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The Second Sunday Schedule is Changing!

Beginning June 10, we will resume our usual two Eucharist schedule on the second Sunday of each month. We will continue to have the parish pot luck breakfast on the second Sunday. The breakfast will take place in the parish hall at 10:00 a.m. between services.

The pot luck breakfasts serves as a time to share a communal meal, a time to visit, a time to invite a friend and time to present community outreach and inreach ministries.

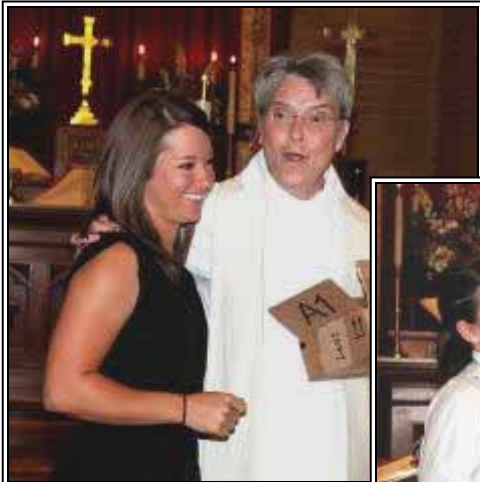
Outreach Donations Reported

The community of Saint Alban's contributed \$676.00 for *Nets for Life*. Our donation will be matched dollar for dollar which will make a grand total of \$1,352.00 for the purchase and distribution of mosquito nets to prevent the spread of malaria in Third World countries.

A total of \$700.00 was collected during Lent for the Heifer Project. Our donation to the Heifer International Project made it possible to provide families with: 1 heifer, 1 goat, 2 flocks of chickens, 1 flock of geese, and 1 flock of ducks.



