

The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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Upcoming at St. Michael's:

- +Spring Clean-Up Day at St. Michael's -- Saturday, May 18 beginning at 8:00 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 with a special presentation by the Fourth and Fifth Graders --Acolyte Ministry Recognition --Baptism at the 10:45 a.m. service
- +Next Sunday, May 26, Trinity Sunday: SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE BEGINS. Two Sunday worship services, beginning at 7:45 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Branching Out

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

Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago. - Warren Buffet

Dear People of St. Michael's,

You may have noted that trees have been a main theme here over the past year. A ministry flyer that we mailed last fall (and again as winter approached) included an image of a thriving tree and the invitation: *Come and grow*. In the New Year we introduced the notion of *Roots & Branches*. Out of it grew our energizing Faith Reflection Groups, in which over 100 parishioners have taken part.

A natural development of the tree theme now is: *Branching Out!*

A number of both recent and upcoming gatherings have all been designed, you might say, to evaluate, appreciate, trim and nurture the tree that is our common life, faith and mission. Each gathering has examined or will examine one or more 'branches' of our ministries.

Anniversaries This Week Birthdays

- 5.19 Richard Johns,
Mary Lucille
Richardson
5.20 Frank Compton,
Torey Chapdelaine,
Frank Napoleon,
Jackie Knoop, Nina
Stephenson
5.21 Gary
Gunderson, Valerie
Baartz
5.22 Amy Kenrich,
Victoria Paris
5.23 Sarah Seyffert,
Christine Nelson,
John Nelson
5.24 Hayden Harris,
Joe Viola
5.25 Rachel Duncan,
Syd Padula

+The Vestry's 3rd annual leadership gathering, Saturday, May 4, provided views from and asked for responses to six separate ministries.

+ At a *Super Supper Summit* last night, May 15, 30 parishioners shared in evaluating all ministries related to adult spiritual growth and fellowship - as we start to plan for the coming (school/church) year.

+ *New Growth in Family Ministries* - this coming Sunday, May 19 - will be a featured presentation this Sunday, the Feast of Pentecost. (See more information elsewhere.)

+ *Outreach Mission Crossroads*, Sunday, June 9, after both services. Come hear dreams and share questions related to the future of outreach at St. Michael's.

+ *Faces of Care*, Sunday, June 16, after both services. The stories of some parishioners may cause you to smile and re-think the meaning of 'pastoral care', who does it, and how. In the case of tree care and growth, one should look at every feature of the tree but only touch or change what will lead to the tree's overall best health. That's how I trust we'll proceed at St. Michael's with the growth of our mission and ministries.

And your part? Well, most parishioners are unlikely to take in every gathering I described above. But I hope, pray and ask you to pick a branch or two and join me and others there.

-Patrick +

Also from the Rector:

The Mission Statement for St. Michael's

has recently been under review with leadership from vestry member Sophia Ts'o. Thanks to all who have taken part by responding to a series of optional statements and providing other insights. The initial report that Sophia will share with the vestry at its meeting on Monday, May 20, can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Rollo; Amy; Karen; Barbara; Scott; Lori; Phil & Babe; Sue; Barb; Mary; Bree; William; Doris; Polly & Charlotte; Steve & Barb; Ray; safety & peace in South Sudan; Wauconda Island Lake Food Pantry; 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

Anniversaries

- 5.21 Tina & Mark
Marcinkiewicz
5.23 Melissa &

David Buckley,
Janice & David
Rhodes
5.24 Laurel & James
Bateman

Addison Payten Adams, parents are Shane & Jack Adams.

+Randy and Kay Lewis attended the Festival of Homiletics in Nashville, TN this week! We can't wait to hear a new homily, Randy and Kay!

+Audrey Poll models the aprons made for preschool teachers by students and parents in celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week, May 5-11, 2013.



