

The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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Upcoming at St. Michael's:

- +Feast of the Ascension -- TONIGHT, Thursday, May 9 Holy Eucharist in the chapel at 6:00 p.m.
- +Spring Clean-Up Day at St. Michael's -- Saturday, May 18 beginning at 8:30 a.m.
- +Pentecost -- Holy Eucharist at 7:45, 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. -- special brunch and presentation at 10:05 a.m., Branching Out: New Growth in Family Ministries --Baptism at the 10:45 a.m. service

Adopt-a-plot!

a letter from Carol Hebert, Parishioner and Adopt-a-Plot program coordinator



For me, spring is the best season of the year. I absolutely love how fresh and beautiful the new growth and spring flowers light up this beautiful world God has given us. As summer progresses, I enjoy seeing all the perennials come into season with each passing month.

This love for nature and gardening is deeply rooted in my blood, passed down from my grandparents on both sides. Because of this love, my dream for St. Michael's gardens is that they are a warm and welcoming entrance for us and especially for our guests.

While pulling weeds several years ago during our annual spring clean-up day, I came up with a small idea



+Signs

Ministry Quicklinks

- Our Website

Anniversaries

This Week

Birthdays

5.12 Susan Beverly,
Peter Couch, Grant
Kimes, Justin Arms,
Kenneth Yager, Dick
Garrity, Campbell
Paris

5.13 Austin Lewis,
Cooper Raynor, Kali
Zukowski, John
Kline, Jack Viola

5.14 Richard Curran,
Ann Ryba, Hugh
Harris, III, Lily
Padula

5.15 Rob Osmond,
Dean Maire

5.16 Ann Ross,
Emily LaBarge

5.17 Bill Collins,
Carol Hebert

5.18 Bonnie Factor,
Philippe Maraval

... Adopt-A-Plot.
What grew from a
small idea has
blossomed into a
parish wide effort
to keep our
church yard
blooming and



beautiful. Last year approximately 40 people participated in this small idea either by taking on an adopted a plot, or helping water each week, or helping trim and weed during the growing season, or helping push mulch on spring clean-up day. A very special thanks to each and every one of you who help make our 1st year such a success!!!!

Please join us this year. Help during spring clean-up day, May 18th or Adopt-A-Plot as a family, with a group of friends/church ministry, or have total control and take one on yourself!

Happy Spring!!!!

- Carol

Please contact Carol Hebert at 312.504.4999 or
carol.hebert@sbglobl.net

In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Rollo; Amy; Margaret; Karen; Barbara; Scott; Lori; Phil & Babe; Sue; Barb; Mary; Bree; William; Doris; Polly & Charlotte; Steve & Barb; Ray; safety & peace in South Sudan; 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.

+On 19 May at the 10:45 a.m. service we will baptize
Addison Payten Adams, parents are Shane & Jack Adams.

+PASTORAL CARE GRADUATES!

The blessing and awarding of certificates for those who competed the Spring 2013 Bishop Anderson House Lay Chaplains Training Program took place yesterday, May 8, at St. Andrew's Church, Chicago. **Pictured to the right of Bishop Jeff Lee in front are St.**

Anniversaries

5.15 Debbie & Joe
Kunzon

5.16 Heidi & Marty
Guthrie

5.17 Valorie &
Frederick Eaton,
Gina & David Evans,
Linda & Bruce
Keclik, Terri & Lou
Longo

Michael's program grads Kerry Kean, Kay Lewis, Carol Hebert and Kim Lessner.

To the Bishop's right in back is Bishop Anderson House Director The Rev. James 'Jay' Risk. Also attending from St. Michael's were Sharon and Jim Bullion, Deacon Judy Heinrich, Betsy Ward, Ann Ryba (on the BAH staff), Patrick Raymond and Deacon Laurie Michaels, who served for the liturgy. A dinner following the service was held at neighboring St. Leonard's House, one of our Episcopal Charities. St. Leonard's is devoted to supporting ex-felons with services that allow them to make successful life transitions after release from prison. The beautiful dinner for 65 in conjunction with the BAH event was prepared and served by a team of individuals taking part in the St. Leonard's culinary arts and food service training program.



Rest in Peace

5.12 Peter
Bollenbach, Jesse
Durand
5.18 Alice Kell

Little Red Wagon

In the month of May
the Wauconda Island
Lake Food Pantry

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

Branching Out: New Growth in Family Ministries

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.

(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:)



Thinking about Spiritual Growth at St. Michaels in 2013, the Super Supper Summit!

