



## The St. Francis Bulletin

### FROM THE RECTOR:

#### *Our Sunday School*

Recently our Sunday School for children wrapped up another year. Although our Sunday School is small it takes the same dedication and commitment to run and staff it as any project of the same type does. I want to thank all the teachers who participated in the program this past year. Working with our youth is a wonderful aspect of Christian witness. Amy Crandell and Susan Ramin have worked with our younger children all through the year and our teen class has been led by several people including Steve McCown, Mike Ready, Wanda Stults and Deacon Tim Williams. I hope that I didn't leave anyone out. Amy Crandell has done an excellent job for the past several years coordinating this effort and she deserves a great deal of credit as do all our teachers. Please pray for your fellow parishioners who work with our youth and for the children, too. They are the future of this church.

While I'm talking about Christian education, our study of Paul's Letter to the Romans is now ended. We began in February and ended just last week. Studying the bible is important, not just to know what the material says and means on its own but so that we may apply it to our lives. It takes a

commitment to attend and learn in these bible studies and I believe that those who attended found some very worthwhile applications for their lives. Whenever I do a bible study I learn something I didn't know before and have the opportunity to add that to my spiritual life. This was no different. I know that some of you are participating in bible studies elsewhere. I hope that these are beneficial for you as well. We are considering new studies and approaches for upcoming adult education. I hope that you will consider participating in one of these

#### *Bill Reading 1932-2001*

Many of you didn't know Bill Reading. He joined our parish in 2001 and attended regularly until he began fighting cancer several years ago. Bill died on May 11 and his ashes were interred on May 23. One of the really important parts of the ministry of any priest or minister is helping to prepare someone for their first face to face meeting with the Lord. Over the last few years I was able to witness Bill's faith as he dealt with the cancer that eventually took his earthly life. He was a strong believer and I enjoyed our friendship and conversations over these past few years. I would ask that you keep his family (Nita, his wife of 57 years, his children and grandchildren) in your prayers.

## From the Rector (continued):

### *Walk For Life*

On Saturday, June 6, some of your fellow parishioners will participate in the annual Texas Alliance for Life Walk for Life. It will be held at The Quarries in north Austin. This is a fund raising event for TAL whose work is primarily education and lobbying with regard to life issues. If you are able to participate in the walk please contact Nancy for directions to The Quarries. Stand with us.

We will not have a newsletter in July and August. The St. Francis Bulletin will return in September.

### Submitted by Rev. Mike Keppler

In *The Journey* for May-August, 2009, J. David Wilson gives a definition of an Authentic Christian: "What does it mean to be an authentic Christian? It is someone who is totally surrendered to the Lordship of Christ. It is someone who acknowledges openly the need to seek God's forgiveness. It is someone who seeks the guidance of the Holy Spirit to shape his or her ministry. It is someone who no longer doubts the existence of our great God and how much He loves us all unconditionally. Basically, it is the person whose heart beats in harmony with the heart of God and walks humbly in faith, delighting in the great cloud of witnesses cheering us along."

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## Christian Education News

The Sunday school classes for children and youth are finished for this school year. Thanks to the following dedicated adults who taught classes this year: Susan Rambin, Tim Williams, Steve McCown, Mike Ready and Wanda Stults. Thanks to the St. Francis families who made sure their children attended Sunday school this school year with regularity: the Benard, Hoard, La-Roux, Rambin, Stults, Looke, Crandell and Pangle families. Kudos to the youth and children who attended with a willing attitude to learn more about God through Bible study.

I am always looking for adults to work with one of the classes. We have wonderful children and youth in our Sunday school program -- they are a real joy to work with each Sunday. Please speak to me if you are interested in teaching a class for the 2009-2010 school year.

Classes will begin again on September 13 -- the Sunday after Labor day.

Everyone is invited to attend the parish-wide Pentecost Picnic on May 31st as a celebration of the church's birthday and the beginning of summer vacation.

