

# THE ST. FRANCIS BULLETIN

## FROM THE RECTOR

Fr. Aaron Cappucci

The theme that I have addressed in our two most recent Newsletters is the whole of Scripture for the whole of life. This was one of the themes that was emphasized as I was called as your rector and an area of continued discussion with the vestry. In particular, it was stressed that there is a great desire for Christian education in the parish (i.e., adult Sunday School).

There have been additional conversations regarding greater use of the Prayer Book in our corporate worship on Sunday's and family worship throughout the week (i.e., the Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer). Adult Sunday School and the Daily Offices bring the whole counsel of God to the whole of our lives.

And so, it is with great excitement that I am happy to announce that we will begin Adult Sunday School (or Sunday School for all) beginning on January 7, 2024 – the first Sunday in Epiphany and of 2024.

During Sunday School, we will be able to dive deeper into the study of God's Word through the Old and New Testaments, biblical and systematic theology, apologetics, church history, liturgics, thematic studies, and much more. This will provide further instruction in the Christian Faith for new Christians or seasoned saints. It will allow us to explore God's Word together in a manner different than preaching. It also allows

questions to be raised and discussed that otherwise may go unasked or unanswered. Through Sunday School, we will continue to bring the whole of Scripture to bear on the whole of life.

However, the introduction of Sunday School also means a change to our service times, in order to accommodate our new avenue for continued spiritual health and growth.

Our new Sunday Morning Service Schedule beginning on January 7, 2024 is as follows:

8:30am Said Service

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am Sung Service

New service times, while initially inconvenient, allow for us to accommodate the much-desired Sunday School, encourage fellowship among parishioners and visitors, and will enable greater familial integration in the life of our parish.

I am very excited for this new chapter in the life of St. Francis Church and am eager to see how the Lord continues to bless us and conform us more and more to the image of His Son through our study of His Word.

### 5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK

October has 5 Sundays! Plan to bring something tasty to share for the 5th Sunday Potluck after the 11:00 service on October 29.

### DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The 41st diocesan convention will be held on Nov. 10-11 at All Saints' Church, Fort Worth. Fr. Cappucci will

be our clergy delegate and John Hatley will be our lay delegate. Our convention theme this year is "Where two or three are gathered in my name (Matthew 18:20). They will be focused on the blessings and thanksgivings we have as individuals and as a Diocese have received.

## HELP NEEDED WITH COFFEE HOUR

We all enjoy visiting over a cup of coffee and a bite to eat after each of the services. Please consider helping out with coffee hour. You can prepare the coffee, bring food to eat, purchase supplies, or help clean up after coffee hour. There is a sign-up sheet on the table near the kitchen. Thank you to those who have already signed up and helped out!

## TROTTER HOUSE UPDATE

The "Help Healing and Hope" luncheon for Trotter House was a wonderful event. Members of St. Francis sponsored a table for 10 and had 12 people attending! It was informative and successful in raising funds to help Trotter House in providing many services and support to women and families experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Not only do they have several locations in the Austin metro area, but they are opening up additional facilities in other areas of Texas, as well as in Indiana! The need is great. Every life counts. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event.

## RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS

Several of our members that are of an age where they are subject to Required Minimum Distributions on their retirement accounts have been utilizing the advantageous tax break of having some of these amounts transferred directly from their retirement accounts to St. Francis as a contribution. This is advantageous as St. Francis receives the full amount of the distribution and the donor is not required to pay federal income taxes on the distribution. Please contact Mark Rambin or our Treasurer, Grady Collins, if you have any questions or if you need assistance with arranging this type of transfer to St. Francis.

## TIME CHANGE

Don't forget to set your clock back an hour when you go to bed on Saturday, November 4. Standard time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. We get back that hour we lost in March.

## PLEDGE DRIVE

November is pledge drive month. During the first part of November, all St. Francis member households will receive a letter and pledge card in the mail. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for this next year and

fill out a Capital Campaign and Pledge Card. You can leave in the offering plate or mail to the church.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

St. Francis' [Operation Christmas Child](#) collection has begun and runs until Nov. 12. This is an exciting yearly event for the St. Francis youth. We look forward to packing boxes on November 12th. St. Francis started participating in Operation Christmas Child in 2002, so this will be our 22nd year of participation!

**How to get involved:** we will be happy to accept your donations of toys and supplies at the table near the kitchen. Below are suggested donation items. St. Francis usually tries to focus on the 5-9 age group. Detailed lists are available on the table near the kitchen.

- A "Wow" Item - Doll (with accessories), soccer ball (with a pump), stuffed animal, clothing outfit, small musical instrument, backpack
- Personal Care Items
- School Supplies
- Clothing and Accessories
- Craft and Activities
- Toys

Alternatively, you may donate funds toward the purchase of gift items, or toward shipping costs for the boxes (OCC suggests a donation of \$10 per box for shipping). Please make checks out to St. Francis and mark **Operation Christmas Child** on the memo line. Learn more about this wonderful ministry [here](#). Please contact Melissa Bernard with any questions and suggestions you may have at [nelson440@gmail.com](mailto:nelson440@gmail.com). Thank you for your consideration!

## ELECTION DAY - NOVEMBER 7, 2023

You are encouraged to exercise your right to vote. Early voting is going on now, with Election Day on Nov. 7. On the ballot are 14 propositions to change the Texas Constitution. This [publication](#) is a non-partisan analysis of each proposition. In addition, each of us will have local items to decide. For those of you in Travis County, you can see what is on your ballot [here](#).