We are hosting a gathering to think about education, formation, fellowship and/or spiritual growth at St. Michael's in a holistic way. So, if you participate, or have even thought about

participating in one of the many ministries which would fall under these headings, then I hope you will try to join us. We will use our time together to think about how we can get the most out of the many things going on at St. Michael's. In particular we are curious to explore whether there might be any potential synergies to strive for. For example, perhaps we could identify a unifying vision/theme that all the groups can integrate into their plans for the year. Help us prepare the soil so that 2013 can be a year of renewed spiritual growth.

Dinner and Conversation about Spiritual Growth at St. Michael's in the Community Room from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, Wednesday May 15th (We will begin with dinner and end with Compline)

If you are planning on attending, please contact Father Kevin so we can be sure to have enough food.

E-mail: kcaruso@stmichaelsbarrington.org

Phone: 773-519-0159 (cell), 847-381-2323 x13 (work).



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



Vestry and All Parish Leadership Summit Summary

The 3rd annual parish spring retreat was held on Saturday morning, May 4. About 50 parishioners joined vestry, staff and clergy to talk about what's working well at St. Michael's and what opportunities we have for further growth and renewal. The theme of the event was: "Roots and Branches:

Keep on Growing!" After morning prayer and opening comments from the Rector, discussion groups were held on several topics:

- Faith Reflection Groups: Sharing experiences & what has been learned;
- Mission and Strategy: Getting to the Heart, Reaching to the Future. This topic would benefit from some broader parish input as we chart our parish's future course. Click [here](#) for two input documents we would love to have more parishioners complete. Findings will provide an important foundation for the work on parish mission and strategy which is to follow. It will take only 10-15 minutes to complete BOTH documents so please take the time to do so and provide us with your input. Please email your completed surveys to Nancy Holmes in the parish office at nholmes@stmichaelsbarrington.org.
- Pastoral Care: What it is, who does it, where is it needed?;
- Newcomers: Things Seen & Unseen, What can we do after our initial welcome for newcomers;
- Outreach: building on Momentum and Exploring New Endeavors; and
- Family Ministry: Branching Out & 'Whole-family ministry'
- Fr. Patrick, Lora Gier & others also shared the process St. Michael's will use to discuss Same-Gender Civil Unions in the near future. (Please see the related article below from Vestry member, David Bishop.)

The morning concluded with a short service of noonday prayer. Thanks to all who participated and all who helped to put on the program. We appreciated your input!



Here you have the Human Rector Easel! Patrick helping out a presentation at the summit on Saturday!



Do you want to participate in the same-gender civil union discussion?

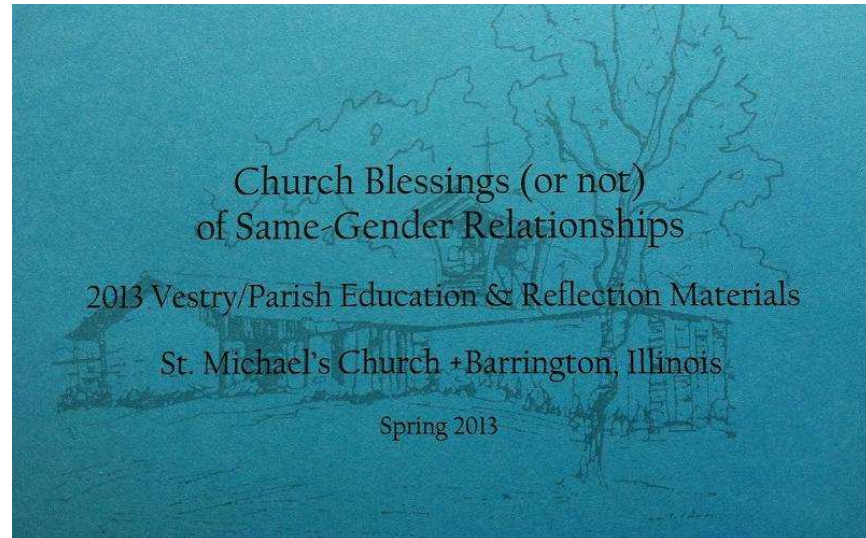
Our culture, state, and church continue to evolve on this issue, which is why it's now in front of St. Michael's Vestry. As part of the overall process, parishioners are encouraged to join any or all of the three-part series that will run from May 29 through June 30 and examine the issue from different perspectives so that you can learn more or share your opinions on the topic.

Part I: Bible Interpretation and Church Teachings

Part II: Biological and Social Research, Other Churches and Current Legal Status

Part III: Hearing from the Parish (Town Hall Format)

Please click [here](#) to indicate which date(s) you'd like to attend. We'll finalize the schedule based on your input and we'll provide updates via the Sword and Sunday announcements.



