



St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Our mission to live as Christ's Heart and Hands in the World

Dear Parishioner,

Blessings of growth and rebuilding have been occurring at St. Francis in the Valley throughout 2021!

In May we began worshipping in the church for the first time since March 2020! Community groups have started to book space in our building, and we have welcomed new members to our church.

In October we reopened the church office and the gift shop and restarted the Wednesday Eucharist and Healing service. There will also be the annual Thanksgiving dinner in November, and we are working on adding a Saturday afternoon Service in November or December, first once a month as a trial, then hopefully weekly. We hope more social activities and groups will begin soon.

St. Francis in the Valley continues to be a place for spiritual nourishment through worship, studies and lectures, and our soon to be opened library and resource center which will provide some computer and media training to parishioners.

In December True Concord is returning to do their Lessons & Carol service in the church. A concert of hope in The Season of Hope!

The reopening and start-ups show are an indication that the pandemic did not defeat us. St. Francis in the Valley is a strong and vibrant church. If anything, the pandemic has allowed us to regroup and plan for an even better and busier future, a future I am proud to be part of as Rector.

How did we get through the worst of the pandemic? It was through your dedication and support.

Through your prayers and financial commitment, we never fell behind in our responsibilities of supporting local and Diocesan ministries, or the maintenance of our buildings and campus.

Today we are on the threshold of an exciting future as more activities reopen in the community and in our church. Now is the time to get involved at St. Francis through stewardship of time, talent and financial support.

As we approach 2022, we will continue rebuilding and moving forward, actively extending a hearty welcome to new neighbors and residents in Green Valley and Sahuarita, and to grow our church.

I invite you now to join me and fill out your Estimate of Giving form for 2022. By filling out your form, you help us to budget accordingly for 2022 and ensure that our beautiful campus will be maintained, and that St. Francis in the Valley will continue to be the Heart and Hands of Christ in our community and beyond.

I ask you to bless St. Francis and support our efforts in 2022.

Blessings and peace,

Fr. Warren



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ST. FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2022 Giving Campaign

What is an “Estimate of Giving”?

Parishioners of St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church are asked to make their giving intentions known to the Vestry by **November 21**. This is so the Vestry can plan the budget for 2022. The Estimate of Giving form may be obtained from the St. Francis office or downloaded from the St. Francis website at <https://www.stfrancisgvaz.org/estimate-of-giving-form.html>. An estimate of giving is a statement of the financial support that you plan to give to St. Francis in the Valley for calendar year 2022. An estimate of giving is made following prayerful and thoughtful deliberation. Your estimate of giving is confidential. Should you need help in filling out your estimate of giving form or want to adjust your estimate of giving, either up or down, at any time during the year, please contact the financial officer, Deborah Harby, at deborah@stfrancisgvaz.org or at (520) 625-1370 in the St. Francis in the Valley financial office.

Your generosity provides funding for the St. Francis in the Valley clergy, staff, maintenance of buildings and grounds, and the operation of the many St. Francis in the Valley ministries that benefit the St. Francis in the Valley parish family, the Santa Cruz Valley community, and the world at large. The Ministry Budget breakdown chart below shows how your gifts (pledges) to St. Francis were allocated between ministry areas in 2021.

How is the “Ministry Area Budget” determined

The “Ministry Area Budget” takes each line item in the total Annual Budget, such as the rector’s stipend, the water bill, the sexton’s pay, printing supplies, building insurance and all other expenses and allocates a portion of each of them to each of the 6 major ministry areas of St. Francis. For example, Outreach, does not directly receive 24% of the total budget to spend on Outreach, but 24% of the total church budget goes to making the outreach ministry of St. Francis possible. The Outreach Committee is responsible for raising funds or collecting needed items as part of the outreach activity. (The 16.9% of the St. Francis budget that goes to support the Arizona Diocese is part of the 24% portion of the budget that is considered outreach.)

2021 MINISTRY AREA BUDGET TOTAL \$674,639
EACH LINE OF THE BUDGET IS ALLOCATED AMONG THE 6 MINISTRY AREAS

