

ANNOUNCEMENTS

21 APRIL 2019

✿**HOME COMMUNION** – If you or someone you know would like to have a home visit or the Sacrament brought to you at home, please call Fr. Smythe or Rev. Pam at 625-1370. We bring the Sacrament to those who are ill or to anyone who cannot attend services for any reason.

TODAY

APRIL 21 – EASTER DAY

8:00a Holy Eucharist II

10:00a Holy Eucharist II

2:00p Centering Prayer – Chapel

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 22

Parish Offices Closed

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

8:00a Men's Group Breakfast
– Parish Hall

9:00a Staff Meeting – Library

5:00p Search Committee
– Library

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

9:00a Holy Eucharist – Chapel

9:30a DOK – Vulliamy Room

11:00a Refugee & Border Ministry
– Conference Room

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

12:15p Seekers Discussion – Conf Rm

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

8:00a Bulletins – Library

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

No Parish events scheduled.

NEXT SUNDAY

APRIL 28 – EASTER II

8:00a Holy Eucharist II

9:00a Reception for Rae Turberg

10:00a Holy Eucharist II

2:00p Centering Prayer – Chapel

✿**PLEASE NOTE** – Parish Offices will be closed Easter Monday, April 22, and Morning Prayer will not be observed. Morning Prayer will resume Monday, April 29 at 9 AM in the Chapel.

✿**MEN'S GROUP BREAKFAST** – The Parish Men's Group will be serving breakfast in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, April 23, at 8 AM. Men of the Parish are invited to join in the fellowship; Larry Howell will be singing too, so don't miss it.

✿**RECEPTION AND PURSE FOR RAE** – Rae Turberg is retiring after twelve years as our Financial Officer and we're going to honor her many years of good and faithful service! Join us for a reception after each of the services next Sunday, April 28, to celebrate and thank her. If you haven't yet contributed to the monetary purse for Rae and would like to do so, **the deadline is this Tuesday, April 23**; checks should be made out to St. Francis with "Rae's purse" in the memo line and placed in the offering basket or dropped off at the Parish Office.

❁ **OFFERINGS FROM THE DIOCESE** – *Here are some valuable and unique offerings and events from the Diocese of Arizona*

➡ Saturday, April 27, 9 AM until Noon, **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP** at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Tucson: how to prepare for threats such as power outages, active shooter(s), extreme weather emergencies; open to clergy and lay leaders; registration required; RSVP at www.lss-sw.org/disasterworkshop

➡ Saturday, May 4, 8:30 AM to 3 PM, **DIOCESAN DAY OF MINISTRY DISCERNMENT** at Trinity Cathedral in Phoenix: Formerly known as the DAY OF INFORMATION, this event is for those who are seeking further understanding about how God is calling them to use their gifts for ministry. Together with members of the Commission on Ministry, participants will explore their spiritual gifts, learn about what discernment means in their lives, and gain greater comprehension of ministry opportunities to serve as lay people, in ordained ministry, and in religious orders. The event is free, but an RSVP is required. For questions, or to inquire about attending, please contact the Clergy.

➡ Thursday, July 4–Sunday, July 7, **FAMILY CAMP**: a chance for the entire family to unplug and reconnect at beautiful Chapel Rock in Prescott. More information is available online at www.chapel-rock.net/camps.htm

❁ **A WOMAN'S JOURNEY INWARD** – This four session journey will guide women in moving from the ego towards the True Self. Led by Charlotte Neyland as your spiritual guide, the journey begins Monday, May 13 at 10 to 11 AM in the St. Francis room. The remaining dates are Mondays, June 10, July 8, and August 12 at 10 AM.

Jesus bids us to follow him. We are not to walk behind him. We are to enter into a deep relationship, being guided by the Spirit with the gifts of discernment, wisdom and joy.

Participants should bring a journal to record the experiences of their journey. No registrations are necessary. If you have questions call Charlotte at 720-289-2750.

❁ **RECTOR SEARCH INFORMATION** – Looking for information on our Rector search? We've set up a couple of ways for you to find it! A new page on our St. Francis website has been added to provide the latest updates on the search – both for us as a parish and for potential rector candidates. You can find it at <https://www.stfrancisgvaz.org/rector-search.html>. If you get our monthly emails about "What's Happening" at St. Francis, we're putting the latest search news in those as well. And we've set up space in the bulletin board display case in the Parish Hall next to the main door

for the Rector search, which currently features a photo of the search committee and a list of the committee members. We'll also be providing updated information in future newsletters. So check these places out, and find out what's new on the search process!

