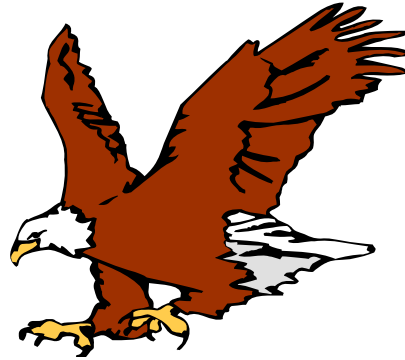


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From the Rector's Desk

Dear Parish Family:

Blessed Eastertide to you who have taken the time to read this month's edition of our parish newsletter. Change. Who wants it? Who needs it? Who likes it? God. That's right. If the world had been just going along merrily on it's way, following God and His commandments, then sending His Son would not have made a whole lot of sense! The truth is, mankind was not following the precepts of God, in fact, they were straying so far from them that the only answer was to send Jesus to "straighten us out" and listen. Jesus came to share some things about His Heavenly Father that the Jews and we had wrong. God the Father is a loving, caring, nurturing God who loves us so much that

He sacrificed His only Son so that we might get it right. For literally hundreds of years the prophets tried to tell God's people, but they would not listen. Have we listened to God? I mean, have we truly listened to what He is asking of each of us? If you have listened to God, good for you, and you can stop reading this article. There are two primary ways we listen to God: through the Holy Scriptures and through prayer. Look how many changes God put the people of Israel through before He brought them to the Promised Land and He did it because He loved them. As we approach the end of our building project in the next couple of months, God has brought us on a four-year journey as well and I pray we are stronger for it just as the people of Israel were stronger after their 40-year journey. We too, for a period of time have been in exile from our church building, but we have not been in exile from God as we have come to understand that the church is more

than a building, but it is truly God's people, the Body of Christ. We have been nurtured and fed by the sacraments and we have prayed harder than we have ever prayed in our lives and our prayers have been answered with a new church facility that is most beautiful and efficient. We are looking forward to somewhere around August 1st to reopen the doors and have our Bishop rededicate and consecrate the new Saint John's Church and what a glorious day it will be!

Speaking of prayer. Another change. Effective immediately, I have asked Sharon to produce two prayer lists: a Sunday prayer list and a daily prayer list. As a parish, we will have both - a Sunday and daily cycle of prayer for our parish family. What does this mean? It means that your name will be offered up individually once a month on our monthly prayer cycle and you will be mentioned by name one Sunday a year as well. You might ask, but why? Because God loves you and your name as you love to hear His. Names are powerful according to the Holy Scriptures and if you don't believe how powerful a name is, then remember how good it felt the last time someone remembered your name when you weren't expecting it. We want to soak this parish in prayer, daily, and I am asking for your help. Many of you have said to me that you don't feel useful because you can't do some things that others can do. Everyone can pray. In fact, many of you do it quite well thank you. Others of us need some

help on occasion. When we pray for each other, we pray for one thing each and every time: that God's will for your life be known and accomplished. It is the difference between knowing God and knowing about God.

Lastly, I again wanted to say how blessed I have been by being your Rector these past eleven years. I know that it means another change in your life and mine, however, I wouldn't be making it unless I thought that it was God's will and that He brought it to be. Ginger, Meredith, Jamie and now Ben and I have experienced the richness of God's love through Him bringing us together for these many years and now it will be a new chapter in the life of Saint John's and her people in a new church. There will be time for goodbyes, but that day has not arrived yet as we still have some work to do together and I am thankful for that opportunity as well.

Hope to see you in church!

Faithfully,
Canon H.W. Herrmann, SSC
Rector

National Day of Prayer will be held again this year on the parking lot of City Hall at Noon on Thursday, May 4th and you are cordially invited to join in prayer. Canon Herrmann has been asked to participate in this public prayer event as we pray as a nation.



The Youth Group is for grades 4 – 12. For information or questions about youth group events, please feel free to call us.

FUSION - will be held on May 5th-7th at LaMoine Christian Camp, right outside of Macomb. This is a Diocesan weekend event for Jr./Sr. High. Let us know if you are planning on going. We will be taking a group. Bring a friend!

