



The Monthly Newsletter of St. Anthony on the Desert

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The Desert Wind

Our Mission: To Celebrate the Life-Changing Love of Christ Through Worship, Teaching and Outreach

SUNDAY SERVICE ON SATURDAY

5 P.M.
Evening Prayer & Holy Communion

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Childcare provided from 8 a.m. until Noon in the Nursery

8 A.M.
Traditional Holy Communion

Coffee Hour following the service

10 A.M.
Holy Communion with Children's Chapel during Ministry of the Word

Coffee Hour following the service

11:15 A.M.
Christian Education for all ages

WEDNESDAY

NOON
Holy Communion
Healing Service

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Come, Holy Spirit, Come!



By **The Rev. Dorian Mulvey**

As part of the ordination service there is a time when the congregation invokes the Holy Spirit to fill the new minister and help him or her to carry out God's work in the world. At my ordination the hymn

Veni Sanctus Spiritus—translated "Come Holy Spirit"—seemed to permeate the air. I will never forget the powerful sense of that moment and its meaning for my life.

The power of the Holy Spirit is not limited to the ordained. God's Spirit continually pours out on each of us. We are given many gifts: each unique, each a necessary component of God's work in this world. We do nothing to deserve or merit such gifts, but God desires that we use them and share them with others.

In my short time at St. Anthony, I have seen much evidence of the abundance of gifts present among us. I have seen gifts of hospitality, of teaching, of music, of leadership, of prayer, of service and many more. Throughout our *Infinite Blessings ... Imagine!* campaign, I have seen the generous sharing of these gifts. St. Anthony is a

grace-filled community and the Spirit is at work among us.

It is fitting and appropriate that our *Infinite Blessings ... Imagine!* campaign will hold a special celebration on the feast of Pentecost. We will celebrate the generosity of giving within this congregation as we announce the total financial commitments we have received. Yet it is essential to remember that this celebration marks not an end ... but, rather, a beginning.

On a Pentecost many years ago the people gathered discovered the power of God's Spirit. This power propelled them to move beyond their safe world and into uncharted territory. They moved as a people of faith and courage and strength in Christ's name. Pentecost marks the beginning of the church.

Over 2,000 years ago God's Spirit swept across a people and gave them what was needed to build a church. This same Spirit continues its work today. In the coming months, we will come together to imagine what God is building in our midst. What ministries are we called to perform? How will we grow to be the face and hands and feet of Christ in our day? While we do not yet have answers to these questions, I know that the Spirit will be with us to guide us—and with God's Spirit, anything is possible. Come Holy Spirit, Come.

In Christ,
Dorian

To Stand or Not to Stand...

Have you ever wondered why we do the things we do during worship? Would you like to learn more about our liturgy, rituals and traditions? Join us for lively conversation and going deeper into what it means to be part of St. Anthony on the Desert by participating in *Belonging, Believing, Becoming*.

This three-week series is scheduled for May 17, 24 and 31 at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Lunch will be served (guaranteed delicious!), and childcare will be provided upon request. This is a terrific learning opportunity for people new to the Episcopal Church—as well as for long-time Episcopalians!—that you won't want to miss.

Call or email Jill Kyler by May 10 to register, request childcare or with any questions at 480.451.0860, Ext. 26, or jillkyler@st-anthony.net.

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Imagine Campaign Had Positive Impact

By Jeff Roberts
Sr. Warden

With the initial phase of our *Infinite Blessings ... Imagine!* campaign winding down, I wanted to share a few thoughts on the campaign and what impact outside the monetary aspects it will have on the future of St. Anthony.

Following the decision by the vestry to establish the campaign, we interviewed three consultants to assist in the formulation of the campaign. We ultimately chose the Enrichment Group because of their proven track record and also because of the spiritual/faith-based approach to the campaign. Their faith-based approach produced some incredible results.

During Holy Week, many of the congregation had the opportunity to participate in many of the spiritual activities. One of these—the 24 hour Prayer Vigil organized by

Deacon Grant and Susan Gilfeather—was part of the *Infinite Blessings...Imagine!* campaign. From all who participated, it was a very spiritual experience and was a huge success.

