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Dinner and a movie!

Our monthly potluck Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, in the parish hall. The theme is "Memories." Bring one of your favorite dishes or a favorite dish of someone you love. Maybe there's a story behind the dish that you would like to share too. After our meal, we'll watch the movie "Alive Inside: A story of Music and Memory." This stirring documentary follows social worker Dan Cohen as he demonstrates the ability of music to connect with those experiencing memory loss, even those with advanced dementia.

The Community of Hope is hosting this event and encourages everyone to come watch this inspiring movie of an amazingly effective therapy that is inexpensive, and easily available. This is a 95 minute movie experience that you won't regret!

St. Francis Altar Guild in 2018

By [Jeanne Slupik](#), Altar Guild Directress

It is with humble gratitude that I pass a heartfelt "Thank You!" to the members of our Altar Guild. Aside from Advent, Holy Week is the busiest week for the guild beginning with Palm Sunday and ending seven days later with Easter Sunday. Our responsibilities include preparing for and staffing all of the daily evening Eucharistic services, as well as Maundy Thursday and the Easter Vigil.

As in years past, we were able to complete all tasks with a minimum of "fuss!" Someone was always ready to step up and assist and the team work was flawless. For the Maundy Thursday Service, I especially want to thank Carol Glasby for assisting with the Washing of the Feet and all members who assisted with the stripping of the altar.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Ginger Rose for buying new brass alms basins for the Altar Guild! These were much appreciated as we truly needed new ones! Fr. David blessed them on Apr. 8 at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services, and they are now in use! I especially like the green felt centers that match our church's décor! Thank you, Ginger!

Blessings to All!
Jeanne Slupik

Blue Box Sunday is coming - May 13.

Don't forget to bring your blue boxes or envelopes!



The Spring Ingathering for the United Thank Offering (UTO) is May 13 this year. The UTO is a ministry of the Episcopal Church that provides grants for ministries at home and overseas as an outreach of the Episcopal Church.

Bring your offering to church on Sunday, May 13. Your offering will be forwarded to the Diocesan Coordinator, where it is recorded and then forwarded to the national UTO office in New York. From there, it is used for projects that make a difference in people's lives.



The Daughters of the King (DOK) elected new officers on Wednesday, Apr. 25: (L to R): Brenda Amos, the new DOK president, and Carol Glasby, the new DOK secretary.



Dear friends,

When I meet people who are new to the parish, sometimes I describe St. Francis as a parish built on four pillars: **Worship, Community, Education, and Outreach.**

Somehow, the Holy Spirit draws a person into our midst who is seeking *Something*. As we gather in our corporate **Worship**, we come into the presence of God the Father as the Holy Spirit makes Jesus Christ known in Word and Sacrament. The more profoundly we encounter the Truth and Grace of God the more we are drawn into fellowship, education, and mission.

Because we've been side-by-side at God's altar, shared the Body and Blood of Christ, we are remembered in the Lord, and with one another, in the most intimate and faithful of Christian Fellowships: **Community**. Our fellowship is on the front porch of the nave every Sunday, in Tuesday night classes,

Wednesday morning Bible Studies and Eucharist, at Men's Gatherings, at Prayer Shawl gatherings, whenever we clean up the highway, and in dozens of other ways.

Since, in worship and fellowship, we've entered the mystery of God's Grace through Jesus, a proper response is: we can't help but want to know and experience more! So we pursue ongoing formation and growth in **Education**. Children and youth should learn the basics of Scripture through Sunday school; adults learn through evening classes, liturgy and ministry training, and all must learn that we're never finished; growing up in Christ is a life-long endeavor.

Then, because in our worship, our fellowship, and our growth, we've experienced the mystery we call the Grace of God, we're filled with *gratitude*. This joy moves us to stewardship (sharing financially through sacrificial giving,) **and** our thanksgiving overflows to touch the lives of others—even as we have been touched—by reaching out. In **Outreach** we express our gratitude

to God by sharing ourselves as we volunteer, when we donate things to CRRC, when we cook a meal for someone or for Family Promise, or when we go on or pray for a mission.

