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By the grace and power of the Holy Spirit, the faith community of St. Patrick Church and St. Michael Mission is devoted to living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We strive to help all grow strong in faith by encountering Jesus in prayer, sacrament, and liturgy. We commit to nurturing our relationships with God and His people through service and works of charity, especially to those in most need, by bringing to life our Lord's Greatest Commandments: "Loving God, with all our heart, soul, and mind and our neighbor as ourselves" (Matthew 22:37-39).

PARISH SACRAMENTS

Steven and Angela Terrell have completed the requirements of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 20. This Mass, the most sacred Mass of the church year, begins at 7:00 p.m.

Having successfully completed the two year confirmation program, nine of our students, along with other local parish students, will be confirmed at the Confirmation Mass at St. Andrews Church in Sierra Vista on May 5.

The next two year program for Confirmation students will begin in August, 2019. Registration will open soon.

Thirteen students in the current First Communion Class have met in the parish hall at St. Patrick Church each Sunday morning and have completed the first year of their two year program. Their second year will begin in August; they will meet at St. Michael Mission and participate in several ministries there. They will receive their First Communion in the spring of 2020.

WALKING WITH JESUS EVERY DAY



Our St. Vincent de Paul Bisbee Conference is one of the best examples of how our parish lives its Mission Statement. With the help of some 30 volunteers and willing cooks, the food bank in St. Patrick Parish Hall is open each Thursday from 10 a.m. - noon, serving an average of 120 friends each week. A bag of food as well as a hot meal is provided to the friends who attend.

According to Yolanda Anderson, SVdP President, \$1200-\$1400 is needed *each month* for food supplies. Monthly support received from St. Patrick parishioners and organizations is critical to meeting this need. A partnership with the Tucson Food Bank also provides 10 - 20 cases of produce each month. Please remember the SVdP program with your prayers and your monetary support as they continue this important work.

WINDOW RESTORATION PROJECT

The Window Restoration Project for St. Patrick Church had a visible beginning in late October, when Stephen Frei, owner of Emil Frei & Associates of St. Louis, spent three weeks at St. Patrick Church, restoring four of the smaller windows and replacing the protective coating with clear tempered glass.



What an amazing difference we saw! Our windows are 100+ years old, and at that age, many years of accumulated dust, a few cracks and other issues must be addressed. The Lexan protective covering put on some 25 years ago has clouded to the point that the stained glass can no longer be seen from the exterior. It's time for restoration work!

Frei & Associates has given us an approximate cost of \$350,000 for the window restoration. The exact scope of work will not be known until the existing covering is removed from the windows. The necessary wood work and painting will be an additional cost. The major part of the work will probably begin in the winter of 2021, depending on the Frei schedule and the weather, which is usually milder here than in other parts of the country.

We have a big job ahead of us. The Window Restoration Project (WRP) Committee has been formed. Under the leadership of Fr. Joseph Saba, the committee's primary focus will be fundraising for this enormous and very important project. The committee will provide regular information about fundraising efforts and progress.

Fundraising for this project has begun, and will continue for the next 3 to 5 years. It is important to note that the parish is actively seeking grant opportunities to augment our individual efforts. Grantors all have their own specific set of requirements which must be met to qualify for their financial support. We are researching diligently to find grantors who are willing to fund churches, historic buildings, restoration projects, etc. so that we can submit applications to them. We have seen some success already as we received a \$10,000.00 check this month from the Koch Foundation Inc., known for support of evangelization of the Catholic faith worldwide.

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Most potential grantors require us to show that we are capable of our own fundraising, and that we can raise a substantial amount of money on our own without expecting that everything will be given to us. This is where fundraising events, contributions from current and former parishioners, community members and friends far and wide become ever so important.

The WRP Committee emphasizes the importance of every single donation. No contribution is too small, and definitely none is too large. It's going to take all of us, as we prayerfully consider participating in this huge effort to the very best of our ability.



Monetary gifts as your means allow can be set up in a variety of ways:

- A one time gift
- Periodic gifts as you are able
- A pledged amount made in partial payments over the next 2,3, or up to 5 years

Gifts can be made by

- Mailing a check or delivering a check or cash to the parish office
- Putting a donation in the weekend collection basket at mass, in an envelope clearly marked "WINDOW FUND"
- Gifts may be made electronically using the "On-line Giving" module on the parish website. Payments may be made using a debit or credit card, or by automatic withdrawal from a bank account.

We ask for your prayerful support for this fundraising campaign. Please share news about our fundraising campaign with others who may be able to contribute, or who would know of sources for grant funding. Please direct any questions to Dcn. Tony Underwood at the parish office.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR GIFT SHOP!

Many thanks to Yolanda Anderson for her many years' service as our Gift Shop Manager! Your dedication and hard work has strengthened the faith of many. God Bless You, Yolanda!



Stop in sometime soon and check out St. Patrick's Gift Shop. Thanks to the efforts of Maria and Wayne Pitzlin, Isidro Chavez and Tom Schelling, the gift shop area has been spruced up a bit, restocked and is now open. You'll find a large selection of inspirational items as well as many artworks by local Parishioner artisans, all at reasonable prices.

The St. Patrick's Artisans Guild is searching for artists who would like to donate some of their artwork to the gift shop, a great way to showcase your work while helping St. Patrick Church. We are also in need of people who would be willing to work in the gift shop so that the hours can be expanded and make shopping at the gift shop more convenient for everyone. For more information or to volunteer your time, contact Tom Schelling at 520-432-2110.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

SATURDAY, JUNE 1



Another popular *parish yard sale* to benefit our Fall Festival will be held at 400 East Vista in Warren. This is important support for the Festival. All of our advance fundraising helps us pay for the festival expenses

Are you in the middle of spring cleaning? Set those unwanted items aside for the yard sale. Do you need a bargain? Our yard sales are huge, and there are always wonderful bargains. Plan to stop by.

See you June 1!



Christmas in July BAZAAR !

Saturday, July 13 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
St. Patrick Church Parish Hall

Limited vendor space is available at the Bazaar. Anyone interested in renting a space is asked to contact Elizabeth Lueck at elueck1976@gmail.com or 508-1043.

July 13 — the very best time to do Christmas shopping!

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Fall Festival 2019

October 4-5-6

Mark your calendar now, and plan to be part of the parish annual Fall Festival the first weekend in October. There is ample opportunity to support the festival—by supporting fundraisers, by volunteering to work, by contributing cash or needed supplies, and by attending the festival with your friends that weekend.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, you may contact any member of the festival committee:

Carmen Bernal	234-7770
Maria Pitzlin	432-5949
Bill Acuna	432-3060
Tom Schelling & Isidro Chavez	432-2110
Stella Burke	732-8268
Ruth Dugie	432-3523

Additional members for the Festival Planning Committee are welcome. Please contact one of the committee members so you can be notified of meetings.