

AUGUST 2007
GOODNEWSLETTER

Kirkpatrick Family Foundation Historic Preservation Gift

We are grateful to the Kirkpatrick Family Foundation for a \$25,000 grant. In the early eighties we had to re-plaster most of the interior. We replaced the slate roof in 1983. In the restoration following the 1995 bombing we replaced the entire nave roof, every truss, board and piece of slate. We continue to have leaks causing damage to the plaster walls, doors and flooring.

Part of the problem is the design and placement of the Cathedral and Parish House. We are looking at finding a design solution that would not change our historic appearance. It is for this purpose that we have received the Kirkpatrick funding.

We also abide grateful for the many faithful souls, who over the course of many decades, have given generously and sacrificially to keep this beautiful Cathedral from being destroyed by the waters of chaos. And while challenged with such constant facility threats, you have gone far beyond these. You have provided the attention, energy and money to be a place that reaches out to the needy, provides unexcelled music for the city and sustains a warm and gracious ambiance for worship and community.

St. Paul's Financial Situation

The vestry adopted a budget plan this January that would enable us to complete this year without a deficit. It means raising an additional \$50,000 during the course of the year. So far we have raised about \$23,000. We need the additional \$27,000 before the end of the year.

In the summer time we enter into the season of slowest cash flow. Expenses continue at their usual rate. Now is the time to respond and to keep our parish life healthy and vigorous. Your gift will be greatly appreciated!

Allen Christ Joins Staff

We welcome Allen Christ to the staff, as he was recently hired as the Parish Administrator at St. Paul's. Allen has been married to Kati for nearly 8 years and has one daughter, Emma, who is 5 ½ years old. He earned his BS in Agricultural Economics from Oklahoma State University, his MBA with specialization in Finance from University of Oklahoma, and has spent the last 15 years working as a lender for various financial institutions.



Wanted: Crafters, Bakers & Candy Makers

October 14th, 2007 (Day of the Downtown Centennial Parade)

St. Paul's is having a craft show and bake sale October 14th. That is the day of the Centennial Parade downtown and lots of things will be going on. The craft show and bake sale will go on all day. Crafters will rent a booth space but keep their profits from sales. If you are a crafter and do not want to rent a whole space, you can donate a few items to the St. Paul's booth.

Monies collected for both space, the St. Paul's booth and the bake sale will go towards the deficit. We are also hoping to have a drawing and those monies raised will also go towards the deficit.

We Need Your Help!

I need crafters who will rent a space (small card table size is \$25, and the larger 8' table is \$45). All kinds of items are needed including things for the kids to purchase. I need bakers to make cookies, brownies, candy, cakes, pies and more. I also need help getting items for the drawing. Suggestions are dinner certificates, movie passes, theater tickets, or a bigger prize. I will also need volunteers the day of the event to help with the bake sale and the St. Paul's booth.

Make it a Success

Please call if you are interested in helping or you want a booth space. We are hoping for at least 25 craft booths and many, many cakes, pies, and other goodies. Let's make this a great success for St. Paul's.

Cherie Tompkins 789-7431

New Cathedral@5 Schedule

The schedule for Cathedral@5 is changing. This month we will have Cathedral@5 on the first and third Sundays only, with the special St. Crispin's service on August 5th and EvenMoreSong on August 19th.

In the future we'll have Cathedral@5 services when announced, and keep everyone updated through the bulletins, newsletters and web site.

Church School News

More Teachers Sought For 2007-08 Year:

It's time to think about a new church school year. Rally Day will be September 9th, and classes will resume September 16th. Teachers will be commissioned September 23rd. That's where you may fit in: our first through third graders are looking for two more dedicated "professionals," loving adults who are willing to share an hour a week with them in our fabulous Sunday School. Interested? E-mail Karen at kjarvis@stpaulsokc.org or call the church office at 235-3436.

Music

EvenMoreSong with the Cathedral Choir

Sunday, August 19th at 5:00 P.M.

Join us as special guest Lisa Harvey-Reed plays the oboe and joins the Cathedral Choir for a fantastic Evensong.



Please don't let your Pledge go on Vacation this Summer!

Church Directory

During the month of August we'll be working on the Church Directory, so we're asking everyone to stop by the Education Building and check their information to make sure we have your correct address, telephone number, and email address.

Attention Guild Chairs! Please update your membership list and phone numbers with us so they will be correct in the directory. Watch the bulletins for more information.