I hope you'll find here in these pages opportunities for worship, fellowship, education, and mission, and that these may encourage you to grow in response to the love of God.

Faithfully,
Fr. David



2018 Upcoming events:

May 3 - 6: Cursillo weekend #279 at Mustang Island Conference Center.

Sept. 27 - 30: Cursillo weekend #280 at Mustang Island Conference Center.

Nov. 8-11: Cursillo weekend #281 at Camp Capers.

St. Francis Book Club

The St Francis Book Club is reading ***Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic*** by **Sam Quinones**. Join us for a discussion of the book on Monday, May 7, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Please let Terese St John know you are interested in participating in case there are additional materials to share about the book or discussion. Teresa can be reached at stjohn.teresa@yahoo.com or [281-389-1843](tel:281-389-1843).





Treasurer's report

By [Robert Amos](#)

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Happy Easter! The Lord is risen.

We continue with a satisfactory financial status as of March 31, 2018.

General Operations continues to run a deficit with year to date being on track with the approved budget.

The Capital Campaign continues to do well. Contributions are on track for this year and well ahead for the three-year campaign.

Debt Retirement also continues on track.

The Endowment Fund shows some growth through March 31, but it did contract in March due to stock market fluctuations.

Operations:

Revenues: Contributions to the General Fund are \$60,784.03 year to date, which is \$4,0850.97 less than expected.

Expenditures: Expenditures were \$69,063.88 which is lower (better) than expected by \$4,137.12.

Balance (Revenue minus Expenditures): The resulting deficit is \$8,315.85. We expected a deficit of \$7,602.00.

Capital:

Capital Campaign: Contributions to the Capital Campaign were \$20,267.88 through March 31, with total contributions to date of \$270,929.44.

Debt Retirement: Debt retirement contributions were \$4,331.00. The Debt Retirement Fund contains a total of \$16,658.62.

Endowment Fund: The endowment has grown by \$737.42 through March 31. The balance is \$52,364.81; however, it experienced downward pressure in March due to market fluctuations.

Our **funds** as of March 31, 2018:

Our **funds** as of December 31, 2017:

General Operating:	\$	23,583.93
Debt Retirement:	\$	16,658.62
Building Fund:	\$	34,871.30
Capital Campaign Fund:	\$	270,929.44
Endowment Fund:	\$	52,634.81

Our **debts** as of March 31, 2018:

Church mortgage balance: \$ 30,000

If you have any comments or questions, or if you would like to discuss a pledge or contribution, please feel free to contact me at treasure@gvtc.com.

Ministry and Outreach Center status

By [Robert Amos](#), Treasurer

We are making real progress with the Ministry and Outreach Center project. Here is a quick update on where we are.

As you know, the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas must approve our plans. I am learning that this is not an event but rather a process. There are approvals required at

each step. We did get approval to proceed with seeking financial arrangements and with builder contracts.

We have applied for a construction loan from Frost Bank, and a long term mortgage from the Crump Foundation. I hope to hear from both shortly. The Diocese will want to see and approve the terms once we have loan approvals. Preliminary terms have already been sent from Frost to the Diocese for review and comment. Say some prayers for quick approvals!

We have also received the construction contract from our builder, Wunderlich Construction. These have also been sent to the Diocese for review, comment, and approval.

We continue on track. I expect we can start construction by the end of June or perhaps earlier.

I will update you again as soon as we hear more.

Thank you all so much for your continued faithfulness, generous contributions, patience, and prayers. If you have questions please contact me at treasure@gvtc.com.



Episcopal Church Women update

By [Tricia Jones](#), ECW President

“With all humility and gentleness, and with patience, support each other in love.” *Ephesians 4:2*.

“No one deserves to be hungry.”

