



INCREDIBLE CONCERT IN THE COURTYARD!

“Wednesday night church” was transformed at St. Francis on April 24, 2024. According to Rev. Stephen Carson our crowd was standing room only! Not only did we have visitors from Trinity, but some from St. Joseph High School as well as others from our community. The sounds of children playing on the playground, and conversations mixed with an incredible Concert in the Courtyard featuring Matthew Wise with guests

Fletcher Clark on the mandolin and Ted Wise on the banjo. The music focused on Matt's newly released album "We Ain't Finished Yet," and can be heard on Spotify and Pandora.

Inside and outside the individual tables were beautifully decorated in a spring theme by Debbie Studer. Leslie and Patrick Laqua provided all the drinks. St. Francis parishioners lived up to their reputations with delicious sides and desserts.

Brisket, and ribs were provided by our own master chef, Doug Wuest. Thanks to all of you. As always, the food and the entire event were memorable.



BELL TOWER RENOVATION

A few months ago we had our bell tower inspected and the results were not good. In fact, the language said it could be "catastrophic" if we didn't renovate the bell support structure. There were also several other things that needed to be refurbished. The Vestry talked about it and decided to try to raise the money during the Season of Lent so that we could celebrate Easter ringing our bells, bringing back the allelujah's, while we started the process of renovating our bell tower. Thanks to your generous support, we were successful in raising all the money needed to do the bell tower renovation!

On Thursday, April 18th a representative from the Verdin Bell Company came to St. Francis to begin the process of disassembling the bell and its components. They have been shipped off to be refurbished, and we are happy to report that we have a day set for the new parts to be installed and for our bell to be fixed. On Wednesday, May 15th, the representative will return with all of the necessary parts and finish the renovation. Thank you again to everyone who gave generously to this important project! We are so excited to be able to ring our bell again soon.

THE DAY OF PENTECOST IS A DAY FOR BAPTISMS

Sunday, May 19

One of the best times of the year to become a Christian through baptism is the the Day of Pentecost, which falls on Sunday, May 19th. If you or someone you know is interested in being baptized, please let us know by calling (361-575-0441) or emailing (office@sfvct.org) the church office.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1 ~ Skyelar Hall
May 7 ~ Katie Laqua
May 12 ~ Kelvin Allen
May 14 ~ Rose Neece
May 29 ~ Marilyn Clarke

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

May 11 ~ Andy & Lovey Amaro
May 13 ~ Craig & Sandra Whitley

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Allison, Angie, Ben & Luke, Beth, Bill, Bruce, Chris, Christy, Daniel, Debbie, Dianna, Elizabeth & Charlie, Frank & Stella, Glenn, Hayes, Heather, Jason, Jim & Louise, Joyce, Kathy & Richard, Kaye, Lauren, Luis & Dianne, Luke, Melinda, Michael, Noack Family, Nolan, Raden, Rae, Reagan, Rebecca, Richard, Riley, Robyn, Ronnie, Russell, Sheri, Shirley, Standing Committee of the DWTX, St. Jacques' School-Haiti, Toni, Van Dusen Family, Young Life, Zak

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present as we discern who you would call to serve as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of West Texas. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is your will, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.