



the NATIVITY *Scene*

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Hello Youth Group!

We only have a couple of months left before we take our summer break, and they are going to be terrific. During April we will have Foot Night, Duct Tape Challenge, Loaves and Fishes Potluck, and Negative Night. Watch your emails and our FaceBook group for details on each. Sunday School continues to meet on Sunday mornings 9:15am (yes, really), and I would love to see you then, as well.



May will be busy, too, with more Wednesday night activities, and a special Sunday honoring those of you who are graduating from Youth Group (and High School). We will do that on May 19th, but the , and that's are asking the congregation to bring us goodies. We will have a laundry basket in Battin Hall for each of you that will be moving on, and will ask our Holy Nativity family to contribute items that will make the transition to adult life a little easier.

We are still planning our summer Youth Room renovation. Keep thinking of ways we can make our space better, and we will plan a work day over the summer. We have already received one generous donation to get us started!

We will also have another yard sale this summer to raise money for Rock the Universe. If you are cleaning out your stuff right now, bring it to us and we'll store it in the youth room!

See you in the upstairs room.
Judy

Adult Christian Education
Fr. Tom

αποκαλυψις

Throughout the Easter Season we will read and discuss *The Revelation to John* both in our Adult Sunday School class and in our midweek Bible Seminars. An exciting book with all manner of vivid imagery, this last and final book of the Bible is not as scary, nor as doomdayish as one might fear. Join us between services 9:15 Sunday mornings or one of our Bible Seminars (Tuesday mornings in town or Wednesday afternoons at the beach). For more information, email Fr Tom at twellerpc@gmail.com.

αποκαλυψις is apocalypse, revelation.

Tom+

Backpack and Food Bank News

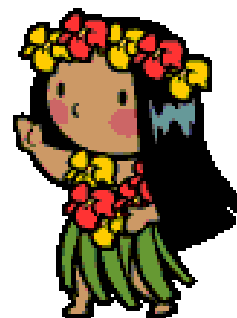
One great thing about the Backpack Ministry and the Food Bank is that these ministries have taught all of us involved that we can act as the hands and feet of Christ without neglecting our other responsibilities, so long as we work together. Feeding 93 kids, week after week, would be too much for one person. Still, we are accomplishing exactly that as a team, with each providing his or her small gift to make it happen. An energetic parishioner quietly ensures we have food each week when contributions run short, with the help of another friend who helps her load and unload the bounty. Another among us is a grocer, and arranges to provide food at cost so we can stretch our contributions farther. A family and their friends pull together on Wednesday nights in a raucous ritual of loading 93 backpacks when others are sitting down to supper. Other friends pull away from work for a few minutes to pick up backpacks from the school at the beginning of the week, while others deliver and unload them at the school.

All of this takes only a little time out of everyone's day, and has, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, created a feeding ministry out of nothing. Together we are accomplishing wonderful things, and this is only the beginning.

Interested in adding your gifts to the mix? Email Mike Dickey at mpdickey64@yahoo.com or call at 867.2550.

ALOHA!

*It's time for our Supper Club Mixer!!
We're having a LUAU!!!!*



*Put on your best Hawaiian shirt, Moo-moo or
grass skirt and let's celebrate spring!*

*Saturday, April 27 at 6:00 pm
at The Parish House.*

Bring a dish and a smile.

We'll have good food & great fellowship!

ALOHA!

Attention Acolyte Parents

There will be a meeting of the Acolyte Parents (parents only) on Sunday, April 14th beginning at 9:30 in the Parish House. The purpose of this meeting is to get your feedback on a possible adventure for the acolytes in the fall which will require much advance planning if we wish to make this opportunity available to them. Curious? Please join us between the services on Apr. 14th! (P.S.—we're not telling the kids!)

Mike Harding-Acolyte Master



Save The Date!



May 19, 2013

Please join us this Sunday
where we will honor our
graduates!



Children's Ministry April 2013

April	Sunday School 9:15 In our Chapel Room in the two-story building	Children's Church 10:30 In Kids' Kingdom after the children's sermon at the beginning of the worship service. They return to "big church" for communion.	Nursery 10:15 Younger children enjoy being in the nursery with Callie Mills and our wonderfully faithful nursery Volunteer.
7	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	"Joseph's Dream" Jenny Collier 215-6554 Brandi Kelley 785-1139	Theresa Durgan 913-3471
14	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	"The Brothers Sell Joseph" Trey Hutt 814-7934 Holly Melzer 896-0428	Kathy Brust 265-3172
21	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	"Joseph's Brothers Go to Egypt" Casey Cole 319-4376 Karen Shores 867-1084	Pat Spangler 215-5247
28	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	"Moses is Born" Ashley Eaton 769-8533 Amy Russell 960-5263	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276

Many thanks go to all of you who helped make Easter a glorious time for our children at Holy Nativity. And special thanks go to Fr. Steve for inviting the children to participate in the Easter worship service and allowing us to welcome everyone with the historical Easter acclamation, "Alleluia. Christ is risen!". I hope the children felt the importance of that role...I certainly did. They all seemed to enjoy flowering the cross and the Easter egg hunt. Again, thank you for contributing the candy and the eggs, and thanks to Mr. Tom Hairston for filling them. At Holy Nativity, we want Easter to be a wonderful time for our children by giving them memorable and meaningful experiences that extend beyond candy and fun to an understanding of joy in the resurrection of our Lord...the Lord is risen indeed!



