

March Stewardship Message

Bottom line up front: St. Richard's Church family is abundantly blessed by the outpouring of pledges toward our Many Members, One Family stewardship campaign. Closing out the pledging focus of our annual stewardship campaign, we're grateful for the 143 pledges received totaling \$626,129, thereby exceeding the Finance Committee's asking budget of \$625,00. More notably, 23 pledgers doubled down pledging to both the operations budget and the Parish Hall debt reduction. Additionally, some 28 Time and Talent pledges were received, bolstering engagement in St. Richard's activities during CY 2024.

Now, our Stewardship Committee turns the focus on discipleship opportunities – engaging your time and talents with missional activities and outreach. If any would like to revisit pledging their time and talents, may we suggest contacting Jennifer Winborn, Director of Parish Operations, to ask for a copy of the Spiritual Gifts Inventory, that your unique talents may be brought to the forefront and applied more effectively. Maybe, just maybe, you'll be pleasantly surprised, as I was, by what your current spiritual gifts actually are! I recall Frederick Buechner's comment from one of Fr. Cameron's Lenten Supper discussions concerning our Lord's call to discipleship: "The place where God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." We'll drill down further on that subject next month. So, for now...

Thank all of you, yes, all y'all, for your abundant generosity. Surely, the Holy Spirit is leading St. Richard's church family forward in active discipleship, love, and service.

IHS – St. Richard's Stewardship Committee

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THE ROCK Weekly

This Sunday at St. Richard's

March 17, 2024

- 8:00 am Holy Communion, Rite I, Nave
(Nursery/Toddler Atrium available 8am to noon)
- 9:15 am Christian Formation for all ages
- 10:30 am Holy Communion, Rite II, Nave
(also livestreamed via YouTube)
- 5:00 pm Youth Group, Parish Hall

Annual Stewardship



Many Members One Body 2024

Annual Stewardship Campaign

We ask that you prayerfully consider how God is calling you forward in faith this year with your time, talent, and treasure. To give, you may go through our website or turn in a pledge card to the church office.

Music Ministry



Easter is coming soon – and Palm Sunday, and Holy Week – and we would love to have a large festival choir for those occasions! We practice Wednesday evenings 7:30-9 pm, a very convenient walk from the Parish Hall after our Lenten suppers – and invite you to share your musical gifts with your church family this spring! We'd also love to have more ringers in the bell choir (rehearsals will be after the 10:30 Sunday service during Lent), and welcome instrumental offerings as well! Please contact our music director, Sara Burden-McClure, at sara@saintrichards.org to get involved!

Community of Care

Community of Care – Training in **April** (details to come)

Community of Care, St. Richard's Eucharistic ministry provides visitation and communion to those who are unable to attend services. If you have a compassionate heart and feel lead to join this ministry, a training course will begin in April. For additional information regarding this ministry and to register for training contact Aline Murphy (alimurphy@suddenlink.net) or Jerry Lyle (jllyle25468@gmail.com)

Adult Ministries

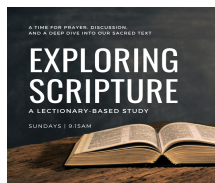
The Rector's Roundtable Sundays at 9:15 in Parish Hall with Fr. Cameron

Join us as we continue our exploration of a passage in the book of Ezekiel each week, learning more about his visions and prophecies while ministering to the Jewish captives in Babylon.



Exploring Scripture Class Sundays at 9:15 in Parish Hall with Karen Burnup

Join adults of all ages as we gather to hear, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the great big over-arching story of the Bible delivered weekly through our lectionary-based study.



Brotherhood of St. Andrew Saturdays at 9 in Ridley Room

Men often struggle to build strong connections with other men, or to find spaces where they can be vulnerable about the challenges they face– things like marital strife, questions of faith, and how to be an effective parent. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is designed to fill that need. If you are a man in the church looking for the things described above, consider joining us. We meet every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. in the Ridley Room. For more information, contact Curt Young, curtis.young@sbcglobal.net.

Women's Morning Bible Study Wednesdays at 10pm in Parish Hall

All women are invited to attend our Bible study starting at 10 am. During Lent, Father Ron Parry is leading the class reflecting on Jesus, Our Lord. We meet in the Parish Hall classroom. Come join us or contact Father Ron Parry at 209-617-1849.

Women's Group Mondays at 7pm on Zoom

During Lent, we will reflect and discuss Prayer Practices using Father Cameron's Sunday School lessons on Prayer (videos are on our website or YouTube). We will preview the lesson, then discuss for an hour while connected over Zoom. We meet at 7pm on most Monday nights. To join our Zoom Group, please contact Alice McDow at 512-689-8547 or alice.mcdow@gmail.com.

March 28 (Maundy Thursday)	SERVICE 7PM
March 29 (Good Friday)	NOON, SERVICE 6PM, STATIONS 7PM
March 30 (Holy Saturday)	VIGIL 8PM
March 31 (Easter Sunday)	RITE I 8AM RITE II 9:30AM & 11AM

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Ministry Happenings

Children's Ministry

Good Shepherd Kids Ages 3-12 Sundays 9:15 to 10:15

Come see what we're doing in Good Shepherd Kids!

Level 1 (3-6 years) We will continue exploring our faith through stations that include Easter stories, parables, the altar, baptism, and responding through artwork.

Level 2 (6-9 years) We will continue with Godly Play lessons that focus on important foundational stories from the Bible and responding through crafts and artwork.

Level 3 (9-12 years) We will continue exploring our faith through studying Old Testament Bible passages.

