

# The Wheel

## We Give Thanks

We gather together for our Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist and Dessert Reception on **Tuesday evening, November 23, at 7:30 PM**, to ask the Lord's blessings and offer our thanks for the abundance we share.



Immediately following, join us in our Parish Hall to share dessert and beverages. **Please bring your favorite pie** or other dessert to share. Also, please take the remainder of your pie home with you. A blessed and happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

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## Advent begins

### First Sunday in Advent: Advent wreath making for all ages!



In lieu of Church School/Catechesis on November 28 we will gather at 10 am in the Parish Hall to create Advent wreaths. We have everything you need, just show up and

make yours to take home! As in past years, we will also have special wreaths that the children can make & decorate.

### Advent Quiet Evening Friday, December 3, 7-9 PM

All who are interested in sharing this special time are invited for an Evening of Quiet and Meditation, led by Amma Susan. Light refreshments would be welcomed. This event is sponsored for you by St. Catherine's Daughters of the King.

**More for Advent, see page 4 ...**

## Stewardship Ingathering continues

Thank you to everyone who has returned their pledge. **Every pledge is very important: our goal is 100% of St. Catherine's households making a pledge!** Watch our thermometer in the foyer!

Current level (as of 11/18/10):  
136 Households - \$506,194

**Remember, your Vestry will set the budget for 2011 based strictly on pledges received now.**



If you have not yet done so please consider making a pledge this year, even if you have not in the past. Please return pledges at worship or send to the church office. Forms are available at church.

### Time for Time and Talent!

See inside – page 3!

### CHRISTMAS TREES & GREENS

Orders due by Nov. 21

Pick up on Sat., Dec. 4 (10am-2pm)  
and Sun. Dec. 5 (1-2 pm)

*The people of St. Catherine's seek to share in the love that Jesus Christ has for us and the world by welcoming, accepting, nurturing, and serving all people through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*We Welcome You!*

## Thanksgiving Week Schedule

- No Wednesday Night Live on November 24.
- The church office will be closed Wednesday through Friday, November 24-26. Have a safe and blessed holiday!

## Did You Know?



Did you know you can pay your pledge to St. Catherine's by simply setting us up as a company in your online bill pay system? For many of us this helps us manage our household cash flow while at the same time maintaining our pledge as current. Many folks at St. Cat's do this and you can, too.

## HOLY BAPTISM

**Next date:**  
**January 9**

Please check with the office for more information and to request the customary booklet about Holy Baptism.

## Church Happens

By Father Jim

I saw an Episcopal Church bumper sticker on a car last week which consisted of the Episcopal Church shield with these words to the right of it: "Church Happens." I suppose it finds its root as a counter to the more earthy form of this statement: the one that acknowledges that bad things happen to people for no particular reason.

In any case I like it. I find a home in the church both in good and bad times. Both will happen to me and to you—none of us are exempt. I suppose it's mostly about what we choose to do with the things that happen. I caution that I am no expert at this and, indeed, might be better equipped to "write" about it than to "live" it. But the church is where I find my very foundation and it is the church—the people—who mediate to me the love of God.

Life happens in its fullest all around us. Being in the church doesn't exempt me

from life. But what the church does – when it "happens" best—is to remind me that the grace of God surrounds me and that that same grace is able to transform nearly anything into the loving presence of God.

Another way we might put it is that grace happens to people for no particular reason. I think I'd rather have that view of life than the other. For all sorts of reasons. I will work at it!

