

St. Mary's Messenger

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*Come join us
for worship,
service, and
play!*

Our newsletter is "wired" for 2011!

Welcome to 2011 and a
renewed *St. Mary's Messenger*.



I want
to
thank
the
Harts
for
taking

up this ministry of
communication. There will be
much information that I believe
will help us to know what is
happening throughout the
month. It has been some time
since we have had a parish
newsletter and I am excited
about the possibilities and the
future.

Mary and Tom will be asking
many of you to contribute to
our newsletter. I ask when they
call upon you that you answer.
Our ability to produce a
communication instrument is
dependent upon all of us
pitching-in when asked so that
we might all benefit.

My articles will be varied.
There will be times where I will
explain some point in the prayer
book, for example those little
italicized places that are called
rubrics. Rubrics are what tell us
how to do what we do in our
worship. They also direct clergy
to do certain things. For
instance, did you know that
clergy are charged with talking,
once a year, about making

provision in your will for the
church if you are able? Well we
are and one column will be
about that.

The newsletter will be sent by
email (as you know from this
issue) and for those who do not
have email we will see that they
also receive a copy.

My hope is that you will find
this newsletter useful and full of
information that you can use. It
will be that if we all contribute
and actively support this
ministry.

Peace,

Fr. Reid

Want to share news, photos, or an article? We'd love to hear from you!
Just email Tom and Mary at hart76550@gmail.com. Our deadline is 20th of each month.
Thanks!



Libby's Page

Godly Play

Godly play continues to be a wonderful bible story education program. Each and every week the stories unfold with figures, sand, candles and other manipulatives to bring the characters alive. The stories are key to children understanding our faith. Through play there are many opportunities for the children to wonder about the stories, respond to the key ideas and act out their interpretations of the story through play, drawing, clay modeling and painting. We invite children, ages 4-8 to come at 8:45 A.M. each Sunday morning and enjoy the stories. Tulisha Carson, Mary Raring-Hart and Libby Bluntzer are the rotating teachers with volunteers, known as *Door Keepers* helping out.

HIS KIDS

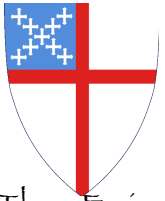
If you're looking for an opportunity to volunteer, HIS KIDS is a perfect way to see God's work with God's children. Richard Williams, a retired DPS Officer invites children each Monday night to come to worship, play together and eat. The children come from varied

backgrounds and all have the need to get an extra dose of love and attention. "Big R", as the kids call him, ministers to them in such a heartwarming way. Short lessons each Monday evening, music, testimonials and sincere interactions with the children are like food to them. They gobble up the attention, play safely with others and share a meal with their friends and the adults serving the meal. St. Mary's has been assigned the 4th week of each month and if you would like to help there will be a sign up sheet, in the parish hall, for volunteers. Please consider helping with this rewarding opportunity.

The Columbarium Project

The Columbarium Project can be a reality when we sell 30 niches. The niche can be for one individual or two. For those purchasing the niche for two, two urns will be needed and will

comfortably fit into the 12" X 12" vault, or niche. The graphic design poster is in the parish hall and will give you a good idea of what our wall will look like. We should have the final cost per niche in the next week. It looks like we may have 10-12 possible niche sales already. We would like to make appointments for you to discuss your needs, or if you have any questions please call Libby Blunter or Father Reid Morgan. We will have updates on our progress as our numbers get closer to the needed sales to begin our project. There will be a folder of information in the office. If you are planning your future and a niche might be part of that planning, come and visit with us.



DID YOU KNOW??

The Episcopalian shield was officially adopted by the General Convention of 1940 and is full of symbolism. The red cross on a white field is an ancient Christian symbol - white representing the purity of Jesus and the red representing His sacrifice on the cross and the blood of Christian martyrs. The red cross is also known as the Cross of St. George (patron saint of England) and indicates the Episcopal Church's descent from the Church of England. The blue field in the upper left is the color traditionally associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary and is symbolic of Jesus' human nature which He received from His mother. The X-shaped cross is the cross of St. Andrew (patron saint of Scotland) and recalls the Episcopal Church's indebtedness to the Scottish Episcopal Church for the consecration of its first bishop, Samuel Seabury as Bishop of Connecticut in 1784. The St Andrew's cross is made up of 9 smaller crosslets which represent the 9 original American dioceses which met in Philadelphia in 1789 to adopt the constitution of the Episcopal Church. These include: Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, Virginia, and Delaware.

(The Episcopal Handbook 2008 p. 11)

The Back Pew Boys (BPB)

WHO ARE THESE GUYS - AND WHAT THE DICKENS DO THEY DO???

The Back Pew boys (BPB) are a group of men from all denominations who come together in fellowship and grace. We are interested in helping with some of the great things St. Mary's is doing, like "His Kids" ministry, trash pick up and the like. Our goal is to become another media of what our Christian community can do to be of service. We also get together to have a social time - eating, fishing, hunting, bowling, or whatever strikes our fancy! Interested? Shout out for JR McBride at the 10am mass or Jim Halvorson at the 8am service.

