



The St. Francis Bulletin

FROM THE RECTOR:

Something Happy, Something Sad

On the evening of Saturday, October 13, Ed Sandlin and Katie Yarborough became husband and wife at St. Francis in Dallas, Texas. Ed and Katie have been attending our church for some time now and Tim and Elaine Williams were able to attend and represent us at Ed and Katie's wedding. I am given to understand that they will honeymoon in Antigua before returning to Austin. Please extend your heartfelt congratulations when they return.

Also on October 13, Bill Ducker went home to his Father—the one in the heavens. (Had to stick that in, Bill). Bill had a heart attack while riding his bike on that Saturday morning and although he survived that one, succumbed to another later in the day. Bill and I enjoyed many conversations over the years on many different topics, oftentimes things that he was currently reading about. We would laugh at and lamented so many different things that we considered each other an expert on all the topics we discussed.

Most of all I appreciated Bill's love of the Lord and his constant quest to understand Him better. His thirst was unquenchable on that score. He never missed an opportunity to dive in deeper. As the biblical injunction goes, "Seek the Lord while He may be found, call to Him while He is still near." It's not that Bill didn't deserve rest from his journey. I just wish the Lord had given him a little more time. Now he knows Him face to face. Of that I have no doubt. Please keep Claire and her daughters, Katie and Eli, in your prayers.

The turnout for Bill's funeral presented some logistical problems that seldom arise for us, namely going to a different facility for the service. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, their Rector and Associate Rector were most gracious in allowing us to use their church and parish hall. A number of our folks had to make special efforts to make sure everything that needed to be done got done. Shirley and Ben Ellis along with members of the Altar Guild and ushers made it possible for us to make a smooth transition to another place. Leanne Read and a number of the Daughters of Martha and Mary (I hope I have the new name correct) had to bring in literally everything for the reception following the service. And Amy Crandell worked hard to get the program for the service ready on short notice. Obviously I don't realize all that had to take place for everything to get done. But I think everything went very smoothly. Everything! Thanks to all of you who had anything to do with this.

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 22, is Thanksgiving Day. We will have a Holy Communion service at 10:00 am. I recently spoke on the absolute necessity of gratitude in our relationship with God. This is the key indicator of how healthy that relationship really is. Gratitude is the recognition of God's presence and generosity to us in our lives. Without it we take Him for granted. Please try to get there this year. The Lord really doesn't need our gratitude but we need to show it. And He does appreciate it.

Pledge Drive

Finally, we have started our Pledge drive for 2008. By now all of you either have received or will receive a pledge card for the coming year. There are, of course, very practical matters at stake in the financial end of your relationship with the church. The pledge drive determines how we will operate as a parish in the coming year. But there is also an element of gratitude to God present in your gift to the church. This is one of the ways you can express it. If you believe in the work of St. Francis you need to support it. I know that you will as you have in the past. You may either place the pledge cards in the collection basket or mail them to the church in care of our Treasurer, Don Watkins. Thanks for your generosity.

LENDING LIBRARY

There are several bookshelves in the main room of the fellowship hall that hold books donated to Saint Francis Church from various members. Most are religious in nature: the theology represented spans the gamut from Roman Catholicism and Orthodoxy to Reformed. There are even a few Anglican authors within the collection ;)

Although I cannot vouch for the usefulness of each publication, there are some books that I find worth mentioning; so I plan on contributing to our newsletter for awhile to give you my perspective on what is available for loan.

This month, I borrowed a book entitled *Six Ways to Pray from Six Great Saints*.

In 150 pages, the author introduces the reader to Francis and Clare of Assisi, Ignatius of Loyola, Therese of Lisieux, Teresa of Avila, and John of the Cross.

The introduction states, "All of them were once beginners; none of them has forgotten how to initiate others who think of themselves as amateurs."

After a very brief history of each saint, the reader is lead into meditations formulated from a particular saint's "style." The introduction explains: "These meditations are to be prayed, not just read. They

require an active use of the imagination, the mind, and the will. The goal in each case is to seek God..."

At the end of each chapter is an "Exploring Further" section, offering a brief bibliography of sources that present in-depth study on the prayer form. This little book by Gloria Hutchinson is a good primer for beginners, but also it is a good refresher for a seasoned prayer. It was published in 1982.

Checking out books from the lending library is easy. There is a spiral notebook on one of the shelves. Please list the date, the name of the publication, and your name. There is no time limit, but if someone wants to read what you've borrowed and they see you have had it over a year (it happens), they will know whom to ask.
Happy reading, Wanda

Sandlin Wedding Announcement:

Miss Katharine Allison (Katie) Yarborough became Mrs. Edward Francis (Ed) Sandlin on Saturday evening, October 13th at St. Francis Anglican Church in Dallas, where Ed grew up. Tim and Elaine Williams of St. Francis (Austin) attended the glorious liturgy for which the Happy Couple had chosen music and hymns to give glory to God. Three priests from the Diocese of Fort Worth, who are also close friends of Ed & Katie, participated in the Solemn High Mass, besides the principal celebrant, the Rev. David Allen, SSC, Rector of St. Francis, Dallas. The form of the Solemnization of a Marriage from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer was used for the Nuptial Mass. The bride and groom originally met fourteen years ago at Camp Crucis, a Diocese of Fort Worth church camp near Granbury, Texas. After dating for a year, Ed took Katie to Camp Crucis in November 2006 to propose marriage at the lychgate to the outdoor Chapel of the Transfiguration. All six of the groomsmen, the three priest friends, and most of the bridesmaids are also Crucis alumni, as were many in the congregation. Following the reception, the Happy Couple passed through a corridor of wedding guests holding golden sparklers before boarding their special

transportation, a 1963 Silver Cloud Rolls Royce, that whisked them away to their hotel for the night. Ed & Katie will be honeymooning on the Caribbean island of Antigua for a week before returning to Austin.