St. Oakerhater Feast Day

September 2nd

The Feast Day of St. Oakerhater falls on September 1st but St. Paul's Cathedral will celebrate it on Sunday, September 2nd, which means that we will use the lessons appointed for that day instead of those for the fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost. On that day St. Paul's Forum will focus on the life of St. Oakerhater in a dramatic presentation by the St. Genesius Guild. We invite everyone to come to Dean Willey Hall around 10:10 A.M. to learn about and celebrate the life and ministry of St. Oakerhater.



St. Oakerhater Honor Dance and Oakerhater Center Dedication

September 8th

Come to Watonga, OK-about 75 miles northwest of Oklahoma City on Saturday, September 8th about 2:30 or 3 P.M. for Native American drumming, chanting and dancing followed by Holy Eucharist and Dedication of the new Oakerhater Center and Whirlwind Mission of the Holy Family about 4:30. Supper will follow the dedication and then more dancing. If you have never danced with Indians before, this is your chance. We invite everyone to join in and we'll show you how we do it. All this is free of charge including supper, but donations to the new center are always welcome. See you in Watonga on Saturday the eighth of September. Contact Canon Carol (235-3436 or champton@stpaulsokc.org) for directions and more details.

Birthdays



August 1

Janice Boyles
Floyd Farha, Jr.
Con Haniotis
Joyce Wakefield
Julie Young
Sheryl Young

August 2

Jim Henry
Peggy Hull
Mary Mahaffey
Deborah Watson
Kenneth Watson

August 3

Parker Cone
JoAnne Martin
Tiffany Stephens
Sandra Wheeler

August 4

Jasonna Mahan
Anne Malone

August 6

Lillian Benefee
Vickey Smith

August 7

Katherine King
Cynda Olberding

August 8

Jennifer Bishop
Ellie Clancy
Tom Clancy
Mary Turner

August 9

Mary Turner
Larry Joplin

August 10

S'sence Anderson
Gerald Crabbe
Jennifer Dell
Liz Malone
Jessica Wallace

August 11

Will Bowman
Robert Vanek
Mark Williams

August 12

Debbie Horton

August 13

Laurna Champ
Patti Morgan

August 14

Lauren Cook
Darby Gilmore
Marilyn Hale
Taylor Johnson
Isabela Pardo
Jenna Robertson
Gale Smith

August 15

Chuck Bonsteel
Kati Christ
Danielle Ezell
Daniel Gresham
Sloane Suiters

August 16

Mary Reynolds

August 17

Stephen Long
Jim McPhee
Adrian Thompson

August 18

Patrick Britt
Amy Maiello
Katherine Pearson
Tyler Suiters

August 19

Pat Carry
Allen Hagan
Jife Pearson

August 20

Ruth Carson
Travis Moman

August 21

Van Bielstein
Molly Dowd

August 22

George Massad

August 23

Ashley Bishop

August 24

Shar Boehike
Carol Smith
Sarah Stells
Sharon Stewart
Ian Weathers

August 25

Sara Brock
Joe Harris

August 26

Charlotte Andrezik

August 27

Faye Keller
Lucy Smith

August 30

Lou Kohlman

August 31

Drew Derrick

*If you have a birthday in August and your birthday is **not** listed, please let us know! (235-3436)*

Memorials & Contributions

ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory: *Charles Nesbitt*
Donor: Mr. & Mrs. Carl Stover

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory: *Charles Nesbitt*

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Mr. & Mrs. Bill Sutton
Mrs. Morrison Tucker
Mr. & Mrs. Kelly West
Mr. Robert P. White
Mrs. Emily Young

In memory: *Dorothy Colley*
Donor: Mr. Robert P. White

In memory: *Bob Finley*
Donor: Mr. Robert P. White

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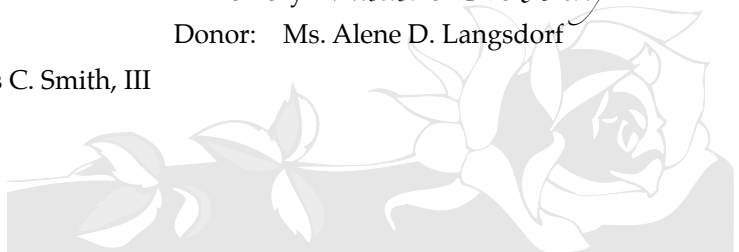
In memory: *Carl Hocker*
Donors: Mr. & Mrs. James R. Hocker
Ms. Mary L. Houston
Mr. Mark K. Parkhurst
Dr. & Mrs. P.A. Roberts
Mr. & Mrs. J.C. Sanders

