



### Looking Ahead

**VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE** 

Sunday, November 12

#### THANKSGIVING DAY

Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Service, 11:30 AM Thanksgiving Dinner, 1 PM

#### **ADVENT STUDY**

Living Well Through Advent
Tuesdays, November 28, December 5, 12, and 19 at 10 AM in the
Parish Hall

**SAINT NICHOLAS PARTY** Wednesday, December 6, 5 PM

TRUE CONCORD
LESSONS & CAROLS

Friday, December 8, 3 PM

**CHRISTMAS CARD PARTY**Saturday, December 16, 5 PM

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE** Sunday, December 17, 3 PM

#### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

CHRISTMAS EVE Sunday, December 24, 6 PM CHRISTMAS DAY Monday, December 25, 9 AM

### THE FRANCISCAN STAFF

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### Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

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Our mission is to live as Christ's heart and hands in the world.

#### Words From Warren . . .

Dear friends,

Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!

This newsletter covers two very busy months for church and social activities. My waistline is growing just thinking of all the delicious foods and treats to come (3)

We move quickly from the Season of Creation to the Season of Gratitude, the Season of Preparation and the Season of Incarnation. Throw in a few parties and we wonder why we feel exhausted by New Years!

From a spiritual perspective, October, November and December draw us into the mystery of God though the Creation story to the wonder and joy of God's gift to the world through Jesus Christ.

The Season of Creation helps us to focus on God's creative force through the beauty of this world. Who isn't inspired by our southwest sunrises and sunsets, or the colors of blooming cacti? Everything around us draws us into the mystery of creation. Every breath we take reminds us of the gift of life.

With that in mind, we then move into the season of Gratitude and Thanksgiving. The Spirit stirs us to joy and gratitude for blessings past and present, urging us to respond. We are called by God to extend our blessings to others by giving of our time and talents through leadership and volunteering, to financially support ministry in our church and community.

The Season of Gratitude which focuses on past and present blessings, then shifts to Hope and Expectation—The Season of Advent.

Advent turns our eyes to the future. It is about the Second Coming of Jesus as promised in the Bible; A time of self-preparation and repentance as we await His coming.

Many just view Advent as a time of decorating, shopping, cooking and gathering with friends and family, yet our Advent Sunday worship, the lighting of the Advent Wreath and sea-

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Words From Warren, continued

sonal hymns, grounds us in the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

More than ever, we need hope and renewal and the peace of God which surpasses understanding. God's Shalom is promised in the Advent of our Savior. A time when God's Kingdom will be complete led by God's Messiah. More than ever, we need an end to violence and war and a time of healing and reconciliation. Pray for Israel and Gaza.

The promise of a new future is realized in the Incarnation. The promise of salvation, hope, and healing is finally experienced on Christmas through the birth of Jesus Christ. And what began with Jesus, continues through the Church which has been formed, empowered, and sent by Jesus into the world to continue His work.

Annette and I wish you all A Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fr. Warren

#### Franciscan Focus

The Franciscan value of peace and justice is different in the Bible from the way most of us have learned it. *What is peace in the Bible?* 

Biblical peace is more than just the absence of conflict; it is taking action to restore a broken relationship. It's more than a state of inner tranquility; it's shalom, a state of wholeness and completeness. God is the source of peace, and one of His names is Yahweh Shalom (Judges 6:24), which means the Lord IS Peace. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God (Matthew 5:9).

There are no verses using the word "justice" (KJV) which support that justice means to punish sin.

Likewise, what is justice in the Bible?

Famous Amos: But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream. (NIV)

Biblical references to the word "justice" mean "to make right." Justice is, first and foremost, a relational term—people living in right relationship with God, one another, and the natural creation. As God is just and loving, so we are called to do justice and live in love. The Rev. Tom Neyland

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The mission of St. Francis in the Valley, Green Valley, is to live as Christ's heart and hands in the world.

