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And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

COLOSSIANS 3:17

The Herald

November 2024



From the Senior Warden ...

Greetings to my Nativity Family,

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The "Thanks" giving season is upon us. We had a fantastic start to the season, with October filled with activities and opportunities. Our Priest celebration day was terrific, and many thanks to Janice for sharing her special day with us. Father Michael wanted me to express his thankfulness and stated this was the best celebration he had experienced. We had a cleanup Saturday after the



storm and were able to clear our property quickly; thank you, Pete and Ron, for your Leadership. Our final event was Trunk or Treat. This was a wonderful afternoon of outreach to our community. We had a glorious day and saw several families from the community surrounding

the Church property. Thank you, Elaine and Greg, for your Leadership. I have also included pictures of these events for you to enjoy.



Our Search committee finished the first draft of our portfolio (resume) and will continue to edit and add to this document with guidance from Canon Brust. Once we have a final copy, we will send the portfolio electronically and have hard copies in the Narthex for you to read. I want to remind you that we are following the process, and there will not be much communication once our portfolio (resume) is complete.

November is another month where we will have several activities and opportunities. Our first event will be a celebration of 50 years in ministry

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning

8:00 a.m.

and

10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m.

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From the Senior Warden cont'd ...

with Father Michael. We will then have our Harvest Sunday which is a day to be thankful for all of the bounty we are afforded because of God's creation and love for each of us. Thank you, Rose, Mary, and Roma, for your leadership. Ending our month will be our Thanksgiving Dinner at Nativity for those who want to enjoy food, fellowship, and fun. Thank you, Dennis, for your Leadership.

Thank you for everything you do daily to keep Nativity vibrant and alive with God's love and our love for each other.

Blessings, Deborah

Harvest Sunday *November 17, 2024*

*We are thankful to the new Committee,
Rose Skeete, Mary Justice, and Roma Bramble,
for bringing back this special day.
Questions? Please contact Rose, Mary, or Roma.*



Unsung Heros



Vasco leading the Wednesday Service

Thanksgiving Dinner *at Nativity*

November 28, 2024 | 12:00 p.m.

Come break bread with your Nativity Family as we celebrate our love for each other and create fellowship among us. Just bring a side dish or dessert and we will supply the turkey, gravy, stuffing, potatoes, and cranberry sauce.

*To attend or volunteer,
please sign up in the Narthex*



December Parents' Night Out

Attention all Parents and Caregivers!



Kids 4 - 12 years old are welcome to join us on Friday, December 6, from 7:00 - 9:30 PM. Planning is under way to celebrate Saint Nicholas Day with

some special activities. This is a great opportunity for adults to go Christmas shopping while their children are cared for in a safe environment. For additional details, contact the church office at 772.343.0401 or email Elaine Clem (eg_clem@bellsouth.net).

Daughters of the King



Reorganizing The Order of The Daughters of the King at Nativity

Since the inception of The Church of the Nativity, the ministry of The Daughters of the King has been pivotal in the growth of our parish through the dedicated women who have provided the gifts of prayer, service and evangelism. During the last few years, this ministry, like so many others in the life of the church at large, has diminished through many trials as our fellowship has grown older or moved on to higher ground. Thankfully, through the leadership of President Dottie Johnson, until now, DOK has kept the faith. However, few members have been attending meetings or been willing or able to step into leadership roles, and the work that the daughters have so selflessly given to our church has lessened in strength. On the other hand, the DOK prayer ministry is still strong (thank you, Joan Garman for leading us in this effort), and it is because of this need that the daughters have decided against disbanding our chapter. Thankfully, the Diocese has stepped in to help us to transition to an innovative way of moving forward while we wait for a new rector's leadership.

Last month, Nadine Craig, President of the Diocesan DOK, met with a small group of twelve daughters between services. She explained that she and her board would help us maintain our presence at Nativity by taking on the leadership role that Dottie has had for so long. Mary Mosley and Pat Pusey, who has been in this position before at another parish, have agreed to facilitate the meetings which the group decided would be held at 9:15 a.m.

on the third Sunday of each month. These meetings will be designed to reacquaint the daughters with the DOK mission, provide sharing and healing opportunities, and invite other interested church members to learn about the DOK ministry. To confirm the commitment that the Diocese has for our chapter, Father Andrew Lazos, DOK Diocesan Chaplain, and his wife Cristin, who is a daughter, visited Nativity in October. We are happy to announce that Diocesan DOK Board members will be leading our chapter meetings for the next six months.

