



# THE CROSSROADS

## From the Desk of the Rector

### The Kingdom of God is like...

Trying to summarize the Kingdom of God in 700 words or less is an impossible task. Even Jesus, the initiator of the Kingdom of God, used parables when he talked about the Kingdom. He said, "the Kingdom of God is like..." and then used everyday examples that his listeners would be able to recognize in some way. And so when I fail to convey the full reality of the Kingdom of God in this article, I will have the peace of knowing that even Jesus had to resort to metaphors in his teaching.

And yet striving to live into this Kingdom is what the church is called to do. Part of the challenge of this concept may be that the reality of the Kingdom of God is already with us. It was initiated by Jesus and continues to be perpetuated by the Holy Spirit through the life of the gathered Body of Christ. However, the fullness of the Kingdom of God is not yet present. We are an "already but not yet" people. We live in the reality of our redemption and yet we feel down in our being that this isn't all there is.

Last month I made a list of things that the church often does in its everyday life. I tried to indicate that while each of these things may have its place, they are not the main purposes of the church's existence.

Our main purpose as a group is to be Christ in the world. We are to continue his proclamation of the presence of God's reign already among us but not yet fully initiated. Our main objective as a church is to continue to fulfill the Great Commission that is given

to us by Jesus: to go and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything he has commanded.

In the process of living into the Kingdom of God, the church will care for the poor, pack the seats of the nave, engage in beautiful worship, and gather in fellowship. But none of these things are our *raison d'être*. They are parts of the life of a Kingdom-based community, means to an end, not the ends in themselves.

As citizens of the Kingdom of God, we have a very specific task that is actually very difficult to communicate through any specific doctrine, agenda, or job description. I think that is because living into the Reign of God is at its center, very incarnational. It is a process of continually orienting ourselves toward the center of our existence, God. It is an ongoing, everyday journey to pick ourselves up and answer Jesus' invitation to follow him and come and see what the Kingdom looks like.

Being Kingdom people means taking seriously our baptismal vow to be little Christs in the larger Body by putting aside all of the other kingdoms in our lives that may try to take top priority in our existence.

Finally the Kingdom of God is not an institution or a budget. And if we confuse the two, we will be greatly disillusioned when the institution collapses and the coffers run dry. The Kingdom of God is something so much

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**Fr. Kelley J. Lackey II,**  
Rector of St. Andrew's

## **Bishop confirms class of seven**

### *Chapel for children consecrated during February visit*

A full house – make that a “full nave” – of parishioners and guests gathered at St. Andrew’s on Feb. 20 to worship and welcome seven new Episcopalians, confirmed by the Right Rev. Dean Wolfe, bishop of Kansas.



*The confirmands were: Will Dyer, Jake Petty, Michelle Petty, Jacob Williamson, Amy Williamson, Antonia Felix and Daniel O’Rear.*



*Bishop Wolfe lays hands on Will Dyer as he is confirmed.*



Bishop Wolfe, who was accompanied by Archdeacon Charles Pearce, also consecrated our new St. Nicholas Chapel, which occupies space that has served as church office, storeroom and general “catch-all” over the years. The room, refurbished and

repainted by Fr. Kelley, Nancy Pontius and Craig Marriott, is now ready to be used as a chapel for children’s services. (St. Nicholas is the patron saint of children.)

After the consecration, a crowd estimated at 95 packed the Parish Hall for a family lunch of chili and pie prepared by parish volunteers and served by members of the Parish Life committee.