These words came from Mo Simmons as she shared with ECW her passion and commitment to serving those who are hungry in the Canyon Lake area and her involvement with the Salvation Army. Mo works weekly at the Community Resource and Recreation Center (CRRC) food pantry helping individuals receive food from the pantry and taking in donations. She is the compassionate face you see when you walk in the door. From her work at CRRC, Mo learned about the work of the Salvation Army and their hot meal canteen truck, which Mo has affectionately named ‘Ole Betsy.’ Mo (and Harold) have been on several Salvation Army disaster relief trips to Louisiana, Houston, and most recently New Braunfels, and the Gulf Coast, volunteering for long days to serve hot meals from ‘Ole Betsy’ to those responding to and affected by disasters. In addition, Mo and other Salvation Army volunteers, working with CRRC and Meals on Wheels, ensure that Canyon Lake residents have special hot meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Mo and Harold brought ‘Ole Betsy’ to the ECW meeting so we could go inside and see first hand the small, but functional food storage and sewing space that has delivered so many hot meals. Thank you Mo for your dedication to serving your brothers and sisters through these worthy organizations and for sharing your experiences with us!

ECW members present at the April meeting elected the following executive officers for the 2018-2019 year:

- President-Tricia Jones;
- Vice-President-Brenda Klaf-tenegger;
- Treasurer-Susan Kelch;
- Recording Secretary-Carlie Maciejewski;
- Corresponding Secretary-Ronnie Harper-Schwakhofer; and
- Chaplain-Azile Davenport.

Dear Lord, “...anoint us with your grace and shine in our hearts as we reflect your light throughout the world,” an excerpt from the ECW Prayer.

The next ECW meeting is Thursday, May 10, 2018, at 11:30. This is our Spring Salad Pot Luck Luncheon and it will be held at Valeska McHugh’s home. Please bring a salad or dessert to share and consider car-pooling.

ALL women of the parish are ECW members. Your participation and involvement can be any way that fits your needs and schedule. Our monthly meetings are enriching and fun, but attendance is not required for ECW membership. For more information about ECW or the May Luncheon, please call Tricia Jones at (512) 497-2297.



Reaching up... Reaching out

Lord, what do you want to do through me?

This is our parish. The time is now. Pray for our Capital Campaign and our Stewardship Campaign and ask God’s guidance in how you are to join in the vision.

The floor plan of the Outreach and Ministry Center is available in the Narthex.



Practical Exercise Class At

Saint Francis by the Lake

Class instruction focuses on posture, breathing, stretching, balance, form, and light exercise.

Instructor: Jeanne Slupik

When: Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Where: Parish hall. Please wear comfortable clothing, and bring a yoga mat.

Cost: Donations only, to benefit St. Francis by the Lake.

Come join us!



Needs for the CRRC food pantry

Our local food pantry continues to be in need of the following items:

- plastic grocery bags;
- toilet paper;
- cereal;
- spaghetti;
- laundry detergent;
- shampoo;
- conditioner;
- shower gels;
- dish soap;
- hand soap;
- baby diapers - sizes 2, 3, 4, and 5, and adult sizes, (both disposable and cloth diapers;) and
- toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss. *(When visiting the dentist each patient is usually given a small bag that contains a toothbrush, toothpaste and floss. As each of us has our semi-annual checkups, please consider bringing those to church for the CRRC donation box. Thanks to Betty Morris for that suggestion.)*

All contributions are appreciated.

What's happening

Daughters of the King (DOK) is on the fourth Wednesday of every month (May 23) at 12:30 p.m. The group will meet in the parish hall after the 11:30 a.m. Eucharist.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) meets on the second Thursday of the month (May 10) at 11:00 a.m., in the parish hall. [\(See article, p. 4.\)](#)

Scripture Study Group is an informal study that meets at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays in the parish hall, followed by Eucharist.

Vestry meets the second Sunday of each month. The group will meet May 20 (May 13 is Mother's Day.) at 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Adult Sunday School meets most Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the parish hall.

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. The group decides at their meeting where the next get-together will take place.

Evening Study Class meets at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the parish hall.