Beverly McDaniel

🎵 **Music Notes** 🎵 by Marqua Brunette
Director of Choirs

The Chancel and Rite One Choirs

Alleluia! The Lord is Risen! I continue to find myself humming the joyous songs that were sung that morning. I hope that the entire Holy Week culminating with the Risen Christ was musically enriching for you. It is our hope that the musical offerings brought God's message to you as you sang or listened. I would like to thank all of our choir members for their hard work in order to offer music for Palm Sunday and throughout all of Holy Week and Easter that was so meaningful. We are blessed to have dedicated voices and I thank all who shared their gifts. Both of our adult choirs have newly-joined members and we rejoice in their gift of song as we welcome them to our choirs. Thanks also go to the gifted instrumentalists who played during Holy Week and Easter and their participation was most welcomed. Membership in our adult choirs is always open to anyone interested. Rite One Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 5:30 – 6:30 PM and Chancel Choir immediately following from 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

Children's Choir

This Children's Choir is enjoying a wonderful spring filled with joyous songs and singing stories filled with God's words and messages. Weekly prayer time is always special and so profound. Please stay tuned for the exact date when they will sing during church again. It will soon be time for the presentation of choir certificates and pins and the opportunity to recognize these fine young voices who are paving the way for choirs of the future at Holy Nativity. There will also be a little end-of-the-year Children's Choir party on May 1st. I cannot think of a better way to celebrate my birthday than with these little cherubs!

*(This letter was sent from the Bishop by
email to the church.)*

Dear friends in Christ,

Over the past several years I have sent out a card, as did Bishop Duvall and Bishop Murray before me, asking for a gift to The Bishop's Dollars. Gifts to The Bishop's Dollars are an important part of facilitating the Bishop's ministry and assistance to the needy and elderly, service organizations, and clergy and clergy families in times of need.

This appeal is being made electronically in order to save the cost of printing and postage. We are trying to use the maximum amount of every gift for the purpose it is intended, to help those in need! To contribute to this appeal, please make your check payable to "The Bishop's Dollars" and send it to the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, P.O. Box 13330, Pensacola, FL 32591. If you wish to set up a recurring monthly ACH debit, please contact Jennifer Barnard in the Diocesan Office.

I appreciate your continued support for The Bishop's Dollars as we seek to assist those who need financial aid in these hard economic times. May God bless you as your gift blesses those in need.

I am yours in Christ,



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April 2 Anne Hawley, Jim Sandlin, Duncan Scott
April 4 Alyssa Shores
April 5 Mac Bonham
April 6 Clara Spaulding
April 8 Benjamin Stuart
April 9 Anna McCord
April 10 Sarah Dick
April 11 Deana Gailfoil
April 12 Callie Mills
April 13 Jewell Harding, Pam Hawley, Parker McClellan
April 14 Reagan Jones
April 15 Garrett Coley, Alden Davis, Tony Hill
April 16 Richard Doran
April 18 Nelson Scott
April 19 Michael McLawhorn
April 22 Henry Breland, Carmen Camenzind, Byron Matthews, Steve McClain, Joseph Parell, Stephanie Pettis, Madilyn Streichert, Joseph Thompson, James Thompson
April 25 Ella Cole
April 26 David Fennell, Addison Pack
April 27 Benjamin Churchill, Alex Phillips, Faith Smith
April 29 Bailey Melzer, Madge Smith, Megan Thompson



April 1 Jim and Florence Fortier
April 7 Bret and Katie Fisher
 Mark and Pam Hawley
April 8 Rusty Smith and Stephanie Pettis
April 9 David and Madge Smith
April 15 James and Joyce Cosper
April 16 Max and Joyce Dannecker
 Bill and Sylvia Mormile
April 17 Heinz and Jaimie Comenzind
April 20 Jim and Kelly Roberson
April 21 Chris and Kathy Mills
 Hercules and Mary Ellen Pettis
April 22 Dan and Laura Johnson
 Bruce and Phyllis McLawhorn
April 30 Jeff and Kate Watson





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DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST

The Rt. Rev. Philip M. Duncan II - Bishop

The Rev. Steven B. Bates - Rector

The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate

CHURCH STAFF

Youth Director - Judy Dickey

Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel

Administrative Assistant - Madge Smith

Director of Choirs - Marqua Brunette

Church Organist - John Durgan

Church Bookkeeper - Kathy Mills

Sexton - Lawrence Long

Weekend Sexton - James Rahn

Nursery Attendant - Callie Mills and Callie Pettis

THE VESTRY

Fr. Steve Bates - Rector

Henry Breland 13-16

Edyth Brown 12-15

Joe Ciccarelli 13-16

Carolyn Cramer 12-15

Mike Dickey 11-14

Richard Doran 11-14

Mark Godwin - Treasurer

Michele Hahn 12-15

Mike Harding 13-16

Jim Hixson 11-14

Betty Grammer 12-15

Chris Mills 13-16

Mary Ellen Pettis 11-14

Madge Smith - Clerk

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

*8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite I **

*9:15 a.m. - Adult and Youth CE, Children's
Sunday School (Sept. - May)*

*10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite II***

**Nursery Provided*

***Children's Church and Nursery Provided*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Church Office Closed!	2 12:00 pm –Mary Martha Circle	3 4:00 pm –Children’s Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-Financial Peace University begins 5:30 pm -EfM 6:00 pm-EYC	4 5:30 pm - Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5	6
7 The 2nd Sunday of Easter 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am –Christian Education 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children’s Chapel	8 10:00 am –Staff Meeting	9 9:45 am-Bible Seminar	10 4:00 pm –Children’s Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-FPU 5:30 pm -EfM 6:00 pm-EYC	11 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm Supper at Grace volunteer work 5:30 pm - Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12	13
14 The 3rd Sunday of Easter 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am –Christian Education 9:15 am-Missions and Outreach Meeting 9:15 am –Acolyte Parent Meeting 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children’s Chapel	15 10:00 am –Staff Meeting	16 9:45 am-Bible Seminar	17 4:00 pm –Children’s Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-FPU 5:30 pm -EfM 6:00 pm-EYC	18 5:30 pm - Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal	19	20
21 The 4th Sunday of Easter 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am –Christian Education 9:15 am-Vestry Meeting 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children’s Chapel	22 10:00 am –Staff Meeting Book Club 5:30 pm Panera Bread 6:30 Parish House	23 9:45 am-Bible Seminar	24 4:00 pm –Children’s Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-FPU 5:30 pm -EfM 6:00 pm-EYC	25 5:30 pm - Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal	26	27 6:00 pm-Supper Club Mixer
28 The 5th Sunday of Easter 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am-Christian Education 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children’s Chapel	29 10:00 am –Staff Meeting	30 9:45 am-Bible Seminar				

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for April 2013

April 7, 2013	April 14, 2013	April 21, 2013	April 28, 2013
Altar Guild: Nancy Breland, Victoria Williams, Rhonda Miller	Altar Guild: Monica Phillips, Mary Mittiga, David Burris	Altar Guild: Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon, Marla Churchill	Altar Guild: TBA
Greeters 8:00 am: Joy Conrad 10:30 am: Mike and Amy Zinszer	Greeters 8:00 am: Betty Heminway 10:30 am: Charlie and Cassie Commander	Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Sandy Ciccarella and Lauren Jones	Greeters 8:00 am: Dobre McMullen 10:30 am: Joe and Peggy Ferrante
Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Joe and Peggy Ferrante	Ushers 8:00 am: Susan Nelson and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Charles and Mary Bonham	Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Jim Hixson 10:30 am: Steve Dick and John Thompson	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Max and Joyce Danner
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Mike Dickey and Todd Williams	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Lou and Inge Churchill 10:30 am: Joe Ciccarella and Brian Leebrick	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Karen Tucker and Bryon Matthews 10:30 am: Stewart Sumpton and Scott Clemons	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Edyth Brown and Brian Leebrick
Acolytes 8:00 am: Eric Stewart and Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Elizabeth Zinszer, Caroline Zinszer, Stevens Roberson, Shelby Roberson, Ben Bradford, Ginny Leebrick	Acolytes 8:00 am: Wes McClellan and Madelyn Reeder 10:30 am: Jack Thompson, Morgan Williams, Ashtyn Williams, Paul Brust, Justin Rahn	Acolytes 8:00 am: Eric Stewart and Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Kyle Fisher, Claire Fisher, CAMryn Commander, Michael Watts, Sean Dickey	Acolytes 8:00 am: Wes McClellan and Madelyn Reeder 10:30 am: Trevor Madden, Drew Dickey, James Thompson, Joseph Thompson, Katie Marie Hutt
Lector at 10:30 am: Mary Ellen Pettis	Lector at 10:30 am: Jackie Rahn	Lector at 10:30 am Gerry Clemons	Lector at 10:30 am Carolyn Cramer
Tablecloth Ministry: Dawn Johnson	Tablecloth Ministry: Natasha Lithway	Tablecloth Ministry: Edyth Brown	Tablecloth Ministry: Kalynn Pressly



Only if you are unable to find a replacement for the day you are scheduled, please call your lay ministry leader.

Acolytes: Mike Harding - 747-0601
 Altar Guild: Inge Churchill - 265-6744
 Chalice Bearers/Lectors: 8 a.m. Gayle Ahrens 235-4265
 10:30 a.m. Edyth Brown - 265-4009
 Greeters/Ushers: Terry Jangula - 874-2382