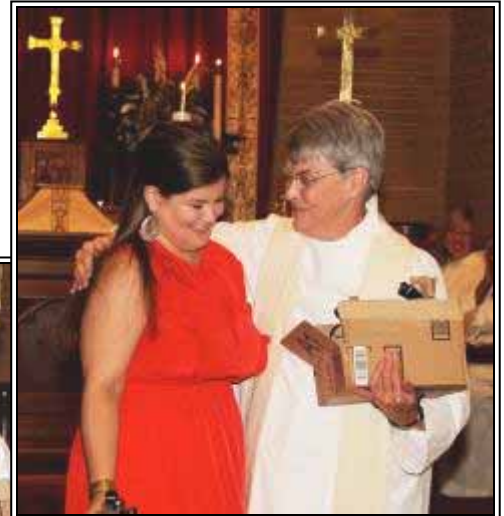
June Graduates Honored on May 20th



Kelsey Artman



Genevieve Walker

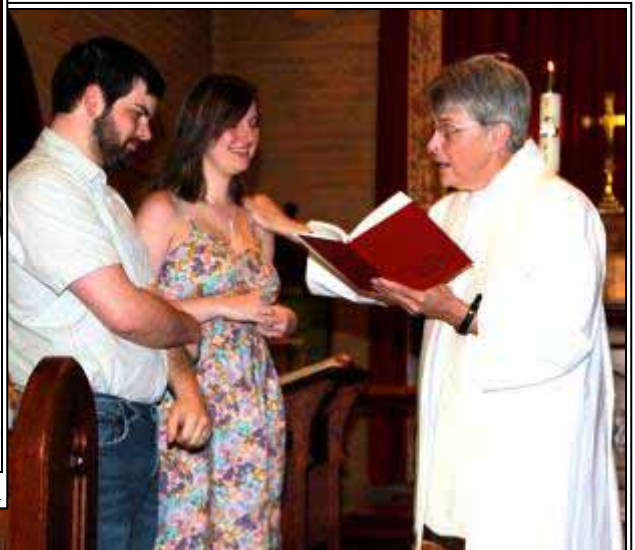


Ashleigh Ford

St. Alban's Newest

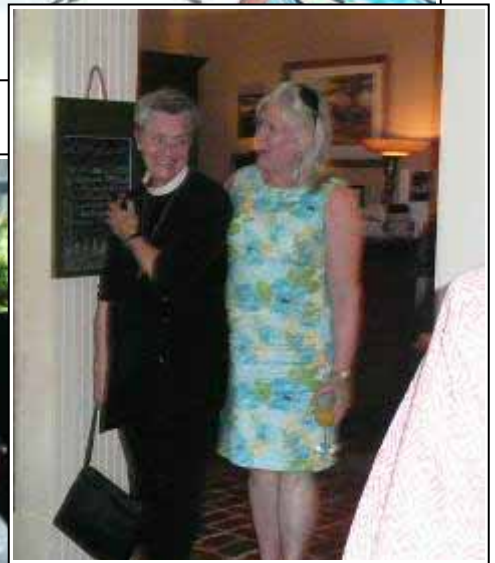


Presenting Keith, Jill and Baby Douglas Upchurch



Josh & Maggi McCarthy (expecting)

Surprise! Billie's Birthday Luncheon at Anchuca



† Billie's Corner

One of the ways God speaks to us is through people in our lives. I am slow at times when it comes to picking up on God's messages. Lately I've come to realize that God has been sending me random messages about *Gratitude* through various people. One such person is Ann Tompkins.

During a recent vestry meeting Ann referred to a book she was reading, *One Thousand Gifts*, by Ann Voskamp. The focal point of the book is living a life of *Gratitude* even during difficult times. Voskamp relates *God in Her Life* incidents that led her to give thanks to God in spite of the hardships that often clouded her days.

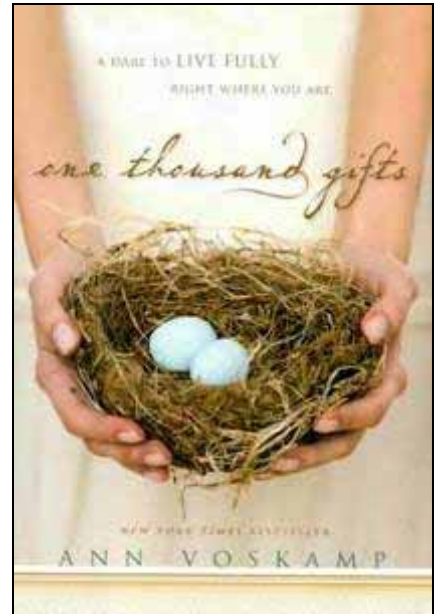
I asked Ann to bring the book to church so that I could take a look at it. As soon as I saw the cover, I recognized it as a book that was given to me a year ago. I had set the book aside with every intention of finding time to enjoy the read.

As I read the first chapter, I quickly realized how thirsty I was for *Gratitude*. Reading *One Thousand Gifts* is like drinking a cool glass of water on a hot summer day. It is easy to make a list of obvious joys in my life for which I am grateful. On the other hand, it is difficult to stop in the midst of adversity to *thank God for being in my life*.

On the inside flap of the book cover, Ann Voskamp poses the question, "How do we find joy in the midst of deadlines, debt, drama and daily duties?" She does not offer answers. Instead, she uses examples of problematic incidents that surfaced in the midst of her demanding life of farming, parenting and writing. During her struggles, she takes time to *thank God*.

What am I discovering? I am not discovering *Gratitude* that arises from conflicts. I am discovering that the problems in my life diminish when I take time to thank *God for being in my life*. I think it is called *Grace*.

I plan to finish reading *One Thousand Gifts* while vacationing in Florida. I suggest that anyone interested in the subject of *Gratitude* read it also. What would happen to our community if a fresh burst of *Gratitude* rippled through us?! *One Thousand Gifts* is a meaningful read, one that will enhance your ability to recognize the power of *Gratitude* in our lives.



In peace

Billie+

✝ Josie's Journal

St. Alban's community donated \$676.00 for Nets for Life. Our donation will be matched dollar for dollar by Episcopal Relief and Development. It is still not too late to donate: just make check payable to St. Alban's on the reference line write "Nets". We will take cash too.

