

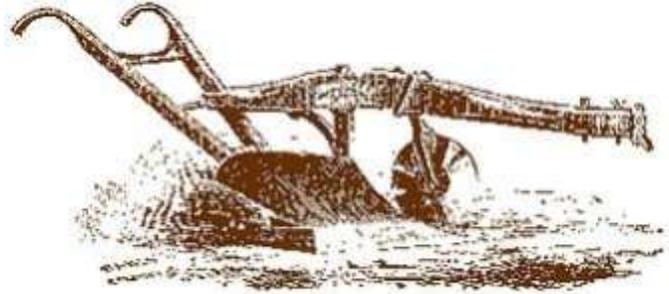


# *The Bells of Saint Mary*

## *October 2011*

### **With My Hand on the Plow: Autumn**

October tends to be a very full month...around here, that is especially true. The fourth Sunday in October will begin our Stewardship Talks, offered by various members of our congregation during both services. We will continue with our children led service on the last Sunday of the month...and this year, a big Family Fun Day will be scheduled after that service...for carving pumpkins and other Autumnal activities in keeping with the season. The nights will start getting cooler and the daylight hours shorter... and somewhere else in America the leaves will start changing. Here in Lompoc, the Snowy Plover may move a few yards over to the north or south, and the rest of us may get to stick our feet in the Pacific out at Surf Beach. That too is an Autumnal event.



The second Sunday of October, the 9<sup>th</sup> will be our Blessing of the Animals service... in honor of St. Francis Day. This service is such a favorite of so many of us... because so many of us have pets and understand that God's particular gift to us, many days, is our pets. I know this has long been true with me.

I was never a cat person...always a dog guy. But when I met Deborah, she con-

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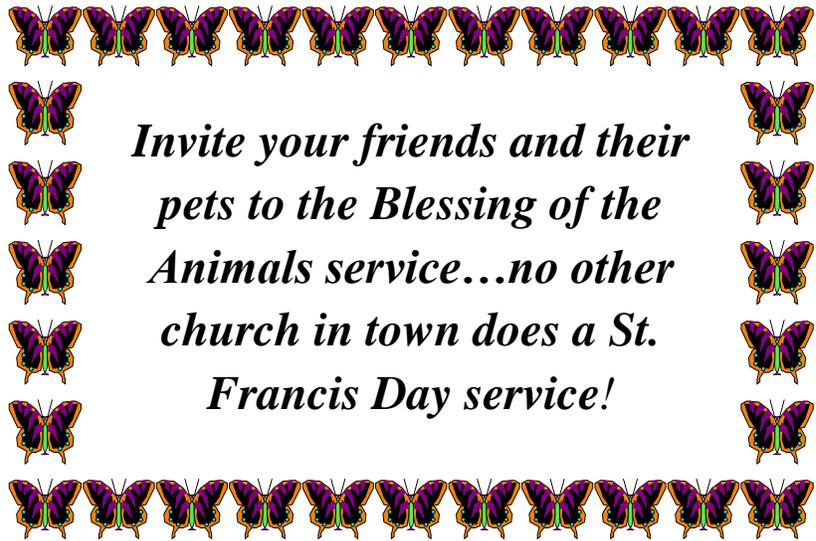
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vinced me to try out a cat...and because I loved Deborah, I was willing. And Godot the Wonder Cat came into our lives. Godot was just so cool. All black, sleek, smart as she could be and very affectionate, when she felt like it...but never aloof...just not one to smother you with affection. In those early days Deborah and I were on the road a lot...doing theatre everywhere and anywhere we could get work...and Godot would usually ride on the back of my shoulders as we drove along the miles and miles of North America working. We also got ourselves adopted by a big dog during this time, Vladimir by name...we called him DD Dog. And so it was...animals were always part of life for us. Most often we had a couple

of dogs and cats...some-times two of each, most times one or two...but never without. Nowa-days, since he left for Texas, we have inherited Simon's cat Yoshi...who we used to call the fattest cat in America...but he has since lost weight in his old age...Yoshi is about 16 or 17 years old now and yowls loudly when he wants to be



***Invite your friends and their  
pets to the Blessing of the  
Animals service...no other  
church in town does a St.  
Francis Day service!***

looked after. He has never liked me...but will tolerate my being in his presence for water, food, and to clean his box. And then there is Mao Ping...our very fuzzy, very affectionate 10 year old cat...who used to sleep on Sarah's bed, but now spends her time with us since Sarah left for Cottey College. And then there is Jack the Dog.