ST. MARY'S "DON'T
MESS WITH
TEXAS" PROGRAM

This year we kicked off our 11th year with a beautiful day and good attendance. Present to help were Libby Bluntzer, Lola Cureton, Tom and Mary Hart, Jack Newsom, Fr. Reid and Marie Morgan, Terry Sherman and Kathleen Woodby and me. Morning refreshments were provided, we started off with prayer and two hours and fifteen minutes later, we had policed the one mile stretch from GUYCO Construction east towards Kempner. We collected 25 bags of trash, a few tire alligators and a metal bunk frame. The Harts once again graciously hosted a post-Trash-off lunch of chili, deli sandwiches and homemade cookies - many THANKX!

Our next pick-up is scheduled for February 26th, from 9 to noon (or until complete). We will police our western sector, from GUYCO Construction west to towards Lampasas. The Harts have again offered to host the post-Trash-off gathering. We hope to see you (and a friend) there! God's peace!

Victor Reed

Good Reads!

- Want to kick back with a fun, easy book that catches your
- attention but doesn't make you depressed? Well, if you do,
- then try the "Hannah Swenson" mysteries by Joanne Flukes!
- Marie Morgan got me hooked on these darn things and I can't
- put them down. Hannah is a baker who has a knack for
- finding dead bodies - and solving mysteries. Recipes (really
- good ones!) are dispersed throughout the books. **Not** a book
- to read if you are dieting!

Step Up - St Mary's Wants YOU!

Make some new friends (or resurrect some old ones), have fun, and get stars on your crown at the same time. Join one of these fun ministries at St. Mary's!

Acolytes: Calling all kids! You get to wear cool clothes, help Fr. Reid, and feel important on Sundays. Contact the Director (Phil Brown) or the office. **Altar Guild:** sets up the church, handles the flowers, and makes St. Mary's look (and *smell*) good! Sue Zane Faulkner can hook you up! **ECW:** calling all St. Mary's women who like to laugh! Fay Mullins and Kathleen Woodby are "it"!

Eucharistic Ministers: Help Fr. Reid with communion and read the scripture. Contact Fr. Reid. **Lay Eucharistic Visitors:** This important post is for people who like to bring Christ to the sick and shut-in. See Fr. Reid for details. **Music:** Boy, do these guys carry a tune! Richard Hammett is your man. "Hummers" are welcomed.

OutReach: support Lampasas in 6 different ways. Check with the church for more info. **Ushers:** Like to press the flesh and smile? This PR job is for you! Call the office)

RANDOM FACTS in honor of VALENTINES DAY (and other stuff which is just WEIRD!)

The ancient Greeks believed that redheads would turn into [vampires](#) after they died.ⁱ

Historically, sweat has been an active ingredient in perfume and love potions.⁹

The term "love" is from the Sanskrit *lubhyati*, meaning "desire."

Since ancient Greece, the apple has been a symbol of love. The Celts believed that the apple represented love because it lasted so long after being picked.ⁿ

It is illegal in Waco, Texas, to throw a banana peel onto the street because a horse could slip.^d

Hartford, Connecticut, banned men from kissing their wives on Sundays.^d

In the United States, there is no law or religious dictate that says the bride must take the groom's last name. However, approximately 70% of Americans agree that a bride should change her last name.^b

Guests in ancient times would tear off part of the bride's gown as tokens of good luck, leading to the tradition of the bride throwing both her garter and her bouquet.^c

You cannot snore and dream at the same time.

The Mexican chief Montezuma considered chocolate a "love drug" and drank 50 cups of chocolate a day before visiting his harem of 600 women.^a

Kissing is good for teeth. The anticipation of a kiss increases the flow of saliva to the mouth, giving the teeth a plaque-dispersing bath.^c

(Trivia

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED: Baby Crib

The Harts are looking for a baby crib for grandson, Jeremiah, when he comes to visit. It doesn't have to be fancy or new - just workable. They can trade a bookcase/ display case, and/or a bassinette, some DVD/VHS movies, or other stuff (just ask). 556-1809. Thanks!

NEED A

BABYSITTER?

List your info here and we bet you'll get some business (include if you want to barter, pay money, or trade services...)

FREE OAK & CEDAR

FIREWOOD Come and get it (Harts will help load). See Tom or Mary.

