

# the st. matthew's word

## ***The Days Ahead are Full of Promise, Joy, Hope, Challenge and Opportunity!***

The calendar for next two months will be very full and busy with so many exciting and landmark events. For instance:

- The beginning of a New Summer Great Speaker Series, June 2
- Vacation Bible School, June 9-13
- The Election of a new Coadjutor Bishop on June 15.
- Deacon Barnes' Ordination to the Priesthood at St. Matthew's Church on June 19.
- Carol Blaine's Ordination to the Diaconate on June 22 at Christ Church Cathedral.
- The end and the conclusion of the present Interim period, June 30
- July: The arrival of the new Rector.

To be sure, the future for St. Matthew's Church is unusually great and glorious, for the new Rector will not have to sound the gun to get things up and running, for we are already well on our way a new to an exciting chapter in Ministry and Mission.

You must know that while I am excited for St. Matthew's Church, and while I am looking forward to returning home with Betty, nevertheless, I will find it extremely hard and difficult to say farewell to all of you who have been so loving and so accepting of my ministry and leadership.

So I will not say goodbye or farewell, but "til we meet again." There is no question that our paths will cross again, because a very big part of my heart will remain here with you. What a blessing it has been, what a great priv-

ilege, and what a wonderful joy for me to have had the opportunity to serve here with you and to experience your gracious Love.


To say again what I have said a number of times: St. Matthew's Church at this point, is poised and is already on the threshold of a "Renaissance" of great proportions.

Thank God for the dedication and the work of the Search Committee. We Praise God for a new Rector to whom, after much prayer and discernment, the Vestry has extended a Call, and who will lead St. Matthew's Church to new and heretofore, uncharted waters.

Since as Interim Rector, this will probably be my last monthly *Word* article, please know what a great and wonderful time I have had here with you at St. Matthew's Church - and please know that I will continue to be in prayer for you and for St. Matthew's Church's Mission and Ministry.

God Bless You Each and Everyone!

With much Love and in the Joy of  
Serving our Lord with You,



Joseph Di Paola

## ***From The Assistant Rector's Office***

*by The Reverend Susan Barnes*

Things are jumping around St. Matthew's even as we prepare for the excitement of the arrival of our new rector. This should be a great summer.

First, let me cordially (and fervently!) invite you all to take part in celebrating my ordination to the priesthood on Wednesday, June 19, at 7:00 p.m. I am so grateful to God for you all! Fr. Joe and every one of you have made this the most rewarding year of my life. Thank you for the love, the patience, the guidance, the affirmation—for the myriad kindnesses that have made me feel completely at home in this parish and in this vocation. After my ordination I should be here for some time, and I look forward to growing in love and service to God right here.

As some of you know, I am blessed to be part of the youth program, helping out on Wednesday nights and on other occasions. You all can be very proud, indeed, of the program, its lay leadership, and—above all—the youth themselves. They are a deeply impressive group of young people: intelligent and kind, welcoming to newcomers, and active in outreach, they are also growing in spirituality before our eyes. Eric Liles led them in a one-day spiritual retreat in May, which included "building" a labyrinth on the floor of Huffman Hall. This ancient pattern has been used as an aide to Christian meditation for at least 1,000 years. That afternoon they

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prepared bags of food for homeless people and distributed them around town. So the day was a fully Christian balance of work, prayer, and social action.

We can be particularly proud of Eric's role as a leader, not only here at St. Matthew's, but in the Diocese of Texas. Among other diocesan roles, Eric has taken charge of the high school mission trip to Juarez this summer, in the middle of June, for 100 participants. In July he will take our own junior high youth on a mission trip to Dallas.

Heather Harmon and the Children's Council have laid on a marvelous program for Vacation Bible School. Let's all join in!

My Thursday noon time Bible study will continue through the summer. We are reading slowly through Luke, applying Jesus' life and teachings to the circumstances of our own lives. It is a terrific group of women. Please join us if you like.

