

The St. Francis Bulletin

5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCHEON

April 30 is the second month in 2023 with five Sundays. This means there will be a potluck luncheon held after the 11:00 service on April 30. Plan to bring something tasty to eat to share with fellow parishioners. It is fun to enjoy food that others have made and to visit with St. Francis friends.

BISHOP REED'S VISIT

Bishop Ryan Reed is scheduled to visit St. Francis on Sunday, June 11. To celebrate his visit, St. Claire's guild will be providing food. All that is needed is for you to attend the luncheon after the service!

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

The food collected during Lent was delivered in two loads to the food pantry at St. Louis Catholic Church on Burnet Road. The donations filled two flat-bed grocery carts with food (it also filled the Crandell's trunk two times!) The food was received well and Bea Dela Rosa, the Director of Social Ministries at St. Louis passes along a big "Thank You!" to us for the donations.

EASTER LILIES

Thank you to all who donated flowers for Easter. The church was beautifully decorated for the day of our Lord's resurrection!

PENTECOST FEAST

Men of St. Francis take note! The annual Pentecost BBQ/Smoke-fest will be Saturday, May 28 in the fellowship hall. This was the reason that St. Polycarp's group was formed many years ago. The men gather together to smoke/BBQ/grill meat and everyone enjoys the food the next day on Pentecost. This is the time of year when the membership list of the St. Polycarp's group is updated. Contact Jim Crandell at info@astfrancisaustin.org or in person if you would like to be on the list. Jim may be contacting some of the men who have recently begun attending St. Francis.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The first Thursday of May is designated the National Day of Prayer and this year the 72nd Annual Event falls on May 4. The 2023 theme is: Pray fervently in righteousness and avail much. The theme verse is: "The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects." James 5:16b (RSV). At St. Francis, additional prayers for this day will be offered during Evening prayer at 7 p.m. Other observances held around the Austin area:

12:00-12:30p.m. - Anderson Mill / El Salido Prayer Gathering

7:00-8:30p.m. - Bannockburn Church South Austin Courtyard Prayer

12:00-1:00p.m. - Bastrop City Courthouse Gazebo Prayer Gathering

7:00-7:45a.m. - Burnet County Courthouse - corner of S. Pierce and E. Washington

12:00-1:00p.m. - Capitol of Texas Prayer Event in the Texas Capitol Rotunda

12:00-1:00p.m. - Cedar Park National Day of Prayer Event at the Cedar Park Police Station

7:00-8:00p.m. - Cedar Park National Day of Prayer Evening Event at City Reach Church

6:30-7:30p.m. - Georgetown National Day of Prayer Event at Crestview Baptist Church

6:30-7:00p.m. - Lago Vista National Day of Prayer Event at Grace Fellowship Church

7:00-8:00a.m. - Lakeway National Day of Prayer Service

6:30-8:00a.m. - Leander National Day of Prayer Event at the Leander Police Station

12:00-1:00p.m. - Round Rock National Day of Prayer Event at Texas Baptist Children's Home in the Chapel

7:00-8:00p.m. - Taylor National Day of Prayer at the Taylor Heritage Square

FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR - GOOD NEWS!

As some of you may know, St. Francis took out a \$605,000 mortgage in connection with the construction of our current 5,500 square foot building at 3401 Oak Creek Drive. This 25-year mortgage originated in 2016 and was originally amortized to be fully repaid by 2041. As of our scheduled May 2023 payment, our mortgage balance will be approximately \$300,000, or approximately 15 years of repayment ahead of the original terms. This would not have been possible without the generous contributions that have been made to the St. Francis Anglican Church Building Fund. Thanks to all of you that have contributed. Please consider designating future memorials, required minimum distributions from retirement plans, or other contributions to the St. Francis Anglican Church Building Fund.

SAVE THE DATE

Since the Dobb's decision by the Supreme Court last year, pregnancy resource centers need our help more than ever. They support women in unplanned pregnancies throughout their pregnancies and beyond. They provide numerous free services such as helping these women access medical care, social services, educational services (parenting classes, budgeting classes), physical needs (such as diapers, formula, baby clothes, bottles etc.) and support for their families. We here at St Francis have been supporting Trotter House for many years. In coordination with the national Anglicans For Life, we are holding a baby shower for Trotter House on Sunday May 7, 2023 after the 11:00 am service. Lori DeVillez, the director of Trotter House, will be here to talk about Trotter House, updating us on all they provide, as well as answering any questions you may have. Please consider attending and make this an overwhelming success. Even if you can't attend on May 7th, consider donating items to help out. We will be accepting items for the shower up through May 31st. Any questions, or if you want to help in the planning, contact Charlotte Ready at (512) 288-5597.

