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(L to R): Tamara Huneau, Ray Ferguson, Fr. David, Larry Bosenbark, Ann Freiburger, Don Stackhouse, Marcel Klaftegger, and Bella Huneau help keep our section of the highway clean. Thank you! They look like they are having fun. Come join us for the *Texas Trash Off* on Apr. 6. (See more pictures on p.8.)

Highway cleanup in February

By [Bernie Frey](#), Outreach Chairman

There are two items regarding highway clean up. First, our next scheduled date is Apr. 6, which is the *Texas Trash Off* date, where all groups across Texas are asked to do their work on that date. As some of you are aware, the St. Francis Requiem Eucharist for Robert McNab is also scheduled for that date. I just found out that the service will be at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon, so it will not interfere with our activity which will start at 9:00 a.m.

Second item: I know that some of you do cleanup in your neighborhoods, which is great. For anyone who does that or would like to do

that either in your neighborhood or with a group, let me know and I can furnish reflective vests and also the big white trash bags. A few years ago, there was a teacher who attended St. Francis and wanted to get her students involved and I gave her vests and bags. If anyone is going to be walking along a roadway picking up trash, please get and wear a reflective vest.

Please contact Bernie Frey at (210) 863-7866 with any questions.

Once upon a time...

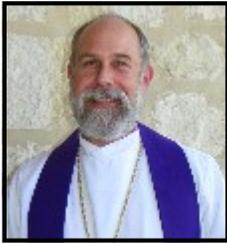
By [Betty Morris](#)

Once upon a time there was a large parish in a very large city. Their church was built by an outstanding

builder who saw that it was built to endure. Over the years, the parish attracted many members and they had ministries throughout the city and around the world. Some of those who were ministered to came to join the community around the parish. The people there wrote and shared wonderful music that was used all over the world in worship. That community welcomed all and people from all walks of life became part of the Community.

Over the years, they focused on outreach at the expense of caring for the building they had. One day a building inspector arrived and announced that the Community could no longer worship in that building. No money had been directed to

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Dear Friends,

Part I: “Giving something up.”

We’re about to enter one of the most *personal* seasons of the Church Year: Lent. Lent is that time when we remember Jesus being driven by the Holy Spirit into the desert to do battle with the devil. This is how, many centuries before, God came to know the hearts of the wandering Israelites in the wilderness. The correlation is obvious: God wants to know what’s in our hearts as well.

“...Jesus addresses this when He says that we pay attention to the little things and neglect the weightier matters...”

Fathoming the human heart is an ancient art which the Church has honed. How God comes to know what’s in our hearts is discovered through the many disciplines available to us, and especially during Lent. There are myriad tangible things from which we might abstain (the perennials: e.g., chocolate, beer, wine, alcohol, and “desert.”) And often that is as far as we go. We imagine that merely through the deprivation of our bodies (a mild annual inconvenience,) we might attain to the spiritual heights that God has in store for us. Don’t get me wrong: asceticism is a wonderful spiritual discipline, and yet it is but the beginning. Jesus addresses this when He says that we pay attention to the little things and neglect the weightier matters (see *Matthew 23.23*.)

But there are also the intangible things from which we might abstain. There are many “fasts” that we must undertake! We need to fast from sinful behaviors and attitudes. Through prayer and with spiritual direction (see the Prayer Book, pg.

317, 2nd paragraph,) we will find that *something* is standing in the way of our spiritual growth in and toward the Lord. (Here’s the list again: **Pride, Anger, Lust, Envy, Gluttony, Avarice, and Envy.**) All these fasts are tools to root out the stumbling blocks in our lives.

“We need to fast from sinful behaviors and attitudes.”

There is so much more to say. I look forward to a Holy Lent with you. As a last reminder, please forget the stereotypes and the cultural expectations that disrupt and poison our pursuits. Remember there are no “rules” about how you conduct your Lent; we’re merely asked to keep our minds and hearts focused on how much the Lord loves us and on how we can rid ourselves of whatever stands in the way of His love.

“Remember there are no ‘rules’ about how you conduct your Lent...”

Part II: “Taking something on.”

C.S. Lewis once gave advice about reading Christian books. Someone asked what he would recommend as more valuable: an old book or a new. He wrote, “If we must read only the new or the old, I would advise... read the old.” His reasoning was “A new book is still on trial and the amateur is not in a position to judge it. It has to be tested against the great body of Christian thought down the ages.” [*God in the Dock* (Eerdmans: 1970) pg. 200.]

