

SAINT ANNE MISSION

Klagetoh, Arizona

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Summer at St. Anne

Dear Friends,

We are so excited about this summer because we are restarting the Summer Bible Schools in both Klagetoh and Ganado and, starting July 2, have returned to the pre-pandemic schedule of Sunday Mass at 9 AM in the Mission Church.

As things begin to “heat up” at St. Anne Mission, we are planning to send out these brief newsletters semi-monthly.

We will continue to mail as well as post the newsletter online in March, July, and November. Due to rising postage costs, February, May, and September will only be published on the Mission website.

Please use the web form found on the Publications page of the Mission website - www.klagetoh.org - to subscribe to the online newsletter publications if you have not already done so.

Have a blessed summer!



Bro. Charles Schilling, SC
Administrator

Right: Students from Yale University's St Thomas More Catholic Student Chapel help Lisa Tsosie move a feeding ring at her homesite near Klagetoh.

Far Right: St Stanislaus students unload a truckload of sand at a parishioner's home.

Return to Church

Sunday, July 2, saw a resumption of the “normal order” of liturgical celebrations in Klagetoh and Ganado as Sunday Masses return to the pre-pandemic schedule of 9 AM (Klagetoh) and 11 AM (Ganado). We experienced a “sneak preview” of sorts during the Easter Triduum, as the evening Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday as well as the Good Friday service were once again celebrated in the Mission church at Klagetoh.

Right: Maryanne Benally venerates the cross during Good Friday services at the Mission.



Spring Volunteers

Five volunteer groups visited the Mission during the Spring semester. The late Winter visits were somewhat constrained by the weather as frequent snowfall in January and February left

many of the dirt roads in the area impassable. But we were fortunate to find projects for our visitors at the Mission and in more accessible areas.



Mission Groups Scheduled

These groups are scheduled to visit the Mission

St John Paul the Great H.S.
Potomac Shores, VA
July 8-15, 2023

McQuaid Jesuit High School
Rochester, NY
July 19-28, 2023

Mt St Charles Academy
Woonsocket, RI
October 11-16, 2023

St Stanislaus College
Bay St Louis, MS
November 18-24, 2023

Coindre Leadership Program
New Orleans, LA
February 11-17, 2024

St Louis University
St Louis, MO
March 9-16, 2024

St Stanislaus College
Bay St Louis, MS
March 29-April 5, 2024

Bp Guertin High School
Nashua, NH
April 20-27, 2024

Right column, from the top:

- *Alejandro Miranda assists student volunteers with a fencing project in 2016.*
- *Bishop Guertin students fill sandbags in Chinle during their Spring Break Mission Trip to Klagetoh.*
- *Student volunteers from Baton Rouge's St Joseph Academy collect freshly shorn wool while helping at parishioner Elenita Begay's sheep ranch.*
- *The recently installed metal roof on the Mission's food pantry building glows in the light of a setting sun.*

Alejandro Mendivil Miranda

Former Mission handyman Alejandro Miranda, known to most of us as 'Alex', recently underwent surgery to remove a cancerous mass from his abdomen. For many years, Alex worked as a handyman, mentor and guide to student volunteers visiting St. Anne Mission. Many of the Mission's benefactors have reached out to assist Alex during this time of hardship. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Bishop Guertin Students Respond to Chinle Flooding

In late April warming temperatures accelerated the snowmelt from the above average snows that fell on the Navajo Nation during January and February. The melting waters resulted in an unusual desert flood in and near Chinle's Canyon de Chelly. On the first day of a visit by students from Nashua, New Hampshire's Bishop Guertin High School, we received a call requesting emergency assistance with filling sandbags in Chinle. The visiting students enthusiastically embraced their unexpected task and filled over 300 sandbags.

SJA Girls Help with Shearing

Girls visiting the Mission from Baton Rouge, Louisiana's St. Joseph's Academy during the first week of June were treated to an opportunity to assist a local shepherdess during shearing time. Holding sheep and bagging shorn wool were all part of the adventure.

A New Roof for the Food Pantry

The high winds that frequently blow across the Defiance Plateau wreak havoc with roofing shingles. Several years ago the Mission House and Church were re-roofed with metal panels that are far more resistant to wind damage. As years passed, additional buildings at the Mission have received metal roofing. This summer, we received funding to purchase metal roofing panels for the food pantry and tool shed. A group of benefactors is weighing the possibility of underwriting the expense of installing a metal roof on and performing other necessary repairs on the Mission's 50+ year old Hogan.

