



THE CROSSROADS

From the Desk of the Rector

The Seven Deadly Sins

For Episcopalians and people in the 21st century, the notion of the seven deadly sins may seem irrelevant since they are neither explicitly laid out in the Bible nor addressed in our catechism; furthermore, they are a product of theology from earlier times. I believe that the real reason that the deadly sins seem irrelevant to us is because our culture has done such a good job of twisting them into cultural virtues and they have been left unchecked for too long.

The seven deadly sins are just as real and as much a part of our lives as they have ever been and they are just as spiritually, and in many cases physically, deadly as ever. Furthermore, the deadly sins usually work in conjunction with each other. Notice how they are able to work together to eat away at our spiritual wholeness much the same way that a colony of termites weakens a structure's foundation.

Just as my annual check-up with my physician warns me whether any bad health habits are working together to slowly kill me so that I may have the opportunity to make a change, the season of Lent gives us the opportunity for a spiritual check-up in order that we may change our spiritual habits and begin to foster the healing of our souls. I encourage you to look at the "big seven," how they may be justified and working in your life and seek treatment through the exercise of the seven heavenly virtues: faith, hope, charity, fortitude, justice, temperance, prudence. As you give yourself a prayerful check-up, notice

especially the sins that you do not think apply to you. Those are most likely the ones that you will need to work on the most, since they are probably buried under a deeper layer of self-delusion.

Pride is over-dependence on one's own abilities that interferes with the individual's recognition of the grace of God, our own limitations, and our dependency on God and others. It has been called the sin from which all others arise. Pride is also known as *Vanity*. Pride is an easy one to fall victim to because it often masquerades as self-reliance and independence, which are seen as some of the highest virtues in our culture.

Envy is the desire for what other people have. It may be for others' traits, status, abilities, or situation. It is at the root of the old phrase, "keeping up with the Joneses." Envy is especially useful when one wants to beat oneself up and resent others. Along with pride, it creates a great deal of anxiety that ultimately kills the soul and the body.

Gluttony is an inordinate desire to consume more than that which one requires. In an economic environment of recession, the appeal of gluttony motivates us to go out and buy things that we really don't need but that keep the system going. Gluttony perpetuates a process of trying to fill an empty place in our being reserved for God with shoddy substitutes that never really satisfy, no matter how much we try to shovel into our lives or mouths.

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Shrove Tuesday pancake supper is Feb. 5

The traditional pancake supper for Shrove Tuesday will be held Feb. 5 from 5 p.m. to 7:30. Tickets are available at the office. Supper includes all the pancakes you can eat, sausage, ham and coffee. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children under 10.

Evensong will be a part of Lenten calendar

During Lent, Gary Mason and Millard Harrell will lead an Evensong (Evening Prayer) service at 5:30 p.m. every weekday but Wednesday at St. Andrew's. They have accepted this ministry after learning that parishioners would like to participate in such a service, but are not available for the Morning Prayer services each week.

They encourage people to stop by on their way home from work or to come to the church as their time allows to share in the traditional worship of the Book of Common Prayer.

Parishes will combine for the Way of the Cross

Again this year, St. Andrew's and Sacred Heart will share weekly services tracing the Way of the Cross. The services will begin at 7 p.m. each Friday, starting Feb. 8 at St. Andrew's, and will alternate between parishes.

St. Andrew's prepares for Holy Week

The Rev. Rand Frew, a friend of St. Andrew's, will be traveling from New York to his native Kansas again this year to share Holy Week with the parish. He will be part of the worship schedule during this important week, including services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Great Vigil. The Great Vigil will begin at 7:35 p.m. on Saturday, March 22..

Opportunities for Lenten Observance

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6

Imposition of ashes will be at 7 a.m. at St. Andrew's and 12:15 at Sacred Heart. Imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist will be at 6 p.m. at St. Andrew's. On this day of fast there will be no community meal tonight.

Sung Evensong, beginning Feb. 7

Beginning Feb. 7 Millard Harrell and Gary Mason will lead Evening Prayers in a sung evensong service in the chancel four times a week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The office will begin at 5:30. All are welcome. There should be adequate time for those wishing to follow Evening Prayer with Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings.

Stations of the Cross

Again this year, the parish is joining with Sacred Heart Catholic Church for the Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. on Fridays during Lent. The two churches will alternate hosting the Stations beginning at St. Andrew's on Feb. 8. There should be adequate time for those wishing to precede the Stations of the Cross with Evening Prayer.

