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From Four Shepherd

Dear Faithful in the Lord,

One of the second lessons in July's Morning Prayer focuses on the kingdom of Heaven in terms of smallness, negligible in terms of size and at times unseen and yet so potent. While the presence of continuing church movements may be small, they are no less in their fidelity to Scripture, Liturgy and Sacraments

This parable is apt in the case of the continuing church movement. Three decades after the congress of St. Louis, though small, the churches have remained faithful. One of our churches and two clergy have sought communion in the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA). While the ACNA seems to satisfy the quest for belonging to a bigger outfit, the cost is a compromise on apostolic tradition and orders, accepting women's ordination, in part or totality. Some faithful members have been told the ACNA will phase out the existing women clergy or there is a moratorium on women's ordination. The logic of this does not make sense. If they are phasing out or they have moratorium on the ordination of women clergy, that implies that it is already there in the way of deaconess and priestess and they will continue on until the Lord calls them home. And reality is that the ACNA Archbishop, at the last month ordained several women priests.

In the footsteps of Apostolic tradition, this is unacceptable. This is not an offense to womanhood. Women are the backbone of our churches in so many ways other than assisting at altars. In fact, one such faithful woman of our church, used the analogy of cancer to describe the ordination of women in a part of the church body. If the body has cancer, then it doesn't matter where the cancer is in the body, the fact is that the body has cancer. We are not equating cancer with women clergy, but rather, if it there, it's there. With C. S. Lewis we agree: *"I have every respect for those who wish women to be priestesses. I think they are sincere and pious and sensible people". But what we are saying is that it is a break from the apostolic orders and tradition and it does affect the entire body of Christ.*

As the sheep of His flock, we need to be watchful of those who water down the Apostolic Tradition of the faith once delivered unto the saints. Stay watchful. If we give in, we give into the sliding scale for there are too many ravening wolves in the sheep's clothing. Here is the rationale that C. S. Lewis offers:

"...We are short of priests. We have discovered in one profession after another that women can do very well all sorts of things which were once supposed to be in the power of men alone. No one among those who dislike the proposal is maintaining that women are less capable than men of piety, zeal, learning and whatever else seems necessary for the pastoral office. What, then, except prejudice begotten by tradition, forbids us to draw on the huge reserves which could pour into the priesthood if women were here, as in so many other professions, put on the same footing as men? And against this flood of common sense, the opposers (many of them women) can produce at first nothing but an inarticulate distaste, a sense of discomfort which they themselves find it hard to analyze.

"That this reaction does not spring from any contempt for women is, I think, plain from history. The Middle Ages carried their reverence for one Woman to a point at which the charge could be plausibly made that the Blessed Virgin became in their eyes almost 'a fourth Person of the Trinity'. But never, so far as I know, in all those ages was anything remotely resembling a sacerdotal office attributed to her. All salvation depends on the decision which she made in the words Ecce ancilla; (3) she is united in nine months' inconceivable intimacy with the eternal Word; she stands at the foot of the cross. (4) But she is absent both from the Last Supper (5) and from the descent of the Spirit at Pentecost. (6) Such is the record of Scripture. Nor can you daff it aside by Saying that local and temporary conditions condemned women to Silence and private life. There were female preachers. One man had four daughters who all 'prophesied', i.e. preached. (7) There were prophetesses even in Old Testament times. Prophetesses, not priestesses.

"At this point the common sensible reformer is apt to ask why, if women can preach, they cannot do all the rest of a priest's work. This question deepens the discomfort of my side. We begin to feel that what really divides us from our opponents is a difference between the meaning which they and we give to the word 'priest'. The more they speak (and speak truly) about the competence of women in administration, their tact and sympathy as advisers, their national talent for 'visiting', the more we feel that the central thing is being forgotten. To us a priest is primarily a representative, a double representative, who represents us to God and God to us. Our very eyes teach us this in church. Sometimes the priest turns his back on us and faces the East he speaks to God for us: sometimes he faces us and speaks to us for God. We have no objection to a woman doing the first: the whole difficulty is about the second. But why? Why should a woman not in this sense represent God? Certainly not because she is necessarily, or even probably, less holy or less charitable or stupider than a man. In that sense she may be as 'God-like' as a man; and a given women much more so than a given man. The sense in which she cannot represent God will perhaps be plainer if we look at the thing the other way round.