### Prison Ministry

Mark your calendars for our documentary movie on November 15 at 10:30 AM about prison artwork. Tickets are still available. We will be signing Christmas cards during coffee hour throughout November; please help us send Christmas cheer to the women at Perryville. Please keep in mind that we have Perryville notecards available for \$5 at the Prison Ministry table. They make great stocking stuffers! The proceeds from the sale of the cards goes to Arizona Diocesan Prison Ministry to help with the STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART Art Shows throughout Arizona. A Huge Thank You to all who participate in Prison Ministry, with prayers, sending birthday cards, donating to backpacks for Camp Genesis, attending our special events and raising awareness about prisons. We are grateful for all of you! Rena Robbins

### Advent Study

Fr. Warren is offering an ADVENT STUDY on Tuesdays (November 28, December 5, 12, and 19) at 10 AM in the Parish Hall. Join him for Living Well Through Advent 2023: Practicing Wonder with all your Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind. Opportunities to sign up for the study will be available Sunday mornings in the Parish Hall and in the Parish Office during the week.

### True Concord Lessons and Carols

Grammy-nominated True Concord Voices AND ORCHESTRA will perform their annual Lessons and Carols by Candlelight: Love's Pure Light Friday, December 8, here at St. Francis at 3 PM. Gerald has tickets available in all price ranges (\$60, \$50, \$35, and \$20)—contact him personally or via email (gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org).

Parish Offices will be closed...

Thanksgiving Day Christmas Day

Thursday, 23 November Monday, 25 December

### 2024 Gratitude Campaign

November is the month we associate with thankfulness and gratitude. We are truly blessed! For the most part we have what we need in terms of food and shelter. God is the God of abundance.

In a February 2023 article in CHURCH LEAD-ERSHIP by Caillie Picardo, we are reminded that God loves us. God loves the Church. God chose the Church in all our brokenness to be God's vessel for taking the gospel to the world, and so diligently stewarding those resources in a faithful way rather than the world's way is key. Seek God first in prayer.

God has provided and equipped each of us for ministry. Our church of St. Francis has been blessed by faith members through the years to provide us with the means and resources to be Christ's Heart and Hands in the community.

In this season of thankfulness, we are reminded that Gratitude and Generosity are two sides of the same coin. To be blessed leads us to gratitude. Gratitude leads us to action, to give back to God and to provide for others. It is closely linked compassion.

You have all received your 2024 financial campaign package. How you respond should reflect your gratitude for God's blessings and work in your life. Your financial gift is to support the mission of our church. Your act of generosity touches the lives of people who are helped by the church, such as the twelve step groups we support, work at the border, prison ministry, helping seniors in Green Valley, or students of Imago Dei.

Whatever you decide to give, begin with a prayer of thanks to God, and then offer back to God what you believe will honor God.

Blessings,

Fr. Warren

Prayer Chain For Prayer Chain requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, at *jnjrats@gmail.com*.

Senior Warden's Thoughts

Happy Fall! May you all be enjoying the cooler days and shorter days. It's the time of year that we gear up for the Holiday Season. We've just come off Halloween and now we're looking towards Thanksgiving and Christmas plans.

This is also a time of year that many are more vulnerable due to the loss of a special friend or spouse, or perhaps they are feeling more alone due to the season or their health is declining as they age. We need to make ourselves very aware of others at this time. Perhaps we could make a call, stop by for a visit, invite them for a ride, or bring them a little something. Be the person who quietly shows they care.

St. Francis is planning their wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner at 1 PM in the Parish Hall on Thanksgiving Day. Signups will be on Sundays at Coffee Hour and weekdays in the Parish Office. What a time to bring a friend who is alone. And, in December, we're having a St. Nicholas Cookie Swap at 3 PM on Wednesday, December 6. Bring 2 dozen of your favorite cookies (and a friend) and St. Nicholas might just appear. We end the month with our Christmas Card Party, Saturday, December 16, at 5 PM. Your entrance fee is your Christmas Card for the St. Francis family with your gift to the Covenant Fund inside. There will be goodies to eat and drink and an opportunity to give to help others.

So, make your plans for the Holiday Season and remember to extend your hospitality to those who might need your friendship. May the birth of our Lord bring you Joy. Blessings.

Jullie Reppenhagen, Senior Warden

#### Junior Warden's Notes

The commercial stove in the Parish Hall kitchen has had the gas lines replumed and an 'upto-code' gas valve installed.

