.8 Kristina &
 Denney Roper

A valuable use of your time?

a pastoral letter to the people from the Rector

*Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
 Five hundred twenty-five thousand moments so dear
 Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
 How do you measure, measure a year?*

- 'Seasons of Love', from the musical Rent

Dear People of St. Michael's,
 Father Kevin has been circulating a questionnaire. It's being shared with anyone at St. Michael's who, over the past few months, has taken part in and finished a Faith Reflection Group. The questionnaire begins by asking for a response to this statement:

Rest in Peace

This was a valuable use of my time.

5.6 Helen Collins
 5.8 Inese Pawlenko
 5.11 Jason
 Richardson, George
 Foy

Relative to this statement about the group experience (the questionnaire asks), do you: strongly disagree? disagree? agree? or strongly agree? Kevin started the questionnaire by asking for a type of response that, for most of us, doesn't require too much thought. The answer's in your gut. You either felt bogged down or replenished, or somewhere in the middle.

This was a valuable use of my time.

If you lift the lid on your response to the statement (in any context), it gets more interesting, more complex and more provocative. Underneath that initial gut response are all sorts of unconscious values, assumptions, expectations and beliefs. How, in the end, do we assign value to our decisions about the use of our time? And to what extent are those decisions a conscious or natural expression of our faith?

Little Red Wagon

In the month of May the Wauconda Island Lake Food Pantry will receive the collections from the Little Red Wagon. The Wauconda Island Lake Food Pantry is managed by a group of volunteers from local churches. They also serve families in crisis from Wauconda Township. need for food on the shelves cannot keep up with the needs of their clients. Canned meats, fruits, vegetable, soups, rice, cereal, pasta and sauces are all basic inventory necessities. Personal items, soaps and detergents are also needed. Let's try to help fill those shelves in this month of May.

This was a valuable use of my time.

As I hope you know by now, our 3rd Annual Vestry & All-Parish Leadership Summit will take place this Saturday, May 4, from 8:30 a.m. - Noon. You can see our intended topics and schedule by clicking [here](#). But I think it may be fair to say that an underlying aim in convening these annual leadership gatherings is to increase the frequency with which any member of St. Michael's will participate in any ministry and gratefully reflect ...

This was a valuable use of my time.

The wardens and your fellow vestry members and I look forward to seeing you on Saturday.

- Patrick +

Also from the Rector:

+ In addition to other thanks for those who welcomed Bishop Epting and shared in all aspects of the worship and hospitality last Sunday (April 28), I want to particularly thank **Kristy Harrington, Barbara Harris and Julianna Zgoda**. They kindly said 'Yes!' when I reached out for some last-minute help with the reception for the bishop, confirmants and others following the 10:45 a.m. Eucharist.

+ St. James' Commons is the new designation for the entire complex that comprises our Episcopal Cathedral in Chicago, and the diocesan offices complex (with newly created spaces

for meetings and art shows), and the completely redesigned and renovated outdoor space, now called the Pepper Family Plaza. St. James' Commons, was newly dedicated in a gathering and ceremony that included members of the Pepper family, others from St. Michael's and a large number of the Pepper Construction contractors and workers who shared in bringing the beautiful project to completion.



St. Michael's parishioners Roxelyn and Richard Pepper with Diocese of Chicago Bishop Jeffrey Lee, at the April 25 dedication of St. James' Commons.

+ Bishop Lee has called a continuation of the November 2012 diocesan convention on Saturday, June 8, in order to consider the question of reunification of the Diocese of Chicago and the Dioceses of Quincy. More information from the Diocese of Chicago website on this question may be found by clicking here. <http://www.episcopalchicago.org/our-diocese/quincy/>

In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:
Christine; Rollo; Amy; Margaret; Karen; Barbara; Scott; Lori; Phil & Babe; Sue; Barb; Mary; Bree; William; Doris; Polly & Charlotte; Steve & Barb; Barbara; safety & peace in South Sudan; Bishop Joseph; Families in Crisis program at Church of the Redeemer in Elgin; military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Zane, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, and Taylor.



Lone pansy between the blocks in the columbarium.

+The total collected in support of the Bishop's Discretionary Fund during his visit on Sunday, April 28 was \$1,254.04. Thank you for your generosity!

+A sincere word of "Thanks!" and thanksgiving to all who participated in the celebration of Reception, Reaffirmation and Confirmation last Sunday during Bishop Epting's visit!