C.S. Lewis

"Suppose the reformer stops saying that a good woman may be like God and begins saying that God is like a good woman. Suppose he says that we might just as well pray to 'Our Mother which art in heaven' as to 'Our Father'. Suppose he suggests that the Incarnation might just as well have taken a female as a male form, and the Second Person of the Trinity be as well called the Daughter as the Son. Suppose, finally, that the mystical marriage were reversed, that the Church were the Bridegroom and Christ the Bride. All this, as it seems to me, is involved in the claim that a woman can represent God as a priest does... (From God in the Dock, C.S. Lewis)

+ Leo Michael

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Fr. William Beaver-2010	St. Joseph's Wichita
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Fr. Scott Lay - 2011	St. Peter's, Albuquerque, NM
Dn. James King	St. James, Kansas City, MO
Fr. Arnie Wood	St. Joseph's, Wichita, KS

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Mike Lozano - (1 yr) -2010	St. Edward's, Lockhart, TX
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LAITY

Connie Crawshaw - 2010	Holy Trinity, Sheridan, WY
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In Memoriam

Donna Andrew (All Saints Church, Pittsburg, KS)
 Linda Scott (St. Peter's, Albuquerque, NM)
 Robert Baxter (St. James, Kansas City, MO) A memorial website has been set up by the Baxter family for Robert at: www.robertbaxtermemorial.com



Scenes from Synod 2009



ST. JOSEPH, WICHITA, KANSAS

Of course, the biggest story we have for St. Joseph's is the Ordination of Father Arnie Wood. We are all so excited about this! With this new development, Fr. Beaver will begin to reduce his duties at St. Joseph as he turns over those responsibilities to Fr. Arnie.

In the fellowship hall, we now have new flooring. The priest's office is finished. We are progressing nicely and will soon have new paint to cover the multi-colored waves. We are looking into stained glass windows and possibly new locks on the exterior doors. We are also planning a large cross for the north side of the building to make it have the appearance of a church. A few other things are



in the works, but this will all take a little more time.

Renovations are continuing at St. Joseph's. The fence in front of the building has come

down, and the playground equipment has been moved to the area behind the church. With new swings and some clean-up, the kids are enjoying this play area.

above: Joey Luce, grandson of Fr. Arnie

St. James, Kansas City, MO

St. James in News - Sun Publications, Kansas City
Joyful Noise: St. James Anglican Church celebrates tradition, future during 30th anniversary

Written by Linda Friedel,
Staff writer
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KEVIN ANDERSON/SUN PHOTOS
The Rev. Leo J. Michael reads the announcements and other news during Mass Sunday, July 12 at St. James Anglican Church, 8107 Holmes Road. Michael said he came to St. James to grow the church.

St. James Anglican Church, 8107 S. Holmes Road, Kansas City, Mo., will celebrate the 30th anniversary of its presence in the Kansas City area Saturday, July 25.

Festivities, open to the

public, start with a traditional Anglican High Mass including a guest cantor and the unveiling of 10 new stained glass windows, followed by a speaker, food and entertainment.

"It's a wonderful thing," said Robert Klein, a St. James Anglican Church member for 16 years.

Klein currently serves as senior warden, a liaison between the rector and congregation. He began attending St. James while dating a member of the church, the woman he later married.

"I was looking for the faith as close to the apostles as I could find," he said. "For me, I found the answers that were missing in the Protestant faith."

Historical St. James Anglican Church

The church was founded in 1978 by Jim King, deacon, who converted his garage in Kansas City, Mo., to a chapel. He said weather became an issue while worshiping in the garage and the congregation wanted growth.

"We were looking for something conducive to a larger influx of people," he said.

According to several members and the church's Web site, St. James Anglican Church moved in the late 1970s and early 1980s to various spaces including a vicar's home, Prairie Village Community Center, Johnson County YMCA, a renovated church building in 1981 at 4400 Wyoming, Kansas City, Mo., and finally the current site, where the church has been for a decade.

"St. James has always been a parish that serves all of the metropolitan area," Lynn Baxter, a 28-year member, said. "I presently live in Ohio but still am a member and participant in the life of St. James Church. It is a unique environment and a very special church."

Following the Holy Mass Sunday, July 12 at St. James Anglican Church, 8107 Holmes Road, acolytes and clergy, right, exit during the recessional hymn. The church recently had new stained glass windows installed.

Bishop Michael becomes rector

The Rev. Leo J. Michael, bishop ordinary, Diocese of Holy Trinity & Great Plains, has served as rector at St. James Anglican Church since August 2008. He said he came to grow the church.

"Little is known of the church," he said. "We have been very, very faithful."

Michael said when St. James bought the church building on Holmes, the congregation remodeled in its entirety. The ornate wood carvings and high altar in the sanctuary represent traditional Anglican features. He said the stained glass windows depicting stories in the Bible add reverence.