The Enrichment Gatherings were well attended and provided an atmosphere to share with others your hopes and dreams for the future of St. Anthony. They were also a great opportunity to meet fellow parishioners. For all that hosted these events—and Leanne Murrillo, along with her team who organized these events—you did a wonderful job.

The *Infinite Blessings ... Imagine!* Core Team put in countless hours of work to ensure the success of the campaign. Time and time again, I witnessed parishioners “stepping up” to the challenges of meeting a compressed campaign schedule, while also involving many of the congregation. I heard Bill Counce and

Harold Aikens indicate that over 100 people volunteered their time and talents to the success of the campaign. We saw a tremendous energy level within the congregation. The results are clear that St. Anthony *can* and *will* accomplish great things based on the leadership and talents demonstrated during the campaign.

So to summarize, I believe we accomplished what we desired in this campaign. At the time of this writing, I do not have the monetary results ... but from the intangible aspects of the campaign, we grew more spiritual as a congregation, we became closer as a parish, and we demonstrated to ourselves that we can accomplish great things when called upon. A sincere thank you to all of you who participated in any capacity during this campaign. Your participation will allow St. Anthony the ability to *Imagine* its future and achieve it.

What's Brewing in May at the Sunday Café?

Based on the Nooma series by Pastor Rob Bell, author of *Velvet Elvis*, the Sunday Café will be the place for conversation in May.

Sunday, May 3

Does your life look like anything you imagined it would be five, 10 or 20 years ago? Do you think God has a plan for our lives? How's that plan going for you? Join the conversation with Jill Kyler on May 3 in the Parish Hall after the 10 a.m. worship service.

Sunday, May 10

On May 10 the Sunday Café will be a special celebration as we honor mothers and mother-figures everywhere as well as give thanks for our teachers and youth leaders who do so much to mentor our children. And if this isn't enough to celebrate we also will give thanks for the accomplishments of our high school graduates and the special gifts of all of our youth and children.

Sunday, May 17

Continuing on May 17 will be a three-week series discussing the purpose and results of prayer. Is God even listening to us or is God going to do what God is going to do? Are you ready for some honest conversation about the ways we communicate with God? You won't want to miss this thought-provoking session with Jill Kyler.

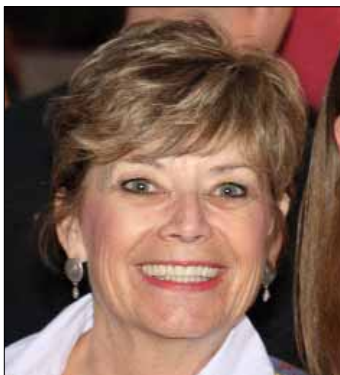
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By Jill Kyler
Minister for Evangelism

I have a confession to make. This has been bugging me for a while; however, during the Holy Week activities preceding Easter Sunday, it became a reality that I had to acknowledge. I give God little more than lip service. When I do take the time to think about him—which seems to be all too infrequently—I'm the one doing the talking, listing my petitions and desires, skimming over my confessions as if they were a list of inconsequential faux pas.

Glimpses of God

Fortunately, our God is a generous and faithful God and doesn't give up on any of us. He keeps offering opportunities for a relationship that will bring peace and clarity of purpose, love for Jesus and for each other.

I have to admit that I had not really given a great deal of thought about the 24-hour prayer vigil that was planned for after the noon Good Friday service. I knew that Grant and Susan Gilfeather had prepared guided prayer resources that were truly outstanding for people participating. It looked wonderful; but gosh, what a busy week I was having, and could I squeeze in one more activity ...?

Thank God, and I do mean *thank you, God*, for steering me back to the church that Friday night to sit in the darkened and quiet church with several other people praying, some-

times reading, sometimes praying, sometimes singing my much-loved Taize music, but most times just listening. Not offering up my to-do list that God might be interested in tackling ... but sitting in a place bathed in prayer, smelling of wood and candle wax, hearing occasional footsteps and praying before an altar stripped bare, waiting. That was the most incredible part ... the waiting. I didn't know for what, but I didn't want to leave. I sat there hours longer than I had planned.