Jack is just not like any dog I have ever had...he seems destined to live the life of a never ending puppy-hood. Jack loves to play ball...loves to eat anything he sees, loves to chew on everything that he does not eat...and loves, so easily as to be the model for all of us when he contemplate how to love everyone...just come spend time with Jack...and you will learn in no time the answer to that question. I remember when we got him that I dreamed of having a dog that could hang out at the church, be very easy going and lovable, and be the Church Dog. You know, like Lu-Lu...Howard and Peg Gould's lovable retriever. Not a chance...Jack is so energetic that even Lu-Lu barks at him...and that is saying a lot!

Recently, while playing our favorite game of “endlessly chase the ball until I am so tired that I cannot move any longer” Jack tripped on one of the big holes he has dug in what we thought was going to be our backyard but is really our mudground...and fell, face first, into the retaining wall. He cut himself, badly, right under his right eye...and it was like caring for one of my kids when they hurt themselves... clean the wound, put Neosporin on it...care for it...calm the dog... well, some of that...Jack was ready to play another round of “endlessly chase the ball until I am so tired that I cannot move any longer” almost immediately. I wouldn’t let him though...and he did sleep hard that night. I am quite sure he will end up being very proud of his scar and will want to show it off to all of you on St. Francis Day...when God willing and Grace Abounding, Jack the Dog will come and get his blessing...along with doing what all the animals who come do...Bless all of us with reminders that they are love just walking around on the earth...and they are intended by our Creator to be reminders that love in its purest form wants little more than a ruffle of the ears, a scratch on the back...and deep soulful looks into the eyes at least once a day. That and fresh water all the time, and you are in there.



*One of our acolytes reads at the September 25<sup>th</sup> service.  
Thanks photos by Linda Everly for taking these.*

Come join us for the Blessing of the Animals on October 9 at the ten o’clock service. It will be on the patio and is one of the great services of the year. Bring your pets...dogs, cats, horses, cows, turtles, hermit crabs (yep! Had one of those about three years ago at the service) birds, you name it...I will bless it.

Woof and Meow.....

Fr. Michael+

## Flu Season is upon us

Starting right away...the table will go back up and the hand sanitizers will go back out...**FLU SEASON IS UPON US!** Please get your flu shot...right away. If you don't have health insurance and cannot afford to go to Walgreens or the grocery stores to get yours...talk to me! The church will make sure you get your flu shot. Please do not delay. I love you all...and really don't want you sick and missing church.

Love,  
Fr. Michael+

### Commissioning of Stephen Ministers



*Photo submitted anonymously.*

### Senior Saints are invited for lunch

On Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, the Outreach Committee will host St. Mary's annual fall *Senior Saints Luncheon* for shut-ins. Between 10:30 and 11:30<sup>AM</sup>, residents of local assisted living facilities, as well as other shut-ins within the community, will arrive in specially equipped vans, and in cars driven by their caregivers. They will enjoy live music followed by a buffet luncheon at Noon.

We need volunteers to attend the *Senior Saints* event and spend time one-on-one with our guests. Even if you stop in Fitch Hall for just a few minutes, it can

make a difference for shut-ins who seldom have anyone to sit and talk with. Volunteers will make sure all our guests are served from the delicious array of salads and homemade pies prepared by Norma Anderson and helpers, then serve themselves and join in table conversation.

To help with this event between 10:30<sup>AM</sup> and 1:30 PM on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, please sign up in Fitch Hall or call Peggy Gould at 733-4892 or Molly Gerald at 737-1809. Thank you for sharing the gift of time with our local Senior Saints!