Once again, I invite you to read the old story of the New Testament with me. There are many possible ways of reading the New Testament (or the entire Bible) in a certain amount of time (one year, two years, etc.) Some plans suggest reading the Bible in canonical order (from Genesis all the way to the Apocalypse.) For people who might want to read

the whole New Testament more quickly (in just 40 days, reading about 30 minutes daily,) I’m including a sheet which lays out the Gospels and Acts in the morning and the Epistles and Revelation in the evening. I know from personal experience, and the testimony of many others, that this will deepen our faith, make us more biblically literate, and it will make for great coffee hour conversations...

Faithfully,
Fr. David

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maintaining their parish home, the center for their outreach. The Community disbanded and their lights went to many other parishes, but the glow from that Community was extinguished.

At St. Francis by the Lake, we are blessed to be in the process of building our Ministry and Outreach Center, but we have a worship center that is nearly 20 years old. While there have been small issues throughout the years, lately they are starting to multiply and repairing them costs more and more. Do we have the funds to take care of those issues?

As head of the Memorial Committee, I am privileged to see generous gifts given for the new building and furnishings to the Glory of God.

I have learned there are three ways to give to God’s Glory—tithes, offerings, and gifts. The tithe is the minimum standard of giving in The Episcopal Church: 10% of gross income. All of that goes to our parish for Operations: salaries, employee benefits, maintenance and utilities—not nearly as heart-warming as a gift to the new building, but an absolute necessity if St. Francis by the Lake is to live and thrive. After our tithes, offerings can be made for memorials and honorariums, national and

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Treasurer's report

By [Robert Amos](#)
 Email: treasure@gvtc.com

Greetings All,

Overall, we have a good start to 2019.

General Operations ran a deficit slightly higher than planned. The Capital Campaign did well with solid contributions. Debt retirement also did well with continued contributions. Endowment Fund recovered from the fourth quarter decline and grew by

approximately 6.5%.

January 2019 details:

Operations:

Revenues: Contributions to the General Fund are \$19,619.15, which is \$1,269.85 less (worse) than expected.

Expenditures: Expenditures were \$26,511.28 which is lower (better) than expected by \$670.72.

Balance (Revenue minus Expenditures): The resulting deficit is \$6,892.13 or \$599.13 more (worse) than expected.

Capital:

Capital Campaign: Contributions are \$6,843.53 for January, with total contributions of \$428,835.82. Fund balance is \$47,269.22.

Debt Retirement: Contributions are \$2,641.00 for January. The Debt Retirement Fund contains a total of \$10,857.62.

Endowment Fund: The Endowment Fund grew in January by \$3,266.12 or about 6.5%. Total in the fund is \$53,204.63.

Our **funds** as of January 31, 2019:

General Operating:	\$	4,903.17
Debt Retirement:	\$	10,857.62
Building Fund:	\$	48,693.87
Capital Campaign Fund:	\$	47,369.22
Endowment Fund:	\$	53,204.62
Debt	\$	0.00

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.

Holy Week (Sunday, Apr. 14 - Saturday, Apr. 20)

Palm Sunday - 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

Monday - Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday - 7:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

Good Friday - 12 noon - Stations of the Cross; & 7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - Holy Saturday Service; & 7:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, Apr. 21

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist



Episcopal Church Women update

By [Tricia Jones](#), ECW President

Dear Friends,

February's ECW meeting was on Valentine's Day and those who attended were treated with loving kindness by our hostesses Betty Morris, Anne Cain, Ronnie Harper-Schwakhofer and Becky Weaver. We also had the privilege of hearing the moving testimony of Kay Stackhouse and how she came to love Jesus Christ and the Word of God.

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17.)

This scripture inspired Kay to devote herself to a daily online international Bible study with Hannah Ministry International. The program is conducted in Korean and has more than 100,000 participants worldwide. Kay's study group reads the whole Bible twice a year. Thirty minutes a day is the minimum amount of time that participants may devote to this practice. On average, Kay spends three hours a day reading and studying the Bible, meditating, journaling, memorizing scripture, and praying. She is required to account daily to others that she has completed each day's readings and memorization assignments. Kay said she had to adjust her daily routine to make this the first thing she did every day. She wakes excited to read and study and got lost in thought and prayer; the time flies by. Thanks be to God for Kay and her witness to how studying the Bible daily has changed her life.

Please plan to attend the next monthly ECW meeting on Thursday, Mar. 14, at the parish hall. Please note this is a change in location. Due to organizational changes at Magdalene House in Kerrville, we will reschedule our visit with them in the future. This gives us the opportunity to have Ms. Betty Colley as our guest speaker! Betty was excited and prepared to speak with us in January, but had to cancel due to illness. Betty will share about her passion for writing. Brunch and fellowship begins at 11:00 a.m. and the program will be followed by the business meeting at 11:30 a.m.