+ Silver ring found! Please come to the Church office to claim!

+ **Jillian Smith** will be performing in her 36th and 37th Vaudeville shows! On Sunday, April 28, Dickinson's Little Vaudeville performed at Church Creek Senior Center/Retirement Facility and on Friday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m. they will perform at Patton Grade School, 1616 N. Patton Avenue, Arlington Heights.



Jillian with Dickinson's Little
Vaudeville

Food for the Journey, 10:05 a.m., 5 May
Review and discussion of our Food for the Journey
program year.

Please come and participate as we remember, reflect and discuss the year in review. Also, be a part of the creative process as we think about plans for next year's program.

Food for the Journey, 10:05, 12 May
The Lord's Prayer Reprise.

Father Bullion's presentation on the Lord's Prayer met with such resounding enthusiasm that we have asked him back for more! The book Father Jim used as a reference is now available at And All the Angels: *Prayers of the Universe* by Neil Douglas-Klotz.

Food for the Journey, 19 May
Come and Grow: a vision for education and formation
FOR ALL (light brunch included!)

Why invest time and energy in spiritual formation and education? What is it we want for ourselves? What is it we want for the children and young people in this community? Join us as we have a conversation about a vision for formation and fellowship at St. Michael's. We will be discussing the St. Michael's religious formation

continuum, from infant to senior (and we don't mean seniors in High School!). Among other topics, we will be discussing the newly designed, in-house, program for 4th and 5th graders, the Bridge. **AND THERE WILL BE GOOD FOOD!!!** A light brunch will be served.

And on Sunday, 7 April, Fr. Jim Bullion did a presentation on the Lord's Prayer from the original Aramaic, the language of Jesus. The presentation was well received and several people asked if the notes Fr. Jim used could be posted. If you are interested in this information, please click [here](#). The book he used is available in the book store and is titled *Prayers of the Universe* by Neil Douglas-Klotz with a forward by Matthew Fox (price of the book is \$11.95).



Attention all St. Michaels parishioners! Please join us in the community room for a celebration of Pentecost with brunch!

We welcome all adults and children (small children childcare available - please see Nerissa) to enjoy a brunch and presentation at 10:05am on Sunday, May 19th.

If you are interested in helping by bringing a dish to share or helping with cleanup, please contact Julia Bishop at davidandjulia127@comcast.net or 847-382-0002.

Let the fellowship begin! Thank you:)



Saturday, May 4: Vestry and All-Parish Leadership Gathering, 8:30 a.m. - Noon

All parishioners of all ages are encouraged to join us. The theme will be 'Roots & Branches ... continued.' We'll continue to explore themes of meaningful parishioner connections, belonging to the church, and the relationship between our personal membership and our shared faith and mission. The Vestry will also be presenting a plan for parishioner examination of and response to issues related to the church's blessing of same-gender relationships.



Spring Cleanup Day Saturday May 18th, 8 to 11:30 AM



We will be spreading mulch once more (thin areas and areas not covered last year), cleaning up outside and washing windows (all at Sturtz and as needed in the church). Please bring window cleaner and paper towels for window cleaning. We also intend to remove a brush pile and some small tree branches, if by chance you have a small brush chipper and can lend it for a day it would be very helpful. Please contact Todd Ross, tdd.rss@gmail.com, (847)540-0652 for questions.

Adopt-A-Plot

Church exterior beatification opportunities are again available via our Adopt-A-Plot program. For plot availability and program details please contact Carol Hebert, carol.hebert@sbcglobal.net, (847) 359-8134.



We are ready to begin planning South Sudan Soiree III!

If you would like to be part of this fun committee, please plan to come to the Lindeen home, 206 West Russell Street in Barrington on Tuesday evening, **May 21 at 7:00**. We are finalizing the date for our event and discussing exciting options. Fun is guaranteed and innovative, creative, hard-working individuals are all encouraged to attend. Questions: Call Ellen at 847.340.5873. This year's chairs are Ellen Lindeen, Ric Lindeen and Jackie Smith

Diocesan Convention to Reconvene June 8 meeting will consider reunification with Quincy

The 175th Convention of the Diocese of Chicago will reconvene on June 8 at St. James Cathedral for the purpose of considering the proposed reunification with the Episcopal Diocese of Quincy.