*Archive picture—2009*

The Outreach Committee

## Delores Two Bulls Anniversary Service

Last year, as all of you know, my adopted mom, Delores Two Bulls died suddenly from cancer on November 2, All Souls Day. You were all so supportive of me as I left the next morning for Red Shirt to be with my family there. I am especially grateful to Bp. Hughes for coming in and taking services for me while I was away from you for that Sunday. It has been a very difficult year since her passing, and we are looking forward to the memorial service coming up.

This year, in the tradition of the church in Native America, is the one year memorial service. It will be held on October 22, the Saturday closest to her birthday. Deborah and I will drive up to Red Shirt after the Sunday service on the 16<sup>th</sup>, and spend Thursday thru Monday the 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be back by late the following Thursday night. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel and the Two Bulls family as we all stop and settle into the traditional time of “wiping away the tears” and the end of the one year grieving process.

## Want to know what an Episcopalian is?

I am thinking about offering a class for all of us about the Episcopal Church. I know that many of us who worship here at St. Mary’s come from another tradition...and maybe wonder about just what this Episcopal Church is...and while we are at it...what the word Episcopal means...just for starters. If you are interested in something like this...let me know. I am thinking about something no more than four to six weeks long...meeting once a week for no more than an hour or maybe an hour and a half. If you are interested then we can make it happen.

Fr. Michael+

## WHEN YOU SING...YOU PRAY TWICE.

I am writing you to ask you to consider joining the choir. We have such a beautiful church...I hear from many of you that you feel really good about our worship and our liturgy on Sundays...and I want our worship to be uplifting and meaningful for all of you...but I have to say...we need some more vocal support for our ten o'clock service. Would you please consider lending your voice and your spirit to our choir? We need about a dozen people to join up and make a joyful noise together. Chris is a fine musician and I know that his musical talents are appreciated by you all...but he is also a very fine choir director...who is in need of some more voices to make a choir. We have a real shortage of tenors and altos...and as good as our soprano and bass voices are...we are missing two parts of every four-part harmony. So please...join the choir. Thursday nights at 7 is rehearsal and Sunday morning at 9:15 is choir warm-up. Remember the old saying: When you sing...you pray twice.



Fr. Michael+

## Dinosaurs

Although I am sure to many of our kids I am a dinosaur...I have to say the real dinosaurs at St. Mary's are our computers. We are in need of a new PC for the Parish Administrator, and a new Notebook for Fr. Michael. That way, his current Notebook can be used by the Counters and for internet use for classes, training etc...and Elizabeth's computer can get a decent burial.

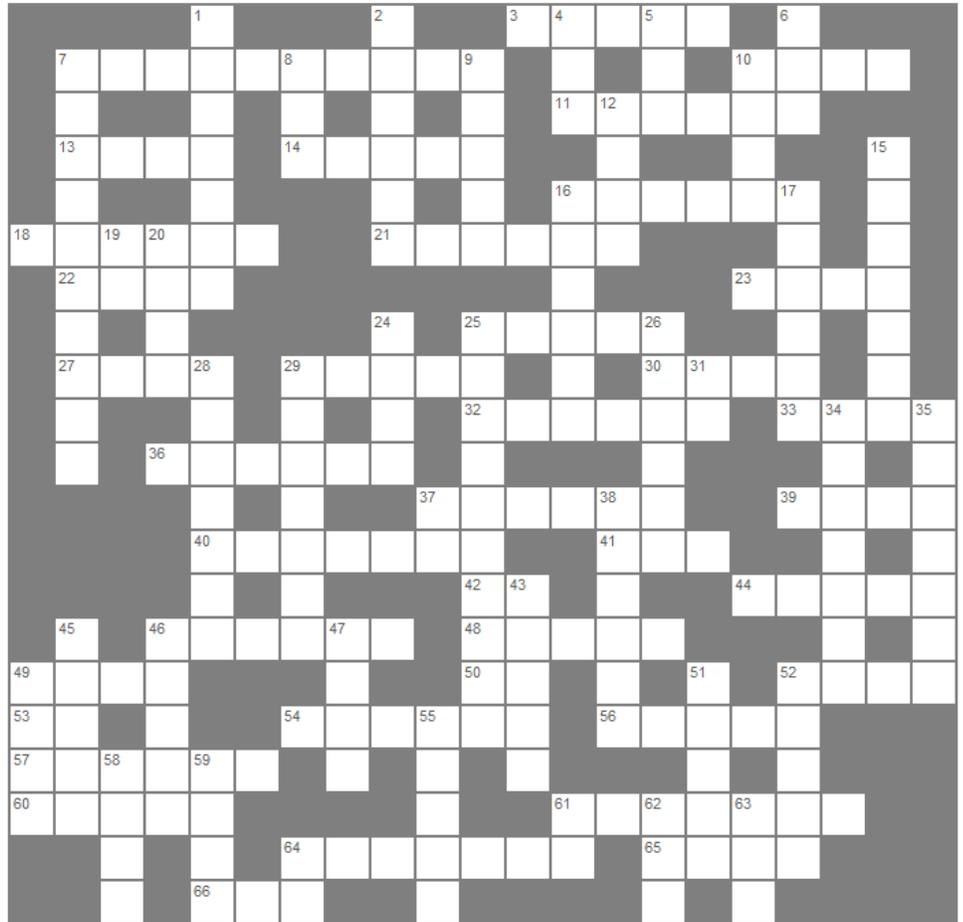
If you can help...please talk to Rick Kendall. He knows way more about computers than any of us dinosaurs who work here do.

