



ST. ANTHONY ON THE DESERT
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St. Anthony on the Desert Episcopal Church

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Annual Meeting Minutes
10:00 a.m. January 27, 2019

In the Opening Address Pastor Dorian explained that the Annual Meeting would be incorporated into the worship service and the rationale for doing so.

Senior Warden Harry Boysen called the meeting to order and announced that a quorum was established. The motion was made to dispense with the reading of the individual reports and to accept The Annual Report as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The 2019 Annual Report is available in the Narthex, in the office, or at www.st-anthony.net.

Pastor Dorian's sermon from Luke spoke of Jesus as Liberator of the oppressed and challenged the congregation to treat these words as a call to action, rather than mere intellectual thought. At the conclusion of the sermon the congregation was invited to provide feedback on five quotes that sought to describe the current challenges faced by the church. Themes from these quotes focused on generosity and abundance and descriptors of God's Kingdom. The Vestry will review the congregation's feedback at the upcoming Vestry retreat.

Barbara Ells, St. Anthony's Treasurer, reported on the financial results for 2018 and the budget for 2019 and reflected on the generosity of the congregation. She commented that 2018 was a good year financially. Renovation highlights include over \$260,000 in special funds raised to design and build out a brand new highly useful kitchen, and to replace the flooring throughout the other building, replacement of one of the facilities 13 air conditioners for \$25,000. Pledge income exceeded budget by \$12,000. Overall loss for the year was \$1,500 covered by other funds.

The 2019 budget was presented and discussed. 2019 Stewardship results are \$23,000 higher than prior year with 20 new pledges.

The service continued with The Prayers of the People, followed by the recognition of retiring Vestry Members Alan Henry, Kathy Phillips, Mario Vassaux and Harry Boysen.

After the Peace, the Sr. Warden and Treasurer were presented. Dan Austin has been appointed to serve as Sr. Warden, and Barbara Ells will be serving her eleventh year as Treasurer.

The Vestry Nomination Slate was presented: Claudia Johnson to serve as Junior Warden (one-year term) and Barbara Goldstein, Jeanne Paige and Celia Warren, (three-year terms) to the Vestry. Mary Vanselow to serve a two-year term. There being no nominations from the floor, the motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously electing these individuals by acclamation. The new Vestry was commissioned at the conclusion of the service. The 2019 Vestry consists of: Sr. Warden Dan Austin, Jr. Warden Claudia Johnson, Treasurer Barbara Ells, Joe Dearborn, Barbara Goldstein, , David Macaione, Jeanne Paige, Monnie Ottersberg, Melody Taylor, Mary Vanselow and Celia Warren.

Nominees for 2020 Convention Delegates (Alternates for 2019) were presented: Marianne Clarke, Jack Farrington, Allen Henry, Jill Kyler and Leanne Murillo with no further nominations, the motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously electing these individuals by acclamation.

Following special Prayers for birthdays and anniversaries, a video by Jill Kyler celebrating the life at St Anthony's was shown to the congregation. The service continued with the Offertory Anthem and Holy Eucharist.

After the Post Communion Prayer, the new vestry was commissioned. The newly appointed Sr. Warden Dan Austin thanked everyone for participating and accepted a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and passed unanimously, with the meeting adjourning at 11:39. Everyone was invited to brunch in the Parish Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

David Macaione, Esq.
Vestry Clerk

2019 Rector Report

It is a joy to be a part of this vibrant community of faith. St. Anthony is filled with people who truly live their faith and demonstrate a desire to be on the way with Jesus. I give thanks for the staff, clergy, Vestry members and ministry leaders that I am privileged to work alongside. This year I give special thanks for two retiring Vestry members, Joe Dearborn and Monnie Ottersberg and the gifts they so generously share with our parish.

Our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry continually issues an invitation to join the Jesus Movement – to be literally on the way with Jesus. Bishop Curry speaks about the model of ministry that Jesus provides for us – a ministry that demonstrates God’s love, compassion and healing. To quote Bishop Curry: “Love is the only thing that really works. It is the force behind all that has proven good and true in our world. And because of that, choosing the Way of Love is choosing to live life as it is meant to be lived, as nothing less than God’s dream for us and our world.”

We, the people of St. Anthony have done much to embrace this message of love. Ministries within the church such as our Companion ministry, Walking the Mourner’s Path and Needlecrafts for Need and our newest ministry, Care for Caregivers provide support and care especially during challenging times. Many other ministries seek to reach beyond our walls – locally, regionally and globally, offering this same support and care to others. This past year St. Anthony volunteers joined a larger community movement – Making a Difference – by offering practical help with home repairs to senior homeowners. Beyond the gift of volunteer time all our outreach efforts receive much needed financial support through the efforts of our annual golf tournament. In all of this we have found ways to truly reflect God’s love in the world.

Faith formation is an essential part of living God’s message of love. We provide opportunities to move deeper within our faith across all ages. Our youngest members discover the joy of scripture stories in our Godly Play chapel. Our youth have a supportive community in which to process life challenges and ways that God connects to their personal stories. And adults can engage in a process called the WAY, learning together and applying Jesus’ teaching to their daily lives. All these offerings provide the foundation needed to grow our understanding of the good news and help us to share it with others.

Another important component of love is the joy found within community. St. Anthony offers many opportunities to make connections – Seasoned Saints events, the annual Craft Bazaar, Lenten dinners and other seasonal gatherings. In addition, this year marked a dramatic change in our Christmas Caroling event. Instead of gathering within the courtyard we hired a horse drawn hayride to bring Christmas music to our neighbors. How wonderful it was to make tangible connections with others.

I trust that 2020 will provide new opportunities for us to reflect God’s love as we continue our journey on the way with Jesus.

In Christ,
Dorian+

Senior Warden Report – Dan Austin

Vestry Members: The Rev. Dorian Mulvey, President; Dan Austin, Senior Warden; Claudia Johnson, Junior Warden; Barbara Ells, Treasurer; Mary Vanselow, Clerk; Joe Dearborn; Barbara Goldstein; Monnie Ottersberg; Jeanne Paige; Melody Taylor; and Celia Warren.

Vestry service is a sacred ministry, its lay members working in close partnership with our Rector to lead the people of St. Anthony closer to God. The Vestry is not a board of directors or a senior management team, though it is similar to both. It has, for example, a fiduciary duty to the congregation as its legal agent, taking shared responsibility for the wise management and stewardship of our funds, our buildings and grounds, and our employees and contractors. Vestry members are also leaders, working with Pastor Dorian to create a vision for the future, and enacting strategies

to make the vision real. We also are charged with communicating that vision to our fellow parishioners, seeking their support in growing God's Kingdom. On behalf of the Vestry, I thank the people of St. Anthony for your support, and for letting us serve you in 2019.

The Vestry welcomed four new members in 2019, as the parish elected Barbara Goldstein, Jeanne Paige and Celia Warren to three-year terms. Mary Vanselow was appointed to a two-year term, filling a vacancy created when Dan Austin was appointed Senior Warden to replace Harry Boysen. Mary also was named Vestry Clerk, replacing David Macaione, who resigned. Claudia Johnson, a current Vestry member, was named Junior Warden, replacing Mario Vassaux, who also retired. During the 2020 annual meeting, we will honor the service of retiring Vestry members Joe Dearborn and Monnie Ottersberg and their substantial contributions to the life of the parish.

