

# SAINT ANNE MISSION

*Klagetoh, Arizona*

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## Mission Update

Dear Friends,

As we slowly emerge from pandemic, the mission is very gradually returning to 'normal' operations.

While there were some challenges during the colder months, the weekly rummage sale remains popular as an outdoor event. The warmer days of the springtime have made this more tolerable.

The mission church remains closed in compliance with Navajo Department of Health guidelines for social distancing, but we are celebrating a Sunday Vigil Mass with the All Saints community in Ganado.

The playground equipment and basketball court have been made ready for use by the public this spring and summer. The mission's programs for children, including the summer Bible Schools remain on hold.

However, in late February we were happy to welcome the first small group of mission volunteers in nearly two years.

It is my hope that continued low incidence of COVID-19 will enable us to open these programs in the near future and to soon be able to resume regular worship in the 95-yr-old mission church.



Bro. Charles Schilling, SC  
*Administrator*

## Welcome Back, Brother David!

Brother David Landry, SC will join the local community and staff at St. Anne Mission in August. No stranger to Klagetoh and the Navajo Nation, Brother David resided at the Mission in the early 2000s while serving on the faculty of Ganado Middle School. He went on to live and work at St. Michael High School in St. Michaels Arizona for five years. David is currently teaching math at Catholic High School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and is excited at the prospect of returning to Arizona and the Navajo Nation.



## Prayers for Brother Robert

In mid-February, Brother Robert Lavoie experienced a health crisis. Diagnosed with pneumonia in mid-February, Robert spent several nights as a patient at Flagstaff Medical Center and some additional days at Sage Memorial Hospital in Ganado.

During this time, the leadership of our Province, in consultation with Brothers Robert and Charles, determined that it would be best to move Robert to our community's assisted living residence in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. There, Brother Robert continues to receive medical care for issues with his lungs and heart. He looks forward to returning to Klagetoh when his health permits. Please keep him in your prayers.



## Mission Groups Scheduled

*These groups are scheduled to visit the Mission in 2022*

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

**Catholic High School**  
Baton Rouge, LA  
June 11-18

**St Joseph High School**  
Metuchen, NJ  
June 18-25

**St John Paul the Great H.S.**  
Arlington, VA  
June 25 - July 1

**Coindre Leadership Program**  
July 1-7

**Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Knights of Columbus**  
Gulf Breeze, FL  
TBD

**American Indian Benefit Alliance**  
Amarillo, TX  
October 5-7

**St Stanislaus College**  
Bay St Louis, MS  
November 20-26

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## Bobcat Sighting!

Last Fall, one of our benefactors contacted me to ask what “big ticket” need the mission might have. The first thing that came to mind was a tractor. Those who have visited us know that weather and road conditions are sometimes harsh at the mission. A tractor could be useful for snow removal, conditioning the dirt surfaces around the mission, and other needs within the community.

He agreed and, after several weeks of research, we ordered a Bobcat 2450 compact tractor through a Flagstaff dealer. Supply chain issues delayed the delivery for several months, but in early March we finally took delivery of our new “tough animal”.

The tractor has already been used to dig several post holes for one of our neighbors, to move some dirt to combat long-standing erosion issues around the foundation of the mission

house, and to load some sand for another parishioner. We are currently looking for an appropriate aluminum trailer (new or used) that can be used to transport the tractor (built for function, not for speed) to worksites where it might benefit members of our community. Plans are also underway to construct a tractor “barn” for *Náshdóítbái* (Navajo for bobcat) this summer.



## Volunteers

For many years, hosting groups of student (and older) volunteers has been a staple of St. Anne Mission. While the COVID pandemic required a pause, we are happy to once again welcome volunteers to the Mission.

Our inaugural group was a new one: six students and two staff members from Los Angeles’ Loyola Marymount University joined us at the beginning of Lent. A couple of weeks later we welcomed a group of 11 from St. Louis University and for Easter week, we hosted a small group of young men from St. Stanislaus College - a high school from Bay St.

Louis, Mississippi that has a long tradition of sending volunteers to Klagetoh.



*Saint Stanislaus volunteers work together to clean a sheep corral.*