

The St. John's Newsletter

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The St. John's Summer Olympics

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, My Strength and My Redeemer. Ps. 19:14

As most of you know, St. John's has its own Olympics this summer—the Purple Bracelet Olympics. The challenge is to manage 21 days without complaining. Certainly, this game is more difficult than I had originally understood. It does indeed take constant training and practice. I started at the beginning of Lent, and so far my top count is four days without a complaint. Will I ever accomplish the full 21?

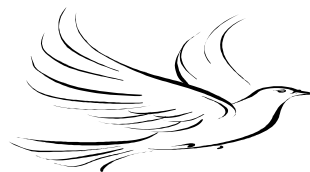
And does it matter? Why bother with this at all? In fact, yes, it does matter. Complaining is a pattern of thought that can become habitual. Its negative nature can separate us from perceiving the joy in God's creation. Complaining is the opposite of giving thanks in all things. It is a stumbling block in a relationship of free flowing love between God and us.

It is our thoughts that determine our actions. And who is in charge of our thoughts? We are! Our thoughts, our perceptions, our attitudes, our decisions are under our own control; they aren't forces that assault us from the outside. They are inner, personal, and known by God. Remember the proverb: *For as a man thinketh in his heart, so he is.* (Pr. 23:7)

Please join in the summer mental athletics of exploring our habits of thought. If you want to practice for this exercise, try doing a search on the words 'thought' and 'thinking' in the Bible. And if you are up to a real challenge of thought, try exploring the word "heart." As we are instructed in Phillipians 4:8-10,

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things...And the peace of God will be with you.

Go for the gold!



We are a church community rooted in Anglican traditions and committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ through faith, prayer, compassion, and encouragement.

► Sunday Church 9:30 a.m. – June through August ◀

St. John's Leadership

Rector: The Rev. Judy Filer

Vestry:

Senior Warden, Mike Meyer

Junior Warden, Mark Patterson

Bill Forson

Bobby Peterson

Joe Owen

Cathy Owen, Clerk and Treasurer, Ex-Officio

Minister of Music: Sue Visser

Parish Administrator: Cathy Owen

Altar Guild Chair: Louise Burton

Altar Flowers Chair: Polly Gaeke

Memorial Chair: Jean Trice

ECW President: Pattie Bosnack

Special Events: Libby Price and Pattie Bosnack

ALTAR FLOWERS

August 3 – Libby and Steve Price

August 10 – Polly Gaeke

August 17 – Mary Smith

August 24 – John Ramsey Taylor

August 31 – Judy and Wes Filer

If you wish to request flowers for St. John's altar, contact Polly Gaeke, chairperson, phone number 584-4464.

MEMORIALS

Anyone wishing to make a memorial should contact Jean Trice, chairperson in charge of memorials, 883-2611.



COFFEE HOSTESS

August 3 – Louise Burton

August 10 – Vacant

August 17 – Polly Gaeke

August 24 – Megan Henderson

August 31 — Libby Price and Pattie Bosnack



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES:

August 4 – Mary Winters

August 9 – Krista Webb

August 18 – Charlotte Cox

August 24 – Kay Evans

August 26 – Colt Ferda

August 31 – Jean Trice

“Grant, O Lord, that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.” *Amen*

You are cordially invited to celebrate all parish August birthdays and anniversaries on Sunday, August 31st. Please join us following the regular Sunday service for wonderful food and fun in the Parish Hall.

ST. JOHN'S MEN'S ASSOCIATION

The St. John's Men's Association will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 28th at St. John's Parish Hall. Come join in the fellowship!



CURSILLO

If you are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend, please contact either Polly Geake (584-4464) or Kyla Smith (584-2461). Applications to attend Cursillo can be obtained on the Diocesan Cursillo website at www.texascurso.org.

2008 CURSILLO WEEKENDS

August 7-10, 2008

November 6-9, 2008(campsite)



The Daughters of the King will have training classes beginning at 11:00 a.m. on August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. All St. John's women are invited and encouraged to attend and become a Daughter.

