



The December 2023

SHAMROCK

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3 Ways To Give This Christmas

Food Collection

Non-Perishable items for Christmas dinner like stuffing, green bean casserole ingredients, canned corn, sweet potatoes, pumpkin, cranberry sauce, & chicken broth, etc.

Gift Cards

Donate a \$20 (or more) gift card to Publix or Walmart so folks can buy a turkey or ham and fresh produce.

Toys For Tots

Bring in an unwrapped toy and place it under our narthex Christmas tree. You can also donate a toy online by scanning the QR code.



Collecting Until Dec. 17th



PLEASE JOIN REV. BECKY FOR HER

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Drop in as you are able! There will be tons of food, fellowship, and EGGNOG!!



When: Dec. 10th from 4PM to 7PM

Where: Rev. Becky's house (1015 S Floral Ave)



HOLY TRINITY & OAK CITY CHURCH PRESENTS

BARTOW COUNTRY CHRISTMAS



FEATURING

ELIMOSLEY

MUSIC
DANCING
FOOD TRUCKS
FUN

12.16.23
5:30-8PM

500 W. STUART STREET

*Holy Trinity
Christmas Eve
Service
6:30PM*



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Holy Trinity Bartow ■ Come and See

What has been going on last month on campus:
Tree fell on our shed, and Breakfast with Santa



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DEDICATE A
POINSETTIA IN HONOR OF/THANKSGIVING
FOR OR IN MEMORY OF SOMEONE, PLEASE
SIGN UP ON THE LIST IN THE NARTHEX OR
BY CALLING OR EMAILING WAYNE IN THE
OFFICE.

WE ARE ASKING FOR A **\$15 DONATION** PER
POINSETTIA. POINSETTIAS CAN BE TAKEN
HOME ON DECEMBER 24TH.





The youth had a blast making pancakes for dinner at Youth Group. They were purrfect! Watch out Shrove Tuesday pancake flippers!

DECEMBER

8th- Friday 5-7pm

Meet at Church, walk to Parade for pizza

10th - 5-7pm

Rev. Becky's Open House

25th & 31st No Youth Group

(NO SCHOOL—Christmas holiday)

Start up again in January, date TBD



Treasurer's
CORNER

Treasurer's Notes

Pledge receipts through October have been steady. Year-to-date they are more than forecasted and more than 2022's. However, unrestricted receipts (amounts not pledged or forecasted) are much less than last year. They were quite strong during the last two months of 2022.

Operating expenses are in line with expectations.

We have unrestricted cash to cover expenses for about five weeks. This is a decrease from last month. Alms are welcomed and needed to complete the year .

your humble and obedient servant &c.

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Donations from Individual Retirement Accounts

Parish members at least 70 ½ years of age may treat donations made directly from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to the Church as a nontaxable IRA distribution. Such a transaction is called a Qualified Charitable Contribution (QCD).

A QCD is excluded from taxable income up to \$100,000 per year and will count towards a required minimum IRA distribution. (The amount may increase to \$105,000 in 2024.) The donation cannot be claimed as a deduction because the distribution is excluded from taxable income. The Church will provide the appropriate acknowledgement for tax documentation.

For more information, see IRS Publication 590(b) available at irs.gov and consult with your tax advisor and IRA Trustee

DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 8am & 9:30 am: Rite II Services DOK 8: A—Martin & George-Ann Hodges</p>	4	5	6	7	8 8:00 a.m. Breakfast	9
<p>10 8am Rite II Service no music 9:30am: Rite II Service Becky's Open House</p>	11	<p>12 B—Mary Frisbie & Sandra Suarez</p>	13	14	15 8:00 a.m. Breakfast	16 A Country Christmas Concert & Dance
<p>17 8am Rite II no music 9:30am: Rite II Service B—Don Wilson A—Dudley & Sally Putnam</p>	18	<p>19—5:30pm Vestry Mtg B—Mel Simmons</p> 	20	21	22 8:00am Breakfast	23
<p>24 8 & 9:30: Rite II Service Noon AA C.H. Christmas Eve services at 5:30 & 10:30</p>	<p>25 Church office is closed B—Jesus</p>	26	27	28	29 8:00 am Breakfast	30 A—Tom Zinar & Evie Cole
<p>31 8am Rite II Service no music 9:30am: Rite II Service A—Scott & Myrtice Young</p>	1 Jan 2024	2	3	4	5 8:00 a.m. Breakfast	6