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Thursday E-News: "This Week at St. Francis"

It is STILL Thursday in the time zone from which I am sending this Weekly E-News!

EIGHTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST, PROPER 10, YEAR B

Both in-person services are offered, as always, and we welcome you to the 8:00 am for Holy Eucharist Rite I and to the 10:00 am for Holy Eucharist Rite II with Music.

Please join us!

Opt-in and Subscribe Please

Emails were sent to parishioners requesting them to opt-in and subscribe to St. Francis email communications. On July 10 the invitation to opt-in was sent again to all who have not replied. Everyone who wishes to receive communications, including Thursday emails with weekly news and updates, **MUST VERIFY** their email address by clicking **SUBSCRIBE** in the opt-in email.

If you or someone you know did not receive an email from the treasurer asking the recipient to opt-in/Subscribe, check your junk and spam folders. If still not found, let me know at: treasurer@stfrancisgreatfalls.org.

Molly Reynolds, Treasurer



Women's Group

The Women's Group sends a belated thank you to Mimi Lawless for graciously hosting afternoon tea at her home on Friday, June 21st. The group welcomed those who could join us, to include Father Lucey and his wife Katherine, and missed those unable to attend. It was a lovely afternoon of socializing and discussing Women's Group issues (*see below for overview*).

The next event the group will host is the **Welcome Reception for Father Weston Mathews on September 8th**. Stay tuned for more information and updates about other events! Women of all ages are welcome to join in any upcoming activity.

Please contact co-facilitators Janet Durfee and Annette Bellino with any questions or suggestions.

Thank You!!

Many thanks to all who donated so generously to the Diaper Drive for Cornerstones.





School Supplies Needed

You can help [Second Story](#) provide essential school supplies for 1,400 children and teens in their programs serving

local families in need. Options for participating:

1. Send or bring a check to church made out to St. Francis Church. Write "School Supplies" on the memo line. Donations of any amount are most welcome. A donation of \$55 provides a filled backpack.
2. Use PayPal on the St. Francis website. Select Outreach from the drop-down list.
3. Bring school supplies on the list below to church and put them in the bin outside the parish hall.

For questions, please contact Ginger Roll. The drive ends on **Sunday, August 4th.**

School Supplies List

Backpacks – medium and large for boys or girls

Lined paper

Spiral or composition notebooks

Pens, pencils, pencil pouches

Crayons, scissors, glue sticks

**St. Francis Women's Group
Topics Discussed During Afternoon Tea
Friday, June 21, 2024**

The St. Francis Women's Group held its inaugural event on Friday, June 21st - afternoon tea hosted by Mimi Lawless. We had 22 attendees, including Father Lucey and his wife Katherine. Mimi laid out an incredible spread and set a high bar for future Women's Group events. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We socialized, ate finger foods, and drank iced tea, water, or a bit of prosecco. The group also gathered to discuss issues of concern to the Women's Group.

1. **Fall Marketplace October 19, 2024** - the Women's Group will be in charge of the Treasure Trove section of the Fall Marketplace. We will request donations, sort and price everything, then sell it all. Proceeds will benefit St.

Francis. Members of the Women's Group are in charge of other portions of the Marketplace. Carmela Condro is in charge of attracting vendors/crafters. Jennifer Murphy is in charge of baskets to be auctioned and is looking for at least one other person to help her. Kris Young and Michelle Bias will run the bake sale.

2. **Melanie Sisson's flower cutting event** - Melanie was unable to attend but previously had said she's waiting to see how/if the hot weather will affect her flower beds before she sets a date. She's looking to schedule during cooler weather, such as in late July or August.

3. Amelia Logan brought up the idea of the **Women's Group touring the National Cathedral**. It was suggested to expand this event to the entire congregation of St. Francis. Amelia said she would look into a private tour.

4. Sharon Callaway won the On-line Auction **"Pickleball Party at the Eldridge Residence,"** and, with Mimi and Brice Eldridge's consent, has volunteered to use it to host a Women's Group Pickleball Party. This new event remains unscheduled. It was suggested to hold it in September or sometime this Fall when the weather is cooler. All would be welcome, players and non-players.

5. Ginger Gotliffe wanted to know if calling the group "the St. Francis Women's Group" is set in stone. Could we call it something else, perhaps along the lines of the various guilds or something more biblical. Jennifer Murphy suggested the Women's Guild. We decided to think of options. New name suggestions will be emailed to Janet Durfee and/or Annette Bellino.