Lenten Book Study Group

A group is forming to study Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams' *Christ on Trial: How the Gospel Unsettles Our Judgement*. Please let Karen know in the office if you are interested in participating. The group will meet Wednesdays during Lent beginning Feb. 13 at 7 p.m., following the Eucharist.

Looking ahead

Feb. 5 Shrove Tuesday. The traditional pancake supper will be served from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. The tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 10 years old and younger. Don Bailey, chairman, says diners can have all the pancakes they want, plus a serving of sausage or turkey ham. Coffee and milk or juice will also be served. Proceeds benefit the ministry of St. Andrew's. Tickets will be available at the door. Bring a friend—or several friends—to enjoy the fellowship of this pre-Lenten get-together.

Feb. 6 Ash Wednesday. St. Andrew's will observe the day with the Imposition of Ashes at 7 a.m. and at the 6 p.m. Eucharist. At 12:15 p.m., St. Andrew's parishioners are invited to Sacred Heart, to share the Imposition of Ashes. Please note that the 6 p.m. service will be the only Eucharist of the day at St. Andrew's.

Feb 7. Evensong (Evening Prayer) begins. See the article on page 2.

Feb. 8 Stations of the Cross. Stations will alternate between St. Andrew's and Sacred Heart, beginning this evening at St. Andrew's. See article on page 2.

Feb. 13 Lenten book study group begins. Wednesday evening gatherings will continue during Lent. On Feb. 13, Deborah Cotterman and Lynn Bonney will begin leading a group of parishioners who will meet at 7 p.m. to discuss Rowan Williams' "Christ on Trial." Participants are encouraged to gather at 6 p.m. for the regular worship service and communal supper.

Feb. 14 Vestry. St. Andrew's Vestry will convene at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Parishioners are invited—and encouraged—to attend.

Feb. 26 Women's luncheon. The women of St. Andrew's will continue their monthly luncheons at Coburn's Family Restaurant. The gathering begins at 11:30 a.m. and woman (and any interested men) may drop in as their schedule allows for lunch and conversation.

Annual meeting sees election, budget approval

At the 2008 Parish Meeting, convened on Jan. 27, parishioners elected three new Vestry members to three-year terms: Sue Wilson, June Hubert and Patrick Kelley; and they elected Eddie Gilpin to serve the remaining two years of Josh Taylor's term. Two longtime St. Andrew's members will lead the Vestry during 2008: Helen Call will serve as senior warden and Eddie Gilpin will act as junior warden.

Parishioners at the meeting also chose Jim Heasley to join Ray Call in representing St. Andrew's as convention delegates. (Continuing as alternates are Helen Call and Jenny Harder.) The budget, as presented in the parish booklet and distributed by e-mail and on paper, was approved for 2008.

Is it time to schedule a baptism?

The service of the Great Vigil, on the evening of Holy Saturday, is a traditional time for baptisms in the Church. Anyone who is interested in discussing baptism for an infant or an adult is urged to talk with Fr. Kelley as soon

as possible, to ensure that preparations are made for this event, important in the life of each person and to the Church family.



Children of the parish bring figures of animals and shepherds to the crèche at the family Christmas Eucharist.



*Hide your face
from my sins,
and blot out all
my iniquities.
Create in me a
clean heart, O
God, and
renew a right
spirit within
me.*

—Psalm 51

Milestones

In our daily prayers we celebrate

Births

Feb. 1	Allie Mitchell
Feb. 5	Ray Call
Feb. 11	Glen Gilpin
Feb. 13	Colleen Mitchell Bill North
Feb. 15	Kim Schwenn Amy Schwenn
Feb. 17	Mike Weidert Carolyn Van Syoc
Feb. 21	Carolyn Lackey
Feb. 22	Gloria Stewart
Feb. 23	Leigh Dyer Elijah Williams
Feb. 27	Justin Davis Sue Seeman
Feb. 28	Barbara Walker

Baptisms

Feb. 3	Zoe Dyer
Feb. 9	Gladys Azzun
Feb. 11	Jaimee Foster
Feb. 14	Will Dyer
Feb. 27	Dave Hendricks
Feb. 28	Ron Roerig

Confirmations

Feb. 2	Nancy Romine Jean Runge (received)
Feb. 6	Douglas Amend Marged Amend Emily Ayers Jordan Crofoot Justin Davis Chase Harder Hannah Harder Kelby Harrell Jeff Hawes
Feb. 23	June Hubert