Both kitchen ovens have been recalibrated and balanced to match. And two (2) new free standing commercial thermometers were tested.

Weed Wacker purchased. (Cost Donated)

The last 3rd of the property has been professionally landscaped. (Labyrinth area) (Cost Donated)

The kitchen back door replacement was delivered and installed.

We are replacing the four bollard lights (150-watt sodium bulbs) in front of the church with LED lighting and thinking about installing an electrical outlet on the front marquee for Christmas lights, etc. (Reduce electrical cost)

Non-Programmable Thermostats are being replaced throughout the church with Smart, Programable ones to save on electrical costs. They will be programed according to the room schedules. An on-site portable control tablet and sexton cell phone will regulate them via Bluetooth. Lock boxes are to be installed.

Door closures replacement parts are being installed on four bathrooms. (only 1 so far)

The Exit door going out of the Chapel has been deemed a 'required exit' by Vint & Associates Architects. The items blocking it now will be removed.

The Columbarium Brick repair (water intrusion) has been evaluated and a 'suggestion of repair project' is under review.

James Ratley, Junior Warden

# Boutique getting ready for the Holidays

A most beautiful time of the year is coming and your TALENTS UNLIMITED BOUTIQUE will soon be offering everything you need to do your holiday decorating and shopping for your family and friends. (We also have gift cards for those you think might like to personally pick something out.) There will be new beautiful Creche sets, holiday candles and table linens, lots of irresistible fun decorative items, Christmas tree decorations, and much more. And we continue to have those Anglican Rosary Beads as well as St. Francis statuary which make lovely gifts for that someone special in your life. Coming

in after the 9 o'clock service to shop is so easy and remember the really important thing here is that ALL Boutique profits go to the *Rector's Discretionary Fund*, which helps those in need in our Green Valley community. It's a total win/win deal. Please think about doing all your holiday shopping with us! *Gylene Wright* 

### Christmas Stars

Bea Dow and Nancy Symons (aka Santa's Elves) are busy helping the Salvation Army spread Christmas cheer in the form of \$50 gift cards. You will find the Stars (each one with the name of a needy teenager) available in the Parish Hall following services on Sundays, November 11, 26, and December 3. Return your Star with a \$50 Visa gift card by Sunday, December 11 or, alternatively, you may write a check for \$50 (made payable to St. Francis Church with 'Xmas Stars' in the memo line) and the elves will do the shopping for you. Stars and checks may also be returned to the Parish Office (open Monday through Thursday, 9 AM until NOON) by Thursday, December 7.

### Thanksgiving at St. Francis

Thursday, November 23

Our annual Thanksgiving Day service will be celebrated at 11:30 AM in the Church.

Following the service you are invited to join the St. Francis family for Thanksgiving dinner at 1 PM. All are welcome. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to this traditional feast of gratitude and thanksgiving. There is no charge, but you will need to sign up at the Social Activities table in the Parish Hall after services or call the Paraish Office (520-625-1370) to register.

### Handbell Ensemble

Our Handbell Ensemble is again rehearsing in the Choir Loft on Mondays at 10 AM and new members are welcome. If you can count to four and maintain a steady beat, you're in! Just contact Sophia Witte by text at 520-509-5037 or email at *smw\_witte@yahoo.com*.

### Christmas Card Party

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat, Please put a penny in the old man's hat. If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do, If you haven't got a ha'penny then God bless you.

-Old English Nursery Rhyme

Does this nursery rhyme bring back memories for you? When I was a child it was repeated often at Christmastime to remind us that this is a time of giving to those less fortunate and that the size of our gift is not as important as the spirit with which we give. That message is as important today as it was all those years ago, and here at St. Francis it is a message that we all have taken to heart.

And now another opportunity to live the nursery rhyme:

The Annual Covenant Fund

Christmas Card Party

Saturday, December 16, 2023, 5 PM

Parish Hall

The price of admission is a Christmas card for the entire parish. Here's how it works: instead of purchasing and mailing Christmas cards to all your friends here at St. Francis, get one card, sign it and bring it to the party. Your card will be used to decorate the Christmas tree in the Parish Hall for everyone to enjoy. Contribute the money you save (and possibly a bit more) on cards and postage to the Covenant Fund by including a check with your card.

