



## The St. Francis Bulletin

### **FROM THE RECTOR:**

#### *Gala Celebrations*

Lent is not usually noted for large scale celebrations in the church, but Lent does have a break point and we will use it to celebrate two of the church's sacraments. The fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday and when Lenten observances were somewhat stricter than they are today this sort of midway point in Lent was used as a bit of a break in that rigorous observance. On Saturday, March 13, at 10:00 am The Right Reverend William W. Millsaps, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Missionary Church, will ordain to the priesthood of Jesus Christ William Andrew Brummett and Timothy Scott Williams. This is the culmination of several years of preparation on the part of both of them. In addition, any time two men from the same parish are ordained to the priesthood at the same time it is a double blessing and a testimony to the fidelity of the parish to send laborers into the vineyard. We are extremely proud of these two men and their willingness to serve the church in this way. Please pray for them. Like everything else in this life, the work of Christ's church goes better with prayer.

On Sunday, March 14, Laetare Sunday, Bishop Millsaps will confirm Polly Sowell, Jessica Brummett and Eleanore Douglas. The imposition of hands to receive the Holy Spirit in Confirmation dates back to the days of the apostles and has been practiced in the church since then. Please pray for these women as well as they continue their spiritual journey to become one with Christ in His church.

A special word of thanks to Bishop Millsaps for journeying to Austin two years in a row to administer these two sacraments in our parish. He maintains an extensive travel schedule as well as pastoring his own flock and we are grateful that he is able to take the time to be with us.

Why is it necessary to have a bishop perform these two sacraments? Those of you who grew up in a "catholic" church are certainly familiar with the office of bishop. In addition to being in charge of a diocese, the bishop alone in our tradition is able to administer the sacraments of confirmation and ordination to the diaconate, presbyterate, and episcopacy. This is because the bishop is a successor to the apostles about whom we read in the bible. Their ministry in the early church was one of delegating ministers at various levels to assist in their work with the spread of the gospel. This was done by the laying on of hands. Since the days of the twelve the ministerial diaconate, priesthood and episcopate have been passed on to others so that Jesus' work would never go undone. Likewise, we read in the Acts of the Apostles that Paul found a group of people at Ephesus who had received the baptism of John but had not even so much as heard that there was a Holy Spirit. He laid his hands on these men and immediately they received the Holy Spirit and began to speak in tongues and to prophesy. This ministry continues today in the office of bishop, or overseer, as the Greek is sometimes translated. St. Francis de Sales said that one soul is diocese enough for a bishop. Bishops today have many more souls entrusted to their care than that and because of that it is important for us to pray for them as well.

## **From the Rector cont.:**

One final item! *Daylight Saving Time* begins on Sunday, March 14. Please remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night. I am not aware of any foot races taking place in the city during March.

## **Austin City Prayer Walk Moving to 1st Saturday of each Month!**

On Saturday, March 6th, we will meet at 9 am in the Parish Hall. We'll gather for coffee and prayer for 30-45 minutes before embarking on our group prayer walk. We'll walk and pray throughout our Clarksville parish neighborhood for an hour or so before returning to St. Francis for closing prayer. This March prayer walk will span about 2 hours from 9 to 11 am. Please wear comfortable clothing and walking sneakers and join us for an inspirational time of praying "onsite with insight." Any questions, please contact David or Kim Norris at (713) 204-2563 or [austincityprayerwalk@hotmail.com](mailto:austincityprayerwalk@hotmail.com). Hope to see you there!

*2 Chronicles 7:14*

*If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

## **Additional Parking Spots**

Our Junior Warden arranged to have the brush and trees encroaching on the parking spots cut back to make additional parking on our property. You can park all the way to the end of the property behind the Parish House and behind the rental house behind the street. Easy access to this area is on the road next to the park off of 10th street.

## **Ordination Luncheon**

If you can help with this Mexican Fiesta themed meal, please contact Wanda @ 830-833-5632. Gracias!

## **Sunday School News**

Sunday school classes for the youth of St. Francis continues to meet each Sunday at 9:30 am. The class for students in 6th grade and up continues their study of the book of Romans with Mike Ready leading the discussion. The five who regularly attend are using a study published in the LifeChange series by the Navigators as a resource. Any other teen is welcome to join in the discussion at any time.

The younger class will hear the Bible stories on Jesus' healing of the Lame and casting out demons. On the 21st, we will have a Children's Stations of the Cross and on Palm Sunday will act out the Palm Sunday story. There are about 7 who attend regularly. Again, visitors or newcomers are more than welcome.

Thanks to the volunteers who serve in the nursery for the younger siblings of some of the children in Sunday school. The nursery is open to any child younger than 4.