✿**TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY**—Our church operations—offices, sound systems and the like—are becoming more dependent upon technology and we could use some “techies” to help our team. If this is an area that you enjoy, please consider sharing your talents with the Parish. Contact Neal Hursh (neal@stfrancisgvaz.org) or Julie Reppenhagen (jrepp@snet.net).

✿**BECOMING AN HONORARY GRANDPARENT** – St. Francis is in the sixth year of its partnership with the Imago Dei Middle School in Tucson. On 16 May we celebrate the graduation of twenty 8th grade scholars, presenting each graduate with a \$100 Visa Gift Card, the evening before at their Baccalaureate Service.

Won't you consider becoming an “Honorary Grandparent” to this year's group of graduating 8th grade scholars. Make your checks payable to St. Francis, with a notation designating Imago Dei Middle School on the memo line, leaving the check in the offering basket or dropping it off at the Parish Office.

And make plans to attend this year's

graduation on Thursday, May 16, in Tucson. Contact Wayne North at 399-9208, or the Parish Office for details on making a contribution, or if you wish to attend the graduation ceremonies on Thursday, May 16. Why not do both?

✿**CRUZANDO FRONTERAS DONATIONS** – Money, children's shoes and diapers are the immediate needs to help the asylum seekers in Nogales, Sonora. Currently there are over 700 migrants on the other side of the border waiting up to a month for their first hearing, and about 300 of them are children. Cruzando Fronteras is working on acquiring a new building to house more of these folks, and is busy feeding, sheltering, clothing and addressing the medical needs of as many of them as they can.

The top need right now is for funds. If you can help with that, donate through the Cruzando Fronteras webpage at fronteras.azdiocese.org, or drop a check made out to St. Francis with “Cruzando Fronteras” in the memo line in the offering plate or at the parish office. The other pressing needs are for: shoes for children ages 1 to 10, and size 3, 4 and 5 diapers. Collection boxes are in the southeast corner of the Parish Hall.

✿**SEEKERS DISCUSSION GROUP** – On Thursday, April 25, the group will continue to view and discuss the video lecture series by Bart D. Ehrman titled *From*

Jesus to Constantine. Meetings begin at 12:15 PM in the Conference Room. All are welcome.

✿**NEW BOOK DISCUSSION** – Beginning on the first Tuesday in May there will be a book discussion group meeting. The book is *The Law* by the Anglican Society of Biblical Scholars. Details in the April Newsletter.

✿**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** – We are fortunate to have professional individual Spiritual Direction available to us at St. Francis. For an appointment please call Charlotte Neyland at 720-289-2750.

✿**NEED A RIDE TO A PARISH EVENT?** – Our Men's Group offers rides to those in need of transportation to Parish events. If you are unable to provide your own transport and would like to schedule a lift, call the Parish Office, 625-1370.

✿**NAMETAGS** — Are you wearing yours? You know who you are, but our visitors may not. Give them a break by proudly wearing your nametag. Need one? Let the Administrative Assistant know and she will make one for you.

✿**VESTRY MINUTES** – The St. Francis Vestry meets in the Conference Room each month at 6 PM on the second Tues-

day. Meetings are open to every member of the Parish. Minutes of the most recent meeting are available to you in the Parish Office and are posted in the Parish Hall in the bulletin board display case next to the main door.

✿**PRAYER CHAIN** — For Prayer Chain requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, at ijnrats@gmail.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS

THE DIOCESE OF ARIZONA – St. Matthew's, Chandler

SAINT FRANCIS MINISTRIES – Deacon Becky Williamson

PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT: Mason Fletcher, Prentiss Sawyer, Vern Hughes, Jackie Springer, Kim Kessing, Linda Schnelle, Wally Mullaly, Stephanie Huszar, David Finning, Bonnie Kleeberg, Cooper Pennoyer

FOR ALL THOSE SERVING IN HARM'S WAY: Mike Davis, Matthew Day, Brandon Brownlee, Shane Gunderson, Issac Noone, Ian Gunderson, Chase Helgeson, Jackson Vaughn

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Barbara Gonzales, Sarah Terry

A complete calendar of Parish and Non-Parish events, as well as other news and information about the Parish, is available on the St. Francis website: www.stfrancisgvaz.org. You can also access the Diocesan website from there. Check it out!