This year the party will be catered, so you're asked to let us know you're coming by signing up at the Social Activities table in the Parish Hall after services. Low Terry

#### THE COVENANT FUND

The Covenant Fund, started in 1993 by Dorothy Baldwin, has a specific and restricted mission, which is to enable those parishioners of St. Francis who find themselves in need of financial help to get it right here at our own church. The primary source of funding is the Covenant Fund Christmas Card Party.

### What's a Carol?

Okay, it's time for carols, right? Well, not until Christmas Eve for liturgical churches—and we are one. But why do we call hymns like It came upon the midnight clear carols? In the case of that particular hymn-tune—the proper name of which is, oddly enough, CAROL—it has to do solely with its Christmastide associations. A carol—properly so-called—is a poetic, literary form which includes a burden or refrain. By that definition, then, Angels we have heard on high (proper tune name GLORIA) is a carol while It came upon the midnight clear is not. (All hymn tunes have a name which, in most cases, will have nothing to do the words usually sung to it.) Not only that, a carol—according to scholarly definition—is a dance. Imagine trying to dance to Silent night, holy night.

Further investigation reveals that there are Eastertide and, even, Lenten carols (not especially danceable) as well as secular carols.

To the latter point, many of the familiar tunes we sing at our Christmas services do have secular, and not sacred, origins. *What child is this*—sung to the tune GREENSLEEVES—is a good example; it's also an example of a real carol, complete with refrain.

All of that said, it's important, and instructive, sometimes to hear different words to a familiar tune and familiar and beloved words set to unfamiliar music. The words (or the tune) may take on a new, or perhaps deeper, meaning.

The choir anthem at our Christmas Eve services this year will be a setting of *Away in a Manger*. You will recognize the words, but not necessarily the tune. The familiar tune—from Sunday School days, at least in America—is by American composer James R. Murray. The tune best known in Britain and Canada is by American composer (although born in Ireland) William James Kirkpatrick. Curiously, Kirkpatrick's tune—the tune best known in England and Canada—is the one included in our Hymnal; the tune most familiar in America, is not. Our Christmas Eve anthem presents Kirkpatrick's

tune as he wrote it, but also discomposes it and presents the familiar words in a different, but not incompatible, way.

Eric Routley, in his introduction to The University Carol Book, says of carols that "...the great characteristic which they all have in common is that they combine a sound expression of religious faith with an informal and innocent diction that makes them very suitable for singing elsewhere than in church. Experience proves it. Plenty of people sing carols—and sing them without a trace of self-conciousness—who would avoid with some care any occasion for singing hymns."

To say that, from Thanksgiving Day through Christmas Day, we are awash in carols is no exaggeration. Christmas itself seems to be becoming a year-round affair, thanks to the Hallmark Channel. I guess we could argue there are worse things.

Happy caroling,

Gerald

St. Nicholas Day Party

Long before there was a chubby man in a red velvet suit with an animal friend who had a big red nose, there was a real Saint of the Church who was generous to those who were experiencing financial trouble and also a bringer of gifts to children at Christmastime. He was the Bishop of Myra [in Asia Minor], his name was Nicholas, and in Western Christian countries we celebrate his Feast Day on December 6. So guess what!? We're going to celebrate St. Nicholas Day right here at St. Francis Church onyou gureesed it—Wednesday, December 6. We start at 3 pm in the Parish Hall with a cookie exchange and decorating the parish Christmas tree; there will be music and hot chocolate, too. There's no charge, but please bring two dozen cookies to share (homemade or store-bought) and an ornament for the Christmas tree. Ohand there might even be an appearance by a very special someone!

### Border Ministry

Border Ministry wants to thank everyone who has donated clean and sturdy food containers for Kino. The containers are so important for food distribution.

Also, thank you to those who help on both sides of the border by meeting migrants face to face, providing assistance as best we can, sorting and folding clothes and other goods donated to Kino, or assembling the coloring bags for the children at the border. We are always looking for more helpers and your help will always make a difference.