Fr. Michael+



**Across**

- 3. It can be driven into the ground — or gambled.
- 7. A box worn on the head or arm, to carry a copy of the 29 Across.
- 10. A poetic word for the past (rhymes with 'sore').
- 11. The process of throwing the harvest into the air to separate the wheat from the 48 Across.
- 13. A California county famous for its wine.
- 14. There are 150 of them in the Old Testament, and we recite one responsively every Sunday in church.
- 16. A person who made containers for storing things in Bible times: In Matthew 27:7, the chief priests buy a field from one.
- 18. Someone who does what most people in Bible times did for a living.
- 21. A young man who defied the King of 40 Across to worship God; he has a book in the Old Testament named for him.
- 22. Made footprints.
- 23. The patron saint of our parish.
- 25. An old Mercury car, or the November birthstone.
- 27. Vessels that a 16 Across might make; ashes of deceased people are often stored in them.
- 29. "Hear, O Israel: the Lord is our God, the Lord is one." (Hebrew word for this important prayer for Jews, see 7 and 61 Across.)
- 30. "We walk \_\_\_\_\_ the church just before 10 AM." (Unless you're an 8-o'clocker.)



- 32. "then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the \_\_\_\_\_ of life...." (Gen 2:7, NRSV)
- 33. He built a very large boat.
- 36. The Dead Sea Scrolls were found near this monastery, where they were written.
- 37. One of the things we do (to God) during a church service.
- 39. The Flower Festival in Lompoc, for one.
- 40. A former large city in what is now Iraq; see 21 Across.
- 41. Initials that are part of a prince's title.
- 42. One of two options for powering a 'boom box'; the other one requires batteries.
- 44. A type of bed covering; one was auctioned off in church recently.
- 46. Part of a course of instruction.
- 48. The unwanted part of a wheat harvest.
- 49. A kind of soft drink, or an acronym for a pay raise meant to make up for inflation.
- 50. A very short name for a very large city south of here.
- 52. A chain of restaurants known for their pancakes (initials).
- 53. Postal abbreviation for the state north of us, or Giesele's word for Gold.
- 54. Something put in bread dough to make it rise.
- 56. Games have them.
- 57. The Sioux are one group of \_\_\_\_\_ Americans.
- 60. What the star did.

61. A holder on a door for a copy of the 29 Across.
64. What people in Bible times bundled harvested grain into.
65. The man referred to in the clue for 32 Across.
66. "Lord give me patience, and I want it right \_\_\_!"

### Down

1. Gathered remnants of grain after the harvest.
2. Require or insist on something.
4. To pull a trailer behind your car.
5. Close relatives.
6. "\_\_\_ are you doing?"
7. A name for the first five books of the Old Testament (derived from Greek words meaning "five books").
8. A yarmulke, for example.
9. A country on the Red Sea south of Saudi Arabia.
10. A frame to which oxen were tied to pull a plow.
12. Something which the Second Commandment prohibits the making or worship of.
15. The empire that conquered ancient Israel in 721 B.C.
16. You can't have a church

without them.

