

DATEBOOK

The Diocese of Chicago



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The Datebook is a catalog of events occurring in the Diocese of Chicago or Episcopal Church which are of significant merit or interest for the clergy, lay leadership, or the full membership of the diocese. The events are organized by categories: **Benefits, Celebrations, Concerts, Conferences, Dedications, Festivals, Lectures and Presentations, Liturgies, Observances, Outreach Activities, Rallies, Retreats, Seminars and Workshops, Trainings, and Tributes.** Datebook is published bi-weekly by the Office of Communication, Diocese of Chicago. Submissions are published at the discretion of the editor, [David Skidmore](#), Canon for Communication. For a listing of diocesan meetings and events for 2009 and 2010 check the Master Calendar on the [diocesan website](#).

Advent Concerts and Festivals

Advent Lessons and Carols

St. James Cathedral

Sunday December 6 3 pm

A candlelit service of readings, anthems and carols for the season of Advent in the style of Salisbury with the Cathedral choir and clergy.

Sunday, December 6

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 939 Hinman Ave., Evanston

3:30 pm Prelude, 4 pm Lessons and Carols

St. Paul and the Redeemer Episcopal Church, 4945 S. Dorchester Ave., Chicago

9:15 and 11:15 Eucharists

Grace Episcopal Church, 120 E. First St., Hinsdale

4:30 pm - Advent Procession with Lessons and Carols. Childcare provided.

Church of the Holy Comforter, 222 Kenilworth Ave., Kenilworth

9 am - Eucharist with Lessons and Carols

Sunday December 13

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1125 Franklin St., Downers Grove

7 pm Lessons and Carols.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 393 N. Main St., Glen Ellyn

7:30 pm Lessons and Carols to benefit Canon Andrew White Ministries (Sanctuary). Reception following.

Church of the Holy Family, 102 Marquette, Park Forest

4 pm Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols. Candlelit reception following.

Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 412 N. Church St., Rockford

6 pm - 8 pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. Reception following.

Sunday December 20

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 211 S. Peoria St, Dixon

4:30 pm - Lessons and Carols

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 1140 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette

9:30 am - Advent Lessons and Carols, and Eucharist

Benefits

World AIDS Dinner in Dixon

St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Dixon and PFLAG Sauk Valley invite you to attend their 2nd Annual World AIDS Dinner on **Sunday, December 6**. A Healing Service will be held at 5 p.m. followed by a social hour at 5:30 and catered dinner at 6 p.m. The program will begin at 7 p.m. and will feature a panel of area-wide practitioners, who will discuss the ongoing research and work with those who are living with HIV/AIDS. Cost of the dinner is \$15. Proceeds will benefit the World AIDS Foundation, the United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS, and the Illinois Alliance for Sound HIV/AIDS policy. St. Luke's is located at 211 S. Peoria St., Dixon.

Concerts

Oratorio for Speech Choir on World AIDS Day

St. Peter's in Chicago's Lakeview neighbourhood will be hosting a performance of *The Number of Our Days: An Oratorio for Speech Choir* on World AIDS Day, **Tuesday December 1** at 7 pm. Performed by the St. Peter's Cultivators and under the direction of its composer, John Dally, *The Number of Our Days* is a richly textured vocal work of haunting beauty and challenging reflection. First performed in 1981, and originally commissioned by Yale Divinity School, the Oratorio consists of 3 movements for speech choir that consider, in turn, the psychology of recognizing our mortality, the physical agony of dying, and the transformational possibilities of a faith-based confrontation with death. It is performed in the context of a liturgy of congregational psalmody and hymns, and three musical reflections by solo cello.

Entrance is free and all are welcome. In observation of World AIDS Day, donations will be taken for the Alexian Brothers Aids Ministry located in Lakeview, Chicago. Join St. Peter's for an unforgettable evening. More details can be found [here](#).

Cathedral Christmas Concert

Saturday December 12 at 7 pm St. James Cathedral will host a Christmas concert, featuring music for choir, organ, brass and harp. The Cathedral Choir with Bruce Barber II, conductor, performing Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*, and Rutter's *Gloria*. Requested donation \$10 adults, \$5 students, children under 12 free. The cathedral is located at Wabash Avenue and Huron Street, Chicago.