## Prayers of the People

### For the Sick

Lillian Vu, Tom Carter, Eileen Motter, Vi Pratt, Joe Tarentino, Linda Smith, Ray Cole, Marilyn Bradbury, Jean Wintrow, Beatrice Ackenbom-Kelly, Ingrid Carmines, Sharon Parisi, Alexandra Pepper, Joan, Madison Cox, Alycen, Ann McBrayer, David Madison, Tim Seibert, Chip Madren, The Rev. Patty Roberts, Ted, Barbara Cordery, Penny Harkey, Diane Blackshear-Wood, Nancy Mattox, Timothy Hewitt, Charlie Walton, Nancy Riley, Lita DiPietrao, Richard Newton, Louise Taylor, T.P. Hall, Donna Woods, Bryan M., Jean Huffstetler, Richard Mays, Jane Shumaker, Melissa Bryan, Bud Bryan, Lori Brown, Vera Bibbings, Margaret Cowart, Rosemarie Brickley, Lynne Chazanof, Jo Glidden, Joyce Jaeger, Cohen, Cindy, Jason, Eric, Kate & Eve Marshall, Tommy Williams, Jim Robertston, Carol Whitney, Marguerite Greene, Raymond, Guy, William

Gaines, Annie Lipsitz, Rex Whitehead, Elaine D'Aubert, Howard Sherman, Page Loyd, James, Day, Lou Cappiello, Katja Michael, Marilyn Holmes, Jed & Ashley Minyard, Julie Brannock, Arlene Brooks, Rachel Tezza, Ann Rowland, Sherri Cromer, Hugh Webb, Joe & Cheryl, Clifford Nesbitt, George Lindley, Rob Harrison, Felicia Murray, the Robinson Family

### Deceased

Evelyn Cancius, Audrey Nesbit's aunt; Sylvia Robinson, Mike Peterson's brother-in-law's mother

### Parish Cycle of Prayer

**(11/21)** Ron, Laura, Gracie, Daniel & Ellie Dover, Lu, Keith, Jillian & Mitch Dunke; Tad, Sarah, Allison & Coleman Dupuis; Dale & Bryce Edwards, Christine Custer; Erica Edwards;  
**(11/28)** James, Jada, Cody & Larry Ellis; Mark, Janice, Seamus & Trenholm Fahy; Bill &

Beverly Fambrough; Randy, Kristina, Ava, Dylan & Ansley Farmer; Alan & Carol Fey

### Birthdays

(11/22) David Carter, Barbara Cordery, Marcia Markette, Lauren Travis, (11/23) Claire Harrison, Jada Ellis, (11/26) Pam Phillips, Clark Remter, (11/25) Kimberly Blythe, (11/26) Evan Austin, Matthew Gottesman, Mike Reeves, (11/27) Barbara Barrington, (11/29) Alex Morris, (12/1) Emily Schuring, Sam Schuring, Gracie Dover, (12/2) Gina Baumann, Paddy Phillpotts, Bill Lee, (12/3) Shelly Taylor, Eric Hollis, (12/4) Katie Carswell, Taryn Nienaber, (12/5) Michael Smith, Alex Daniel

### Anniversaries

(11/27) Carla von Hoffmann & Rod Deutscher; (12/1) Jim & Donna Stephens; (12/2) Phil & Lisa Spessard; (12/4) Ginny & Scott Lummus

## Seasonal Donations

Each year we invite all to donate money for decorating our church for Christmas and for special music for Christmas Eve services. We remind you to insert your donation in the brown envelopes in your pews: remember to write in or on the envelope your name and who you would like your gift to be remembered in thanksgiving or memory of, by Sunday, Dec. 12 to be listed in our Christmas bulletins.



## Cookbook pickup

Thank you to those who have already picked up your St. Catherine's cookbooks and to those who have purchased extra! Copies still available for purchase -- If you need to pick up a PREPAID book, please see Ginney Linstrom in the main office, and please INITIAL that you received yours. To purchase more books contact Amy Morris, amymorris73@AT.yahoo.com or Sally Powers, sallyp30@AT.comcast.net to make arrangements

## Grateful Stewards and Joyful Givers of God's Abundance

By Phil Spessard

As students of the first Financial Peace University (FPU) class at St. Catherine's last fall, Lisa and I immersed ourselves in the Dave Ramsey 13-week course. We discovered and applied many new strategies and disciplines to optimize our abundant God-given gifts, laser-focused on our financial goals and dreams. We received so much from FPU that we agreed to facilitate the second class this past winter and spring. It was such a privilege to deepen relationships with fellow parishioners.

