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Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, Oct. 19

10:00 a.m.

Bring your 4-legged friends and join us!



The Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity

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Sunday Services 10:00am



Monthly Message
from Father Shibu, Priest-in-Charge

Dear Holy Nativity Family,

As we enter into the fall season, we are experiencing so many changes in nature. The leaves are changing color, the days are becoming shorter, and the cooler weather is settling in, even though the temperature seems to go up and down. Just as nature is changing, we have many exciting events

coming up at our church this month. Among them are the Harvest Festival, the Crop Hunger Walk, and the W.I.N.G.S. Teen Youth Group Halloween Costume Party.

I would say that the Harvest Festival is one of the most joyful times for remembering God’s abundant grace and provision, both in our crops and in our daily work. The idea of a Harvest Festival comes from the Bible and holds deep meaning for the Jewish people, as it was a time to cherish their memories of God’s faithfulness during their time in Egypt. As Deuteronomy 26:2 states, the Israelites were commanded to take the first fruits of their harvest and place them in a basket as an offering to God. This act of giving was not just about the physical crops, but it was also an acknowledgment of God’s gift of the Promised Land, His covenant, and His redemption.

In the same spirit, I hope and pray that every offering and donation we make in our church this season will serve as a remembrance of God’s covenant and His redemptive work in our lives. Whether it’s through supporting local hunger relief efforts like the Crop Hunger Walk or celebrating in fellowship at the Harvest Festival, may we continue to give back to God with thankful hearts, knowing that He is with us in every season of life. As we prepare for these wonderful activities, let us also take time to reflect on God’s unwavering presence in our lives. Just as the Israelites entered the Promised Land and were called to give thanks, we too are invited to acknowledge God’s constant provision in our homes, our church, and our communities. Each event this October is an opportunity to give back, to serve, and to enjoy the blessings we have received.

May God bless us during this fall season, and may we be reminded that no matter what changes we experience—whether in nature or in our personal lives—God is always walking beside us. Let this be a time of gratitude, joy, and service as we celebrate together.

With warm wishes and prayers,

Fr. Shibu Reginold Pananchikkal

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Friday, Oct. 11 • 6PM
Chili Cook-Off



Homebaked Breads, Cornbreads,
Apple Cider, Hot Cocoa, and
Homemade Pies & Desserts

Plus we will have pumpkin decorating for the kids, a Pinata, our traditional Chili Cook-Off, and fun Bingo games for all. **Lots of fun and plenty of delicious food!!**



CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN!!

The contractor has started his work to build the **Altar Backdrop** that will hold a beautiful new cross. This arched backdrop behind the church altar has been a truly inspiring and collaborative effort, driven by a shared vision to enhance the spiritual ambiance of our sanctuary. The Vestry and a number of parishioners have come together with an uplifting sense of unity and purpose.



Construction began on September 26th and will be completed within 9-10 days. The new cross, will arrive before the end of October.

Several people have made contributions towards this beautiful new addition.

If you are willing to make a contribution as well, it would be greatly appreciated. If you do make a donation, please add the word "Altar" on the memo line of your check so that it goes toward this effort.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

If you have questions, please speak with Clay Lisle or Mary Buchanan.

Ladies Time Out

Grand Opening of Wassmuth Center of Human Rights

Thursday, October 10th

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Meet at church at 4:45 to carpool. Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall



CROP HUNGER WALK

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Holy Nativity's Annual CROP Hunger Walk, will be held on Sunday, October 13, 2024 beginning around noon at Settlers Park (Ustick and Meridian Road). We will gather for a photo before we begin, then we will walk several times around the park (*about a mile*). This is sponsored by the Church World Service, and 25% of the proceeds go to our local Boise Foodbank. All donations are tax deductible.

This is a great opportunity for youth involvement and family projects to learn about how to alleviate hunger in the world. For more information about CROP WALK, visit:

<http://www.events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks>

<https://cwsglobal.org>

Questions? Contact: Cindy Wolfenbarger

208-890-3665 • cindewolf819@msn.com



Walking In The Parish Hall Good Exercise, Great Fellowship!



Friday mornings at 11AM, join us in the Parish Hall where members who would like to get in a few laps around the hall for exercise can do so in the company of good friends, then sit down after for a cup of coffee or tea and maybe even a tasty donut.

We really hope you'll join us!

2025 Stewardship Campaign HOLY NATIVITY “ROUNDUP”



It is that time of year
when we focus on Stewardship.

Generosity is a hallmark of our Christian identity. There comes a time in each of our lives when Jesus asks us to do something extraordinary: to follow Him and be generous of our time, talent and treasure. The spirit of stewardship is not merely a sense of obligation, but a profound act of worship that aligns our hearts with God’s priorities.

In the weeks to come, you will be hearing more from the Stewardship Committee about our Annual Pledge Drive and **letters will be arriving in your homes mid October.** Now more than ever, please prayerfully consider your support for Holy Nativity in 2025.