17. "Scripture, \_\_\_\_\_, and tradition" (the three bases for the practices of our church).
19. There are four of them on the Monopoly game board (abbreviation).
20. A poetic word for the early part of the day.
24. Lima, Pinto, or Green, among others.
25. Where the Israelites kept the Ark of the Covenant before Solomon built the Temple.
26. An ancient stringed instrument.
28. "...than for you to cause one of these little ones to \_\_\_\_\_" (Luke 17:2).
29. Their job was to write things down, or copy books.
31. It's state symbol was 'The Old Man of the Mountain' (postal abbr.)
34. He wrote the very short book just before Jonah in the Old Testament.
35. If your car isn't a convertible, it's probably this kind.
37. Government-owned corporation with a lot of offices in towns all over the country (abbr.)

38. A ram's horn used as a trumpet, to call Jews to worship.
43. One way to recite prayers.
45. A Hebrew word for 7 Down.
46. A language churches in Western Europe used for a very long time.
47. A very hot place 21 Across was placed in.
49. Pros and \_\_\_\_\_ (the disadvantages of something).
51. During church services, we pray in this way a lot.
52. The second most common Abrahamic faith; the most common faith in 9 Down today.
55. Another word for a parish priest.
58. \_\_\_\_\_ de France (a very long bicycle race.)
59. A way for blood to get back to your heart.
61. A state that shares its name with a big river (postal abbr.)
62. Zig-\_\_\_\_ (to go back and forth)
63. To put in a microwave.
64. The direction from the church to the airport (abbr.)

The answer will run in next month's *Bells*.

## AFRICAN TEAM MINISTRIES SALE – November 6<sup>TH</sup> AND 13<sup>TH</sup>

*Thank you for your support in years past and we ask you once again to visit the display of wonderful gift items.*

*In case you need another reason to support the African Team Ministry Sale:*

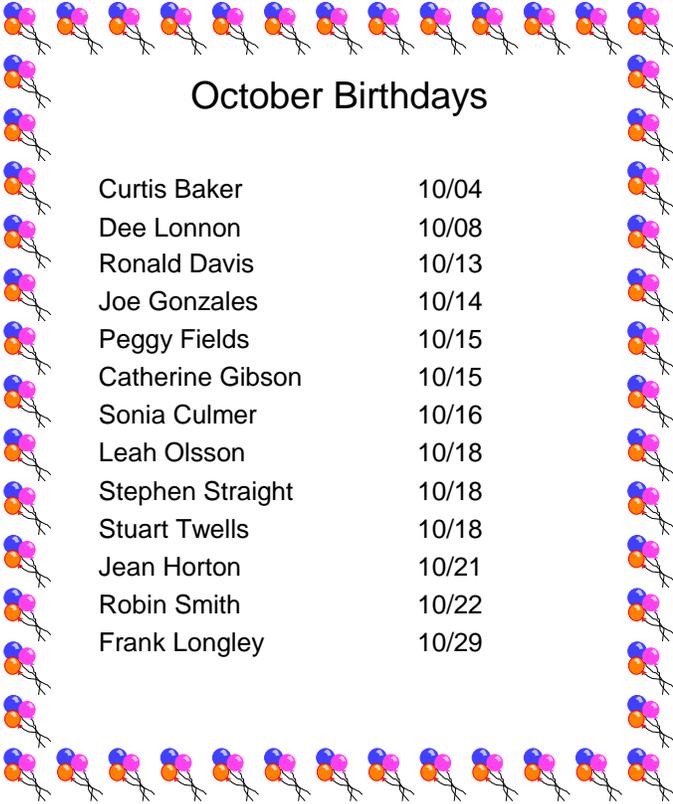
*Each year, according to the World Health Organization, some 500 million people are infected with mosquito-borne illnesses: dengue, malaria, yellow fever, and various forms of encephalitis, including the West Nile virus.*

*Malaria, a preventable and treatable disease, is one of the biggest killers of young children in Africa. Overall, the disease, which is transmitted by mosquitoes, kills an estimated 1 million people annually, the vast majority of them in Africa. One of the most effective preventive measures against malaria is to sleep under insecticide-treated bed nets, which are a finely woven barrier and kill most mosquitoes upon contact.*