Spiritual growth and engagement mark Vestry meetings, preceding and often informing the business portion of these monthly gatherings. After a contemplative, prayer-filled three-day Vestry retreat in February at the Franciscan Renewal Center, subsequent monthly meetings began with Scripture readings and discussions of theologian Walter Brueggemann's book, "A Gospel of Hope." It is a provocative work, making us think hard about what it means to "do church" as followers of Jesus. A sample: "I suspect sometimes the church tends to remember just what it should forget," Prof. Brueggemann writes, "and to forget just what it should remember."

Supporting the many ministries of St. Anthony is a key Vestry responsibility, one we sought to bolster in 2019 with a day-long training session in March for some 30 parish ministry leaders. Each Vestry member is assigned as a liaison to a major St. Anthony ministry, offering assistance where needed.

Support for these ministries crossed all demographics, from the Seasoned Saints and its many activities to our Youth and their 18th annual mission trip, this time to help out people in need in Racine, Wisc. Our annual charity golf tournament, moved in 2019 to the Tonto Verde Golf Club, raised over \$39,000, all of which will support various parish outreach ministries. A new outreach ministry in 2019, "Make A Difference Day," in which people in Fountain Hills and Scottsdale receive help in and around their homes, drew over 20 volunteers from St. Anthony to wash windows, landscape lawns and gardens and otherwise clean and repair the homes of those unable to do this needed work.

Stewardship, the giving of our time, talent and treasure to God's work at St. Anthony, is another major Vestry responsibility. With the theme "On the Way with Jesus," the stewardship committee, led by former Senior Warden Harry Boysen, recruited parishioners to tell their story of Christ's influence in their lives, either in person at services on the first Sunday of the month or in writing. In 2019, we heard or read moving testimonials of faith from Cathy Gomez, Gail Austin, Jeff Burch, Debbie Van Hoven, Eloise Crosman, The Rev. Bob Perrino and Catherine Gilbert, with appearances by others scheduled for 2020. With each Vestry member pledging publicly to give a proportion of their income to St. Anthony and to increase that proportion in the years ahead, the Fall Stewardship campaign brought in 118 pledges from the entire parish, totaling \$353,935 for 2020. The Treasurer's report offers more details of this generosity from you, the people in our pews, who fund over 70% of the parish's annual budget.

In Christ's Name,
Dan Austin

Ministry Organization for 2020

Christian Formation

- Children's Ministry – Suzette Woods
- Youth Ministry – Mark Culbertson
- Adult Formation
 - The WAY – Dorian Mulvey
 - 30 Minute Dialogue with Scripture – Dorian Mulvey

- Lenten program – Dorian Mulvey & Jill Kyler

Life Sharing

- Arts Council – Claudia Smith
- Avid Readers – Eloise Crosman
- Seasoned Saints – Maxine Walker
- Coffee Hour Hospitality – Leanne Murillo
- Welcome Team – Jill Kyler
- Blessings of Belonging (BOB) – Claudia Johnson, Gina Baker
- Communication – Jill Kyler
- Wedding Guild – Cindy Cordes
- Resale Ministry – Barbara Ells, Maxine Walker

Pastoral Ministries

- St. Anthony Cares Companions – Claudia Johnson
- Funeral Receptions – Suzi Edmondson & Mildred Wilson
- Cards – Susan Mitchler
- Meals – Karen Twibell
- Healing Prayer – Celeste Nash-Weninger
- Prayer Chain – Celia Warren
- Eucharistic Visitors – Debbie Van Hoven
- Care for Caregivers – Dorian Mulvey
- Walking the Mourners Path – Catherine Gilbert

Operations/Facilities

- Office Angels – Debbie Hubbs
- Stewardship – Harry Boysen
- Investment Management team – Jackie Ernst
- Facility Maintenance – Kelle Hohl
- Health & Safety Team – Dorian Mulvey

Outreach Ministries

- Golf Tournament team – Claudia Johnson
- Habitat for Humanity – Jon Thom
- MOSA – Bob Clarke
- Vista del Camino – Grant Gilfeather
- Healthy Packs – Grant Gilfeather
- Global Outreach
 - Haiti – Jeanne Paige
 - Kids Clinic Partners – Mark Close
- Council Against Domestic Violence – Susan Mitchler
- Needlecrafts for Need – Claudia Johnson
- Dream Center – Claudia Johnson
- Inspire Garden & Labyrinth – Jill Kyler
- Sunshine Acres – Suzette Woods
- Save My Starving Children

Spiritual Nourishment

- Acolytes – Janelle Liffiton
- Eucharistic Ministers – Gail Austin, Cyndi Sax
- Choirs – Joe Hacnik
- Altar Guild – Kate Fauster

- Flower Guild – Rosemary Viets
- Ushers – Kelle Hohl

2020 Executive Officers Leadership Team

- Senior Warden – Dan Austin
- Junior Warden – Claudia Johnson
- Treasurer – Barbara Ells

Vestry Terms of Office

Class of 2021

- Melody Taylor
- Mary Vanselow

Class of 2022

- Barbara Goldstein
- Jeanne Paige
- Celia Warren

Class of 2023

- Cathy Gomez
- Bobbi Macy
- Brian Wright

Diocesan Convention Delegate Slate

2020 Delegates

- Marianne Clarke
- Jack Farrington
- Allen Henry
- Jill Kyler
- Leanne Murrillo

2020 Alternates/2021 Delegates

- Marianne Clarke
- Joe Dearborn
- Jill Kyler
- Jeanne Page
- Melody Taylor

Attendance Statistics

SEVENTEEN Years

TOTAL ATTENDANCE ALL SERVICES

2003	17,704
2004	19,683
2005	20,261
2006	19,319
2007	15,296
2008	14,421
2009	13,361
2010	12,673
2011	11,003
2012	10,997
2013	11,296
2014	10,749
2015	10,269
2016	11,344
2017	9,726
2018	9,341
2019	9,151

AVERAGE SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE

2003	306
2004	353
2005	307
2006	298
2007	258
2008	245
2009	236
2010	201
2011	194
2012	188
2013	190
2014	184
2015	185
2016	182
2017	166
2018	157
2019	154

TOTAL ATTENDANCE ALL EASTER SERVICES

2003	762
2004	886
2005	928
2006	842
2007	739
2008	637
2009	574
2010	578
2011	411
2012	399
2013	443
2014	431
2015	369
2016	344
2017	377
2018	376
2019	312

TOTAL ATTENDANCE ALL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

2003	993
2004	1027
2005	859
2006	808
2007	646
2008	630
2009	525
2010	515
2011	584
2012	452
2013	540
2014	440
2015	440
2016	466
2017	476
2018	413
2019	372

Ministry Reports

Christian Formation

Children's Ministry - Submitted by Suzette Woods

Ministry team members - Suzette Woods, Janelle Liffiton, Melody Taylor, and Marianne Clarke

Our Mission: At St. Anthony we walk alongside parents as we strive to foster children's innate curiosity and wonder of God in a loving community of faith.

The core of our ministry is the Sunday gatherings, centered on Godly Play stories, a hands on-on Montessori based method of learning which allows children to explore their faith through Bible stories using all their senses. This unique approach respects the deep spirituality of children and helps them to explore their faith through story, gain religious language, and enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play.

