



The Sword

Growing and learning together in Christ through worship, fellowship and service.

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December 4 2014

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Christmas WorshipTimes



**Christmas Eve
Wednesday
December 24
2:00 p.m.**

Upcoming at St. Michael's

- +Sunday, December 7, Healing Prayers at each service (short prayers for any need - yours or others)
- +Monday, December 8, AWSM Advent Social, 7:00pm
- +Tuesday, December 9, Women's Advent Bible Study, 9:15am
- +Wednesday, December 10, Praying in the Wilderness, 7:30pm
- +Sunday, December 14, Brunch for Young Newcomer Families, 10:00am
- +Sunday, December 14, Lessons & Carols, 5:00pm
- +Thursday, December 18, Preschool Christmas Program, 6:00pm
- +Saturday, December 20, Caroling, 11:00am



From the Rector

The Rev. Patrick Raymond

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Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Jim ...

Dear People of St. Michael's,

Many of us have been reeling in response to learning of the Tuesday morning death of Fr. Jim Bullion. One personal impression that will no doubt grow through Friday's visitation and Saturday's funeral is the diversity of souls whose lives have been touched by Jim and the diversity of their stories.

For those who don't know, Jim presided at the 7:45 a.m. Eucharist this past Sunday. He seemed very

4:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m.
11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day
Thursday
December 25
10:00 a.m.

St. Michael's Worship Times



Sundays
7:45 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
10:45 a.m.



Second Wednesday
of each month:
Eucharist with
Healing Prayers
7:30 p.m.

present, imparting a lot of care and heart to his priestly role. Was it just a coincidence that my sermon opened with a quote from a book that introduces children to cycles of life and death? *"There is a beginning and an ending for everything that is alive. In between is living."*

What's 'in between' seems to be a primary spiritual focus of the church's season of Advent. We live in between life and death; in between Christ's first incarnation and his coming again; in between choices in our lives that result in just going through the motions or that are faithful and intentional.

A commitment to the latter kind of choices was viscerally expressed by one parishioner who was away on a business trip when his wife called to tell him of Jim Bullion's death. "Oh, honey," he said at one point, "We've got to make every day count." It's the same message, really, that the prophets and Jesus deliver to us throughout Advent.

May we all, as Jim Bullion did, make every day and every choice and every relationship count - in this time of grief, in this season of Advent and always.

- Patrick +


Also from the Rector

+ How much of the rector's letter(s) do you want to see? Those of us who work hard to make the most out

of every Sword have been grateful for your feedback about the shorter features with click-throughs for those who want to read more. But one parishioner made an unsolicited request that the rector's letters be

shown in full with no click-through. Please let Nancy Holmes know your thoughts. We'll stick with the click-throughs unless there's a groundswell (which I'm not, by the way, asking for).

+Love our Choir Members - Feed Them! We always enjoy a reception following the Advent Lessons and Carols service and Dolores Duncan always does much if not most of it - except for this year. Dolores is awaiting the birth of a grandchild and has asked me to recruit others to step up. Please contact [me](#) or [Nancy Holmes](#) if you are willing to bring food, set up and serve, or help clean up. Sunday, December 14, after 5:00 p.m.

**I've read the end
of the story.**

JESUS WINS.

For additional service information, events and activities, please visit our website by clicking [here](#).

Lessons and Carols, at about 6 pm. Thanks.

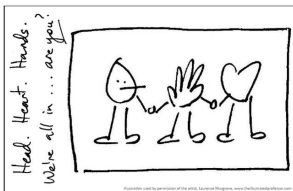
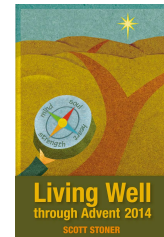
+As your household wonders about year-end financial gifts, you've no doubt been thinking of your church! In lieu of inviting parishioners to consider particular capital projects this year, the Wardens and Vestry ask you to consider a gift to pay down our remaining \$85,000+ mortgage balance. You'll be getting more information in the upcoming holiday letter. Thanks for your consideration.



Food for the Journey: Sunday Adult Formation

The conversation begins after the 9:30 a.m. service (approximately 10:05 a.m.)

- **December 7:** Please join Terri Longo for Food for the Journey on December 7 where we will be discussing Advent and "Living Well through Advent 2014" written by the Rev. Scott Stoner, Living Compass founder. The Living Compass booklet for the Advent journey is available at St. Michael's. Individuals can use the booklet of daily encouragement as a personal guide to help keep the focus on Christ in the Advent season. The conversation will continue with the Rev. Laurie Michaels at the Food for the Journey on December 14.



Please remember to turn in your 2015 financial pledge commitments. Thank you.

In The Parish Family

It is with a heavy heart and prayers that we share with you news of the death on December 2 of **The Rev. James (Jim) Bullion**. Visitation will be at St. Michael's Friday, December 5 from 4 PM-8 PM and a Memorial Service on Saturday, December 6 at 11 AM, with a reception immediately following. Jim was born in Detroit, MI, and served as a devoted priest for 50 years. He was the beloved



Quick Links

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husband of Sharon, father of Eric (Maria) and Keith (Jennie), grandfather of Luca and Evie, brother of Jack (the late Joan) Bullion and brother of Mary Sokolnicki. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Bishop Anderson House of Chicago (www.bishopandersonhouse.org). [If you can assist with the reception please call Judy Tammi at 847-340-9358]

Tammie Kennedy, our nursery coordinator, is a grandma. **Ariana Christine** was born November 13 at 7 lbs, 9 oz. Proud parents are Alyssa & Anthony Wilke. Blessings to all.