In recent years, the clergy and lay leaders of St. Catherine's taught us how to apply our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. FPU reinforced the concept that all that we have belongs to God, and the greatest joys and rewards come when you give and receive openly. FPU has served to supercharge our faith and most everything else in our lives -- Christian nurture and development at its finest.

Last fall, when Jenny and Ash Gale asked us to serve as Alie's godparents, Lisa and I were inspired to name St. Catherine's as ten percent primary beneficiary of our retirement funds. As co-chair of St. Cath-

erine's 50th Anniversary Committee and member of the Great Oak Fund Board Lisa and I, respectively, were excited to make this special gift arrangement to help ensure a bright future for St. Catherine's through a permanent endowment.

With intention in force, our focus returned to achieving our financial goals, including plans to increase our St. Catherine's Stewardship pledge from five-percent to ten-percent (a tithe) of our income. The fulfillment we will get from achieving that goal will be a highlight of our marriage, as our daughters observe our triumphant journey to financial freedom and peace.

In the meantime, we give special thanks and dedicate this article to Father Jim and Joan, to Peter and Colleen Morich (who have inspired the creation here of both Marriage Journey and FPU), to our wonderful Marriage Journey group, to the Young Families group, to all who serve and are served by Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and to the countless many friends and parishioners who give so much to keep this vibrant Christian community blooming in extraordinary ways over the next fifty years and into perpetuity. As each year passes, Lisa and I grow more fully into the roles God has asked us to play as Grateful Stewards and Joyful Givers, and we grow evermore grateful for our St. Catherine's family for guiding, supporting, and loving us on our journey to God.

## Time for Time and Talent!



The Fall Time and Talent Form is up and ready for your input! Please take a few moments to peruse and reply with your offering of your time and talents for St. Catherine's. This fall survey covers our opportunities in the areas of Outreach, Finance, Parish Life, and Invitation Ministries. Forms are available for individuals, couples and families. Your swift and speedy response is appreciated!

GO NOW TO [www.surveystcatherines.org](http://www.surveystcatherines.org) or see the link on our website at [www.st.catherines.org](http://www.st.catherines.org). (If you prefer to submit a paper form of your time and talents offering, please call the office at 770-971-2839 or pick a Time & Talent form on our resource table in the foyer.)

## Marriage Journey Groups

### Kickoff Luncheon Sunday, Dec. 12.

Marriage Journey will be forming new groups starting in the new year. Marriage Journey is for married and soon-to-be married couples looking for an exciting, growth-provoking adventure that could help your relationship grow richer and deeper.

Please join us for a Informational Kickoff Luncheon on Sunday, Dec. 12, 12:30-2:30 in the Parish Hall. Pre-registration required. Child care will be provided, no charge. Please fill out the Opportunities for Ministry form in your bulletin, sign up in the foyer on Sundays through Dec. 5 or contact Colleen Morich for information.

## Advent

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### ► Advent Morning Eucharist & Study

We gather each Tuesday in Advent (Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, and 21) for Eucharist at 7:00 am and a brief study following at 7:30 am. This offering is designed for the busy life where a one hour break makes a big difference. You are welcome to come for one or both offerings.

Our study this Advent is about waiting, and waiting is hard for us. Wait for the Lord. Let your spirituality feel a bit awkward, for your primary goal need not be to get shopping done or have your home ready for guests, but to grow close to God. Your deepest wish, your most fervent desire, even if hidden from even yourself, is for the coming of the Lord into your life. To get at this, we will explore various characters in the biblical story, and even a few others out of the annals of history. We will structure their stories around four themes, for our four weeks: repentance, faith, holiness, and love.

