

# SAINT ANNE MISSION

*Klagetoh, Arizona*

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## Advent

Dear Friends,

Once again the great season of Advent is upon us. As the article and photos at the right illustrate, the Saint Anne Mission community will celebrate Advent and Christmas in a refreshed church building.

We end this year with so much to be grateful for. We enjoy the prayers and support of hundreds of people from across the country. Catholic schools from Rhode Island to California have chosen to send student mission groups to experience and participate in the special work of the Church that takes place here. And several parishes have 'adopted' us as beneficiaries of their special collections and mission fundraisers.

People often describe Klagetoh as remote. It is. But in spite of its physical isolation, the presence of the Universal Church is somehow more intense in this remote place than it is in many others.

God is truly with us.



Bro. Charles Schilling, SC  
Administrator

## Mission Church Gets a Needed Facelift

*Repointing and New Carpet*

A few months ago, I noticed that some of the rocks that make up the exterior facade and walls of the Saint Anne Mission Church were in danger of coming loose. I was afraid that a stone was going to fall out and 'bop' someone on the head! A quick phone call to Franciscan Brother John FriebeI got us on his schedule for a complete "re-pointing" of the church beginning in July.

Last week, a group of student volunteers from St. Mary's High School of Phoenix, Arizona helped us remove the decades-old carpet and an underlayer of old tiles from the Mission Church. They then helped clean and patch the concrete floor beneath. The following day, they installed two-foot square carpet tiles throughout the church. New carpet was also installed in the sacristy and entryway, giving the interior of the church a facelift to complement the exterior work.



*Loose stones on the Mission church facade prior to the repointing work.*



*The finished product.*



*Above: St. Mary's students clean the floor of the empty Mission Church prior to installation of the new carpet. At left: The newly re-carpeted Church is ready for Sunday Mass.*

## Mission Groups Scheduled

**Bros of the Sacred Heart Discernment Group**  
January 4-10, 2017

**Mt St Charles Academy**  
Woonsocket, RI  
February 17-24, 2017

**Vandebilt Catholic H.S.**  
Houma, LA  
February 25-March 4, 2017

**Saint Louis University**  
Saint Louis, MO  
March 11-18, 2017

**Saint Stanislaus College**  
Bay Saint Louis, MS  
April 15-22, 2017

**Bp Guertin High School**  
Nashua, NH  
April 22-29, 2017

**St Joseph's Academy**  
Baton Rouge, LA  
June 1-8, 2017

**Catholic High School & St Joseph's Academy**  
Baton Rouge, LA  
Klagetoh Bible School  
June 10-17, 2017

**Canisius High School**  
Buffalo, NY  
June 19-28, 2017

**Br Martin H.S. Faculty**  
New Orleans, LA  
June 30-July 7, 2017

**Hope for the Children Fdn**  
Queens, NY  
Ganado Bible School  
July 8-15, 2017

**McQuaid Jesuit H.S.**  
Rochester, NY  
July 16-28, 2017

## Since Mid-Summer...

Much has happened in Klagetoh since the last newsletter at the start of July.

Mr. Tony Bellizi and his volunteers with the Hope for the Children Foundation were out after the 4th of July to conduct the Summer Bible School in Ganado.

Later in July, the Mission hosted a group of volunteers from McQuaid Jesuit High School in Rochester, New York. The group was led by their principal, Mr. Adam Baber, who previously visited the Mission when he was working at another high school in up-state New York. They undertook a number of painting and renovation projects and ended their stay by helping a local family install a cement floor.

## Extended Holy Family Icon Finds Home in Mission Church



Fr. Pio O'Connor OFM blesses the Artwork of the Extended Holy Family given to the Mission by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

The Extended Holy Family adds Ss. Anne and Joachim, the parents of Mary, to the usual depiction of the child Jesus with the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph.

The depiction has a special relevance to Navajo culture, where the extended family holds a greater importance than it does in the predominant Western culture.

The digital artwork was produced by Brother Mickey McGrath, OSFS, who modified an existing piece of art to include Navajo features, dress, and other adaptations. Other works by Brother Mickey can be viewed at his website: bromickeymcgrath.com.



*The Ganado Summer Bible School concluded with a spirited presentation by participants.*



*A volunteer from McQuaid Jesuit High School in Rochester, NY helps a young Navajo girl line up a billiards shot during an outing with local youth.*



*Linda & Lester Crow and the American Indian Benefit Alliance visited the Mission in September. They brought friends, clothing, and over a ton of pinto beans.*

Gifts to assist the Mission's work of evangelization and outreach may be sent to:

**Saint Anne Mission**  
**PO Box 366**  
**Chambers, AZ 86502**

Gifts to the Basketball Court Reconstruction Fund may be sent to the same address.