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Dear Friends,

October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis. Most people who know of Francis do so because of his love of animals and the fact that the Church blesses pets on that day (which we will do at St. Philip's!). However, his passion was not just for animals; rather, he believed in the sanctity of all life. A man from a wealthy background, Francis chose to give up material values and devote his life to the poor. He established a community and a rule of life that became popular throughout 12th century Europe and continues today as the religious order of Franciscans.

A very famous prayer attributed to St. Francis begins "Lord, make us instruments of your peace." Like his communities of long ago, Christian communities of faith, including ours, are called to be instruments of peace. In a world which has historically been fraught with dangers from humans who do not respect the lives of their brothers and sisters, the church is called to be a golden beam of love and peace inviting everyone to feel the redemptive Grace of God in their lives.

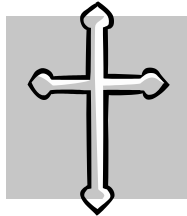
St. Philip's is such a community, and it shined greatly during the recent rummage sale. Yes, I said the rummage sale. It was wonderful to see so many volunteers working, often in much heat, long hours together in preparation usually smiling!

During the sale itself, our folk became evangelists. Several times I heard mention of God, and volunteers were inviting people to church and telling of our wonderful community. Who knows if any of those folk will actually show up on a Sunday morning, but just by asking and telling the seed of love and hospitality is planted. That is true evangelism.

I urge us all to invite and tell at every opportunity. We never know who around us is in need of a nudge to find God's peace and an opportunity to worship. If we do not invite and tell, that person may never know. Invite people you know to come to church. Invite them to become instruments of God's peace.

In Christ,

Fr. Steve +



First Fridays

Listed below is the schedule for the remainder of the year. If you would like to host a First Friday event in the new year, please contact the office. And remember, you may host in the parish hall if you wish!

October 3rd	Bobbie Durkovich
November 7th	Noretta & Gordon Stackel
December 5th	Grace Benson



The Vestry and Vestry Notes

The Rev. Stephen Craft, Susette Bradley, Ken Bradley, Mark Bullard, Norma Gatlin, Geneva Landry, Gordon Stackel, Susan Smith and Kayce Stackel.

1. An update was given as to the status of the insurance claim for the stolen air conditioning unit. At the time of the meeting, we were waiting for the replace/repair estimate.
2. It was approved to hire Twin Services to repair the rotting wood and worn out gutters above the office/parish hall AC units on the north side of the building. The cost is \$825.00.
3. Plans are underway to upgrade our security as we have had 3 incidents of theft in the past 3 years. These plans include fencing in the back yard, new lighting, and security cameras.
4. On a motion by Mark Bullard, the vestry would like to name the back building the Martha Craft Ministries Center.

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 ★ PRAYER INTENTIONS BOARD POLICY ★
 ★ *** REVISION *** ★
 ★ Per your request, the Prayer Intentions Board will be ★
 ★ erased **quarterly**. ★
 ★ Please add your ongoing prayer intentions to the board ★
 ★ at the beginning of each quarter. ★
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Regular Worship Schedule

Weekend Services

Sunday:

8:00AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:30AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:40AM	Coffee and Fellowship

Saturday:

5:00PM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
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Weekday Services

Monday:
2:00 P.M. The Landing

Tuesday:
6:30 P.M. Adult Bible Study

Wednesday:
9:00AM Holy Eucharist followed by Bible Study

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 FROM THE PARISH REGISTER:
 Rite of Christian Burial:
Eunice Kirwin 9/6/14
Norma Bair 9/12/14
Martin Hurley 9/12/14

We Can Help!

*St. Philip's is offering
free tutoring!*



Sessions are being offered here at the church Monday through Friday, 3:00PM to 6:00PM. Anyone who wishes to bring children for help or would like to tutor, please contact the church office at 504-394-2408 or Jamie Camardelle 504-208-0054. Tutors may choose what and how many hours they want to teach.

Coming up this Friday night!!!!!!

First Friday for October is this Friday, October 3rd and will be at the home of Bobbie Durkovich, 1318 Holiday Place in Algiers. Bring a dish to share, the beverage of your choice and prepare to have a great time! If you need directions, call Fr. Steve at 256-2211.

Scouts Corner

Troop 60 meets on Thursdays from 7-8PM. They are a very active troop that offers great experiences to the members. If you know anyone who may be interested in joining Troop 60, please contact Danny Baldassaro at 638-3441.

Sanctuary Farm and Wellness News...

