

The Newsletter

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New Northwest Texas Website on the Horizon

The new Northwest Texas website is in the design stages right now and should be up and running sometime in March. Included in the new site will be a newly-designed diocesan calendar; a "Find Us" link with mapping capabilities; a snazzy new, stylized diocesan shield; outstanding graphics; a "Contact Us" form with confirmation reply; drop down menus with links to diocesan financial documents, ministries, people, and many other sources of information as well as links to great sites. You will be re-directed to the new site when you type in the old address but as soon as the site is fully operational, we will post the address and let everyone know. For information contact Nancy Igo at nigo@nwtodiocese.org.

Dallas Benedictine Experience Retreat

The 13th annual multi-denomination Dallas Benedictine Experience Retreat will take place at the Catholic Conference Center in Dallas from Wednesday, June 23, to Sunday, June 27, 2010. The retreat is presented by the Friends of St. Benedict, Washington, D.C. Participants will live at the conference center for five days, forming a temporary monastic community to experience the balanced way of life of the Rule of St. Benedict as it divides each day into private and group prayer, study, work and leisure. There will also be two classes each day on Benedictine spirituality. For additional information contact dallasbenedictine@ahoo.com or call 214.339.8483.

NWTX United Thank Offering

Carolyn Jones, United Thank Offering Coordinator for Northwest Texas, has sent a check to UTO in the amount of \$21,055 for the Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 gatherings. UTO administers grants in early spring each year and numerous ministries in Northwest Texas have been funded by UTO grants. For UTO information on this far-reaching ministry, grants and resources go to episcopalchurch.org/uto or contact Carolyn Jones at cvjones154@yahoo.com or 806.795.0382.

Seminary of the Southwest Visitors' Weekend March 5-6

Small group activities that allow for discussion of formation and vocational discernment, community life, finances, housing and academics will be the focus of the two Visitors Weekend at Seminary of the Southwest. People exploring the priesthood or master's degrees in counseling, chaplaincy, pastoral care, spiritual formation or religion are welcome to attend. Registration deadline is noon on March 5. Cost is \$45 which covers room, meals and airport shuttle. Contact Beth Robertson at 512.439.0357 or [brobertson@ssw.edu](mailto:b Robertson@ssw.edu).

School of Theology, Sewanee Summer Discernment Institute

The Discernment Programs Office at the University of the South invites undergraduate students to apply for the Summer Discernment Institute to be held June 7 - July 30. Applications are due by March 1. Students interested in exploring vocations in ordained ministry or service with nonprofit organizations will be accepted into the eight week program and receive a stipend for their work in their chosen internship. Contact sewanee.edu/lillyproj/lldi.html or 931.598.1869.

Strengthening Your Core Lenten Retreat St. Nicholas', Midland

Strengthening Your Core: Benedictine Values and Practices for Today's World is the theme for a Lenten retreat Friday evening, February 26 beginning at 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM and continuing Saturday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The retreat will be led by the Rev. Dr. Jane Tomaine, Episcopal Priest, nationally known retreat leader, and author. For information and to register contact 432.694.8856.

Lubbock EYC Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday

The Lubbock EYC raised \$1212 to help those hurting and hungry in Haiti. The funds will be sent to Episcopal Relief and Development. Young people from churches all over the country collected donations on February 7 to be sent to the charity they chose to sponsor. Since Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, more than \$60 million has been sent to help people in need. For information contact Renee Haney at nwtxyouth@suddenlink.net.

Lord Cary of Clifton Archbishop of Canterbury 1991-2002 St. James' Church, Clovis, NM

St. James' Episcopal Church, Clovis, NM, is hosting George Carey, former Archbishop of Canterbury, who will speak on Christian Discipleship Friday, March 19 and Saturday, March 20. Registration is \$60 and includes Friday dinner and Saturday lunch. For registration and lodging information contact stjameschurchclovis.org, or 575.763.4638.

Prayers and Thanksgivings:

Vince Aveni, father of the Rev. Jim Aveni (St. John the Baptist, Clarendon) died February 17. The Rev. Layne Smith (St. John's, Odessa) continues to recover from double pneumonia. The Rev. David Scott (Perryton) is recovering from a seriously broken foot.

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Calendar

February

- 20 +Vision Discernment Task Force, St. Stephen's, Lubbock
- 26-28 +Deacons' Retreat, BQCC
- 28 +St. George's, Canyon, Visitation

March

- 2 Fresh Start, HEC, Lubbock
- 5-6 Deacon Formation, HEC, Lubbock
- 5-7 Midwinter, BQCC, Amarillo
- 6 +Vision Discernment Task Force and +Standing Committee, St. Christopher's, Lubbock
- 7 +St. Luke's, Levelland, Visitation
- 13 +Executive Council, St. Christopher's, Lubbock
- 14 +St. John the Baptist, Clarendon, Visitation
- 18 BACAM, Lubbock
- 19-25 House of Bishops, Camp Allen
- 21 First year of Bishop Mayer's consecration
- 25 Bishop Mayer's 17th Priesthood Anniversary
- 28 +St. Stephen's, Lubbock, Palm Sunday

April

- 1 Maundy Thursday
- 2 Good Friday
- 3 Holy Saturday
- 4 Easter
- 6 Fresh Start, HEC
- 9 Commission on Ministry, HEC, Lubbock
- 9-10 Deacon Formation, St. Christopher's, Lubbock
- 11 +St. Mark's, Plainview, 100th Anniversary
- 14 +St. James', Dalhart, Confirmations

+indicates Bishop Mayer in attendance

The Newsletter Deadline: March 15 .