

# SAINT ANNE MISSION

*Klagetoh, Arizona*

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## Back Home Again

Dear Friends,

After the busy-ness of June and July, the Mission staff took some time off in August to rest and reset.

In early September, I made my annual trip to Gulf Breeze, Florida to speak at Masses on Saturday and Sunday to request funds to help cover the Mission's Winter heating expenses, which are formidable. The people of Gulf Breeze and Pensacola Beach were welcoming and generous, as always. We look forward to a return visit of the Gulf Breeze Knights of Columbus next May.

Following the Mission appeal, I made my annual retreat near Tucson and was only at the Mission a few days in September before Brother Robert and I headed to Rhode Island for a community event. After all of those days "living out of a suitcase" it was good to be back home.

My travels did give me the opportunity to reconnect with some of our good friends along the way and reminded me that we are not alone in this somewhat isolated place.

This newsletter and the activities it reports on is made possible by you, our good friends and donors throughout the country. Aheéheé.



Bro. Charles Schilling, SC  
Administrator

## Summer Projects

June and July were very active months at Saint Anne Mission as we hosted seven volunteer groups during this period.

Two groups took the lead in conducting the Summer Bible Schools in Klagetoh and Ganado.

The balance of the Mission's visitors undertook a range of projects at the Mission and in the wider community.

### Pauline Lee's House

A major project that involved the work of several visiting groups was the rehabilitation of a 70+ year-old stone house for the use of Pauline Lee. Pauline was returning to Klagetoh after living with relatives in southern Utah for nearly two decades. The house is the one she grew up in and was in poor shape. Over the summer, volunteers removed an interior wall and old fixtures, painted the interior walls and ceiling, and replaced the deteriorating floor and sub-floor. The Mission has also ordered new windows for the house and Pauline is working with the local utility company to restore electrical service to the house.

*Right: Girls from Baton Rouge's Saint Joseph's Academy gave the Mission hogan some needed attention.*

### Sprucing Up the Hogan

The girls of Baton Rouge's St. Joseph's Academy were charged with the job of cleaning and painting the ceiling of the Mission's 50-year-old hogan. The hogan is the only structure at the Mission that is heated by a wood stove, and years of soot had turned the ceiling a shade of dingy gray. Once the girls had finished, parishioners remarked how much "brighter" the hogan seemed after Sunday Mass.

### Demolition

Several groups also worked to complete demolition of the hogan of one of our parishioners. The hogan's roof had collapsed under the heavy snows of January and February and we were tasked with completing the job.



## Autumn Events

While the Fall is typically quieter than other parts of the year at St. Anne, we do have some visitors and events scheduled.

Long-time benefactor Mrs. Gloria Cordero and representatives of the Rotary Club of Long Beach, California will visit in October to explore ways they can support the Mission.

At the end of the month, the Mission will sponsor its annual Haunted Hogan with Halloween treats for the kids. We typically receive about 150 trick-or-treaters each year.

Lester and Linda Crow and their friends from the Texas Panhandle region will represent the American Indian Benefit Alliance in their Fall visit and giveaway at St. Anne the second Friday in November. Also joining us that weekend will be a group of student volunteers from Mount St. Charles Academy in Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

The week before Thanksgiving we will welcome students from Phoenix' St. Mary's High School for the eighth consecutive year and Thanksgiving week will see the visit of a small student group from St. Stanislaus College in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

Around Christmas we hope to host a group of young men discerning their religious vocation with the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.



*In July, Father Pio presided over an infant baptism at the Mission Church. The Mission prepares children and adults for reception of the sacraments.*

*Right: Volunteers from McQuaid Jesuit High School in Rochester, NY paint the interior walls at Ms. Pauline Lee's house in Klagetoh.*



*Left: Students from St. Joseph High School in Metuchen, NJ prepare to demolish a damaged hogan.*



## Basketballs & Bullheads

Many of you are aware of how popular the sport of basketball is on the Navajo Reservation. While improvements to the Mission's basketball court have been reported over the past several years, another necessary component for the game of basketball is, well, a basketball.

The flora around the Mission's basketball court is mostly high desert sagebrush and other native vegetation. But also present is an invasive species that produces a sticker seed that the local people call "bullheads". I can personally attest that these burrs are quite painful when stepped on. They're also able to puncture basketballs, which means we often need replacements.

Fortunately, in every one of the seven years I've been at St. Anne Mission, just before Christmas a large box of brand new basketballs has been delivered. I've learned that our "Secret Santa" is Mrs. Jackie McPheeters of Placentia, California. We are ever grateful for her generosity and thoughtfulness.

Brother Charles is also working on a plan to eradicate the invasive bullheads.

See more photos at [www.klagetoh.org](http://www.klagetoh.org)