*This year one of the programs supported by African Team Ministries is providing insecticide-treated bed nets to people in their communities. The first priority is to provide them to children and pregnant women to prevent malaria infections and deaths.*



*Glenna Baker and Jeanne Maccomber prepare to buy.*



## October Birthdays

Curtis Baker	10/04
Dee Lonnon	10/08
Ronald Davis	10/13
Joe Gonzales	10/14
Peggy Fields	10/15
Catherine Gibson	10/15
Sonia Culmer	10/16
Leah Olsson	10/18
Stephen Straight	10/18
Stuart Twells	10/18
Jean Horton	10/21
Robin Smith	10/22
Frank Longley	10/29



## *Sunday Eucharist*

8:00 AM and 10:00AM

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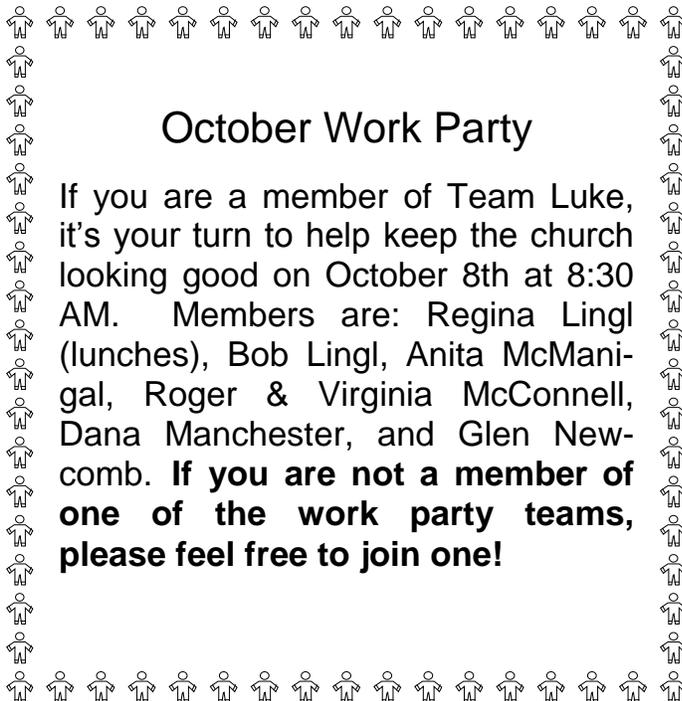
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## October Work Party

If you are a member of Team Luke, it's your turn to help keep the church looking good on October 8th at 8:30 AM. Members are: Regina Lingl (lunches), Bob Lingl, Anita McManigal, Roger & Virginia McConnell, Dana Manchester, and Glen Newcomb. **If you are not a member of one of the work party teams, please feel free to join one!**

# Financial Statement

(As of August 31st, 2011)

As of 08/31/2011

Undesignated checking & savings	\$71,541
Designated checking *	\$68,956
Parish mortgage	\$349,338

	Actual August '11	Actual Jan - Aug '11	Budget Jan - Aug '11
Income	\$22,313	\$206,779	\$213,641
Expenses	\$25,986	\$211,816	\$211,374
Net income/(loss)	(\$3,672)	(\$5,036)	\$2,267

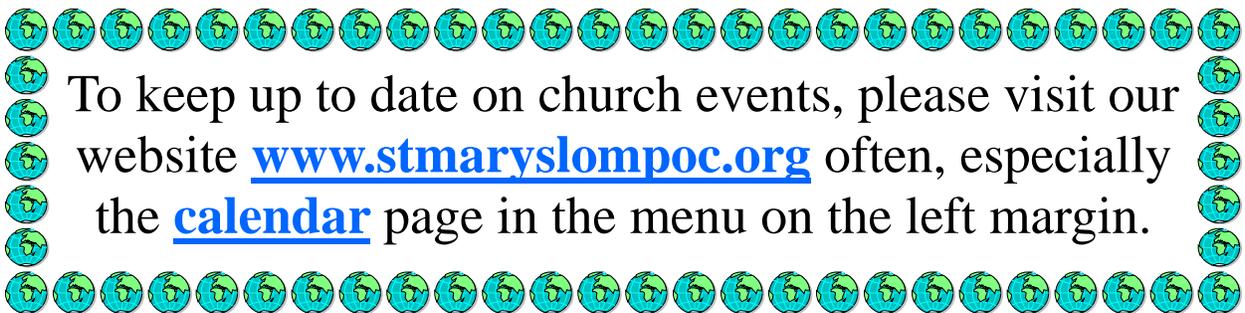
BURN the MORTGAGE fund:	\$77,310
Transfer to General Fund in 2010	\$36,000
* BURN the MORTGAGE Designated Acct.	\$41,310