❁ **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** – We are again sponsoring a series of grief Support Groups at St. Francis. The next session will begin Monday, March 18, and run five consecutive Mondays from 1:30-3:30 PM. The group is open to the community, non-denominational, no charge, and facilitated by Jeannie North, BSN, MC. If you or anyone you know might be interested in attending, call the Parish Office (520-625-1370) to register or to obtain additional information.

❁ **HELP WANTED** — Neal Hursh (neal@stfrancisgvaz.org) could use your help monitoring our sound system on Sunday mornings. He will also train you to do it. A great way to help your Parish.

❁ **KINO BORDER INITIATIVE DONATIONS** – KBI continues to collect clothing and toiletries for migrants who arrive at the border in Nogales, Sonora with little or nothing. Please consider contributing some of the following items to the box in the Parish Hall: men's pants, 28-34; women's pants, small & medium; women's tennis shoes, flip-flops, and sandals up to size 7; men's tennis shoes, 8-9½; jackets for men and women; underwear for men and women, small & medium; toiletries: soap, toothpaste, shampoo, body lotion, deodorant. **PLEASE DONATE ONLY ITEMS LISTED**, and remember that clothes should be clean, in good condition, and appropriate for our climate and

for basic working conditions. Monetary donations are also welcome; please make checks out to St. Francis Church with KBI in the memo line.

❁ **COVENANT FUND CHRISTMAS CARD PARTY** – The 22nd annual Christmas Card Party will be held on Friday, December 7, at 5 PM in the Parish Hall. Heavy appetizers and desserts will be catered by the 19th Hole, but there's no cost to participants for meal or drinks. The mission of the fund 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.

Here's how it works: instead of purchasing and mailing Christmas cards to all your friends 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 on postage and cards to the Covenant Fund. If you plan to join us, sign up in the Parish Hall after services; or you may call the Parish Office—before November 29, please—to make a reservation. Reservations are necessary to give an accurate count to the caterer.

❁ **MEMORIAL GIFTS** — The Memorials and Special Gifts Committee works with the Rector to make decisions regarding appropriate and meaningful use of memorial funds as they are donated to

St. Francis Church. Wishes of the family are strictly adhered to and spiritual and aesthetic benefits to the Parish are carefully considered in the use of both designated and non-designated funds. The congregation is invited to offer suggestions to the Committee for ways to enhance the beauty of our church. Call Marleen Bell at 399-4744 or contact any Committee member.

❁ **IMMIGRATION TALK ONLINE** – Thanks to all who came to hear Alyson Ball's talk on immigration last Tuesday! If you couldn't attend, you can find a YouTube video of virtually the same presentation recorded last November at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_8-WeeDYIF0 – or google "Alyson Ball on immigration." It was a wonderful presentation!

❁ **STEPHEN MINISTRY** – Stephen Ministers: just what are they, who are they, and what do they do? Simply put we are lay people from the Parish who are trained to walk beside someone who is going through a difficult time in his or her life. We meet, we listen, we provide a compassionate heart, a shoulder to lean on, and confidentiality.

If you think you might like to explore becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact one of us: Marybeth Bates (206-259-0361) or emmyemex@yahoo.com, Mark Eckstein (443-807-2277) or az9261954@gmail.com, Cheryl Tardy-

Albin (520-235-9031) or ltybbear1@gmail.com or BrandE Faupell (435-512-0286) or bfaupell@gmail.com.

❁ **ALTAR FLOWERS** – Would you like to have flowers on the altar on a certain Sunday? Flowers can be given in loving memory of someone or in thanksgiving for persons or for a special date and occasion you wish to celebrate. Call the Parish Office or Carol Berg (373-5770) with your request. Donations are \$35.

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❁ **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.

❁ **CENTERING PRAYER** — Sunday afternoons at 2 PM in the Chapel, followed at 2:30 by tea and light refreshments and a short video presentation in the Conference Room. Centering Prayer is an ancient form of meditative or contemplative prayer suggested by Jesus. For further information, call James or Sophie Luffman at 520-505-7932.