It took a while to let my thoughts run their course and leave. I read somewhere they are appropriately called "monkey thoughts," as they are completely out of control. But at the point where I felt completely open and available to the Holy Spirit, where I had no thoughts, only sensations of experiencing his presence, I felt

his breath, experienced a glimpse of God, not with my head but with my soul. It's not hard to believe that I didn't want to leave that ...

On my way home in the quiet of my car, I realized something very profound and very holy had happened. Something that all I had to do was be open to receiving. It made one of my favorite Bible passages mean so much more to me.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

—Romans 8:38

Easter Blessing,
Jill

Acolyte Ministry Car Wash Saturday, May 2, 8 a.m. to Noon

By Bill Ferris

On May 2 the acolytes will be holding a car wash in the St. Anthony's parking lot to raise funds for the acolyte ministry program. The funds that we raise from the car wash will support activities and events for the acolytes, such as material to make an acolyte banner, acolyte crosses and field trips.

Please mark your calendars and let us get your car squeaky clean for you.

Acolytes Field Trip to Trinity Cathedral

By Bill Ferris

On Sunday, March 22, the St. Anthony acolytes journeyed to our Diocesan Cathedral in downtown Phoenix. A total of 21 adult and youth acolytes and parents were present for the 10 a.m. service at Trinity Cathedral and for a discussion led by the archdeacon. It was a wonderful experience for all of us.

Archdeacon Veronica Ritson, Dean Nicholas Knisely, Canon Licia Affer and



the congregation extended warm welcomes and the love of Jesus Christ to all of us.

Licia said that she almost cried when she saw so many of us at the altar rail.

Veronica Ritson explained many of the things that go on at the cathedral ... and though some things are done differently there than they may be at a parish, that doesn't mean that either is "more correct."

Dean Nicholas' sermon was very fitting for acolytes and *all* of us to reflect upon: "when you see a cross or look up at a cross, consider the cross a mirror, a reflection of ourselves and how we live our lives. Are we living our lives in the light and love of Jesus?"

Music Ministry Update

The music ministry always welcomes new members. If you are interested please join us for one or more following rehearsals:

- Children ages K-3 grade will begin meeting in the choir room on Wednesdays from 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.
- 4th- through 8th-grades rehearse on Wednesdays from 4:45-5:30 p.m. in the choir room.
- Bell Choir rehearsal takes place on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the choir room.
- Adult Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room.

Wedding Guild

By Debbie Fox

The Wedding Guild works very hard to make weddings at St. Anthony "picture perfect." We are involved in the preparation and details prior to the wedding—including rehearsal practice and being present the day of the wedding to work behind the scenes with the bride, groom and Pastor Dorian to make this day picture perfect.

Call Debbie Fox at 480.661.4884 for info on getting involved with this ministry!



Treasurer's Report

By Barbara Ells, Treasurer

Shown on the chart at the right are the first quarter financial statements. I am pleased to report that we are over budget for Giving Income due to some advance pledge payments and for many who have kept their pledges current. Thank you so much!

In March we refinanced our mortgage, but the rate was higher than we had anticipated when we did the budget. With the costs incurred to refinance, we are over budget for the quarter by \$3,057—but still lower than the prior year.

As shown in bold, the Net Cash before Mortgage Payment and Diocesan Assessment would have been more than sufficient to pay the Diocesan Assessment in full, but after payment of the mortgage we were unable to pay \$15,612 of our assessment. This was \$3,143 better than we had expected, but still far short of our assessment. We will make additional payments during the year as cash is available.

As a reminder, an easy way to keep your pledge current during the summer months is through our Automated Giving Plan. No more checks to write! We will debit your checking account monthly or semi monthly—as you wish. This is a win/win situation, as the parish receives a predictable cash flow each month, and you don't have to worry about writing checks while you are away. Sign-up cards are available at the Welcome Center or by calling the office.

Thank you for your continued support of the ministry and mission of St. Anthony's.

