



October
2019

THE NATIVITY SCENE



Over the last six weeks, I have been listening to and learning about your passions for our numerous and diverse ministries, including the various outreach projects, a plethora of fellowship activities and occasions, our excellent worship, and the numerous education and formation opportunities for children, youth, and adults.

I also have been reviewing the results of Nativity's *Day of Discovery* parish-wide survey of the hopes and dreams of the parish. A recap of these results is as follows:

1. Grow the children, youth and young adult programs and attract, engage and support young families into the church.
2. Mobilize the parish for church growth by reaching out into the community and attracting and assimilating new members of all ages.
3. Grow members spiritually in Christ by offering active in-reach (growing spiritually by Bible study and other programs) and volunteering in outreach ministries.
4. Increase financial sustainability and stewardship education.
5. Expand our music program to include contemporary as well as traditional music, reaching out and appealing to a wide variety of people.

As we prepare for the upcoming small group get-togethers and zip-code parties, I look forward to hearing your hopes and dreams in how we can make these *Day of Discovery* elements come to fruition. It's time to dream big and see where the Holy Spirit can take us. May our God continue to inspire and sustain us in our ministries here at Nativity and beyond.

Faithfully in Christ,
The Reverend Scot McComas
Rector

Our pets are a blessing to us..



..Join us in blessing them!

Bring your pet (or a photo of your pet) to
A Blessing of the Animals



Bring your 4 legged friends to our St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals service on Saturday, October 5 at 5 pm. We will gather outside at the south end of the building to the left of the doors to the church. The service will be no longer than 30 minutes. Please bring your pet on a leash or in a carrier. Or if your pet has passed away, bring a picture of your pet to be blessed and to share a memory of your pet.

Nativity Schedule

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Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I

**10:00 Holy Eucharist Rite II
with Children's Chapel**

11:00 Hospitality - All Are Welcome

11:00 Youth & Children Gather

11:20 Power Bible Study

Tuesday Schedule

6:00 pm Centering Prayer

Wednesday Schedule

10:00 am Centering Prayer

6:00 pm Evening Prayer Rite II

6:30 pm. Bible Study Wednesday

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Have you ever heard this one?

“God won’t give you more than you can handle.”

Maybe you’ve said it yourself. Maybe what you’re about to read is news to you; but anyway, hold on to your theological hats.

Lines such as the above are an example of toss-away lines that are designed to stifle people who are hurting.

Theology of that kind is a weapon, the nature of which is not in the spirit of Christ. People who are hurting don’t need quippy “truths;” they need a welcome ear and an understanding heart.

I attended a retreat/conference a couple of weeks ago sponsored by our own “Church Pension Group” called Credo. It is an opportunity to reflect and recreate a sense of self in mission and ministry while looking to the future. At the heart of it is identifying one’s core values. One thing I identified for myself was how I value human connection, but frequently act to the contrary. I created an acronym: “L.U.C.K.” It stands for “Love/Unity/Communion/Knowledge.” I’m not going to unpack all of what that means here, but I

am clear that this core value is something that I pretend to possess but rarely fully practice. Frequently when we encounter people in a world of hurt we brush it off as just an example of how this terrestrial life is universally unfair and will continue to be unfair until the day we die. What I realized from my Credo was how easily I fall into this sad way of being. What I saw was that Christ’s calling to be “like Him” in the world means that my heart is not my own—it’s Christ’s heart and the heart of God. My ability to love is not a function of my ego’s sense of success as a Christian but rather my letting down my guard and becoming vulnerable to the hurts of others. I believe that Jesus succeeded in this way of being like nobody ever had nor ever will again.

Let us all walk the way of our Lord who was willing to suffer for the sake of others. Let us stop insulating ourselves against the pain of the world by inflicting pain (mostly as expressed in our words) on others. Let us all reach out in love allowing people to express their hurt in a safe space. May we all respond to the anguish in the world with a redemptive word of hope.

See you in church.

Dr. W+

Adult Christian Education

Sunday Morning Power Bible Study

The Sunday morning lectionary texts are all fair game for Power Bible Study with Dr. Wayne. Grab your coffee and snack and join in the exciting journey of enlightenment in the Scriptures—and maybe even learn a new word for your vocabulary! Class is in the Music Classroom and starts around 11:20 and is guaranteed to finish by Noon.

