

The Thirteenth Sunday in Pentecost

22 August 2010

Franciscan Notes

- ▶ **COFFEE HOUR** - Please join us in the Parish Hall for coffee, tea and juice following services today.
- ▶ **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Edie Hawkins in loving memory of her daughter Georgann, by Ben & Jan Travis in thanksgiving for their 53rd wedding anniversary and by Bob & Connie Oigus in loving memory of his sisters Wilma Nourick & Eleanor Williams.
- ▶ **OUR PREACHER NEXT SUNDAY** - On August 29 the Preacher at both services will be The Rev. Edward Mullins.
- ▶ **HEALING PRAYERS** - A member of the Daughters of the King is at the Chapel altar rail at both services to join in healing prayer with anyone who wishes it. Please go to the Chapel altar rail after your communion.
- ▶ **COMPUTERS NEEDED** - We have need of a new computer for the Parish Reception Office. If you have one that's not more than five years old you would like to donate, get in touch with Neal Hursh through the Parish Finance Office (625-1370).
- ▶ **BISHOP'S VISIT** - Bishop Kirk Smith is scheduled to be with us on October 3 for Confirmation, for Reception of those individuals who have been confirmed in another denomination, and for those who would like to reaffirm their baptismal vows (10 am service). If you wish to be Confirmed, Received or to Reaffirm your vows, please complete a form which is available in the Parish Office. You may also get in touch with the Parish Administrator, Vern Woodlief, to have a form e-mailed to you.
- ▶ **CONVENTION DELEGATES NEEDED** - A delegate and an alternate are needed to represent St. Francis at Diocesan Convention to be held in October. A portion of the cost will be covered. If you would like to be a part of this experience, please get in touch with Deacon Vern for further information.
- ▶ **THE WHOLE PARISH IS INVITED!** - Join us for a fun evening with our youth and young families this Friday in the Parish Hall. It's a potluck, so please bring a dish to share. The fun starts at 5 pm. Plan to attend and support the youth of the Parish.
- ▶ **WI-FI HOT SPOT** - As part of the technical upgrade which includes our telephone system, St. Francis now has a Wi-Fi Hot Spot. So, bring your laptop and surf the internet or download your e-mail, all for free.
- ▶ **OUTREACH** - During the month of August we will be collecting goods for the Green Valley Food Bank. Although matching funds are not available this month, \$1 will buy \$9 worth of food! You will find envelopes in the pew racks for your convenience.

Alpha is coming September 19th

at 3 pm

Call the church office to sign up!

- ▶ **WHAT IS ALPHA!** - You've noticed that "Alpha is coming," but what is it? Alpha is for adults interested in finding out more about the Christian faith. Alpha explores many fundamental questions, such as
 - ▶ what is the meaning of life?
 - ▶ what happens when we die?

- what relevance does Jesus have for our lives?
- how do we deal with guilt?

Alpha is about learning and laughter (learning about the faith and having fun too), it's about helping one another through small group discussions where no question is seen as too simple or too hostile. And it's about food and fellowship. Alpha begins Sunday, September 19 at 3 pm. Call the Parish Office to sign up for this very exciting program. You don't want to miss it!

▶ **EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY** – Every Baptized person is called to Ministry. Education for Ministry (EfM) is a program designed for laity to provide theological study and reflection rooted in the Scriptures and traditions of the Church. We at St. Francis are currently enrolling Year One and Year Three classes and would be delighted to have you join this lively group. We meet on Tuesdays, 1 pm to 3 pm in the Conference Room. Classes start September 21 so don't delay. Information is also available in the EfM mailbox in the Parish Office or you may get in touch with Joan Archibald at 648-1106 for more information.