*By the grace of God  
and with the consent of the people  
The Right Reverend James Brown  
Assisting Bishop of Texas  
will ordain*

*Susan Johnston Barnes  
to the Sacred Order of Priests  
Wednesday, the nineteenth of June*

*Two thousand two  
Seven o'clock*

*St. Matthew's Episcopal Church  
8134 Mesa Drive  
Austin, Texas*

*Your prayers and presence are requested*

*The Festival Color is Red  
Reception Follows*

## Senior Sentences

*by Lucy A. Boyea, Minister of Senior Activities*

Recently, when I was "purging" a backlog of accumulated materials in my office, I ran across a March, 1994 issue of *Life* magazine. One of the articles was entitled "Why We Pray" and contained some interesting statistics"

- (1) How often do you pray?  
Less than once a day - 25%  
Once, twice a day - 51%  
Three or more times a day - 24%
- (2) Have you ever prayed for?  
Family - 98%  
Forgiveness - 92%  
Victory in a sports event - 23%  
Harm to befall someone - 5%
- (3) How long do you usually pray?  
One minute - 8%  
Five minutes or less - 47%  
One hour or more - 28%
- (4) Have your prayers ever been answered?  
Yes - 95%

I wonder, reflecting in particular on the events of September 11, 2001, if the responses to those questions, eight years later, would be the same. Food for thought...

## From the Senior Warden

*by Jack Eccles*

As I have said in previous articles, I am a history buff and my reading turns to history. My wife, Rita, has different tastes in reading and has been reading Jan Karon about a town called Mitford. In these readings there is an Episcopal Priest who closely resembles Father Joe. He is fatherly, understanding, listening, loving and takes action when needed. He is also rather unflappable. Rita tells me that Father Joe has a better sense of humor than the fictional Father Tim Kavanagh. Father Tim would have to have a great sense of humor to outclass Father Joe. In short, we are all thankful for the many months he has ministered to this flock. We plan to say a big "THANK YOU FATHER JOE" on June 30 and hope you will all be there.

As I write this, I am praying we will have a new Rector selected and accepted by the time you receive this. Christ will let us know if it is right. I hope He says "yes" because the individual on whom we are focusing is outstanding and seems fit for our parish. If He says no, then this individual is not right for us and we will search until the right Priest is found.

I urge you to check your church calendar for the many events going on St. Matthew's. It is truly remarkable and we particularly ask our newcomers to get involved. That is how we get to know you and you us.

In His Name,  
Jack Eccles  
Senior Warden

## New Planting at St. Matthew's

The Buildings and Grounds Commission is charged with keeping a Master Landscaping Plan for the Church. You may have noticed that some planting beds around the Sanctuary have been prepared for new planting. From time to time, other beds will be prepared as well. The Commission is seeking donations to employ professionals to plant these beds in accord with the Plan. If you are interested in making a contribution please give your check to Brad Wagner, our Business Manager, with a note that it will be used for this purpose. Thanks from the Buildings and Grounds Commission!

## Honoring Our Graduates!

*In the May issue of The Word we asked for information on your child's graduation. Here is what came in; we are so very proud of each and every one of you.*

**Liz Canby**, daughter of Kate and Tom Canby, graduated from The University of Texas with a B.A. in Art History.

**Heather Harmon** graduated from The University of Texas with a B.S. in Applied Learning Development.

**Sandra Schorre Jackson**, daughter of Martha Schorre, graduated with a B.A. in Graphic Design and a B.A. in Studio Art from Louisiana Tech University.

**Barbara Drake Pitts**, graduated from The University of Texas with a M.Ed. in Multicultural Special Education.

**Jamie Pitts**, son of Barbara Pitts, graduated from The University of Texas with a B.A. in Art History and Spanish.

**Amy Polk**, daughter of Mary-Lynn and Darrell Polk, graduated from Texas A&M University with a B.B.A. degree in Information and Operations Management.

**Vicky Dettman**, daughter of Arlene and Jim Dettman, graduated from Westwood High School and will attend TCU in the fall majoring in Deaf Education.

**Catherine Joyce Grosvenor**, daughter of Ric Grosvenor, graduated from the Liberal Arts Academy at Johnston High School. She will attend The University of Texas in the Naval ROTC program.

**Andrew C. Haynes**, son of Barbara Haynes, graduated from Nicky Rowe High School in McAllen, Texas. He will enter the United States Navy on July 8.