## NOVEMBER WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS

**All Saints Day** - 7 pm, Wednesday, Nov. 1st. Said Holy Communion. This celebration was put in place to honor all those who do not have their own individual celebration such as our patron, St. Francis (October 4). Everyone who has reached the dignity of heaven is considered a saint, a Sanctus, which means holy. There is a tradition in our church, as in many others, that we honor all those who have gone before us and who have given us an example of how to live a life modeled after Jesus' life.

**Thanksgiving Day** - 10 am, Thursday, Nov. 23rd. A Holy Communion Service with hymns and other singing will be held. Thanksgiving Day is not a Holy Day per se, but it is an opportunity to take time to give thanks to God for His many blessings. In the times in which we find ourselves, many may not feel particularly blessed. We all get that. But think about it: the richness of God's mercy alone is reason enough to spend an hour worshiping the God who created, redeemed and sanctified us so that we are able to worship Him in spirit and in truth. So we will celebrate with Holy Communion at 10:00 am. Please make an effort to attend.

## BUSINESS FOR TRANSFORMATION

Fr. Andrew Brummett

There is a national conference happening Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 2-4 in Austin called the B4T Expo. B4T stands for "Business for Transformation" and is a subset of BAM (Business-as-Mission). The basic idea of BAM is that all business (and all work) can be done "unto the Lord" (Col. 3:23) and further His Kingdom. B4T applies that principle in unreached areas of the world through legitimate for-profit business ventures. Here's a helpful report on some of the definitions and opportunities. Use that link to register for the conference if you have time and would like to attend (it's approximately \$400; I will be there).

As a free and open-invitation part of the conference, my friend Don Simmons, author of *The Steward Investor*, is speaking at a breakfast event the morning of Saturday, November 4th, 7-8:30 am at Austin Ridge Bible Church (Bee Cave). He is probably the national authority on investing according to biblical principles.

If you can make this breakfast, I believe you will greatly enjoy it, learn a lot, and be inspired.

Here is the information about the breakfast. Even if you don't know anything about any of this but have an IRA or 401k plan, I encourage you to attend. Also, if a few families would like to help me arrange a dinner with Don on Saturday evening, he has availability for that.

B4T Investor Breakfast  
Saturday, Nov 4th 7:00-8:30am  
Austin Ridge Bible Church (Bee Cave)

### Who should go?

Any business person who is interested in investing their time/talent and capital into "Business 4 Transformation" companies.

### You will walk away with

A larger perspective of how to participate in God's mission through businesses & practical resources, ways of getting involved after the breakfast.

Register here for free to confirm your spot (helps with planning) <http://evite.me/WHagWPpQSU>

Looking forward to hopefully seeing some of you there on Saturday morning!

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Fr. Aaron and Pam Cappucci
- 22 David and Adriane Kristo-Reinking
- 27 Marsha Crosby and Tom Rhyne
- 30 Glenn and Becky Hunt

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Clifford Collins  
Mark Rambin
- 9 Jane Cox
- 11 Katya Kristo-Reinking
- 12 Michael Adams
- 14 Bev Scheer
- 15 Don St.Martin
- 25 Steve McCown  
Mary Boswell
- 27 Rebecca Hunt

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sundays

- 9:15 a.m. Nursery is provided.
- 9:30 a.m. Said Holy Communion. 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. Choral Holy Communion. Healing prayers after the service.

### Tuesdays

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

### Thursdays (except Thanksgiving Day)

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

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

### Nov 1 - Wednesday

7:00 p.m. All Saints Day Holy Communion Service

### Nov 4 - 1st Saturday

10:00 a.m. Prayers for the Nation

### Nov 10 - 2nd & 4th Friday (Nov 24)

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Home group at the McCown's house

### Nov 12 - 2nd Sunday & 4th Sunday (Nov 26)

12:45 - 2:00 p.m. Church Small Group - upstairs at the church

### Nov 13 - 2nd Monday

6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting via Zoom

### Nov 17 - 3rd Friday

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

### Nov 20 - 3rd Monday

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

### Nov. 23 - Thursday

10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Holy Communion Service.

To join any of the meetings or services held via Zoom, email [info@stfrancisaustin.org](mailto:info@stfrancisaustin.org)

## READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

### 11/1 All Saints Day (Link to Readings)

- Ecclesiasticus 44:1-10, 13-14
- Psalm 149
- Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17
- Matthew 5:1-12

### 11/5 22 after Trinity (Link to Readings)

- Micah 3:5-12
- 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13,17-20
- Psalm 43
- Matthew 23:1-12

### 11/12 23 after Trinity (Link to Readings)

- Amos 5:18-24
- Psalm 70
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- Matthew 25:1-13

### 11/19 24 after Trinity (Link to Readings)

- Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
- Psalm 90:1-8, 12
- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-10
- Matthew 25:14-15, 19-29

### 11/23 Thanksgiving Day (Link to Readings)

- Deut. 8:1-3, 6-10, 17-20
- Psalm 65:9-14
- James 1:17-18, 21-27
- Matthew 6:25-33

### 11/26 Christ The King (Link to Readings)

- Ezekiel 34:11-17
- Psalm 95:1-7
- 1 Corinthians 15:20-28
- Matthew 25:31-46

## 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](http://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



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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.