

# THE MAGNIFICAT December 2016



*St. Mary's*  
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The Head of this Church	Jesus Christ
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Administrative Assistant	Debbie Griggs
Bookkeeper	Kay Zumwalt
Nursery Director	Taylor DeShazer
Youth Minister	Donna Costello
Youth Minister	Chris Hand
Youth Minister	David & Jill Youngblood
Youth Minister	Roger Webb
Praise Ensemble	Chris Rathbun Chris Weigand Guy Nembhard Emily Niklas
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Organist	Betsy Banks
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Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2016

5:00 p.m. family service with  
Christmas pageant

7:00 p.m. Rite 2, no choir

10:00 p.m. Choir

Christmas Day  
9:00 a.m. service only

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## **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

**St. Mary's Christmas Pageant**

**Christmas Eve**

**5:00 p.m.**

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal will be  
Saturday, December 17 @ 2pm at St. Mary's.

### Children's Formation Thanksgiving Community Project

Many thanks to everyone who came to St. Mary's first Thanksgiving Trip to the Fountains at Canterbury nursing home on Saturday, November 5. Eight Sunday School children with their parents served a dozen senior residents of the nursing home with apple cider, pumpkin rolls, and mini-pumpkins decorated in Sunday School. I was overjoyed with two things I saw today: the smiles on the seniors' faces and the children looking for someone without a slice of pumpkin roll to GIVE. I am hoping it will be a trip we make every Thanksgiving time. Thank you again for everyone who helped, from decorating the pumpkins in Sunday School to traveling to the nursing home to meet the seniors.



## St. Mary's Youth Hit a Home Run



St. Mary's Episcopal Youth (Edmond) had a great night at Mitch Park on Monday, October 24th. The Youth and their leaders sacrificed their last evening of fall break to be buddies at a Miracle League game, supporting one of their own parishioners with special needs.

The group was quick to say 'YES' when asked by Donna Costello, one of their youth leaders, if they would like to help. Many of the youth and other leaders know Costello's son, Peter, who has played on Miracle League for many years. No surprise that they would choose one of Peter's game nights to participate as buddies for the first time.

Miracle League of Edmond is an organization that provides an opportunity for children and adults with special needs to play baseball. The teams play a shortened game of just two innings. There are no outs and no scoring, but plenty of fun and comradery amongst the players and the buddies. *"We have grown to 12 teams, each scheduled to play once a week for 8 weeks during both the Fall and Spring seasons. We are fortunate to have great buddies to help and encourage our players,"* stated Margo Price, director of the Edmond organization. She went on to say, *"I was so pleased to see St. Mary's youth here to support Peter, his mom, and all the players."*

*"I was not surprised by the care, compassion and encouragement shown by our youth and our leaders at these games tonight. They are generous, faithful and sincere in their walk with Jesus and their desire to help others,"* remarked Costello. Before the night's games were even over, the youth were asking, *"When can we do this again?"* Spring 2017!!!

If you would like to learn more about Miracle League of Edmond, please visit [www.edmondmiracleleague.org](http://www.edmondmiracleleague.org).

We seek to be formed into the image of Christ. This is done through spiritual formation, and at St. Mary's we strive to offer something for all ages.

**Sunday Morning Formation 10:00 to 10:45**

Fr. Mark's class takes Re-Pitching the Tent, a journey in Theology and Architecture

*Meets in the Library, west end of the parish hall*

Wired Word looks at current events through Gospel eyes

*Meets in the middle room of the middle hallway*

The Seekers deepens a personal relationship with Christ

*Meets in the middle room of the west hallway*

Children's Formation tells the basic stories of our faith

*Meets upstairs in the west hallway*

Youth Formation learns how to live a life of faith

*Meets in the Canterbury House by the playground*

**Wednesday Night Formation is from 6:15 to 7:30**

(There is an inexpensive parish meal first from 5:30 to 6:15)

Youth worship together and discuss the depths of faith

*Meets in the Canterbury House by the playground*

Fr. Scott is leading a discussion on the Gospel of Mark

*Meets in the Library*

Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

**Friday Nights**

The 1st Friday each month is Men's Dinner: November 11th will be the dinner this month. Sign up sheet is by the T.V. in the Parish Hall.

The 2nd and 4th Fridays each month: singles group (Whole in One) 5:30 PM in the Library followed by dinner out together

There are many, many additional opportunities to support, serve, learn, and grow in the love of Christ.

There's a place for you!



## Monthly Events.....

### Ladies Bridge Game

The games are the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Parish Hall. All women are welcome. For more information, call Carol Cleveland 340-8246.

### Whole in One

The meetings are the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month in the church library at 5:30 p.m. then dinner out together or potluck. All singles are invited to join us.

### UCO Food Pantry

The UCO Food Pantry especially needs canned beans, canned fruit, baby diapers and feminine hygiene items. Just a dollar or two of grocery store items truly helps a family in need. UCO students are especially grateful to you!!

### Altar Flowers

Flowers for the Altar sign up sheet and forms are posted in the North hallway across from the kitchen. Sign up dates are available. Please sign your name on the date and fill out the form if you would like to place flowers on the altar, In Memory of, In Thanksgiving for and/or a special occasion. Please fill out a form and turn into the office or place in offering plate. Please keep this ministry alive by donating, Sixty dollars or more. For more information contact, Diane Wilson.

### Ministry Blanket

The blankets that we provided this year are fleece blankets that carry great meaning, for each knot in the fringe symbolizes a prayer. One-by one the knots are tied by individual parishioners at the end of each service. One-by one the blanket recipient is lifted-up to God by a caring congregation. A blanket is freely and reverently offered to anyone in St. Mary's Episcopal Church Community. A donation of \$10 is accepted for those outside the community.