FAMILY EVENT – On June 2nd we will be making a surprise for the new church. Please come to help us out!

E. T. C. – Come learn about Pentecost on June 4th after church.

CHURCH CAMP – July 2nd – 9th at Lake Bloomington. If you've finished grades 1 through 11, you should plan on attending. Please see Ben, Jamie, or Becky for details.

In God's Service,
Ben Miller (242-8371)
Jamie Miller (242-8370)
Becky Gamage (316-2451)



EARLY EDUCATION CENTER NEWS

The children will celebrate a successful school year with a Graduation ceremony on May 23rd. Twenty of the students will be going to kindergarten next year. We will miss their smiling faces as well as their families. Our annual picnic will be held May 23rd, which includes a hot dog lunch, face painting, and outside play.

There are currently two openings in the M-W afternoon class for 2006-2007. Please share this information and have anyone interested call me at 224-3968.

The children are exploring units on the ocean, water and plants.

The EEC is grateful for all the support received from church members.

Cinda Hummel
EEC Director



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New pictures and information have been added. Check it out!

Mass Celebration Schedule
Come join us!

Sunday Masses	8 & 10:15 am
Monday	9:00 am
Tuesday	5:00 pm
Wednesday	12:10 pm
Thursday	9:00 am
Friday	11:00 am
Saturday	9:00 am

2006 VESTRY

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Vestry.

- Don Gnuse.....228-3145
Sr. Warden
- Ben Miller.....242-8371
Jr. Warden
- Ramsay Easterling.....222-6238
Treasurer
- Becky Payne.....223-7133
Clerk
- Robert Clayton.....222-7335
- Kirby Eber.....223-4617
- Ralph McReynolds.....223-6903
- Bob Shackleton.....222-5634
- Sarah Hufendick.....223-3706
- Canon Herrmann.....224-7856



Where We Have Been:

Fr. Herrmann and Ginger attended St. Matthias' Church, Dallas, Texas on March 12th.

From our Treasurer

Below is a summary report for the first quarter of 2006 (January – March).

Year to Date (3/31/06)

Revenue: \$31,499.60

Budget: \$30,675.00

Expenses: \$41,234.62

Budget: \$43,831.68

Thank you all for keeping the financial health of our church in your thoughts and prayers – and please continue. We can make this a great year for the Lord's church.

If you have any questions, please call Sharon in the parish office or ask me.

Ramsay Easterling
Treasurer

I AM YOUR CHURCH BUDGET

Through me, people find faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the church proclaims the Gospel.

Through me, people are ministered to through baptism and communion.

I provide Sunday School, adult classes and youth activities for your young people.

I provide music to enrich your worship of the Lord, as well as preaching to give you instruction from God's Word.

I provide pastoral services to minister to you in times of need.

I heat and cool your church building and keep it in repair for your comfort and use.

I reach out to our community, country and to the world, bringing the good news of the Gospel and ministering in Christ's name on your behalf.

I provide assistance to those in college and seminary so that you and your children might have spiritual leaders in the years to come.

It is through me that the sick find strength.
It is through me that the troubled are helped.
It is through me that the bereaved are comforted.
It is through me that the discouraged are uplifted. It is through me that the needs of hurting people are met.

I am your budget. I ask for your support that I might carry on in your behalf. With your help, and by God's enabling power, I make possible all of these ministries. I am you at work.

-Author Unknown

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 am at Sprouts Inn, 2814 N. 12th Street. Next meeting is May 18th.

First time? We will buy your breakfast! All men and youth of the parish are invited. Reminder postcards will be mailed out before each meeting.

Come join us!
Don Gnuse

Altar Guild

The ladies who are new to the Altar Guild this year report that they enjoy their work!

If you're interested in serving, call Mary Winters or Jody Figge to join one of the teams. We'd love to have you.

Seminarian

Bill Easterling, our seminarian at Nashotah House, will be with us once again for one of his quarterly visits to preach and assist on May 21st at both liturgies.

Please plan on joining us that day to help support him and his wife, Cathy, as the loose offering that day will go to help support their theological education.