Suggested items: Diapers, wipes, clothing (baby/toddler), blankets, pacifiers, baby bottles, formula, bibs, toys, bedding, baby food, strollers, car seats, cribs.

Our church is participating
in the world's LARGEST
Baby Shower
April 1-May 31

Our church is participating in a
nationwide baby shower. Please donate
so new mothers in our community can
be blessed.

For more information visit
AnglicansForLife.org/40-for-life

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

21	Michael Adams and Kerry Manning
23	Claude and Melissa Bernard
30	Don and Marci Brown
31	Ben and Shirley Ellis Thomas Sager/RobinRuth Alexander

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1	Amy Crandell
3	Mary Griffin
8	Veronica Armstrong
9	Randy Scheer
10	Michael Jones
17	Sandy Scheer
18	Karl Idsal
19	Ikenna Ifesineke Chimzi Eziechile
21	Marsha Crosby

READINGS FOR MAY

5/7 4 after Easter ([Link to Readings](#))

Acts 17:1-15

Psalms 66:1-8

1 Peter 2:1-10

John 14:1-14

5/14 5 after Easter ([Link to Readings](#))

Acts 17:22-31

Psalms 148:7-13

1 Peter 3:8-18

John 15:1-8

5/18 Ascension Day ([Link to Readings](#))

Acts 1:1-11

Psalms 47

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:49-53

5/21 Sunday after Ascension Day ([Link to Readings](#))

Acts 1:1-14

Psalms 47

1 Peter 4:12-19

John 17:1-11

5/28 Pentecost ([Link to Readings](#))

Acts 2:1-11

Psalms 104:24-36

1 Corinthians 12:4-13

John 20:19-23

Notes on the readings:

- St. Francis follows the [1979 BCP Lectionary](#) for the lessons. We are in Year A.
- The text read at the service is from the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.
- Each of the listed Sunday readings is linked to the corresponding page on [LectionaryPage.net](#).
- The Sunday collects and text of the psalms are generally from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.
- On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, the psalm is chanted during the 11:00 service. The pointing is from the St. Francis Psalter, found at <http://stfrancis-austin.org/psalter>, which is based on the Cathedral Psalter.

MAY CALENDAR

Sundays

9:15 a.m. Nursery is provided.

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion in person, live streamed and recorded. Healing prayers at the altar rail follow the service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for youth

10:00 a.m. Choir Practice

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion in person with healing prayers after the service.

Tuesdays

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Bible Study online via Zoom

Wednesdays

7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Catechism class via Zoom

Thursdays

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer in person in the church and via Zoom.

Apr. 30 - 5th Sunday

12:30 p.m. 5th Sunday Potluck

May 4 - 1st Thursday

7:00 p.m. Additional prayers for National Day of Prayer offered at Evening Prayer service

May 6 - 1st Saturday

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Prayers for the Nation in person in the fellowship hall

May 8 - 2nd Monday

6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting via Zoom

May 12 - 2nd Friday

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study in person at the McCown's house

May 14 - 2nd Sunday

12:45 - 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study - upstairs at the church

May 15 - 3rd Monday

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Readers of First Things group online meeting. Contact Karl Stephan at kdstephan@txstate.edu to join the online meeting via Zoom or come in person to the fellowship hall

May 18 - Ascension Day

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Ascension Day service

May 19 - 3rd Friday

NOON to 1:00 p.m. Mother's Prayer Group in person in the fellowship hall

May 26 - 4th Friday

4:30 p.m. Mobile Loaves and Fishes Make Ready Team

5:30 p.m. Mobile Loaves and Fishes Truck Run

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study in person at the McCown's house

May 28 - 4th Sunday

12:45 - 2:00 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study - upstairs at the church

Note on the calendar:

- To join any of the meetings or services held via Zoom, email info@stfrancis-austin.org

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ST. FRANCIS' MISSION STATEMENT

- We are a community of believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ whose mission it is to spread that Gospel in what we preach and in the way we live.
- We are called to know the Word of God, to act on it in our lives and to share it with our brothers and sisters in the world.
- We are determined to uphold the ancient faith of our ancestors in the Anglican tradition, to offer traditional Christian values based on the Holy Word of God and to be faithful witnesses to the person of Jesus in the Austin Community.
- St. Francis parish is dedicated to the presence of Christ in the lives of the poor, the needy, the sick, to each other and to all those to whom Jesus comes to minister in his life on earth.
- As a community of believers, we intend to entrust our growth in love, in faith and in resources to the generosity of God.