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Advent and Christmas Season Schedule 2017



- Dec. 3** **A Morning with St. Nicholas at 9:15 am**
Join us for a special gathering in Battin Hall to celebrate St. Nicholas Day. There will be special music and activities for the children...and a special guest!
- Dec. 6** **A Festival of Lessons and Carols**
Join us for this very special service filled with the scriptural lessons and wonderful music of the season.
5:30 pm Christmas Potluck Dinner begins. Please bring a holiday side dish to share. Turkey will be provided.
6:30 pm A Festival of Lessons and Carols
- Dec.10** **Children's Pajama Party**
Wear your best pajamas to church and bring a new set of pajamas, stuffed animals or a bedtime storybook for the needy to be presented at church at the 10:30 am service!

9:15 am Instructed Eucharist. Everyone is invited to join Fr. Steve as he explains our traditions of the communion service.
- Dec. 20** **Children's Pageant and Children's Choir Rehearsals at 3:30 pm**
All children are invited to rehearse for the pageant and for final costume fitting!
- Dec. 24** **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**
8:00 am Holy Eucharist Service Rite One
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service Rite Two

Greening of the Church
Everyone is invited to help decorate the church after the 10:30 am service.

Christmas Eve Services
4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service with the Children's Christmas Pageant
10:00 pm Service Prelude Music begins
10:30 pm Christmas Eve Service
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Love Thy Neighbor

Tis the Season and the Youth will again be making an impact on the lives of others in our community. We ask you as a church to support Love Thy Neighbor.

Now in our forth year the LOVE THY NEIGHBOR ministry has delivered over 200 parcels (30 in 2014, 60 in 2015 & 110 in 2016) of supplies to help the SOAR Program (Street Outreach and Recovery) assist the hundreds of homeless and vulnerable youth of Bay County.



This year we are asking that you help us deliver over 100 parcels please view the wish list of items and if able buy an extra with your shop or you can purchase all the items for one parcel. All is greatly appreciated and can be left at the table in Naïve or bring to Youth group Wednesday night.

Calendar:

December 6th: 5:30 pm - Dinner and A Festival of Lessons and Carols. Youth will be packing Back Pack Buddies.

December 13th: 5:30 pm - Love Thy Neighbor Parcels will need to be returned.
Also, the Youth Group Christmas Party.

Wet-wipes x 1 packet
Deodorant x 1 stick
Scarf, hat & gloves x 1 set
Toothbrush & paste x 1 set
Chapstick x 1 stick
Canned meals ring-pull x 4 cans
Emergency poncho x 1
Granola bars x 4 bars
Crackers x 4 packet
Fruit cups x 4
Candy bar x 2
Sunscreen
Bug Repellent



A.J. Jeffery, your youth director
319-2953 or aussie_aj@holy-nativity.org

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Wednesday, December 6th
6:30 PM



Please join us for this beautiful service of scripture and music for the season presented by soloists, string quartet, organ, piano and The Chancel, Children's, and Rite One Choirs of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church.

All are welcome for a Christmas Potluck Dinner served at 5:30 pm. Turkey will be provided so please bring a holiday side-dish to share.

Donations accepted and nursery provided.

**A MORNING WITH
ST. NICHOLAS!
Pavilion Ground
Breaking!
DECEMBER 3, 2017
9:15 AM IN BATTIN HALL**



Join us for a special gathering in Battin Hall to celebrate St. Nicholas Day. There will be special music and activities for the children. Then we all go out for our ground breaking ceremony for our new Pavilion!

ADVENT OUTREACH

ANGEL TREE!



Look for our Angel Tree in Battin Hall on Dec. 3th! Please pick a name from a local nursing home and a small list if items are listed on each "ornament". Please return your wrapped gift by the deadline listed.

Advent Outreach Family!

We look forward to providing another wonderful Christmas for a deserving family. Please consider making a monetary gift. Let's make this Christmas season another example of Holy Nativity generosity for those in need! Please note on your check "Advent Outreach".



Fr. Tom: Adult Christian Education

Hello, dear friends all! The bishop's visitation on a Wednesday evening in January has mixed up our Inquirer's Seminar/Confirmation Class sessions a bit, and so I revised them entirely. The first three sessions, we talked about the Episcopal Church, Holy Nativity, the Anglican Communion, our Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast and our place in all that; about organization and governance, some of our titles and terms, about worship, about our theology and how easily to discern our theology in what we do and say and sing and pray when we gather for worship; and we did a fun and enjoyable Bible study together. So, that accomplished in three sessions more than I generally manage to cover in four seminar sessions.

