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 Sunday Services 10:00am

Monthly Message

from Father Shibu, Priest-in-Charge



Dear Holy Nativity Family,

As we step into the month of August, I am filled with gratitude and excitement for the journey we are on together. This summer has been a season of growth, connection, and deepening our faith. I am honored to witness the love and dedication that each of you brings to our church community.

August is often a time of transition. Some of us are preparing for the new school year, while others are winding down from summer vacations. It’s a moment to reflect on our personal and spiritual growth over the past few months and to renew our commitment to our faith and to each other. I wish all success and blessings to those who are preparing for the new school year.

As the new school year approaches, let’s remember the story of a young student named Max. On his first day back at school, Max accidentally brought his dog’s chew toy instead of his pencil case. When he opened his backpack and saw the toy, he panicked. But then his teacher, seeing his distress, said with a smile, “Max, it looks like you’ve brought a little bit of joy to class today. Let’s trade it for a pencil and get started.” This light-hearted moment reminded Max that it’s okay to make mistakes and that school is a place for learning and growing, not just academically but also in understanding and kindness.

As we navigate this season of change, let us find comfort in the words of **Ecclesiastes 3:1, “To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.”** This verse reminds us that every stage of life has its purpose, and every transition brings its own opportunities for growth and renewal. Embrace the new experiences with faith, knowing that God has a plan for each of us. As we move forward, may we be guided by the Holy Spirit in all that we do. Let us pray for one another, support each other, and work together to make Holy Nativity a place of love, hope, and faith.

Blessings to you all,

Fr. Shibu Reginold Pananchikkal

BISHOP'S VISIT

Sunday, July 20, 2024



What a wonderful day!

8 Baptisms • 1 Confirmation • 3 Reaffirmations







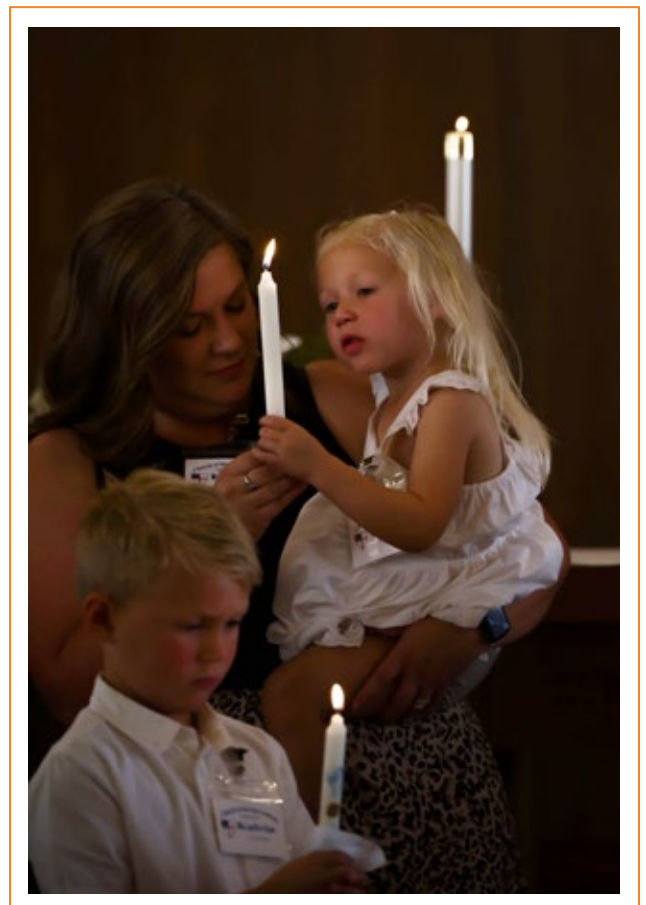
Lorraine Bowring and everyone else who helped to make the Annual Yard Sale a great success. This is one event that takes lots of time and people pulling together. And true to form for Holy Nativity, we did it with flying colors despite triple digit temps. There was a dedicated team of volunteers who helped to sort and price items that continued to be donated, day after day by our thoughtful congregation. We had quite the array of items and some great deals to be had for our shoppers. **The grand total from the Yard Sale was \$2,266.79**

Kay Grooms & Company did a fantastic job with the Baked Food Sale. There were lots of delicious items for sale. As always, our talented bakers came through in marvelous fashion. We are so very blessed. **The grand total from the Baked Food Sale was \$284.35**

Teen Youth Group Glass Pocket Hearts were a **HUGE** hit. Our very special thanks to **Darlene Stattner** who made and donated the beautiful hearts and **Linda Czarkowski** who designed the cards they were attached to that explained the W.I.N.G.S. Mission. **The grand total from the sale of the glass hearts was \$305.50**

Beautiful Freshly Painted Teen Youth Room! Have you seen it?!? **Carl and Judy Pierce** put in lots of hours to give the Teen Youth Room a facelift with fresh new paint. Colorful pillows have been added to their new furnishings and thanks to Kimby Tharakan (the Bishop's wife) they have a **nice big new-to-them TV!** Things are coming together in a wonderful way for our Teen Youth Group and we couldn't be more pleased. We're very thankful for Judy's dedication to our teens and all she is doing to make our Youth Group a connected and nurturing ministry where kids are genuinely valued and welcomed.

