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## Who Is My Neighbor?

By the Reverend Dan Justin

**W**e watched the news in horror on Friday, November 13th, as reports of multiple terrorist attacks came in from Paris. I am certain I was not alone in my praying for the victims, for the families of the victims, and for justice to be done. I prayed for the first responders. I prayed for law enforcement officers to find and arrest those who committed these crimes.

Unfortunately, as a result of these events, a new problem has blossomed, a problem that also requires our prayers. Many politicians both here and abroad are responding to the atrocities in Paris with calls to close borders, turn away refugees, and to refuse to help those in great need. This is not only a humanitarian crisis, it is a spiritual crisis, and it is one that we must concern ourselves with. To respond in this way is to reject the teachings of Jesus, who invites us to live in a different way.

Luke 13:25-37 is one of the most famous passages of scripture in the Bible. That text contains the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Do you remember that story? A lawyer comes to Jesus asking what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus provides his famous summary of the law saying, "Love the Lord your God with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." But then the lawyer asked, "And who is my neighbor?" In response to that question Jesus tells the tale of a man attacked by robbers and left for dead. The religious leaders pass by on the other side of the road rather than help the man. But a Samaritan, a member of the most hated and reviled ethnic group at the time, stops to help. Not only does he help, but also he goes above and beyond in providing for the needs of the victim. After telling the story, Jesus asks the lawyer, "Which of these, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" The answer is obvious. It was the Samaritan. "Go and do likewise," is the final word from Jesus regarding this story.

If we respond to this terrorist attack by refusing to help refugees—the poor, the

needy, the homeless, the helpless, the tired, the lowly, and therefore those whom the Lord



perfect love casts out fear." (1 John 4:18).

particularly loves, we are like the religious leaders who pass by on the other side of the street. It is the Samaritan who is the hero of this story. We must never allow fear to dominate or deter acts of love. St. John teaches us "There is no fear in love, but

**W**e have entered the season of Advent. This is the season of watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord. We will soon hear stories of a young family forced out of their home by the Roman Empire. Forced to travel to a distant town so they could be counted in a census; in other words, so they could be more effectively taxed in the future. They are forced to travel despite the fact that the young woman, Mary, was nine months pregnant. When they came to Bethlehem there was no room for them. All accommodations were booked solid. They were turned away after traveling all that way. They were forced to stay in a barn. And there, out in the cold, the baby was born. Having

no other place, they used a manger for a bed. Jesus was a refugee. Advent calls us to watch and wait for the coming of Jesus into our world. Our task is to be awake and aware so we do not miss his coming. He was a refugee the first time he came. As we watch for him today, I suspect we will still find him among refugees.

What can we do in the light of this unfolding crisis? We can pray. Pray for refugees, that they will find help, comfort, welcome, dignity, and safety. Pray for leaders and lawmakers. Pray that they will respect the dignity of every human being. Pray that fear will not replace love. What else can we do? We can make our voices heard. The Episcopal Policy Network has provided sample letters that can be sent to lawmakers. These letters can be found at [advocacy.episcopalchurch.org](http://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org). What more can we do? We can give. Episcopal Relief and Development is actively involved in caring for those impacted by the violence in Syria. Visit [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org) and donate to the Syria Crisis Response Fund. We can even volunteer. The Diocese of Los Angeles is home to the Interfaith Refugee and Immigration Service. Visit their website, [www.iris.ladiocese.org](http://www.iris.ladiocese.org), to see the many ways you can be directly involved in caring for refugees in need. This organization is welcoming, housing, mentoring, and sponsoring refugee families

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### 2015 Advent and Christmas Schedule

Advent Lessons and Carols	Sunday, December 6, at 5:00 pm
Holiday Cheer	Saturday, December 12, at 10:00 am
Blue Christmas	Wednesday, December 16, at 7:00 pm
Children's Pageant	Thursday, December 24, at 5:00 pm
Holy Eucharist	Thursday, December 24, immediately after pageant
Christmas Eve Reception	Thursday, December 24, immediately after the service
Christmas Music	Thursday, December 24, at 9:30 pm
Holy Eucharist	Thursday, December 24, at 10:00 pm
Christmas Morning Breakfast	Friday, December 25, at 9:00 am in the Ministry Center
Christmas Day Service	Friday, December 25, at 10:00 am



## Rector

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What can we do? We can follow Jesus. He taught us how to respond. These refugees are our neighbors. There is room in our inn.