1st Quarter Financials: ACTUAL vs. BUDGET

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under)</u>
Cash Receipts			
All Giving Income	\$116,076	\$110,485	\$5,591
Building Use Income	14,092	14,066	26
Other Income	792	935	(143)
Special Occasion Gifts	10,141	10,000	141
Walking the Mourner's Path Net Inc.	<u>7,843</u>	<u>3,939</u>	<u>3,904</u>
Total Cash Receipts	\$148,944	\$139,425	\$9,519
Cash Disbursements			
Personnel	\$82,463	\$83,877	\$(1,414)
Administration Expense	5,552	5,010	542
Facilities Expense	17,613	15,649	1,964
Other Expense	<u>5,591</u>	<u>5,121</u>	<u>471</u>
Total Cash Disbursements	\$111,218	\$109,656	\$1,562
NET CASH RECEIPTS BEFORE MORTGAGE PAYMENT AND DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT	\$37,726	\$29,769	\$7,957
Mortgage Payment	(32,225)	(29,168)	3,057
1Q Assessment Paid	<u>(3,744)</u>	<u>(601)</u>	<u>3,143</u>
Net Cash	<u>\$1,757</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$1,757</u>
Unpaid 1Q Assessment	\$15,612	\$18,755	\$(3,143)

Mortgage Refinancing Enables Unusual Gifting Opportunity to *Infinite Blessings ... Imagine!* Campaign

A family has an adjustable rate mortgage (ARM) on their house. The interest rate is pegged to an index plus 2.75%. When the ARM rate was recently reset, the index was about 1%, lowering the interest rate for the next year from 5.75% to 3.75%. In this specific case, that works out to a reduction in monthly house payments of about \$300.



If you were in this fortunate position, would you consider donating that monthly windfall to St. Anthony until the ARM rate is again reset? What a blessing to our campaign—all without increasing the financial sacrifice to the household.

A similar opportunity exists when you refinance your mortgage and lower your payments. The savings you realize from the refinancing can make a wonderful gift to the *Infinite Blessings...Imagine!* campaign.



The Easter Cross

By Beth Hammond

One of our most delightful Easter traditions—and one which the children enjoy the most—is the “flowering of the Easter cross.”

On Easter Sunday, the children bring flowers, wild flowers, and greenery to decorate their cross for this wonderful day. They then process into the church carrying their cross as their Easter offering.

Alleluia!

PARISH LIFE

Thanks for Making Golf Tournament a Success

By Bob Groom

Thanks to all the intrepid souls who came out to play in the St. Anthony on the Desert Golf Tournament on March 14. You all helped to make it a great success, and are all helping to send some young folks to Racine, Wisconsin for their Mission Trip this summer.

Desert Diners Summer Group Session Formation

By Cindy Creamer

We have received the completed forms for some people interested in the Summer Desert Diners Group. Since last year we did not have Desert Diners in the summer, we are checking with the parish members to make sure there has not been an oversight. Families with children are welcome and will be grouped with others with children. Come join a casual summer group for a "get together" once a month and get to know your fellow parishioners.

If you are interested, please email or call with the following information:

- Name
- Number of people (no more than 8) your house can seat
- Would you be willing to be a convener? (Yes or No) *(For the first dinner, have dinner at your house, email/call the people and find a convenient day and time.)*
- Would you like to be a substitute? (Yes or No)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email the Parish Office or one of the following:

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Seniors and Winter Residents

Barbara Ells

We had quite a send-off for our Winter Residents on April 18 with a barbecue at David and Barbara Ells' with Jon and Mary Anne Bost as co-hosts.

What a night—beautiful weather, wonderful food and fellowship. There were 45 of us, and we enjoyed having some new "seniors" join us. (We always say all are welcome!)

We enjoyed a special treat as one of our group, Jack Meinert, is a docent at the Desert Botanical Gardens. He gave us some insight on how the Chihuly exhibit was installed and some of what goes on behind the scenes. Thank you, Jack!

By show of hands, the "senior" portion of the group decided that they wanted to get together in May. Watch your Sunday bulletin for information.

And it is not too early to start thinking about activities for next year. If you would like to host or co-host a monthly event, please email Barbara Ells at drbrells@msn.com. Remember, if you are

the host, you get to decide what we do! Be creative!

