Annual Picnic

St. Gregory’s annual picnic was held on May 18th. Because of weather, the hosts, Gayle and Walt Bradburn, moved the picnic from their farm to the parish hall. The Men’s Group helped with the set-up and Walt cooked the hot dogs and sausages on the recently donated grill. One of the high lights of the picnic was the piñata. The adults enjoyed watching and supervising as the kids tried hard to whack the candy out. The rain held off long enough for all in attendance to enjoy good fellowship, food and games. Thank you Gayle and Walt for another great picnic!

On another note, the date for the Fall Festival has been set for October 19th. Save the date and watch for information to come, as to how you can help make this another successful St. Gregory event.

Candace Griffin
In my children’s sermon this past month, I asked the children what their favorite place. I got a couple of expected answers – Chuck E. Cheese, Olive Garden – but then I got a couple answers that were a little more surprising – Camp Crucis, from one of my children, and then church from another child. The sermon then continued on and I explained that my favorite place was home, because I feel comfortable and secure to be myself and that is because I know everyone there loves me. I can be funny, or weird, or have a bad day, and I am sure that none of those things will change the love that exists between me and my family. And that is what God wants for us, to feel secure in his love so that we can be who we are in our relationship with him, being open and honest and eager to share our life with him.

In this space though, I would like to revisit one of the answers given by the child in answer to their favorite place – church – and how we as St. Gregory’s are living into that. In many ways, it is the same idea of my favorite place, home. St. Gregory’s is a place where we can and should be able to be ourselves, to have occasional disagreements, to have opportunities to lift up one another, to reprove one another when necessary, and to do the work of Christ in the spreading of the Kingdom of God, all within the security of the love we have for each other. It is here that we receive our strength to go out into a hostile and broken world and continue to shine as lights in the darkness.

Recently, in our Sunday Gospel lesson from John chapter 13, Jesus told his disciples, “by this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” Because, here’s the thing, it isn’t just for our sake that we manifest the love of God among us, it is actually for the salvation of the world. Without exception, every new member who has joined St. Gregory’s has expressed to me in some fashion that one of the most attractive features of our parish is that it feels like home. The love that we share is desirable and contagious, because who doesn’t want to know that they are welcomed and accepted. So, keep loving one another because by that love, not only does the world know that we are followers of Jesus, they too will want what we have to offer and our door is always open for anyone to make St. Gregory’s their home.

Fr. Alan Horton+

Sunday sermons are recorded, each Sunday. http://stgregorysmansfield.org/sermons.

Prayer Team Members are needed - talk with Fr. Horton or Heinz Liedke.

June Birthdays
02 ~ Nancy Cook
03 ~ Phil Hawkins
05 ~ Mike Mowrer
08 ~ Dot Cannon
10 ~ Rita Barowsky, Tony Casamento, Colin Hiley
17 ~ Caden Yocom
19 ~ Cheri Davis & Dee Lemser
23 ~ Kay Tamakian
24 ~ Maria Casamento
26 ~ John Zavala
28 ~ Angie Griffin
29 ~ Gigi Okafor

June Anniversaries
11 ~ John & Jane Zavala, 8th

June Memorials
Kathy Walker ~ Thanksgiving
Cheri Davis ~ Birthday thanksgiving
Casamento ~ Marias birthday
Nancy Liedke ~ Birthday thanksgiving

Mark Your June Calendar
01 ~ Spcl. Convention to elect Bishop Coadjutor Men’s Group Study
03 ~ Preschool Summer Camp begins
08 ~ St. Clara’s Guild
12 ~ Holy Eucharist at Watercrest, 1pm
15 ~ Men’s Group Study, Rosa’s
16 ~ DHC Father’s Day brunch following service
17-19 ~ ACNA Assembly, Plano
22 ~ Pet Partner Evaluation
25 ~ Vestry, 6pm
26 ~ Holy Eucharist at Watercrest, 1pm
29 ~ Pool Party, Griffin’s, 5-7pm

Calling All Sunday School Teachers
Saint Gregory’s is looking for Sunday School teachers. You do not need to be a Bible expert. You are qualified if you have a sincere desire to impact the lives of children and to share God’s Word. Saint Gregory’s is purchasing new curriculum and will provide you with the story and lesson guide. Your most significant contribution will be your presence each week as you demonstrate your care for our children Sunday School resumes Sept 15. Please consider being a volunteer.

If you have questions please feel free to contact Suzanne Dougherty.

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The month of May was a whirlwind of activities here at the preschool! We had our end of the year fun days: including a hot dog picnic (thanks to Fr. Horton on the grill!), field day games and activities, pizza lunches and a bounce house that was donated to the school by one of our families! We had a wonderful turnout for our Pre-K graduation, we had 19 students from our Pre-K and Jr. Pre-K program who are moving on to kindergarten next school year. The ceremony was adorable, and the families had a nice evening. Thank you to Fr. Horton for providing cookies and juice for our reception.