Rena Robbins

### Parish Choir

The St. Francis Parish Choir is back in session. Rehearsals are held at 2 PM on Thursdays in the Choir Loft. New members are alwavs welcome and needed in all sections of the choir. Get in touch with the Choirmaster at gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org and let him know of your interest.

#### Green Team Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Please join us for the next Green Team meeting Tuesday, November 7, 10:30 AM. Your input is welcome and we're hoping to see some "snowbirds" joining us.

TIP: Trees control climate by moderating the effect of the sun, rain and wind. Leaves absorb and filter the sun's radiant energy, keeping things cooler. Tucson Electric Power (TEP) has a program where customers can receive up to two trees for \$5 each. Susan Burch shurch33@ amail.com

Saturday Eucharist
Our next Saturday afternoon Eucharistic celebrations are scheduled for November 11 and December 9 at 4 PM in the Parish Hall.

#### Hearts & Hands

LOCAL FOOD BANKS: We continue to collect non-perishable items for our local Food Banks. You can deposit your nonperishable food donations in the boxes outside the Parish Hall, one at the front door and another at the south door near the Chapel.

Monetary donations are welcome for any of these projects, simply write your check payable to St. Francis with the project name in the memo line and we'll take care of the rest. Drop your check in the Offering Basket on Sunday morning, or drop it off at the Parish Office during the week.

Don't forget: the Sahuarita Food Bank collects cardboard (cereal box style, too). The receptacle is located south side of the Food Bank, on La Cañada.

### Needed: your gently-read books for our Parish Library Book Sale

The St. Francis Library Committee will be hosting a massive book sale—not just of religious books, but all kinds of books—in February 2024. So why publicize this now? Because we need all the books in your home that you've already read (or given up on) and need/want to get rid of and would like to donate for our sale! The money generated from the sale will be used to support our digital catalog and buy new books for the Library. Please bring your gentlyread books to the St. Francis Library between October and December 2023, leaving them in the corner to the left of the Library door.

### Video Reflections

Fr. Warren provides short weekly Psalm video reflections. They are updated Thursdays on Facebook and YouTube. Past videos back to March 2020 are also available.

#### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Cindy Radford
- 4 Pat Richey
- 7 Lynann Taylor
- 10 April Cole
- 12 Sophia Witte
- 13 Sue Girardeau
- 15 Jane Barkley
- 15 Martha Jones
- 16 Connie Wilt
- 21 Bobbi Tucker
- 21 Donna Wangard
- 22 Mary Beth Bates
- 22 Trish Rodemeyer
- 22 Bill Ryan
- 23 Frank Davidson
- 23 Roger Williams
- 24 Fr. Warren Leibovitch
- 25 Ann Brodt
- 25 Nancy Ross
- 26 Marilyn Findley
- 27 Diane Holt
- 27 Stephen Schwarzmann
- 27 Diane Ward
- 30 Kathy Medeiros

#### **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 6 Leon & Linda Lies
- 9 Stephen & Diane Schwarzmann
- 12 George Burridge & Ann Brodt
- 19 Barry & Donna Sheridan
- 25 Victor Stevens-Rosenburg & Susanne Reed

#### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Rev. Judy Turberg
- 4 Beth McKibbin
- 4 Carol Sand
- 5 Justine Saavedra
- 6 Madeleine Glaser
- 6 Steve Smith
- 7 Jesse Figueroa
- 8 Christopher Nye
- 9 Neal Hursh
- 12 Ann Burton
- 14 Mizzy Diamond
- 15 Arnie Berglund
- 16 Bea Dow

- 18 Maureen Matto
- 20 Ann Zublin
- 22 Rae Turberg
- 24 Jeanne Jones
- 24 Sandy Russell
- 26 Brenda Quick
- 27 Mary Hale
- 27 Janice Hall
- 28 Dick Allison
- 29 Doris Nason
- 29 Richard Sand
- 30 Jenny Ryan
- 31 Carrie Malone

#### **DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3 Steve & Ann Burton
- 12 Victor & Mary Levine
- 17 Bill & Jane Barkley
- 17 Michael & Mary Staples
- 18 David & Jylene Wright
- 20 Bill & Jenny Ryan
- 22 Don & Diane Ward
- 23 David & Edna Dunn