**James Helfrich**, son of Brenda and Terry Helfrich, graduated from Westwood High School and will attend The University of Texas in the fall majoring in Government.

In addition to these graduates, we are extremely proud of these children who graduated from **St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School** in the Kindergarten Class of 2002. Foster Allen, Morgan Anderson, Savannah Brilliant, Maddi Busby, Cole Currier, Alexander Emmons, Sam Fason, Haley Forrest, Reid Gehring, Katie Gleason, Meagan Hagman, Sydney Hagy, Hunter Hall, Luke Hill, Daniel Heinrich, William Hirschfield, Christopher Jones, Anna Marie Kaspar, Alexander Lewis, William Maynard, John McDonald, Caroline O'Farrell, Mason Mitchell Pownall, Matthew Rice, Jack Stringer, Michael Vetter, Jacob Voss, and Jake Walsh.

Our love and prayers go with you and your families as you step out into the world. It has been a joy and an honor to share you as a special part of our St. Matthew's family. Remember that you will always have a home here at St. Matthew's. We wish you God's peace as you begin the next chapter of your lives.

*If your child or your graduation is not mentioned here, and you want it to appear in the July issue of The Word, please email the information to [betty@stmattsaustin.org](mailto:betty@stmattsaustin.org)*

## Hats Off to Father Joe

by Betty Mitchell

In a letter recently mailed to all members of St. Matthew's, Wardens Jack Eccles, Phil Hatlen and Kate Canby asked members "to dig deep into their hearts, pockets and purses so that we may appropriately thank Father Joe for being such a wonderful Christian and minister to us all."

Father Joe has certainly touched my life and no doubt yours as well. What a joy it has been to work for this optimistic, positive, Christian fellow! So if you have enjoyed his sermons, laughed at his jokes, enjoyed his conversation, enjoyed his smile and his ever-cheerful attitude, say thanks by writing a check. If you have pigged out on his gumbo, his spaghetti sauce or his other treats, you can say thanks by writing a check. If he has baptized your babies, or presided at your marriage or the memorial service of a loved one, you might write a check. If you have enjoyed his Sunday School classes, or if he has participated in your group's Bible Study, write a check. If your Council meeting has been blessed by Joe's presence, write a check.

When June 30 comes and we rise to give him the well-deserved standing ovation following his final sermon here, there probably will not be a dry eye in the house. Let's wish Joe "Happy Trails" and "Godspeed" by presenting him with a love offering that reflects our great appreciation for all he has done here in our interim year.

You may mail your checks to the Church Office or drop them in the offering plate on any Sunday. Thanks for doing your part to honor this Christian teacher that we love so much.

## Family Friendship Plates

Please come join us for our *Friendship Blast* Sunday, June 9, after the 10:30 a.m. service. We will serve lunch and have songs and activities for everyone. Each family or group of friends will have the opportunity to decorate one plate for a family/friendship keepsake. This is our kick-off event for Vacation Bible School, but you **do not** have to be registered for VBS to attend Friendship Blast. Everyone is invited! We can't wait to see you there! Remember, *we promise a BLAST.*

## There's a Place for Us All

There's a place for everyone at Vacation Bible School. No matter what your talent, we can find a place that is right for you. Even if you cannot make it for the daytime program, we can find a place at the evening events for you or you can do preparation work for us from the comfort of your own home. Don't be shy or afraid — come ask Lynn or Heather (345-8314 ext. 228) about helping out for Vacation Bible School. We would love to put your talents to work.

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## June Youth News

by Eric Liles

Summer is finally here! What a great summer we have planned. From our mission trips, to VBS, to swimming parties, to Bible studies, to worship nights, to Sunday morning youth group, to movie nights. Wow, lots of stuff. Please keep all of our events in your prayers, especially our mission efforts in Juarez and in Dallas. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please let me know.

