ST. EDMUND THE MARTYR EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CONGREGATION NEWS & NOTICES

DECEMBER 2025

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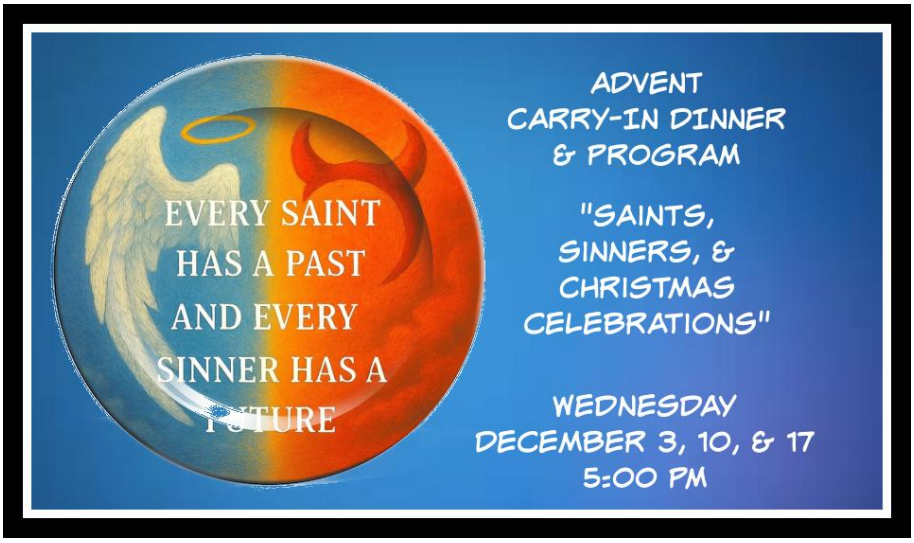
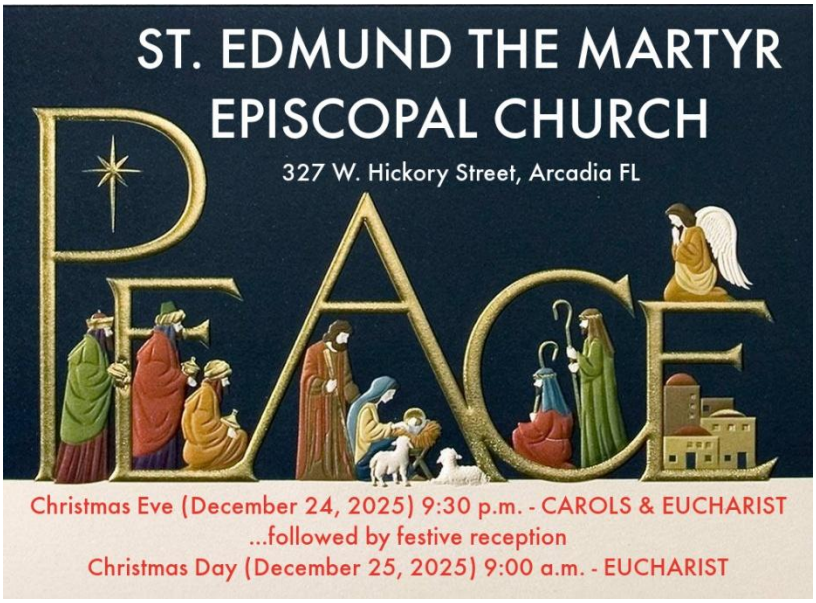
SCHEDULE: Sunday Eucharist 9:00 am (followed by fellowship time)

Wednesday, December 3, 10, & 17 – Carry In Dinner & Program





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Vestry: Michael Pooser, Dolly Faul. Don Reichert, Sandy Stanz

Vestry Clerk: Shelly Baumann

Altar Guild: Wendy Carter

Daughters of the King: Ruth Adams

Episcopal Church Women
Carolyn Robins

Music Coordinator: Pearl Kiellman

A new church year has begun and we look forward to more of our seasonal members to return as the holiday season is fast upon us. Advent programs are one way of sharing in the new church year as we prepare for the birth of our savior and we hope you will join us on Wednesday evenings at 5 during Advent for a carry in dinner and program with Fr. Jim each week leading up to Christmas.

With a new year also comes our annual pledge drive and your treasurer and vestry are hard at work crunching numbers and preparing our annual budget but we can't do it with out your continued generous support of our mission here in Arcadia. This year's pledge Drive is called "Tell Out My Soul" and it offers you the opportunity to share your story with our congregation and the community as we spread the news of Jesus Christ throughout the world and work to recruit new members by sharing our love of this little church we call home. So spread the good news and invite others to join in our celebration! Fr. Jim will be asking during our service for anyone who would like to share their story of how St. Edmund's has impacted your life. Much thanks to Don Reichert for once again taking on the task of being the chairman of our Pledge drive, we ask that you prayerfully consider what you can do with each of your gifts- your time, your talents and your treasures to allow us to continue our 132 year history of being the Episcopal presence here in Desoto County. Please return your pledge card before the end of the month by placing it either in the offering basket or by mail to St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory Street, Arcadia, FL 34266.

Thank you for all you do and I wish you all the best this Advent-Christmas season.

Merry Christmas!

Bob Baumann, Senior Warden

ECW
Episcopal Church Women:
United in Fellowship and Service

The last Sunday to bring new unwrapped toys for the foster children in DeSoto county is December 7th. I will take all the toys to the Safe Children's Coalition on Monday, December 8th. The next ECW meeting will be on December 14th after the Church service. Hope to see you there.

Carolyn Robins, ECW President

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 6:00 PM

MEN'S GROUP

St. Edmund's Episcopal Church Arcadia, FL

DINNER AT REEF & BEEF RESTAURANT

Tell Out My Soul

Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word:
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice
(Hymn 437/438)

This is the time of year when we look toward the coming year and consider plans and expectations for many aspects of life. As part of that process, please give thought to our life as a congregation for 2026.

Each person's story, participation, and sharing are the building blocks of a strong and vivrant congregation. We give of our "time, talent, and treasure" in thankfulness for our blessings and to join with each other to make St. Edmund Church an effective mission and ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Prayerfully review the information in our Stewardship Campaign in your planning for 2026.

THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US,
AND WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY, GLORY AS OF
THE ONLY SON FROM THE FATHER, FULL OF

grace & truth

JOHN 1:14