Because people would be away, we had no seminar on Thanksgiving Sunday.

We also have no Confirmation Class on December 3 because it's Santa Sunday, St. Nicholas Sunday, though (because of who will not be competing in the SEC playoff game) I will be in the library between services for any adults who wish to come for a regular Sunday School session.

Sunday, December 10 is our Instructed Eucharist, with Father Steve in the sanctuary, everyone invited and welcome to this informative and enjoyable happening that counts as one of our Confirmation Class (Inquirers' Seminar) meetings. I'll see you there.

Finally, Sunday, December 17 is our last Confirmation Class (Inquirers' Seminar) gathering in the Library, between services, 9:15 to 10:15. Again, all invited and welcome. Having covered my usual four class sessions with lectures, discussion sessions and handouts, this meeting will be different: a presentation and discussion of the Gospel according to Mark, from which will come our primary gospel readings during Lectionary Year B, which starts the First Sunday in Advent. It will be an explanation of Mark's gospel from a point of view that will be original to most of you, indeed to anyone who has not previously studied Mark with me in my midweek Bible Seminars or in Sunday School. I know of nothing more appropriate for us to do, especially anyone who may be new to the Episcopal Church, than Bible study, and I hope you will want to come.

No Sunday School on December 24, which combines Advent Four in the morning with Christmas Eve that afternoon and evening.

But we'll resume Sunday School class on December 31, "Christmas One" even though it's New



- Dec. 1 Joyce Dannecker, Dunkin McLane, Alan Tremaine
- Dec. 2 Lee Gagnet, Lora Healey
- Dec. 4 William Eaton, Molly Thompson
- Dec. 5 Jennifer Ethridge, Isabella Smith
- Dec. 6 Terry Jangula, Will Melzer, Calliope Pettis, Jim Roberson
- Dec. 7 Gayle Ahrens, Carolyn Cramer
- Dec. 10 Matt Cole, Jim Dickey, Laura Eaton, Greg Russell
- Dec. 11 Lara Provencher, Sydney Syfrett
- Dec. 14 Nancy Dingus, Grace Ennis, Karen Tucker
- Dec. 16 Mark Brust, Marla Churchill
- Dec. 17 John Niziol
- Dec. 18 Edward Gagnet, Margaret Scott, Ashtyn Williams
- Dec. 21 Ryan Caldwell, Nancy Connolly, Evan Ward
- Dec. 23 Matthew Smith, Kathleen Wicker
- Dec. 26 Dianne Hodges, Jerry Shores
- Dec. 27 Lindsey Crelling
- Dec. 29 Anna Eberhard, Jim Fortier, John Moore
- Dec. 31 Michael Fuller, Victoria Lithway



- Dec. 2 Patrick and Cassie Casady
Steve and Laura McClain
- Dec. 7 Terrell and Georgie Hartzog
- Dec. 9 Joe and Carolyn Parell
- Dec. 10 Tom and Peggy Caldwell
- Dec. 23 Charles and Barbara Knowles
- Dec. 26 Dan and Faith Smith
- Dec. 27 Bill and Jennifer Ethridge
- Dec. 28 Eric and Tricia Berry
Alex and Laura King
- Dec. 29 Mike and Mary Ellen Harding
Edwin and Elizabeth Stewart
- Dec. 30 Stanley and Rhonda Miller



Instructed Eucharist

Dec. 10th at 9:15 am in the Church

Everyone is invited, but especially confirmation class members, to this informative class led by Fr. Steve about our Eucharist. Ever wonder why we do the things we do during communion?

Confirmation Classes

The Bishop will be here January 10th, on a Wednesday night, for confirmations! Classes are being held on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am.

If you would like to be confirmed into the Episcopal Church in January, please contact Fr. Tom for Adult classes and A. J. Jeffery for Youth classes or call the church office at 747-4000.

These classes are also for anyone who just wants to know more about the Episcopal Church and is open to everyone.