Rest in Peace

5.19 John Hall
5.20 Laura Smith
5.21 Evelyn Hatcher
5.22 Reginald Foort,
Arthur Lutz, John
Claiborne, III
5.23 Norton Penney,
Richard L. Smith,
Helen Kidder,
Josephine Cooper
5.25 Nancy Race,
Leona 'Lee' Buckley

Food for the Journey, 19 May

Branching Out: New Growth in Family Ministries (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.

Little Red Wagon


In the month of May
the Wauconda Island
Lake Food Pantry
will receive the



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

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.

 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:)



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 beautification 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.

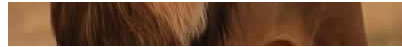


Devoted volunteer St. Michael's gardener Carol Hebert looks forward to the all-parish gardening day this Saturday, May 18, ----- 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Carol also hopes you'll consider the Adopt-A-Plot ministry that will allow you to play a defined, small but important part in our overall seasonal gardening and beautification efforts. The Adopt-A-Plot display and sign up material can be found near the doors into the Community Room.



PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE! 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 **WEDNESDAY** evening, **May 22 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



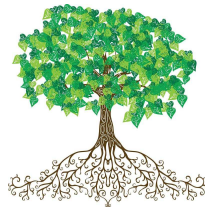
St. Michael's Veterans' Meeting

Our Spring meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 30th @ 1900 in the Library at St. Michael's.

I am looking for a volunteer to bring the refreshments. Let me know if you would be willing to help.

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1727 Spt SQ (Trnsp)
APO Seattle 98742

Contact Jim Tammi at james8560@att.net.



Upcoming parish discussion: The Church Blessing (or not) or Same-Gender Relationships

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

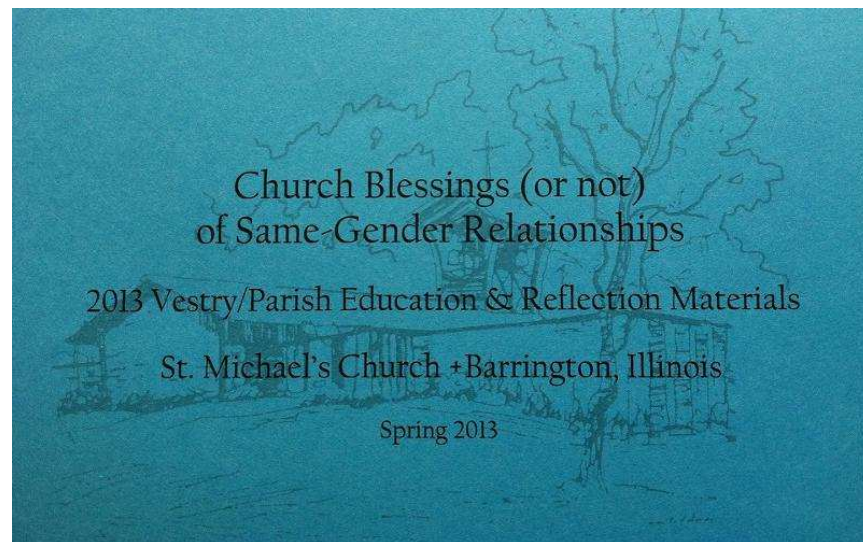
Part II: Biological and Social Research, Other Churches and Current Legal Status

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

If you haven't already done so, please click [here](#) to indicate which date(s) you'd like to attend by 5 pm CT on Monday, 5/20/13.

In conjunction with the 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." For parishioners interested in checking out a copy of the printed materials, please contact Nancy Holmes in the Church Office. (We're asking that you return within a week so that others may also have the opportunity to use.) And, for those who'd prefer to view a PDF version of the materials, please email Lora Gier at loragier@gmail.com with the subject line "REQUEST FOR SSCU PDF" and she'll forward a copy to you.



The May 12 sermon in which the rector preached about the question of blessing same-gender relationships can be heard in audio form by way of the link on the parish website, click [here](#), or read by clicking [here](#).