Those who helped provide the feast included: Pat Adams, Dobby Bailey, Gay Barnes, Susan Brinkman, Helen Call, Leigh Ann Crofoot, Brian Dyer, Elaine Edwards, Donna Eudaley, Kelley Fowler, June Hubert, Erin Gilmore, Sarah Harbaugh, Judy Heasley, Jacque James, Patrick Kelley and Lynn Bonney, Jordan Kline, Gabe Lackey, Sue McKinney, David and Susan Mai, Gary Mason, Nancy Pontius, Nancy Romine, Shirley Schoap, Nancy Toms and Sue Wilson,

## Looking ahead

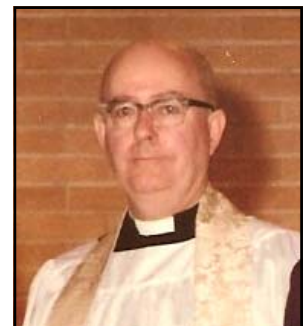
- Friday, March 4** Church Women United will observe World Day of Prayer with a service open to all women in the community. The service will take place at 9:30 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church West Campus.
- Sunday, March 6** Loose change and designated checks will support Jezeel Marie, our “adopted” child in the Philippines.
- Tuesday, March 8** St. Andrew’s will be serving the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Tickets, \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, are available in advance or at the door. Bring friends, neighbors and co-workers. All profits help make the ministries of St. Andrew’s possible in our community and beyond.
- Wednesday, March 9** Ash Wednesday will be observed with the imposition of ashes at 7 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. The Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes will be celebrated at 6 p.m. Because it is a day of fast, there will be no community meal this evening.
- Thursday, March 10** The Vestry meets at 6 p.m. in the conference room. Vestry meetings are open to all parishioners.
- Friday, March 11** The first observance of Stations of the Cross will begin at 7 p.m. at St. Andrew’s. Throughout Lent, the Stations will alternate between St. Andrew’s and Sacred Heart Catholic Church.
- Friday, March 18** Stations of the Cross will begin at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church.
- Tuesday, March 22** The women of St. Andrew’s will meet for their monthly lunch; this month’s restaurant is Amanda’s, at Commercial Street and Seventh Avenue. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.; participants – who may include men and children – are invited to come and go as their schedules permit.
- Friday, March 25** Stations of the Cross will begin at 7 p.m. at St. Andrew’s.
- Sunday, March 27** Loose change and designated checks will support outreach projects at St. Andrew’s.
- Friday, April 1** Stations of the Cross will begin at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart.

## Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord...

Fr. Roger Jack Bunday died Feb. 27 in Milwaukee at the age of 91. He was the second-longest serving rector in the history of St. Andrew’s, having been the parish’s priest from Sept. 27, 1972 to Aug. 19, 1984. He died peacefully in hospice care from the pulmonary fibrosis he had suffered with for several years.

Fr. Bunday had been active at All Saints’ Cathedral, which was only two blocks from his apartment. Until he entered a nursing home he had enjoyed the east view over Lake Michigan and the south view over Milwaukee harbor from his 11th floor apartment. He was still able to speak Gaelic and enjoyed the Irish pub that was close by.

(Information is from John Randolph, who was at St. Andrew’s during Fr. Bunday’s tenure here and was a friend of his.)





"Gracious St. Joseph, protect me and my family from all evil as you did the Holy Family. Kindly keep us ever united in the love of Christ, ever fervent in the imitation of the virtue of our Blessed Lady, your sinless spouse, and always faithful in devotion to you. Amen." —From the *Franciscan Mission Associates. The feast day of St. Joseph, the patron saint of the universal Church, fathers and workers, is celebrated on March 19.*

### ***In our daily prayers we celebrate***

#### ***Births***

March 1	Kevin Williams
March 4	Jordan Kline
March 7	Florence Colaw
March 8	Barbara DeBauge
March 9	Delaney Adams
March 10	Cade Amend Sabra Rodriguez
March 11	Shirlee Ebberts
March 12	Kathryn Lackey
March 18	Cori Anderson Anna Basler
March 19	Megan Gilpin
March 22	Ian Brinkman John Dougherty Ann North
March 24	Jean Runge
March 25	Elise Hauth
March 28	John Bannon Blake Mitchell
March 30	Sue Wilson
March 31	Tyson Fowler

#### ***Baptisms***

March 1	Jenny Harder
March 3	Jordan Crofoot
March 8	Patrick Kelley
March 10	Larie Schoap
March 16	Antonia Felix
March 17	Justin Davis Hannah Harder Carolyn Lackey
March 21	Harry Bird
March 22	Andrew Troyer
March 28	Lynn Bonney
March 29	Jean Runge