**L**ord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen."

—Attributed to St. Francis

Advent and Christmas Blessings,  
Dan+

## Sing Joy to the World

By David Connors

**O**n Friday, December 11th, everyone is welcome to help spread some Christmas cheer! We will all have the opportunity to go Christmas caroling around town.

We will gather in the Choir Room at 6:00 pm. I will hand out music with the words to the songs and lead everyone through a quick rehearsal of some favorite carols. I will also have some jingle bells that we can use to accompany our singing. At 6:30 pm we will set out on our caroling tour to sing for those unable to attend church, maps to our scheduled locations will be provided. When we return to the church there will be some hot cider and snacks waiting for us. We will also have the opportunity to help the folks who will be setting up the Ministry Center for Holiday Cheer.

Everyone is welcome, no prior singing or Christmas caroling experience is necessary. You may sing, play the jingle bells, or just accompany the group as we spread Christmas cheer to our community from St. Michael's.



## The Children's Pastor Corner

By Amber Russo

I have the great privilege of directing the children's Christmas Eve pageant this year. The pageant is a great opportunity for them to show off their acting skills, sing, dress up, and play that the kids look forward to all year. More importantly, however, they get to share the amazing story of Jesus' birth—Mary and Joseph in the manger with their sweet new baby boy. As I am seven months pregnant myself, it bewilders me to wonder what Mary must've been feeling as she gave birth, in a manger, next to sheep and chickens. I will count my blessings as I head to the hospital in a few short months to deliver my second child, but I will forever keep Jesus and his courageous parents in my thoughts as we reflect on this momentous night.



The Christmas pageant is **December 24th** at the beginning of the **5:00 pm** service. Casting and rehearsals will begin the first Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 29th. Children of all ages are welcome and encouraged to participate. We hope your kids will be able to attend church during the month of December so they can rehearse, learn a few carols, and be a part of this exciting night. There will also be some walk-on roles in the pageant so any child who attends on Christmas Eve will be able to participate if they choose—no rehearsals necessary. There will also be a special celebration following the 5:00 pm service, filled with games, cookie decorating, and delicious treats. Please join us in celebrating Jesus' birth!

## Blue Christmas

**W**e welcome the community to participate in our annual Blue Christmas service. Blue Christmas is a service which recognizes that the holidays are not a source of joy for many people. They are a time of pain, depression, loneliness, and grief. Difficulty and depression at the holidays can be for any number of reasons.

Blue Christmas is, at its core, a healing service. It will not look like any other service offered here at St. Michael's. The sanctuary will be lit primarily by candle light. The music will be different. It will be a quiet, contemplative service with healing prayer and the anointing with oil made available. The service will also include the Holy Eucharist.

We gather as a community to honor, pray for, and bless those members or friends for whom this holiday is difficult. And, of course, all are welcome to attend—even if you are not blue this Christmas. Join us as we pray for others.



The Blue Christmas service will take place on **Wednesday, December 16, at 7:00 pm** in the church.

## Treasurer's Corner

October 2015—Revenue and Expense Summary

	October Actual	October Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Revenue	\$ 29,202	\$ 37,592	\$393,049	\$375,920
Total Expense	33,285	37,589	353,615	375,889
Net	\$ (4,083)	\$ 3	\$ 39,434	\$ 31



Special December activities start with Advent Lessons and Carols on December 6th and we also look forward to our largest outreach project Holiday Cheer on December 12th.

This month we have our beautiful Christmas Eve services Thursday, December 24th, at 5:00 and 9:30 pm as we celebrate the Birth of the Christ Child. The first service is a family-oriented service which begins with the children's Christmas pageant. The Holy Eucharist begins immediately following the pageant. The second service begins at 9:30 pm with Christmas music and carols. The celebration of the Holy Eucharist begins at 10:00 pm. A reception in the narthex of the church follows the service. Please plan to attend one of these two services, the choir is spectacular and the service at night is so beautiful.