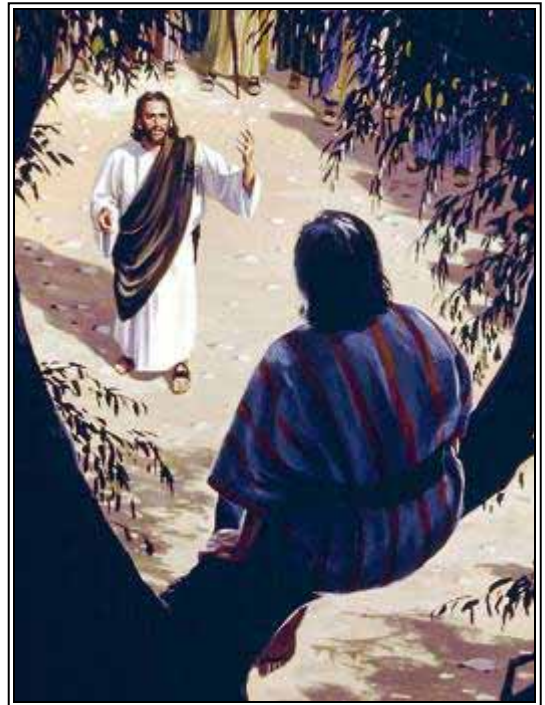
I have recycled the old Forward Day by Day and insert bulletins by taking them to the Warren County Jail as reading materials.

The Episcopal Preaching Foundation workshop gave me strategies to try. I would like to share one. Sit in the seat where the parishioner sits and listen to the message through his/her eyes and ears. I will be trying this when I preach on June 3, Trinity Sunday. We can discuss how it goes over or does not go over in the July Albanac. Hope to see you Sunday.

Deacon Retreat was interesting. I had to be quiet. The facilitator read the story of Zacchaeus five times. That's right—five times and each time I was a different character. I will look at Zacchaeus in a different light from now on. Seeing the characters in the story from a different perspective gave me new insight which I would love to share with you. Just ask me!!

The Bishop's Stewardship Summit, May 18-19 at the Gray Center, was electrifying. The speaker, the Reverend Corky Carlisle was fantastic. I have a ton of handouts and ideas. Just ask me and I will share more than you probably want to know about stewardship. Keep in mind you can always tell me to save some of it for another time and we can pick up our conversation where we left off.

You can ask me at church, or email me at josiew48@gmail.com or call me at home 601-638-7309 or cell 601-994-4370.



In Peace,
Josie

June Events

Summer Vacation: No Sunday School during the summer months, June, July & August.

Saturday, June 2

Stitch & Sit - Outreach Ministry

9:00 a.m. – noon, Parish Hall

Bring knitting, crocheting, quilting and a brown bag lunch.

Saturday, June 9

Cursillo Fourth Day

8:30 a.m.-early afternoon, St. Peter's by the Lake, Brandon.

Sunday, June 10

Second Sunday at St. Alban's

8:30 a.m. - Eucharist

10:00 a.m. - Pot Luck Breakfast

11:00 a.m. - Eucharist

Second Sunday at St. Mary's Church

4:00 p.m., Evening Prayer & Music by *HimSingers*

Saturday, June 16

St. Mary's Church Planning Meeting and Pot Luck Brunch

9:30 a.m. - Saint Alban's Rectory

Cursillo Celebration Dinner and Group Planning

6:00 p.m. - The home of Barbara King, 222 Hildegrade Terrace

Saturday, June 23

Vestry Retreat

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - All Saints' School Alumni Center

Sunday, June 24 - Thursday, June 28, TENTATIVE

Vacation Bible School

Bovina Methodist Church



June Birthdays

1 Theo Williams	21 Ashleigh Ford
4 Weesie Biedenharn	Lawson Selby
5 Kathryn Sullivan	24 Amanda Monti
12 Cassandra Price	25 Deborah Lee
13 Kerri Williams	26 Laura Beiser
14 Mike Beiser	28 Eleanor Price
19 Megan Davis	30 McKinley Gayle
Sebastian Panelo	