For any questions or additional information, contact Cathy at the office, 803-3800.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

August 3 – Mary Price
August 10 – Kyla Smith
August 17 – Mary Smith
August 24 – Pattie Bosnack
August 31 – Louise Burton



FOOD FOR AUGUST

Please bring macaroni and cheese, rice, beans, pasta, sauce, peanut butter, jelly, bread, pudding cups, fruit cups, or Jell-O cups for our outreach ministry.

"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat..." Matthew 25:35

MULTICULTURAL MINISTRY WORKSHOP

The office for multicultural ministry is hosting the Kaleidoscope Institute of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles for a 4-day workshop on multicultural and antiracism issues. The course will run from Tuesday, Nov. 18 through Friday, Nov. 21. Fees will be \$70 per person per night for double occupancy and \$90 for single occupancy. The fee covers the cost of Camp

Allen room and meals. If you have an interest in attending and hearing how this large Diocese is working toward cultural and racial integration in its churches, we will be glad to help you go to this conference. This is a timely issue in Falls County and there may be ideas at this conference. Please contact the office if you have an interest in this area of ministry.

7TH ANNUAL CHRISTIAN FORMATION CONFERENCE

The Christian Formation (Education) Conference will be held at Camp Allen on September 19-20. A wide variety of workshops will be offered that will appeal to clergy, those in charge of formation and education programs in their local congregation, vestries, deacons, seminarians, teachers, etc. The cost for the event is \$50 for the first person from the congregation to attend and \$40 for each additional person from the congregation (double occupancy).

On September 19th, Janie Stevens, Missioner for Christian Formation, will lead "A Day for DRE's" and will cover planning, discernment of teaching staff, selecting curricula and programs, budgeting processes, seasonal programming, communications, etc.

If the Holy Spirit is nudging you to work with Christian Education at St. John's and you have an interest in going to this conference, please check with the office.

LABOR DAY FAMILY CAMP August 29-31, 2008

The Labor Day Family Camp at Camp Allen will be held August 29-31. For more information or to register, contact Toni at 936-825-7175 or www.campallen.org.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Rev. Ann Normand, rector of Trinity, Marble Falls, has accepted Bishop Wimberly's invitation to become the new Canon to the Ordinary,

effective October 1, 2008. There is additional information located on the table in the Parish Hall.

Comment from St. John's: Alleluia!!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please remember: The deadline for newsletter submissions is the 25th of each month. In the shorter months, this is very critical. Also, if you have any information or articles you would like to share in the newsletter, please drop them off at the office, place them in the basket in the Parish Hall, or email them for consideration. Thank you!

REMINDER: If you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail or if you wish to pick up a copy of the newsletter from the church, please notify Cathy.

Those for Whom our Prayers are

Requested: Gary Evans, Alice Ferda, Horace Goodrich, Candace Hill, Alice Madsen, Archie Lee Maguire, Ronnie Oltorf, Steve Price, Joe Roppolo, Te Andria Mason, Connie McLelland, Merrit Schumann, Charissa Goodrich, Mel Rodgers, Kay Evans, Charlene Luedke, Nina Leeth, Betty Maxey, Willie Null, Paula Wade (Polly Gaeke's daughter), Brandon Henderson, H.T. Torgerson, Tom Pulos, Tommy and Betty Goodrich, Dr. Harold and Margaret Clifton, Mena Nichols, Joanna Newnam, Mary Winters, Forest King, Marilee Painter, Dick Lewis, Louis Polchinski, Willie Bates, Jack Wagner, Loretta Bird, Joyce Voelter, Felma Branch, Dolores Grant, Mike Nehring, Jeff Nehring, Billie Maxwell, Joy Nutt, Primativa Pecina, Betty Margoitta, Brittanny Bates, Shirley King, Shirley King's sister, Robbie, Polly Gaeke, Sam and Pattie Bosnack, George Bosnack, Carla Collier, Nansi Morris, April Smith.

Please pray also for these who serve in our Armed Forces: Jordan Gorraiz, Lyle Holley, and John W. Sadler, Nicholas Tobias, Matthew Pyland.