May our stewardship become
a powerful witness to the world,
of our faith and the amazing work
of the Holy Spirit within us.



With warm regards from your Stewardship Committee

Richard Jones, Chairman	Nancy Hellstrom
Angelo Samperisi	Linda Shearman
Ken Reglin	Janice Avera

Please join us for the . . .

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, Oct. 19th
10:00 a.m.

Do you have a
special companion who
brings joy to your life?

Then you won’t want to miss the opportunity to join in a special ceremony called the **Blessing of the Animals** where this wonderful bond is celebrated.

All are welcome.



“Tis The Season”



Holiday Bazaar

Get a start on your Christmas shopping with beautiful and unique hand-made gifts made by local artisans.

Dates & Times:

- Friday, November 1 | 10am—5pm
- Saturday, November 2 | 9am—5pm
- Sunday, November 3 | 10am—Noon

Do you know someone who would like to have a booth? Forms are in the Parish Hall.

Contact Gladys Clymens at (208) 284-3736 for more information.



Calling All Bakers!



For the **“Tis The Season” Holiday Bazaar**, our kitchen sells a variety of items for breakfast, lunch and dinner which includes homemade pies and cookies for dessert.

This is a time when we call on our wonderful Holy Nativity bakers to help with this effort.

A **sign-up sheet** will be in the Parish Hall for all who are willing to help out by providing a pie or cookies.

IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP, PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!





W.I.N.G.S. Teen Youth Group

HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

OCTOBER EVENTS

Teen Youth Group Meeting • Oct. 6th
Immediately following the 10AM worship service.

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Halloween Costume & Slumber Party
Saturday, October 26th
in the Parish Hall • Beginning at 4PM
We'll have dinner and then a light breakfast. Tons of fun!

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Questions? Contact Judy Pierce,
Teen Youth Group Leader at (916) 397-4923


Wahooz Miniature GOLF

Saturday, Oct. 5th

We've rescheduled! So we'll gather at the church parking lot and leave from there at 10:30 a.m. We'll travel to Wahooz to play miniature golf. Then we'll go out to have lunch.

We will then travel back to the church parking lot where we will end the day at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Everything is paid for...just sign-up in the Parish Hall.





AUGUST TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Reserve Fund	11,512.71
Be Our Guest	5,328.85
Caring Closet	2,162.83
Children's Ministry	645.08
2 Cents-a-Meal	1,946.09
Building Fund	10,627.88
Memorial Fund	8,865.84
Paradise Point	4,459.93
Kitchen Improvements	8,808.56
New Dishwasher	1,146.76
Youth Ministry	2,565.50
Altar Guild Donation	1,420.73
Music	95.00
Landscaping	1,050.00
Sound System	2,450.00
Discretionary Fund	5,024.60
Full Time Priest Fund	88,703.19
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	\$157,015.32



October Birthdays

Caynan McVay	10/2
Julie Bryan	10/3
Max Long	10/4
Will Votaw	10/4
Paisley Loveland	10/11
Tyler Derzay	10/13
Richard Jones	10/16
Sue Walker	10/19
Taylor Mullin	10/25
Noah Mayer	10/26
Mary Clausen	10/27
Mary Lou Weiner	10/27
Judy Dollins	10/30
Terry Jones-Brady	10/30



OCTOBER Anniversaries

Steve and Mary Alice Sanders	10/1
Al Gunther and Annamarie Lavieri	10/7
Jeremy and Brady Mullin	10/27

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 19, 2024

All Saints Room | 7PM



Minutes: Minutes of the August meeting were approved by e-mail.

Priest's Report • Fr. Shibu:

- **Family Home Visits:** Fr. Shibu shared that he made 4 home visits in September. He was pleased with the visits as well as the families visited.
- **Rev. Jennifer Departure:** Fr. Shibu and Mary have been informed by Bishop Jos that he has requested Rev. Jennifer and John begin attending services at the Cathedral. This is standard practice when a new priest is hired. Rev. Jennifer was given an exception early on as she was charged with mentoring Fr. Shibu. The mentoring period ended just before Rev. Jennifer and John left for Canada. The Vestry on Duty will announce that Sunday the 22nd is their last Sunday with us.

Senior Warden's Report • Mary Buchanan:

- **Piano & Organ:** Mary reported that the piano currently on the altar will be removed on the 23rd of September. The organ will be serviced on the 25th. Michelle Sutherland, a member of the parish, knows how to play the organ as well as the piano.
- **Altar Backdrop for Cross:** Plans have been drawn up by a contractor who will construct the arch backdrop. Construction will begin on September 26th. A new cross is also being built by a friend of Sandi Koerner who is a skilled woodworker. He has volunteered to make the new cross to mount inside the arched backdrop at no cost to us. A few people have expressed a willingness to donate to this project so the bulk of the total cost should be taken care of without dipping into current funds.

