



The St. Francis Bulletin

FROM THE RECTOR:

With Christmas and New Years Day behind us things should be starting to return to normal. That doesn't mean things will grind to a halt, however. Before I get to what will happen next I want to take a moment and thank a host of people who made our Christmas celebration wonderful this year.

Shirley Ellis and the Altar Guild did a tremendous job decorating the altar and keeping up with services over a busy weekend. I want to thank all those who helped decorate the church for Christmas, especially Keith and Gayle who store all our decorations year after year and take the lead with the decorations. This year our young people helped in a serious way. Thanks to Sylvia Kelley and Julie Rambin for the music at our Lessons and Carols service. Thanks to Amy and Jim Crandell and Claire Ducker for music on Christmas eve. Thanks also to Amy and the rest of the Sunday School for the annual Christmas pageant. Thanks to Ray Merrill and Arthur Woodgate for doing our acolyte duties and especially to Micah Looke for stepping in for our late Christmas service. I am sure that I'm forgetting someone (I always do) but I want each of you

to know how grateful I am to each of you for your part in a wonderful Christmas celebration.

What's Coming Up

I hope all of you have signed up for the photo sessions for our Parish Pictorial Directory. If you haven't you may sign up on line at www.stfrancisaustin.com Do it now. We want everyone to participate. The dates for the photo shoot are January 23 and 24. There will be more info coming as we near the dates. This directory, as you know, will cost the church nothing. But you will have the opportunity to buy some of the pictures that will be taken of you.

Also coming up the very same week is our first Parish Volunteer Appreciation party. Saturday, January 27 is the date. We have not yet decided on a place but we're looking forward to a fun evening with any of you who have volunteered for any ministry at St. Francis during 2006. I realize the details are a little sketchy at this point (my fault) but if you are planning on joining us that night please call the church and leave a message on the answering machine. Let me know who's coming by

Friday, January 19. If we pull this off this year, we'll make it an annual event. A special word of thanks to all of you who work tirelessly during the year without a great deal of recognition. We couldn't do it without you.

We just wrapped up one of the best adult education classes we've ever had. I enjoyed it immensely. But greater still was the feedback from what I would judge were most of the participants. You all know that we read and studied Frederica Mathews-Green's The Illumined Heart. This is a small book that tackles the basics of the Christian's life and spirituality. I think that the book is destined to be a classic. You can always tell when a class is going well because the attendance stays up. We had good numbers and great participation every week and it was a pleasure for me to lead the discussion. I don't know what we will do next at this point but more information will be coming soon. One of the pressing questions revolves around whether some weekday evening or Sunday morning is as better time to participate in an adult Christian education class. Let me know what you think. Obviously it has to be convenient for you if you're going to come.

One final reminder to all of you who head ministries at St. Francis to get your written reports in to Mark Ramin as soon as possible. We have changed our format for the Annual Parish Meeting that is scheduled for Sunday February 4, 2007 after the 11:00 am service. The reports will be given to you in booklet form before the meeting so that you'll have a chance to review them prior to the meeting.

I guarantee that you'll be out in plenty of time for the Super Bowl, if that's a concern for you. God bless you all during the year of the Lord, 2007.

Wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phones?
What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets,
What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it,
What if we flipped through it several times a day,
What if we used it to receive messages from the text,
What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it,
What if we gave it to kids as gifts,
What if we used it as we traveled,
What if we used it in case of an emergency,
I was thinking on my way home, got touched by the spirit, so I wrote this so you can hear it. Its just something to think about
Something to make you say hmmmmmm,
and where is my Bible?

- Anonymous

May God Bless you with unspeakable joy,
not only in the world to come, but in this
world also.

May your path be bright and full of light
everywhere you go.

May God tell darkness that it must flee at
your command.

And, I pray your feet will never stumble out
of God's plan.

May the desires of your heart come true.

And may you experience Peace in every-
thing you do.

May Goodness, Kindness, and Mercy come
your way.

And, may you gain Wisdom and grow in the
Lord every day.

Amen



Birthdays

- 1 Audrey Woodgate
- 5 Philip Crandell
- 6 Henrietta Clement
- 7 Kate Burrow
- 17 Tom Matthews
- 18 Elizabeth Kinahan
- 19 Arthur Woodgate
- 21 Katherine Stults
- 24 Erika Denslow
- 27 Ruth Doane
- 29 Margaret Sikes
- 31 Ben Ellis



MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

All mothers and grandmothers of the
church are invited to attend the mothers'
prayer group, held in the Parish Hall.

The group spends an hour on the second
Monday of every month at 11 a.m. pray-
ing for their families. For more informa-
tion, call Kay Francis at (512) 868-1092.

Rector: The Reverend Len Giacalone

Senior Warden: Mark Rambin

Junior Warden: Keith Harrell

Anniversaries

- 23 Graham & Kimberly Kinahan



Associate Rector: The Reverend John Stults

Organist: Sylvia Kelley

Server: Ray Merrill

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 Erika 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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<p>5 Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m. Games Night, 6:00-8:30 p.m.</p> <p>7 <u>Holy Communion</u>, 9:30 a.m., <u>Morning Prayer and Holy Communion</u>, 11:00 a.m., Isaiah 60:1-6,9 Psalm 72, (Ephesians 3:1-12) Matthew 2:1-12</p> <p><i>No Sunday School</i></p> <p>8 Mother's Prayer Group, 11 a.m. Vestry Meeting, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>12 Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>14 <u>Holy Communion</u>, 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 89:20-29 Acts 10:34-38, Luke 3:15-16, 21-22</p> <p><i>Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p>21</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>26</p> <p>27</p> <p>28</p>	<p>Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Holy Communion</u>, 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m., Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 96, 1 Cor. 12:1-11, John 2:1-11</p> <p><i>Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.</i></p> <p>Pictures for Parish Photo Directory</p> <p>Pictures for Parish Photo Directory</p> <p>Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Holy Communion</u>, 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m., Nehemiah 8:2-10, Psalm 113, 1 Cor. 12:12-27, Luke 4:14-21</p> <p><i>Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.</i></p>
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