We want to bring to your attention another service that will occur Friday, December 25th, Christmas morning. Please join us for an ongoing tradition at St. Michael's, where we have a breakfast at 9:00 am, followed by a Christmas Day service in the church. This is an opportunity to share the joy and excitement of Christmas morning *with our church community* and to come together for a delicious, hot breakfast with all the trimmings. We meet in the Ministry Center at 9:00 am and spend an hour celebrating Christmas together over a shared meal. St. Michael's invites everyone to Christmas Eve and Christmas morning breakfast and services.

On behalf of the Vestry, we wish our parish family a blessed and joyous Christmas.

## How to Find Holiday Cheer

By Eliza Diliberti

This December will be the fourth year I will volunteer for our annual Holiday Cheer event. I always sign up early, before even Thanksgiving. Then December rolls around and I wonder where I ever got the idea that I should put more on my calendar for the holiday season. Why did I agree to this? I think as I bake my umpteenth batch of gingerbread houses at 10 o'clock at night after a long day at work. I race around getting supplies and counting what we already have and, frankly, overbuying in the fear that we will run out of something and have to turn away some sweet kid and then have to watch her face drop when we break the news to her.

The day of the event, I wake up so much earlier than I'm used to doing on a Saturday morning. I frantically set up little gingerbread decorating stations and teach lovely volunteers how to do the same. We work out how to create a sort of assembly line for when the excited masses arrive.

There are always so many kids! It overwhelms me. I love kids--but one or two at a time, preferably of an age when I can have a conversation with them, and when their hands aren't dangerously covered in sticky frosting and glitter sprinkles. Then it gets so loud that I can't even hear what the kids are saying. "Frosting? Do you need more frosting?" They never seem to know. I end up chasing down more frosting and sprinkles, just in case.

We always run out of black markers to note on the boxes which kid made which gingerbread house. Every year we have this problem. But it never ceases to amaze me how incredibly helpful and patient the gingerbread volunteers are. Somehow, one of them always finds a



marker. I never know where they find it. They return from somewhere and hold it out to me like a Christmas miracle.

When the end of the event arrives, the kids storm the tables where the finished gingerbread houses sit in neat rows of boxes waiting to be claimed. "Which Maria are you? Maria G. or Maria B.?" we ask. It's always the one you can't find. Inevitably, there are gingerbread houses left over that kids forget. Then I watch as volunteers dump into the trashcan the gingerbread houses I stayed up so late baking. I sigh, and remind myself that it's not about the gingerbread. Because it isn't.

Despite the harried experience, I never regret participating in Holiday

Cheer. In fact, for me, all of these miles from home and family, it is Christmas. The kids and families that attend gain true joy from the event and it's highly contagious. Watching the kids receive their gifts from Santa's elves can melt the coldest of Grinch hearts. I know Holiday Cheer is meant for the families that attend, but it also gives me the holiday cheer that otherwise eludes me.

If you have not signed up already, please consider participating in some way in this year's Holiday Cheer event on December 12th. In addition to the opportunity it gives you to express kindness to people you would probably not meet otherwise, the experience is incredibly rewarding.

This year, however, I have decided to help out Norma at the knitting table for adults. My apologies to the munchkins.



# Book Recommendation from the Rector

## *Advent in Narnia* by Heidi Haverkamp

**A**re you looking for a new and creative way to deepen your faith during this Advent season? Consider going back to Narnia this Advent. My friend and colleague, the Rev. Heidi Haverkamp, is the vicar of St. Benedict's Episcopal Church in Bolingbrook, Illinois. She has written a lovely Advent devotional designed to be read along with C.S. Lewis's famous book *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*.

In the introduction to her book, Haverkamp writes,

**I** read *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* for the first time when I was in elementary school. I loved to stare at the cover, a picture of the four children in fur coats, framed by a forest with the White Witch's castle looming behind them. They looked like kids I might know. The lamppost was like lampposts in my Chicago neighborhood, but it stood by itself in the distance. The castle told me that this was a fairy tale, which thrilled me. It was both familiar and unfamiliar: a whole world on the other side of a closet door.