6. Regarding Father Lucey's replacement, little could be said other than the search continues. Ginger Gotliffe said **the Altar Guild will host the farewell party for Father Lucey**. Members of the Women's Group suggested that the **Group host a welcome reception for the new Priest in charge on a Sunday soon after he/she arrives**.

7. Lynda Davis offered to facilitate a discussion among the Women's Group, the IWC and relevant Vestry liaisons on **how best to work together**. St. Francis hosts many events throughout the year, and there is value in a process that can help prioritize projects, include all interested parishioners, coordinate contributions, identify and manage needed resources, communicate positive benefits, and ensure sustainment when needed.

8. A request was made as to the best way to submit suggestions and questions to the Women's Group. For the time being, email your questions and suggestions to Janet Durfee and Annette Bellino. Regarding Women's Group updates, they will be done via group emails and the weekly St. Francis emails. The various ways St. Francis uses to communicate are currently being evaluated and/or updated. The Women's Group will be able to utilize these methods once they are in place. Elizabeth Kim said the website update is progressing and that space will be allocated for the Women's Group. This is topic that the group will discuss in the future.

9. Annette Bellino noted that it would be nice if the Women's Group could attract teenage and college-aged women and that the group could act as mentors. Sometimes it is easier to talk with someone that is not your mother or a teacher. This idea morphed into several different threads regarding mentorship for middle school, high school, and college-aged students. One line of thought was to

host college and career fairs for all students in our area. Ideas of how to get younger members interested in the Women's Group are requested.

10. Mimi Eldridge reminded everyone to participate in the **Rise Against Hunger's Pathways to End Hunger on October 4th at St. Francis**. It will be a community event to package 15,120 meals that will go to school children in communities that lack access to food. The Great Falls Rotary will help with set up.

Seeking Additional Worship Ministers at both 8:00am Rite I & 10:00am Rite II svcs.

Training provided!

LEMs (Lay Eucharist Ministers): read scripture lessons and the Prayers of the People, administer cup during Communion;

Chalice Bearers: administer second cup during Communion, no need to robe up;

Ushers: seat attendees, ensure each has an Order of Service, bring up gifts, support Offering and Communion;

Children's Chapel Leaders & Assistants: (beginning mid-September)

Please contact admin@stfrancisgreatfalls.org if interested in serving in any of these roles. Thank you!

For the Community



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To connect to the website to learn about:

- **worship services,**
- **pastoral care,**
- **fellowship opportunities,**
- **discipleship opportunities, and**
- **Zoom video-conference links!**

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Ongoing Activities

Established videoconferencing capability:

Morning & Evening Prayer offered MON-FRI, at 8:00am and 5:00pm, via Zoom.

All are invited to immerse themselves in this supportive offering from St. Francis Church.

Established videoconferencing capability:

Contemplative Prayer: Mondays at 7:30-8:30 pm

We hope you can join us again the Fall via Zoom videoconference! PLEASE NOTE: We are on hiatus from NOW (mid-July) thorough August.

For more information and any questions, please contact the coordinator for the program: Kathy Anderson.

Established videoconferencing capability:

Men's Group Meets WEDNESDAYS 8:35am

Discussing: The Gospel of John.

Join us every WED morning. Questions? Contact Stu Edwards.

Established videoconferencing capability:

St. Francis Social Hour meets on Wednesday at 5:30pm, each week

Join us for casual conversation. Grab your favorite beverage and let's reconnect!

Zoom ID: **935 2210 0835**; Passcode: **church**

Established videoconferencing capability:

Thursday Afternoon Bible Study (TABS) at 5:00pm

Meetings take place Thursdays at 5 pm. Everyone is invited to join TABS and participate in interesting discussions.

For further information contact Amelia Logan.

Second Story Dinners: Sundays at 5:15

Needed: Volunteers to prepare and deliver Sunday dinners to the Second Story Teen Crisis Center on Gallows Road. Volunteers work solo or in pairs, according to their wishes. At this time there is still no contact with the staff or the residents.

Dinners are made on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month. The count typically ranges from 3 to 8. It has been as many as 12. Volunteers receive reminders when their Sundays are coming up.

Please contact Jennifer Murphy if you would like to volunteer for this ministry or if you have any questions.



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