Al-Anon meets every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in Jones Hall.

NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meets every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in Jones Hall.

Caregiver Support Group meets every third Monday (May 21) of the month at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

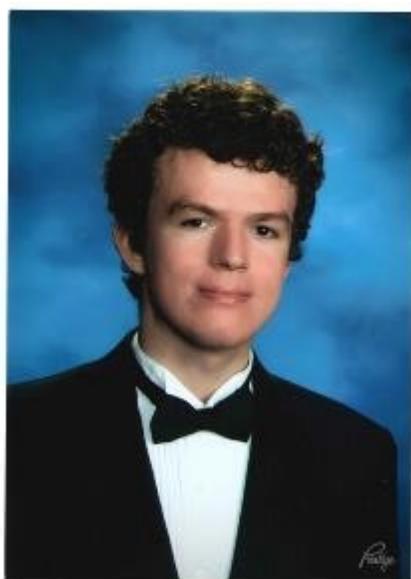
COH Circle of Care will meet on Sunday, May 6, at 12:15 p.m. in the parish hall.

Second Saturday Diocesan Mini Retreat meets each month on the 2nd Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at the Bishop Jones Center. On beautiful

grounds, the time is for contemplative silence and fellowship. (If you would like to carpool, there are several women from St. Francis that would be glad to have you join them. Please call the St. Francis office (830) 964-3820 for more information.)

May birthdays

Jim Nichols	5/2
Casey Benham	5/5
John Elliot	5/7
Rick Griffin	5/10
Joan Art	5/11
Betty Look	5/14
Susan D'Andrea	5/17
Winnie Benson	5/18
Kay Stackhouse	5/20
Bob Boudreaux	5/21
Gloria Glass	5/21
Patricia Perea	5/21
Les Beauvais	5/30
Keren Necaice	5/31



Brett Glasscock, grandson of Emily and Phil Hopkins, will graduate from McArthur High School in San Antonio as Valedictorian with a 113.5 G.P.A. Brett is an acclaimed national debater and will attend U.T. in Austin.

May anniversaries

Dennis and Nannette Callahan	5/4
Marcel and Brenda Klaftenegger	5/6
Fr. David and Julie Chalk	5/14
Ken and Ann Patla	5/14
George and Cheree Bauslaugh	5/16
George and Carol Glasby	5/20
Ann and Brian Freiburger	5/27
Dusty Hoecker and Patricia Perea	5/28
Robert and Brenda Amos	5/29

Mark your calendars

May 5 - 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - Canyon Lake Community Blood Drive.

May 13 - Mothers Day.

May 13 - United Thank Offering [\(See article, p. 1.\)](#)

May 16 - 6:30 p.m. - Dinner and a Movie in the parish hall [\(See article, p. 1.\)](#)

May 20 - 12 noon - Pentecost Picnic on the church grounds.

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Honduras Night at Beto's a big success, thanks to all of you

By [Patricia Perea](#)

For the past six years, the Manos Ministry has been hosting our Honduras Night at Beto's. It seems like the word keeps spreading because every year we get more and more people to come. It is amazing that we get people to drive the distance for this event. This year we had people coming from Austin, Seguin, San Marcos, San Antonio, New Braunfels, and of course our beloved Canyon Lake. As I looked around that night, I could see people having a great time talking to old friends, sharing Beto's empanadas and fish tacos, and enjoying their signature margaritas. It was humbling to see people's willingness to contribute to our Manos Scholarship Program throughout the night, as people kept buying raffle tickets until the last prize was drawn. We also had people making cash donations with no holding back.

We were able to raise about \$9,300, which after expenses will help pay for 20 scholarships for under privileged students in grades 7-12, and 2 college students for one year. These funds represent about one fifth of our annual budget to run the Manos Scholarship Program in Honduras. Currently, we have 47 students in middle and high school, and 18 students in college.

We were also able to sell beautiful items like bags and aprons handmade by members of a women's cooperative in the community of Nueva Esperanza. All the proceeds

from these sales of these times will go to their co-op named Confec-ciones Manos de Dios that helps women shape and improve their lives and help support their families.