"C. S. Lewis said that he began to write the Narnia Chronicles because an image appeared in his mind: a faun with an umbrella and his arm full of packages, walking under a

lamppost in the middle of a snowy forest. He also saw a queen riding in a sleigh and a majestic lion. As we wrote, 'At first there wasn't anything Christian about them; that element pushed itself in of its own accord.' The novel unfolded as a work of imagination and faith.

"When we deeply trust something we can't see, we must use our imaginations. Consider Hebrews 11:1: 'Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.' Too often, Christianity may seem to be a known quantity. We can take its radical values for granted and see Jesus as a cliché instead of our Savior. Lewis, by placing Christianity into another world, makes it unfamiliar again. He gives us the chance to feel a newfound wonder at the depth of God's love, the power of Christ's grace and the totality of his sacrifice, and the wonder of a world infused with the Holy Spirit. We all can use a spiritual wake-up call like this, whether we aren't sure Christianity can mean anything to us or whether it means everything.

"Entering Narnia, though, means becoming a little bit 'foolish,' as St. Paul would put it.

Reading children's literature might be embarrassing for adults or teenagers, but it can be a deep source of wisdom (and fun); as Lewis wrote, 'When I was ten, I read fairy tales in secret and would have been ashamed if I had been found doing so. Now that I am fifty I read them openly.'

**I**n 2013, I first thought to use *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* for an adult Advent series at my church.

We had a wonderful time reading the book; watching scenes from one of the movies; discussing spiritual imagination, temptation and repentance, lions and beavers, witches and fauns. It was such a rich experience that I wanted to share it with other individuals and churches as a way to observe Advent and prepare for Christmas.

"Lewis's first book about the land of Narnia is a perfect fit for the season of Advent. The snow, a glowing lamppost, the children, waiting for the return of a savior, and the visit of Father Christmas make it a natural reading partner for this time of year. The novel very quickly moves from Advent into Christmas, then Good Friday and finally to Easter; so, for the most part, the reflections and activities in this book focus on the first half of the novel, which is most pertinent to Advent.

"There is a whole theological world Lewis created in the Narnia Chronicles (for more on this, read Rowan Williams's book *The Lion's World*), and while I do refer to the *Magician's Nephew* and *The Last Battle*, I focus on the characters, images, and themes of the first novel.

"You can read along in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* as you do this Advent study; relevant chapters are listed at the start of the reflections that focus on the novel. Other devotions reflect primarily on Scripture or make only general reference to the novel. Reading the novel in its entirety is not necessary to understand or enjoy the reflections. You can watch one of the movie versions, if you prefer. Either strategy will help you get the most out of the reflections, the discussion sessions, and the Narnia Night for families.

"However, my purpose in writing this book is not to help you know Narnia better but to know God better. Rowan Williams wrote about Lewis, 'The reader is brought to Narnia for a little in order to know Aslan better in this world.' I hope that by spending a little



time in Narnia this Advent, you will get to know Aslan—and Jesus Christ—better, and to prepare for Jesus' birth at Christmas all the more richly for it."

### December Birthdays

Day	Name
1	Mary Ann Jacobson
	Hallie Walker
2	Brett Wong
15	Laz Meiman
19	Preston Fray
	Will Pryor
22	Dawn Bassman
23	Emily Roberts
	Meg Pryor
24	André Herrmann
28	Avery Wright
	Grace Daniels
29	Cliff Dektar

#### Should you be listed here?

Or, if you wish to leave your birthday or anniversary unpublished, give the church office a call or e-mail [administrator@stmikessc.org](mailto:administrator@stmikessc.org) to let us know. Please Note: Birthdays and Anniversaries will be celebrated on the last Sunday of each month.

# News from the Diocese of Los Angeles

## Bishop Glasspool to begin new ministry in Diocese of New York

*On Saturday, November 14, 2015, the Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool announced that she has accepted the call to be the Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of New York. Her ministry among us will be celebrated at the 2015 Diocesan Convention to be held in Ontario, California, in early December. We will certainly miss Bishop Glasspool and we pray for her as she embarks on this new phase of her journey and ministry. Below is the text of her letter to the Diocese of Los Angeles:*

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served you all in the Diocese of Los Angeles these past five-and-one-half years. This past August I received a call to become Assistant Bishop of New York, and I have accepted that call. God willing, I will begin this new ministry on the East Coast April 1, 2016. The Diocese of New York is, on this day, holding its 239th Annual Convention, and Diocesan Bishop Andrew Dietsche has just announced these plans in his address to the Convention.