ST MARY'S CHURCH MUGS

PERSONALIZE WITH YOUR NAME FOR \$7.50, ADD A PHOTO OR PHRASE FOR A LITTLE MORE. TOM OR MARY (556-1809) A PORTION OF PROCEEDS WILL GO TO ST. MARY'S

Al Anon Meetings

Every Tuesday night at 8pm
- Hirst House. Take care of yourself by coming to a meeting
(Open to friends and family of alcoholics)

AA Meetings

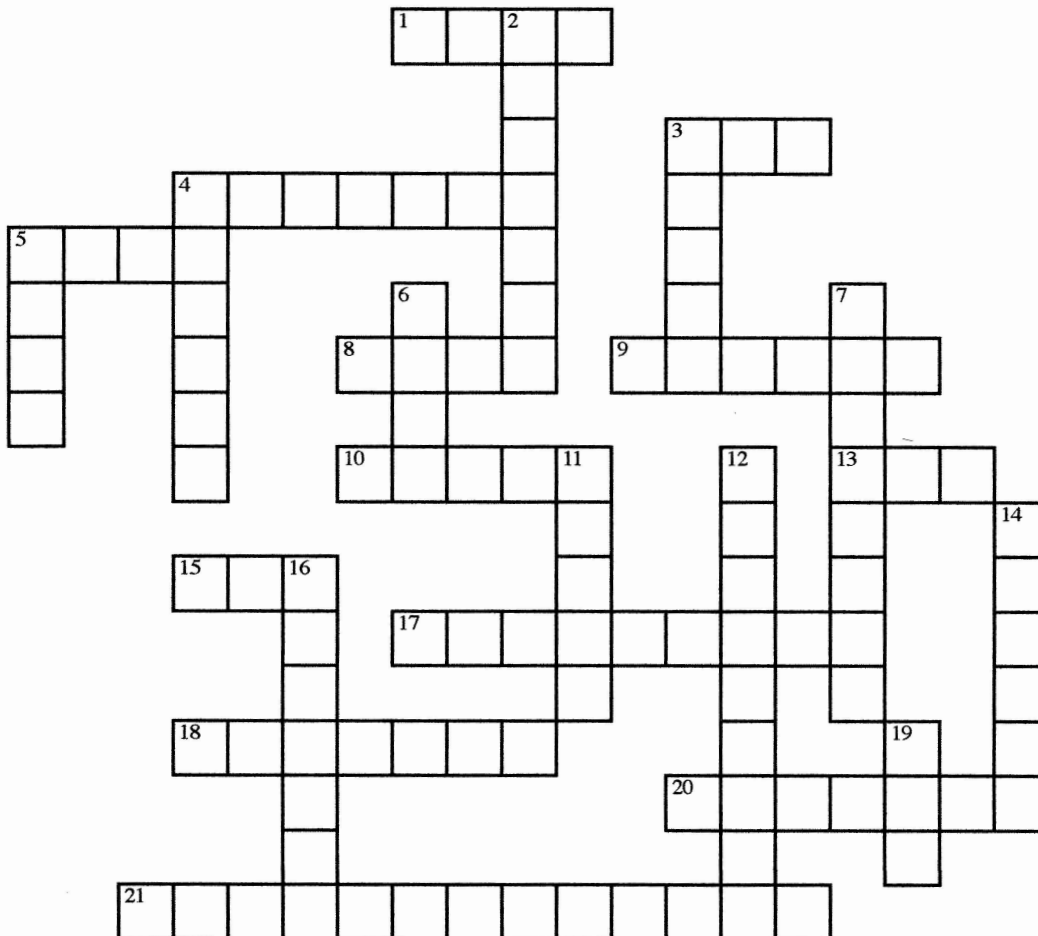
Tuesday and Thursday nights from 8-9pm in the Social Hall. (Open to alcoholics).

ADVERTISE HERE - **FREE!**

Use this space to talk about an upcoming garage sale, fantastic cookies, or puppies that need a home. Need to borrow something, buy something, or trade? Give a "shout out" on St. Mary's Messenger! (Just indicate whether you want to trade, buy, sell, barter, or ??) Hopefully we'll be smart enough to be able to handle photos by then :)

Check out the "Epicenter" website - it's pretty cool! It has blogs on a million different topics, pictures, calendar of events, news from other parishes, and discussions about current events. Website: <http://www.epicenter.org/edot/Default.asp>

JUST FOR FUN...



ACROSS

- 1 Oh man...no more chocolate or dessert!
- 3 Acronym for our "big book"
- 4 Monthly Monday Mission Meals (say that 5x fast!)
- 5 One Texas bishop's first name
- 8 Our communities' patronness
- 9 When Fr. Reid tells us where to go and what to do
- 10 God in human form
- 13 Lola, Ann, Barbara, Kathleen, Fay, and all Episcopal women
- 15 Junior members
- 17 Accepting Jesus into our bodies
- 18 Get wet and join our Christian family
- 20 The first half of the Sunday gathering
- 21 Famous for brownies, potlucks, and good coffee!

DOWN

- 2 Sunday gathering spot for the "Pampers crowd"
- 3 Lots of stories and lessons in this book
- 4 C'mon and sing along with me - here are the words!
- 5 So be it!
- 6 St. Mary's "belly button"
- 7 Abraham, Noah, and Moses made this with God
- 11 Jewish people say this twice each day
- 12 Who we are
- 14 They are "large and in charge" at St. Mary's
- 16 There are 4 of these in the "big book"
- 19 Home for 2x2 animals