PARISH GROUP MEETINGS
Altar Guild: meetings called

as necessary

**Border Ministry:** meeting called as necessary

**Daughters of the King:** 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 9:45 AM in

the Vulliamy Room **Finance Committee:** meetings called as necessary

**Green Team:** meetings called

as necessary

**Handbell Ensemble:** Mondays, 10 AM in the Choir Loft

Hearts & Hands (Outreach): 3rd Monday, 10 AM in the

Conference Room

**Library Committee:** 4th Tuesday, 1 PM in the Library

Memorials and Special

**Gifts:** 2nd Wednesday, 10 AM in the St. Francis Room

**Men's Group:** 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 9 AM in the Conference Room

**Parish Choir:** Thursdays, 2 PM in the Choir Loft

**Prison Ministry:** meetings

called as necessary

Saints Francis Trust: meetings called as necessary
Social Activities Team: 4th

Monday, 2:30 PM in the Conference Room

**Stephen Ministry:** meetings called as necessary

Stewardship Committee: meetings called as necessary Vestry: 1st Tuesday, 4 PM in the Conference Room

Parish meetings and events are listed in the announcements section of Sunday service leaflets and, via email, in News From the Pews. If you would like to be added to the email list, contact Finance Officer Deborah Harby (deborah@stfrancisgvaz.org) 520-625-1370.



I want to thank everyone who supported me with nice cards, prayers and some great food when I got home from the hospital. My heart surgery was very successful and now that I am home I feel as if I am getting stronger every day. It is such a blessing to have so much support from my church family!

Craig Reid

La Joya Communion Service

A reminder to all residents of La Posada that we offer a weekly Service in the Celebration Room at La Joya. Gary La-Barre leads a weekly service of communion from the reserved sacrament. One of the clergy leads a service of Holy Eucharist once a month, usually the second Wednesday. You are welcome to attend even if you're not a La Posada resident.

## 2023 Parish Statistics Baptisms

Billy Paul Smith Angel Vincent Gamon

#### Transfers In

Ralph & Alice Walker Susan Burch

New Members by Confirmation or Reception

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#### **Deaths**

Rita Beil Neil Helgath Neil Messick Carol Hinterthuer Phebe Anderson Robert Law Carol Putnam Cavo De Mendoza Bonnie Kleeberg **Edward McDonald** Bart DallaMura Sue Howell Margaret Bowman Barbara LaBarre Kathy Ravine Dorothy Blakely Bill Peissig Clyde Tardy

### Forward Day by Day

FORWARD DAY BY DAY devotional booklets for November, December and January 2024 are available in the Parish Office during the week, and on Sunday mornings you can find them in the Parish Hall.

### A Gift of Flowers

If you would like to give a gift of flowers to be placed on the High Altar in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for many blessings, please call Carol Berg at 520-373-5770 and let her know of your interest. If she is not at home, just leave a message with your name and phone number and she will return your call. Flower donation is \$35.

#### RESERVING MEETING TIME AND SPACE AT SAINT FRANCIS

Individuals wishing to reserve meeting space at St. Francis and/or discuss room set-ups should make those arrangements through Office Manager Deborah Harby. It is **essential** your meeting be logged into the Master Calendar. If you need it, be sure to ask for 'set-up' and 'clean-up' time as part of your booking.

One week prior to your event please inventory the pantry next to the kitchen and let Deborah know if there are enough supplies to meet your needs. A parishioner usually shops for us twice a month. Thanks for your help and cooperation.

## GETTING YOUR EVENT INTO PARISH PUBLICATIONS

Sunday Bulletin notices should be sent via email to the COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE by NOON the Tuesday prior to the Sunday you wish the notice to appear. Notices should be in written form and sent via email whenever possible.

Franciscan Staff material should be sent via email to the COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE NO LATER THAN the 10th of the month preceding publication.

#### **ADDRESS CHANGES**

Please let us know if your e-mail address, street address, zip code or telephone number changes. Get in touch with Deborah Harby in the Parish Financial Office to update your information for our records.

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