



The St. Francis Bulletin

FROM THE RECTOR:

During the month of May you will have a couple of opportunities to improve your health or that of someone else. First of all, on Saturday afternoon, May 1, there will be a blood mobile on our property if you are interested in donating blood. The need for blood is ever increasing and this will provide an easy opportunity for those who are able and willing to donate blood. There have already been pew sheet announcements on this so please consider giving blood. Secondly, on Friday, May 14, St. Luke's UMC on West Lynn will sponsor a Life Line Screening day of preventive health screenings. There will be additional information on this in a pew sheet insert on May 2. I realize that many of us spend more time at the doctor than we care to, (myself included). But if that is not the case you may wish to consider having some of these tests done to see if there is any health risk of which you are unaware.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

For the first time in a long time you may be aware of the upcoming National Day of Prayer. The recent news that a single federal judge had ruled the National Day of Prayer to be unconstitutional came as something of a shock. I suppose it was just a matter of time that some atheist group would find a loony judge to invalidate another long-standing tradition that honors God in our country. In the past we have

celebrated this day in various ways both on and off our own campus. Since our Transformation prayer group meets on Wednesday evenings I have decided to have Holy Communion on Wednesday, May 5, at 7:00 pm to "kick off" the National Day of Prayer. This will be a special service during which we will pray for our country and for repentance in it so that God may once again turn His face towards us and bless this land (2 Chronicles 7:14). Of course, everyone is invited, not just the Wednesday evening prayer group. Please try to attend.

Congratulations to Thomas and Laura O'Conner on the baptism of their daughter, Hannah, and to Claude and Missy Bernard on the birth of their son, Robert. These are great events in the life of any parish community. Thanks to the ladies of the parish who hosted a baby shower on April 25 for these two new members of our parish. Congratulations also to Meredith Stults who will graduate from Texas A&M on May 14.

I want to thank Becky Hunt for leading the Genesis Bible Study for the women of the parish. I appreciate very much her willingness to lead this study material. While I'm saying thanks I want to include Amy Crandell and all the Sunday School teachers who taught during the past year. We may not have a great number of students

From the Rector cont.:

but the preparation time is the same regardless of how many actually attend. Anyone who has ever taught anything knows how much preparation it takes to construct a class, not to mention sharing the material. So thanks to all of you who have given of your time to continue our religious education here at St. Francis.

FOOD DRIVE

The annual spring parish food drive will begin on Sunday, May 2nd and continue through the last Sunday of May. The need for food in the Austin area continues to be great. Please be as generous in your food donations as you have been in the past. Grocery bags will be placed in the back of the church with a list of the needed grocery items. Some of the items needed are canned goods that are not outdated, boxed food items such as pasta, and dried foods such as rice and beans.

May Prayer Walk

Join us on Saturday, May 1st. We will meet at the Parish Hall at 9 am for coffee and opening prayer. We will then drive to the Texas State Capitol Building to pray for repentance in concert with this national prayer event: May Day 2010: A Cry to God for a Nation in Distress.

Repentant prayer will take place at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. on this day. See this website for more details: <http://www.mayday2010.org>. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. Any questions, see David and Kim Norris or email austincityprayer-walk@hotmail.com

Sunday School News

During Lent, the children in the elementary class decorated mite boxes to collect coins to give to the poor. The coins were counted and they were able to collect \$35.43 and decided to give the money to a food bank. This was nearly twice the amount as last year. Thanks to anyone who dropped a few coins or dollar bills in the mite box in the church.

The younger class continues in their New Testament lessons. During May, the class will discuss Holy Communion, the Ascension and the Day of Pentecost. The teen class continues in their study of Romans, under Mike Ready. My thanks go to him for his faithfulness each Sunday in leading this class.

The school year is almost over and with it this year's Sunday school classes will take a break for summer. The last day of class will be May 23. We will not meet again until the Sunday after Labor day, Sept 12.

Fifth Sunday Potluck Luncheon

This month has five Sundays, so this means a Potluck lunch on May 30. Plan to bring something tasty to eat and share with everyone else after the 11:00 service.

Anglicans for Life

There will be a regular meeting of our chapter of Anglicans for Life on Sunday, May 16th. We will meet in the Parish Hall after the 11:00 service, and everyone is welcome. Saint Francis has been actively involved in this fight for life, come join us.

Youth Mini-Golf

Saturday, May 1st at Noon. All Middle School and High School Youth are invited. Meet at the Parish Hall at 12 pm (immediately following the Prayer Walk) where we will have a pizza lunch and then embark on an adventurous afternoon at Peter Pan Mini-Golf. 1st game is \$6.00 per person. 2nd game or more is \$3.00. We plan to play 2 or 3 rounds, so plan to bring \$12.00 to cover the cost of your golf. Lunch and snacks are being provided. Parents, friends and any other St. Francis adults who love mini-golf are welcome. The more the merrier! Join us for some fun and fellowship! Contact David and Kim Norris with any questions at austincityprayerwalk@hotmail.com

Nursing Home Visit

The director of activities at the Retirement and Nursing Center is expecting a contingent of St. Francis members to come to their dining hall on May 30 from 3:30 to 4:30 to sing, pray and read some Bible passages. Anyone is welcome to join us at 6909 Burnet Lane, which is roughly at the intersection of Burnet Road, Cullen Avenue and Burnet Lane. We have been doing this for over five years and our visits are always appreciated.

Rector: The Reverend Len Giacolone

Senior Warden: Mark Rambin

Junior Warden: Keith Harrell



Birthdays:

- 1 Amy Crandell
- 8 Gabrielle Wathen
- 9 Tim Williams
- 11 Elizabeth Hicks
- 21 William Edward (Wes) Stults
- 24 Lisa Bordelon
- 26 C. J. Wright

Anniversaries:

- 18 Brian & Rebecca Hoard
- 23 Chaille and Melissa Bernard
- 31 Keith and Gayle Harrell
Ben and Shirley Ellis



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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| 1 | Prayer Walk, 9:00 am; Blood Drive
Mini-golf, 12 noon | 14 | Evening Prayer, 6 pm |
| 2 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am,
<u>Morning Prayer and</u>
<u>Holy Communion</u> , 11:00 am,
Acts 13:44-52, Psalm 145:1-8
Revelation 19:1, 4-9, John 13:31-35
Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am | 16 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am,
Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 47
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
John 17:20-26
Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am |
| 4 | Anglican Rosary 12 noon | 16 | Anglicans for Life meeting |
| 5 | National Day of Prayer Holy Communion,
7:00 pm | 17 | Mother's and Grandmother's Prayer, 11:00am |
| 7 | Evening Prayer, 6 pm Church
Games Night, 6:30 PM | 18 | Anglican Rosary, 12 noon |
| 9 | MOTHER'S DAY
<u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am,
Acts 14:8-18, Psalm 67
Revelation 21:22-22:5, John 14:23-29
Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am | 21 | Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm Church |
| 10 | Vestry Meeting, 5:30 pm | 23 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am,
Acts 2:1-11, Psalm 104:25-37
1Cor. 12:4-13, John 20:19-23
Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am |
| 11 | Anglican rosary, 12 noon | 25 | Anglican Rosary 12 noon |
| 13 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am,
Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47
Ephesians 1:15-23, Like 24:49-53
Sunday School for Children, 9:30 am | 28 | Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm Church |
| | | 30 | <u>Holy Communion</u> , 9:30 am and 11:00 am
Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29
Revelation 4:1-11, John 16:5-15
Potluck lunch
Nursing home visit |