Marriages

Feb. 3	Arnold and Linda Graham
Feb. 6	Phil and Carolyn Martin
Feb. 28	Bob and Anna Basler

We remember

Feb. 1	Mabel Hagan Scott
Feb. 3	Bernice M. Hagan
Feb. 4	James F. Spears
Feb. 5	William Lucas Henry Yates
Feb. 6	Lyman D. Thayer
Feb. 7	Leo R. Conwell Roscoe L. Mendenhall Donetta Henning Resch
Feb. 8	Robert Howell
Feb. 10	Harry Higgins
Feb. 11	Thomas McCullough
Feb. 12	Ann J. Haywood
Feb. 15	Nettie Resch
Feb. 16	Maurine Webster Warren
Feb. 17	Bill Miles
Feb. 18	Clarence Smalley
Feb. 19	Floyd M. Maker
Feb. 20	Maurene Ore
Feb. 21	Maurine Lauderback James S. Wilson
Feb. 23	Frank Adelbert Griffin
Feb. 25	William A. Firth
Feb. 26	Willa Ruth Storey
Feb. 28	Clarence R. Kraum

Ordination to the priesthood

Feb. 14	Kelley J. Lackey II
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Important date missing?

If a date that's important to you hasn't been included in this calendar, please notify the church office or send an e-mail to oread1978@yahoo.com.

February Server Schedule

	Feb. 3	Feb. 6 Ash Wednesday 6 p.m.	Feb. 10	Feb. 17	Feb. 24	March 2
Chalice bearer	S. McKinney	A. Keller	P. Kelley	S. McKinney	G. Garcia	J. Harder
Priest server	J. Davis	J. Davis	J. Harder	J. Davis	J. Davis	R. Mitchell
Crucifer	P. Davis	P. Davis	J. Crofoot	P. Davis	B. Dyer	J. Crofoot
Torch 1	R. Mitchell	W. Dyer	H. Harder	W. Dyer	W. Dyer	H. Harder
Torch 2	C. O'Mara	C. O'Mara	W. Dyer	A. Mitchell	C. O'Mara	A. Mitchell
Thurifer	-none-	-none-	-none-	-none-	-none-	-none-
Lector	M. Harrell	J. Runge	M. Amend	B. Clamurro	M. Harrell	A. Rust
Intercessor	M. Mingenback	B. Clamurro	J. Schwenn	R. Call	M. Mingenback	M. Amend
Nursery 1	J. Schwenn	L. Dyer	J. Bannon	A. Jacob	M. Halleran	H. Call
Nursery 2	J. Schwenn	J. Hubert	S. Bannon	N. Jacob	L. Dyer	R. Call
Greeter 1	D. Mai	S. Wilson	C. Harder	D. Mai	S. Wilson	C. Harder
Greeter 2	S. Mai	B. Dyer	N. Romine	S. Mai	J. Hubert	N. Romine
LEV 1	S. McKinney	-none-	J. Hubert	S. McKinney	L. Bonney	B. Barnes
LEV 2	J. Hubert	-none-	G. Mason	B. Barnes	P. Kelley	G. Mason

Please remember that if you are not able to serve you are responsible for finding your own substitute.

Rector's Column, *cont.*

Lust is an inordinate craving for the pleasures of the body. It is not just sexual in nature. It is tied closely with gluttony and is among other things, a sign of the emptiness in our lives due to a lack of genuine relationships with one another and with God.

Anger is manifested when we spurn love and opt for fury. All you have to do is look around and see all of the ways that we would rather settle differences with violence, or at least passive-aggressive behavior, to acknowledge that we allow anger to be a greater force in our lives than love. Anger is also known as *Wrath*.

Greed is the desire for material wealth or gain, ignoring the realm of the spiritual. It is another one of those sins that have been held up as a virtue in that greed often masquerades as security and stewardship. Greed is served by a certain lack of faith in the goodness of God and an anxiety that we may have less tomorrow than we have today. Hoarding is oftentimes manifested in persons with anxiety disorders just as greed is present in the lives of those with great spiritual anxieties. Greed is also called *Avarice* or *Covetousness*.

