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Our 97th Year

"The friendly little church on the Circle in Everglades City"



1926-2023



Pastor Bob & Millie

AS I SEE IT . . . SEAFOOD FESTIVAL FEBRUARY 17-19 will find our church right in the middle of it, literally. See the pictures! Our famous giant chocolate chip cookie booth will, once again, be right in front of our Church on the Circle. Be sure to stop by and grab a sack-full! And, once again our church campus will be hosting Handicap Parking, with a Permit properly displayed. To accommodate this, there will be no Sunday School and our Sunday morning Worship Service will begin at 10 A.M. to allow our campus to be emptied for Handicap Parking to begin shortly thereafter. However, we will not have our pancake breakfast on Saturday morning as in the past. . . . A big round of applause to Sally Heflebower and Kathryn Kennedy for the wonderful repair and refinishing of our Manger Scene. It is beautiful! . . . I want to thank The Knight's of Columbus of St. Finbar's Catholic church in Naples for their generosity of bedding, blankets, sweaters, jackets, and bicycles for our community this season. This ecumenical ministry in our community is deeply appreciated by all. The Adult Sunday School and 11AM Sunday Morning Worship for January 15th was held in Jinkins Fellowship Hall due to cold weather and no heat in the Sanctuary.

The Reverend Dr. Bob N. Wallace



EVERGLADES CITY SEAFOOD FESTIVAL
ECC is the white steeple Church seen on the Fairway in the middle of picture on the extreme right edge.

SEAFOOD FESTIVAL FEBRUARY 17, 18, 19

Handicap Parking on our Church Campus



Right in front of our church



Stage Shows at City Hall across from our church



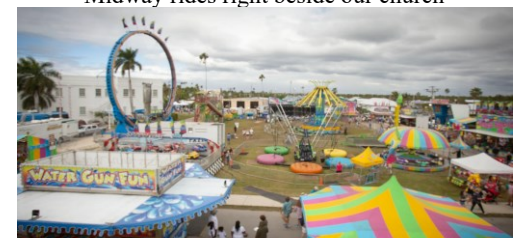
Plenty of good food across from our church



Lots of folks visiting our town



Midway rides right beside our church



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HURRICANE IAN RELIEF

The American Red Cross has started the 2nd round of financial relief for those with major or destroyed damage. If you received the 1st round you will be notified automatically that you can get the second round of \$2,500.

Copy below for eligibility:
<https://www.redcross.org/about-us/our-work/disaster-relief/hurricane-relief-ian-relief/hurricane-ian-assistance.html> If you missed the 1st round you can apply at 2248 Airport Pulling Rd. S., Naples. Phone (239)649-5000.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 5- Jeffie McDonald
- 6 - Tim Brock
- 22 - Evan Derleth
- 24 – Kathy Barnard



Bicycles donated to a local family by Knights of Columbus of St. Finbar’s Catholic Church



Once again, the Knights of Columbus of St. Finbar’s Catholic Church donated new warm clothing to the needy of our community. They were available at Food Distribution Wed. February 11 on first come.

COMMUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION EVERY WEDNESDAY AT OUR CHURCH 10-12 AM

RENOVATING OUR CRECHE IN FRONT OF ECC

Every *Advent* we place the Manger Scene in front of our church. Christmas Eve, we place the baby Jesus in the manger. The figurines have weathered over the years and needed refreshing. Thanks to Sally Heflebower and Kathryn Kennedy for the many hours they devoted to this task. A big “Thank you” from our ECC family. You brought new life and color back to this beautiful “family”.



Sally Hefelbower



Kathryn Kennedy



Painting takes concentration



Inside church drying 2023

IN MEMORIUM DAVE NASKE



January 8, 2023, Dave passed at home under Hospice care at the age of 97. Dave and Doris lived on Chokoloskee and Port of the Islands before he moved to Zephyrhills, FL following her passing. They were very active members of our church. Dave was very proud of his military service during World War II and was awarded an Honor Flight to Washington, DC. The flights are dedicated to transporting as many United States military veterans as possible to see the memorials of the respective wars they fought in, at no cost to the veterans.

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139:23-24