God's Peace,  
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## FUNdraising Success

The Golf Committee is pleased to announce that the golf tournament on April 15 at the Blackhawk golf course raised over \$2000 for the Youth Program at St. Matthew's. The support of the 32 golfers, the Youth group, the 12 sponsors and the time and contributions of the golf committee (Larry Carpenter, Jack Eccles, Sue Gregerson, Margaret Myers, John Muhich and Milt Williams), assured the success of the tournament. Catherine Griffin is certainly to be commended for making the sponsor signs. We appreciated the assistance of Phil Hatlen, Clive Smith and Tony Hatheway at the registration desk. The Holy Smokers team of Larry Simons, Kevin McGillicuddy, Clif Steed, and Jim Myers took first place. The team of Ron Lantz (a member of Great Hills Golf Club), his two sons and Terry Bennett, grabbed second place. Third place went to John Muhich, Doug Carter, Randy Alexis and Don Ames. Randy Alexis won the prize for the longest drive, for the women it was Holly Decherd and Margaret Carpenter. For closest to the pin on a par 3, it was Larry Carpenter. We were happy to have Father Joe present the prizes.

## Youth Calendar

June 2	9-10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Youth Group 10:30-12 noon Worship (please RSVP to Eric for the Hagman's pool party)
June 6	7-9 p.m. Youth Council Meeting
June 7	4-7 p.m. Swimming Party at the Hagman's, please RSVP to Eric by June 2
June 9	9-10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Youth Group 10:30-12 noon Worship (Eric preaching)
June 9-13	Vacation Bible school
June 14	Lucy's 21st Birthday
June 15-23	Sr. High Mission Trip to Juarez
June 16	9-10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Youth Group 10:30-12 noon Worship (Father's Day)
June 23	9-10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Youth Group 10:30-12 noon Worship
June 24-30	Christian Leadership Conference
June 30	9-10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Youth Group 10:30-12 noon Worship 6-8:30 p.m. Movie Night with Dinner
July 2	St. Matt's Sports day at Zilker Park 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
July 7	9-10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Youth Group 10:30-12 noon Worship
July 7-12	Jr. High Mission Trip to Dallas
July 14	9-10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Youth Group 10:30-12 noon Worship
July 18-19	Archbishop Carey at Camp Allen and in Houston
July 21	9-10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Youth Group 10:30-12 noon Worship 6-8:30 p.m. Movie Night with Dinner
July 23	7-9 p.m. Jonah Bible Study with Dinner (maybe Fish???)
July 25	Schlitterbahn Trip leave St. Matt's at 8:30 a.m., back at 7:30 p.m. (cost is \$25 to get in, plus food and drinks)
July 28	9-10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Youth Group 10:30-12 noon Worship
August 4	9-10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Youth Group 10:30-12 noon Worship
August 9	Coffee and Worship 8-10pm
August 11	9-10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Youth Group 10:30-12 Worship (RSVP to Eric for Muhich's party on the 18th)
August 18	No Sunday Morning Youth Group 10:30-12 noon Worship 12-5 p.m. back to school swim and ski party at the Muhich's (RSVP to Eric by 8/11)
August 21	First Wednesday Night Youth group 7-8:30 p.m. with pizza
August 23-25	Happening #100, YES #67
August 25	9-10:30 a.m. Ministry Fair 10:30-12 Worship
August 28	Youth Group 7-8:30 p.m.

## The Dog Days of Summer: Are You Up to Date on Your Pledge?

June, July and August are the months when most families head out on vacations, camping trips, weekend forays, day trips and all those activities involving children. Church attendance normally lags during this period as members are frequently out of town on Sundays. Lower attendance means lower collections in the offering plate – and fewer available funds to pay the church's bills.

As you prepare to leave town on vacation you will go through the check list – cancel the newspaper, board the dog, arrange for a neighbor to water your yard and look after your house and – write a check to St. Matthew's to cover your pledge for the time you'll be gone. Please do not forget your commitment to St. Matthew's as you prepare for your summer activities. Our bills don't take a vacation and because of hot and dry Texas summers, our utilities increase just as yours do at home. We hope you will stay current on your pledge so we can avoid any potential cash flow problems!

## Great Teacher Series

by Leon Whitney

For the second summer in a row, the combined Adult Sunday School Class will gather at 9:00 a.m. in Huffman Hall for the Great Teachers' Series beginning June 2 and continuing through August 11. Once again we begin with The Rev. Dr. Will Spong, Professor Emeritus at the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest. He will present his thought-provoking musical program, "The Requirement of the Faith Community to Tell the Truth: An Excursion Into the Musical Play *Cabaret*."