Bible Study Wednesday

Begins September 4 - The sixth book of the Bible is a sequel. Whereas the first five books trace the story of God moving his people up to the edge of the Jordan River to possess the Promised Land—The Book of Joshua actually gets them there. Joshua appears very “Moses-like” in a lot of the things he does. Join Dr. Wayne and other Bible-Heads in the study of this important book in our Bible beginning September 4. Class-time begins at 6:30 pm and finishes with the prayers of Compline at 7:30 pm.

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is in full swing as we meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 and Wednesday mornings at 10:00 in the youth room. We are continuing our study of Cynthia Bourgeault’s book, *Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening*, a primer on how to do centering prayer. All are welcome. No experience required. Contact mvcohea246@gmail.com if



Calendar

06 October 2019

World Music Sunday
with the EVERYBODY
ENSEMBLE

20 October 2019

Driftwood Quintet &
Fall Festival

MUSIC NOTES

FROM THE NATIVITY MUSIC DIRECTOR'S DESK

Join us!

**THE EVERYBODY
ENSEMBLE**

SUNDAY, OCT. 6TH
9:30A

RESPECTING ROOTS & REACHING FORWARD

BY JULIANA WITT

The future of the arts in our society (churches, nonprofits, concert halls, schools, etc) is a hot topic and worthy of some thought. Value of the arts is actually okay, if not thriving, thanks to technology. People are consuming the widest variety of genres and styles than ever before in history, but the idea of the classical concert hall seems to be falling out of

style. The live performance is still very much vibrant based on the careers of popular and country musicians and performers are getting inventive with mixing genres and creating new styles in the world of pop, jazz, classical and beyond. There are performers who are doing traditional things in new ways, honoring multiple generations that still consume and appreciate traditional styles of music.

Threads of thought along these lines apply to both musical worship and our efforts for Arts at Nativity. In worship, we have a wide variety of preferences for musical styles. Some people don't understand why we would still sing music and text from the 17th and 18th centuries, with gorgeous counterpoint but dated theology. Others enjoy music from their "prime years" in church, for example the praise movement of the 1980s and 90s. Still others value traditions from other sources, like the Traditional Spiritual or music sourced from various geographical regions. And still others prefer the latest, greatest usually popular music -inspired worship style. Many churches choose one of these styles and run with it and some other churches have tried mixing styles with varying degrees of success, but very much like the classical musician in 2019 who must ask themselves who their

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audience member is, the church must ask who the parishioner is. How can we "bring in the new folks" while respecting the older generation two who built the place? The task of honoring everyone in the room is a daunting challenge. It takes constant reevaluation of choices and values.

The work for Arts at Nativity is much the same. We could turn the entire series into a popular music series, or a very progressive new music series, but the principal goes deeper than simply keeping everything new and fresh all the time. It's finding new ways to do and say the same things. We still value classical music and tradition and high quality music from trained musicians. Yes, we've expanded our palette a little bit, but our commitment to top-notch art is still our core. This year's season includes many strong classical musicians who are getting inventive and inclusive with their programming, honoring their rigorous training in classical technique and styles. In the same way that we don't speak in old English anymore or have 5 hour church services, we acknowledge that culture is changing constantly and we have to figure out how to connect in new ways.

Imagine holding the hands of those who are walking ahead of us in life with one hand, while also reaching for the next person with the other hand. Holding on to one or the other results in an unhealthy service toward one generation/group to the exclusion of others. Holding on to both tradition and progressiveness isn't easy (it's actually full of conflict!), but so necessary for the health of the arts, the church and communities.

Thank you, you who have tirelessly built Nativity and
Thank You, you who have continued to support an arts series at Nativity.

EVERYBODY ENSEMBLE

No excuses accepted: If you used to be a soprano but need to sing tenor, if you usually sing bass but want to try soprano, OR if you don't want to sing at all, but could shake a maraca and join in the fun, COME! You are welcome and we will find a place for you! It's going to be a blast. 🎵

A BIG GALA "THANK YOU"

Thanks so much to the dozens of people who volunteered, made food, helped setup, donated funds or wine and attended the Gala. The evening was an incredible success and would not have happened without such wonderful support.

Come to the **Fall Festival with Driftwood Quintet** on October 20th for the first concert & update on our Community Engagement Project! The festival is free to all and families attend the concert for free! 🎵

Arts AT NATIVITY



Once Upon a Time with Driftwood Quintet

This dynamic reed quintet will present a program focusing on engaging the audience with storytelling. Driftwood is dedicated to crossing genres and bending boundaries in classical music.