"It adds to the worship ambiance, so that their hearts and souls may be lifted," he said.

Michael said weekly Sunday masses follow traditional Anglican worship and include cantors singing Anglican chants Acappella. The congregation uses the 1928 Common Prayer Book, written in Old English language, and Hymnals for singing.

"The quintessential reason for St. James' existence in Kansas City is its fidelity in upholding the historic Catholic faith, apostolic order, Orthodox liturgical worship and evangelical witness to the traditional Anglican Church," he said. "In keeping with the Anglican Tradition, this is our motto to practice and uphold

the same as the early Christians did."

St. James impacts Kansas City

Michael said the St. James congregation is a diverse community with members from Kenya, Nigeria, Philippines, Vietnam and the



greater Kansas City area. The church provides a food bank which they plan to expand.

"It's truly Catholic, accepted by everyone everywhere," he said.

Holly Michael, the bishop's wife and editor of St. James' quarterly publication "Koinonia," serving Anglican churches throughout the country, said the church has begun offering the building to businesses and organizations for meetings.

"We're opening ourselves up to the community," she said. "We want to be here for everybody."

Eventually, Holly said, St. James wants to host performing arts, music, local Kansas City venues and weddings. She said St. James, like many Anglican churches, has a small congregation but events like monthly potlucks and fellowship hour after every mass provides time for families to get to know each other well.

"It's a family," she said. "We have a more intimate relationship with our members."

King credits Michael's impact on St. James today, saying the church has all the impetus for growth.

"He's doing all the things that no one else has

done in the past," King said. "I'm thankful for that."

St. Gabriel, Greeley

From Cathy Primbs:



Bishop Leo Michael and his wife, Holly, visited our church in late April. During the visit, Sergio Acosta, Fernando Lopez, Yaria Gutierrez, Aseh Gutierrez, and Sujaina Cardenas were confirmed. There were approximately 50 people present for the ceremony and Mass. While visiting, the Bishop gave Spanish misselettes, which were greatly welcomed.

Another celebration took place as Fr. Kern performed Holy Matrimony for the Barriente's granddaughter. The great-granddaughter was recently Baptized.

St. Gabriel's has received a new record book. Also, Fr. Kern received new vestments. The Vestry met in May.

Prayers for the Dearly Departed are requested for Scott Vaughn, son of Trout Vaughn. Also, prayers for comfort and healing are requested for Lois who remains in hospice in Greeley, as well as other ailing parish members.

Reporting to Duty

St. Edward the Confessor, Lockhart, TX

July 25, Fr. Ryan Lozano left Lockhart to report to Weslaco, Texas, his first active duty assignment as a chaplain (1st lieutenant) in the Texas State Guard. He has been detached by the general staff to serve as the regimental chaplain to the 1st Regiment, the Alamo Guards.

"I'll be ministering to them for the week-long duration of Operation Lone Star; a Medical Brigade mission to address the extreme heat and drought conditions along the Mexican border. I will be holding services daily (Morning and Evening Prayer every day, and hopefully Mass also), and will be counseling soldiers and civilians. From what I've heard from the command chaplain, it's not unusual to celebrate a baptism or two while deployed, and that I'll be especially looked to not only for prayer, but for the Jolly Rancher candies with

which the chaplains have come to be identified - I'm taking a 5lb bag of them with me, just to be sure and prepared."

We thank Fr. Ryan for his dedicated service of 18 hours a day duty and for ministering to the men and women in uniform. He distributed Bibles and Rosaries, and celebrated Holy Mass and also offered counseling. On his way back Fr. Ryan called me, though exhausted, was feeling very fulfilled with a wonderful harvest of ministering to Roman Catholics, Episcopalians, Anglicans and all.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

From Armen Gazaway

The kids seem to enjoy it. They are all learning and understanding the content, and they are learning how to use their Bibles! The lessons have an initial section for the teacher that promotes deeper thinking/understanding of the material. The lesson itself is scripted so it is easy to present as-is (if you are a nervous presenter) or just to use as a model.

The lessons lead the kids through the material so gently that they seem to be surprised and pleased when they can answer the new set of questions without realizing they were learning the answers throughout the lesson! There are 150 questions/answers that are learned over the course of 36 weeks.

The stories/activities are varied and engaging and there are also little teaching "tips" and aids that keep the task of memorizing fun (have the kids cover their eyes, stand on one foot, walk in a circle, etc. while they answer the questions; discuss a poster that is supplied to help remember key points of a story; play a game, etc.). Also, the activities are almost foolproof; I have been able to modify several of them with good results. For example, where the curriculum calls for using puppets (which are supplied), I videotaped my grandkids acting out the puppet-skit with me. The students really enjoyed watching the video. Another activity called for

having stuffed animals for the children to hold while the story of Adam naming all of the animals was told; I used little capsules that "grow"

into sponge animals when put in water.