In conjunction with the upcoming parish process and with vestry collaboration and support, Fr. Raymond has compiled a lengthy booklet of resources titled "Church Blessings (or not) of Same-Gender Relationships: 2013 Vestry/Parish Education & Reflection Materials". The summary Background, Introduction and Contents pages can be viewed by clicking [here](#). Because of the labor intensity of making the books, 50 initial copies have been made and are available at the church. We are asking that interested parishioners check out the materials and return them within a week so that others may also use them. Please contact Nancy Holmes in the Church Office.



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.

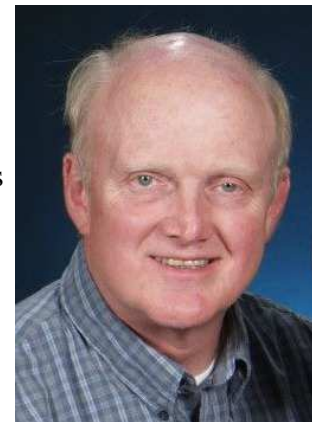


And one more word about Confirmation

by Ric Lindeen, parishioner and Confirmation Leader

For the last six months I have had the honor and pleasure of assisting St. Michael's wonderful youth

minister, Kara Baker, by working with our seven confirmands in their preparation for the Rite of Confirmation. I am sure that there would be more qualified and better prepared candidates for the position of assistant youth leader for Confirmation so I am honored that Kara asked me. Additionally, I enjoyed working with this wonderful group of bright, caring, and interesting teenagers. Not only was this experience fun as I got to know these delightful young people as they navigated their own religious journeys, but our time together also gave me greater clarity in my own faith journey. As any teacher knows, one never truly understands a topic until one teaches it. Thus in preparation for our meetings, I explored more deeply my own beliefs and how they fit in the Anglican Tradition. The young people's fresh and unique insights continued to challenge my own perspectives. So I want to thank my new friends, Colleen, Mason, Mackenzie, Lily, Colin, Sean, and Madelyn for sharing their spiritual insights with me. With stars like these preparing for leadership of the future, we as a church family and as a nation will be in good hands.



2013 High School Graduates Recognized and Joe Schmidt awarded the Nicholas Alvin Johnson Memorial Scholarship



2013 High School Graduates
John, Joe, Mason (top row)
Grant, Brittany, Allison (bottom row)



John Schmidt, The Rev. Alvin Johnson, Joe Schmidt &
Carol Schmidt

Joe Schmidt Receives 2013 Scholarship Award

Congratulations to St. Michael's parishioner, Joe Schmidt, the recipient of the 2013 Nicholas Alvin Johnson Memorial Scholarship. Joe's leadership in activities at church and school are numerous. In his service at St. Michael's, Joe spent two years as a youth representative to the vestry, was a voting youth delegate at the 2012 Diocesan Convention, was an active member of the Sr. High youth group, attended St. Michael's mission trips, and volunteered to help at numerous fundraisers.

Joe is an honor roll student at Barrington High School and an AP Scholar. He received the Presidents Volunteer Service Award for 100 hours of community service within one year, was an Illinois State Scholar, and won the Prairie State Academic Achievement Award for reading and science. Joe was active in tennis, jazz band, chess club, and numerous other school clubs where he served as a leader. During his school years he was employed at a local country club as an assistant tennis pro and instructor.

Joe will be attending the Indiana University, Kelley School of Business. His scholarship essay accompanies this article, please click [here](#).

The Nicholas Alvin Johnson scholarship amount is \$2500 and is renewable for four years based upon meeting the established standards. The selection committee, comprised of eight individuals as well as outside consultants, reviews applications from high school seniors who are active at St. Michael's, Church of the Holy Apostles in Wauconda, and Church of the Redeemer in Elgin each spring. Previous recipients of the award were Lynn Van Eaton (2006) and Adrienne Darrow (2007), Daniel Quarfoot (2008), Liliana Castillo (2009), Jack Schmidt (2010), and Jorie Koelling (2011), Evan Yerger (2012). The scholarship honors the life of Nicholas Alvin Johnson, first child of Al and Vickie Johnson, who was born on August 1, 1981 and died of leukemia in March of 1989.

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.



Ribfest 2013! With Music by the Chi-Town Hot Shots-who play Ragtime, Roarin' 20s, and "Kick-Brass Blues" - a five piece ensemble featuring Art Davis (coronet), Ron Dewar (saxophone/clarinet), Tom Bartlett (trombone), Charley Shallcross (tuba) and Tom Betten (banjo). Come and join the fun on **Saturday, 22 June at 4:00 p.m. \$25**

donation per person (please pay in advance). Sign-up outside the Community Room.