SUN | OCT 20 | 12 NOON

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE



Psalm 72:19 says, "Let the whole earth be filled with His glory!" For me, possibly more than any other time of the year, fall shines bright with God's presence. It's in the cooler air of the mornings and the occasional spotting of a gold or copper leaf... (Okay, there may not be many of those in Phoenix, but still!) It's peaceful and rhythmic to be back in the routine of a school year. I see and feel God in my everyday. I am excited that this month brings some neat opportunities for all of us at Nativity to celebrate this time of year, and God's greatness, together!

Happy to have Father Scot in Children's Chapel!



This newsletter invites you to our 2nd annual Family Fall Festival, shares a reminder for our ongoing Sunday morning gatherings for children, and even highlights some fun moments we've already had this year!

Sending peace and love to you and your family!



SNAPSHOTS



Throwing kindness around like confetti in week 1 of our Kindness Series!



SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR CHILDREN!

Our 2nd series of the school year will be called "This is My Church"! Through mini field-trips and lots of fun, we will all gain a better sense of our place in our church home.



Week 1 - Sept 29 - (AKA: Family Communion Class)

This is one for kids AND parents! Deacon Martha & Mandy will lead a gathering to learn more about communion and why this is an important part of our time together. Parents start in the sanctuary with Deacon Martha and the kids meet with Mandy in Longley-Cook. We'll all meet at the altar for an up close look at the Eucharist.




Week 2 - Oct 6 - Serving (+Acolyte Info Meeting!!)

This is another one for kids AND parents! This week we learn about serving in the church, most specifically as acolytes and lay ministers. What are these roles? Why are they important? How can children of all ages get involved?



Week 3 - Oct 13 - Worship

Through music, prayers, singing, thoughtful silence, and other practices, worship is a powerful experience. This week we will learn more about why being in - and creating - a sacred space is important.

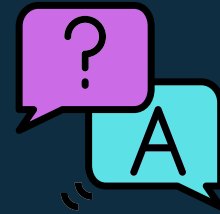
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EVERYTHING
 there is a 
SEASON,
 and a **TIME**
 for every **PURPOSE**
 under heaven.

Ephesians 3:1

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Youth Group this year (for 9th-12th graders, is off to a great start! With Aaron, Ryan and Jillian leading weekly gatherings, we are grateful for what's already promising to be an awesome school year!

Ever wonder what exactly happens in our youth group meetings? This issue of the newsletter is meant to answer that exact question!



Q - What is the typical schedule of each gathering?

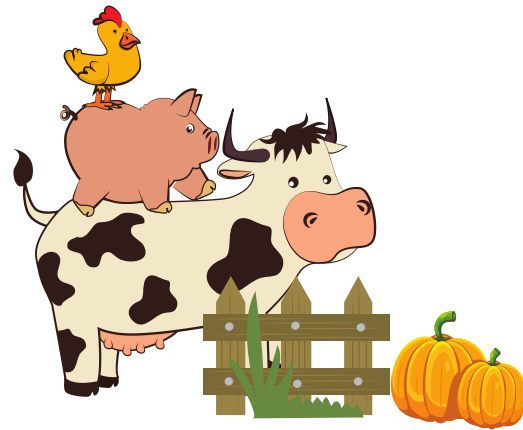
A - We always start with food. Obviously. Sometimes it's donuts and sometimes it's flaming hot cheetos, but we always have snacks first thing. Once we are settled in, we do a "check-in", where everyone shares about their weeks (highs & lows, etc.). From there, we move into either playing a game, take on a project, or just jump right into the conversation of the week. We talk about what's going on in culture, talk through questions of faith, and/or study a Bible story. We always end with prayer.

Q - Sometimes there's a lot of noise coming from upstairs. What are y'all doing up there?

A - Yep! Some weeks we can't help but venture upstairs to play basketball (did you know we have an arcade-type basketball game in a loft-type space we've set up?). It's a space where we can go a little crazy, have fun, and be ourselves. Next time you think you hear a herd of buffalo up there around 11:30AM on Sunday morning, don't worry. It's just us.

Q - Are weekly youth group gatherings all there is?

A - Nope! This year in particular, we are already at work in planning some volunteer events for our gatherings - we want to help those in need and give back to the community. We also have a summer mission trip and volunteer to help at VBS. Our group is small but awesome. We know that we will continue to grow but we are having a super time with our YG family exactly where we are now.



2ND ANNUAL

FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

October 20, 2019 • 11:00 AM

petting zoo • fall crafts • face painting
balloon art • snacks • games & prizes



Interactive Concert @ Noon
FREE pizza lunch provided!