Amy Crandell

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### Birthdays for JUNE

- 3 Joe McIlhaney
- 5 Rev. Len Giacolone
- 9 Aleksander Denslow
- 10 Cassandra Watkins
- 15 Charlotte Ready
- 18 Nancy Jones
- RobinRuth Alexander
- Carleton Wilkes
- 27 Anna Burnette
- 30 Sylvia Kelley



### Anniversaries for JUNE

- 1 Jace and Cindy Phillips
- Joe and Marion McIlhaney
- Thomas and Lorraine Pangle
- Mike and Charlotte Ready
- 28 Thomas and Laura O'Conner

### Birthdays for JULY

- 2 Chaille Claude Bernard
- 3 Bill LaRoux
- Rachel Hayes
- 4 Sophia Pangle
- 7 Roy Jones
- 9 Nancy Hays
- 14 Susan Rambin
- 24 Mary Elliott
- 25 Robert Pigg
- 27 Zachary Looke
- Harriet Bernard
- 28 David Hays
- 29 John Hays
- 30 Claire Ducker
- 30 Addison Denslow
- 31 Beth Patterson



### Anniversaries for JULY

- 2 Kevin and Patricia Burnette
- 20 Don & Cassandra Watkins

### Birthdays for AUGUST

- 2 LeBecca Paddock
- Mary Lauren La Roux
- James Edward Hoard
- 3 Claire Adkins
- Larry Cole
- Andrew Ogden
- Jeni Carsrud
- 5 Ellen Margaret Stults
- 10 Leanne Read
- 16 Bruce Darling
- 18 Sally Looke
- Phoebe Hughes
- 20 Nancy Giacolone
- Clif Drummond
- 25 Charlotte Matthews
- 28 Keith Harrell



### Anniversaries for AUGUST

- 2 Nathan and Cassandra Jensen
- Jim and Amy Crandell
- 6 Tom and Charlotte Matthews
- John and Nancy Hays
- 9 David and Margaret Sikes
- 19 Andy and Shannon Adkins
- Robert and Burt Pigg
- 28 Bruce and Diane Darling

**Rector: The Reverend Len Giacolone**

**Senior Warden: Mark Rambin**

**Junior Warden:**

**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.

## St. Francis Anglican Church

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**JUNE**

**2009**

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| 2  | <i>Anglican Rosary, 12:00 noon</i>  | 15 | <i>Mother's and Grandmother's Prayer Group, 11:00am</i>   |
| 5  | <i>Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm Church Games night, 6:30pm</i>   | 16 | <i>Anglican Rosary, 12:00 noon</i>  |
| 7  | <i><u>Holy Communion</u>, 9:30 am, <u>Morning Prayer and Holy Communion</u>, 11:00 am, Exodus 3:1-6<br/>Psalm 93<br/>Romans 8:12-17<br/>John 3:1-16</i> | 19 | <i>Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm Church</i>   |
| 9  | <i>Anglican Rosary, 12:00 noon</i>  | 21 | <i><u>Holy Communion</u>, 9:30 am and 11:00 am<br/>Job 38:1-11, 16-18<br/>Psalm 107:1-32<br/>2 Cor. 5:14-21<br/>Mark 4:35-5:20</i>        |
| 12 | <i>Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm Church</i>   | 23 | <i>Anglican Rosary, 12:00 noon</i>  |
| 14 | <i><u>Holy Communion</u>, 9:30 am and 11:00 am<br/>Ezekiel 31:1-6, 10-14<br/>Psalm 92<br/>2 Cor 5:1-10<br/>Mark 4:26-34</i>                             | 26 | <i>Evening Prayer, 6:00 pm Church</i>   |
|    |   | 28 | <i><u>Holy Communion</u>, 9:30 am and 11:00 am<br/>Deuteronomy 15:7-11<br/>Psalm 112<br/>2 Cor. 8:1-9, 13-15<br/>Mark 5:22-24, 35b-43</i> |
|    |   | 30 | <i>Anglican Rosary, 12:00 noon</i>  |