On June 9, the Rev. Charles Cook, Professor, ETSS, will discuss "What You Can and Cannot Expect of Your New Rector." On June 16, the Rev. Chuck Huffman, Rector Emeritus of St. Matthew's will present "Reflections from the Rector Emeritus: A Look Back at Where We've Been." On June 23, The Rev. Joseph Di Paola, Interim Rector, St. Matthew's, will explain why "It's About That Time."

Also invited to speak are Karen Hughes, Presidential Advisor, and The Very Reverend Dr. Titus Presler, the new dean of ETSS. We are waiting for confirmation and dates from other invited great teachers. This should be another great series for the adults of St. Matthew's.

## The Kitchen Sparkles

by Louise Waddill,  
Chair, Hospitality Committee

**H**ave you been in Huffman Hall lately? How about the kitchen? We who spend a lot of time there are so proud of the wonderful new paint job that was completed in April. The kitchen cabinets, the pantry and, yes, even the walls got a fresh coat of paint, or two. In addition to the new paint, we now have new labels on the drawers and shelves, including the shelves of the pantry. So many of you have mentioned this as a real need and we have heard you. If you only work in the kitchen occasionally you will appreciate knowing where to find things and where to put them when you are finished. We appreciate your diligence in keeping the kitchen and pantry clean and neat with things returned to the proper place.

We are grateful to David Petersen for building some needed shelves in the back part of the kitchen. The large coffee urns will be placed there and when the project is completed, we will have drawers in which to place all our table cloths.

While I am on the subject of the kitchen, I would like to offer some ideas that should save money. Before shopping for your event, check the pantry, freezer and the fridge to see if some of your needed ingredients are on hand. If we all do this the savings will mount up over a period of time.

Some people wonder what to do with leftovers. If there is a lot of food left after your event, you might consider whether there might be another event planned at the church that could use your leftovers. Or you might put the leftovers in the Good Samaritan Freezer. Please wrap the item securely and label appropriately (item, date and the ingredients). Or you could arrange to take the food to a place that feeds the homeless and hungry.

Food items placed in the freezer or fridge without labels are subject to disposal or use by anyone who comes along. Food should be clearly marked who it belongs to, which group it is for, and dated when it will be used. When items are not dated, it is difficult to determine if the food is safe to eat.

## Sitting in the Shade With Jesus: Stories He Told...

by Barbara Pitts, Children's Minister for Education

**S**uper Summer Sunday School this year will be a fine arts opportunity for our children, age three through fifth grade, as we look at parables in the New Testament. Did you know that Jesus told parables about the nature and the value of God's kingdom? And that wasn't all! In addition, He told parables relating to God's mercy, and to prayer, as well as how to live a moral life.

Children's Ministry welcomes children and adults for weekly tellings of these rich sources of information *about* God and God's kingdom. Better yet, *relationship* with God can be deepened and broadened by spending time with His very words.

### Morning Schedule: June 2 - August 11

- 8:45 Meet in the Kinney Outdoor Chapel for opening prayers and breakfast
- 9:15 Move to B-18 for the story (a new parable every week or two) and art, music, movement or drama, and fellowship activities
- 10:40 Chapel services

The Children's Council wants you to have *Stress-Free Sunday Mornings*. We plan to serve breakfast to all the children during

the summer. (So they can sleep 15 extra minutes!) The menus will include fruit, milk, granola bars, bagels, cheese, peanut butter and individual boxes of cereal so children may make their own breakfasts—with a lot of supervision and suggestions. Since we will be painting and gluing, etc., we want the children to wear comfortable clothes they can choose for themselves. (No early morning "discussions" about what to wear!) Parents, instead of signing up to bring snacks, please pick up something from our list next time you are in the grocery store to add to our breakfast pantry. And if your special child has a summer birthday, cupcakes or cookies and singing are a definite plus. We plan to picnic under the trees for breakfast. We will all be sitting in the shade with Jesus!