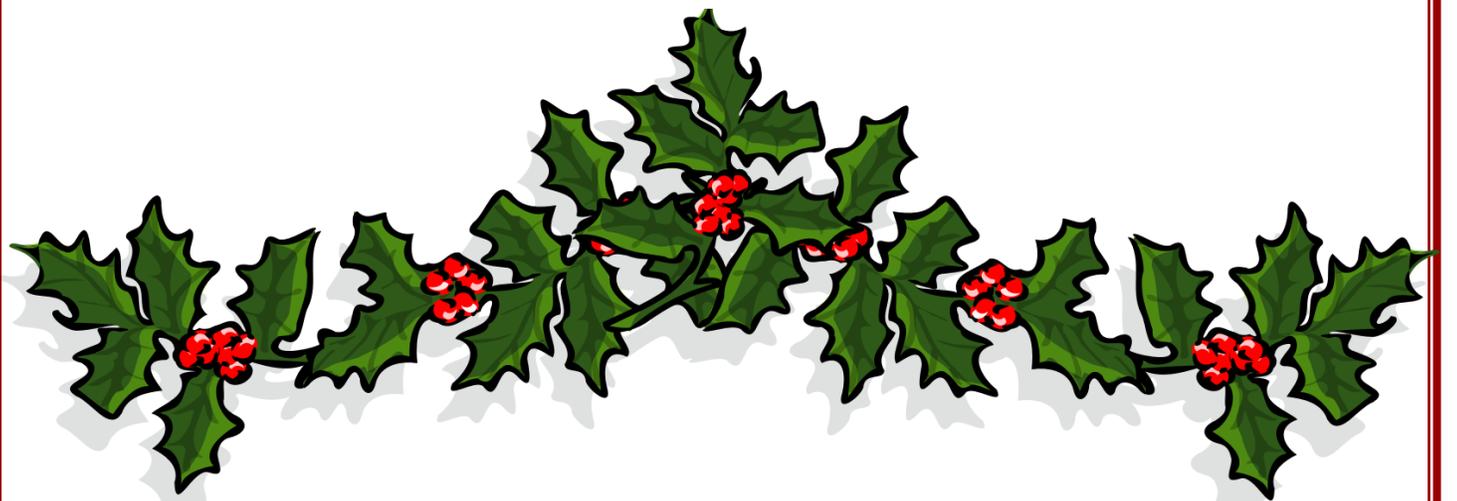
We respectfully accept all inquiries regarding this Ministry in care of Mary Lambert at [wmlambert@hotmail.com](mailto:wmlambert@hotmail.com).

\*The Church also hosts Scouts, UCO's Pre-School for the Hearing Impaired, Ryan's Case which is a number of volunteers who make pillow cases for patients at OU Children's hospital, a group that meets for Tai Chi, and there are many additional opportunities to support, serve, learn, and grow in the love of Christ.



### **Daughters of the King Brunch/Meeting**

In lieu of our usual meeting, the second Monday of the month, the Daughters of the King will meet on **December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am** at Carol Smith's home, 2916 Woodland Creek Drive (Autumn Ridge addition, between Bryant and Coltrane on Covell) This will be a wonderful opportunity to socialize with one another over brunch, and share our Advent journey in preparation for Christmas. Looking forward to seeing our members, as well as those discerning and going through training for Daughters of the King. In order to have a head count for food preparation, please RSVP by December 7<sup>th</sup>. (Carol's home #405-359-4102 and cell#405-757-9042 or email [andyandcarol@swbell.net](mailto:andyandcarol@swbell.net).)



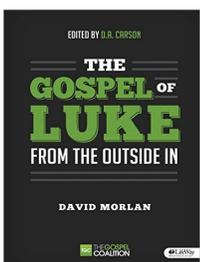


## Men's Dinner in St. Mary's Parish Hall



**December 2, 2016  
7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.**

The UCO food pantry especially needs canned beans, canned fruit, baby diapers and feminine hygiene items. Just a dollar or two of grocery store items truly helps people in need. UCO students are especially grateful to you!!!



**Thursday Morning Bible Study**  
9:30 a.m. —11:30 a.m.  
Dec 8th is the last session.  
New session will begin January 19, 2016

Any questions contact:  
Anne Winzenread

**Christmas Altar Flower Dedications**

**December 18th is the deadline for  
Donations for Christmas flowers**



Please drop your flower donation in the collection plate or bring to the office along with a donation. (Forms are located in the North hallway across from the kitchen. Please mark the form “In Memory or “In Thanksgiving for”.

If any questions, contact Diane Wilson (405) 509-0784



***December Birthdays.....***

12/1 Jim Dougherty  
12/2 Connor Starkey  
12/3 Carolyn Evans  
12/4 Monty Gibson  
12/4 James Rainey  
12/5 Tim Bridges  
12/7 Richard A. Peters  
12/8 Noah P. Hand  
12/9 Debbie Hand  
12/9 Ryan Harris  
12/9 Mary Johnson  
12/14 Emily Baker  
12/14 Dorothy Dinsmoor  
12/14 Yoshiko Weigand  
12/15 Mary Ann Morey

12/16 Warren D. Berryman  
12/19 Nathan B. Folmar  
12/20 Michelle Hasenfratz  
12/20 William McNatt  
12/21 Bob Gregg  
12/21 Sara Memmott  
12/21 Randy Unda  
12/22 Evan Kerzinger  
12/22 Paige L. Seknicka  
12/25 Dixie D. Pearson  
12/26 Lauren Carter  
12/27 Laurel E. Corbin  
12/27 Cynthia McCook  
12/27 Joe Sawyer  
12/28 Don Courts