One of the highlights of our fall season was hosting our third barbeque and games event at Sunshine Acres for the children and house parents that reside there. We also collected clothing and household items for their resale shop. Eighteen volunteers from St. Anthony participated, making this a wonderful inter-generational opportunity for our parishioners.

Also, 20 children, youth and their family members participated in packing meals for the Feed My Starving Children organization in Mesa.

Youth Ministry – submitted by Mark Culbertson

Ministry Team Members – Jill Kyler, Jack Taylor, Melody Taylor, Marianne Tetlow

EPIC Students Ministry exists to help teenagers grow closer to God and to understand their place in this world.

This past year, we focused on two seasons of messages during our youth group meetings. In the Spring, we finished working our way through some of the major stories of the Bible understanding the Bible as story and how those stories apply to our lives. In the Fall, we looked at ways to deepen our walk with God.

Besides our youth group meetings, youth participated in:

- Serving during Sunday services and especially our quarterly youth services;
- Continuing our Generation Connection to build relationships with the adults at St. Anthony;
- Packing lunches for the East Valley Men's Shelter;
- Painting a house with Habitat for Humanity;
- Participating in Good Friday, Easter, and Christmas dramas for the church;
- Providing our annual Shrove Dinner; and
- Attending our 18th mission trip, this year to Racine, WI

We are thankful that we were able to secure an Outreach Grant this year which helped pay the way for the adults and the van rental for our mission trip to Racine, WI

The goals of EPIC Student Ministries for 2020 are:

- To find ways to connect more with students outside of church; and
- To help parents and students to make youth group and church more of a priority

Adult Formation Report – submitted by Dorian Mulvey

The WAY

Ministry Team Members – Dan Austin, Gail Austin, Harry Boysen, Cathy Gomez, Heather Foster, Jill Kyler, Bob Perrino, and Dorian Mulvey

This was the fourth year of the WAY, which was originally introduced in 2016. It takes its name from the description attached to followers of Jesus as “People on the way.” The WAY is a process for faith to be explored, nurtured and renewed and one’s commitment to Jesus Christ to be deepened. This process takes its shape from an ancient formation process called the Catechumenate. In addition to team leaders, the 2019 Way included twelve participants.

30 Minute Dialogue with Scripture

This is a small group Bible study which meets following the 10 am service each Sunday. The format for this study is Lectio Divina – an ancient method which allows the words of scripture to be explored in our own lives. The scripture text is selected based on the sermon focus for the day.

Lenten Program

Our 2019 Lenten program was titled “Compassion in Practice.” Based on material from Frank Rogers’ book *Practicing Compassion* we focused on what he calls the Pulse of Compassion:

- Paying attention
- Understanding empathically
- Loving with connection
- Sensing the sacredness
- Embodying new life

This focus on compassion was intended to cultivate a healthy way of interacting with our world and allow us to better embody God’s love for others.

Life Sharing

Arts Council — submitted by Claudia Smith

“There is one spectacle grander than the sea; there is one spectacle grander than the sky, that is the interior of the soul.”

— Victor Hugo —

Artists create with God-given talent from their souls. It’s what artists do. What the Arts Council does is share these creations with members of St. Anthony and the public through exhibits in the Parish Hall.

The Arts Council believes that these shared gifts nourish spirituality and faith and re-enforce St. Anthony’s mission as a “Life-Home” in Christ for all. Both the creators and the viewers experience this uplifting, soul-enriching journey. This journey is encouraged and facilitated through articles written for St. Anthony’s Newsletter and Website, as well as *The Fountain Hills Times*.

The first exhibit of this season featured the beautiful oil paintings of Barbara Barber—who creates under her maiden name, Clements, in honor of her father. She was followed by digital photographer Peter Jones, and his wife Gwen, who is a fabric artist. Their vibrant, colorful exhibit was perfect for the holiday season. Following, on January 28, are St. Anthony members: Tom and Colleen Taylor. The final exhibit will feature Fountain Hills artist; Vivian Dy Gordon.

We at St. Anthony have been blessed to have had an array of wonderful art displayed over the years. The energy and hours put into bringing, arranging and hanging these shows are countless. The Arts Council applauds and thanks these talented, generous people.

Avid Readers - Contact People: Grant or Susan Gilfeather, Eloise Crosman

Avid Readers is a group of St. Anthony on the Desert members and friends who enjoy reading a variety of good books. While the group does not have an official mission statement, through the discussions, relationships are built and participants understanding of many topics is broadened.

On the third Tuesday of every month, the group, members of St. Anthony and the community-at-large, meet in the Parish Hall for the discussions. Average attendance is 8 people. Those who wish to do so come early to share dinner and conversation before the meeting. St. Anthony members, friends and community members are welcome to come to the discussions and/or the dinners. Come every month, as often as your schedule allows, or for any discussion that especially appeals to you. Invite a friend to join you.

We have been fortunate the last several years to have an author visit us. This provides a great avenue for introducing St. Anthony on the Desert to outsiders as well as offering an interesting and informative evening. We have no budget, so are unable to offer a stipend to authors, but do treat them to dinner before the meeting and, of course, it gives more exposure to their works.

On February 19, Lisa Heidinger Schnebley, author of *The Diary of Sedona Schnebley* and great granddaughter of Sedona Schnebley, for whom Sedona, AZ is named, was our guest. Lisa presented a very interesting talk to over 30 people. All enjoyed dessert and conversation as well as the presentation.

Avid Readers joined Needlecrafts for Needs in preparing and serving meals for the East Valley Men's Shelter.

Books are selected in the spring for the upcoming year from suggestions brought by participants. A variety of genres is included – fiction, non-fiction, biographies, mysteries, etc. The meetings are very informal. Members of the group research the author and book reviews, then lead the discussions.

On Feb. 18, 2020, Arizona author Julie Bradley and her husband will be our guests. They will discuss her book, *Escape from the Ordinary*, an account of their adventures sailing around the world. This will be an exciting evening – both feeding our souls with information and discussion and introducing more people to St. Anthony's and Avid Readers.

Each month's book stimulates great discussions. Even if you've not had the opportunity to read (or finish) the book, the discussions and fellowship are stimulating and rewarding. You'll probably want to come back for another meeting! Copies of the book selections for 2019-2020 are available on the church website (www.st-anthony.net), in the narthex or in the Church Office.

Seasoned Saints – submitted by Maxine Walker

"Seasoned Saints" (formerly known as Seniors/Winter Residents) gathered throughout the year for social fellowship, cultural events, and to support other St. Anthony ministries:

- Seasoned Saints, inspired by an initial anonymous donation, raised over \$750 for the Charity Golf tournament
- Seasoned Saints provides meals for the East Valley Men's Shelter to help support MOSA.
- Seasoned Saints' crafters made Christmas items for the annual Christmas Festival.

Hosts for the year were Judy Burry, Sheila Rulli, Ruena and Mark Close, David and Barbara Ells, Hal Hunt and Claudia Smith, Barbara Ells, Jeanne Paige, Bobbi Macy, Ted and Ann Zemper, Susan Boone and Maxine Walker.

The group continues to rely on volunteer hosts who plan various events. Maxine Walker is the email steward and Mary Vanselow is the vestry liaison.

