



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



December 22, 2021



*Friday, December 24
10:30 am*

All are welcome!

Please join us on Zoom if you are unable to attend:

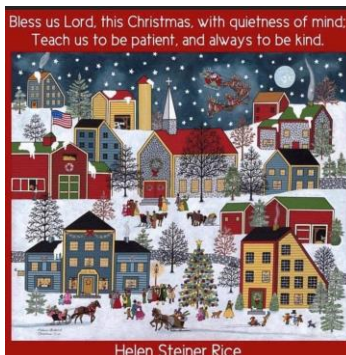
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***December 26 Worship with St. Paul's
This Sunday's service will be on Zoom only.***

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Meeting ID: 980 3431 6249

To dial in: 312-626-6799



I hope this Christmas finds all of my beloved St Paul's family safe and well. Thank you for all of the gifts you have bestowed upon me and our congregation this year.

Beth Lukas, Sr Warden

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Christmas Message 2021:
"In the name of these refugees, let us help all refugees"

"The Christmas stories are reminders that this Jesus came to show us how to love as God loves. And one of the ways we love as God loves is to help those who are refugees, those who seek asylum from political tyranny, poverty, famine, or other hardship. In the 1930s, Episcopalians did this to love as God loves, and today, ministries like Episcopal Migration Ministries, the work of this church, have helped to resettle some 100,000 refugees as of December 2021. And that work goes on for refugees from Afghanistan and from other places around the world. The Christian vocation as Jesus taught us is to love as God loves. And in the name of these refugees, let us help all refugees."

"God love you. God bless you. And, this Christmas, may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love."

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry

Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

January/February Upper Room devotionals are now available.

COVID-19 Booster Shots Encouraged

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) recommends anyone 18 years and older get a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose six months after receiving their second Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, or two months after receiving the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

"For continued, ongoing protection, we are urging everyone who is eligible to get a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine to get one," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Scientific and medical experts have reviewed the data and found booster doses are beneficial. While we need more people who are completely unvaccinated to get their first doses, we cannot risk losing some of the protection the vaccines have already provided due to waning immunity."

Congregations are encouraged to:

- Continue to provide online worship opportunities
 - When indoors, gather in spaces that allow for social distancing
 - Gather outside whenever possible
 - **Review the Illinois Department of Public Health guidance on music**, including singing and rehearsals
 - Use the **CDC COVID Data Tracker** to view metrics by county.
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On the Calendar

Friday, December 24 - **Christmas Eve Service**, 10:30 am
Sunday, December 26 - ZOOM Morning Prayer service, 10:30 am
Sunday, January 2 - Holy Eucharist with Rev. Eileen
Thursday, January 6 - **Ladies Lunch** at Kim & Patty's, 11:30 am
February 6 - **Annual Parish Meeting** on Zoom

St. Paul's Prayer List

Week of December 26 - January 1

Please keep those on our prayer list in your thoughts during this time. If you wish to add to the list, please contact the church office.

Ongoing prayers: Yasmin, Kay, Tim, Jenn, Janice, Dick, Sandy, and Rebecca

Current prayers: Paula, Rory, Bonnie, Jane, Claudia, Julie, Arne, Heather, Melissa, Mike, and Rick

For our MCC scholarship recipients: Autumn, Ashley, Yaqui, Kimberlee, and John

For those celebrating birthdays: Mike Bell (Dec. 28)



Cartoon by Inherit the Mirth

Questions or concerns?

Please contact our Senior Warden - Beth Lukas: Gramlukas2@gmail.com

In need of pastoral care?

Please contact Deborah Lang, our Deacon: DeaconDeb@stpaulmchenry.com

Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
8:30 am - 1:30 pm

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