#### ***Confirmations***

March 1	Larry Eudaley Jenny Harder
March 14	Barbara Walker
March 17	Shanda Henricks
March 18	Lynn Bonney Nancy Toms

## **Milestones**

March 22	Barbara MacGregor
March 26	Grady Fowler
March 29	Larry DeBauge Nancy Garcia
March 31	Jean Runge (received) Chase Harder Hannah Harder Kelby Harrell

#### ***Marriages***

March 6	Dave & Shanda Henricks
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#### ***We remember***

March 2	Rosamund Shulley
March 3	Mary Martin
March 4	Jason Austin
March 5	Alfred Christie
March 6	John Gladfelter Zelma Noble
March 7	Reva Herman
March 8	Lloyd Price
March 9	Gertrude Leonard Lyle Noyes
March 10	Anna Canby Mabel Corbett
March 12	Mary Barnes
March 16	Lloyd Edwards
March 18	Dorothy Kimbell
March 19	Clinton Henning
March 20	Elmer Jones
March 21	Maxie Bird
March 22	Mildred Purviance Bertha Sprague
March 23	Lucetta Stover
March 28	Olevia Hunt Georgia Morrison
March 29	Nillie Ruth Markle

If a date that's important to you hasn't been included in this calendar, please notify the church office at [office@standrewsemporia.org](mailto:office@standrewsemporia.org) or (342-1537).

# March Server Schedule

	March 6	March 9 Ash Wed. 6 p.m.	March 13	March 20	March 27	April 3	April 10
Chalice bearer	J. Runge	R. Mitchell	P. Davis	J. Runge	R. Mitchell	P. Davis	G. Garcia
Priest server	R. Mitchell	S. McKinney	P. Kelley	S. McKinney	P. Kelley	R. Mitchell	P. Kelley
Crucifer	J. Runge	G. Mason	P. Davis	G. Mason	R. Mitchell	P. Davis	G. Garcia
Torch 1	C. Amend	A. Mitchell	C. Amend	J. Crofoot	C. Amend	A. Mitchell	G. Mason
Torch 2	C. Brockelman	-open-	G. Mason	C. Brockelman	A. Mitchell	C. Brockelman	J. Crofoot
Lector	J. Brownlee	J. Runge	M. Amend	N. Romine	J. Runge	M. Amend	M. Mingenback
Inter-cessor	B. Barnes	M. Mingenback	M. Harrell	M. Mingenback	L. Bonney	B. Barnes	L. Bonney
Nursery 1	-open-	-open-	N. Jacob	S. Brinkman	-open-	N. Jacob	-open-
Nursery 2	-open-	-open-	A. Jacob	-open-	-open-	A. Jacob	-open-
Greeter 1	B. Clamurro	-open-	D. Mai	-open-	J. Brownlee	D. Mai	B. Clamurro
Greeter 2	A. Brownlee	-open-	S. Mai	-open-	A. Brownlee	S. Mai	N. Romine
LEV 1	B. Barnes	--	J. Hubert	G. Mason	L. Bonney	B. Barnes	G. Mason
LEV 2	-open-	--	-open-	S. McKinney	J. Hubert	-open-	P. Kelley
Altar Guild	Gilpin/Basler/ Weidert	Garcia/ Barnes/Bailey	Pontius/Mai	Mitchell/ Mitchell	Gilpin/Basler/ Weidert	Garcia/ Barnes/Bailey	Pontius/Mai

**Please remember that you are responsible for finding a substitute if you are unable to serve**

## **Pancake supper tickets available**

Shrove Tuesday is March 8 and once again we will hold our pancake supper—all the pancakes you can eat, beverage and a choice of sausage or ham. This is a major fund-raising event for St. Andrew's—invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers to join you! Pancakes will be served 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Tickets (\$5 for 10 and older; \$3 for children under 10) are available in the office and from Don Bailey, Bill Barnes, and Nancy Pontius and Sarah Harbaugh. Call the office if you need phone numbers (342-1537).