\* BURN the MORTGAGE Acct, as of 10/02/11 \$77,717

## How About We Update Our Data?

I think it is time for all of us to check in with the church office and make sure our addresses, particularly our email addresses are current and on file with the church. Also...cell phones are rapidly taking the place of "land lines" in homes since we no longer need them to have high speed internet service. So...please share your information with your church. Make it easy for us...please write you most current information down on a sheet of paper, names, addresses, cell phone numbers, home phone numbers, email addresses, personal websites, Facebook names, Twitter accounts...you name it...we will compile it. And yes, of course you can email it to us. Make sure the subject line reads "Data Base Update".

Please send it in right away...so you don't let it slip away. Next attempt we are going to make will be to compile a directory, with pictures, of our congregation. Send your data to Elizabeth at the church office, [admin@stmaryslompoc.org](mailto:admin@stmaryslompoc.org). Thanks!



To keep up to date on church events, please visit our  
 website [www.stmaryslompoc.org](http://www.stmaryslompoc.org) often, especially  
 the [calendar](#) page in the menu on the left margin.

## Bede the Bat

Hi! It's me, Bede, the St. Mary's Bat!

Do you have a favorite time of the year? I do. And it's happening right now! I love Autumn (or Fall as I've always called it) and look forward to it each year. Sometimes it's hard to tell that it's Fall in Lompoc. In other places I've lived, you could tell that Fall was on the way because of a certain fragrance and feeling in the air. The leaves would begin to turn and the colors were wonderful -- all shades of yellow and gold and crimson and orange!



When I was a very young Bat, I loved to fly up and hang in the trees and enjoy the colors. What a wonderful time that was! I spent many happy hours among those beautiful leaves.

Another reason Fall is my favorite time of year is that I spend the time looking back and looking forward. Most people do that on January 1, but I like to do it in September and October. Looking back this Fall has been lots of fun. So many adventures, so many blessings. Of course, there were some down times, but that's life, isn't it? The wonderful things that happened more than made up for those that weren't quite so happy. The time I spent at Red Shirt was incredible -- so much to do and so many things accomplished. It was wonderful to meet the people of Red Shirt and now I also have friends from St. Peter's, Santa Maria and St. Stephen's, Beaumont and a lot of other churches. I got to spend time with Maude and Millicent Mouse and my new Cat friends, Cuthbert, Big Al, Freddie Fleas and Rotten Ralph (they're the ones who got lost in the Badlands and I flew out and guided them home! What an adventure that was!). There was rain and thunder and lightning and an amazing storm and getting to see places I would never have seen otherwise. I will never forget any of my time there.

There were a lot of great things going on at St. Mary's and wonderful things to come, too. Watching all the doings here, I'm always reminded of the scripture that tells us that there is a time for everything -- seasons devoted to such good things. I love looking back at last Winter and Spring and Summer and now, here I am again, enjoying the beauty of Fall. The things I've seen and the people I've met and the adventures I've had will stay with me forever. This season brings with it Thanksgiving and Advent and Christmas, but this year I won't wait for Thanksgiving to count my blessings. There have been so many that if I began to count them all right now, I wouldn't be through until Christmas!

So maybe the leaves don't turn here and maybe there isn't the feeling of Fall in the air, but something else very important is here in Lompoc. The people I love the best are here. Others are close by. And people I will always remember and value are at Red Shirt and I will see them again next year. Who could be more blessed than this fuzzy Bat? I am the most fortunate of Bats. So you are first on

my list of things for which to be thankful. Thank you for making my life so happy. Happy Autumn everyone!