Adults: our children depend on your participation as leaders and helpers. Artistic, Dramatic, Musical, and Non-arts help is needed for four Sundays of your choice, *Please help*, especially if you are not able to do so during the school year, working with the age and area of your own interest. Check your calendar and sign up in Commons, ASAP. Questions? Contact Barbara Pitts 345-8314 x 221 or [bdpitts@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:bdpitts@mail.utexas.edu)

## More Than a Summer Blast: Bible Friends

**Everyone is welcome!**

Vacation Bible School at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church  
June 9 - 13

Even if you are not registered for the daytime VBS program, please join us for Friendship Blast (Sunday lunch) and Blast Night (Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m.). **We promise a BLAST!** There will be food, games, worship, and fun for all ages. Again, we don't care if you've been able to make it to the daytime program. We would love to see anytime at Vacation Bible School.

Then we have a 9 a.m. - 12 noon morning program on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. From 12 noon - 1 p.m. on those days, we have an optional catered lunch for people who would like to order that for their family in the mornings. Feel free to invite mom or dad to lunch during the week!

We also have BLAST Night on Wednesday night from 6:30-8:30 p.m. No need to register for that — everyone is welcome, even if you did not attend the morning program.

Don't forget about the take home bags. If you cannot attend or just want them for the grandkids or as something to do later in the summer, please order one today. Take home bags have stories and crafts from VBS in them.

T-shirts will be sold this year. Please come by to see the design and order one today!

To register, to sign up to volunteer, or for any questions, please call Heather or Lynn at 345-8314 ext. 228. Remember, we promise a BLAST!!

## The Garbage Man

by Joe Di Paola

*Written by Joe Di Paola, "at Laity Lodge, years ago." Taken straight as he wrote it with only the format being altered a bit for presentation here.*

"Hey Joe! It's Tuesday, Garbage Day; I hear the Garbage Truck coming down the street and the dogs are all barking and raining cain....Have you put out the Garbage yet? I surely hope so, there is so much of it — It can't wait until Friday when the Garbage Truck comes again, for by then — our Garage will running over and will be a stinking mess."

"Rats!!! No I didn't." So I run down the stairs with nothing on, except my baggy Fruit of the Loom undershorts — the ones the Children make fun of and laugh at, barefoot with shaving lather dripping from my face. By the time I get there and drag out all the bags and mountains of refuse, (all the while trying to hide my nakedness so that neighbors won't see me so scantily clad), I see and hear down the street that great mammoth motor metal disposal — driving out of sight. It is truly as sad sight to behold, but not nearly so sad as seeing one in his baggy undershorts, holding the bag.

Afterwards, I re-store it again in the Garage Room. (For if you don't — if you leave it out — the dogs will get it and scatter it everywhere and you'll have to collect it again). Isn't it strange? Isn't it strange, how you have to guard and protect that slimy assortment of ripe and molded, miscellaneous waste material. It even must be locked up or it will get away from you.

Returning to the bathroom my face is no longer dripping wet, but by now the lather has dried and my face feels like it is shrinking and drawing up. You wouldn't think that a person would normally be out of breath while shaving — however — on mornings such as this, I often am panting and breathing hard.

After dressing and getting ready to leave for the Office, A sweet little voice rings out: "Honey — why don't you put all those bags of garbage in the trunk of your car — and take them to the Dempsey Dumpster at the Church — if you don't we'll have to live with that stuff all week."

"Okay! - Okay! I'll do it!" Later at noon on that day — a very hot day — while driving to a weekly meeting with a fellow Rotarian - He asks: "What in the world is that awful smell in your Car?"

"O my God! I forgot to empty the Garbage when I got to Church this morning — Oh well — it will hold until our meeting is over." Later that afternoon, after disposing of the well-seasoned refuse, my Secretary asks, when I lean over her desk to sign a letter: "What is that strange smell?" I replied: "I don't know — do you smell it too?" (I didn't tell her — but it seems that clothes are prone to pick up odors in a hot closed car; so I decided to sit in front of the air-conditioner

the rest of the afternoon — hoping no one would notice.)

It seems that among the many tasks I have in life, I also have the role of a "Garbage Man."

Somehow, this lot has fallen upon me and it is the source of much anxiety and nightmares.

But as we learned long ago, that "The mail must go through," — so must the Garbage....or else.

I'm reminded of a James Cagney movie when he says to one of the Kingpin Inmates of the prison: "This place isn't big enough for the both of us!" Sometimes, the Garbage and I have these kinds of showdowns. But we have no choice, the Garbage from time to time must be hauled off and disposed of — or our homes become a cluttered, stinking mess.

