

MONEY MATTERS

Income and Expenses – February 2010		YTD
Income	\$13,837.00	\$29,216.00
Expenses	\$14,811.96	\$27,841.92

Give, and it shall be given unto you ... For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Luke 6:38

CHURCH WORDS

Cathedra: Though the term properly refers to the bishop's seat in a cathedral, in many parishes a special chair is set aside for the bishop to remind us that he is the chief pastor of our parish.

Stripping the Altar: Though the Liturgy for Maundy Thursday says nothing about stripping and washing the altar, this ceremony, which is over 1,000 years old, will be enacted in many Episcopal churches. It reminds us that our Lord was stripped of his garments; it prepares the altar for the services of Good Friday, and it prepares the faithful for the sobriety of recalling the Death of Jesus before the joy of celebrating his Resurrection.

INRI: According to the Gospel of John, the sign posted on the cross when Jesus was crucified was written by Pontius Pilate and contained the words "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews" in three languages: Latin, Hebrew, and Greek. The Latin version read "*Jesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum*," abbreviated INRI.

MARCH 2010 PRAYER BOOK QUIZ

Where are Daily Devotions for individuals and families located in the BCP?

What are the four parts of the Great Vigil?

What is the name of the candle lit on Easter Day?

Answers to February's Prayer Book Quiz

What items are generally presented to a new minister at induction?

A Bible, a vessel of water, a stole, a book of prayers, olive oil, and keys to the church. p. 561

What are the principal feasts observed in our Church?

Easter Day, Ascension, The Day of Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, All Saints' Day, Christmas Day, The Epiphany. p. 15

During what dates may Easter NOT occur?

Easter Day is always the first Sunday after the full moon that falls on or after March 21. It may not occur before March 22 or after April 25. p. 15

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. FRANCIS

PLEASE join us on Saturday, March 20, at 9:00 a.m. for our Parish Workday to clean up the grounds. Bring your truck or trailer to haul away the yard waste!

Lenten Program with Fr. Konrad. Wednesdays 6:00-7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Soup supper and Nursery provided.

ECW/Men's Dinner: March 25 at 6:00 p.m. The speaker will be a Neighborhood Watch Coordinator from Precinct 4 of the SCCMPD. Dinner is potluck; please bring a dish.

ICEY: Saturday, March 27 meet at Bull River Marina Dock @ 9:45 a.m. Boat ride and cleanup. Dress in layers. Bring a bag lunch. RSVP to Jessica Smith, Tel: 272-2317.

Calling all teachers!! Godly Play needs two more teachers for next year. There will be training at St. Peters Episcopal Church April 30 and May 1st. Please contact Jessica Smith, 272-2317.

There will be a Meals on Wheels information session at 9:15 a.m. on April 25th in the Sid Daniel Room. Current volunteers as well as those interested in joining this rewarding ministry are encouraged to attend. We need more volunteers!

African Team Ministry: We raised \$422 from the sale of Arts and Crafts. Thanks for your generosity!

CALENDAR

- 3/20 9:00 a.m. Parish Workday
- 3/21 Final day to order Easter lilies
- 3/24 Donate candy for Easter Egg Hunt
- 3/25 6:00 p.m. ECW/Men's Dinner
- 3/27 9:45 a.m. ICEY @ Bull River Marina
- 4/1 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thurs. service
- 4/2 12 Noon & 7 p.m. Good Fri. services
- 4/4 9:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/4 10:00 a.m. Easter Service & Confirmation

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

April 1, Thursday – Maundy Thursday
7:00 pm Service

April 2, Friday – Good Friday
12 Noon and 7:00 pm Services

April 4, Sunday – Easter Sunday
Bishop Scott Benhase will visit St. Francis on Easter Sunday. One Service at 10:00 a.m. with confirmation. Reception to follow service. The loose plate collection will be designated to the Bishop's Fund.

- If you wish to be received by the Bishop, please call the Church Office, 897-5725.
- On Easter Sunday, please bring flowers to church to flower the cross.
- Easter Lily order forms available in the Narthex, the Parish Hall, and the Church Office. Orders must be in by March 21.
- Easter Egg Hunt @ 9:15 a.m. (Easter Sunday is the Last Day of Sunday School.)
- Please bring your donations of candy for the Easter Egg Hunt to the Parish Hall by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, so the eggs can be stuffed. Thanks!

Episcopal life online: Champaign, Illinois congregation continues Easter egg tradition By Pat McCaughan, March 09, 2010

http://www.episcopalchurch.org/81803_120176_ENG_HTM.htm

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Please remember St. Francis in your will.*

PARISH NEWS

April Birthdays

Tommy Howard	04/02
Rosemary Kilpatrick	04/02
Mac Milner	04/02
Jay Jenkins	04/03
Megan Meyer	04/05
Kathy Taylor	04/07
Dot Cummins	04/08
Dee Kortes	04/10
Pat Stith	04/11
Ann Warth	04/11
Sally Retzer	04/11
Lavern Carlon	04/12
Danny Walker	04/12
Beth Hill	04/15
William Armstrong	04/15
Emma Retzer	04/16
Marilyn Williams	04/17
Jack Miller	04/18
Jeanette Duncan	04/18
Stuart Sligh	04/18
Anna Truax	04/19
Grace Lynch	04/21
Mary Jenkins	04/22
Dan Drake	04/24
Taylor Horan	04/27
Hap Boyd	04/28
Angel Garcia	04/28
James Harden	04/29
Beth Johnson	04/29
Neill McDonald	04/30
Mike Smith	04/30
Clair Harden	04/30

Welcome to St. Francis: Lillian Justine Whitman and Connie Nead

Welcome back: Barbara Lawson-Williams and Tracy Jenkins Cheek

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please advise the Church Office of births, deaths, marriages, and anniversaries, as well as names of family members or friends who are service members so they may be added to our prayers.

VESTRY LIAISONS

Worship: Rob Horan

In charge of all lay ministries in the worship of the church, Recruits Chairs for Acolytes, Flower and Altar Guilds, Lems, Ushers, and Special events (weddings, funerals, special services). Rob@horanmail.com, roran@thecoastalbank.com

Finance: Robert Brown

Chairs Finance Committee, reviews financial requests from other Vestry committees and the Endowment committee and presents to the Vestry. Prepares annual budget and works with the Treasurer and Administrator. rbrown@atlcc.net

Christian Education: Kim Tutan

In charge of all parish education children, youth and adults. Works with the Christian Education Director. kimtutan@bellsouth.net

Parish Life: Teri Sandford

Planning of annual/special parish events, luncheons, suppers, receptions etc. Recruiting hosts for Sunday refreshments. Works with ECW and Men's Club. Appearance/maintenance of kitchen. tsandford@bwcco.com

Pastoral Care: CeCile Steele

Aware of the home-bound, hospitalized, in special need, etc. Reports to the Rector and those involved in ministries to parishioners and Daughters of the King and other committees. cesteele@comcast.net

Evangelism: Mike Smith

Makes St. Francis known to the Community. In charge of Greeters and gets reports of absent parishioners to pass on to Pastoral Chair. Advertising, Website, all aspects of welcoming visitors, packets, guest register, information rack. msmith@smithbarid.com

Community Service: Marcia Smith

Encourage Episcopal Relief and Development fund. Meals on Wheels, Inner City Night Shelter, Soup Ministry and ideas for Service Projects. mksmith@comcast.net

MARCH HOLY DAYS

3/19 St. Joseph

3/25 The Annunciation