The Taters-N-Treasures Luncheon and Silent Auction was a spectacular success! Every ticket was sold, every chair was put out, and thank your Lord, we had enough potatoes and table space. The meal was delicious and fun was had keeping our eyes peeled on bid sheets for our favorite auction items. Thanks to everyone for enthusiastic and generous participation! The total amount raised was just over \$2,860!

Almighty God, we pray that you will bless our work in mission and ministry in the world. Amen. Excerpted from the ECW Prayer



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: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 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:

- peanut butter;
 - canned corn;
 - laundry detergent;
 - hand soap;
 - baking items;
 - cereal;
 - plastic grocery bags;
 - toilet paper;
 - 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) will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall on Mar. 27 after the 11:30 a.m. Eucharist.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) meet on Thursday, Mar. 14 at 11:00 a.m., with guest speaker Betty Colley 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 Mar. 17 at 12:15 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.

Breathing Under Water: Spirituality & the Twelve Steps is Fr. Gordon's book study on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

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 (Mar. 18) of the month at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

COH Circle of Care meets in the parish hall every first Monday of the month.

St. Francis Book Club meets at 6:30 p.m. every first Monday of the month in the parish hall.

Men's Gathering meets every second Saturday (Mar. 9) of the month at 9:30 a.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 fellow-ship. (If you would like to carpool, there are several woman from St. Francis that would be glad to have you join them. Please call the St. Francis office (830) 964-3820 for more information.)



Mike and Carlie Maciejewski helped to keep our roads clean. Thank you!

March birthdays

Cheree Bauslaugh	3/2
Gabe Jones	3/6
Betty Colley	3/8
Jim Kelch	3/9
Maura Mitchell	3/11
Brian Freiberger	3/12
Harold Simmons	3/15
Pat Smith	3/16
Margo Horner	3/20
J.P. Smith	3/23
Cindy Smith	3/24
Diane Thovson	3/25
Dennis Power	3/26
John Stump	3/26

March anniversaries

Tim and Joy Ellwood 3/21
Ray Ferguson and Tamara Huneau 3/29

Mark your calendars

Mar. 6 - Ash Wednesday

6:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
11:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

Mar. 8, 15, 22, & 29 - 5:30

p.m. - Stations of the Cross
(and will also continue on Fridays in April.)

Mar. 9 - 8:30 a.m. - Crop Walk at the dam.

Mar. 13, 20, 27 - 6:30 p.m. - Lenten Soup Suppers.

Apr. 3 & 10 - 6:30 p.m. - Lenten Soup Suppers.

Apr. 6 - 9:00 a.m. - Highway Cleanup (*Texas Trash Off.*)

Apr. 6 - 2:00 p.m. - Requiem Eucharist at St. Francis for Robert McNab.

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The Tater Family

The recent “Taters-n-Treasurers” event (which was an unmitigated success!!!) caused some of us to think a bit more about the other folks, besides Spec-Tater and Partici-Tater, who belong to the Tater family:

There is old man Dic-Tater who wants to run everything.

Uncle Ro-Tater tries to change everything.

Sister Agi-Tater stirs up plenty of trouble, with help from her husband, Irri-Tater.

Whenever new projects are suggested, Hesi-Tater, and his wife, Vege-Tater, always want to wait.

Aunt Imi-Tater wants our parish to be like all the others.

Devas-Tater provides the voice of doom.

Poten-Tater wants to call all the shots.

But not all members of the family are negative. Brother Facili-Tater is quite helpful in all matters. And a delightful, happy member of the family is Ms. Felici-Tater. The

twins, Cogi-Tater and Medi-Tater, always help think things over and then lend helpful, steady hands.

Lastly (we almost forgot!), there’s Ampu-Tater, who has completely cut himself off from the Life that comes from God through His Body, the Church. Do you know anyone else in the Tater family?



Thank you Susan Kelch (left) and Tricia Jones for hosting the ECW Taters-'N-Treasures. Thank you to all those for your behind the scenes work to make this an enjoyable event! See more pictures of this event and others on our website.

2019 Upcoming events:

Mar. 14-17: Cursillo weekend #281 at Camp Capers.

May 2-5: Cursillo weekend #282 at Mustang Island Conference Center.

Sep. 26-29: Cursillo weekend #283 at Mustang Island Conference Center.

Nov. 7-10: Cursillo weekend #284 at Camp Capers.



Everyone was able to look at all the treasures that were presented at the ECW Taters-'N-Treasures.



(L to R): Bella Huneau, Layla Kelch, and Hailey Klaftegger helped Tricia Jones with the raffle prizes at the ECW Taters-'N-Treasures.



Azile Davenport welcomed everyone who entered the parish hall with their potato tickets to enter into the raffle. Thank you also Azile, for decorating the parish hall for the FUNdraiser.

ECW/Taters-N-Treasures Thank you

By [Tricia Jones](#)

Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head, and ECW send a warm THANK YOU to all who participated in the Taters-N-Treasures FUNdraiser! We hope everyone had fun!