Love in Christ, Connie Sandlin very proud (in a spiritually healthy way) and happy mother of the groom (and wildly enthusiastic parent about my offspring's choice of bride)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ushers Needed:

St Francis is in need of ushers for the 9:30 and the 11:00 am service. At the present time we have nine ushers. We need four to six more. If we are able to have twelve ushers you would only have to usher about once every five weeks.

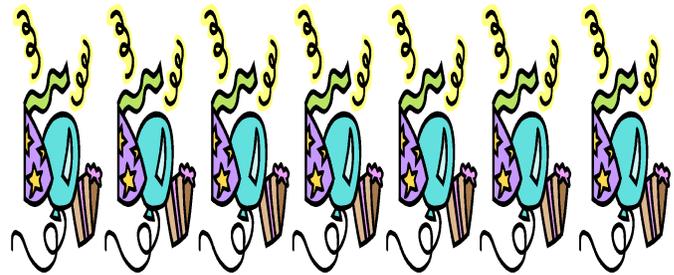
Worship:

Friday evening services that have been held at 5:30pm will be held at 6:00 pm starting in October so that more may attend after the end of their work week. This is a great way to kick off the weekend and all are welcome.

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild is happy to announce that the new Altar Frontals have arrived. The generosity of the members of St. Francis have made it possible to have a Altar Frontal in the correct color for each of the liturgical seasons. This is another way to make our church services more beautiful as we praise the Lord for all the blessings we have received.

Rector: The Reverend Len Giacolone
Senior Warden: Mark Rambin
Junior Warden: Keith Harrell

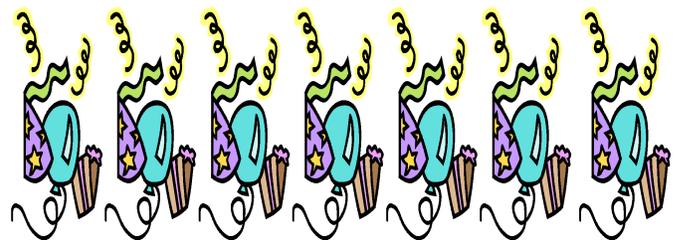


Birthdays

- 3 Mark Rambin
- 7 Kelsey Rhea
- 9 Walter Hutson
Mary Ogden
- 11 Meredith Stults
- 12 Elizabeth Brummett
- 15 Donald St. Martin
Mary St. Martin
- 16 Madeline Phillips
- 17 Jan Triplett
- 22 William Henry Hoard
- 25 Steve McCown
- 29 Thomas Pangle
Ian Robert Hoard
- 30 Amanda Ogden
Gordon Kinahan

Anniversaries

- 10 Hal and Sarah Sheads



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 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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| 2 | <i>Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm Church
Game Night, 6:30 pm Parish Hall</i> | 18 | <i><u>Holy Communion, 9:30 am and 11:00 am,</u>
Malachi 3:13-4:2a, 5-6
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19
Children's Sunday School 9:30 am
Parish Hall</i> |
| 4 | <i><u>Holy Communion, 9:30 am, Morning
Prayer and Holy Communion, 11:00 am,</u>
Isaiah 1:10-20
Psalm 32 (2 Thessalonians 1:1-12)
Luke 19:1-10
Children's Sunday School 9:30 am Parish
Hall</i> | 20 | <i>Adult Education, 7pm Parish Hall</i> |
| 6 | <i>Adult Education, 7pm Parish Hall</i> | 22 | <i>THANKSGIVING DAY
<u>Holy Communion, 10 a.m.</u>
Deut. 8:1-3,6-10,17-20
Psalm 65:9-14
James 1:17-18, 21-27
Matthew 6:25-33</i> |
| 9 | <i>Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm Church</i> | 23 | <i>Adult Education, 7pm Parish Hall</i> |
| 11 | <i><u>Holy Communion, 9:30 am and 11:00 am,</u>
Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17
2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5
Luke 20:27-38
Children's Sunday School 9:30 am Parish
Hall</i> | 25 | <i><u>Holy Communion, 9:30 am and 11:00 am,</u>
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:35-43
Children's Sunday School 9:30 am Parish
Hall</i> |
| 12 | <i>Vestry Meeting, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall</i> | 27 | <i>Adult Education, 7pm Parish Hall</i> |
| 13 | <i>Adult Education, 7pm Parish Hall</i> | 30 | <i>Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm Church</i> |
| 16 | <i>Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm Church</i> | | |