

The St. Francis Bulletin

RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

The St. Francis Rector Search Committee continues to meet nearly every week. Senior warden Doug Cooper continues to talk with Bishop Reed who is giving good suggestions on the next actions to take. There isn't any progress worth reporting - just know that the process is slow, but not stagnant.

RETURNING GUEST CELEBRANTS

Fr. Chip Harper will return to St. Francis on January 1 to preach and celebrate Communion with us. On January 29 (yes, it's the potluck day), Fr. Andrew Brummet will return to celebrate at both services. Be prepared to welcome both Fr. Harper and Fr. Brummet on these Sundays in January.

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

All are welcome to come to the St. Francis Epiphany celebration on Friday, Jan. 6. Jim and Amy Crandell are hosting the event. Come to church at 6:30 to enjoy a candle-lit meal together, At 7 p.m., we will have a laity-led Evensong including the St. Matthew reading of the wisemen visiting the Christ child. The evening ends with dessert of King's cake. Please let Amy or Jim know if you would like to attend so that enough food can be prepared. Either speak to one of them or email info@stfrancisaustrin.org to RSVP.

FAREWELL RECEPTION

Ben and Shirley Ellis, long-time members of St. Francis, have made the difficult decision to move to Alaska to be with their daughter. Their house sold and possessions are being reduced so they can move at the end of January 2023. Please join us for a Farewell Reception to honor them for their many years of service to St. Francis on Sunday, January 15 after the 11:00 service.

2023 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2023 annual meeting is set for January 22 after the 11:00 service. Reports by the Senior Warden & Treasurer will be given, plus an election or two. More details on this to follow..

5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCHEON

2023 starts out with five Sundays in January. This means there will be a potluck luncheon held after the 11:00 service on January 29. Plan to bring something tasty to eat to share with fellow parishioners. These potlucks are always enjoyable.

2023 MEN'S CONFERENCE

Come and participate in the largest men's ministry event in the Diocese!

The Men's Conference will be held February 10th and 11th at St Peter & St Paul Anglican Church in Arlington, 3900 Morris Lane, Arlington, TX. [Online registration](#) is open now through February 6, 2023. Cost is \$20 for Friday night, \$40 for Saturday or \$50 for both.

THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER for the 2023 Men's Conference is Dr. Ken Wilgus, a licensed psychologist who specializes in the treatment of adolescents and their families, couples therapy and individual therapy with adults. He maintains a private, outpatient practice in Dallas. Dr. Wilgus is a sought-after speaker and regularly teaches on a wide range of topics relating to parenting, marriage, family, and faith. He is the author of the book, "Feeding the Mouth that Bites You," a guide for parents of adolescents. He is also co-founder of "Ring Leader," a men's ministry focused on strengthening the role of the husband in Christian marriage.

Schedule for Men's Conference:

Friday night - Mass at 6 pm, catered dinner at 7 pm for men, wives, and anyone interested.

Saturday - Registration & Coffee at 8:00 a.m., Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.

Conference & Lunch follows

NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

We have a new newsletter editor! Thanks to Elizabeth Hoyt for volunteering to take on this role at St. Francis. She and her husband, Ethan recently joined St. Francis after moving to the area this summer.

TEXAS RALLY FOR LIFE

28 JANUARY 2023

Join with other St. Francis parishioners and thousands of Texans at the Texas Rally for Life on Saturday, January 28, at the Capitol in Austin. Show the media and our elected officials that Texas is PRO-LIFE! The 2023 Texas Rally for Life will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the tragic Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision in 1973, which made abortion legal throughout all nine months of pregnancy. In the wake of Roe, legal abortion in our nation has claimed the lives of more than 60 million unborn children and has hurt countless women and men. Parking is in almost any of the state lots on San Jacinto around 15th street. St. Francis people will be at the southeast corner of 15th Street and North Congress, near the curb of 15th Street. We are looking forward to a great turnout from St. Francis.

Texas-Sized Diaper Drive

Bring diapers for the Texas-Sized Diaper Driver at the Rally. Let's all help Texas moms and babies by bringing a box of diapers (especially larger sizes), and together we'll build a mountain of diapers that will be distributed to pregnancy centers across Texas!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Questions? Contact Charlotte Ready or email info@stfrancisatx.org.

Schedule for Rally for Life:

1:00 p.m. - Meet at the southeast corner of 15th and Congress to march to the Capitol

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Rally on South Steps of Capitol

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Pro-Life Expo on Great Walk of Capitol Grounds

UPDATE ON TROTTER HOUSE

FAMILIES

At the beginning of December, there was a quick effort to adopt Trotter house families by collecting donations for them to have a slightly better Christmas. Lori DeVillez, the founder and director, thanks us for showing love to their clients.

Here is a report about the families we helped. A link to a video of each of them thanking us for the support is included.