Help is needed to set up, serve and clean up. Please add your name to the sheet on the parish hall doors if you can help.

## **Why do we eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday?**

The word shrove is the past participle of the English verb to shrive, which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of confession and penance. In earlier times, Christians were expected to go to confession as part of their preparation for Lent. In addition to cleansing their souls, they also cleansed their bodies – and their pantries.

Shrove Tuesday, the last day before Lent begins, was recorded in histories as early as A.D. 1000, which indicates that it was a long-standing tradition before that. Christians ate rich foods to use up fats and sugars in their homes before a time of fasting and abstinence.

Many cultures opt for pancakes, with butter and syrup, as a way of keeping that tradition. However, it's not uncommon to find cultures feasting on doughnuts, pastries, even fried sweet dumplings as part of their Shrove Tuesday observance.

## **Where do we get the ashes for Ash Wednesday?**

The ashes that are placed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday as a reminder of our mortality are remnants of the palms of Palm Sunday's past, as well as old prayer books and Bibles.

Burning is the proper way to dispose of these items. If you have prayer books, Bibles or palms to be burnt, please bring them to the church office so they can be reverentially burned on Shrove Tuesday.

## **From the Rector, cont.**

greater that uses institutions and budgets as part of its work but certainly is not confined to any organizational structure or dollar amount we may put on it.

At the risk of heresy, let me try to make up my own poorly constructed parable about the church and the Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God is like a shadow in the corner of your eye that you see in a split second while you are doing something else. It may have been brief but you know that in it you have participated in something beyond capacity, beyond expectation. You know that in that moment of action and perception, you have encountered God.

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## From the Diocese

### **The Crossroads Campaign ... responding to God's call across the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas**

You are invited to participate in a fundraising campaign of unprecedented scope in this diocese. The Crossroads Campaign seeks to raise nearly \$6 million to fund three initiatives related to ministry and leadership formation.

The campaign vision is to:

- Endow the Kansas School for Ministry, where people from parishes small and large can gather to learn – new skills for lay ministry, and the education and formation of deacons and priests. It will allow preparation for ordination in a local setting, without the high cost of three years of seminary.
- Build a modern Leadership Center that will provide space for the Kansas School for Ministry, for meetings of ministry teams from around the diocese, and for diocesan offices.
- Tithe to mission and outreach, to help grow the various ministry programs our parishes already support and to widen the opportunity to serve others.

Just under \$2.5 million has been raised so far, the most ever in a diocesan campaign.

Over the next several weeks you will learn more about Crossroads and how your parish will participate in this effort. Until then, we ask everyone to begin to consider prayerfully how God is calling you to join in this exciting opportunity.

—Charlene L. DeWitt, Director of Development and Stewardship

### **Registrations open for youth events**

Registration is now open for

New Beginnings to be held April 1-3 in Wichita; registration deadline March 25.

Mega Camp at Camp Wood June 5-11; priority registration deadline May 9.

MissionPalooza July 18-24 in KCMO; registration deadline June 18.

You can find registration forms and more information online at <http://www.episcopal-ks.org/youth/>.

—Chad Senuta, Youth Missioner

## **Prefer your newsletter online?**

We are updating our print and online mailing lists for Crossroads. If you would like to receive your Crossroads online, please send an email to the office and we will put you on our electronic mailing list. The address is [office@standrewsemporia.org](mailto:office@standrewsemporia.org).

Not only will you see your newsletter sooner than those who get theirs in the mail, you will also save the church money spent for postage, printing, folding, stamping and labeling.

And you'll see the photos in color!

## **March is soup month**

In March, we'll be filling the shopping cart with soup. When you're shopping, please remember to pick up a box or can to share with hungry people in our community. We'll see that it gets to the Salvation Army's food bank to help feed folks in our community.

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**Brian Dyer**  
**Jacque Heckman-James**  
**Patrick Kelley**  
**Jordan Kline**  
**Sue McKinney**  
**Nancy Pontius**  
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