Mary Vanselow, Barbara Ells, Cathy Anderson, Bobby Macy, Jeanne Paige, Dan and Gail Austin, Mary Lou Oslund, and Maxine Walker are working this year on a mission statement for the group that identifies the spiritual and social inclusive nature of Seasoned Saints.

Coffee Hour Hospitality - Submitted by Leanne Murrillo

The Hospitality Ministry is to have a friendly welcoming reception of guests, visitors or strangers. This ministry provides coffee and refreshments after both services on Sunday. The Hospitality ministry also assists with special events held at St. Anthony. Each Sunday either individuals, groups or couples assist to enhance the countless benefits of services offered at St. Anthony along with a period of time and place for our members to meet, converse and grow in fellowship. By creating a sense of belonging through love and caring the coffee hours have nurtured friendships and connections with each other. As another year begins of growth and new experiences at St. Anthony, the development of the post-service groups that stay to visit, sit & converse and come to know each other in greater depth is a welcome sign of our growth as a "Life-Home" in Christ.

Blessings of Belonging (BOB) – submitted by Claudia Johnson

The mission of this ministry is to develop relationships within the church; with those who are not part of our community; and others, as we cross their paths, while welcoming God. We started having monthly meetings in March 2013 and continue. We have prayer, fellowship, food, Bunco and the end result are friendships that continue to grow.

We are a support group for each other.

This ministry grew this year adding two more people. All are invited, so please come and be involved. We normally meet the first Saturday of each month from 11-1pm. For more information, please contact Claudia Johnson.

Pastoral Ministries

St. Anthony Cares Companions Ministry – submitted by Claudia Johnson

Ministry Team Members: Eloise Crosman, Bob Perrino, Gail Austin, Suzy Mitchell, Cathy Anderson, Mary Vanselow, Judy Burry, Claudia Johnson and Allen and Sheila Henry for first third of the year.

The Companion's Ministry is part of the larger umbrella Pastoral Care Ministries of St. Anthony Cares. The ministry mission is to ensure that "no one walks alone" as they face the challenges and changes of life. This is accomplished by establishing close relationships with parishioners and proactively seeking out and responding to requests for pastoral care. Companions request the pastoral care services needed at the time, ie, prayer shawl, Eucharistic visitor, to support spiritual well-being.

This year the ministry experienced the resignation of two original members, Allen Henry, co-leader and Sheila Henry. Judy Burry and Bob Perrino joined the ministry to complete the team of four groups. We, as Companions, strive to reach out to parishioners and strengthen the relationships in a culture of caring and supporting.

Card Ministry – submitted by Susan Mitchler

Ministry team: Susan Mitchler

The card ministry has served St. Anthony on the Desert for many years. The purpose of this ministry is to let people in the congregation know their church family cares about them and prays for them during celebratory times and

times of illness and death. They are not alone. This information is acquired from members at the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services. It is also requested from the Companions within the church and our pastor, Dorian, who may request that cards be sent. This year a total of 79 cards were sent. Of these 56 were due to illness, 14 were Christmas cards, a new area, 10 were sympathy cards, 4 were birthdays (parishioners 85 or older and also a new area) 3 were for graduates, and 2 were welcome cards, also a new area. In addition, one session was held inviting members to help make a stockpile of cards which was fun, successful and very helpful. I will hold more of these in the future. All requests can be sent to Susan Mitchler at: dsmithler@yahoo.com or I can be called at 480-794-1326. I will need to know the name, address if not in the directory and a short explanation as to why the card should be sent such as: recovering from surgery, death of a mother, broken arm, etc. Although I sometimes use a commercial card, almost all of my cards are handmade. I would welcome help from anyone who'd like to join me in this fun ministry.

Healing Prayer Ministry - submitted by Celeste Nash-Weninger

The Healing Prayer Ministry works in partnership with the St Anthony Cares network. This ministry provides spiritual support in the form of healing prayer and thanksgivings at the request of parishioners, for themselves, friends and loved ones, and offers anointing with oil. Each healing prayer minister volunteers to be available in the chapel for prayer on behalf parishioners on a weekly basis. Pastor Dorian conducts a weekly healing prayer service for parishioners and community alike.

The Healing Prayer Ministry volunteers are dedicated to praying with the St Anthony's community, and each weekly volunteer also prays over the names in the prayer requests from the Prayers of the People portion of the service. We are also supported by our Deacons, Grant Gilfeather and Robert Perrino.

In the past year the healing prayer ministry has had an informational workshop to educate about what we do and offer an opportunity for new members to join. Our ministry has gained three new members, and we plan to host another workshop this year. Our current members are Dan Austin, Gail Austin, Rosemary Hanson, Janelle Liffiton, Janet Farrington, Jack Farrington, Rachel Misra, Celeste Nash-Weninger. Please contact any of our members if you have questions, comments, or are interested in becoming a member.

Prayer Chain Ministry – submitted by Celia Warren

The St. Anthony Prayer Chain Ministry was re-established in March 2019.

Our wonderful Prayer Chain Ministers are Lorna Bennett, Jacqueline Turner, Bob Groom, Leanne Murrillo, Jay Murrillo, Cathy Anderson, Lillian Roodveldt, Cyndi Sax, Sandy Gullledge, Ruena Close, Malcolm Hilcove, Alexa Twibell, Grant Gilfeather, and I, Celia Warren, serve as the chair.

Our mission is to offer spiritual support to all members of the congregation by praying to our Lord God for them, their family and their friends in difficult times and in times of thanksgiving. Since March, we received 70 Prayer Requests.

Knowing that others are praying for you or your loved one is so comforting, and those who we prayed for were very appreciative. A very special request was for Joey, Sandy Gullledge's 3-year-old nephew, who had only been eating by way of a feeding tube throughout his young life as the doctors weren't able to figure out what was wrong. After many medical procedures and prayers, here is what his mother wrote to us: "Please send this to your church friends, prayers are healing our boy! Things increasingly started to change and now we have seen huge improvements! I wanted to let you know that Joey is able to eat without the feeding tube and is doing really great! Sending you a happy text while I sit here and have happy tears...."

Joseph is 7th% for weight and 25th% for height on the growth chart. He was first diagnosed with failure to thrive when his height fell off the charts and weight was below 10% for over three months, we then fell off the chart for weight as well. We got back on after the placement of his tube but hovered in 3-8% and still didn't gain much on

height. So let me say it again he is now in the 25th% for height!!!!!! My heart is so full and thankful. I wanted to let you know that Joey is doing really great!"

Thanks be to God! In the upcoming year the St. Anthony Prayer Chain Ministry will continue to serve our congregation's needs for prayers for them, their families, and their friends. Anyone who would like to join our prayer ministry will be welcomed. Many of our ministers have told me that this ministry, through prayer, has made them feel closer to God.

Eucharistic Visitors - submitted by Debbie Van Hoven

Ministry Team Members- Bob & Marianne Clarke, Mark and Ruena Close, Eloise Crosman, Joe Dearborn, Barbara Goldstein, Cathy Gomez, Bob Groom, Bob Perrino, Debbie Van Hoven, Celia Warren.

The Eucharistic Ministry is a ministry that takes the Eucharist to people who are unable to attend church services in person. Part of the ministry members will hold a service at 10:00 AM every Sunday at Westminster Village, a retirement home in Scottsdale, and after the 10:00 service will drive to people's homes to administer the sacraments.