One very special moment for me was when our dear friend Kevin Lee was able to join the band and played some of his original songs.

Kevin had a stroke during our Honduras mission trip back in January 2017. The fact that he was able to stand in front of a crowd and play his music was an answer to so many prayers, given that a year ago we were not sure that he would be able to speak or play the guitar ever again.



(L to R): Monty Tyler, Kevin Lee, and Lyle Flom performed for those attending fundraiser night at Beto's Comida Latina in San Antonio, on Thursday, Apr. 12.



Cesareo Guadarrama and Fr. David.



Patricia Perea and Bishop David Reed.

I would like to thank the Manos Team for all their efforts in helping sell raffle tickets before the event at Beto's. Also, I am particularly grateful to our St. Francis family for all of their support, as well as their willingness and enthusiasm to be a part of the Honduras Night at Beto's. You all are simply the best!





Choir notes

By [Julie Chalk](#)
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I don't know about you, but I am happy that the "Alleluias" are back in our liturgy and music after six weeks of Lent! I hope that you have been enjoying the musical selections during this season of Easter, when we celebrate not just Christ's resurrection from the dead, but also the new life He gives us through that victory. By the time this Franciscan is published, we will have celebrated Good Shepherd Sunday (always the fourth Sunday of Easter,) and sung many of our favorite "Shepherd" hymns, including several versions of the 23rd Psalm! In May we will be celebrating the Ascension of Our Lord (May 10,) and the Feast of Pentecost (May 20.) In upcoming music selections this month, I encourage you to listen for messages of being raised with Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit, who helps us live the Christian (loving) lives to which God has called us.

The choir appreciates the many positive comments they have received in recent weeks from the congregation. We continue to welcome anyone who sings or plays an instrument to join our music ministry. The ability to read music is not a requirement! The choir no longer practices on Thursday evenings; however, it does meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. to prepare for the 10:30 a.m. service. If you are married to a non-musician, come together and your spouse can attend Adult Sunday School in the parish hall while the choir practices in the music room! Please call (830) 226-7273 or email me at jfrchalk@gmail.com, if you have questions or would like a ride.



The ECW pose next to the Salvation Army Truck that Mo Simmons has affectionately named 'Ole Betsy.' ([See article on p.4.](#))



The St. Francis clean up crew has been an inspiration to our Honduran partner, as they started doing a clean up ministry called Manos a la Obra (put hands to work.)

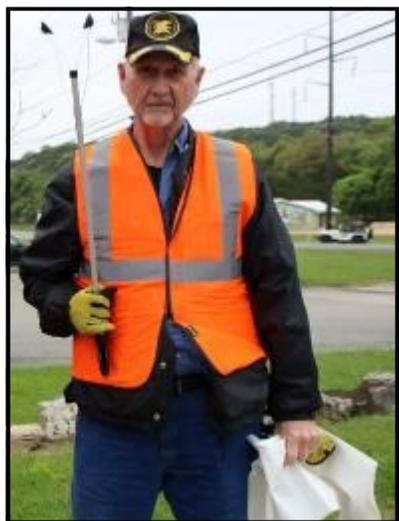




Macie, Natalie, and Robbie White helped with highway cleanup.



(L to R): Tamara Huneau, Jay Hillin, Brian Benham, Bella Huneau, Larry and Linda Bosenbark, Ann and Brian Freiberger, and Ray Ferguson helped with the highway cleanup up on Saturday, Apr. 7, along with a few others.



Ken Leadford helped with highway cleanup.



Linda Harkness helped with highway cleanup.

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Our Mission Statement

As Children of God we, at St. Francis by the Lake, are committed to living, learning, and sharing the love of Christ, the Word of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit with our parish family, our communities, and the world.



Canyon Lake community blood drive

Saturday, May 5
8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Locations are Lowe's in Startzville, and Ace Hardware in Sattler.