▶ **SEEKERS BOOK GROUP** – Are you interested in joining a dynamic, open-minded group exploring current events in Christianity as they affect our lives in Green Valley? The Seekers Book Group selects a current book or AV material and discusses what it says to us living here in active retirement. We are completely aware that experiences, beliefs and needs are very individual and all points of view are welcome and respected. We meet weekly on Thursdays from 1 to 2:30 pm in the Conference Room. In September we will start to use the book *The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation* by Barbara Rossing as our touchstone. Professor Rossing often cites material from the popular Rapture series by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins in her material. It would probably be helpful to peruse at least one volume of that series. They are readily available at the Public Library. For more information get in touch with Joan Archibald at 648-1106.

▶ **IN THE BOUTIQUE** – Be sure to visit the Talents Unlimited Boutique after Sunday services today and during the week on the third Wednesday of the month (Summer schedule) from 9:30 am until Noon. New merchandise is arriving daily, so stop by and see what's new!

▶ **TELEPHONE SYSTEM MATCHING FUNDS OFFERED** – St. Francis has received a generous matching-funds gift of \$4,000 toward replacing our ailing phone system. The Parish stands to save a significant amount of money by paying for the necessary equipment within the first year of service, as well as nearly \$2,000 in yearly telephone charges. The Vestry invites you to help match the initial gift; to date we have received \$1,230.

▶ **SERVICES AT LA POSADA** – Morning Prayer and Communion services began on **July 28th** for the residents of La Joya at La Posada, and we extend an invitation to others living at La Posada to join them. The Rev. Barbara and Gary LaBarre are the organizers. Services are held each Wednesday at 10:30 am in the Celebration Room at La Joya Assisted Living. If you have questions call Barbara at 867-8307.

▶ **LECTORS, ACOLYTES & SERVERS** – Schedules for August 2010 are available in the Parish Office or on-line at the Parish Web site. If you have not already done so, please stop in the Parish Office after services today and sign the 'I WILL NOT be available' book for the second trimester of 2010.

▶ **A REMINDER** – Please notify Rae Turberg in the Parish Office any time you have a change in street or e-mail address or telephone number. Help us keep our Parish records up-to-date.

This Week at Saint Francis

Sunday, August 22

8:00a Holy Eucharist I

10:00a Church School – Classrooms

10:00a Holy Eucharist II

Monday, August 23

No Parish events scheduled

Tuesday, August 24

9:00a Staff Meeting - Library

Wednesday, August 25

9:00a Holy Eucharist II - Chapel

2:00p Handbells - Loft

Thursday, August 26

1:00p Seekers Book - Conference Rm

Friday, August 27

8:00a Bulletins - Library

9:00a Handbells - Loft

5:00p Family Fun Night - Parish Hall

Saturday, August 28

No Parish events scheduled

Sunday, August 29

8:00a Holy Eucharist II

10:00a Church School - Classrooms

10:00a Holy Eucharist I

► **MEETINGS** - Many non-parish groups meet regularly at St. Francis and the use of our facilities is an important part of our Outreach. A complete list, with meeting times and locations, is posted in display cases and elsewhere on campus.

► **DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER** - If you or your Parish organization have material for the *Franciscan Staff*, please note that the deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month preceding. Please e-mail all copy to Vern Woodlief, Parish Administrator at vern@stfrancis.tuccoxmail.com

Prayer Requests

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER - pray for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa and The Most Rev. Thabo Cecil Makgoba, Archbishop of Capetown.

THE DIOCESE OF ARIZONA - Church of Our Savior, Lakeside

SAINT FRANCIS MINISTRIES - The Acolytes and Crucifers

PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT, AND ESPECIALLY FOR - Kathi Grier, Bill Cowen

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Ray Clark

FOR ALL THOSE SERVING IN HARM'S WAY, AND ESPECIALLY - John Hardwick, John Tober, Tyler Hardwick, Devin Thompson, Sam Phillips, Paul Church, Alexis Church, Mark Haberichter, Zachary Weigelt

► **HELPFUL NUMBERS:** If you are in need of help from St. Francis clergy, keep these telephone numbers at hand:

Deacon Pat Kirk - 648-8212

Deacon Marge Perry - 207-0889

Deacon Vern Woodlief - 495-5685