The reason for this ministry:

- The Eucharistic is such an important part of our church services every Sunday and it's so important that people unable to physically attend are given the opportunity to receive the body and blood of Christ. The residents of Westminster and our church members unable to attend services truly count on St. Anthony's to be there for them.
- The goal for 2020 is to increase the members of this important ministry.

Care for Caregivers

A new ministry began in the fall of 2019 focused specifically on those caring for a loved one (spouse, parent or child). In a small group setting caregivers have an opportunity to share challenges, support one another and exchange helpful resources. Topics have included caregiver burnout, self-care, guilt, managing expectations and effective communication. The group meets the first Thursday of each month at 6 pm and is facilitated by Pastor Dorian.

Walking the Mourner's Path - *a ministry of presence, grounded in prayer, centered on the healing power of Jesus' love, transforming grief into joyful living.*

St Anthony on the Desert is the owner of the National Ministry of Walking the Mourner's Path. Partnering with faith communities around the country we are able to reach out and offer support and healing to those in grief. Extending our mission of being an *Inspire Center of Spiritual Well-being* far beyond our doors.

For 2019 I am Grateful for:

Faith Community Partners and Facilitators

The churches and other faith-based organization that offer the 8 weekly workshops to their communities. Also, the facilitators who offer a caring presence to those who attend the workshops. Their continued and growing investment in the ministry is key to how the ministry is able to serve those in grief.

Facilitator Training School Host Churches in 2019

These churches hosted facilitator training schools. They represent long standing faith communities and those just beginning to offer the program. These schools help us to expand the reach of our ministry and help keep a continued presence in existing communities.

- Episcopal Church of the Epiphany – Richardson Texas
- Trinity Cathedral – Little Rock Arkansas
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church – Peoria Illinois
- St. David's Episcopal Church – Wayne Pennsylvania

- St. John’s Episcopal Church – Tallahassee Florida
- Christ Episcopal Church – Ponte Vedra Beach Florida

To those at St. Anthony

- **Our community** – for its continued support
- **Susan Cihak** – for her commitment to the program and all she did to assist me and our church partners. She is missed as she takes her sabbatical.
- **Francisco Todd** -for stepping up and volunteering to assist with the ministry. A great addition to our team and a joy to work alongside.

2020 – 25 Years

2020 marks the 25th year of the national ministry and 15 years of it based at St. Anthony. The program cost was reduced marking the anniversary and hoping to make it more affordable to participants.

A Clergy Grief Program is in development to address the specific needs of clergy.

Blessings,
Catherine Gilbert, Program Director

Operations/Facilities

Office Angels – submitted by Debbie Hubbs

The Office Angels support the office responsibilities of the Treasurer, Accountant, Walking the Mourner’s Path and the Parish Administrator.

Thank You to the following dedicated volunteers who have been of service in 2019!

Cathy Anderson	Weekly front desk support & special projects
Gina Baker-Garrett	Weekly offering counting
Kelle Hohl	Weekly offering counting
David Johnson	Weekly offering counting
Mike O’Brien	Weekly offering counting
Jeanne Paige	Weekly offering counting
Gil Gomez	Weekly offering counting
Cathy Gomez	Weekly offering counting
Kate Fauster	Verify all bank deposits prior to making deposits & then making the deposits.
Susan Gilfeather	Posting contributions & giving statement preparation
Eloise Crosman	Help with the Church Registry

We continue to welcome new volunteers into the office for special projects or regular weekly support.

Stewardship

2019 Team Members: Dan Austin, Harry Boysen, Joe Dearborn, Jeanne Paige and Dorian Mulvey

Our Stewardship focus for 2019 was to feature the personal testimonials from several of our St. Anthony parishioners on how they have encountered Jesus in their lives. These faith testimonials were shared via bulletin inserts and presentations at both services on one Sunday each month during the past year.

These "On the Way Moments" shared specific examples of how, as followers of Jesus, we have grown deeper in our relationship with God and God's Kingdom. They have demonstrated ways we are called to make this Kingdom visible to others, and how by working together we become stewards of this amazing mission.

Our hope is that these stories have inspired your own reflection of how God is calling you On the Way. And helps us all discern how the St. Anthony community makes a difference in our lives, and the lives of others, by sharing our gifts.....our time, talent and treasures.....On the Way with Him.

We are thankful for the congregation's response to our 2020 pledge campaign. We received a total of 118 pledges, including 14 new household pledges.

Comparative pledge results are listed below:

	2018	2019	2020
Total pledges	\$330,277	\$352,673	\$353,935
Average pledge	\$2,871	\$2,939	\$2,999

Investment Management team – submitted by Jackie Ernst

Team Members: Jackie Ernst, Chairperson; Mike Galloway, Secretary, and George Mulvey
Ex-officio: Barbara Ells, Dorian Mulvey and Dan Austin

The Investment Management Team oversees and invests the funds of the St Anthony Legacy Fund. In May 2011, the fund was initiated with an investment of \$105,641.64 at Fidelity Investments. It was invested according to the Legacy Fund directive.

The value of the Fund as of December 31, 2019 was \$313,623.98, an increase of \$62,504.27 over the year end 2018 amount of \$251,119.71. The total includes additional contributions of \$27,000 received by St. Anthony in 2019.

The Fund is currently invested as follows: Cash - 5%, Bank Certificates of Deposit - 34%, and Stock Funds/ETFs - 61%.

The dividends and interest received in 2019 was \$4,641.76.

Facility Maintenance Report – submitted by Kelle Hohl

This year was another busy year at St. Anthony. We have a big campus, which requires a lot of maintenance. We did a major repair on the chapel HVAC unit, which should keep it running for many years to come. The Columbarium and Memorial Wall were refurbished using a special designated gift. The Parish Hall/Office building, the courtyard, railings, and walkway covers were painted. We are having the grounds professionally maintained on a quarterly basis. The landscape crew came in to repair the drip system leaks and replace the irrigation timer. A major water leak was located under the sidewalk in the Montessori courtyard. Our very capable plumbers were able to repair the leak without breaking up the cement. With these water repairs, we are hoping our water bill will decrease significantly.

In the coming year we plan to continue the quarterly landscaping. We hope to have the parking lot repaired and resealed, as well as the broken curbs. And we know that we will have the ever present HVAC repairs.

2019 Health and Safety Team Report – submitted by Dorian Mulvey

Team Members: Barbara Goldstein, Claudia Johnson, Jill Kyler, Jack Taylor, Melody Taylor, Mario Vassaux and Dorian Mulvey

This team was formed in recognition of increased security risks in facilities such as churches. Efforts in 2019 included a safety walk through of the St. Anthony facilities with a member of the Scottsdale Police Department. The team created an Emergency Action Plan which includes advance preparations for emergencies, emergency response procedures and general safety procedures. Newly recruited safety volunteers as well as ushers were offered training which reviewed safety protocols and emergency response procedures. New safety procedures included locking facilities during worship services and other times when groups are meeting, installing locks for locations deemed suitable to shelter in place and strategically placing facility maps which identify the locations for fire extinguishers, first aid kits, A.E.D. device as well as clearly marking all exits.