Family 1: Laquita has 5 children. She lost her dad this year to cancer. He was a retired veteran and her main support. She has worked hard in our Life Skills classes to fulfill the goals in her Life Plan. She is now in her own place and in school working on her degree to get a higher paying job to support her children and herself. Thank you for your support of her and her children and making Christmas a very blessed time for them! [Here is a video](#) of her thanking St. Francis.

Family 2: Esmeralda Ortiz is a single mother of five. She has been truly blessed during this holiday season. She came to Trotter House as a very abusive woman and is now living in a safe healthy environment with her children. It is because of the love and support of Saint Francis and others in the community that has enabled this family to stay together. [Here is Esmeralda's](#) thank you message.

Family 3: Garcia family with 6 children was blessed by St Francis this Christmas. The mother struggles with health issues but does everything she can to keep her Life Skills appointments as does the dad, her husband. They have a Life Plan to get their own place. He is in steady employment now. Thank you so much for blessing them this Christmas to love and care for their children. [Here is the Garcia's thank you](#) message.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARY

11 Grady and Michelle Collins

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 Dave Thomas

5 Doug Cooper

7 Tom George

19 Arthur Woodgate

James Cox

25 Naomi Meredith

30 Allison Merkel

31 Ben Ellis

READINGS FOR JANUARY

1/1 Holy Name of Jesus ([Link to Readings](#))

- Exodus 34:1-8
- Psalm 8
- Romans 1:1-7
- Luke 2:15-21

1/8 1 after Epiphany ([Link to Readings](#))

- Isaiah 42:1-9
- Psalm 89:20-29
- Acts 10:34-38
- Matthew 3:13-17

1/15 2 after Epiphany ([Link to Readings](#))

- Isaiah 49:1-7
- Psalm 40:1-11
- 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
- John 1:29-41

1/22 3 after Epiphany ([Link to Readings](#))

- Amos 3:1-8
- Psalm 139:1-11
- 1 Corinthians 1:10-17
- Matthew 4:12-23

1/29 4 after Epiphany ([Link to Readings](#))

- Micah 6:1-8
- Psalm 37:1-6
- 1 Corinthians 1:18--31
- Matthew 5:1-12

Notes on the readings:

- St. Francis follows the [1979 BCP Lectionary](#) for the lessons. We are in Year A.
- The text read at the service is from the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.
- Each of the listed Sunday readings is linked to the corresponding page on [LectionaryPage.net](#).
- The Sunday collects and text of the psalms are generally from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.
- On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, the psalm is chanted during the 11:00 service. The pointing is from the St. Francis Psalter, found at <http://stfrancisaustin.org/psalter>, which is based on the Cathedral Psalter.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Sundays

9:15 a.m. Nursery is provided.

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion in person, live streamed and recorded. Healing prayers at the altar rail follow the service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for youth

10:00 a.m. Choir Practice

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion in person with healing prayers after the service.

Tuesdays

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Bible Study online via Zoom

Wednesdays

7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Catechism class via Zoom

Thursdays

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer in person in the church and via Zoom

1st Saturday, Jan. 7

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Prayers for the Nation in person in the fellowship hall

2nd Sunday, Jan. 8

12:45 - 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study - upstairs at the church

2nd Monday, Jan. 9

6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting via Zoom

2nd Friday, Jan. 13

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study in person at the McCown's house

3rd Monday, Jan. 16

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Readers of First Things group online meeting. Contact Karl Stephan at kdstephan@txstate.edu to join the online meeting via Zoom or come in person to the fellowship hall

3rd Friday, Jan. 20

NOON to 1:00 p.m. Mother's Prayer Group in person in the fellowship hall

4th Sunday, Jan 22

12:45 - 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study - upstairs at the church

4th Monday, Jan 23

6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting via Zoom

4th Friday, Jan 27

4:30 p.m. Mobile Loaves and Fishes Make Ready Team

5:30 p.m. Mobile Loaves and Fishes Truck Run

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study in person at the McCown's house

5th Sunday, Jan 29

After 11:00 service Potluck Luncheon

Note on the calendar:

- To join any of the meetings or services held via Zoom, email info@stfrancisaustin.org.

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ST. FRANCIS' MISSION STATEMENT

- We are a community of believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ whose mission it is to spread that Gospel in what we preach and in the way we live.
- We are called to know the Word of God, to act on it in our lives and to share it with our brothers and sisters in the world.
- We are determined to uphold the ancient faith of our ancestors in the Anglican tradition, to offer traditional Christian values based on the Holy Word of God and to be faithful witnesses to the person of Jesus in the Austin Community.
- St. Francis parish is dedicated to the presence of Christ in the lives of the poor, the needy, the sick, to each other and to all those to whom Jesus comes to minister in his life on earth.
- As a community of believers, we intend to entrust our growth in love, in faith and in resources to the generosity of God.