Each of the children in the younger class has created a mite box to use to collect coins. Last year, the children collected about \$17 which was used to buy food for our food drive. This year they would like to give the money to the poor. I will find a reputable organization who works with the poor and would like a donation. If you would like to donate to our cause, we are collecting coins in the container in the back of the church. You can also give coins to any of the children younger than 11 and older than 4 or to me and I will give to the children to put in their mite boxes. During this past month, we did discuss a Lenten Rule with some of the children deciding on an activity they could give up for Lent -- videos games were high on the list (I had to encourage the one who wanted to give up his brother to find something else to give up).

Daily personal prayer is another goal for Lent. Several children have not quite memorized the Lord's Prayer and all need encouragement to pray extemporaneously. Your prayers for our Sunday school are always appreciated! -- Amy Crandell

## Daughters of St. Clare Spring Meeting

Saturday, March 6, 10 a.m.

Ever wonder how St. Francis' Parish functions so smoothly? Attend the Spring meeting of the Daughters of St. Clare (the women of the church) and learn about the on-going projects, guilds, and committees that keep St. Francis church so vibrant and spirit-filled. Join your fellow parishioners for fellowship, study and prayer, and participate in the life of your church.

## Mark Your Calendar

Lenten Cleaning Day

All Altar Guild members are ask to reserve March 6, 10:45 a.m. to help with the cleaning of the church in preparation for Easter and also for the ordination of our two Deacons into the priesthood which will be March 13, 2010. Last year we had a great turnout for the spring cleaning and it only took about 1 1/2 hours to get the job done. Many hands make the job quick and easy. If you have any questions call Shirley Ellis, Altar Guild Director at 707-9848.

## Lost and Found

Are you missing your gloves, umbrella or top hat? Quite a few items are collecting on the lower shelf of the table next to the door. Check it out to claim your possessions.

**Rector:** The Reverend Len Giacalone

**Senior Warden:** Mark Rambin

**Junior Warden:** Keith Harrell



## Birthdays:

2	Mason Jensen
4	Andy Adkins Katherine Elizabeth Williams
5	Bobbie Kemp
7	Heather Pangle
8	Laura Hitt O'Conner J. P. Wathen
12	Pam Stephan Georganne McCullough
15	Shirley Ellis Melissa Nelson Bernard
26	Jennifer Faught Melissa Elliott
29	Laura Elliott David Sikes Victor Carsrud

## Anniversaries:

1	Larry and Eileen Cole
14	G.W. and Carole Martin
19	Miller and Elizabeth Hicks
21	Bill and Susan LaRoux



**Associate Rector:** The Reverend John Stults

**Organist:** Paula Blaha

**Server:** Ray Merrill and Arthur Woodgate

## Newsletter Submissions

Any parishioner that has news of any kind they would like to share with everyone is welcome to send it in writing to Tricia Denslow at 640 B Lakeside Dr., Wimberley, TX 78676 or to her e-mail address (triciadenslow@yahoo.com). If received **by the 20th**, it will appear in next month's newsletter.

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## March 2010

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| 2  | Anglican Rosary 12 noon  | 15 | Mother's and Grandmother's Prayer, 11:00 am  |
| 3  | Stations of the Cross, followed by Transformation Prayer group, 7:00 pm.   | 16 | Anglican Rosary 12 noon  |
| 4  | Women's Bible Study, 12 noon.  | 17 | Stations of the Cross, followed by Transformation Prayer group, 7:00 pm.   |
| 5  | <i>Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm Church Games Night, 6:30-8:30 pm</i>  | 18 | Women's Bible Study, 12 noon   |
| 7  | <b><u>Holy Communion</u></b> , 9:30 am,<br><b><u>Morning Prayer and Holy Communion</u></b> , 11:00 am,<br>Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 103:1-11<br>1 Cor. 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9<br>Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am                  | 19 | <i>Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm Church</i>  |
| 8  | Vestry Meeting, 5:30 pm  | 21 | <b><u>Holy Communion</u></b> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am,<br>Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126<br>Philippians 3:8-14, Luke 20:9-19<br>Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am  |
| 9  | Anglican Rosary 12 noon  | 23 | Anglican Rosary 12 noon  |
| 10 | Stations of the Cross, followed by Transformation Prayer group, 7:00 pm.   | 24 | Stations of the Cross, followed by Transformation Prayer group, 7:00 pm.   |
| 11 | Women's Bible Study, 12 noon.  | 25 | Women's Bible Study, 12 noon   |
| 12 | <i>Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm Church</i>  | 26 | <i>Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm Church</i>  |
| 13 | <b>Ordinations</b> , 10 am   | 28 | <b>Palm Sunday</b><br><b><u>Holy Communion</u></b> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am,<br>Luke 19:29-40, Isaiah 45:21-25<br>Psalm 22:1-11, Philippians 2:5-11<br>Luke 22:39-23:56<br>Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am |
| 14 | <b>Daylight Saving Time</b> begins.<br><b>Confirmation</b><br><b><u>Holy Communion</u></b> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am,<br>Joshua 4:19-24; 5:9-12, Psalm 34<br>2 Cor. 5:17-21, Luke 15:11-32<br>Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am |    |  |