Likewise, the same is true in our personal lives, the mistakes, the blunders, the errors, the wrongs, the guilt, the hurts the crud, the mistakes and the refuse periodically must be hauled off and cleared away -or our lives become chaotic, putrid, and a stinking mess. It a strange way, in my work, it is again my lot to serve as a kind of a "Garbage Man," for those who come to unload the waste refuse of their lives. Very often, People come with their hearts bulging and almost breaking with the refuse and the garbage of many years, seeking some way to be relieved.

Many too, have been carrying it around for some time, their burdened lives have become foul, and rancid, but have not yet found a way to be rid of it. After sometimes — hours of talking it over, confessing, sorting it all out piece by piece — and taking a careful inventory of it, often with many tears and being assured of God's Love for them and His forgiveness -

Many leave unburdened, refreshed, cleansed and renewed, clear of the refuse that has accumulated and which has cluttered up their lives over the years. But what does the GarbageMan do with all the refuse and litter un-burdened upon him and left in his office and upon his heart and soul? Some of it — he must live with and keep himself — but most of it he commits to God — who takes it and recycles it -

Taking the brokenness and the refuse of lives — and making possible new beginnings — It is given to the One who gives wholeness for brokenness — To the One who gives forgiveness for Garbage.

Praise God for Garbage Men in Trucks — Praise God for Garbage Men who help us to dispose of all that is useless and rotten in our lives. For the World would be un-liveable — and our lives would forever be a polluted mess — without Them.

## A Few Words From the Children's Council

by Ann Hart

**B**oth Father Joe and Father Susan attended our May meeting — what a treat! The Children's Council will miss Father Joe terribly after he leaves, but we're very happy that Susan will still be with us. We deeply appreciate the time and support they've given to our children.

Speaking of giving time and support, it was a privilege to honor our volunteers at an informal reception on May 12. The list of Sunday School teachers, Chapel leaders, and other volunteers totaled almost 70 people for this year alone. That number does not include past volunteers or the parishioners who anonymously support the children by donating money or supplies for various events. It also does not include all the faithful parents and grandparents who make sure their children are at church on Sunday mornings. Many thanks to all of you, too. As Father Joe says, "It takes a parish to raise a child."

The rest of the meeting was devoted to Vacation Bible School and Super Summer Sunday School (see separate articles in this issue of *The Word*). The Council is particularly excited about our latest innovation: breakfast for the kiddos during Summer Sunday School. Bravo to Council member Susan Fugate for this terrific idea!

The Children's Council is an advisory committee set up to help the Children's Ministry staff develop and implement programs. The Council usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 12:15 to 2:00 p.m. Meetings are open to anyone interested in the Children's programs at St. Matthew's. Feel free to come and listen any time. If you'd like to add an item to the agenda, please call or e-mail the week before the meeting. If you are unable to attend our meetings but would like a copy of the Minutes, please let me know. The next Council meeting will not take place till July. Watch *The Word* for the exact date and time. Ann Hart (257-7130 or [annhart@austin.rr.com](mailto:annhart@austin.rr.com))