### ► Advent Resources

Look for our resource table in the foyer through Advent with materials for all ages. In particular, pick up our annual booklet of reflections on the seasons of Advent and Christmas written by our own parishioners.



And be sure to check for your "Reflection of the Day" on our website throughout the season.

### ► Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols – Sunday, Dec. 5, 5 PM

We will celebrate Advent Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 5 at 5:00 pm. This is a special time as we anticipate the coming of Christ through the reading of Scripture and the reflection in song on the great words of the prophets. Our choirs and musicians are hard at work in preparation for this seasonal favorite. Please bring family and friends for this beautiful service as the sun sets and the candles shine.

### ► Christmas Pageant – Sun., Dec. 12

Children and youth are especially invited to participate, watch for announcements of rehearsal schedules.

### ► Hanging of the Greens – Sunday, Dec. 19, 5 PM

We will gather on to decorate the church for Christmas. When the work is complete, we will gather in the parish hall for a light supper. Dinner will be followed with the singing of Christmas carols in the church. Please bring some cookies to share after caroling.

### This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 11/22  
**Susan's Day Off**  
 7:30PM Boy Scout Troop713

Tuesday, 11/23  
 10:00AM Morning Prayer  
 10:30AM Staff Meeting  
 6:00PM MUST Laundry Team  
 6:30PM Finance  
 7:30PM Eucharist and Pie

Wednesday, 11/24  
 24th-26th Church Office Closed  
 5:30AM MUST Breakfast

Thursday, 11/25  
 Happy Thanksgiving!  
 Gobble Jog @Marietta Square

Friday, 11/26  
**Jim's Day Off**  
 8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 11/27

Sunday, 11/28  
 7:30AM Holy Eucharist  
 8:00AM Breakfast  
 8:45AM Family Holy Eucharist/  
 Jubilate  
 10:00AM Advent Wreath Making  
 11:15AM Choral Holy Eucharist  
 5:00PM Stephen Ministry  
 6:00PM Elizabeth Inn

### Thank you to

The following additional persons who have contributed to our recent request for communion wine:

- Jay Hendricks
- Barbara Perry

*Michelle Lagarde, in remembrance of her father, John Edwards.*

## Remember, Rejoice, Renew: Pastoral Care

*Spotlight on Pastoral Care Ministry Team  
 By Team Convener Margaret Shaw*

Pastoral Care has been a part of St. Catherine's from the very beginning, so much a part of our parish personality that I believe it was a gift from God to our new-born church. People have differing gifts, and churches have gifts too; gifts that we are able to explore, develop, grow, and share.

In that church 50 years ago, Pastoral Care came primarily from the clergy – but even then, the roots of our present-day ministries were being put down: parishioners reaching out to someone hurting – to be a Christian friend and offer a listening ear; smell the meals being made and taken to the home where there is illness; feel the quiet dedica-

tion of a congregation sending forth prayers of intercession in the Sunday morning services.

In 2010 we rejoice to see how Pastoral Care has grown: Stephen Ministry, Sunshine, Rideshare, Career, Youth Mentoring, Grief Ministry, Creation Care, Daughters of the King, Flower Delivery, Lay Eucharistic Ministry, Congregational Nurses, and Prayer Chain. Lay leaders and team members allow God's light and love to shine through in Christian care-giving.

As we celebrate our 50th anniversary I wish for God's continued blessing on our gift for Pastoral Care. I hope there are individuals who feel called to join one of these. I hope we can meet needs through a new or existing ministry. Thanks be to God for all who have given and received the gifts of Pastoral Care, and for all those who will do so in our future.

