

The St. Francis Bulletin

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

St. Francis currently has three Bible study groups and a Catechism class for adults. Due to time and space constraints, none are on Sunday mornings. You are welcome to participate in any or all of the offerings.

- **Tuesdays from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.** via Zoom. Currently reading through various books of the Bible. This group has participants from St. Francis as well as non-members. Doug Cooper is the coordinator. (Not meeting on February 21)
- **2nd and 4th Fridays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.** at the home of Angie and Steve McCown in far south Austin in the Shady Hollow neighborhood. This group discusses the upcoming lectionary lessons.
- **2nd and 4th Sundays, after the 11:00 service** and towards the end of the coffee hour. After sharing a coordinated potluck lunch, this group discusses the lessons just read in the Sunday service. The Bible study lasts one hour. Amy and Jim Crandell are organizing this group.
- **Wednesdays from 7 to 7:30 p.m.** via Zoom is the Catechism class. This group will be meeting for quite a while as the Catechism contains questions on our faith and the answers with related Bible verses. We cover 3-4 questions each session. Anyone can join at any time and be able to understand what is being discussed.

All four of these groups welcome new people at any time. Contact the leaders in-person or email info@stfrancisaustin.org.

2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE

The 2022 contribution statements are available electronically. If you want to receive a 2022 contribution statement, please email our Parish Administrator, Mark Rambin, at mrambin@msn.com to make a request.

NEW ORGANIST

St. Francis has a new organist! Recently, Elisante Msengi expressed interest in the open organist position. Jim and Amy Crandell interviewed him and listened to him play, determining that he would be a good fit for St. Francis. Elisante has played with several churches in the area, of which the music directors had many kind words to recommend Elisante as an organist. His previous service has been with Missouri Synod Lutheran churches, which are close to our liturgy. Elisante is a student at UT in Mechanical Engineering, and considers playing the organ in a church service to be serving the Lord. He will start playing on February 5.

VOLUNTEERS TO MAINTAIN THE ST. FRANCIS GROUND

For many years, John Armstrong has solely maintained the grounds around St. Francis. While there isn't much to do during the winter, he would like some help to keep things looking nice around the church. If you are interested in being on this team, let Amy Crandell know and she will put you in touch with John to provide some assistance.

CONFIRMATION

On June 11, 2023, Bishop Ryan Reed will be at St. Francis for his annual pastoral visit. This will include confirmation, reception and re-affirmation as well. Adults - let Fr. Rogers know so that he can be sure you are prepared. For youth 13 and up, join Doug Cooper's class on Sunday mornings where he will prepare the students in the class.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 21 is Shrove Tuesday. As has been the custom at St. Francis, the men of St. Polycarp's Guild will prepare a feast of pancakes and sausage for all to enjoy. Plan to join us between 6 and 7 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is on February 22. Two services will be held at noon and 7 p.m. Both will have the imposition of ashes, Holy Communion with a homily. This is an essential service to mark the beginning of Lent.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

From February 22 - April 2, we will unite with hundreds of cities across the world for a simultaneous 40-day prayer vigil. 40 Days for Life is a 40-day campaign of prayer & fasting, education, and a constant peaceful prayer vigil in front of abortion facilities. This international movement has resulted in 100+ abortion facilities closing, over 200 abortion workers having conversions and leaving their jobs, and over 20,000 women choosing life for children they were going to abort. Here in Central Texas at least 290 women have changed their minds and chosen life! To claim your hour (and for other resources) visit CentralTexasCoalition.com or call the Coalition for Life office at (512) 296-2071.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

A St. Francis food drive benefiting the Food Pantry at St. Louis the King of France Catholic Church will be conducted during Lent from February 22 - April 2 (Palm Sunday).

The St. Louis food pantry provides food assistance to the needy of our community and is the largest food pantry in Austin. Volunteers distribute food on Saturday mornings from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. This is one of several social ministries this large parish can offer. The St. Louis food pantry is a partner with the Capital Area Food Bank. On a typical Saturday, up to 80 families who live in the central Austin area receive food assistance.

Bea De la Rosa is the Director of Social Ministries and welcomes contributions, but she does have specific items the pantry will accept from a food drive (listed to the right)

There will be a table set up in the St. Francis entry hall for donations. Consider purchasing some or all of the items on the list and bringing them to church during Lent.

Suggested Donations

Protein

- Canned chicken
- Canned tuna
- Canned Salmon
- Spam

Starch/Protein

- 1-2 lb. bag white rice
- 1-2 lb. bag pinto beans
- Oatmeal
- Mac & Cheese

Vegetables

- 14 oz. Canned Corn
- 14 oz. Canned Green Beans

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Dan Harrison	10	Marci Brown
2	Bud Lockhard	12	Mark Ready
4	Jim Britt	14	Tom Rhyne
5	Patricia Burnette	15	Bolanle Asimolowo
8	Jonathan Merkel	19	LeAnn Carr
9	Ed Stillman		

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

15	Jim and Sue Orr
23	The Rev. Bill and Ginger Dickson

FEBRUARY 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 and via Zoom

February 4 (1st Saturday)

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

February 10 (2nd Friday)

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

February 12 (2nd Sunday)

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

February 13 (2nd Monday)

6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting via Zoom

February 17 (3rd Friday)

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

February 20 (3rd Monday)

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

February 21 (Shrove Tuesday)

6:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 22 (Ash Wednesday)

12:00 p.m. Holy Communion and Distribution of Ashes

7:00 p.m. Holy Communion and Distribution of Ashes

February 24 (4th Friday)

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

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

2/5 Septuagesima ([Link to Readings](#))

- Habakkuk 3:1-6, 17-19
- Psalm 27:1-7
- 1 Corinthians 2:1-11
- Matthew 5:13-20

2/12 Sexagesima ([Link to Readings](#))

- Ecclesiasticus 15:11-20
- Psalm 119:9-16
- 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
- Mt. 5:21-24,27-30,33-37

2/19 Quinquagesima ([Link to Readings](#))

- Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18
- Psalm 71:16-24
- 1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23
- Matthew 5:38-48

2/22 Ash Wednesday ([Link to Readings](#))

- Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
- Psalm 103:8-14
- 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
- Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

2/26 1 Lent ([Link to Readings](#))

- Gen. 2:4b-9,15-17,25-3:7
- Psalm 51
- Romans 5:12-19
- Matthew 4:1-11

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.

February 26 (4th Sunday)

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

Note on the calendar:

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

ST. FRANCIS ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTIN

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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.