**Birthdays****June**

- 1: Bob Davis, Scott Rankine
- 2: Kathy Tommasi, Martha Webb, John Weidler
- 3: Lynn Smith
- 4: David Houston
- 5: Erin Buerchner, Robert Tomisak
- 6: Jo Larsen, Virginia Shotts
- 7: Dean Busboom, Anna Dodge, Caroline Neale, Daniel Wilkins
- 8: Tom DeWitt, Michael McGettigan
- 9: Nalette Butler, Clare Coleman, Danny Henshaw, Laurie Kafena, Ron Kelly, Joyce Scott, Rachel Stephens
- 11: Mason Hale, Avery Heldenfels, Charlie Vazques
- 12: David Onion
- 13: James Durrenberger, Mary-Lynn Polk, Martha Schorre, Alina Wasmuth
- 14: Jane Donart, Amanda Fowle-Bindel, Nancy Jameson, William Maynard
- 15: Emilia Douglass, Debby Franklin, Clark McCollum
- 17: Elizabeth Carson, Harry Deans, Becky Denkeler, Doris Norton
- 18: Andy Bursk, Hannah Eslick
- 19: Patty Baker, Lauren Kirchem, Devon McLay, David Puryear, David Rohde, Peggy Ryder
- 20: Carol Keskkula, Debbie Meleski
- 21: Kailynn Powell, Daniel Smith
- 22: Sydney Howells, Lauren Bailey
- 23: Steven Brooke, Merle Garwood, Clyde Prestwood
- 24: Steve Dillawn, Jane Preston
- 25: Connor Smith
- 26: Todd Bailey, Larry Carpenter, Shari Thorn
- 27: Ray Bass, Anna Grace Burnette, Francis Nwolisa, Alexandra Pierce-Matott, Sara Soto, Stephanie Sweeney
- 28: Hunter Arend, David Barrow, Jr., Louise Bell, Becky Novak
- 29: Mary Anderson, Kelly Looney, Judy Neely, Bill Rossen
- 30: Stephen Battaglia, Stephanie Battaglia, Robbie Eltzroth III, Lucas Hatlen, Lauren Thomas

**July**

- 1: Vicki DeWeese, Larry Miller, Amy Thomas
- 2: Lynn Eslick, John Harrison, Larry Simons, Mark Udelhofen
- 3: Jim Bennett, William Dillawn, Jennifer Fisher, Lou Ann McCrary, Timothy McGettigan
- 4: Clare Brock, Jon Mercado, Amanda Williams
- 5: Laura Bishop, Scoopie Cummings, Marty Novak, Marti Price
- 7: John Hart, Patrick Naeve

**Newly Received**

Received on May 12, 2002

Bryan Scott Eslick  
Lynn Marie Eslick

**Newly Confirmed**

Confirmed on May 12, 2002

Cary Michael Fink

Jennifer Marie McKennon  
Stuart C. McKennon

David Patron  
Deborah Patron

Joy R. Swanson

Heather Colleen Harmon

**Births**

*Anna Gillis Koll,*

daughter of Duane and Carrie Koll,  
niece of Heather Harmon,  
was born May 16, 2002.

*Kaitlin Marie Kinney,*

daughter of Tanya and Chad Kinney,  
and first grandchild of Sue Kinney,  
was born April 24, 2002.

**Memorial Gifts**

In memory of  
*Robert "Skip" Morris*  
by  
Doris and Bill Donnell  
Sue Kinney

In memory of  
*Gayle Nuessle*  
by  
Patricia and Kevin McGillicuddy  
Sue Kinney

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## Worship Schedule

### *Sunday*

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite One  
9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Adult Fellowship/Coffee  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

### *Wednesday*

7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite Two  
12 Noon Holy Eucharist: Rite Two  
with Healing Service

### *Daily*

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer in the  
Cauley Chapel

The Charlotte Cauley Gray (Bell Tower) Chapel and  
the Kinney (Outdoor) Chapel are always open.

The nursery is open each Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:  
45 p.m., where childcare is cheerfully provided for little  
ones from birth to age four.

**Deadline for the July issue  
of *The Word* is**

**Friday, June 14, 2002**

**at 5:00 p.m. Submissions on diskette  
are welcomed - or email your article  
to [betty@stmattsAustin.org](mailto:betty@stmattsAustin.org)  
Articles may be edited for content  
and length.**

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David Barrow, Jr. and Mary Nell Frucella

### *Buildings and Grounds*

Tom Canby  
David Harakal  
Debbie Meleski  
Bob Ascott  
Holly Decherd

### *Finance*

### *Communications*

### *Personnel*

### *Stewardship*

### *Outreach*

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Kathy Vail  
Ann Hart  
Jeri Muhich  
Milt Williams  
Elaine Goessling  
Debbie Meleski  
Sue Kinney  
Steve Brock

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### *Children*

### *Newcomers*

### *Parish Life*

### *Pastoral Care*

### *Personnel*

### *Worship*

### *Youth*

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Vada Dillawn  
Pam Littlefield  
Eileen Cole  
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Martha Schorre *Children's Worship Coordinator*  
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Kate Canby (219-8693) *Vestry Warden*  
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Bill Donnell (345-0097) *Clerk*

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