Those who have asked for our prayers: The Kean family, Pollie, Su, Jeanne, Anna & Wes, Gina & Ralph, the Bullion family, Robert, Evelyne, the Pajakowski family, Mary & family, Dick, Nancy, Glenda, Yvonne, the Weber family, Alice & family, Margaret, Chris & family, Cynthia, Becky, Paul & family, Amy, those struggling with the holiday season, St. Michael's pastoral care team.

Praying in the Wilderness
A service of healing and remembering
Wednesday, December 10, 7:30 pm

For more information, contact:
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FAMILY
MINISTRIES

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Vestry Meeting Summary
October 27, 2014
Click [here](#).



Follow our
'Family Ministries'
on Facebook.

Last week we were blessed by the work of a group of amazing volunteers who hosted our Advent Celebration. Our team used creative storytelling, song, teaching and hands-on projects to encourage us to maintain a spirit of active waiting this Advent Season. Thank you to all who offered their gifts to create this event.

As we continue our journey through Advent, we will offer special, family-friendly programming elements during the 9:00 a.m. service. Additionally, our Church School Programming for Advent has been specifically designed to aid your child in experiencing this season in an age-appropriate, relevant way.



Advent 1, November 30
Storytelling with Donna Brooks.
"The Advent Garden Story"

The entire Family Ministries Team wishes you a blessed Advent Season.

Advent Resource App



Living Well Through
Advent 2014



From The Youth Pastor

Nate Nesbit

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The LIFT youth group will be having a **bowling night** on Wednesday, December 10. It will be at Brunswick Zone Bowling in Lake Zurich from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. It will be \$10 a person for a pizza dinner and unlimited bowling. Please RSVP to Nate (email above) as soon as possible. If you have any questions feel free to ask.



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Living Well Through Advent 2014 is a daily Advent devotional suitable for all ages. Based on the Living Compass work by Scott Stoner, the app provides daily encouragement for the Advent journey incorporating "heart, soul, mind, and strength."

Open iTunes [here](#) to buy and download app.

AWSM (All Women of St. Michael's)



Click [here](#) for some awesome upcoming events you won't want to miss. **Starting with the AWSM Advent Gathering on Monday, December 8.**



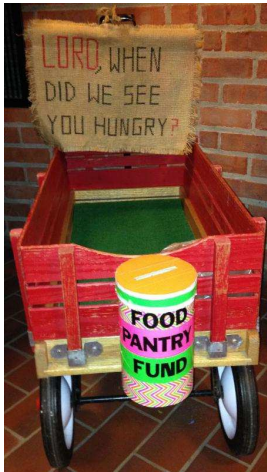
Please contact [Fr. Patrick](#) or [Nancy Holmes](#) if you can help with the reception.

Thanksgiving Dinner We Can't Say Thank You Enough

Little Red Wagon
(located in front foyer)



Thank you to our volunteers: turkey cookers, carver (Dave Beal), pie bakers (our 4th-8th grade youth, Lincoln School in Hoffman Estates & parishioners), water & pop donors, servers, greeters, table setters, flower arrangement donor (Rob Wisnowski). Thank you to PeaPod (Tony Stallone), Barrington Transportation



Barrington Township Food Pantry

Donations especially needed this month:
oatmeal, peanut butter/jelly, mac & cheese, rice & sauces.
Please help keep the wagon filled.

Bus Company (Lorraine, Robin, Bill, Rob), our computer station techies (the Tolle family), kitchen king (Jeff Weineke), Premium Blend (BHS singers). Thank you to our cash donors, laptop donors, cell phone donors, guitar & amp donor (Buddy from Dr. Woods), karaoke donor (the Pajakowski family), thank you to our meal delivery drivers. Thank you to our over 200 guests...it was a joy to share the day with you. THANK YOU ALL!

Click [here](#) for a photo montage of the day and thank you quotes from parents of the recruits.

Join Us On Tuesday Morning

The Soul Journey Women (Aka Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study) decide they're TOO BUSY NOT TO PRAY! [Read on...](#)

[Contact Nancy Carney directly at njcarney@sbcglobal.net to order the book *The Greatest Gift* for the Advent Bible study]

And All The Angels Gift Shop

(located on the lower level)

Shop FIRST at the And All the Angel Gift Shop Holiday Sale - going on NOW.

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have nothing on us! Great gifts, great prices, great for all your holiday needs.



Remembering This Week

Birthdays

12.7

Marti Kahn

12.8

Sumit Mullick

Trevor Osmond

12.10

Jerry Conners

COMMUNITY events

Advent Retreats

Patrick Raymond
 David Larson
 Clive Uebelhor
 12.13
 Randy Lewis
 Jerry Seyffert
 Colleen Maire

Anniversaries

12.7
 Dolores & Keith
 Kampert

Rest in Peace

12.2
 Jim Bullion
 12.9
 Alice Dally



Sacred Journey Spiritual Companionship School is offering two, two-hour Advent retreats at St. James, Dundee, on Thursday, December 4 at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. These engaging sessions will include prayerful reflection on the readings and symbols of Advent. To register and for further information, contact Dr. Jan Keyser at jkayser7@gmail.com.

Join us for a FREE MEAL at

The Community Meal, Thursday, December 4, 5-7 pm
 SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church
 401 North First Street, Cary
 Click [here](#) for additional details.

Barrington Aglow - Annual Tree Lighting

December 6, 1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 Location: Village Center on South Cook Street
[Read more...](#)

St. James Cathedral

Advent Lessons and Carols
 Sunday, December 7 - 4:00 p.m. [Read more...](#)

Lay Chaplain Training Courses

Next session begins February 4, 2015
 Bishop Anderson House will offer volunteer lay chaplain training at its offices on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:30 pm, February 4 - May 6. Apply by mid-December. Click [here](#) to read more.



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