Outreach Ministries

Golf Tournament Team

2019 Grant Report

Ministry	Grant Received
1. School Clothes for Kids Supply new school supplies and clothing to children ages 5-10 that live in poverty at local Title One School, Hohokam elementary school. Joint venture with matching funds from the AZ Legacy Fund and the Arizona Diamondbacks. Approximately 4-6 people involved. Sixth year of ministry.	\$2500
2. Healthy Packs Program Aids Title 1 school children experiencing weekend hunger by sending them home from school with food on Friday afternoon. Seventh year in existence and serves seven schools in Scottsdale Unified School District. 14 people involved. Ninth year.	\$3800
3. Needlecrafts for Needs Continued ministry striving to reach more people in areas of AZ and beyond with gifts or prayer shawls, hats, scarves, lap robes, baby items, pillowcases and more. This ministry provides approximately 500 items a year. Funds used to replenish supplies and help grow to other areas. Approximately 12 people involved. Ninth year.	\$1200
4. Kid's Care Ministry Fund specific medical needs for two cleft palate surgeries (\$2000), speech augmentation software (\$300), articulation program (\$55), iPad mounting cradle (\$45) three I-Pad 4 (\$300=\$900) and three I-Pad protective cases, (\$89=\$267) plus TouchChat HD version (\$329), RAZ Kids license for TouchChat software for 40 Spanish books for kindergarten through 6th grade (\$100). All these items are for children and one teacher of the St. Andrew's Children's Clinic in Nogales, AZ. Two people involved. Ninth year.	\$4430

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| 5. MOSA | \$1200 |
| <p>Funds support the bike shop at the East Valley Men’s Center, a part of the NFP New Leaf Development. The bike shop funded by MOSA several years ago continues to need parts for bikes and used bikes in need of repair for the men to use as transportation to and from work. The grant covers \$600 for the supplies for the bike repair shop, because have done such a wonderful job of harvesting parts from other bikes, \$1200 for the monthly dinners and \$800 for the youth packed lunches. This a total of \$2600, but they have a \$1400 carryover from last year. The funds would be shared with other ministries that provide dinners covering the cost for the meat. 10 people involved. Eighth year.</p> | |
| 6. Dream Center-Hope Wing/Rise | \$8000 |
| <p>In 2018, the former RISE program and Where Hope Lives combined for all men and women to be in the Where Hope lives program. In the previous years, funds were for women in the Where Hope lives to be able to attend school and re-invent their lives after having been involved in sex trafficking. This year they are requesting \$4000 that would be used by men or women for their education and the remainder of the funds would be used to renovate old “Embassy Suite” rooms to accommodate 3 individuals/room. Each person has their own cubbie space for living. Approximately 6 people involved. Sixth year.</p> | |
| 7. Habitat for Humanity | \$8000 |
| <p>Funds used to supplement donations from St. A. parishioners to fund the Episcopal Habitat Coalition in building two homes in 2018. A typical Habitat home costs \$95,000 to build/rehab. St. A. is a founding member of the Episcopal Coalition of 1998 and has been an active member since. 18-24 people involved. Third year.</p> | |
| 8. Haiti | \$10,000 |
| <p>The Haiti team will not be planning a mission trip this year. The project this year is to provide materials and labor to reconstruct and make structural improvements for a classroom building at a cost of \$10,000. Approximately 6 involved. Ninth year.</p> | |
| 9. EPIC Student Ministries | \$2,570 |
| <p>This grant will cover costs for plane tickets for staff/adult chaperones and van rental for the 19th annual summer mission trip. Ten people will be going on the mission, 7 students and 3 adults to Racine, WI. Approx. 20 involved.</p> | |
| Total 2019 Grants | \$41,700 |

Habitat for Humanity – Episcopal Habitat Coalition - submitted by Jon Thom

Team Members: Jon Thom, Grant Gilfeather

St. Anthony is part of the Episcopal Habitat Coalition (EHC), a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1997, which in 2019 was comprised of nineteen Phoenix metro area Episcopal Churches. The EHC’s recent history has been to provide half of the funds and half the labor to build two metro-area homes a year and participates in one international build approximately every-other year. Each year St. Anthony donates money to the EHC to help fund the homes and provides volunteer labor hours to assist building the homes.

The total monetary contribution from the EHC to Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona was approximately equal to that provided in recent years. The Coalition has now had stable funding for the past 4 years, recovering from some instability in previous years. There was some concern that the revised tax package passed by the U.S. Congress could have a negative effect on 501(c)3 organizations, but the effect of that on the EHC is not clear at this point, as some parishes have decreased levels of contributions while others have increased, including St. Anthony. In my estimation, the shifts in funding levels are more due to individual parish factors and not the overall tax picture.

In 2019, the Coalition funded one half of a home in located in Glendale which has been completed, and one-half of a home in Peoria which is near completion. The first home for 2020 will be located south of downtown Phoenix, will start in mid-February and is part of a three-year major development project for Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona (HfHCAZ). Volunteer build days typically are on Saturdays and usually involve 20 - 25 total parishioner volunteers. New homeowners work side-by-side with volunteers to fulfill the 200 – 400 hours of sweat equity required as the down payment on their home.

We achieved some of our objectives for 2019. For the fourth year in a row, St. Anthony's annual financial contribution to EHC increased and we developed more diverse revenue sources for St. Anthony's HfH build fund. This was largely made possible through a grant from the Golf Tournament funds as well as additional parishioner support. In 2019, St. Anthony was the one of the EHC's two largest contributing parishes. We had a significant decrease in the number of volunteers contributing time in 2019, an issue that has occasionally occurred in previous years but was more significant in 2019. Consistent with a number of parishes within the larger Episcopal community and the EHC, as the Congregation of St. Anthony ages the number of potential volunteers decreases. I expect this to be a continuing trend unless St. Anthony experiences an increase in new and younger members joining the community.

Habitat for Humanity Central AZ is a Christian-based, valley-wide ministry that is a hand-up, not a hand-out. New Habitat families earn the ability to become homeowners through hard work, education, and by financially qualifying for the home that they purchase with a zero-percent interest mortgage. If you like the idea helping a worthy family move up from substandard housing to get a new start as a Habitat homeowner, contact Jon Thom at (480) 286-4724 or jon@thomdirect.com.

Evangelism – submitted by Jill Kyler, Minister for Evangelism

Quoting Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, “Evangelism – as part of the Jesus Movement – is about sharing the journey into a deeper relationship with God and with each other, and not about us controlling the end result. It’s not increasing our market share, and it’s not just propping up the institution. If we believe the relationship with a living God does matter, and that loving relationship with each other matters, then evangelism and anything that helps us to come closer as human children of God matters.”

Evangelism is in the DNA of every ministry at St. Anthony. It’s a joyful sharing of what we know to be good news and deep truth, and a celebration of how we see God at work in others’ lives and in the world. It starts at the front door of our church, but it doesn’t stop there. The sign you see exiting our parking lot says it all – You are now entering the mission field.

Many people find St. Anthony long before they first step on our campus. Our digital communications through our website at www.st-anthony.net received 9,070 unique (individual people) visits in 2019, showing us that many people find us online first.