In November 2012, the 175th Convention unanimously passed Resolution A-175 affirming the Diocese of Chicago's intent to pursue reunification with Quincy and directing the bishop, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, to seek approval of the Quincy Reunion Agreement. At its conclusion, the convention was recessed rather than adjourned so that it could be called back into session to consider a final reunification agreement.

In May, members of the diocese are invited to attend one of four

information sessions to learn more about the proposed reunification of the two dioceses, which were split to accommodate growth in 1877. Since 2008, the Episcopal Diocese of Quincy, based in Peoria, has been forging a new identity and mission after its bishop and about 60% of its members broke away to become founders of the conservative Anglican Church of North America.

Information Sessions

Sessions will be held from 6:30-8:30 pm as follows:

- May 9 - St. James the Less, Northfield
- May 15 - Church of the Transfiguration, Palos Park
- May 17 - St. James Commons, Chicago
- May 29 - St. James, West Dundee

Light refreshments will be served. [Register online:](https://episcopalchicago.wufoo.com/forms/x7s9w7/)
<https://episcopalchicago.wufoo.com/forms/x7s9w7/>

On Sunday June 2nd at 4:00pm St. Michael's Choir and St. James Cathedral Choir will be presenting an Evensong Service at St. James Cathedral in downtown Chicago. Please save the date! This your chance to support all of our musicians as they present traditional and beautiful Anglican music along with the very talented Cathedral Choir! We hope that you will be able to attend! Information such as directions and parking will be coming in the next few weeks.



Mother's Day is around the corner. And All the Angels Gift Shop can help you find the perfect gift for moms, grandmas, aunts and other mother figures in your life. Come down and check out all that we have to offer.

News from Little Angels Preschool

Little Angels is currently taking enrollment for **Summer Camp**.



This
year
we
are

Little Angels Preschool Family Quilt

offering seven weeks full of fun and exciting activities for children aged 2-6 years. Please click [here](#) for a registration form with the dates and details.

Graduation for our 4's and Pre-K children will be May 23 at 6:00 pm. St. Michael's congregation members are welcome to attend the ceremony and join us for dessert in the community room immediately following.

It is hard to believe that our school year is coming to a close! **Our Annual End of the Year Picnic will be held on Friday, May 24th at Langendorf Park.** This is such a fun way to end the school year and the children love the opportunity to be together

Vestry Meeting Summary

by Craig Anderson, Clerk of the Vestry

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

Confirmation Reflections



Mackenzie, Colleen, Lily, Sean, Colin and Mason
High School Confirmands



Bishop Epting at Food for the Journey.



Bishop Epting with Confirmands, Youth Minister Kara Baker and Confirmation Mentor/Facilitator Ric Lindeen.



John Davis was a mentor to **Mason** during the Confirmation preparation. We asked John to share some thoughts about the mentoring experience:
 "My experience mentoring Mason was very rewarding for me. It allowed me to meet a young adult who I had not previously met. It turned out that we had many things in common - sports, Lutheran backgrounds prior to Episcopal, etc. that allowed us to be able to talk about during our time together. I found Mason to be an engaging young man who gives me faith and comfort that the next generation of young adults will lead our country

well and have a solid religious background. The confirmation process that the young adults undertook seemed to be a rewarding process for Mason, based on my conversations with him."

Thank you, John, and congratulations, Mason!





It's time to celebrate!
Join us for a FREE Meal to Celebrate
The Community Meal's 4-Year
Anniversary!

Thursday, May 23, 2013
 The Community Church of Barrington
 407 South Grove Avenue
 Barrington
 5-7 p.m

What's Happening in May?

- We will be celebrating our 4-Year Anniversary!
- Our host will serve pulled pork BBQ in honor of this special event.
- The anniversary cake will be prepared by Chantel, one of our guests, from Culinary Archeology.

The Community Meal will be welcoming two new members to our core team: Stu Overby and Mary Taylor.

Upcoming Events

- +4 May, Saturday, Flower Orders Delivered
- +5 May, 2013, 10:45 a.m. High School Graduate Recognition and Nicholas Alvin Johnson Memorial Scholarship Award
- +9 May, Thursday, 6:00 p.m. Feast of the Ascension Holy Eucharist
- +5-9 August, Monday through Friday, Vacation Bible School, 9:15 a.m. through 12:00 p.m.

Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Easter 6

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10; 21:22-22:5; John 14:23-29 or 5:1-9

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