Have a wonderful summer and we will see everyone in the fall.

Seniors and Winter Residents Provide Economic Opportunities

The Seniors and Winter Residents have had a tradition this past year of taking up a collection at each of our monthly gatherings to support the Millennium Development Goals.

At the April dinner we collected \$135 and—along with other money we have recently collected—we have partnered with Episcopal Relief and Development to provide a Micro-Credit Loan for Honey Production. This enables people in less developed areas the means for producing and selling honey in their local marketplace. The program also provides training and essential tools. In addition to the Micro Loan, we also purchased two mosquito nets this month.

Over the last 13 months, we have supported the Millennium Development Goal of eradicating extreme poverty and hunger with \$982 of donations by purchasing goats, pigs, a smokeless stove, mosquito nets, and a contribution to school feeding and nutrition training. Many in our group find contributions to this cause make a great gift to others—especially to those who have so much when others have so little

Eucharistic Visitors

The ministry of Eucharistic Visitors is a wonderful way of connecting to those unable to come to St. Anthony. Our parishioners who are unable to come to church for various reasons enjoy having communion brought to them in their homes. We bring the Good News and the meal to those who cannot be with the rest of the family to share in the communion.

The Eucharistic Visitor brings to the absent member God mystically present in the sacrament when he or she brings the Gospel news of the day, the news of the Christian parish family and the bread and wine of our communion meal.

Eucharistic Visitors celebrate with the community after both the 8 and 10 a.m. services. Following the 8 a.m. service, we are honored to take the Good News and communion to members at Westminster. After the 10 a.m. service, we serve those who are ill or immobile in their homes.

We welcome anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic Visitor. For more information, please contact Leanne Murrillo at 480.614.3591 or ctrspfx@cox.net.

Join Our Year-End Celebration

By Beth Hammond

On Sunday, May 10 at the 10 a.m. service, we will celebrate another successful program year and honor our dedicated children's and youth ministry teams. These teachers and leaders give their time and talents—and their love—to help our young people establish a strong foundation of faith and encourage their participation in the life of St. Anthony. Their commitment is priceless

Patti Counce and **Janelle Liffiton** nurture our youngest children in *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*.

Susan Cihak, **Julie Fishbach**, **Lori Flannery**, **Leeann Philipson**, **Lani Sambach** and **Marianne Tetlow** guide and invite children aged five through grade five to explore *Workshop Rotations*.

Stephen Cihak and **Kelle Hohl** explore with our sixth graders the important transition to adolescence and youth ministry in *Plan 6*.

Jack and Melody Taylor ask and answer questions and travel courageously with our youth in grades seven through nine in *Rite-13* and *J2A*.

Kathy Gilbert and **Monica Gliva** challenge and empower our youth in grades nine through twelve in *YAC* and *High School Youth Group*.

Jack Pauly mentors and inspires our children and youth in the *Chalice Players*.

Please join the children and youth on May 10 as we express our love and gratitude to these amazing volunteers.



Education for Ministry

By Jeanne Paige

"Here am I, Lord; send me!" -Isaiah 6:8

So you think you have to be ordained to be a minister? I don't think so! Every baptized person is called to ministry!

Education for Ministry (EFM) is a program that provides people with the education to carry out that ministry. It provides theological study and reflection rooted in the Scriptures and traditions of the Church. EFM teaches you how to think theologically, deepens your faith and your understanding of our Christian heritage, and provides you with a new confidence to be Christ's minister.

Okay, so I forgot to mention that it's also an incredible experience that allows you to take a journey with people that you may not initially know, but become and remain connected with simply because you have shared matters of profound importance.

Here at St. Anthony, EFM groups meet weekly from September to mid-May, with both morning and evening classes offered to accommodate any schedule. Sign-ups will begin soon for this fall!

If you are interested in learning more about EFM, or want to sign up for a fall class, contact me at jpaige112@aol.com.