We are so happy to have **Wellness Wednesdays** back from the summer break. If you missed our program in September, we had a great discussion about Diabetes and a wonderful dinner created with some unusual ingredients. The food was a great hit as I was getting requests for more for several days after the program. If you missed it, the recipes are available! Just contact Susan or me and we can get them to you! Even more exciting, is that one day you will be able to get these recipes or just order these great dishes on our online web page. It's coming! We are SO CLOSE!

The next Wellness Program will be **Wednesday, October 15th, 2014 6:30pm** in the **Parish Hall**. I was myself, very inspired by the Diabetes information and have challenged myself to loose that 5-10 pounds that we spoke about that could lower my risk of Diabetes. I hope and pray those of you who could benefit from that will try it with me! Can't hurt! In that same vein, we will be discussing why so many current nutritional programs favor foods low in carbs. Today it's all protiens, vegetables and even fats!(the good ones, of course) We're gonna talk about the "WHY". I have already got some great ideas for dinner! This program is free and open to the public although we do take donations to cover the cost of food and research materials. Childcare is provided. Come and bring a friend!

Also, the **Prep and Prepare Program** will be **Tuesday, October 14th, 9am to Noon** in the **Parish Hall**. Bring your chopping knife and board and come give us a hand as we get ready for Wednesday night!

Serving Our Worship in October

10:30 AM Eucharist

Lectors

- 5th Martin Lowe
- 12th Jean Heintz
- 19th Pat Blackman
- 26th Jamie Camardelle

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

- 5th Don Schwarzenbach
- 12th Jean Heintz
- 19th Pat Blackman
- 26th Brett Heintz

Acolytes

- 5th Sophia Lucurto
- 12th Jamie Camardelle
- 19th Volunteer
- 28th Tyler Hargrave

August Financial Statement

Income:	\$10,415.00
Expenses:	-\$14,099.00
YTD Projected Net Income:	-\$13,718.00
YTD Actual:	-\$7,597.00

October Readings

5th **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-14
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

12th **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

19th **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-13
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

26th **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Work will continue on the gardens as the funding permits. I will keep the progress reports coming. We have a plan. Everything takes time, time and time.

As you may know by now, your Sanctuary Farms, Inc. has obtained it's 501C3 status. Which means we are officially and legally allowed to accept tax-deductible donations. If you or someone you know would like to support this great ministry of St. Philip's, financially or otherwise, please contact me and I can inform you of the many ways you can do that!

Lots of love, Mimi

Saturday, October 4th, Blessing of the Pets

Fr. Steve will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi by having a blessing of the pets. It will take place at 10:00 A.M. in the courtyard of the church. PLEASE have all animals either on a leash or in a cage.



**RUMMAGE SALE
IS GREAT SUCCESS!!**

Due, in no small part, to the hard work of a dedicated group of parishioners as well as the generosity of donors, both from St Philip's members and friends, the rummage sale netted more than \$2,000.00 for the church!

This success prompted everyone to agree that the rummage sale should be an annual event. Thanks to Pat Blackman, Chairperson and all who worked so tirelessly to make this event so fruitful!



Serving Our Worship in October

8:00AM Eucharist

Lectors:

- 5th Frances Webb
- 12th Allen Hero
- 19th Mark Bullard
- 26th Mark Bullard

Lay Eucharistic Ministers:

- 5th Frances Webb
- 12th Allen Hero
- 19th Mark Bullard
- 26th Norma Gatlin

October Church Opening

Joy Kaler, Grace Benson

Altar Guild for October

- 5th Betty Gaudet, Mary Olsen, Don Schwarzenbach, Frances Webb
- 12th Joy Kaler, Connie Brechtel, Anne Cain
- 19th Mary Ann Bass, Grace Benson, Anne Lewis
- 26th Pat Blackman, Martine Lowe, Joy Miller

October Hospitality Guild

St. Catherine Team:

Team Captain : Grace Benson

Debra Bullard, Callie Fitzgerald, Geneva Landry, Tiffanie Stinson, Melissa Zrabkowski, Brenda Milburn

October Ushers

- 5th Melissa Zrabkowski, Brett Heintz
- 12th Jim Lyon, Jim Olsen
- 19th Casey Bass, Mary Ann Bass
- 26th Pamala Judd, Morris Judd

October Church Closing

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| 5th Susan Smith | 19th Norma Gatlin |
| Mark Bullard | Geneva Landry |
| 12th Kayce Stackel | 26th Ken Bradley |
| Susette Bradley | Gordon Stackel |

October Altar Flowers

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