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Rector's Corner

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We had a conversation a few weeks ago in Sunday school and the subject of the internet came up. Most, if not all of us have e-mail accounts and routinely look up everything from recipes to the latest church news with just a few strokes of the keyboard. It is a marvelous resource which has made communication much easier in many ways.

Unfortunately, the internet is full of junk which invades our computers and our minds. Even the most innocent of searches can produce websites which contain pornography, pop-up ads which are annoying at best, disturbing at the worst.

Fortunately there are many people who are trying to assist us in the good use of the internet. I'll take just a bit more space to share with you two tools that I have found to help in being a good steward of the web.

Firefox is a web browser which serves as an alternative to Internet Explorer. You can download it, free of charge, at : Mozilla.org. It has a very efficient ad blocker and you can add "extensions" which enhance Firefox. I've been using it for a couple of months now and love it. It is fast and does everything well. A word of caution: Don't delete Explorer! Occasionally you will want to use it. There is one navy website that will not load properly with Firefox.

I would also suggest a pornography filter, especially for those with kids in the house. I am using one that is a free download called Parental Filter. You can download it at: ecommsec.com. If you should type in or be linked to a site which has pornographic text or images, it directs you to a neutral site. This can be one of your choosing or a random list of search engines such as Google. It can be customized and password protected. I wish I could tell you that it works really well, but I tend to be judicious in my browsing. I can tell you that they have a database of 450,00+ websites that will be blocked.

Hopefully, these will help you in dealing with the worst parts of the internet and protect your eyes and heart, and those of your children.

Blessings, Fr. Reed+

JUST A REMINDER:

6:15 PM Said Mass in the chapel
every WEDNESDAY,



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education classes will not be held over the summer. Feel free to join us for Coffee Hour. The last class will be held on Sunday, May 22nd. Christian Education will resume in the Fall. Watch your bulletins and Saltire for more information.

Activities

BIBLE STUDY

The last Bible Study class will meet on Wednesday, May 25th at 7:00 PM. There will be no Bible Study during the summer months. Bible Study will resume in the Fall.





PARISH GARAGE SALE (Sat. June 4th)

We will begin collecting items for the yard sale on May 15th through June 3rd. A sign-up sheet will be posted to help man the sale from 7 AM - 2 PM. A few good men will need to sign up for the early shift to help set up heavy items.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE FUND

We still need \$475.00 to cover the cost of weed-eating and edging the church property. Thanks for your generosity and please note on your donation that it is for "Grounds Maintenance."

NEWS RELEASE FOR CHURCHES

Metrocrest Family Medical Clinic, a charitable agency that provides minor medical care for uninsured families, is in urgent need of volunteers to work in the clinic one night per month, or one night every other month, for approximately three hours per night. The need is for medical doctors, physicians assistants and nurse practitioners. If you can help, please call Executive Director, Helen Lazor, at 972-484-8636 (M-F 10 AM to 12 noon) or Clinic Director, Christy Bryant RN, 972-312-8282 or 469-358-9371 (cell). The clinic is located in Plaza I, Suite 140, at RHD Hospital, and is open on Tues., Wed., and Thurs. nights.



2005 Activities Calendar St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Saturday, Jun. 4: Parish Garage Sale
 Sunday, Jun. 5: Parish Picnic
 Sunday, Jul. 17: Ice Cream Social
 Sunday, Sept. 11: Fall Rally Day/Shrimp Boil
 Saturday, Oct. 8: Octoberfest
 Sunday, Nov. 27: Advent Family Night/
 St. Andrew's Festival

Let's share some fun and enjoy our church family! Each event has several ways for you and your family to show your love for God and our church home. It is essential that each of us be involved in the daily life of St. Andrew's. Here are a few ways to help:

Event Coordinators are needed to organize an activity. More than one person may volunteer and make a team. Assist your group with supplies, other volunteers to help, and other needs to create a memorable evening.

Become a Financial Sponsor for an event. Maybe you don't have time to coordinate an activity, but you could help purchase supplies or donate a door prize. Any amount counts and is important!

Publicity Advisors are needed for each event. Call a friend and have some fun promoting St. Andrew's family fun to others and keep our church growing!



E.C.W. NEWS

The ECW will be going to the Dallas World Aquarium for our meeting on May 11th. We will meet in Hunsaker Hall at 9:45 AM for a short meeting. Car pools will leave at 10 AM. The price is \$12.95 + tax for Seniors. Carol Pearson & Nancy Dickerson will be our hostesses.

*** MAY 2005 ***

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8am Low Mass 9am Brunch 10am Sung Mass 2pm Doerler Wedding Shower 7pm E.S.L.	2 10am E.S.L.	3 7am Said Mass	4 10am E.S.L. 6:15pm Mass 6:30pm Choir Pract 7pm Bible Study	5 7am Faith Renewal 7pm Ascension Day Mass	6 12n Mass & Unction	7 10am E.S.L. 7pm E.S.L.
8 Sand Sun 8am Low Mass 9am Christ Ed. African Team Min 10am Sung Mass 5pm Youth Gr 7pm E.S.L.	9 10am E.S.L.	10 7am Said Mass 7pm Vestry	11 10am E.S.L. 10am ECW Mg Dallas World Aq 6:15pm Mass 6:30pm Choir Pract 7pm Bible Study	12 7pm Compassionate Friends	13 12n Mass & Unction	14 10am E.S.L. 2-4pm Mad Hatter's Tea 7pm E.S.L.
15 8am Low Mass 9am Christ Ed. African Team Min 10am Sung Mass Lunch Bunch Joe's Crab Shack 7pm E.S.L.	16 10am E.S.L.	17 7am Said Mass	18 10am E.S.L. 6:15pm Mass 6:30pm Choir Pract 7pm Potluck Sup & Game Night	19 7am Faith Renewal	20 12n Mass & Unction	21 10am E.S.L. 7pm E.S.L. 3pm Doerler/ Osmond Wed
22 8am Low Mass 9am Christ Ed. (Last Christ Ed class) 10am Sung Mass 5pm Youth Gr 7pm E.S.L.	23 10am E.S.L.	24 7am Said Mass	25 10am E.S.L. 6:15pm Mass 6:30pm Choir Pract 7pm Bible Study (*Last one for Summer)	26	27 12n Mass & Unction	28 10am E.S.L. 7pm E.S.L.
29 8am Low Mass 9am Coffee Hr 10am Sung Mass 7pm E.S.L.	30 10am E.S.L.	31 7am Said Mass				

BIRTHDAYS:

1 Eve Gorvetzian	22 James Sturgis	28 Becky DeGrasse
18 Gordon Vail III	23 Rick McKinley	29 Pinkney Johnson
22 Greg Tonian	25 Oscar Huerta	29 Charla Lawson



ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

2	George & Glenna Grimmer
13	Dean & Charlotte Foreman
14	Richard & Ann Hausmann
25	Glenn & Bernadine Robinson