Children's Ministry December 2017 *by Beverly McDaniel*

December	Sunday School 9:15 am 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 Catherine Churchill or Emily Brock and our faith- ful nursery Volunteers.
3 A Morning with St. Nicholas	Battin Hall	"St. Nicholas" Liz Ward 864-420-5855 Casey Cole 319-4376	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
10	Pajama Sunday	"Advent II" Liz Ward 864-420-5855 Anna Eberhard 404-405-8188	Kaew Sumpton 872-3782
17	Costume Fitting for Pageant Casey Cole Cynthia Fuller Anna Eberhard	"Advent III" Liz Ward 864-420-5855	Pat Spangler 215-5247
24	Practice Music for Pageant and Final Costume Fitting Sharon Carroll Casey Cole	"The Christmas Story"	Teresa Durgan 913-3471
31	No Program	Judy Bennett Beverly McDaniel	Kathy Brust 814-8014



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONTINUED:

With all my heart I thank you for the compassion and support that you have shown my family and me during this awful sorrow over losing Beth. The sadness is overwhelming, but so is the loving kindness of our wonderful parish family. God truly blesses Holy Nativity, and being here now, I share in that blessing. I am especially grateful to those of you who have stepped up to insure that our children do not miss any joyful traditions and activities of this glorious season. Information on some of these follows below.

11/29 – On the last Wednesday in November, the sign-up board for the Christmas Pageant will be placed in Battin Hall. If there are multiple requests for a single role, we will draw names. Please note that those with specific parts, for example the Narrators, Mary, Joseph, the Star of Bethlehem, Gabriel, Innkeepers, Kings, etc., must be able to attend practices. Parents, please let me know if you or your children have special requests, questions, or recommendations. Remember, we want to make these special occasions meaningful and memorable for our children.

12/3 - For the first Sunday of Advent, we will recognize the kindness and generosity of St. Nicholas with **“A Morning with Saint Nicholas”** at 9:15 in Battin Hall where we will greet our eponymous guest. Liz Ward will tell us the first part of a St. Nicholas story (which we will finish during Children's Church). Then we will go outside for a special event; we get to break ground for our new pavilion...YAY! Following the ground-breaking, the children will gather quickly and quietly in the courtyard to tiptoe into the church for a few minutes of choir prac-

tice. Mr. Durgan has invited the children to sing a carol along with the Chancel Choir for the wonderful Lessons and Carols presentation so we will go to practice with the grown-ups. Finally, we return to Battin Hall to decorate our Christmas cookies and have pictures taken with St. Nicholas. Many thanks again go to Matt Cole who has produced some really nice family portraits at this event.

12/6, Wednesday - Lessons and Carols

6:30 Please have all the children who are planning to sing “Away in a Manger” with the choir during the program meet in Kids' Kingdom Theology Theatre by 6:15.

12/10 – Pajama Sunday - Wear pajamas to church! And bring pajamas to give to others...or maybe bring a cuddly stuffed animal or a nice book to read at bedtime. Please have children come to Theology Theatre by 10:20 to line up for the processional to place their gifts before the altar.

12/17 – Bring or send children to try on costumes. We will practice songs for the Christmas Pageant.

12/20 – 3:30 – Pageant Practice in the church.

12/24 - Christmas Eve 4:00 (**3:45 in Battin Hall for us**) – Our best sharing is through the Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve for we will be telling the story of the greatest gift of all.



Again, thank you so much for your help in making our church a wonderful place for our children.

Beverly McDaniel



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 1 Advent 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - A Morning with St. Nicholas! Pavilion Ground Breaking! Adult Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	4	5	5:00 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm: Christmas Potluck Dinner 6:30 pm: A Festival of Lessons and Carols	7	8	9
10 2 Advent Pajama Party Sunday! 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Adult Sunday School and Confirmation Class/ INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	11	12 6:00 pm-EfM Alumni Group Christmas Party	13 5:00 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 service followed by supper and programs 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal	14 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm Supper at Grace volunteer work	15	16
17 3 Advent 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Adult Sunday School and Confirmation Class 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel Acolyte Re-Dedication	18 Book Club 5:30 pm-Panera Bread 6:30 pm-Parish House	19 School is out until Jan. 2	20 3:30 pm: Children's Christmas Pageant Practice 6:30 pm: Vestry/ Staff Christmas Party	21	22	23
24 4 Advent/Christmas Eve 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel Decorating the Church! 4:30 pm: Christmas Eve Service with Pageant 10:00 pm: Christmas Eve Service Prelude Music begins 10:30 pm: Christmas Eve Service	25 	26	27	28	29	30
31 The 1st Sunday after Christmas Day 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel						