This month on Sunday, November 17, between services at 9:15 a.m. Nancy Kelly, First Vice President of the Diocesan Assembly of Central Florida, will speak with our chapter on the topic of "Humility." All interested women are welcome to attend. In the meantime, please pray for the growth and development of Nativity's DOK Chapter St. Lucie so that we can continue to follow our motto:

*"For His Sake ... I am but one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything,
but I can do something.*

*What I can do,
I ought to do.
What I ought to do,
by the grace of
God, I will do.
Lord, what will you
have me do?"*



DOK Leadership



DOK Membership

November Birthdays & Anniversaries



November 1: Terry Garman, Lee Sherman, Stanley Brimm

November 9: Melvin Flournoy

November 14: Kenneth Bridges

November 15: Joan Garman

November 16: Elsa Craig

November 17: Victor Cyrus

November 21: Calvin Lewis

November 23: Starr Coulter

November 28: Arlene DeRoy

November 29: Elaine Gallagher



November 21: Robert & Kate Smith

November 23: Larry & Annette Jennings

November 26: William & Brenda Perry

Scouts Helping in the Kitchen



Outreach Ministry

We are at the beginning of the busiest time of the year for the Outreach ministry. We will be delivering 36 Thanksgiving Food Baskets to families in need. We are again collaborating with Council on Aging, school Social Workers, and our monthly community members.

As we prepare for the Thanksgiving Baskets, our Outreach Pantry is in need of canned yams or sweet potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, boxed or dry milk, and pasta sauce. We also need paper goods, bath soap, and dish soap. Monetary donations or Publix gift cards are also gratefully accepted.



Unfortunately, we can no longer accept pasta, rice, boxed potatoes, or fresh vegetables as we are unable to properly store them.

If you have a flair for decorating, please join us Monday, November 4th at 9:00 a.m.. In Wolfe Hall to decorate the Thanksgiving Baskets. If you have a glue gun, please bring it along.

We are selling Enjoyment Books at \$35 each. \$10 from the sale of each book goes directly to support our outreach programs.

Thank you for your continuing support!



Celebrating 50 Years in Ministry

Congratulations Fr. Michael!

Father Michael was Ordained on November 2, 1974
His favorite Bible Verse is Luke 4: 18-19



Picture Nativity ...



Observation by CPA as he audits our records and processes.

Ladies' Lunch

Save the date to join the ladies of Nativity for lunch and fellowship the first Monday of the month (next lunch is November 4 at Noon) at Sailor's Return, 625 S.W. Anchorage Way, Stuart, Fl. 772-872-7250. We will be carpooling, be at church by 11:15 a.m., we will depart at 11:30 a.m.



Men's Breakfast November 30, 2024



All men are invited to meet the last Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at Mission Kitchen, 6650 S. Federal Hwy 1, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952.

Greening of the Church

Greening of the church will take place on Sunday, December 22nd. Please look for additional details in the December Herald. Many hands make light work!



Campus Clean Up after the Storm ...



Trunk or Treat 2024 at Nativity



Concert: December 7, 2024



Featuring
The Award Winning
Lauderhill Steel Ensemble
And Accomplished Violinist

Saturday, December 7, 2024
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

\$45.00 per person, children under 12 \$10.00

Refreshments for sale.

Advanced ticket sales only.
No tickets will be available at the door.

Call for tickets:

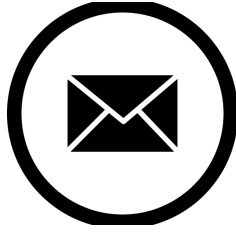
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Weekly Emails

We send a weekly email that includes a weekly calendar and announcements, and other important information.

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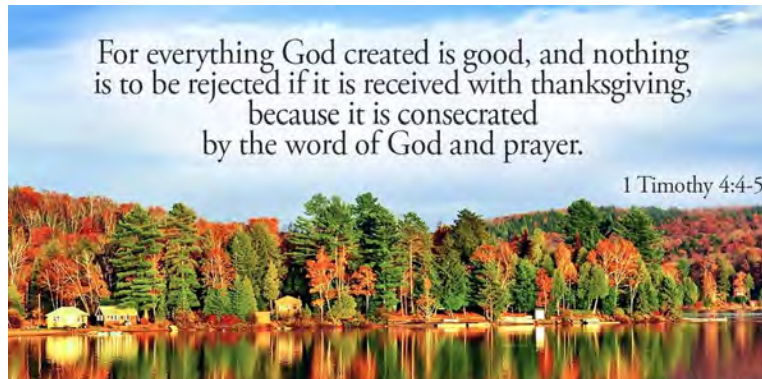
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OUR MISSION:

UNITED BY GOD'S GRACE

Loving and Serving ALL People in Christ's Name

OUR VISION:

As a Christ-centered oasis, the Church of the Nativity will be a place to experience acceptance and love. We will invite ALL people to come, be spiritually replenished, and leave eager to do the work God has called each of us to do. We will reflect God's love and limitless possibilities through our commitment to meaningful worship, spiritual formation, sweeping outreach, and robust growth.



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