Love and blessings from me, Bede, the Bat in the St. Mary's Belfry



*Another of Linda Everly's photos of the readers at the September 25<sup>th</sup> service.*

## THAT'S NOT MY JOB

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

**Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.**

Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody **wouldn't do it.**

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have!

*(from Mikey's Funnies; a clean humor list sent to me every weekday.)*

Fr. Michael+



### Introducing the "Dutchess"

Approximately 4 years ago, I received a beautiful gift of a four legged silver haired Yorkshire terrier. From her point of view...

Well some may not know me so let me tell you how I came to St. Mary's. I arrived in Lompoc in a huge 4 wheeled something. I think it was called a SUV. That long ride from Ventura really tired **me out but it didn't stop me from** checking this place inside and out from front to back. This was going to be my

new home and I could feel their love. Now I needed a name. . . several names were discussed, some I liked and some not so much. When I heard Dutchess, I knew that was right for me. I got excited, ran in circles and wagged my tail, trying to let them know, I approved. However, I am also well known as **Ms Dutchess, Ms Thing or What's her name? But Dutchess, is what I'm called most** of the time. Of course, there were times when I was called not-so nice names too, like when I chewed the chairs legs and chest legs. I was only a 4 month-old pup **and didn't know any better. However, it didn't take me long to learn you don't eat furniture. I don't believe I was on the good doggie list but people didn't stay mad** at me too long. Thank goodness.

My chauffer, Ms. R, takes me a lot of places she visits here in the city. Being cuddled, taking naps are my favorite past times.

I should let you know, St. Mary's is a fun place. On Wednesday mornings, I volunteer in the office where I keep watch between the blinds on whose coming or going. On Thursday mornings, I go the 9<sup>AM</sup> Holy Eucharist. I stay in the cry **room, so I don't disturb the adults, but am eager to be the usher and greet the** members as they leave. In the patio, I love to run-up and down the ramp and **it's wonderful to chase the lizards. Those little guys are so fast, but, I've come** close a couple of times.

Sometimes, we visit shut-ins in their homes, at the Convalescence Care Center and at the Lodge. I love the seniors, they approach or call me quietly. I like to make my friends smile in exchange for love and pats. I also go to the Senior Birthday party once a month at the Lodge where I gather up crumbs from cake or cookies in exchange for more pats and head rubs. I think Ms. R has made me an **un-official member in all the organizations in which she is a member. So I'm** pretty busy. I am a volunteer member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 125 **so that means meetings, decorating the Vet's building when there are community** functions. and visiting members as they relax with a glass of cheer. . .

Often seen in a grocery cart in CVS or Walmart, I seem to always acquire a group of people around my cart, asking my name, how much I weigh, where did I **come from and the most frequent asked question is about my coloring. . . "Is my hair dyed?"** you see my hair is blond and my body hair is silver grey. Mr. R seems to find that funny because at times, our hair seems to be the same color. **But, "No, I'm a natural".**

I know that October 9<sup>th</sup> **will be the blessing of the animal service, so I'll see** you then.



## Prayers of the People

We ask that you hold these persons in your Daily Prayers.

*Lord, open our hearts to Your perfect will, that we may faithfully intercede on behalf of those we bring to You now in prayer:*

And those serving in the armed forces remembered by our parishioners:

AMEN.

Please Note:

**Prayers of the People will be updated monthly.** If you would like to add or continue a name to the POP, please fill out a Pink Prayer Request slip or Pew card, submit via our website [www.stmaryslompoc.org](http://www.stmaryslompoc.org), call any of our Prayer Tree members, or email Stephanie Bastian at [jeffnsteph95@msn.com](mailto:jeffnsteph95@msn.com). Thank you!

*“Whenever two of you on earth agree in prayer, it will be done by My Father in Heaven.”* Matthew 18:19

In Our Next Issue:



*This bird is thankful that hunting isn't allowed in her neighborhood.  
(Photo taken by John Beeler in Santa Rosa, CA)*

Thanksgiving