Richard moved that we proceed with the backdrop, Jon seconded. Passed by unanimous vote.

- **Muffin Thief:** Twice someone entered the Parish Hall during service time and removed several of

the coffee hour items. On the third Sunday, Mary and Orve Hendrix stationed themselves in the Parish Hall. They did catch the person in the act and confronted her. Mary made it very clear that she was not to do that again. One solution is to lock the Parish Hall during the worship service.

- **Walking Group:** An interest has been expressed in resurrecting the Friday Walking Group. This could take place right after Friday Bible Study. Donna Lofton will be contacted to see if she has an interest in hosting this.
- **Altar Flowers:** In order to avoid any confusion about the flowers purchased for the altar on Sunday the Vestry on Duty will make an announcement naming the person/family who donated the flowers. The person will tell Darlene Stattner if they would like to have one of the bouquets taken to someone who is ill, etc. Plastic vases will be purchased for this purpose so we will not have a concern about the glass vase returned.

Fellowship • Sandy Koerner:

Sandi reminded us that the Harvest Festival is on October 11th at 6:00pm. There will be a Chili Cookoff with cornbread. Mary has obtained a pinata, Sandy will get pumpkins for the children to decorate. Bingo will be played, cards purchased as a Backdrop fundraiser. Prizes will be cakes, pies, or cupcakes, donated by parishioners.

Financial • Jerrod Horn:

Jerrod sent out a preliminary 2025 budget to the Vestry. He was absent so we did not discuss it.

Stewardship • Richard Jones:

Richard indicated that his committee has set a goal of \$220,000.

Angelo Samparisi has prepared two skits for us, at the beginning of the Stewardship campaign and at the end.

Parking Lot Issues • Fr. Shibu:

In the recent past Fr. Shibu has had to confront people, not parishioners, parking for long periods of time in front of the Rectory and behind the Parish Hall. The Vestry agreed that the police be called to handle this problem.

Diocesan Finance Committee • Jon Anson:

Jon is a member of the Diocesan Financial Committee. He informed the Vestry that there has been an increase in attendance diocese wide, not only at Holy Nativity. A new director has been hired for Paradise Point.

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. with the Vestry reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Karen Ryker

Vestry Clerk

LEADERSHIP TEAM**Bishop of Idaho:**

The Rt. Rev. Jos Tharakan

Priest-in-Charge:

Rev. Shibu Pananchikkal

Senior Warden

Mary Buchanan

Junior Warden

Phil Street

Finance Chairman

Jerrold Horn

Sexton

Richard Jones

Treasurer

Sue Pahlas

Church Musician:

Heidi Roberts

Office Manager:

Cindy Wolfenbarger

Fellowship:

Sandra Koerner

Ministry Schedule:

Mary Buchanan

Sunday School:

Carrie Magette

Altar Guild:

Clare Barrett

Middle School Outreach:

Holly Vondemfange

Food Bank:

Richard Jones

Women's Group:

Sue Pahlas

Worship:

Rev. Shibu Pananchikkal

Website:

Mary Buchanan

Christmas Music & Glass Hearts

at Meridian Meadows
Assisted Living Facility

December 15th • 1:30 p.m.



The W.I.N.G.S. Teen Youth Group, along with the help of Darlene Stattner, will be making glass hearts with a very special purpose. They will be taking them to an Assisted Living Facility here in Meridian and giving the beautiful hand-made hearts to residents there as Christmas gifts. Not only that, but they will also be singing Christmas Carols.

What a heartwarming Outreach effort for our youth, as they share in the love and wonder of this special time of year through music, kindling the flame of holiday spirit through a universal language that lifts the spirit and unites us all. We are so proud of our youth!

There will be more info to come. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Judy Pierce at (916) 397-4923

ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK

SUNDAY, 9/8/24 • GREAT FOOD • GAMES FOR THE KIDS • PERFECT DAY!



Sue and Larissa tried to duck out of the picture. It didn't quite work.



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, October 5th • 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Field trip to the Wahooz Miniature Golf . . . by popular demand

We'll gather at the church parking lot and leave from there at 10:30 a.m. We'll travel to Wahooz to play miniature golf. Then we'll go out to have lunch. We will then travel back to the church parking lot where we will end the day at approximately 2:00 p.m. Everything is paid for....just sign-up in the Parish Hall.

Updated

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 • Beginning at 4:00 p.m.

W.I.N.G.S. Teen Youth Group Halloween Costume Party & Slumber Party in the Holy Nativity Parish Hall. We'll have dinner and a light breakfast
(More details to follow on this event.)

Updated

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 Meridian Meadows Assisted Living Facility. Chaperons and teens will travel to a local senior living facility to hand out the glass hearts to seniors that they made in November. While there, they will also sing Christmas Carols. 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.

