



the NATIVITY Scene

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**Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper
February 21st at 5:30 pm**



We will feast on pancakes, sausages,
and gumbo before Lent begins!

Find the baby in the King's Cake and
you will win reserved seating and
parking on Easter Sunday!

Donations will be accepted.

**ASH WEDNESDAY
SERVICE**



FEBRUARY 22, 2023

**7:30 AM AND 6 PM
WITH IMPOSITION OF
ASHES**

**(NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER
OR ACTIVITIES)**

Wonderful Wednesdays will resume Feb. 1, 2023!



You don't want to miss the most fun night of the week!

5:30 pm: Worship

6:00 pm: Supper is served
(hamburgers and hotdogs)

6:30 pm: Programs for all ages/
Adult Choir Practice

We will have a special event this Wednesday where we will celebrate and remember 2022 and be open to all that awaits us in 2023.



Souper Bowl Sunday is Feb. 12!

Bring your soup for the Backpack Ministry and wear your team colors for your favorite team, what ever the sport! Baskets will be set up in the foyer. Let's see who will win our Souper Bowl!

It's time! We will be gathering for another Dining Out soon!

Join us at Olive Garden on Hwy 77, Sunday, February 26. We'll meet at 5:30 for cocktails then dinner at 6:00, Dutch treat. This will also serve as the Supper Club Mixer and those who wish to be in Supper Club will receive their group info at that time as well. Join us for an evening out with good food & conversation and without kids, dogs or doorbells.



Please contact Mary Ellen Pettis so that we can get a headcount and reserve enough space. You can sign up in the foyer, call/text at 850-628-4700 or email at trespiscses522@gmail.com.

LAUNDRY LOVE SUNDAY! FEBRUARY 26, 2023

Join us for this special Sunday where we will find out more about the Laundry Love Ministry!

Our totals for 2022: We served 116 households, 314 individuals, and even though we didn't start estimating loads until April ... we came in at 536, and spent a total of \$2,955 just in quarters alone!!

We need volunteers!

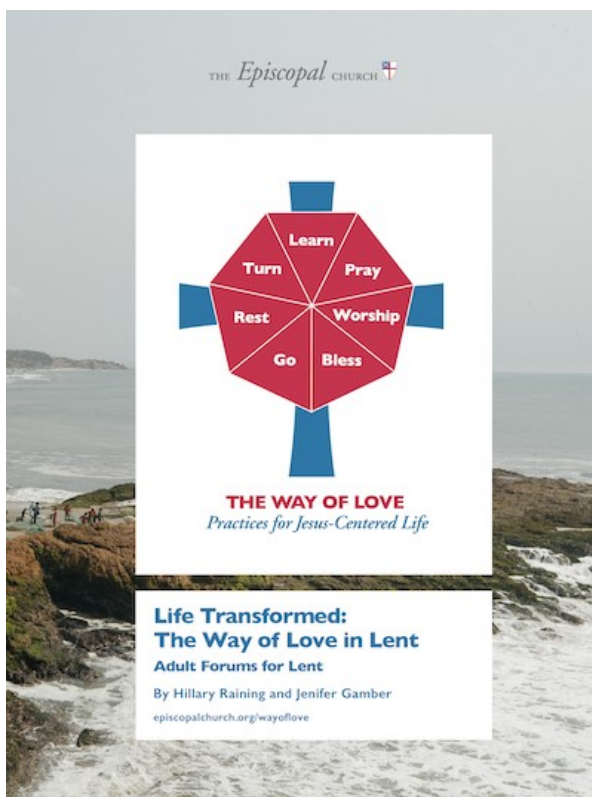
For donations toward this important ministry, please note "Laundry Love" on your check or you can our website, holy-nativity.org and after you're in the online giving tab, click on "other".

Love Never Ends
(neither does laundry)

Thank you from Fr. Tom

To our beloved parishioners and friends: thank you so much for the monetary gift at Christmas and Year's End. Your kindness and generosity touches my heart beyond words, and always stirs my gratitude to Father Steve for his phone call to me back in April 2009, when I was retiring as priest at St Thomas by the Sea and Steve invited me to return to Holy Nativity as Priest Associate. I love working with Fr Steve and serving on staff here at my old Home Parish, where your ongoing smile and lovingkindness keep me warm and safe. Love from Linda and me to each on you.

*Most sincerely,
Fr Tom*



Lenten Program 2023

The Way of Love in Lent
Beginning March 1st

Worship • 5:30
Soup Supper • 6:00
Program • 6:30

This Lent, you are invited to walk with Jesus in his Way of Love and into the experience of transformed life. Utilizing brief videos and discussion questions we will examine the 7 components of the Way of Love program developed by our Presiding Bishop.

