

The Carpenter's Helper

This Week...

Bazaar Success!

A recap of this year,
and an invitation
to the next!

Weekly Parish Schedule

Add your group's event to
the calendar: email
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Lay Eucharistic Ministry

a glimpse into this
important ministry

The Annual Bazaar was held on December 6th and 7th for the general public and after each of the services on Sunday, December 8, 2019.

On December 5th the Great Hall was filled with parishioners setting up displays and bringing in craft items, specialties for the Bake Table and the food for lunches to be served on Friday and Saturday. However, the real work was done in monthly planning meetings beginning in early May.

In September at Rally Day we showcased some of the items that would be for sale and had the congregation vote on the tiles of the Pilgrimage Windows that we would ask Christina School District Networks to produce for sale at the Bazaar.

A core group consisting of Katherine Doggett, Debbie Kearns, Joy Lynam, Connie Malin, Carol Palermo, Lisa Goodwin and Barb Graham solicited everything from craft items, baked goods, and gently used items for the white elephant room to quarts of soup to sell (always a big favorite). As in the past the parishioners went over the top in their response. In addition to items donated by our congregation we had returning and new vendors.

This year the event was advertised on facebook and our web page. Over 650 people viewed the article on facebook and we had more vendors apply than we could handle. We produced flyers announcing the Bazaar as in years past. In addition, thanks to Teresa Coons, we had very attractive post cards with the dates and times of the Bazaar and some of the offerings on the back. All were encouraged to take and distribute the flyers and post cards.

Parishioners also supported the Bazaar during the sale. This year, as in the past, all proceeds from the sale go to St. Thomas's Outreach Ministries.

The Committee is a great group to work with. Our first organization meeting will be held in early May. You may want to consider joining this fun and valuable group.

-Barbara Graham



***Celebrant* In the name of God and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the body and blood of Christ.**

***All* We who are many are one body because we all share in one bread and one cup.**

On Sunday mornings at the end of the Eucharist, you see Eucharist Visitors be charged by the priest to take Holy Communion to one of our house-bound members. This is a way to make our brothers and sisters know that they are indeed an essential part of the congregation, even though they cannot be physically in the building with us.

Our visitors are rewarded beyond measure for their service. If there are others of you who think you might like to be part of this ministry, you are invited to go along with our visitors and see what it's like. Then you can tell Larry Duggan that you'd like to be scheduled once a month as a visitor yourself, perhaps as part of a team of two.

Would you like to see your group featured in the Helper? Contact the office! We would love to hear from you! And, help share with others all of the exciting and meaningful things that go on here at St Thomas!

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 22

8:00am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00am (U) Youth Confirmation
9:15am (P) Adult Education
9:15am (U) Nursery
9:30am (U) Children's Worship
10:30am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:45am (GH) Coffee, Fellowship
12:00pm Greening of the Sanctuary
2:00pm (C) Girl Scout Troop 513
6:00pm (N) Children's Advent Pageant and Evening Prayers

Monday, December 23

6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA
7:30pm (GH) Scottish Dance

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA
5:30pm (N) Caroling
6:00pm (P) Holy Eucharist
8:00pm (U) KIS AA meeting
10:30pm (N) Caroling
11:00pm (P) Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day

6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA
10:00am (N) Holy Eucharist
8:30pm (GH) South College Speakers AA

Thursday, December 26

6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA

Friday, December 27

6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA
12:00pm (P) Al-Anon
6:30pm (P) Women's AA

Saturday, December 28

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Sunday, December 29

Lessons & Caroling

10:00am (U) Nursery
10:00am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite II

location key:

(C) Classroom	(MR) Music Room
(GH) Great Hall	(U) Undercroft
(N) Nave	(BO) Business Office
(P) Parlor	(RO) Rector's Office