As far as learning "the language of faith and a Godward focus" I believe this is an excellent curriculum that really accomplishes what it is supposed to. It starts at the very foundation of our faith and with the most basic "stories" for those kids for whom this is truly new, but it has built-in "enrichment" for those kids with greater knowledge and experience. *Bottom Left: Jashany's Rodriguez, Joey Luce, Armen Gazaway; R: Nicole Jiminez, Varanys Rodriguez, (visitor) Ayla Wilson*

Youth Camp Report

by Bishop Kinner

Highlights:

- Prayers, personal discussion of Scripture readings
- Using Compass to find objects in the woodlands
- Trail hike for several miles
- Horseback riding instructions at the Rafter Y ranch
- Swimming at the Buffalo, WY Olympic size pool
- Historic Visit to Fort Phil Kearney



Thanks to Bishop Kinner and the parish of Holy Family, Casper WY for organizing the 2009 HCCAR youth camp.



Technology for His service – Bible Study across miles



Women's Bible study is keeping up with technology, not for the sake of it, but to study together across places and distance.

The St. James Women's Bible Study uses Skype, a wonderful way of reconnecting across distances.

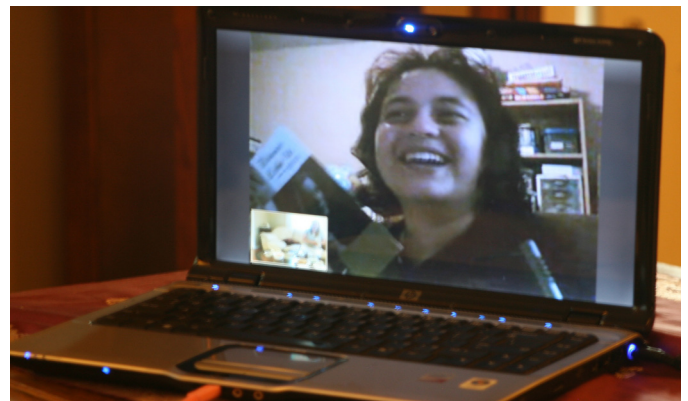
With a drink, some snacks, a Bible, and their study book, the ladies are ready to reflect on life in the light of the Scripture. With Skype and a laptop, they all join. The core group meets at the rectory once a week and others join, Mareus from Wichita (right on laptop) and Ruth, who is relocating to Dallas TX. Others have also joined.

Certainly this group loves the Lord and His Word and prayerfully ponders and applies His Word to life's situations.

They fruitfully engage with one another, spreading love for the Word of the Lord using technology.

They begin with a prayer and focus on topical studies. In this weeks study from Women Like Us, the topic was Lot's wife and materialism.

The Bible study ends with individual intercessions and prayer intentions for the greater church.



From Bishop Kleppinger

The College of Bishops of the Holy Catholic Church - Anglican Rite, has set the dates of October 21 & 22 (2009) (Wednesday and Thursday) for the Ecclesiastical Congress to be held at Saint James' Parish, Kansas City. The theme for this year's gathering will be Christian Stewardship. Additional information will be forthcoming as the day approaches, but now is the time to mark your calendar and begin to make your travel plans.

This will be a time for worship, fellowship and instruction in what the Lord expects of you in terms of your financial responsibilities.

Bob Green Memorial Scholarship Fund

It is a good cause, and I am hopeful that we will be able to provide some assistance, no matter how small, very soon. At this time, our funds are low. The more we have available, the more we will be able to help. Won't each of you please make a commitment to send a monthly contribution to the fund? Your efforts will not go unnoticed. Please send your contributions payable to the diocese and marked for this fund to: Lynn Baxter, 2415 Applegrove St. NE, Canton, OH 44721.

Thank you. ~ Vickie Scraper

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Wednesday, October 21 & 22 St. James Anglican Church, Kansas City.

All are invited to attend. Contact Holly Michael for details and registration. koinonia@holycatholicanglican.org

Stewardship is an issue that is still foreign to many, but once applied to every day living, can change your entire outlook on life. Biblical Stewardship is taking the main points of being a steward, and applying them with a perspective according to God's word.

We as a nation have become selfish and spend more than we make or can afford, and we have forgotten the words of Jesus, "...store up for yourselves treasures in heaven..." [Mat 6:20], and have settled for financing our own little kingdom.

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