

# Good News from Epiphany

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## ADVENT FAMILY COOKIE DECORATING

Everyone had a great time as you can see by the pictures.



Over 50 children, parents and grandparents attended.

A  
COMMUNITY  
SEEKING TO  
KNOW CHRIST  
AND TO  
MAKE CHRIST  
KNOWN

## NEW TRANSFERS IN and BAPTISMS

### TRANSFERS IN:

Peter & Kathy  
Steinbrenner  
Roberto Jimenez  
Cristiano Jimenez

### BAPTISMS:

Richard (Ripper)  
Riffel  
Lexi Riffel  
David Riffel

## South American Wine Tasting and Pairing

Saturday, October 25, saw the return of Epiphany's annual Wine Tasting, and what a treat it was. With Renato from Trader Joe's again acting as our guide and sommelier, everyone enjoyed a virtual trip to South America. There were 77 attendees all having a good time as the pictures show. The church made over \$4,600 at this worthwhile and fun event. A special thank you to everyone who helped

support this fundraiser. Many people donated their time, talent and money to make this a successful event.

Next year will focus on an Italian theme. Peter and Mary Valentine will kick it off with the Italian Dinner in their home on May 9<sup>th</sup> (mark your calendars now!), followed by wine tasting and pairing of Italian wines and food in the fall.



*Renato and Gina entertain the audience.*





## Bill Tully on “Growing the Church”

On September 26-28, Father Bill Tully, retired rector of St. Bartholomew’s, New York City, held a workshop at Christ Church entitled “Grow or Die: How Leaders Can Move Anxious Churches to Renewed Health.” Father Tully started off his talk on Saturday by identifying some recent changes in our culture, including an intense reactivity to anything frustrating or negative, “herding,” or emphasizing togetherness over individuality, blaming, a quick fix mentality and a lack of leadership.

All of these affect the church and the church must respond to them. As a model, Father Tully spoke of the current use of cathedrals in England as gathering spaces, places where people feel comfortable. While church attendance has declined in England, attendance at cathedrals is up. Father Tully said that the ideal church is “solid at the core but loose around the edges.” He described the difference between a church and a sect, in that a sect is exclusive, with tight borders as to who “belongs” and who doesn’t. A church, on the other hand, has permeable borders, welcoming all people who are interested, whether they have beliefs in common or not.

Father Tully also outlined a number of steps churches can take towards growth. This includes doing an audit of church space from a newcomer’s point of view, looking at what are the barriers to worship. Is the bulletin easy to follow? Are there physical barriers inside the building? Is signage visible? He suggested that it is often necessary to allocate money to new ideas and programs, always asking the question “Will it make us grow?” He also said that churches should set numerical goals, both for membership and stewardship. After the goals are set, ideas should be gathered on how those goals can be achieved, and he suggested looking at how outside organizations do fundraising and drives for new ideas.

Father Tully was an engaging and enjoyable speaker and we thank Christ Church for hosting his talk and making his ideas available to the parish.

Laura Canon

## 2014 Diocesan Convention in Ely, NV

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Epiphany was represented at the 2014 Convention in Ely by this good looking group—Father Dale, Betty-Jeanne Cousins, Susan Baker, Anne Oney, and Nydia Segal. The diocesan convention is an always interesting time to meet new and old friends and to find out what's happening around the diocese. For example,



A convention session.

did you know that most churches in the diocese have so few children that they can't have Sunday School? That makes our parish very special for families with children who are looking for a church home.

Think about attending next year's convention in Carson City, October 8—10.



*Miss Betty-Jeanne's Pre-school—Kindergarten Class ready for Christ the King Sunday.*