**This week at St. Catherine's**

Monday, 11/29

**Susan's Day Off**7:00PM Mentors  
7:30PM Boy Scout Troop 713

Tuesday, 11/30

7:00AM Eucharist & Book Study  
10:00AM Morning Prayer  
10:30AM Staff Meeting  
4:00PM Catechesis – Catholic  
6:30PM Polar Express  
6:30PM Jubilate  
7:00PM Holy Conversations

Wednesday, 12/1

9:30AM Bible Study  
12:00PM CN & D  
5:00PM WNL Program  
5:45PM WNL Dinner  
6:15PM Youth Choir  
6:30PM WNL Program  
7:30PM Adult Choir

Thursday, 12/2

6:30PM EFM  
7:00PM Men's Bible Study

Friday, 12/3

**Jim's Day Off**10:00AM Women's Bible Study  
10:00AM Folders  
7:00PM Advent Quiet Evening  
8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 12/4

8:30AM Jubilate  
9:00AM Sponsor Orientation  
10:00AM Christmas Tree Pick up

Sunday, 12/5

7:30AM Holy Eucharist  
8:00AM Breakfast  
8:45AM Family Holy Eucharist/  
Jubilate  
10:00AM Church School  
10:00AM St. Nicholas  
11:15AM Choral Holy Eucharist  
1:00PM Christmas Tree Pick up  
1:00PM The Journey  
1:00PM Marriage Journey  
Luncheon  
5:00PM Lessons & Carols

## Ministry Budget is *UNFROZEN*

By Tom Hunter, Stewardship Chair

Two months ago, when the Finance Committee found it necessary to freeze the budget for all but essential expenses, we promised to review that decision every month. Thanks to the faithful response of the people of St. Catherine's to meeting their pledge commitments, we are now comfortable with lifting the freeze. This does not mean that we are out of the woods. Our expenses for the year still exceed our 2010 income. But we are back on schedule to break even by the end of the year if we remain responsible in our expenditures and if we are faithful to our pledges.

We are now finishing our audit process for the last several years and the auditors have praised us for our solid financial position and for our responsible oversight of the financial health of the congregation. In short the people of St. Catherine's are Good Stewards of the gifts God has given us to do God's work. Thank you all for your faithfulness and your patience with the process.

## Holiday Opportunities to share your Time & Treasure...

- **The Giving Tree**  
**Nov. 28 - Dec. 19**

The Giving Tree will be displayed in the foyer beginning Sunday, Nov. 28. Each ornament on the tree lists a gift to purchase for a child at Emmaus House in the Peoplestown community near Turner Field. Last year Santa and Mrs. Claus distributed over 1200 gifts during the Christmas Festival on December 24th. If you would like to provide a gift for a child, simply take an ornament from the Giving Tree and sign the gift log book. Then deliver your wrapped gift to the Giving Tree by Sunday, December 19, with the ornament tag fastened to it.

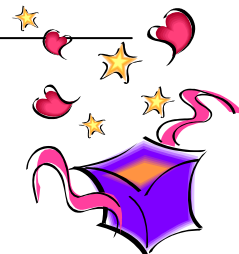
- **Gift cards from Kroger, Publix, Target and Walmart.** These can be placed in envelopes marked "Outreach" and put in the [locked] Vestry Suggestion Box located in the narthex near the nametag board and coffee station.

- **Saturday, December 4, 3 pm: Emmaus House Christmas in Peoplestown** — The whole neighborhood is invited to come by and make ornaments, have refreshments, decorate and light the 20 ft Christmas tree on the front lawn and sing carols. We'll

meet at the church and carpool—possibly take the church van. Some parents are needed, especially for children under 12. If you're interested, please sign up in the Opportunities for Ministry in the Sunday bulletin or contact Nadine Pope, 770-973-9057 or ronaza@Tmindspring.com.

- **Emmaus House "Elves"** — Now an annual tradition, we will go to Emmaus House on Christmas Eve morning to be "elves" at the annual Christmas Festival. We will serve refreshments in addition to hosting the crowd of hundreds as they enjoy activities, including a magician, storyteller, and a visit to Santa and Mrs. Claus. We always have lots of fun, and it's guaranteed to get you in the holiday spirit! Please sign up in the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact Nadine Pope, ronaza@Tmindspring.com or 770-973-9057.