The end of the year teacher lunch was held at Uncle Julio’s Mexican Restaurant. Fr. Horton joined us, and we had a great time wrapping up the school year and spending a relaxing afternoon together enjoying good food. (Also, if you’ve never been to Uncle Julio’s, the chocolate pinata is awesome!)

We are currently gearing up to begin our 8-week summer camp program, beginning June 3rd. Summer camp will run Mon-Thurs 9:30-2:30 for eight weeks. We are mostly full in all three groups, and expect to have a great fun filled summer. Like last year, you may have some surprises when you visit the Parish Hall during the months of June and July, as we will be transforming some areas to suit our different camp themes.

Elizabeth Rivera

Squaw Valley Golf Course / June 7, 2019

Last year’s Bishop Iker Challenge funded:
* 50 scholarships for kids who would not have been able to attend camp
* Replaced front doors
* Built a dining hall storage annex
* Put a roof on the new barn
* Upgraded the pool pump
* Begin the Friary Cottage remodel
* Made major repairs to several air-conditioning units

Contact Steve Hawkins
817-917-9671
for tickets & donations.
St. Frances Pet Ministry

St. Frances Pet Ministry - Meet the newest members of our St. Frances Pet Ministry at St. Gregory's, Candace Griffin and her dog, Lucy Bell. Lucy is an eight year old Pomeranian who loves to go the Mansfield Nursing Home and give a lot of love and attention to the Residents. The other dog belongs to me, Bernice, and her name is Dixie. She is an eight year old Schnauzer who has been going to visit the Residents for about two years.

There is no special training for the dogs, just need to provide the dogs current shot records. If you have a dog or cat and are interested in joining our team, please contact Bernice or Candace. Thanks so much!!!

Bernice Badwin

St. Clara's Guild

The next meeting of the St. Clara's Guild will be June 8 at 9:00 at the home of Barbara Hanson, 722 Danvers Lane, Mansfield. We will be starting a new quilt, so bring your sewing machines and other basic supplies, such as scissors, pins, etc. If you can't bring your machine, come anyway and we will let you press seams, pin fabric, etc. If you have any questions, contact Barbara Edwards at 817-729-4783 or bredwards51@yahoo.com.

Above Barbara Hanson, Barbara Edwards, Barbara Ulvestad, Candace Griffin, Cheri Davis with quilt presented to Barbara Ulvestad on May 19.

Right, a quilt for Sharon Holcomb's grandson, Christopher.

On April 28, the prayer quilt, right, was given to Liz Bressert.

Barbara Edwards
Daughters of the Holy Cross

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Bernice Baldwin

Order of St. Luke

Any one can do the work of Jesus.

Then Jesus sent out 72 and told them to go as they were, take no food, no water and go into the towns. When they were received, proclaim the Kingdom is near, heal the sick, drive out demons and raise the dead.

This is the Great Commission that Jesus ask his disciples to do. Nothing has changed since then. Jesus still wants his disciples (us) to proclaim the same news and thereby reclaim the lost sheep.

To obey this Command of Jesus is very easy, yet at the same time the hardest thing we can do. It requires that we void ourselves of any and all emotions and become the hands, eyes, ears and voice of Jesus. A perfect conduit for Jesus to heal. John 14:12,13 For even greater things ye shall do, because I go to the Father and will send to you The Comforter (The Holy Spirit) and in My Name all will be done to the Glory of the Father.

Heinz Liedke

“We well done, good and faithful servant”

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to our Sunday School teachers; Anne Bressert, Barbara Hanson and Brenda Lee Willbern. Your willingness to use your gifts and abilities has strengthened the mission and ministry of Saint Gregory’s.

For all of your hard work please accept our thanks and appreciation for a job well done. You are truly a blessing to our church.

With Sincere Gratitude, Suzanne Dougherty

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St. Gregory’s Genealogy Research Group

The Genealogy Group’s May meeting was held at the Bradburn Farm. We continued our discussion of DNA. I have my test results…….what now???

On Tuesday, May 14 we went to the Arlington Genealogical Society’s May Meeting at the Arlington Public Library. The program was DNA Testing Explained. We met for dinner at the Flying Fish before going to the meeting. Some of us attended the Fort Worth Genealogical Society’s May Meeting on May 28. The program was Using the Family Search Wiki. We met at La Playa Maya for Mexican Food before going to the Fort Worth Public Library downtown.

June’s meeting will be at the Bradburn Farm on Friday, June 7, at 9:30 A.M. We will continue our discussions about DNA.

Happy Hunting, Gayle Bradburn
Our Clergy and Staff

“Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him”
John 13:16

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