Note: There will be no Wednesday program on March 15th due to Spring Break.

New Year and New Adventures

Firstly I hope everyone had a happy, safe and relaxing festive season and a positive return to school, work and routine!

The first Wednesday night program is February 1st, we will celebrate this with an opportunity to remember 2022 and be open to all that awaits us in 2023.



If you haven't been or it has been awhile since you attended a Wednesday night please come along. Youth Group is a space where students can meet and chat with others from different school and friend groups. This is a great opportunity for networks outside of school friends.

We are planning a church wide trivia night and other fun events hosted by the youth group.

LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE A STUDENT INTERESTED IN COMING TO YOUTH GROUP

Do you have a new driver in your family? As a church we would like to offer a blessing of the car keys to protect new drivers and all who travel with them. Please let the church office know.

Livestream Assistant

Everyone enjoys the livestream services, but help is needed maybe once a month. Training provided and recognition in the weekly bulletin!

Ideas for youth ministry?

Do you have an idea for youth ministry or a passion to lead an activity? Let us know.

Hope to see you Wednesdays.

A.J. Jeffery, Youth Director

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**“IF IT’S NOT
ABOUT LOVE,
IT’S NOT
ABOUT GOD!”**

*Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry
The Episcopal Church*



Children's Ministry February 2023 By Beverly McDaniel

Several years ago, Fr. Steve asked me to write a SHORT paragraph about Children's Ministry at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church. I said, "Fine", but it was not as easy as I had anticipated. As teachers and parents, we spend hours discussing what is most important for our children and how best to impart so much to them. We enjoy those conversations...we can go on and on and on. But editing down to SHORT is really hard. What would you add? That is easy. What would you delete? This is as concise as I could get it.

Holy Nativity is a Church that welcomes and loves children. It is a place where children can feel safe, develop relationships and friendships, and have fun as they build the foundations for Christian faith and community service. At Holy Nativity, Children's Ministry is committed to teaching our children to know God as they hear Old Testament Bible stories of his marvelous power. From the New Testament lessons, they learn of God's great love for us, how he sent his son, Jesus, to show us how to live, loving God and all people. With the foundation of "Love God, Love Your Neighbor", we look for the Holy Spirit to help them attain spiritual relationships with God and with Jesus that will guide them throughout their lives.

BACKPACK BUDDY NEWS

The New Year is rolling full steam ahead for Backpack Buddies!

Please stop by the bulletin board in the foyer and have a look at the sweet thank you note that we received from our Buddies. Seeing their signatures makes it especially meaningful and helps to confirm how important this ministry is to our Buddies.

Souper Bowl Sunday promises to be a fun way to show support for your team and for the Backpack Ministry. No limit to the number of cans that you can contribute!

Have a look at the packing schedule to see which weeks fit your schedule and you can join the FUN!

Jan 30-Feb 3 TEAM MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

Feb 6-Feb 10 TEAM DEPT OF YOUTH

Feb 13-Feb 17 TEAM SCOTT

Feb 20-Feb 24 TEAM NINA

Feb 27-Mar 3 TEAM TREY

Birthdays

Feb. 1 John Morrow
 Feb. 2 Monica Phillips
 Feb. 3 Lenka Doran
 Feb. 4 Wes Eberhard, Shani Lee, Daniel Melzer
 Feb. 5 Mary Mittiga
 Feb. 6 Isaac Ward
 Feb. 7 Everett Gladden, Dana Ledman
 Feb. 9 Samantha Smith
 Feb. 10 Michelle Kraut, Brian Leebrick
 Feb. 11 Hannah Davis, Gene Miller, Susan Nelson, Hercules Pettis, Jeannette Tremaine
 Feb. 12 Sarah Davis
 Feb. 13 Levi Barton, Scott Clemons
 Feb. 15 Connie McClellan
 Feb. 16 Kate Smith
 Feb. 17 Reagan Duffy, Arthur Kraut
 Feb. 18 Charlotte Eberhard
 Feb. 19 Jackson Lee
 Feb. 21 Martin Brust, Bert Churchill
 Feb. 22 Steve Dick, Allen Nease, Mario San Juan
 Feb. 23 Suzanne Grossman
 Feb. 24 Hansson Henneberg
 Feb. 25 Lori Faison, Nancy Pride, Kevin Wattenbarger, Sue White
 Feb. 26 Edyth Brown, David Burris
 Feb. 27 David Lithway
 Feb. 28 Ashley Doran

Anniversaries

Feb. 5 Ted and Ina Joy Conrad
 Feb. 16 Martin and Kathy Brust
 Feb. 19 Wayland and Glenda Patterson
 Feb. 20 Robert and Lyn Weick
 Feb. 24 Dunkin and Edwina McLane

