



## The St. Francis Bulletin

### **FROM THE RECTOR:**

By the time you receive this, early voting will have ended. If you have not voted yet, please do so on November 4. Every election is important, some more than others. This one, however, might be the most important one in memory and could influence our lives for years to come. Please vote!

### *THANKSGIVING DAY, NOVEMBER 27*

Each year we celebrate Thanksgiving Day in our nation, always on the fourth Thursday of November. At St. Francis we try to begin the day with a Holy Communion service so that we don't miss the real object of our Thanksgiving—the Giver of all good gifts. Even with the troubles we are experiencing in our country now, we have been and continue to be the most blessed nation on the face of the earth. That makes it incumbent upon us to acknowledge the one who has blessed us. I served at another parish many years ago where Thanksgiving Day was truly a parish celebration, almost

a Holy Day. The church was full at the Eucharist (700-800) and a collection was taken up for the St. Vincent de Paul Society whose ministry it was to serve the poor in the parish. Each year we collected enough money to operate St. Vincent de Paul for the entire year. The rationale behind the collection was obvious. Genuine thanksgiving always results in sharing with others. I would remind you that in addition to celebrating the day with family and friends, it would also be a great opportunity to remember others in some way who are less fortunate. The true nature of thanksgiving is giving. We will have our Holy Communion service at 10:00 am on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Please join us to give thanks to the Creator (Luke:6:38).

I am writing this before the end of our parish food drive for the benefit of The Storehouse in Pflugerville. It was my hope at the beginning of it that we would outdo our previous collections of food. I don't know how this will turn out but I am

**From the Rector (continued):**

grateful, as always, for your kindness and generosity. I continue to be amazed at the constant need for food in our community. For all the talk of the prosperity here in Austin, these needs seem not only to continue but to increase. I realize that Jesus said that we would always have the poor with us (and it is our responsibility to take care of them as we can) but is there something wrong when people who work very hard, sometimes with more than one job, find it difficult to put food on the table? I am not suggesting that government at any level try to fix such a problem. I don't believe they can. Nor do I believe that the government should enact legislation to take from the haves and give it to the have-nots. That should always be voluntary. But I am suggesting that those of us who are doing OK or better than that should at least be aware of the needs of others and try to help when we are able. The food you have donated will help. But please take it upon yourselves to remember the poor at other times as well (Gal. 2:10).

*Daylight Saving Time*

Each year (when I think of it) I try to remind you when Daylight Saving Time begins and ends. I don't want anyone to miss church. Daylight Saving Time ends this year on November 2.

Before you retire on Saturday evening, November 1, please set your clocks *back* one hour. This is the time of year when you can pick up an extra hour of sleep, that is if you can sleep that long anyway.

Finally, a word about the pledge drive for 2009. Please have your pledge cards in by Sunday, November 30. You may mail them to the church, drop them in the collection plate or give them personally to our Treasurer, Don Watkins. Thanks.

**Christian Education News**

Upcoming plans include packing shoe boxes for operation Christmas Child on November 16. Expect a letter in the mail appealing for donations of shoe box contents and funds to help support this endeavor.

We will have the Christmas Pageant during the Sunday school hour on Dec. 21st.

Classes are held each Sunday from 9:30 to 10:30 am . We take two weeks off for the Christmas holidays (Dec. 28- Jan. 4), returning on January 11th. Classes are held continuously until Easter Sunday and pick up the next Sunday until the end of the Sunday school year on May 17th.

## MOMS' PRAYER

### GROUP



#### *Schedule change :*

Please join our Moms' (and grandmothers') prayer time. We meet once a month on every **THIRD MONDAY** at **11 am** in the Fellowship Hall. A Scripture is read and then prayers are offered up on behalf of our families for a solid hour. It continues to be a privilege to work for our loved ones in this way. For further information, contact Wanda Stults: 830-833-5632

### The Anglican Rosary

The Anglican Rosary will be said or chanted on Tuesday evenings at 6 PM in the church.

If you are interested and want more information please contact Evie Lewis at 512-852-8766 or email [texasevie@gmail.com](mailto:texasevie@gmail.com)

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



### **Birthdays**

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



**Associate Rector:** The Reverend John Stults  
**Organist:** Paula Blaha  
**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](mailto:triciadenslow@yahoo.com)). If received **by the 20th**, it will appear in next month's newsletter.

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## NOVEMBER

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- 2 Daylight saving Time ends  
**Holy Communion**, 9:30 am, **Morning Prayer**  
**and Holy Communion**,  
11:00 am,  
Micah 3:5-12                      Psalm 43  
(1 Thess. 2:9-13; 17-20)      Matthew 23:1-12  
*Children's Sunday School, 9:30 am Parish Hall*
- 4 *Anglican Rosary, 6:00 pm*
- 5 Experiencing God, 7:00 pm
- 7 ***Evening Prayer***, 6:00 pm Church  
*Games night, 6:30pm*
- 9 **Holy Communion**, 9:30 am and 11:00 am  
Amos 5:18-24                      Psalm 70  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18      Matthew 25:1-13  
*Children's Sunday School, 9:30 am Parish Hall*
- 10 Vestry Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 11 *Anglican Rosary, 6:00 pm*
- 12 Experiencing God, 7:00 pm
- 14 ***Evening Prayer***, 6:00 pm
- 16 **Holy Communion**, 9:30 am and 11:00 am  
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18              Psalm 90  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-10              Matt. 25:14-15, 19-29  
*Children's Sunday School, 9:30 am Parish Hall*
- 17 *Mother's and Grandmother's Prayer Group, 11:00am*
- 18 *Anglican Rosary, 6:00 pm*
- 19 Experiencing God, 7:00 pm
- 21 ***Evening Prayer***, 6:00 pm Church
- 23 **Holy Communion**, 9:30 am and 11:00 am  
Ezekiel 34:11-17                      Psalm 95:1-7  
1 Cor. 15:20-28                      Matthew 25:31-46  
*Children's Sunday School, 9:30 am Parish Hall*
- 25 *Anglican Rosary, 6:00 pm*
- 26 NO Experiencing God class
- 27 THANKSGIVING DAY,  
**Holy Communion**, 10:00 am  
Deut. 8:1-3; 6-10; 17-20              Psalm 65:9-14  
James 1:17-18, 21-27                      Matthew 6:25-33
- 30 **Holy Communion**, 9:30 am and 11:00 am  
Isaiah 64:1-9a                      Psalm 80:1-7  
1 Cor. 1:1-9                      Mark 13:24-37  
*Children's Sunday School, 9:30 am Parish Hall*
- 30 *Pledge drive ends.*