DECEMBER 2017 Lay Ministry Schedule

Dec. 3	Dec. 10	Dec. 17	Dec. 24 (morning services)	Dec. 31
Altar Guild: Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon, Marla Churchill	Altar Guild: Amy Russell, Barbara Knowles, Byron Matthews, Karen Tucker	Altar Guild: Tim and Monica Phillips, Mary Mittiga, David Burris	Altar Guild: Nancy Hebert and Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Max and Joyce Dannecker, Gene and Kathleen Wicker
Ushers 8:00 am: Lou Churchill and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Dick and Nancy Hebert	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Steve Dick and Bill Bradford	Ushers 8:00 am: Terry Jangula and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Alan and Jeannette Tremaine	Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Bert Churchill 10:30 am: Max and Joyce Dannecker	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Dick and Nancy Hebert
Greeters 8:00 am: Larry and Kay Young 10:30 am: Tony and Jenny Collier	Greeters 8:00 am: Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: Kate Watson	Greeters 8:00 am: Donna Jangula 10:30 am: Sandy Ciccarelli and Joe Ferrante	Greeters 8:00 am: Monica and Alex Phillips 10:30 am: Charlie Commander and Mary Ellen Pettis	Greeters 8:00 am: Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: Ken and Hannah Davis
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Inge Churchill and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Edyth Brown and Brian Leebrick	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Inge Churchill and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Joe Ciccarelli and Nancy Breland	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Karen Tucker and Byron Matthews 10:30 am: Scott Clemons and Todd Williams	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gene Wicker and Gayle Ahrens 10:30 am: TBA	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Joyce Dannecker and George McInnis
Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Morgan and Ashtyn Williams, John Moore, Emma Crelling, Ashley Doran, Andrew Collier	Acolytes 10:30 am: Joseph and James Thompson, Bailey Melzer, Emi and Hannah Hickman, Mia Carroll	Acolytes 10:30 am: Ginny Leebrick, Shelby and Stevens Roberson, John Moore, Emma Crelling, Andrew Collier	Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Jacob Brock, Paul Brust, Jackson Lee, Grady Oenbrink, Ashley Doran, Madelyn Reeder, Kate Smith	Acolytes 10:30 am: Paul Brust, Shelby and Stevens Roberson, Jackson Lee, Grady Oenbrink
Lector at 10:30 am Daniel Melzer	Lector at 10:30 am Michael Lovchuk	Lector at 10:30 am Rich Doran	Lector at 10:30 am TBA	Lector at 10:30 am Carolyn Cramer
Tablecloth Ministry: Ian Crelling	Tablecloth Ministry: Nancy Hebert	Tablecloth Ministry: Candace Leebrick	Tablecloth Ministry: No one	Tablecloth Ministry: Mary Bonham

CHRISTMAS EVE

Ushers: 4:30 pm - John Thompson, Chris Mills, Russell and Beth Brock
10:00 pm - Dick and Nancy Hebert

Greeters: 4:30 pm - Larry and Kay Young, Ursula Hixson
10:00 pm - Sue White, Wes Eberhard, Tom Hairston, and Ian Crelling

Acolytes: 4:30 pm—Morgan and Ashtyn Williams, Linda Taylor King, Bailey Melzer, Mia Carroll, Milly Eberhard, Jacob Brock, Tyler Shores, Nicolas Pereira, Grace Ennis
10:00 pm— Jack, James, and Joseph Thompson,, Ginny and Kate Leebrick, Andrew Collier, Michael Watts, Bekah Leebrick

Chalice Bearers: 4:30 pm—TBA
10:00 pm—Gene Wicker and Inge Churchill



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The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate

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Youth Director - Andrew Jeffery

Director of Music - John Durgan

Administrative Assistant - Madge Smith

Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel

Church Bookkeeper - Kathy Mills

Nursery Attendants - Kimberly Gailfoil, Catherine

Churchill, and Kaew Sumpton

THE VESTRY

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Gayle Ahrens 15-18

Peggy Bowen 16-19

Beth Brock 15-18 Sr. Warden

Tiffany Ennis 16-19

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Tom Hairston 16-19

Mike Harding 17-20

Jim Hixson 15-18

Tom Ledman 17-20 Jr. Warden

George McInnis 17-20

Madge Smith - Clerk

Hercules Pettis 17-18

Kelly Roberson 17-20

Joy Thompson 16-19

Todd Williams 14-17

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

*Sunday 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***
*Wednesday 5:30 pm - five-thirty Eucharist **
and programs

**Nursery Provided*

***Children's Church and Nursery Provided*