Altar Flower Price Increase

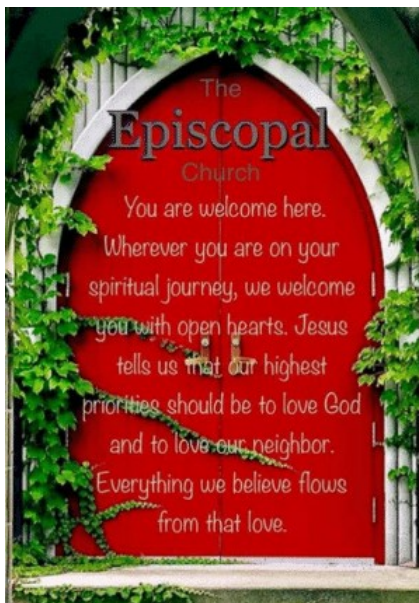
An adjustment has been made to the cost to donate Altar flowers. Hallmark Flowers has upped the cost per vase, and so we have to do the same. Some of the price increase comes from the rising cost of everything, and also we now have larger vases which require larger arrangements. Each arrangement will be \$45. We have two arrangements on the Altar each Sunday.

If one person signs up for a Sunday, you are only responsible for \$45.

Many Thanks

Once again, many thanks for all the kindnesses given to Lori and me during the holiday season. We are both so grateful to be a part of the Holy Nativity community and look forward to a new year together. Your generosity and thoughtfulness humble us. Please know we are grateful and happy we are for each of you.

God Love You,
Lori and Steve+



Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for February 2023

Feb. 5	Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Feb. 26
Altar Guild: Gene and Kathleen Wicker, Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon	Altar Guild: Marla Churchill, Amy Russell, Barbara Knowles	Altar Guild: Tim and Monica Phillips, Mary Mittiga, David Burris	Altar Guild: Dan and Robin Finley, Joanne MacPhee, Nancy Roupp, Tricia Berry
Ushers 8:00 am: Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan 10:30 am: Charles and Mary Bonham	Ushers 8:00 am: Bert Churchill and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Linda Weller and Lori Bates	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Joyce Dannecker	Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Russell and Beth Brock
Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Michael Fuller	Greeters 8:00 am: Marla Churchill 10:30 am: Jenny Collier	Greeters 8:00 am: Phyllis Hunt 10:30 am: Al Tremaine	Greeters 8:00 am: Monica Phillips 10:30 am: Jani Smith
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gene and Kathleen Wicker 10:30 am: Kelly Roberson and Joe Ciccarelli	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Scott Clemons and Joyce Dannecker	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Theresa Townsend and Joanne MacPhee 10:30 am: Nancy Breland and George McInnis	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Lisa McLendon and Ian Crelling
Acolytes for 10:30 Kate Leebrick, Emma Crelling, Matheson Crelling, Carson Berry	Acolytes for 10:30 Tyler Shores, Jackson Lee, Laney Lee, Wyatt Syfrett	Acolytes for 10:30 Brody Fuller, Isaac Ward, Evan Ward, Scarlet Jernigan	Acolytes for 10:30 Ashtyn Williams, Nicolas Pereira, Esteban Pereira, Charlotte Eberhard
Lector at 10:30 am Michael Lovchuk	Lector at 10:30 am Holly Melzer	Lector at 10:30 am Rich Doran	Lector at 10:30 am Jenny Collier

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DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST

The Rt. Rev. Russell Kendrick - Bishop
The Rev. Steven B. Bates - Rector
The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate

CHURCH STAFF

Youth Director/Video Production- AJ Jeffery
Director of Music - John Durgan
Administrative Assistant - Madge Smith
Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel
Children's Choir Director - Leigh Gladden
Church Bookkeeper – Kathy Mills
Sexton - Deana Gailfoil
Nursery Attendant - Kaew Sumpton

THE VESTRY

Fr. Steve Bates - Rector
Tricia Berry 2023
Beth Brock 2026
Joe Ciccarelli 2024
Anna Eberhard 2024
Mark Godwin - Treasurer
Jim Hixson 2026
John Hutt 2024

Donna Jangula 2026
Joanne MacPhee 2023
Ivan Pereira 2022
Karen Shores 2023
Madge Smith - Clerk
John Thompson 2024
Gene Wicker 2023

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

<i>Sunday 8:00 a.m. -</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist - Rite I</i>
<i>9:15 a.m. -</i>	<i>Adult Sunday School</i>
<i>10:30 a.m. -</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist - Rite II with Children's Chapel</i>

<i>Wednesday 5:30 pm -</i>	<i>(Sept.-May) five-thirty casual service followed by supper and programs</i>
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