

SAINT ANNE MISSION

Klagetoh, Arizona

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A Slow Emergence

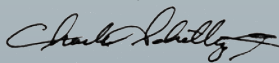
Dear Friends,

The Navajo Nation is very slowly emerging from health department restrictions imposed at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March, 2020.

An easing of restrictions in May allowed the resumption of outdoor flea markets, which are very popular among the Navajo people. Sr. Monica and I decided that it would be possible to re-open the Mission's Rummage Sale, which had been closed for over a year, as an outdoor market.

We continue to celebrate Sunday Mass with our sister mission All Saints at their hall in Ganado, Arizona. Face masks are required and communion is distributed at the end of Mass. We do not yet know when tribal regulations will permit us to resume Mass in the Mission Church at St. Anne, where maintaining six feet of separation is problematic.

Please continue to pray for us as we do for you.



Bro. Charles Schilling, SC
Administrator

Sanitation Supplies from St. Stanislaus

In early June the Mission accepted the delivery of three palettes of sanitation supplies gathered by students of St. Stanislaus College in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi. St. Stanislaus is one of several schools that had to cancel their regular Mission Trips in 2020 and early 2021. Graduating seniors Michael Burns and Wallace St. Paul spear-headed the drive which also included a monetary donation for the Mission's emergency food pantry.

SSC alumnus Billy App and J.W. Allen & Co. underwrote the cost of shipping the supplies to Klagetoh.



New Truck for the Mission

In May the Mission received a commitment from an anonymous donor to underwrite the purchase of a new truck. The 2012 RAM 1500 pickup had accumulated over 265,000 miles and was missing a tailgate.

We determined that the best 'fit' for the Mission's needs would be a late model Nissan Frontier. Working with several dealers in the Phoenix area, we were able to secure a very good price and concluded the purchase of a new 2020 Frontier on May 14.



The truck was pressed into service the very next day since Sister Monica's refrigerator was failing and needed to be replaced.

Visiting Groups Scheduled

Although visitor restrictions remain in place on the Navajo Reservation, the Mission is anticipating the resumption of a limited volunteer program this Fall. Those groups currently scheduled are listed below

American Indian Benefit Alliance
Amarillo TX
Sep or Oct, 2021 (TBD)

St Mary's High School
Phoenix AZ
November 17-21, 2021

St Stanislaus College
Bay St Louis MS
November 21-26, 2021

St Louis University
St Louis MO
March 12-19, 2022

St Stanislaus College
Bay St Louis MS
April 15-22, 2022

CHS/SJA
Baton Rouge LA
June 11-18, 2022

St Joseph's High School
Metuchen NJ
June 18-25, 2022

Hope for the Children Fdn
Queens NY
July 9-16, 2022

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Mission Rummage Reopens as Flea Market



With the Navajo Nation permitting the reopening of outdoor markets, it was decided that the Mission's Rummage Sale - which traditionally operates from September through mid-May but has been shut down since March, 2020 - would open this June as an outdoor "flea market" from 9 am until noon every Wednesday. Although the Rummage has

been closed, many of the Mission's generous benefactors have continued to send items of clothing, toys, quilts, small appliances, etc. and we were about to run out of room. The Wednesday events have been well-attended and people seem grateful at the opportunity to resume a 'normal' activity that many have missed.

News and Notes

Renewing Relationships

Following this year of physical isolation we are intent on renewing existing relationships as well as encouraging new ones. Brother Charles will travel during the summer to visit St. Philip Parish in Payson, Arizona as well as St. Ann Parish in Gulf Breeze, Florida. Both parish communities have a longstanding relationship with the Mission.

Mass Continues in Ganado

St. Anne continues to celebrate Sunday Mass with its sister community of All Saints in Ganado, Arizona. Masses are celebrated in the hall (gym) in Ganado to allow space for social distancing between family groups.



Our Graduate

Michael Billie, the young man who completed his junior and senior years of high school through distance learning using the Mission's Internet access, graduated from Ganado High School in late May. We wish him well in his future endeavors.

Water Leaks

We discovered a number of leaks this Spring in both the heating and hot water systems of the Mission House, the latest in mid-May. All were repaired by Franciscan Brother John Friebe and his assistant Ben Laughing.

Heat Wave

June, 2021 saw record heat in Klagetoh. Our weather station recorded its highest temperature ever on June 18 at 103°F. While temperatures that high and higher regularly occur in Phoenix triple-digit temperatures are rare around Klagetoh. Two days later the wind gauge recorded a gust of 53 mph.

Left: Father Pio distributes communion at the conclusion of Mass in the hall at All Saints in Ganado