The next several months will, of course, be busy! Bishop Jon is designating some time during our upcoming Diocesan Convention to celebrate our time together.



And while the outline of my planned sabbatical has been adjusted, I will still be taking it from January 18 to March 18, 2016. During this time I will be spending two weeks in the Diocese of Cuernavaca (February 13-27) on the Fourth Annual Pilgrimage and Intensive Spanish Language Course; two weeks in Texas at a meeting of the bishops suffragan adjacent to the Spring House of Bishops' Meeting (March 6-18); and at least one week (dates to be determined) on retreat.

To write that I am deeply grateful for this time of service in the Diocese of Los Angeles is an understatement. From the Summer of 2009 when I entered the search process for two bishops suffragan in Los Angeles, to and through today, this time has been filled with challenge, growth, sorrow, joy, outrageous diversity, monumental change, hard work, and joyful play. During my time here I've had the extraordinary opportunities of working with so many committed people in the areas of Ecumenical and Interreligious Life, the excellent schools of the Diocese, the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgendered Community, the youth and young adults, and the people of the northern part of the diocese. I will always hold dear so many unique experiences: the Consecration with Bishop Diane on May 15, 2010; diocesan conventions, clergy conferences, and ordination services which featured so many incredible people; the steady beat of weekly visitations to parishes and missions striving to further God's Reign of love and justice in this world; Episcopal Nights at Dodger Stadium; the growing relationship with the Diocese of Cuernavaca; and travel to such places as Quito, Ecuador, Taiwan, Pine Ridge Reservation, Israel/Palestine, and (one of my favorite go-to places) Glendale! My partner of almost 30 years: Becki Sander, and I finally got married here due to the remarkable long-term



work of so many of you in the struggle for marriage equality. And I am more than a little grateful that there is still some time in the next few months to continue to appreciate all that has happened.

The Episcopal Diocese of New York (for those who may want to know a little more), is geographically comprised of three city boroughs and seven upstate counties: Staten Island (where I was born!), Manhattan, and the Bronx; Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Ulster, Sullivan, Orange, and Rockland Counties. There are close to 200 parishes and missions; 60,000 baptized communicants in good standing; and more than a few church-related institutions that creatively engage with people where they live.

There will be more to come in the days ahead. For now, let me simply bear witness to that which holds us all together through thick and thin—the Love of God. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

God's Peace to All,  
+ Mary D. Glasspool

# Children's Chapel

Sunday, November 8, 2015





# An Advent Reflection



**"T**o dream of a world of peace and justice, where God's goodness is all in all, and to wake to the realization, is a cherished human hope. The figure in Dalí's *Girl Standing at the Window* waits with full attention for something. She looks expectantly out into the wide world beyond her familiar harbor. Attentive, hope-filled, alert, with her whole being trained on the horizon, she watches for the sign: the break in the meeting of sea and sky, the cloud of smoke that heralds the messenger's arrival. Fully attentive—eyes and ears and imagination—she is ready to recognize and greet a hope-filled future.

So the church waits for the arrival of Jesus through Advent. Poised, we are alert to the signs of the times in nature, Scripture, newspaper, ready to greet wherever Christ appears. The Promise comes in unexpected peace blossoming like a garden in winter, in the wake-up call of the unlikely prophet, in the sudden courage to risk bringing God's future into being, in Mary's risk to bring Jesus into the world. Advent's color is the royal purple of the coming king. The king for whom we wait to come—both as the one who comes in the manger in Bethlehem and the one who will come in the clouds at the sound of trumpets."

## Bishop's Ball 2016

By the Reverend Stefanie Wilson Brown

**T**his year, St. Michael's has the unique honor and privilege of hosting the annual Diocese of Los Angeles Bishop's Ball.



One of our diocese's favorite traditions, the Bishop's Ball is the annual diocesan dance for high school-aged parishioners and their friends. On **Saturday, January 30, from 7:00 to 10:00 pm**, youth from all over the six counties of the diocese will be dancing the night away in our ministry center. The cost is only \$10.00 per person.