October Ones and Twos

Ones & Twos is a social group of adults at The Church of the Nativity, which meets about once a month. It is open to all members, visitors and guests.

The next event is hosted by: Candace Wagner

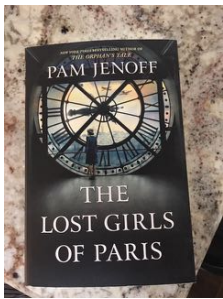
Date: Friday, October 11, 2019

Time: 6 - 8 pm

Place: 17564 E. Blaze Ln, Rio Verde AZ 85263

Bring: Personal libations and shareable victuals

RSVP: candywags@me.com, 434-466-6790



Nativity Book Club Meeting

Nativity Book Club Meeting resumes on the 3rd Wednesday, led by Barbara Worthington. October's get together is on October 16th at 10:00 am at Nativity.

The book is "The Lost Girls Of Paris."

Women's Luncheon

Join us for the Women's monthly social luncheon group on Thursday, October 17 at noon.

When: Thursday, October 17 at 12 noon

Where: Nativity Church

Guest: Father Scot

Please put thinking caps on and bring ideas for activities/adventures for the coming year for the group.

RSVP: candywags@me.com

Cell/text 434-466-6790

Women's Wine Night

First Thursday of the month, October 3, the Women of Nativity partake in Happy Hour starting at 5 pm at the Living Room in DC Ranch, 20751 N Pima Rd., Scottsdale Rd. For more details, Kathy Graf, kgraf518@aol.com.

Men's Pub Fellowship

The October gathering of the MPF is Thursday, October 3 at 5:00 p.m. at the All American Modern Sports Grill at 20751 N Pima. Bring a friend or meet and make new ones! For questions, contact Art Graf -mxgk25a@aol.com

Nativity Film Club

Join the Nativity Film Club to discuss films. Catch the film first, then join us for a lively conversation and pot luck dinner. Cocktails are at 6 and dinner at 6:30 on October 12. If you have questions contact Darrell at darrellwspencer@yahoo.com. October's film will be Downton Abbey, with Candy Wagner hosting at 17564 E. Blaze Lane; she will provide the main dish. RSVP to her at candywags@me.com.



Jewelry Class at Nativity

All are invited to a class at Nativity led by Mary Longley-Cook. Mary will have a couple of helpers with extra tools to assist in the “finishing off” stages of making a piece of jewelry. We all have jewelry that we no longer wear, but that brings back good memories. Maybe it was from a Grandma, Mom, or Auntie. Let’s think about updating and/or redesigning that lovely old piece of jewelry. Its next incarnation might be a totally different item...a bracelet, necklace, keychain, or even a rosary. Mary will share her extensive expertise with the group, and guide us in the options available to redesign our pieces. She will also share lots of gorgeous beads that she has accumulated through the years as a beader. In October they will be meeting on Tuesdays the 8th and the 22nd at 10 am in the Youth Room. Allergies are an issue in any group setting. Please remember to respect scent-free requests. Email or phone to RSVP or with questions:

Mary: stgermain47@cox.net or 480-272-2053 or Dawn: dawnkast@live.com.

The Knitting Group

The Knitting Group welcomes all levels of knitters and crocheters! We love beginners! We knit hats for the East Valley Men’s Shelter and hats for babies and premies in the hospital. We knit, pray, laugh; not always in that order. Meetings are the first and third Thursday mornings every month at 10 am in the Youth Room. Contact Deacon Martha Durham for questions and encouragement: marthadurham@thenativity.net. Our next meetings are October 3 and 17!

Faith and Family Night Chase Fields

Friday September 13, Nativity’s group included Candy Wagner, Carrie Wagner, Scot McComas, Dennis Combs, Mary Ann and Paul Rank, Art and Kathy Graf. Cincinnati Reds won!



CASA Weekend Food Pack



CASA Weekend Food Pack outreach continues to offer opportunities to sponsor an academic year's worth of weekend food packs for local food insecure kindergarten through second graders. The last day of the sponsorship drive is October 6th.

Through partnership with CASA Academy, Nativity provides weekend food packs for 30 food insecure kindergarten through second grade students. Without these packs, these children would not be guaranteed nourishing food over the weekend and therefore would

not be prepared for Monday morning at CASA, where they say, "the road to college starts in kindergarten."