We are appreciative of each individual and merchant for the kind support and contributions. A list of the donors is below. Please make a point of thanking them for their participation and donations. A most sincere thanks to the Event Planning Team: Anne Cain, Beth Coleman, Azile Davenport, Susan Kelch, Brenda Klaftenegger, Lynda Leadford, Carlie Maciejewski, Valeska McHugh, Becki Nichols, Ronnie Harper-Schwakhofer, and Tricia Jones.

There are a few expenses to pay, but the preliminary tally from the luncheon tickets sales and silent auction sales is \$2,860. Hot Potato!

Contributing merchants:

1. The River House, New Braunfels;
2. River House Snack Bar, Gruene;
3. River Crossing Golf Club, 500 River Way, Spring Branch;
4. Bealls, Hwy 46 in Spring Branch;
5. Relaxation Station, Sattler;
6. Peggy's Cleaning Angels;
7. In Style Accessories, Wimberley;
8. Log Cabins at Jacobs Creek;
9. The Reservation on the Guadalupe, River Rd, New Braunfels;
10. Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, 618 NW Loop 410, Suite 307, San Antonio;
11. Wildflour Artisan Bakery and Grill, Sattler;
12. Pawpaw & Punkin's Ice Cream, Startzville;
13. Nicole's Beauty Salon, 325 S. Castell Ave., New Braunfels;
14. The Hitching Post, Sattler;

15. Spring Creek Gardens Nursery, 11355 US-281 North, Spring Branch;
16. The Pink Elephant, Startzville;
17. Chick's Prime Meat Market, 4400 US Highway 281 North, Spring Branch;
18. Ay Chiwawa Mexican Café, 403 Singing Oaks, Spring Branch;
19. Sandra's Cantina, 13100 US Highway 281 North, Spring Branch;
20. China King Restaurant, 20475 TX-46 #290, Spring Branch;
21. Jiffy Lube, 474 Singing Oaks, Spring Branch;
22. Sports Clips, 20248 TX-46, Suite #160, Spring Branch;
23. Cato Fashions, 20475 State Highway 46 West, Unit 320, Spring Branch;
24. Kimi's Nails, 20475 TX-46, #110, Spring Branch;
25. Bombshell Boutique, 18200 FM 306, Suite 180, Hancock;
26. The Barn, 1296 Gruene Road, New Braunfels;

27. The Gruene Olive Tasting Room Basket, 1641 Hunter Road, New Braunfels;
28. Gennaro's Trattoria, 10018 Startz Road, Startzville; and
29. Marilyn Good.

Contributing individuals:

1. Bob Amos,
2. Anne Cain,
3. Julie Chalk,
4. Susan Kelch,
5. Peggy Kelsey,
6. Brenda & Marcel Klaftenegger,
7. Haley Klaftenegger,
8. Ryan Klaftenegger & Beth Coleman,
9. Mike Maciejewski,
10. Beverley Matthewson,
11. Tom and Maury Meyer,
12. Betty Morris,
13. Chrystina Power,
14. Ginger Rose,
15. Nancy Summers,
16. 12 St. Francis Bunco Babes, and
17. the women of St. Francis ECW.



Lynda Leadford and Chuck Schwakhofer were some of the helpers setting up for the ECW Taters-N-Treasures FUNdraiser held on Sunday, Feb. 17.



(L to R): Azile Davenport, Becki Nichols, Brenda Klaftenegger, and Anne Cain take a look at the "treasures" for the ECW Taters-N-Treasures FUNdraiser.

In loving memory

Robert McNab III
Feb. 18, 1950 - Feb. 12, 2019

Once upon a ... (Cont'd from page 2)

International ministries, CRRC, and the many other ministries that are so dear to us at St. Francis. Finally, above and beyond financial contributions, gifts are those God-given talents we offer to serve God and others. Do you sing? Use your gift in the choir. Are you great with numbers? Volunteer to be treasurer of one of our ministries. Do you have good organizational skills? The Vestry has some plans that would be blessed to have you become part of them.

We at St. Francis are blessed in so many ways and plans are being made to bring even more people into our community to minister to others who may or may not ever enter our doors, but if we do not maintain what we have, it is a poor witness to the very people we hope to reach. "Bring the whole tithes into the storehouse that there may be food in my house. Test me in this" says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." (Malachi 3:10.)



After Don Stackhouse and the rest of the team filled several bags with trash on the highway clean up on Saturday, Feb. 16, Don showed us how to relax.



Sisters Micheline Ellas (left) and Jeanne Slupik working together to keep our roads clean. Thank you!

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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.



Mar. 9, 2019
Registration: 8:00 a.m.
Walk: 8:30 a.m.