



ST. ANNE MISSION

Klagetoh, Arizona

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Holy Week

The Holy Week celebration at St. Anne Mission is always memorable. Palm Sunday dawned clear and cool, allowing us to begin the liturgy outdoors with the blessing of palms. As is customary, the Holy Thursday and Good Friday liturgies were held in Klagetoh, with the Easter Vigil Mass in the hall at All Saints in Ganado. The parish welcomed 12 new members to the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday.



St. Anne's new Paschal Candle was donated by the U.S. Province of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. It was blessed at the Easter Vigil Mass in Ganado.



Above: Fr. Pio gathered with St. Anne parishioners for the blessing of the palms on the mission basketball court.

In the Masthead: The Catholic communities of Ganado, Greasewood, and Klagetoh gather together to celebrate the Light of Christ at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Below: After the blessing, everyone walked in procession to the church.



Right: Fr. Pio confers the Sacrament of Confirmation on newly baptized members of the church at the Easter Vigil Mass.



Left: St. Stanislaus volunteer Johnny Contreras proclaims a reading at the Easter Vigil Mass.



Mission Groups Scheduled

The following groups are currently scheduled to visit in 2015

Bishop Guertin High School

Nashua, NH
April 25-May 2

St. Joseph's Academy

Baton Rouge, LA
June 1-8

Catholic High School & St. Joseph's Academy

Baton Rouge, LA
Klagetoh Bible School
June 13-20

Canisius High School

Buffalo, NY
June 23-July 1

Hope for the Children

New York, NY
Ganado Bible School
July 11-18

St. Thomas Parish

Long Beach, MS
July 19-24

St. Mary's High School

Phoenix, AZ
November 18-22

Thibodaux Men's Group

Thibodaux, LA
November 23-28

Visitors

Of real significance in the Springtime is the assistance we are able to offer through the youthful energy and enthusiasm of visiting mission groups, who come to the Reservation to assist us in meeting the spiritual and material needs of the local people.

As we enter the second half of April, I sometimes find it difficult to remember all of the many projects that the four groups who have visited us since the New Year have accomplished. We've also been blessed with other guests who have come for a night or two.



Some of the many things our volunteers do (clockwise from top left): Unloading fence posts; learning to make frybread; visitors from Rome at Canyon de Chelly; pouring a hogan foundation; calling Bingo; painting Sister's porch; Family Fun Night face paint; loading a trailer with trash.



Conservation Initiative

One thing I've become acutely aware of over the past three Winters is how much it costs to heat this mission. In the past, we have spent in the neighborhood of \$14,000 annually to purchase propane for heating the mission house, the volunteer trailer, and Sister Monica's residence. Due to its poor insulation and inefficient heating system, the lion's share of that money goes to heating the mission house.

Bolstered by relative cheap propane prices and a relatively mild Winter season, we've taken some conservation measures that should result in a \$3-5,000 savings in propane expenses this year. We intend to use the surplus funds to make the mission house more efficient. First on the agenda: replacing the house's old inefficient windows with modern fixtures. Down the road, we are exploring the possibility of replacing our hot water / piped heating system with something more energy-efficient.