Camp St. Anthony: A World of Faith

By Beth Hammond

Camp St. Anthony, our summer Sunday morning program for children, begins this year on Sunday, June 7, and continues through Sunday, July 26, meeting from 10 to 10:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Beginning with an exploration of our own Christian traditions—the cross, Bible, Holy Communion, and the holy festivals of Christmas and Easter—each subsequent week we will learn about a child who practices one of the other major world traditions. Through books, videos, music and creative activities we will visit the traditions of children who are Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Native American, Shinto, and Sikhs. Our program will conclude with a Festival of Learning where we will share all that we have learned.

The program is for children aged five through grade five. Younger children are welcome with a parent helper.

The Chalice Players Costume Closet

The simple homespun tunics and shawls of storytellers and townspeople ... the silk and velvet robes of King Herod and the Magi ... the leather and insignia of Roman centurions ... the glowing wings of Gabriel and the choir of angels. These are just a few of the authentic costumes the Chalice Players have donned for the Christmas Pageant and the Passion Play.

We have been very fortunate to have been able to borrow these costumes from Christ Church of the Ascension. But with both the numbers of the troupe and their repertoire quickly growing, the Chalice Players would like to establish their *own* costume closet. Most of the costumes are very simple and quickly made. We especially need costumes for our younger, smaller members.

Can you help? We need advice about purchasing patterns and fabrics and seamstresses to help construct the costumes and maintain our closet. If you have any suitable fabrics or items of clothing which we may be able to adapt we would receive them most gratefully.

If you would like to help, please contact Beth Hammond at 480.451.0861, Ext. 13, or bethhammond@st-anthony.net.

St. Anthony Domestic Violence Council

What's in a Name?

By Gary Spedl

Did you ever wonder why St Anthony has a ministry called the Domestic Violence Support Group? Do these people really support Domestic Violence?



Of course NOT! Quite the opposite!

We see the goal of the ministry as providing support to victims and survivors of domestic violence. As we continue to develop the ministry and make decisions about what this ministry will look like at St. Anthony, it is clear that the name needs to communicate more accurately what the group is about. It is with this intent that the group has decided to re-name ourselves and now be called the St Anthony Domestic Violence Council (DVC).

Please look for future communications coming from our group under its new name. It will be exciting to create this ministry together!

St. Anthony's Scholarship Fund

By Beth Hammond

It has long been traditions at St. Anthony that our graduating high school seniors are invited to apply for a college scholarship. Each graduate is asked to complete an application form and write a personal essay about their faith journey and their life at St. Anthony.

This year we have posted the letters of our three graduates—Caitlin Gilbert, Nicole Nehrbas and Catherine Vassaux—on our Web site. We've included a brief introduction to the letters at the right, but we encourage you to go to the website (www.st-anthony.net) to view all three letters in their entirety.

The combined effect of these three young women on the life and mission of St. Anthony is remarkable. They are committed choristers, one of them has served on Vestry, and all are active members of the High School Youth Group and experienced missionaries. Currently they are preparing to participate in this summer's Mission Trip to Racine, Wisconsin.

The Scholarship Fund is a way for our community to recognize the outstanding achievements of our youth. It is a tangible way for us to say, "Well done, good and faithful servants." The Scholarship Fund is currently open to receive donations. Caitlin, Nicole, and Catherine have touched many lives during their years here. Let's send them on to the next phase of their lives with heartfelt thanks and generous support.

Your checks can be made out to 'St. Anthony on the Desert' with 'Scholarship' in the memo line. They can be mailed to or dropped off at the church office or placed in the collection plate on Sunday morning.

My name is Nicole Nehrbas and I am currently a senior at Desert Mountain High School, anxiously waiting to go off to college. In the fall, I am planning on attending the University of Arizona along with Caitlin and Catherine. And no we didn't plan that on purpose! My plan is to major in business and eventually transfer to Nashville, TN to pursue my dream of becoming a music producer. I have worked very hard throughout high school with the constant goal of college in mind. I have had the support and love of my family and friends, and of course, the church ...

My name is Caitlin Gilbert and I will be graduating from Fountain Hills High School this year. I have been attending St. Anthony's since my family moved to Arizona eight years ago. Throughout these past years, especially while in High School, I have been actively involved in the life of the church. The part that has been especially meaningful to me is the High School Youth Group. Through the group, I have encountered many life-altering experiences that have helped make me the person I am today. I have attended three Mission Trips with my peers and leaders, and these trips taught me to stretch myself beyond my "social comfort level" and, more importantly, the selfless attitude needed while doing community service ...