Conferences

Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes annual conference

Congregational consultant The Rev. Loren Mead, Canon to the Presiding Bishop C. K. Robertson, author and social scientist Bob Johansen, General Theological Seminary Dean Ward Ewing, and Episcopal Divinity School professor and co-founder of Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation the Rev. Ian Douglas are among the roster of presenters for the annual Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes annual conference, *Hope Rising*, **February 24-27** at St. David's Episcopal Church in Austin, Texas. Joining author Diana Butler Bass as keynote speakers are author Krista Tippett, Bishop Charles Andrew Doyle of Texas, educator Dr. F. Washington Jarvis III, Bishop James

Tengatenga of Southern Malawi and chair of the Anglican Consultative Council, and author Dr. Bob Johansen.

The conference begins with networking sessions and reception and dinner at St. David's, and continues February 25 and 26 with workshops at the Hilton Hotel. The conference concludes by noon Saturday February 27. More information at the [Consortium website](#).

Episcopal Urban Caucus in Chicago

Episcopal Urban Caucus which will be holding its annual Assembly in Chicago **February 24 - 27** in Chicago. Participants will be staying at the Allerton Hotel (locals may commute) and the Caucus Eucharist will be held at the cathedral **Thursday evening, February 25**. The theme of this year's Assembly is: Anti-violence, Keeping our Kids Alive. More information will be published after Christmas. Contact [Nell Braxton Gibson](#), Coordinator, at 212-699-2998.



Momentum: Conversation on Emergent Faith

Momentum: Conversations in Emergent Faith featuring author, networker, pastor and emergent leader Brian McLaren, will be held **April 19, 2010** at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Barrington. Sponsored by the Diocese of Chicago, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, and the churches of St. Michael's, Holy Apostles in Wauconda, and Church of the Redeemer in Elgin, this gathering will be an important opportunity to hear practical ideas and participate in cutting edge conversation with significant leaders in the emergent movement. More information and registration is available on-line at <http://holyapostleswauconda.org/Momentum/>.

Festivals

Annual Christmas Bazaar

St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood will host its annual Christmas bazaar on **Saturday December 5** from 9 am to 4 pm. Enjoy arts and crafts, and check out the baked goods, ornaments, and downhome homemade lunch. Raffle will be held. St. Peter's is located at 621 W. Belmont Ave.

Wreath sale at Calvary, Batavia

The annual wreath and roping sale at Calvary Church, Batavia runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6.

Proceeds benefit the church's outreach ministries. Calvary is located at 222 S. Batavia Avenue, on the corner of Route 31 and Main Street. For further information call the church at 630-879-3378 or visit its website, www.calvary-episcopal.org.

Holiday Cookie and Candy Walk

Church of the Holy Family in Park Forest is sponsoring a Holiday Cookie and Candy Walk on **Saturday December 12** from 9 am to 12:30 pm. The church is located at Sauk Trail and Orchard Drive. Call (708) 748-1100 for more information.

Liturgies

TrebleFest at St. James Cathedral

TrebleFest 2010 will be held at St. James Episcopal Cathedral, 65 E. Huron, Chicago, on **Saturday, February 20, 2010**. As usual, the format will be a day-long workshop with youth choristers, culminating in a Festival Service at 3:00 p.m. in the Cathedral.

Our guest clinician will be Suzanne Purtee, Organist & Choirmaster of the Church of the Nativity in Huntsville, Alabama. TrebleFest Registration will begin at 9:45 a.m. with the rehearsal beginning at 10:00 a.m. The closing Festival Service will be at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call either Ms. Harriet Mueller (847) 392-5153.

Live Nativity at St. Ignatius, Antioch

The Nativity will come alive with the sounds and even some of the smells of the Bethlehem event two millennia ago when St. Ignatius Episcopal Church hosts its first Live Nativity presentation **Saturday December 12 and Sunday December 13.**

The parish message: *We invite you to come with us on a spiritual journey as we visit Bethlehem this holy season to celebrate the birth of our savior. Join a small group of travelers going to Bethlehem and experience the sights and sounds as you might have on that sacred night. Bring your family to our re-telling and together we'll be blessed!*

The presentation will run from 5 pm to 8 pm **Saturday December 12** and from 4 pm to 6 pm **Sunday December 13.** St. Ignatius is the church on the hill at 500 E. Depot St. off Deep Lake Road in Antioch. Find out more at http://www.ignatiusantioch.com/Saint_Ignatius/Welcome.html

Blue Christmas/Hope in Hard Times

Blue Christmas

Sunday December 20 7pm. Church of the Holy Apostles, 26238N IL Route 59, Wauconda.