There are many, many opportunities to make the holidays special for our brothers and sisters in need, in Marietta, across the world, and every place in between. If you have particular gifts you would like to share, or a select group you would like to be involved with but aren't certain how, let us be of assistance! Please contact Nadine Pope, ronaza@Tmindspring.com or 770-973-9057.



## Stewardship Talks

If you missed either of the inspiring Stewardship Talks from the pulpit by Bill Krupp and Karen Maxwell in October, you can read them now on our website now at [www.stcatherines.org](http://www.stcatherines.org).

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kickoff Party Thanks

What a great event for everyone.

Thank you to the very many folks who helped! —

Marilyn Hunter; Joan Nixon and food committee—Shirley Childs, Larry and Meg Boyd, Pat Pepper, Eleanor Pearson, Diane Sanders, Alan Certain, Stan and Dani Dickson, Suzanne McGhee, Barb Selby; Bill Selby and set up/break down committee: Tom Snead, John Brooks, Jeff Harris, Vic Philpotts, Hale Sanders, Tom Hunter Richard Pearson, Bob Pepper, Eric DeLaBarre, Al Jones, Scott Lummus, Bruce Perry, The Hunkler Family;

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## Diocesan Council reflections

By Juan Sandoval

1. We received Bishop Alexander's stirring address and challenge to us to live into the ministry of reconciliation to which we are called as people of God. He called us to become passionate in our response to the principalities and powers of this world exhibited in the brutality in action, word and spirit that has infected our society

2. We rejoiced in the presence of Dr. Bonnie Anderson (President of the House of Deputies of the General Convention) and Lueta Baily. Lueta Baily's reflection on the first time she was welcomed on the floor at General Convention stirred our hearts. Her struggle for justice and the struggle of women like her paved the way for women to follow their call to ordination or to serve in other capacities in the church structure.

3. We joined in passing the Health Care Resolution R10-1 (Health Insurance Coverage).

4. We affirmed "the Tithe and the Standard of Financial Giving" by passing resolution R10-3.

5. We were touched by Bishop Whitmore's wise words of counsel about not allowing anxiety and fear cause us to falter in our faith, in response to the anxiety felt around the Health Care Resolution R10-1

6. Council is always an opportunity to see and hear in more depth about the success of statewide, nationwide, and worldwide programs that we support. It was refreshing and humbling to hear from folks on the front lines of such important work (in Haiti, Tanzania, Holy Comforter, Church of the Common Ground, Rainbow House, Kids 4 Peace, etc.) while feeling a part of these good works. A reminder and glimpse of the importance of our support to such programs, and a reminder that our mission at St. Catherine's is so much broader.

7. We are blessed to have two Bishops who are not afraid to confront some of today's most difficult issues.

8. The Council provides an opportunity to meet new friends and re-connect with old friends from different churches and ministries. It is a wonderful blessing.

## Vestry Highlights

By Sally Powers



At the regular Vestry meeting on Tuesday, November 16, your Vestry:

- Welcomed guest Tom Kuhlmann of Burge and Associates, P.C., who presented the draft of our 2009 audit and made some suggestions for strengthening our operating procedures;
- Heard a report from Al Jones on converting the upper parking lot to handicapped and senior parking and on general improvements which are needed to our parking lots and our signage.;
- Wrote thank you notes to parishioners who made extra contributions to our community last month;
- Personnel Committee proposal was received from Susan Jablonski, Eric DeLaBarre, and Bruce Perry. An ad hoc committee will be formed to address and formalize personnel procedures;
- Finalized the follow-up plans for Stewardship Ingathering. Vestry members will send reminder notes to those who have not yet pledged to be followed up with phone calls;
- Learned that *Safeguarding God's Children* has been completed for all staff, teachers and board members of Preschool and that a new program, *Safeguarding God's People*, dealing with adult relationships, will be instituted at St. Catherine's

