

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Bellville, Texas 77418

Merry Christmas! Celebrating Advent and Christmas with you this year was wonderful. I was so pleased to see how many people came out to make an Advent wreath. If you took the devotional materials we offered, I hope you found something in them to enrich the season for you.

Sunday we enter the season of Epiphany. At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus but in Epiphany we look at the beginning of his ministry, his impact on the world. We're looking at some new beginnings here at St. Mary's as well.

We will be starting our Acolyte program again. Weren't our kids wonderful both in the pageant and lighting the Advent candles each week at the 10:30 service? We want to see more of them as both Acolytes and readers. This is a great chance for them to learn the significance of the liturgy. I'll also be talking about it during the children's sermon. The beauty of the liturgy is one of the reasons why my husband and I came to the Episcopal Church. So this is a chance to focus on different parts of it and remembering why we do it.

We will be starting a Children's Sunday school on January 27th. This will be between the services at 9:15. They will be starting with the Sermon on the Mount. Mary Ann Johnston did a great job with organizing the Advent Wreath making and the pageant and we look forward to seeing more of her ministry with our children as well as future "Intergenerational" events.

Our Adult Sunday School is currently studying the lectionary readings that we read each week. It is a great time to learn the background, ask questions and delve deeper than we can do during the sermon time. Everyone is welcome to come to these classes which also start at 9:15. (There will be no Sunday school on January 20th)

Our Annual Parish meeting is January 20th. We will have one service at 10:00 that morning with the meeting and lunch afterwards. We will be commissioning our search committee members that Sunday, voting for new vestry members and other important information. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we know how much food to plan for.

We had record attendance in Advent and a lot of great energy! I'm looking forward to continuing that in the New Year. As Howard Thurman points out in the poem I shared on Sunday – the **Work** of Christmas begins now!

Mother Rohani

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost, To heal the broken, To feed the hungry, To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations, To bring peace among others, To make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman

The Chronicle



Remember in Prayer



Our Church Family in a Nursing Facility or Homebound : Catherine Richardson, Avis Alexander, Mildred Weige, Anne Goodwin, and Phil Albert.

Sick, hospitalized, other : ViVi Reed, Vern Scholey, Fay Johnson, Kathy Schroeder, Carolyn Genereux, Polita Fraga, Nancy Smith, Larry Lindley, Jessica Laas, Debra Kelly, Patricia McCan, Patricia Todd, Eric Groce, Meredith Hummel, Sam Haydahl, Rusty Fields, Janie Knolle, Joe Norris, Langley Wall, Judy Havard, Jenny Harmann, Taylor Howard, Ken Carraci, the James Crawford family, and Dawn Richie.

Our Family in Active Military: Travis Grell, Timothy Hummel, Jason Tolbert, Dane Brochthrup, Ryan Share, Troy Fisher, Ellis Taylor, Austin Leedy, Kyle Murray, Garrett Langley, Taylor Roberson, & Andy Koy.

*For a month's time, your requested prayer will be offered during the liturgy.
Requests may be renewed by card or phone. Emergency requests may be phoned to the church office.
Please respect ones privacy by getting their permission to place their name on our prayer list.*

Happy Birthday

January birthdays
1 Avis Alexander
1 Charley Smith
3 Arthur Milam
7 Hudson Vest
11 Chase Hegar
13 Tom Johnson
15 Connie Youngsblood
22 Bruce Remmert
23 Sally Negaard
27 Hans Weger
28 Barbara Truitt
29 Becky Bader
31 Shannon Dornon
31 Gracie Fellers

Children's Sunday School Starts January 27th

Sunday School for our children will begin at St. Mary's this month! We will begin with one class for ages 4 and up.

Future plans include having a class for primary ages and another class for intermediate ages as soon as possible.

Sunday School will start at 9:15 and end at 10:15. Children's Chapel will continue as usual during church.

We already have lots of fun activities planned and plan to have some events that involve everyone at St. Mary's.

Anyone interested in helping in any way with Sunday School (teaching, prepping, etc.) please contact Mary Ann Johnston at

paintetoothlady@sbcglobal.net.



January anniversaries

8 David & Lura Charpiot
16 Graeme & Nancy Lawrence
23 Bryant & Susan Bradshaw

You're invited to
Lunch Bunch!



LUNCH BUNCH

Hostesses are Joyce Miller &
Shirley Charpiot
Wednesday, January 9
Please sign up by Monday, Jan. 7
Beef Stew, homemade bread,
cornbread, coleslaw, and dessert.

General Fund Account

November 2018

Balance forward: ~~\$10,346.57~~ - Oct. 31, 2018
Income ~~\$19,267.08~~ - November 2018
Expenses: ~~(\$20,212.46)~~ - November 2018
Balance as of November 30, 2018: **\$9,523.18**

St. Mary's Foundation

December 2018

\$331,969.

**John J. Milligan
Endowment Fund
\$498,930.**

Dear St. Mary's Family,

I hope you all had a blessed and joyous Christmas and I wish you a very prosperous new year.

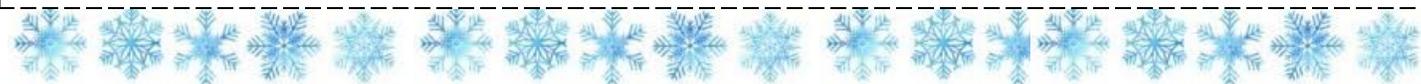
We had a great December, filled with fun field trips, Christmas caroling at local banks and a wonderful whole school Christmas program. We are all enjoying the Christmas break and time spent with our families, but looking forward to the new year and seeing our students.

The fundraiser preparations are going well. Dessert and auction sign-ups are filling up and ticket and table sales have begun. I hope you are able to attend this fun event and fundraiser for the school. Last year we used the proceeds from this event to complete a large remodel of the school, including adding sinks to every classroom, putting wainscoting and new wallpaper in the hallway and updating the classroom doors. This year we plan to continue the remodel project by painting the classroom walls and original built in cabinets and shelving, and updating class toys and the "popcorn" ceiling. We hope to see many of you at the fundrasie4r on January 19 and as always appreciate your donations and desserts for our auctions. Please stop by the school to purchase tickets and sign up for you table.

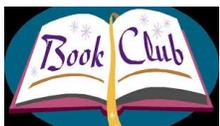
Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary's Episcopal Day School. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Lori Collins



Book Club Meeting
Tuesday, January 8
Planning Meeting to choose books for the year



Altar Flowers

The 2019 Altar Flower Calendar is up and ready for donations.

Stop by the bulletin board and pick out your week to donate flowers in honor of a loved one or in thanksgiving for God's blessings.



Lunch Bunch Hosts &
Hostesses
See the sign-up sheet on the
bulletin board

St. Mary's Annual Meeting—

Sunday, January 20, 2019

There will be one service at 10:00 am followed by our Annual Meeting.

After the meeting we will have a Fried Chicken luncheon

Please see the bulletin board for a sign-up sheet for Attendance and sides/desserts.



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Mission Statement:

Know Christ's love,
Follow HIS example
Grow in HIS grace.



Sunday Services

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist I
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II

Church Staff

The Rev. Rohani Weger
Rector

Myra Demel
Secretary/Bookkeeper

Vestry and Officers

David Charpiot
Senior Warden
Heath Kemper
Junior Warden
Caroline Kemper
Treasurer & Clerk

Marsha Hegar
Ian Bader
Gana Marek
Garrett Dornon

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