Hope in Hard Times

Sunday December 6 4 pm. A family celebration of music and stories. St. John's Episcopal Church, 3857 N. Kostner, Chicago.

MIQRA

Scripture reading, worship and workshops will be happening over the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend in the Diocese of Chicago. This event, created by the Diocese of Kansas in 2002, has at its heart a reading of the complete Bible. Volunteer readers rotate day and night through 72 hours of reading, an endeavor which honors the significance of scripture in the Episcopal tradition and offers the opportunity to directly experience the text in its entirety.

The 2010 MIQRA in the Diocese of Chicago will be held **Saturday January 16** and **Sunday January 17** at St. James Cathedral, Chicago. Saturday will be a diocesan day of workshops and worship built on the place the Bible holds in our common life. Participants will bring themselves and their questions, their hopes and their reservations, their gifts and their wisdom, to this experience, gathering as a community forming deeper understandings.

A youth event will kick off the weekend with workshops on Saturday. Participants will stay overnight Saturday and Sunday, maintaining the reading throughout the time and exploring the Bible through group exercises, games, movies and worship.

Learn more about MIQRA at the [MIQRA website](#).

For more information contact [Ben Varnum](#) or [Canon Sue Cromer](#).

Observances

175th Anniversary Celebration at St. John's, Lockport

On December 27, 1834, the Rev. Isaac Hallum, rector of St. James, Chicago, held the first services in Runyon, IL (now Lockport) which was to become the congregations of St. John the Evangelist in Lockport and Christ Episcopal in Joliet. From that day forward, services have been

held regularly. St. John's has been home to many people and clergy over the years, including the Right Reverend Dr. John McKim who was called to be the 2nd bishop of Japan in 1893, while he was rector of St. John the Evangelist in Lockport.

The parish of St. John's is inviting the diocesan community to participate in the first of numerous events celebrating their 175 years of service, beginning with Lessons and Carols at 10:30 AM on **Sunday December 27**, followed by a formal brunch and reception.

Attendance at the service is open but reservations are required for the brunch. Please contact us at the Church Office 815 834-1168.

Ordinations and Institutions

Ordinations at St. James Cathedral

Bishop Jeffrey Lee will preside at the ordination of priests at St. James Cathedral **Saturday December 5** beginning at 11 am. Candidates for ordination are **Julianne Buenting** of St. Paul and the Redeemer, Chicago; **Donna M. Ialongo** of St. Barnabas, Glen Ellyn; **Elizabeth A. Molitors** of Trinity Church, Wheaton; **Marion E.K. Phipps** of St. Hugh of Lincoln, Elgin; and **Kristin White** of the Diocese of Oregon, and Church of the Holy Spirit, Lake Forest.

Ordination in Dixon

Aaron Gerlach will be ordained priest by Assistant Bishop Victor Scantlebury on **Tuesday December 8** at St. Luke's, 211 S. Peoria, Dixon at 7 pm.

Ordination of Transitional Deacon

Assistant Bishop Victor Scantlebury will ordain Janice Diane Watts as transitional deacon on **Saturday December 12** at 10 am at All Saints Church, 4370 Woodland in Western Springs.

Christ Church rector institution

Bishop Jeffrey Lee will install the Rev. Peter Campbell as rector of Christ Church, River Forest on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 7 pm.

Retreats

Advent Silent Retreat at DeKoven

The Rev. Margaret Guenther, for decades an acclaimed spiritual writer and mentor, will lead the Advent Silent Retreat **December 4 through 6** at The DeKoven Center, 600 21st Street in Racine, an opportunity for this season not to be missed. Even Margaret's title "Emmanuel, come!" echoes Advent's urgency.

The Silent Retreat begins Friday evening, December 4, at 5:00 with a Gathering Reception in historic Taylor Hall and ends on Sunday morning, Dec. 6, following the Holy Eucharist and brunch. Commuter rates are available, as well as partial scholarships on request and also clergy discounts. For reservation, email jpeyton@dekovencenter.org or phone The DeKoven Center, 262-633-6401. For information, email kclark@dekovencenter.org

The next Datebook will be published the week before Christmas. Check the Master Calendar on the [website](#) for any updates.