My name is Catherine Vassaux. I have been a member of St. Anthony on the Desert since I was three, and this fall I will be attending the University of Arizona to pursue a degree in history. Growing up in the Parish of St. Anthony, I started out as a typical Sunday school kid, but when I had a chance to join the newly-formed girl's choir, I found lifelong friends and a love for music. Over time, I began to understand what it means to be of service in the church. Now I have even taken on leadership roles when I serve as a cantor during the liturgy ...

Join Us May 29 to Give Domestic Violence Victims A SECOND CHANCE

By Gary Spedl

For everyone who wants to help victims of Domestic Violence, another chance is coming on Friday, May 29. At that time, the St Anthony Domestic Violence Council (DVC) will sponsor another **Save The Family (STF)** housing unit cleanup.

Save The Family is a non-profit agency that provides hope and rehabilitation to homeless families, 75% of which are victims of domestic violence (DV). STF has 167 transitional housing units that provide homes to families while they rebuild their lives. Families enter the STF program, and—after completing counseling, schooling and career/job training—graduate from the program and leave the transitional housing unit to go their own home. When they graduate, the housing unit is cleaned and painted for the next

family in need.

Everyone from St Anthony is invited to participate in preparing a housing unit for a family in need by being part of the group that will meet on Friday, May 29, at 8:30 a.m. in the church parking lot. We will travel to a location in Mesa where we will clean, paint and prepare a home for a family. We will work until about 1 p.m., but come and spend as much time as you can, and leave when you must.

Everyone is welcome! You don't need to bring any supplies, as everything needed for the work is supplied by STF.

If you are interested in being a part of this effort, please contact a member of the DVC so that you can be included in further information.

Your DVC members are (pictured at right, l. to r.):



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God Bless You!

Men of St. Anthony

By Jon Bost

If you've ever wondered what the "Men of St Anthony" (MOSA) really does, or if you have never even heard of this group, then by all means, read on. If you are a man reading this, the good news is that you are already a member. Actually, since TITLE IX we've been afraid to exclude anyone ... so *all* are welcome, of course.

We (generally) meet on the last Saturday of the month in the parish hall for a humble breakfast supplied by one of the members. The coffee is ready by 7:30 a.m. and—after 30 minutes of war stories, golfing lies, and fishing tall tales—we get down to business at 8 a.m.

Business for us is different every month. Sometimes we make sandwiches for the East Valley Men's shelter (see pic-

ture at right) and take them down to their home in Mesa ... sometimes we work on a fix-up project at the church ... and sometimes we just sit back and listen to a guest speaker. We are generally done and on the way home by 9:30 a.m.

Our activities are not always limited to Saturday mornings. Several times a year we drive down to Mesa and fix a dinner for the men of the East Valley Men's Shelter. This is probably one of the most rewarding projects we take on, and each of us comes back with a little different perspective on what is important in this world and what is not.

We also get called upon to help the youth with their rummage sale. We help with the spring and fall campus clean-up campaigns. And sometimes our members just show up to work on their own favorite project at the church.



As you can see, we are a diverse group with a diverse agenda. If you're saying, "Hey, that is way too much stuff for me to commit to," guess what? There is no commitment. We have no dues, no roll call, and certainly not everyone shows up for every activity. We come when we can and do what we are able, and nobody asks for more.

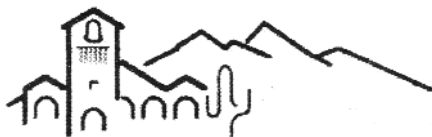
They say that a picture is worth a thousand words, so for a visual overview of MOSA, look us up on

SmugMug at mosapictures.com.

Watch for our meeting notices in the bulletin. Our next meeting is Saturday, April 25, and we have no meeting in May. Come for the coffee, stay for the fellowship, and come back for the warm feeling that you get in helping.

For more information about our group, contact me at jonmaryanne@cox.net.

See you in church!



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