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.**

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/>



Summer Ministries with Families 2013

• Sunday Worship Summer Schedule starts Memorial Day Weekend:
Sunday, May 26

- Worship at 7:45 & 9:30 (through Labor Day weekend).
- Children's Chapel at the 9:30 a.m. Eucharist for children from age 3-3rd grade, with 4th-5th graders serving as helpers.

● Summer Youth Mission Trips: contact Kara Baker,
kbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org.

● Camp Chicago, the summer camp program of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago.

Contact Kara Baker, kbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org.

● Vacation Bible School: 'Athens - Paul's Dangerous Journey' August 5-9.

● Little Angels Preschool Summer Camp-weekly camps, 27 May through 22 July.

Contact Director Caren Hunter,
chunter@stmichaelsbarrington.org

Please watch your e-Sword, Sunday bulletins and emails for more information or contact your parish clergy or staff.



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:

Saturday 5/18, beginning at 8:30--All Church Spring Clean-up.
Make it a family event!

Sunday 5/19 PENTECOST, 9:00 am -- LIFT Worship ,Family
Ministries Presentation, & Brunch

Sunday 5/19 PENTECOST, 10:45 am -- SMUSH Worship
& Formation

Sunday 5/19, 4:00-6:30 pm--SMUSH Mission Trip Team Building
Workshop.

UPCOMING:

Sunday 7/28-Friday 8/2--LIFT Mission Trip to Rockford. Judy Tammi, Paul Carrubba and I just visited our worksites in Rockford. 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!

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.



**Help wanted! Parish Volunteer to
Coordinate St. Michael's Participation in**

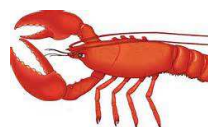


the Barrington Area CROP Hunger Walk 2013!

Barrington Area CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, October 20, and there's still plenty of time to be a part of it! The next meeting will be June 13 at 7:30 p.m. The Recruiter's Rally, an important meeting for each church representative to attend, will be Sat., Sept. 7 at 8:30 a.m. at Barrington United Methodist Church. Materials and suggestions for recruiting walkers will be shared at this meeting.

This will be the 31st annual CROP Hunger Walk in Barrington. Over the past 30 years, almost 12,000 individuals have participated, raising almost \$1.3 million dollars; 25% of that total has stayed in the local community. Materials and suggestions for walkers will be made available, **so minimal work is involved from the recruiters (volunteers) at the church.** The church recruiter can attend both the June and September meeting or just the September meeting. Turnout of walkers varies at each church--there can be as few as five or over a hundred walkers. It's the spirit and the desire to make a difference in the lives of people who are hungry that matters!

If you are interested in volunteering to coordinate St. Michael's participation, please contact Nancy Holmes in the church office, nholmes@stmichaelsbarrington.org.



Just in time for Father's Day -- 1&1/4 pound flown-in-fresh New England Lobsters, and home-made pies: Apple, blueberry, mixed berry, and - new this

year - strawberry.

Order your lobsters uncooked (live) to prepare as you wish, or let our master lobster-cookers do the work for you. Add a pie for dinner (and one for the freezer?) and you'll be good to go! Uncooked (live) lobsters are \$18 each; cooked lobsters are \$20 each; and pies are \$15 each. Lobsters and pies must be ordered by Wednesday 12 June, and picked up at **Church of the Holy Apostles**, 26238 N HWY 59, Wauconda IL 60084, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday 15 June. Order on-line here:

http://www.holyapostleswauconda.org/_forms/view/13398

"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](#).

Upcoming Events

- +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.
- + 8 June, Sunday, Outreach Mission Crossroads, after both services
- + 8 June - 15 June, SMUSH Sr. High Mission Trip to Minnesota
- +16 June, Sunday, Faces of Care (Pastoral Care), after both services
- +18 - 28 July, Haiti Mission Trip
- +28 July to 2 August, LIFT Jr. High Mission Trip to Rockford
- +5-9 August, Monday through Friday, Vacation Bible School, 9:15 a.m. through 12:00 p.m.

Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:25-35, 37; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, 25-27

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