Ushers, congregation members and clergy welcome all who come to our door. If possible, names of those who are visiting us for the first time are incorporated in our prayers of the people during the Sunday worship service. Our hospitality continues during our coffee hours designed for deeper conversations and making connections with one another. Printed newcomers’ packets, nametag requests and our guest book are at the Welcome Center. Weekly emails are sent with Sunday’s bulletin news linked to our website. Those new to St. Anthony are invited to continue their spiritual journey on The Way, our on-going study for everyone in our faith community, for a deeper understanding of their spiritual lives.

This past November we hosted a one-day Women's Retreat, "Journey to Inner Peace," for approximately thirty women. This retreat provided opportunities for finding peace and the sacred in our daily lives in the company of other women.

Our 17th Annual Caroling in the Courtyard in December had a massive redo – this year we went into our neighborhood on a horse-drawn hay wagon caroling to our neighbors and passing out treats with invitations to our Christmas services. A quick stop to serenade our local fire department personnel was, according to them, a once in a lifetime event. This delightful evening ended in the parish hall with a great chili dinner for about 40 people.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2

Men of St. Anthony's (MOSA) - Submitted by Bob Clarke and Dave Johnson, co-chairs

Members and Supporters: All interested male parishioners and women and youth who want to support us.

Mission: The Men of St. Anthony's provide support and fellowship to each other, St. Anthony ministries and the local community.

MOSA and other ministries continue to provide and serve a monthly meal at the East Valley Men's Center, EVMC to 75-90 men. The golf grant fund provided the funds for the meat portion of these dinners.

By providing the meals and transportation (bicycles) for the men at the EVMC, we spiritually connect ourselves with the men. We are feeding the hungry and assisting people less fortunate than ourselves.

This year we expanded the number of ministries participating in the dinners at the EVMC from four to seven. We helped Mark Culbertson and the youth group get started packaging lunches for the EVMC. The golf grant provided the funds for preparing lunches for 100 men three times.

In 2020 we anticipate expanding our meal service to the Dream Center. This would be luncheons for 15 to 20 men living at the Dream Center.

This year, MOSA continued to support the bike shop at the EVMC. Over 100 bikes were donated by two local bike shops to the EVMC. Parts were paid for from the golf grant fund.

All of these MOSA volunteer activities will continue in 2020.

Vista Del Camino Job and Career Center - Paradise Valley and Emergency Food Bank

Submitted by Grant Gilfeather

Team Members: Grant Gilfeather and donating members from St. Anthony's:

Contributions from St. Anthony's to these two organizations have helped individuals and families in need to feed themselves and secure jobs in these challenging times. St. Anthony parishioners and friends can regularly donate non-perishable food in the bin in the narthex.

Grant Gilfeather volunteers weekly at the Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank (PVEFB) and at Vista Del Camino Job and Career Center (now Scottsdale Community Partners). At the food bank, a volunteer's job involves receiving donated food, sorting it, shelving it, making up food boxes, giving out food boxes and interacting with clients. At the Vista Del Camino Job Career Center, I assist walk-in job seekers with computer job searches, employment resources and direct them to current job postings.

Grant works two hours a week at Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank and four hours a week on Thursdays at the Vista Dell Camino Career Center.

2019 has been a challenging year for the Paradise Valley food bank due to the limited amount of produce delivered from the area grocery stores. In addition to the drop in produce donations, the client's needs continue to be met. The food bank is always looking for volunteers to help on a regular basis each week and if you are interested, contact volunteermatch.org.

While volunteering at Vista Del Camino Job and Career Center, Grant interacts with job seekers regarding their goals and dreams. At one such co-sponsored event with the Scottsdale Library was a three-day Teen Job Boot Camp where I helped counsel High School students on job interviewing and helped serve them lunch for two days. These students caught on quickly to interviewing techniques and how to handle difficult interview questions.

It is my hope that more donors and volunteers will come forward to help at both the food bank and the career center in the coming year. If you are interested, please contact Grant Gilfeather at g2feather@cox.net.

Healthy Packs Program – Submitted by Grant Gilfeather

Team Members: Celia Warren, Karen Picard, Momoko Welch, Gina Garrett, Ann Henley, Janet and Jack Farrington, Joan Carlson, Ellen Murphy and Grant Gilfeather

St. Anthony volunteers meet every week and join about sixty other volunteers to pack weekend food for about 3,700 East Valley Title 1 students. They meet every Thursday when school is in session to pack nutritious and healthy weekend food. The food is packed at 365 W. McKellips Road in Mesa at a retired school gym.

The packs contain about ten items that can be easily prepared and consumed. The packs are discreetly placed in a student's backpack on Friday afternoon for qualifying students. This food helps students do better in school.

In April, St. Anthony's Charity Golf Tournament awarded \$3,600 to help fund Scottsdale Community Partner's Healthy Packs Program for Title 1 students in the Scottsdale Unified School District. This year's award would provide 540 students food for a little over a weekend in 2019-2020.

Global Outreach

Haiti Ministry - Submitted by Jeanne Paige, Ministry Team Coordinator

The current members of the Haiti Ministry are Jeanne Paige, Jill Kyler, Henry Male, Cyndi Sax and Jon Thom.

During 2019, the Ministry Team and the people of St. Anthony continued to nurture and build on their longstanding relationship with the people of Leogane, Haiti, the members of Ste Croix parish, and the students at Ste Croix School. Pere Sonley, the Rector of Ste Croix, identified as a priority the reinforcement of the administration building at the school. The building had been damaged by the 2010 earthquake. After 8 years the engineer recommended reinforcements to stabilize the building and also to protect the building from any future earthquakes. The Ministry applied for a \$10,000 grant from the golf committee. With that grant allocation, Haitian masons reinforced the building using blocks and cement, and added channels to redirect rainwater away from it. They finished the project with a fresh coat of paint.

Looking forward to 2020, the Ministry will work with Pere Sonley to identify further areas of need at the school and will seek funding from the golf tournament proceeds to meet those needs.

Kid's Care Ministry Report – 2019 – submitted by Mark Close

Team Members - Mark and Ruena Close Co- Advisors Grant Gilfeather and Celia Warren

Mission Statement - Our mission is to serve as a support ministry to St. Andrew's Children's Clinic located in Nogales, Arizona. - providing education and publicity about the clinic to members of St Anthony on the Desert and to the greater community of faith by encouraging service to the clinic. St Andrew's Children's Clinic is a non-profit, non-denominational clinic that reaches across the border providing free, specialized, medical care to children living in Mexico who cannot get the care they need in their home country. The clinic is celebrating its 45th anniversary in 2020.

Ministry team members participating in this year's charity golf tournament helped St Anthony raise \$32,000.00 that will be used to support its outreach ministry programs.

The 2019 Kid's Care Ministry grant of \$4,236.00 and a separate \$500.00 Cleft Palate/Cleft Lip individual gift donation was distributed to five very needy children who otherwise would not have received the following life changing medical support services:

The ministry funding provided for one cleft lip and one cleft palate surgery in October. Juan Jesus Benito received his Cleft Lip surgery. He is one year old and lives in Nogales, Mexico. He is a new patient in the clinic's Nutrition Department. Keily Beneitz, one and a half years old, is also a new patient at the clinic and she received a surgical repair of her cleft palate. With the completion of their reconstruction surgeries these children are now on their way to enhancing their speech/language development, breathing, and increased ability to chew and swallow their food. In addition, the individual gift donation of \$500.00 was provided in support of the clinic's current drive to raise \$20,000.00

A clinic cleft lip/ cleft palate program supporter, Mr. Alfred O'Bermaier has set up a funds drive that will match these funds when they are raised by the clinic.

