



ST MICHAEL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Christmas Eve Services at 3 and 10 p.m.



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**A Note from Father Ralph Osborne**



## Sword Christmas

“And in despair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said; "For hate is strong, And mocks the song Of peace on earth, good-will to men!" Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep; The Wrong shall fail, The Right prevail, With peace on earth, good-will to men.””

Merry Christmas! Do you have a favorite Christmas Carol? Is there one verse or phrase that slips past all the defenses of your heart? I think it is a gift of God that those words or truths interrupt our normal thinking and feeling. They create a thin place for at least a moment, when we can see a path of hope and peace. They produce a twinkling when belief is more possible, when the opportunity for mercy is opened to us. God is not dead. God’s goodness overcomes evil.

I hope you are taking moments for yourselves in these hours before Christmas (or any hours for that matter). I invite you in one of those moments to reflect on a Christmas Carol that has those words that get you. Play them over in your mind and heart. Let them move you to a peaceful and hopeful place. God will take it from there.

Wishing our entire St. Michael’s family and extended family, a very merry Christmas. May the peace of the Christ child, the love of God, meet you right where you are.

Fr. Ralph+

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School on December 28th or January 4th.

## LIFT



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## AND ALL THE ANGELS GIFT SHOP



Please note that we will be CLOSED on Wednesday, Dec 31st and Saturday, Dec. 27th.

Thank you for your support in 2025! We enjoyed another successful year, and will be donating all profits to women's and children's charities after our volunteers meet in January.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Meeting will be held in the Community Room on February 1st after the 10:00 p.m. service.

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### Birthdays

12/28 Anne Tolle  
12/29 Lori Pepper  
12/30 Cindy Milford  
12/30 Martie Roehm  
12/31 Craig Anderson  
1 /2 Jane Dawson  
1 /2 Carol Berman  
1/3 Betsy Wintringer  
1/3 Lilia Weibel

### Anniversaries

1/2 Ann and Rick Ryba  
1/3 Vickie and Al Johnson

### In Loving Memory

12/28 Katherine McIntosh  
12/28 David Pepper  
12/28 Barbara Papamarcos  
12/30 Iris Hartman  
12/30 Carol Brink  
12/30 Barbara Kane  
1/1 Claire Koener  
1/1 Edith Luke  
1/2 Menter Terrill  
Nancy Waring

### Prayer Requests

Ann, Braelyn, Lisa, Dave, Elizabeth, Alexandra, and Victoria, Kimberlie, Matt and family, Heather, Helena, Kara and Oliver, Sara, Steve, Kristen, Bob, Jesophine, Kathy, Denise, Doug, Sally, Mary, Ben, John, Teresa, Dolores and family, Mark, **Kitty, Olivia and family**, Liam and family, Nancy, Caden, Dave, Brian, Barb and Steve, and Patty, and for all whom you alone know.

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