Our Youth Groupers chose the theme for this year's ball: *Hooray for Hollywood*. It is destined to be a red carpet event.

If you are in high school, mark your calendar for the event and get your red carpet look ready. If you are not in high school, never fear, you can still participate. We need people to help decorate and chaperone. If this sounds like something you might like to do, contact me at [wilsons@campbellhall.org](mailto:wilsons@campbellhall.org).

**As you do your weekly grocery shopping, remember these items that are always needed by the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry**

*Canned fruit and vegetables.*

*Baby food in plastic jars.*

*Tuna.*

*Peanut butter in plastic jars.*

*Powdered milk in individual packets.*

*Individual size snacks.*

*Bags of dry beans and rice.*

*Plastic and paper shopping bags.*

*Diapers and feminine hygiene items.*

*Travel-size soap, toothpaste & disposable razors.*

*And money!*

# HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD



**you're invited to the red carpet**

## **Bishop's Ball**

**WHO**

**all high school-aged youth**

**WHEN**

**Saturday January 30, 2016**

**From 7:00 10:00 pm**

**WHERE**

**St. Michael and All Angels Church**

**3646 Coldwater Canyon Ave.**

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**COST**

**\$10.00 for youth, chaperones free**

**RSVP**

**[wilsons@campbellhall.org](mailto:wilsons@campbellhall.org) by January 15**



*Christmastime is here! Time to spread good cheer!*

# **HOLIDAY CHEER 2015**

*to Benefit the Families of MEND and Good Shepherd*

DECEMBER 11th

**Friday**

**5:00pm-9:00pm "Wrap" Party & Caroling**

Decorate for the party, Stuff gift bags, Carol for the community

DECEMBER 12th

**Saturday**

**9:00am-2:00pm Holiday Cheer Party**

Games, Arts & Crafts, Family Photo booth, Musical Entertainment

**Sponsor a Family**

**Shop for Supplies**

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# The Calendar

December 2015

**Sunday Schedule** • Sunday Services are 8:00 am (no choir) and 10:30 am (with choir) in the Sanctuary.  
 • Adult Learning Opportunity begins at 9:15 in the Ministry Center  
 • Sunday School begins at 10:15 with Family Sing in the Ministry Center; the children are brought into Eucharist for the Peace.  
 • Coffee Hour immediately follows the 10:30 am service unless otherwise noted.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Locations:</b> CO Church Office MR Music Room FR Fireside Room MC Ministry Center L The Loft (formerly the stage) S Sanctuary		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S)	<b>3</b> 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal (MR)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Advent 2 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (S) 9:00 am St. Michael's Outreach (CO) 10:30 am Holy Eucharist (S) 11:30 am Youth Group (L) 5:00 pm Advent Lessons & Carols (S)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S)	<b>10</b> 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal (MR)	<b>11</b> 6:00 pm Christmas Caroling (MR)	<b>12</b> 9:00 am Holiday Cheer (MC)
<b>13</b> Advent 3 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (S) 10:30 am Holy Eucharist (S)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:00 pm Vestry (L)	<b>16</b> 7:00 pm Blue Christmas (S)	<b>17</b> 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal (MR)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Advent 4 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (S) 10:30 am Holy Eucharist (S) 11:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC)	<b>21</b> Saint Thomas	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve Parish office closed 5:00 pm Children's Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist (S) 9:30 pm Christmas Music (S) 10:00 pm Holy Eucharist (S)	<b>25</b> Christmas Day Parish office closed 9:00 am Christmas Breakfast (MC) 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (S)	<b>26</b> Saint Stephen
<b>27</b> Christmas 1 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (S) 10:30 am Holy Eucharist (S)	<b>28</b> Saint John	<b>29</b> Holy Innocents	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Parish office closed	

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### Vision Statement

*We are a welcoming and evolving community of conscience engaged in the renewal of our faith by embracing diversity and encouraging growth through prayer, scholarship, social action, and artistic endeavor.*

### Our Mission Priority

*Our mission priority is to focus on the United Nations' First Millennium Goal: To eradicate extreme hunger and poverty.*