

SAINT ANNE MISSION

Klagetoh, Arizona

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Renewing the Hogan

Dear Friends,

Around Thanksgiving of last year I noticed that more of the ceiling tiles in the Mission's hogan were starting to fall down. The hogan is our community gathering place, modeled after a traditional Navajo home. Ever since I could remember, the ceiling was a kind of 'dome' made from standard ceiling tiles that had somehow been molded into a hemisphere. I didn't know exactly what was above the dome.

Since there were several shingles missing from the roof and some very obvious water leaks, we decided that something needed to be done. I asked Sister Monica to contact a local contractor who advertised roofing services. We wanted to get a metal roof similar to those that have been recently installed on most of the other Mission buildings. The contractor came out and took some measurements. The next day I got a quote: \$9,000 all in. One of our donors agreed to cover the cost and the job was finished by the New Year.

The new roof is a beauty. Now my job is to ensure that the rest of the 58 year old building is brought up to the same standard.

Many blessings!



Bro. Charles Schilling, SC
Administrator

John Yonushonis

1948-2025

Saint Anne Mission lost one of our many dear friends and benefactors on August 17, 2025. John Yonushonis led an accomplished life as an athlete, outdoorsman, insurance salesman, as well as husband and father. In 2006, John was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. Given 3-5 years to live, John approached his diagnosis as a new challenge. He taught himself to play the Native American Flute as a method of managing the effects of the disease and, for many years, shared his love and skills with the children attending Vacation Bible School at the Mission.

Not content with that, John spearheaded the efforts to raise funds for the refurbishment of the Mission's

old basketball court - the only public play space available for miles. John was able to secure funding from the Fiesta Bowl Charities to install an all-weather playing surface on the basketball court, buy and install new basketball goals, and to light the area.

Clockwise from right: John places the first tile of the all-weather playing surface (Oct, 2017)
• Native American flute lessons at Bible School • Preparing the base of the court lighting poles with Alejandro.



Hogan Renovations



The hogan's new metal roof, installed just in time for Christmas, 2025, made the building's other worn features even more apparent. With the new roof in place, we removed the interior 'dropped' ceiling and insulation to reveal the hidden structure of the roof. Rather than the concentric polygons of a traditional hogan build, the roof of St Anne's hogan has a more western-influenced design. Instead of restoring the previous 'dome' ceiling, we've decided to add insulation and finish it with a wood panel treatment to give the room a more open feel.

As the weather warms, we also intend to treat and re-stain the building's exterior.



Christmas Gifts

The Mission is blessed with many donations, both in cash and in kind, at Christmastime. Every year long-time friend and supporter Mrs. Jackie McPheeters sends a box full of new basketballs and volleyballs from southern California for distribution to local youth. The Mission and local families also benefit from the generosity of the Orange County, California Girl Scouts, the Christmas family adoption program of Phoenix's St. Joan of Arc Parish, and Christmas food baskets provided by the Southwest Indian Foundation of Gallup, New Mexico.

The Mission staff remains grateful to all of you who contribute to the on-site food pantry as well as to the general needs of the Mission and the community.

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Volunteers

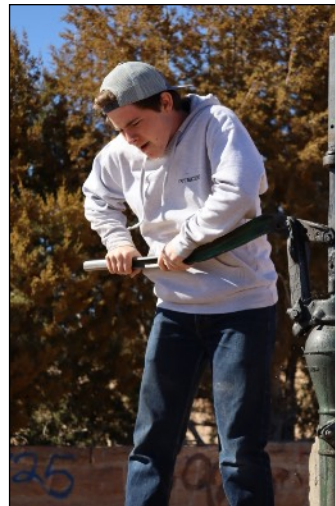
As we enter the second quarter of this millennium and celebrate the centenary of Catholic missionary activity in the Klagetoh area the Mission continues to welcome groups of volunteers who join us in working with and learning from the people of our region.

Thirty-five years ago, Pope John Paul II encouraged the Church's youth to be new evangelists. As an integral part of its mission to serve the Navajo people, Saint Anne has been pleased to serve as a destination where volunteers - young and old - can work together to both serve and learn from the less fortunate members of society.

Visiting the missions is commendable, especially on the part of young people who go there to serve and to gain an intense experience of the Christian life.

- Pope John Paul II
Redemptoris Mission 82

The Mission has 15 groups scheduled to visit in 2026. Please join us in praying for them and that the Lord may grant success to the works of their hands.



Clockwise from left: A student volunteer from Scottsdale's Ville de Marie Academy pumps water for a parishioner • A St Anthony High School (Long Beach, CA) volunteer approaches the base of the White House Trail at Canyon de Chelly • Volunteers from Phoenix' St. Joan of Arc Parish unload Christmas gift boxes in the hogan.