ST. FRANCIS GUILD

In memory: *Charles Nesbitt*
Donor: Mrs. Morrison Tucker

ST. GEORGE'S GUILD

In memory: *Delos Nye*
Donor: Ms. Nan Frates
In memory: *Natalie Drownicky*
Donor: Ms. Alene D. Langsdorf



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES

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The Right Reverend Robert M. Moody
The Rev. Dr. Edward Konieczny, Bishop-elect

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

The Very Rev. George H. Back, Dean
The Rev. Canon Susan Colley Joplin
The Rev. Canon Carol M. Hampton
The Rev. Canon Nathaniel Luke Back
The Rev. Canon Margôt L. Nesbitt

CATHEDRAL OFFICERS

Stephen Parker, Senior Warden
Tom Steiner, Junior Warden
Rick Hill, Treasurer
Rachel Pringle, Clerk

VESTRY

2007	2008	2009
Laurie Jones	Robert Dennis	Hank Bowen
Karl Rysted	Kimberly Suiters	Dian Everett
Carol Howard	John Koons	Patti Morgan
James Collins	Fran Derrick	Sheryl Sullivan

CATHEDRAL STAFF

H. Scott Raab, Canon Musician
Allen Christ, Parish Administrator
Michael Vogt, Information Coordinator
Marilyn Robertson, Parish Nurse
Anne Kueteman, Cathedral Ministries Coordinator
Karen Jarvis, Christian Education Coordinator
Ann Bonsteel, Bookkeeper
Sherilyn Herndon, Childcare
Tommy Shoemake, Sexton
Eric Ashong, Assistant Sexton
Gail Dyer, Kitchen Staff

BACK TALK

Dear Friends,

Dilbert asks Dogbert, “Do you ever feel that you are alone when you are with other people?” Dogbert replies, “I try to.”

For many people their spirituality is a private affair. A very popular hymn expresses this well. ‘I come to the garden alone_’ and the things I share with my Lord there, ‘none other has ever known’. Many popular books on spirituality speak of human spirituality as ‘the flight from the alone to the alone’. This has historical roots and immense contemporary appeal.

Walking in the garden alone is very much the experience of Adam and Eve. There is no part in this story where Adam and Eve actually talk to one another. They walk in the garden ‘alone’ in spite of sharing the same space and time. Material physical presence, when combined with interpersonal absence, is the primal setup for sin.

The most common example of this sin is sexual intercourse without love. It is the full invasion of personal space-time taking place in the soul’s absence. Much of our media information on sexuality encourages the intensity of private pleasure. If Dilbert asked, “Do you ever feel that you are alone when having sex?” Dogbert would say, “I try to.”

The story of Eden is not about sex. Adam will not ‘know’ Eve until chapter four when they are already cast out of Eden. Sexual sin is a symptom and not the cause of primal sin. The primal sin is the absence of heart, soul and mind from the presence of God and neighbor.

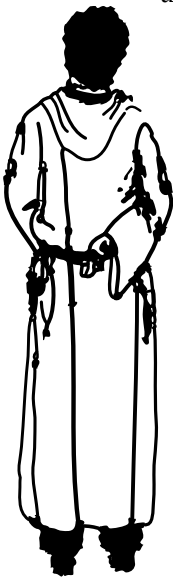
The recent issues in the Roman Catholic Church are only secondarily about sexual abuse. Primarily they are about the church’s leadership being absent to the presence of the abused children. Instead of smirking and thinking how much better we are, beware!

Beware because we are devastating garden earth for the children who come after us. Beware because millions of children are starving right now and we are absorbed with our own business, pleasures and expenses. Beware because an isolated, self-centered spirituality will alienate your soul from the Creator of all flesh. Beware because adults filter and warp reality through our own private thoughts, feelings and ideas.

Let no one suspect that their personal intentions are better than their public deeds. Neither God nor children will share this illusion. Religion without love is no more moral than sex without love. Good works, sacrificial service and generous giving are the visible fruit produced when the Holy Spirit moves a soul in secret and in truth. Such is the teaching of the Lord who loves the lost sheep, the absent hearted and the self-deceived.

Faithfully,

Gene H. Back



Bishop-elect Meets with Laity

Thursday, August 16th at 7:00 P.M. at St. Augustine's, 14700 N. May Ave in OKC

Bishop-elect Konieczny has set aside dates to meet with the Laity of the diocese, and plans to be at St. Augustine's in Oklahoma City on August 16th, from 7:00–8:00 P.M. We'll discuss and share our visions for our life together in the Diocese of Oklahoma, and we hope you'll take the time to read the Study Document recently published by the Theology Committee of the House of Bishops and the resources listed at the end of this document, which can be found at:

<http://www.collegeforbishops.org>