Sloth is the avoidance of physical or spiritual work. While we may be good at doing all of our chores and meeting all of the obligations of our jobs, we are lazy in doing the work needed to care for our bodies, our

minds and our souls. I would argue that sloth is most deadly when it occurs in our spiritual lives and our souls are left to become flabby and undisciplined. Do we engage in daily care and feeding of our souls through regular prayer, scripture study and church attendance? If not, prepare to have a weak, out-of-shape spirit when something heavy is laid upon it.

I hope that this Lenten season will be an opportunity for each of us to depend more and more upon the God of Resurrection and less upon the illusions and self-deceptions in our lives that kill us.

Pax,

Kelley+

Fr. Kelley thanks the parish

Dear St. Andrew's Family,

Thank you for your kind gift of my Christmas purse. And, thank you, especially, for the continuing love and presence in my life and the life of my family that your gift represents.

Pax, Kelley+

Ways you can help laid-off Tyson workers

There will be a job fair on Feb. 9, probably at the university, with all levels of government present as well as prospective employers from neighboring cities (Wichita, Topeka, Ottawa). If you know anyone who might be intimidated by going up on campus and struggling with parking, etc., please volunteer to take them and help them get there.

At St. Andrew's, we have an opportunity to help support the Salvation Army and LCREF in a much greater monetary way. There will be a need for food (lots of it) and money for utilities (lots of it) and volunteers to help bag the food for distribution. Please ask Jacque James, June Hubert or Father Kelley if you want to help.

Also if anyone in the congregation has job openings and could use manpower now, that would be a real blessing.

For all of us this is a great opportunity to put our prayer power to work. St. Andrew's has some powerful prayer warriors, let's all join them in this time of upheaval. —June Hubert

Supper ends observance of Prayer for Christian Unity

St. Andrew's opened its doors to Sacred Heart parishioners on Friday, Jan. 25, to share a service observing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Rev. Darren Henson of Sacred Heart was the guest preacher, recalling the week's origins and its links to Anglicanism. As Sacred Heart did in 2007, St. Andrew's served a soup supper to share with our guests. Sampling (and just plain chowing down on) a variety of soups and breads allowed time for getting acquainted or reconnecting with friends.

From the Senior Warden

As we look back at 2007, there is one constant for our church and that is the dedication and commitment from our members to make St. Andrew's a special place to worship and work as a parish family. Many activities can easily go unnoticed because they are always done and done well. Thank you for all that you do and we know even the smallest effort is known in God's eyes.

The month of January included a visit from Bishop Wolfe to confirm four new members (three of them college students) and to receive one new member. While here, Bishop Wolfe met with the vestry and challenged us to focus on the things that we must do well and to be willing to take risks to grow our church. He shared with the parish his thoughts about the Diocese and St. Andrew's in a special brunch after the 11 a.m. service.

Lent starts early this year so the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on Feb. 5. Join Don Bailey and his workers for a delicious meal of pancakes and sausage. This is a good event to invite people from outside the parish to join us in fellowship.

Mary Mingenback reported to the vestry that a number of parishioners contributed beyond their stated pledge for 2007. Total receipts for the year, including pledges, gifts and fund-raising projects, raised \$7,724 more than we had planned in the budget. Our total expenses exceeded the planned budget by \$1,620, requiring us to transfer more than \$32,000 from endowment earnings to support the operating budget. One major overage was for snow removal and yard care. The projected budget for next year shows a potential need to use \$37,700 from endowed earnings.

A major challenge for our church is to generate more funds from pledges and other current funds to support the operation of the church. To support a priest, church services, our church complex, apportionment and outside ministries, it takes between \$150,000 and \$160,000 annually. A majority of our expenses are fixed, which is a challenge for a church our size. I encourage each of us to make St. Andrew's a financial priority.

Bill Barnes

St. Andrew's welcomes bishop, confirmands

The Right Rev. Dean E. Wolfe joined the people of St. Andrew's on Jan. 13 for his regular visitation and a Confirmation service.

During the 11 a.m. Eucharist, Bishop Wolfe confirmed Patrick Davis, Andrea Faris, Anna Guiltner and Kate Wise and received Michael Mallek from the Roman Catholic Church. Their parish family celebrated with a brunch, planned by Susan and David Mai and the members of the Parish Life committee.

Pictured here with Bishop Wolfe and Fr. Kelley are (left to right): Andrea Faris, Michael Mallek, Anna Guiltner, Kate Wise and Patrick Davis.



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February 20 is the deadline for information to be included in the March Crossroads. Please drop off any information at the church office or e-mail it to oread1978@yahoo.com by noon that day.

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