Marc Fox, Sr. our photographer, was on hand the day of the Bishop's visit. Marc is highly skilled and able to produce some wonderful results. He took multiple photos of the baptisms, confirmation and reaffirmations. These photos are being added to our website for all to enjoy. They're amazing and we are so very blessed to have someone like Marc who is so talented. When asked to take photos, he never hesitates, he's always very gracious and willing to be there for us. **What a blessing he is!**



LADIES TIME OUT

Happy Hour at Kona Grill

at the Village

Monday, August 5th • 4:30pm

Enjoy a refreshing beverage and some happy hour snacks at this beautiful setting at the Village.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall for all who would like to join us for this fun time together.

Questions? Call Sue Pahlas
(208) 891-3258



Sunday School Teachers Wanted



Can you believe school is going to be starting soon?!? We will be planning Sunday School for the new school year. Since our classes are growing we will be having 2 separate classes, 3-5 year olds and 6 and up. That means we will need more teachers. Grandparents, parents, and young adults are all welcome to help out.

There will be 2 teams of 2 teachers who will teach two Sundays in a row. Then they don't teach for about a month or 5 weeks, depending upon how many teachers we have. All the lessons and activities will be planned. We use "Sermons4Kids" that follows the liturgical year.

We will be having a teacher meeting the first part of September, and Sunday School will start on Sept 15th. Soon there will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall for teachers. You will be able to choose which age group you would prefer to help with.

Please contact Cindy Wolfenbarger
if you are willing to help or have any questions.
208-890-3665 • cindywolfenbarger@gmail.com





JUNE TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Reserve Fund	11,137.71
Be Our Guest	5,328.85
Caring Closet	2,162.83
Children's Ministry	645.08
2 Cents-a-Meal	1,826.64
Building Fund	7,701.59
Memorial Fund	5,915.84
Paradise Point	4,607.38
Kitchen Improvements	8,808.56
New Dishwasher	300.00
Youth Ministry	2,260.00
Altar Guild Donation	1,420.73
Music	95.00
Landscaping	1,050.00
Sound System	2,400.00
Discretionary Fund	5,024.60
Full Time Priest Fund	88,403.19
Thanksgiving Baskets	130.00
Nampa and Meridian Irrigation	200.00
Christmas Families	0.00
Capital Campaign HVAC System	(138.00)
Convention Donation	9.77
Balance	\$149,289.77

AUGUST Birthdays



Susan Fink	8//2
Mateo Horn	8/2
Marc Allen Fox, Jr.	8/3
Joy Keefe	8/4
Nick Magette	8/10
David Henninger	8/11
Cindy Wolfenbarger	8/19
TaeLynn Loveland	8/20
Richard Bowring	8/21
Curtis Lee	8/21
Brooke Benson	8/22
Jeremy Mullin	8/24
Carrie Magette	8/25
Dean Nehrig	8/28
Bryson Sutherland	8/29
Kenneth Ilg	8/30

AUGUST Anniversaries



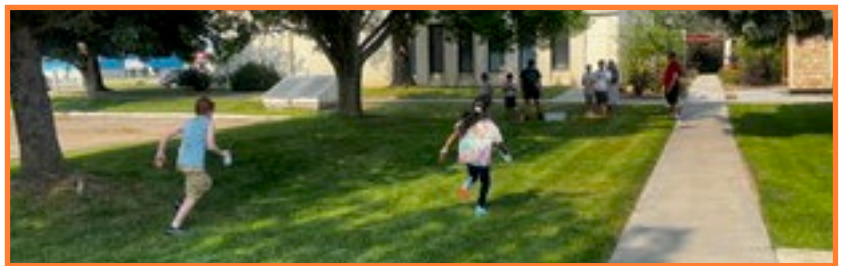
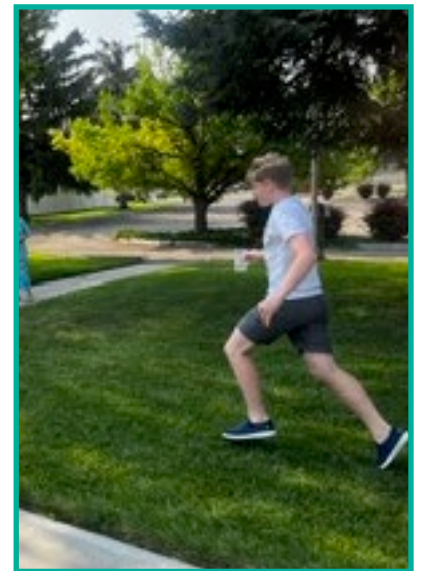
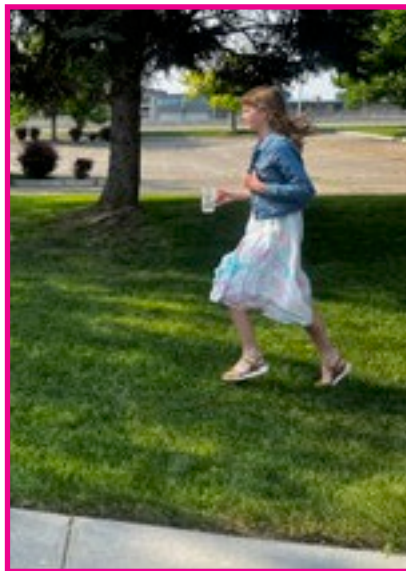
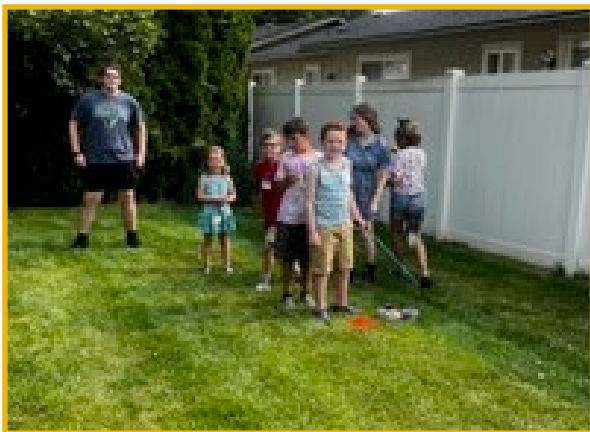
Ken and LaVonne Ilg	8/4
Linda Morris and Janine Helms.	8/13
Jim and Kay Grooms	8/17
Chris and Erin Benson	8/19
Josh and Jamie Stervis	8/20
Gil and Sue Walker	8/20