June Anniversaries

3 Easy & Weesie Biedenharn	10 Mike & Laura Beiser
David & Anna Selby	14 Terry & Beth Guynes
4 James & Sherry Horan	17 Matthew & Lauren Guynes
Kevin & Mignon McDaniel	Ross & Jeanne Abraham Lunz
5 Chad & Robin Price Touns	21 Dan & Mary Carleton
9 James & Cassandra Price	24 Don & Charlotte Biedenharn

Prayers

For those Sick or in Need:

Cathy Ingram	Tom Pharr	Fredrick Hunter
Debbie Fowler	Jay	Mary Kavanaugh
Joe Bonelli	John Williams	Lauren Stamm
Frances Marble	Jessie Ross	Puddin Milano
Johnny Bottom	Jan & Bobby Robinson	Mary Pipes
Jean Roberts	Layla Gray	Sharon Cloud
Matthew Jordon	Ailene Graves	Ed & Bessie Norwood
Ashleigh Ford	John Boa	Pete Phifer
James Rumfelt	Jim Dantin	M. K. Smith
Joe Gerache	Becky Clanton	George Hammack
Ann Ammons	Edell Mixon	Bill Mobley
The Gerache Family	Bill Brunson	Buz Pickens
Jewel Miller	Glen Miller	Ada Hubbard
Mary Jane Holman	Scott	Charles Floyd
Elizabeth Cliett	Tom Biedenharn	Tim Davis
Harold Lee	Michael Morrissey	Rusty Henderson
Faith, Bridget & Mike Wildschuetz		Missionaries in Mali Africa
Betsy, Richard, Charles, Lawson, David & Anna Selby		

Pray for men and women of the Armed Forces, especially:

Christoph Martin	Cynthia Horan	Billie Hubbard
Lt. Jonathan Fanelli	Ronald Duplessi	

Liturgical Schedule Sundays in June

	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
	First Sunday after Pentecost	Second Sunday after Pentecost	Third Sunday after Pentecost	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading	Isaiah 6:1-8	1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13	1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49
Psalm	Psalm 29 or Canticle 2 or 13	Psalm 138	Psalm 20	Psalm 9:9-20
Second Reading	Romans 8:12-17	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17	2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Gospel	John 3:1-17	Mark 3:20-35	Mark 4:26-34	Mark 4:35-41
Morning Prayer				
Eucharistic Minister				
8:30 a.m.	Tommy Skinner	Harvey Smith	Ann Tompkins	Richard Price
11:00 a.m.	Harvey Smith	Richard Price	Betsy Selby	Ann Tompkins
Master of Ceremonies		Susan Price	Beth Guynes	Jennifer Normand
Acolytes				
Crucifer	Harvey Smith	Michael Rangel	Koury Collins	Beth Guynes
Torch Bearer			Josh Sullivan Shaye Sullivan	
Gospel Bearer	Deacon Josie	Betsy & Lawson Selby	Rachel Sullivan	Kerri & Peter Williams
Lector	Harvey Smith	Susan Price	Ed Shelnut	Theo Williams
Prayers of the People		Deacon Josie	Bobby Sullivan	Linda Walker
Oblation Bearers		Becki Rangel Max Rangel	Janice Herrington Becky Drake	Clarissa Walker Genevieve Walker
Ushers & Greeters	John Scott Allen Leese	Bobby Barlow Jim Drake	Jeff Artman & Josh, Jonah, Kelsey	David Normand Charlie Brantley
Altar Guild	Susan Price Kerri Williams	Cassandra Price Margie Scott	Sherry Horan Sharon Hanks	Mary Ann Wright Lisa Langford
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Josie Sandra Melsheimer	Deacon Josie Reverend Billie	Deacon Josie Sandra Melsheimer	Deacon Josie Reverend Billie
Coffee Host	Sherry Horan Margie Scott	Pot Luck Breakfast	Charlie Brantley Terry Brantley	Lisa Langford Ruth Green
Lay Worship Leader Wednesday Evening	Betsy Selby	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins	Richard Price