## Party Thanks (cont'd)

Molly Frost; Ginny Lummus and committee: Ellis Kilgore, Susan Jablonski; Lisa Spesard and committee: Pat Pepper, John Brooks, Jason Snape; Tracy Pitts (ChickFila donations); Tim Braman (donation of wine); Lani Brooks (face painting); Dave Yucius (portable fire pit and loading heaters); Stephanie Yucius (video); Jan Potter (photographer); Robbie Roy (magnet donation); Mike Peterson and the youth who helped with games : Megan Shannonhouse, Mitch Dumke, Claire Hunkler, Isabel Lopez, Erin Donoghue, Kelly Donoghue, Hannah Harris, Alysia Bowers-Dean, Abby Baumann; Jay Memory (musician); Rose and Steve Wolfe (portable heaters and tanks)

## Youth News

By Mike Peterson

In the spirit of the season, the St. Catherine's has quite a bit for which we can be thankful! The last month has been a busy and rewarding one for us. In mid-October the Rite 13 class took a trip north to Canton on an absolutely beautiful day to wander through the Cagle's Family Farm Corn Maze. No one was seriously lost for too long and we all had a great time (and got some great photo ops in as well)! The very next weekend was our Fall Youth Retreat, and it was quite a success. God blessed us with safe travel and perfect weather in the gorgeous mountains of North Carolina. Fifteen youth and five adults enjoyed each other's company while engaging in team building challenges, hiking, braving the high ropes course (the pictures from this part are hilarious), flying through the trees on a zipline, and singing and worshipping together around the campfire. We made a few animal friends as well! Heartfelt thanks go out to our chaperones for making the trip possible.

In the last month we've also kicked off our annual **Christmas Tree Sale**. Thank you to

all of you for supporting the youth program by buying trees, wreaths, and garlands! We look forward to seeing all of the greenery come in for pick up on December 4 and 5.

We move straight from that event into our **Secret Santa Breakfast and Vendor Show** on Saturday, December 11 (please see the corresponding paragraph about this event). This is a truly delightful annual tradition, and we look forward to seeing parishioners of ALL ages there!

Fourteen St. Catherine's youth and adults head up to Camp Mikell for **Happening** on November 19th. Please keep all of them, especially Hannah Harris and Gaby Sutton, our two first-time candidates, in your thoughts and prayers.

Having now entered the year-long celebration of the 50th Anniversary of St. Catherine's, all of us in the youth program wish to share our deepest Thanksgiving to God and to all of our wonderful parishioners for your continued support of our young people. The 50th Anniversary Kick-Off Celebration was a touching and fitting tribute to St. Catherine's and our shared history, and we are thankful to this parish for making the youth such a part of that history and of the days and years to come.

## Secret Santa Breakfast & Vendor Show

**Saturday, Dec. 11  
9 am—1 pm**

The Secret Santa Shop will be filled with gifts for children, ages 2-11, to shop for the loved ones. St. Cat's youth will assist the children in selecting and wrapping their "secret" gifts. Parents can enjoy breakfast and shopping among our featured crafters and artisans.

This event is open to all members of the parish. Breakfast is \$5 for adults and \$2 for kids under 12. Reservations forms are available in the foyer. For more information, contact Lee Ann Sherry at 770-815-5299 or [leeannsherry@bellsouth.net](mailto:leeannsherry@bellsouth.net).



## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo

By Jason Snape

Our new logo evolved from looking at the symbols and forms we already have and use at St. Catherine's, listening to other's thoughts on what images and forms are important to them here, and thinking about what lay at the heart of our congregation.