General Convention, 2006

The 2006 General Convention will take place this summer in Columbus, Ohio, June 13th – 21st. The Diocese of Quincy has elected four deputies to the House of Deputies to represent us and two of the four come from our own parish: Tad Brenner and Canon Herrmann. The other two deputies are Dean Robert Munday of Nashotah House and Lynn Funk of Saint Paul's Cathedral. Every three years the Episcopal Church meets to pass legislation and this year will again be important as we continue to wrestle with issues of human sexuality and the mission of the Church. In addition to the above four named deputies, Bishop Ackerman will represent the Diocese in the House of Bishops. Please pray for all five representatives to make a faithful witness according to God's will.

Ascension Day

This year is Thursday, May 25th, which is the 40th day after the Resurrection of our Lord, or Easter Day. This is one of seven Principal Feasts on our liturgical calendar and is, yes, more important and takes precedence over a Sunday. Please join us, if you can, at 9 a.m. for this celebration when we remember the ascension of our Lord to the right hand of God to reign in glory!

AUCTION

Saint Johns Episcopal Church Benefit Auction

Saturday, June 10th, 10:00 a.m.

Preview: Saturday, June 10th
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

If you have items to donate, please call the parish office or Laura McReynolds at 223-6903. This will be a parish-wide event for the community and all members will be asked to assist that day. The money raised will go to the rebuilding of our parish church.

Please consider donating to us before you throw anything away.

Some items already listed are:

Monogram Stove/Range
Brass Pieces
Antique Wooden Duck Decoys
Italian Glass
Rookwood Vase
Wicker Furniture
Antique Victorian Loveseat
Toys
Vintage Clothing
Shawls
Antique Lace
100 year old wheelbarrow
Antique Prints and Frames
China and Glass

For more information contact:
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Altar Flowers

For those who wish to be first time givers of this beautiful addition to our services - call the church office 224-7856 to see what Sundays are available. A calendar is also posted in the front hallway so that you may sign up. Please be sure to let Sharon know what you would like said in the bulletin.

Thank you to those who have provided altar flowers so far this year:

January 15, 2006

The altar flowers are given to the Greater Glory of God and in memory of O. J. Wand and Ruth E. Wand by Tom Wand.

January 22, 2006

The Altar flowers are given to the Greater Glory of God and in memory of Alfred and Frances Castle by Abby Castle.

January 29, 2006

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Ginger and Canon Herrmann for Canon Herrmann's birthday, in thanksgiving for rebuilding our parish church, and for our parish family and children.

February 5, 2006

The altar flowers are given to the greater glory of God and in memory of Francis and Margaret Banner by Fr. Daniel Banner.

February 12, 2006

The altar flowers are given to the greater glory of God and in loving memory of Eldon L. Crouch by Dianne Watson Crouch and the Marc Crouch family.

March 26, 2006

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her son, U.S. Navy Lt. Cdr. Sam Perisho, by Nancy Perisho.

April 30, 2006

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of Mary Pappas by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.



Tom VanNess will graduate with a BA from Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri. He hopes to join the Denver News Agency in Denver Colorado working for the Denver Post and the Rocky Mountain News.

Marion Denckla is graduating Summa Cum Laude from Millikin University in Decatur, IL with a BFA degree in Theatre. Future plans are getting married in November 2006 to Chris Dye and finding a job.

Ben VanNess will graduate with a BA from Kansas University. He will start with Blair Television in Philadelphia, PA in June. He has recently become engaged to Amanda Dickerman and plans a St. John's wedding in the spring of 2007.

Jordan Hopson is graduating from Western IL University with a BA in Fashion Merchandising. Future plans are finding a job.

Both had Communications majors.

Hannah Denckla is graduating from Quincy Senior High School. She will be attending Millikin University in Decatur, IL where she will study fine arts.

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Philip Ricketts is graduating from Culver Stockton.

Heidi Easterling will graduate with a BA from Quincy University. She will graduate Summa Cum Laude - highest honors with a 4.0 GPA. She has accepted a third grade position at Ellington School here in Quincy.