Casa Academy is a charter school located in Central Phoenix that serves socio-economically disadvantaged children and strives to close the achievement gap that occurs between these children and their higher income peers. To learn more about the school and the students we serve please visit their website: <http://casaacademy.org/our-story/>

Two years ago, the parishioners of Nativity rallied to support sponsorships to provide weekend food packs for all 30 children identified as food insecure. We are once again running this sponsorships drive, offering parishioners the opportunity to sponsor one Casa scholar for the school year. These packs include vegetables, fruits, proteins, snacks, breakfast, milk, juice and peanut butter. Please consider sponsoring a child for an academic year. Sponsorships are available for \$200 and will feed one child for 10 months. Donations of other amounts also appreciated.



The sponsorship drive will run through October 6th- please visit the table set up in Christopher Hall and speak to an outreach member for details on how individuals, families or groups can participate. Please contact Laura Dobbins with any questions lauradobbins01@gmail.com.

Upcoming packing schedule: 10/5 & 11/2 at 10 am. All ages are welcome to help.





CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY
ADVENTure
FUNDRASER FOR OUTREACH

This year's ADVENTure will introduce an **Online Catalogue** and **Absentee Bidder**.

The **Online Catalogue** will contain most of the items that will be in the silent and live auction and will be available a month before the event. This will give you the opportunity to plan what items you would like to actively bid on before you arrive on the evening of December 6th. A limited number of printed copies will also be available.

If for some reason you can't come to ADVENTure, we are allowing up to 10 parishioners to become **Absentee Bidders**. Here is how it works: one reviews the online catalogue to determine the items one would like to bid on, then obtain an **Absentee Bidder Registration Request** form. Fill out the form and send in \$20 with your form. If you are not one of the first 10 applications to be received, your \$20 will be returned.

If you are one of the lucky 10 you will be sent a **Directive to your Proxy Bidder** form along with instructions to fill it out. Once this directive is received by the deadline of December 1, a **Proxy Bidder** will be assigned. The role of the **Proxy Bidder** will be to carry out your directive exactly as indicated on the form and therefor no further interactions with the bidder is required.

You will be able to bid on up to **10** silent auction items and **all** of the live auction items in the online catalogue. Your directive will indicate what amount you would like to start the bidding at, the increments of future bids, and your maximum bid for each item that you bid on.

Please keep in mind that if you are really lucky, you could win all of the items you bid on.

If you are successful in any of your bidding endeavors, you will be invoiced for the items won and you can pick them up at the church or arrange to have them shipped to you.

We hope introducing the **Online Catalogue** and **Absentee Bidder** will enhance your experience of ADVENTure.



ADVENTure 2019, Our Sixth Annual Outreach Fundraiser

- WHEN: Friday, December 6, 6 pm
 WHERE: The Church of the Nativity
 WHO: Nativity church members AND their friends
 WHAT: A social evening of FUN. Silent and live auctions, raffles, music, great food and yummy desserts
 WHY: **This is the important part.....**

ADVENTure is the method we use to raise monies to fund the Vestry-approved Outreach Budget for the current calendar year. It is a fun, social evening to gather with friends to begin the holiday season.

Outreach Ministries are a core value of the Nativity family. As we found at our Day of Discovery, we believe strongly in giving back and reaching out to our community, both near and far. It takes funds to support all these efforts. Some of the ministries we fund are *Habitat for Humanity*, *Packages from Home*, *Feed the Homeless PB&J lunches*, *Phoenix Rescue Mission Christmas Giving Tree*, *American Friends of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem*, *El Hogar School in Honduras*, *Episcopal in Navajoland*, and *Feed the Hungry*.

- HOW:
1. Donate an auction item or solicit one from a business
 2. Buy tickets (sales begin Sunday, Oct 13) – we have room for 140 people
 3. Invite friends to join us
 4. Buy raffle tickets, Navajo products, order tamales
 5. Donate to *Give from the Heart* to meet our \$3,000 matching grant

COME JOIN THE FUN, SUPPORT OUTREACH

2019 Goal - \$27,000





Feed the Hungry

Our new outreach ministry is off to a great start, completing our fourth dinner Monday, September 24th. Many thanks to all who supplied the food and turned out in the wind and rain to feed the hungry at A New Leaf East Valley Men's Center in Mesa. They are always so appreciative of our work.

The Men's Center houses 94 men who are working their way back into society. The Center will house them for 90 days, feed them and assist them in getting employment. The churches across the Valley supply their meals.

Our next dinner is scheduled for Monday, October 28th and we are going to serve lasagna again. A sign-up sheet is in Christopher Hall so sign up early. Besides being a lot of fun, you are guaranteed to go away knowing that you have gained more than you have left.