I sketched explorations of the oak, the wheel, and various styles of facades of our sanctuary. When I assembled the best six of my dozens of ideas, I realized that they were generic. They could be any church with a tree out front, or a beautiful set of doors. Even Camp Mikell already had a circular logo. What is unique about St. Catherine's? The answer, of course, is the church itself – the congregation. And something distinctive about us is that we hold hands during the Lord's Prayer, and extend an empty hand to those we've not met yet, or don't see. Simple and intimate.

Alone, these three figures holding hands could be any community, or a charity of

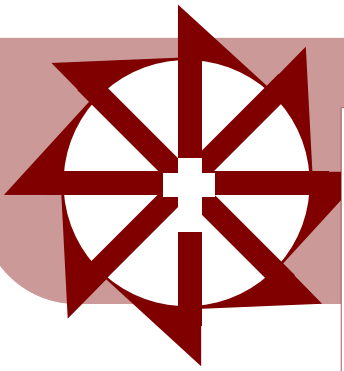
sorts. To locate our relationship specifically, I brought back in a portion of my façade drawings –



the broad, sheltering roof and the three crosses above our entry doors. This reminds us of why we are together, and what we are bound together to do here. It was also important to me for the weight of the figures to become a visual foundation of the structure – we support and are the church.

The lines are imperfect and organic, not hard and corporate. The colors, purple, gold, and green, felt full of energy, appropriateness, and health. Purple is the color of advent, a time of preparation and expectation. Gold is for the sun, warmth, and optimism. Green is for youthful energy and spring growth.

Our logo can provide a consistent, cohesive way for others to recognize and begin to understand what St. Catherine's is about, and remind us more succinctly why we are together.



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## Mark Your Calendars

- 11/17, 12/1 ... WNL
- 11/23 ...Thanksgiving Service; Elizabeth Inn laundry
- 11/24-26 ...Office closed
- 11/25 ...Gobble Jog
- 11/28 ... Advent wreath making; Elizabeth Inn dinner
- 11/30 ... Tuesday Eucharist & study begins
- 12/3 ... Advent Quiet Evening
- 12/4 & 5 ...Christmas tree pickup
- 12/5 ... St. Nicholas celebration; Advent Lessons & Carols

## The Wheel

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## Gobble Jog for MUST

Sign up now or just show up on Nov. 25! The Gobble Jog is a benefit for MUST Ministries on the morning of Thanksgiving Day, featuring a 1K, 5K, a 10K run/walk and the Tot Trot (for kids 5 and under). It starts and ends at the Marietta Square. **Can't run?** Sign up as a "phantom runner" and get your well-deserved race shirt by mail! Get details at [www.gobblejog.org](http://www.gobblejog.org).

## "A Christmas Carol" at St. Cat's

**Sunday, November 21, 3-4 pm**

FREE for your whole family and all your friends! Don't miss this delightful seasonal treat – Roy Lantz, well-known speaker and author, will present a performance reading of "A Christmas Carol" using Charles Dickens' own annotated text. In just 65 minutes you'll hear Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim and more than twenty other characters come to life as you've never heard the story before (sponsored for you by Cats on Wheels). For information about the presentation visit [www.achristmascarolreading.com](http://www.achristmascarolreading.com)



## Elizabeth Inn

**Next laundry date: Tue., Nov. 23**  
**Next dinner date: Sun., Nov. 28**

Say THANKS to both Al Jones and Tom Hunter for their help on Laundry Team last month and to Tom for the past three months. Now thanks to the Pitts guys, Tom can have November off. Thanks to all for your willingness to help and PLEASE consider joining us for either Tuesday or Wednesday, December 28th and 29th – please contact Fred Massey, [f\\_massey2@hotmail.com](mailto:f_massey2@hotmail.com) or 404.731.4466.

St. Catherine's also prepares and serves dinner on the 28th of every month to the guests at the Elizabeth Inn homeless shelter – contact Connie Bergeron, 770-951-1411, and Tracy Buckalew, 770-956-9609.