Sunday School Fun!!!



We thought you might like see some of the photos from the **July 21st Sunday School Lesson.**

After reading the lesson from 1 Corinthians's 9:25 - running the race of life to earn a crown that will last forever, the teachers briefly talked about the Olympics. Then, they took the kids outside for a fun way to thread the bible story into a really fun activity where they played 2 relay games: **"Stop the Flood Waters"** and **"Help Noah Rescue the Animals"**. It was a lot of fun, and the kids were great team players!





Judy made sure they had a great time

Teen Youth Group Overnighter!

Friday, June 26th, our Youth Group had a fun time at an overnight party complete with pizza, games and ice cream sundaes! Good times for sure.



Ice cream sundaes and movie time!



Games!



Anvidh hiding behind his pizza?



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LEADERSHIP TEAM

Bishop of Idaho: The Rt. Rev. Jos Tharakan
 Priest-in-Charge: Rev. Shibu Pananchikkal
 Church Musician: Heidi Roberts
 Senior Warden: Mary Buchanan
 Junior Warden: Phil Street
 Finance Chairman: Jerrod Horn
 Sexton: Richard Jones
 Treasurer: Sue Pahlas
 Office Manager: Cindy Wolfenbarger

Fellowship: Sandra Koerner
 Ministry Schedule: Mary Buchanan
 Sunday School: Carrie Magette
 Altar Guild: Clare Barrett
 Food Bank: Richard Jones
 Women's Group: Sue Pahlas
 Worship: Rev. Shibu Pananchikkal
 Newsletter: Mary Buchanan
 Website: Mary Buchanan

W.I.N.G.S.

2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Sunday, August 11th • after the service

W.I.N.G.S. Teen Youth Group Meeting - W.I.N.G.S. room, during coffee hour. I'm asking ONE parent to accompany their teen to this IMPORTANT meeting.

Saturday, August 24th • 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Gourd Painting Class with Kay Grooms, in the Holy Nativity Parish Hall.

Saturday, September 21st • 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Field trip to the Old State Penitentiary & Mining Museum.

We'll gather at the church parking lot at 10:00 and leave from there. We'll travel to the Penitentiary and take a tour of the old prison from 10:30 to 12:30. We'll then eat our sack lunches out in the grassy area under the trees. Lastly, we will visit the old mining museum adjacent to the penitentiary. We will then travel back to the church parking lot where we will end the day approximately 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 6th • after the service

W.I.N.G.S. Teen Youth Group Meeting in the W.I.N.G.S. room following the service.

Saturday, October 26th • 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

W.I.N.G.S. Teen Youth Group Halloween Costume Party,

in the Holy Nativity Parish Hall.

(More details to follow on this event.)

Saturday, November 9th • 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Outreach Project - Making glass hearts with Darlene Stattner, Holy Nativity Parish Hall.

These hearts will be made with love with a Christmas theme in mind, and later delivered in person by the teen youth group to a senior living facility, to be determined.

Sunday, November 24th • after the service

W.I.N.G.S. Teen Youth Group Meeting in the W.I.N.G.S. room following the service.

Sunday, December 15th • after the service

Field Trip to a Senior Living Facility. Chaperones and teens will travel to a local senior living facility to hand out the glass hearts to seniors that they made in November. We will leave after coffee hour from the church parking lot. We will return to the church parking lot at a time to be determined.