We are now setting the dinner dates for next year and are always looking for ideas for budget-friendly easy-to-prepare menus for 94 hungry working men. If you have any ideas or questions on this ministry, please contact Mary Anne at maryannebost@hotmail.com, 602-206-6785, or Jon Bost at jonrbost@yahoo.com, 602-618-6781.

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me' —Matthew 25:40



Nativity members cheerfully participated on Monday, Sept 24th.

And rocked the hair nets!



**Bag-A-Meal:
Sandwiches for the Homeless
Volunteers Needed !**

Tuesday, October 1, 10 am.
Join us at Nativity, Bag-A-Meal for Phoenix Rescue Mission!
Help us make 400 sandwiches, pack 200 lunch bags and get to know your fellow parishioners!
Contact Kathy Graf: kgraf518@aol.com for details.



General Information

Shawls for all who might be chilly

Debbie Myrick has gathered and laundered the shawls for your use if you find the air-conditioning a bit much. Simply return them after the service.

Scent-Free Seating in the Nave

Because some folks have allergy issues, we have created a scent-free seating area in the west section of the sanctuary near the chapel. Please sit in that section only if you are free of scented items such as perfume, after-shave, body spray, hand lotion, etc. It's an act of hospitality.

The Sunday Coffee & Treats Ministry

The hospitality ministry appreciates BOTH your baked goods and your cash donations! Please continue to contribute to this ministry! If you have any questions about donating treats, call Joan at 610-291-4262 or Dawn at 218-252-3092.

AmazonSmile - Funds for Nativity

You can support Church of the Nativity each time you shop on Amazon and it won't cost you a cent! Use our unique link - <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-5599218>.

When first visiting AmazonSmile, you are prompted to select a charitable organization from over one million eligible organizations. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization.

Nativity will receive a portion of your purchase. How does Nativity receive the donations? Each quarter, the AmazonSmile Foundation makes donations to eligible charitable organizations by electronic funds transfer.

Box Tops

This school year Nativity will, once again, participate in "Box Tops for Education." Coupons, worth 10 cents each will be given to Casa Academy. Their school coordinator will combine our coupons with those collected by the students' families. Twice a year, Casa Academy will receive a check to use for the purchase of things they need.

Look for coupons on products from Big G, Pillsbury, Old El Paso, Green Giant, Ziploc, Hefty, Kleenex and Scott. A collection jar is located in the kitchen next to the stove.

Thank you to anyone who is interested in participating!

General Information

Tamale Making - Hold the Date - November 9

Did you ever wonder how tamales are made? Not only can you how to did it, but also participate in making them. Our sister congregation, Santa Maria in West Phoenix, has invited us to join them in making tamales for their local community on Saturday, November 9th at 10 am.

There will be a sign-up sheet available in mid-October if you are interested. There will also be activities for all ages.

Prayer Team

If you or someone special to you are in need of prayers you have several options to let the prayer team know of the request. Let one of the priests or our deacon know. There is a book for prayer requests on the table by the entrance to Christopher Hall, or you may email Joyce Graves at jbjlgraves@cox.net or call 602-885-8828. All prayers are confidential. Our request is that you give us an update preferably every month or so.

Flower Guild

Thank you all for your support to ensure we have beautiful flowers in church this year. There are a few Sundays that are open on the dedication chart in Christopher Hall, October 13, 27 and December 22. Envelopes are next to the chart to put your dedication on and place your donation in the envelope (\$50.00 suggested donation). We will be making next year's chart soon. Be looking for it to sign up for your favorite dates.

Newcomers Cafe - October 13

There will be a Newcomers Cafe on Sunday, October 13 following the 10 o'clock service. All Newcomers to Nativity are invited to meet in the Youth Room. There will be an opportunity to meet our clergy and ministry leaders. Refreshments will be served.

Any questions please contact Cindy Cohen at scohensc@bellsouth.net



Y'all Come! - November 3

We're lookin' for lovers of cookin' to bring their best Jambalaya to celebrate All Saints Sunday. We'll put on the spice on Sunday November 3 after the 10:00 Service.

Christopher Hall will turn into a kitchen of savory delights.

Who'll be this year's winner of the best tastin' Cajun fare?

Deadline Changes

All announcements that you would like to see in the Sunday bulletins and the weekly email blasts should be emailed to Mina at minarafferty@thenativity.net by noon on Mondays. Submittals for the monthly newsletters will be the 23rd of the month. If you have any questions, please contact Mina at 480-307-9216 or via email.



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