**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.

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/>

"The Marriage You've Always Wanted" A Seminar with Dr. Gary Chapman

Lutheran Church of the Atonement will be hosting Dr. Gary Chapman for a seminar, "The Marriage You've Always Wanted," Saturday, September 21st from 9:00 a.m. -3:30 p.m.

Many of us are reluctant to make plans so far in advance, but Dr. Chapman is a highly-sought-after speaker who typically fills larger venues than this. This seminar is being announced to local churches before it is announced to the general public.

Dr. Chapman's best-known work is *The Five Love Languages*. Written over twenty years ago, it remains a best-seller today. Dr. Chapman combines faith, wisdom, compassion, and humor in a well-paced day.

For more information, please click [here](#).



Athens-Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth!
Vacation Bible School
5-9 August 2013, 9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Paul has dedicated his life to sharing the truth about Jesus, and he has arrived in the ancient city of Athens to do just that. Children will travel back into Bible times - without setting foot outside our community. Each day they will become a part of history as they see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in ancient Athens. They will explore marketplace shops, visit Paul, take part in games, dance to lively Bible songs, and sample tasty tidbits as they discover more about Paul's missionary adventures. These experiences will make God's Word come alive with new meaning for all who participate! Children ages 3 years through 5th grade. Click [here](#) for a registration form.

From Our Youth Minister

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 5/12 , 9:00 am -- LIFT Worship & Formation

Sunday 5/12 , 10:45 am -- SMUSH Worship & Formation

UPCOMING:

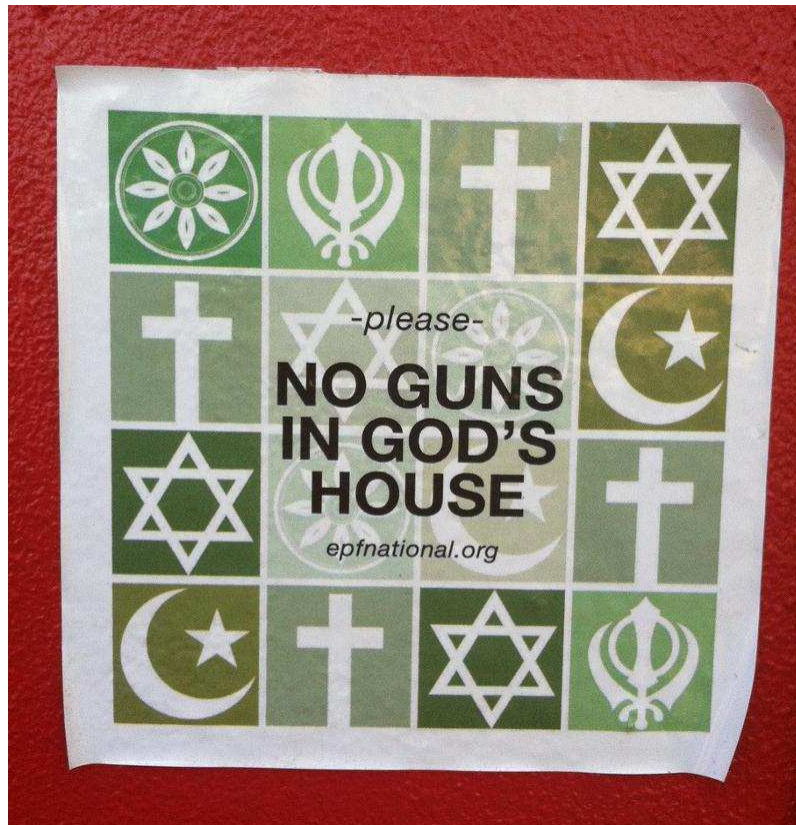
Sunday 5/19, 4:00-6:30 pm--SMUSH Mission Trip Team Building Workshop. **PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING!!!**

Sunday 7/28-Friday 8/2--LIFT Mission Trip to Rockford. Judy Tammi, Paul Carrubba and I just visited our worksites in Rockford today. There is a LOT of work to be done through Shelter Care

Ministries, an Episcopal Charity. If your plans have changed and are now interested, **GOOD NEWS**, we still have spots available. Please consider joining us!



to everyone who supported the youth flower fundraiser. **We raised \$1508.55** for the youth ministry program. Thank you for your continued support!



The sign on the front door of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Chicago (west of the United Center) reminded recent guests from St. Michael's that we're connected by faith and through our diocese to Episcopalians in communities that can be

strikingly different from our own.

Upcoming Events

+9 May, Thursday, 6:00 p.m. Feast of the Ascension Holy Eucharist

+18 May, Saturday, 8:30 a.m., Spring Clean-up Day

+19 May, Sunday, Branching Our: New Growth in Family Ministries and Pentecost Celebration Brunch, 10:05 a.m.

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

Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Easter 7

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

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