Cathy's Corner:

Rev. Filer will be on vacation August 8th through August 18th.

Joe and I realized how truly blessed we are when we saw so many friends and family at our wedding. Our most heartfelt thanks go out to all of you. What a celebration and blessing for us – one we will never forget. The office is back to its regular schedule: Monday through Thursday, 8:30 – 5:00.

Rev. Filer will be in the office on the first, second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 10:00-4:00 and on the third Wednesday of each month from 2:00 p.m. through the Vestry meeting. You can also reach Judy at 254-776-4815 or 254-722-2013 or by email at jwfiler@aol.com.

In case you need to reach me and I am not at the office, you can contact me at (254) 252-0971.

ENTERED INTO LIFE ETERNAL:

Rick Berry, a friend of Polly Gaeke, Kyla Smith and the Cursillo community; Mary Watson, a friend of Ron Janes

May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to family and friends.

Leadership:

“When you do something you love, no matter what obstacles you face, it doesn't feel like work”
Jamie Little

August 3, 2008:

1st Lesson and Psalm: Jean Trice
 2nd Lesson: Bill Forson
 Intercessor: Cathy Owen
 Chalice: Joe Owen
 Crucifer: Dub Wagner
 Acolyte: Joe Owen
 Ushers: Mike Ferda, III and
 Bill Forson
 Altar Guild: Louise Burton and Willie Null
 Hostess: Louise Burton
 Flowers: Libby and Steve Price IHO
 Carolyn Wells
 Children's Ministry Workers: Mary Price,
 Courtney Reynolds and Shaina Henderson

August 10, 2008 – MP**Leaders – Joe Owen and Jean Trice:**

1st Lesson and Psalm: Cathy Owen
 2nd Lesson: Pat Smith
 3rd Lesson: Joe Owen
 Crucifer: Dub Wagner
 Ushers: Mike Meyer
 and Troy Henderson
 Altar Guild: Molly Walker and Pat Smith
 Hostess:
 Flowers: Polly Gaeke IMO Parents
 Children's Ministry Workers: Kyla Smith,
 Courtney Reynolds and Shaina Henderson

August 17, 2008:

1st Lesson and Psalm: Polly Gaeke
 2nd Lesson: Mark Patterson
 Intercessor: Kate VandeVeegaete
 Chalice: Jean Trice
 Crucifer: Dub Wagner
 Acolyte: Kate VandeVeegaete
 Ushers: Johnny Richardson and Sam
 Bosnack
 Altar Guild: Polly Gaeke and Kate
 VandeVeegaete
 Hostess: Polly Gaeke
 Flowers: Mary Smith IMO Gary Smith
 Children's Ministry Workers: Pattie
 Bosnack, Courtney Reynolds and Shaina
 Henderson

August 24, 2008:

1st Lesson and Psalm: Louise Burton
 2nd Lesson: Pam Williams
 Intercessor: Bobby Peterson
 Chalice: Louise Burton
 Crucifer: Joe Owen
 Acolyte: Joe Owen
 Ushers: Dub Wagner
 and Troy Henderson
 Altar Guild: Louise Burton and Cathy
 Owen
 Hostess: Megan Henderson
 Flowers: John Ramsey Taylor IMO
 Cordelia Taylor
 Children's Ministry Workers: Pattie
 Bosnack, Courtney Reynolds and Shaina
 Henderson

August 31, 2008 – MP**Leaders – Louise Burton and Mark Patterson:**

1st Lesson and Psalm: George Wilson
 2nd Lesson: Sherri Patterson
 3rd Lesson: Louise Burton
 Crucifer: Dub Wagner
 Ushers: Sam Bosnack and Johnny
 Richardson
 Altar Guild: Louise Burton
 and Cathy Owen
 Hostess: Libby Price and Pattie Bosnack
 Flowers: Judy and Wes Filer IHO Lucas
 Burrough's birthday
 Children's Ministry Workers: Louise
 Burton, Courtney Reynolds and Shaina
 Henderson