Children's Ministry Volunteer Opportunities

Thanks to those of you who have volunteered to help in our classes. We still have some open dates for assistants. There are clip boards in the narthex where you can check the dates needed and sign up for a particular date or leave your name and number to be placed on a list of people willing to help when needed. Call Diane DuTeil if you have any questions! 512-791-3017 or dianeduteil77@gmail.com

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St. Richard's Preschool & Kindergarten

Open registration for the 2024-25 school year is now in progress.

Call (512) 248-1789 or email Cantrell@strichardspreschool.org for more information.

NOW HIRING - We are looking for someone who is passionate about early childhood education and is committed to providing our families and students with the best preschool experience. Call our school office or email preschool@saintrichards.org for more information.

Parish-wide Events

Parish Life

March 20th: Lenten Soup Supper (provided by Small Groups members)

Film Club Meeting - April 3rd at 7pm

Like discussing movies and what they might mean to you or even the filmmakers themselves? Do you have thoughts on meaning, spirituality, and what makes quality storytelling? Then join us as we talk about movies from all angles - from pure entertainment value to the creative craftsmanship of making a film and putting it into the world. We'll discuss **Barbie** (2023, available on HBO Max, available to rent on Amazon Prime and other outlets) on **Wednesday, April 3rd**, from 7pm-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. Contact Amy Nordhausen to be added to the Film Club email list: ameliaclaire@hotmail.com

A Musical Feast Concert Series - second Sunday every month

Hosted by St. Richard's as a community ministry, this monthly concert series gives local musicians an opportunity to perform without venue fees in a responsive acoustic and build audience base, and provides a very affordable option (free - donations for the musicians gratefully accepted) for the general public to enjoy excellent music and support creative members of our community. Bonus: we have a great social way to introduce our church to friends and neighbors! Please save second Sundays at 5 pm for this fun fellowship!

Not Past 11 - April 14th at 5 pm

Named for its original members' curfew (not a problem now!), Not Past 11 is a **big band** hailing from Georgetown. Their musical repertoire spans a delightful mix of genres, including **rock, swing, contemporary jazz and more from the '60's, '70's and later.**



Hugh Chandler & Patty Esfandiari - May 12th at 5 pm



Guitarist/composer Hugh Chandler and oboist Patty Esfandiari bring us a beautiful and somewhat quirky concert for Mother's Day, ranging from **classical to contemporary** (including a few selections by Hugh). This talented duo performs regularly on the series, equally at ease with Renaissance and modern instruments. Suggestion: treat Mom to this program, and then dinner afterwards!

Outreach Opportunities

Volunteer Opportunities at Round Rock Serving Center

All adults and youth are encouraged to participate in this very meaningful volunteer effort. No need to sign up to participate, just show up at 9:30 am in the lobby of the Serving Center. Volunteers, please park next door in the Head Start parking lot and not at the Serving Center or Nursing Facility. For questions, please contact Kate Monteiro, katharine.lukas@gmail.com, or Cady Clark, 512-791-1025, cadyclark@austin.rr.com.



2024 RRASC Parish Workdays

March 23rd, June 8th, September 14th, December 14th

RRASC Food Donation Bins

As you consider ways to explore the Lenten disciplines of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer this season, we invite you to consider the Serving Center in your almsgiving. They are struggling with a shortage of volunteers. If volunteering isn't a fit for you, consider donating non-perishable food in the purple bins in our church entry! All non-perishable goods welcome, particularly those for babies.

Legacy of Compassion Capital Campaign Urgent Request!

The clock is ticking, and we have only **25 days** to raise the remaining **\$226,000** to meet our matching foundation challenge and receive the \$1.3 million dollar grant. All donations and pledges must be received by **April 11** to ensure the Serving Center receives this critical funding. If you have been thinking and praying about the generous gift you can make to help those in need in our community, now is the time to do it.

Pledges of up to three years and one-time donations can all be made of the Serving Centers website at www.rrasc.org. Your Easter pledge or donation of any amount is greatly appreciated and will benefit our community for years to come.

Church Office Closures

March 29th: Good Friday

April 1st: Easter Monday

Connect With Us!

Website: www.saintrichards.org

Instagram: @saintrichardschurch

Facebook: saintrichardsepiscopalchurch

YouTube: St. Richard's Live

Podcast: Day by Day with St. Richard's, available on all major platforms

Please keep these parishioners, family members and friends in your prayers:

Iyan Wren, Curtis Young, Alice Jones, Scott Windham, Devin Windham, Kent Brenneman, Margaret Holloway, Eva Chambles, Barbara Cagle, Avis Reid, Henry Burden, Andy Meyer, Marjorie Meyer, Gayle Korte, Shannon Bivens, Dick & Sue Likon, Nichalus Mourer, Hans Mueller, Duane, Ellie Whitson, Jerry & Pat Lyle, Donna Bivens, Ned Stocker, Kate Beebe, Bob & Christina Griffin, Joyce Quitter, Gibby Dean, LaNan Saxon, Debbie Hinkle, Jim Pitts, Mary Powell, Marta Arana, Roger Hayes, Jesse Corona, Robert Hoehn, Dolores Thurman, and those impacted by violence in the Holy Land.

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week: Patricia Beske, Molly Dwight, Paul Lippa, Luke Harrison, Herriot Parker, Becky Parker, Christopher Field, Thomas Smajstrla, Sherry Gillespie, Lucinda Saxon, Brian Chase, Faith Richerson, Abbey Curlee, Adrienne Horn, Lily Byrd, Ella Richerson, Carla Amacher, Emily Eagle, Sloane Teasley

Please contact the church office, (512) 255-5436, if you or a loved one needs to be added to our prayer list. You may also fill out an online prayer request through our website.