Emily Baltierrez is a nine-year-old girl who is Quadriplegic and has Cerebral Palsy. She is attending school regularly in the 5th grade. With the use of her iPad and software she is responding enthusiastically to attention from others and using her eye gaze and facial expressions to respond to others. She is now beginning to recognize certain letters and knows that her name begins with an E. She is also responding to yes/no questions demonstrating comprehension and confirming choices by nodding her head. When target symbols are within her range of motion, she is able to identify pictures by name when given their function and attributes. The software we provided has proven very friendly for Emily's educators and parents. Sounds are targeted in words, phrases and sentences. Meaningful sentences are great for reinforcing adequate sentence structure. Her software offers the option to record sounds practice and playing back her voice. All target sounds are highlighted and offers an easy way to establish baseline and measured progress during articulation assessments.

Jazmin Moreno Aravyo also received an iPad and software. She is a delightful little girl with profound bilateral hearing loss. Her new iPad and software is helping Jazmin gain new life changing abilities to communicate. Jazmin's teacher has come up to Mariposa Therapies for training in the use of the Touch Chat Suite with word power software for augmentative communication. This is helping Jazmin as there are no sign language interpreters available for most people in Sonora. Our groups of sponsored children and their parents are becoming increasingly excited to start using the augmentative hardware equipment and software applications we provide - as they see the success that each child is receiving from their use.

The ministry was also able to purchase an iPad for Luis Garcia who has cerebral palsy with profound bilateral hearing loss. In early Spring Luis had difficulties due to the malfunctioning of his previous - older loaner device. However, with his new iPad and Alternative Communications software he has made great progress in engaging simple social exchanges and sequencing phrase length requests. His mother completed the required initial training on the iPad device use and vocabulary customization. He has been returning to clinic regularly for additional training and support helping him enhance follow-up vocabulary-based activities in the home setting.

We also renewed the the Raz Kids licensing that comes with each iPads software program package. Raz Kids provides the children with access to a wonderful reading program providing each child with a library of engaging Spanish books that helps enhance their reading level progression. For special needs children who attend schools with no libraries, Raz Kids also provide a way for mothers to introduce reading to their children providing them with some hope for independence in adulthood.

This year we were able to set up a system that will track the annual progress of each sponsored child registered in our program. Our ministry's sponsorship record displays each child's individual picture and includes a separate form that individually records their clinic attendance, name, age, hometown, diagnosis, individual tracking goal and annual observation/progress record. The records are organized/displayed by the year we first sponsored them. The record has been arranged in a notebook for review by both the vestry and congregation and will be available at our new ministry information center at church.

All In "Make A Difference Day" - submitted by Claudia Sullens Johnson

This was the first year that St. Anthony participated in the international service day, Make A Difference Day, on Saturday, October 26. This event is designed for groups of people to go into a home and provide assistance completing physical tasks that the homeowner is unable to manage.

Approximately, 30 people from our church, all ages, joined 400 others in Fountain Hills to begin this new ministry. We were able to help three different families, two from St. Anthony and one from outside our parish. We landscaped, washed windows and screens, listened to stories and made new friends.

We plan on expanding this ministry to other days in the year, not just the fourth Saturday in October. Our goal is getting more people making a difference in more lives.

Council Against Domestic Violence - Susan Mitchler 2019 Annual Report

Ministry Team Members: Eloise Crosman, Rosemary Viets and Susan Mitchler

The CADV ministry has been serving St. Anthony on the Desert for many years working in conjunction with various shelter for those suffering domestic abuse in the area. For the past three years our main function has been the collection of new items of clothing, toys, books, games, sports equipment, and certificates to be used for Christmas gifts from Santa's Sleigh. Santa's Sleigh appears for three Sundays, this year the first three Sundays in December. This has been a great opportunity for members of our congregation and families to help others less fortunate than most of us have been. The generosity of this congregation has been outstanding, and the gifts were given to a New Leaf shelter where they have been greatly appreciated. We hope to continue this work into the foreseeable future.

Needlecrafts for Need - submitted by Claudia Sullens Johnson

Members: Jean Sullens, Gina Baker, Jeanette Luke, Inge Bolan, Lillian Roodveldt, Linda Law, Susan Boone, Jeanne Paige, Pat Peterson, Cathy Anderson, Pat Vassaux, Ann Zemper, Carol Sagar, Nancy Smith and Claudia Johnson. The group focused on providing:

- 50 hats to the homeless men of the East Valley Men's Center (EVMC, a MOSA ministry) and prepared and served two meals.
- 25 hats each, for female and male teens, that found themselves in A New Leaf shelter this year.
- 75 lap robes to Fountain View Villages Skilled Nursing facility in Fountain Hills.
- 25 hats, scarves and 100 fleece lap robes and to Ability 360.

- 1 prayer shawl to our Habitat home and 34 prayer shawls to people in our community and beyond.
- 50 children's hats to School Clothes for Kids at a Title 1 school.
- 30 Lovies to Central American refugee children.
- Numerous blankets (baby and adult) to Phoenix Dream Center.
- And facilitated the Christmas Festival and Bistro that was a church-wide involved event open to the public with funds going to the general operating fund. This third-year event raised approximately \$4000 for the operating budget.

We attempt to show what being a follower of Christ is by caring for others, the homeless, the ill and the lonely. A NFN participant was working on a prayer shawl when she had a pastoral ministry visit. While the minister was visiting, she mentioned she and her husband had been given a prayer shawl and what that had meant. An example of a full circle of our ministries.

We are looking to add more members to the ministry, and we are willing to teach others how to knit or crochet. Come join us.

Dream Center - submitted by Dave Johnson

St. Anthony's ministry to the Phoenix Dream Center (PDC), a Christian not for profit, has primarily been through the Where Hope Lives (WHL) program. WHL provides food, housing, psychological and medical services and educational opportunities for at risk youth, male and female, primarily 18-26 years of age.

Education includes both lessons in life skills and online learning in preparation for trades education or college. A St. A volunteer spends one-on-one time with students in the computer lab so they may ask questions and share their experiences. The students talk about their plans for the future beyond the center and starting new lives in society.

In 2020, one St. A. ministry, MOSA, has a goal to participate in providing periodic lunches to the WHL male youth at the teen center. They will seek to establish mentoring relationships during their time with the youth.

PDC received a golf grant of \$8000 in 2019, \$4000 went toward HVAC and fixtures for remodeled WHL boys' rooms and the balance was used for youth scholarship money for college or trade school costs. These funds could change the lives of many.

Inspire Labyrinth and Garden – submitted by Jill Kyler

Located on the property directly north of our Parish Hall, the Inspire Labyrinth and Garden officially opened in November 2016. This lot was originally planned for additional parking for the church but remained unused until 2006 when a simple prayer path was created on its circumference. There are two entrances – from the northwest parking lot of our campus and on 130th St. at the northeast corner of our property. Metal signs are at both entrances. This meditative path is for the both the people of St. Anthony and also our community. The space provides a place for spiritual well-being through prayer, gardening and camaraderie in a Christ-centered atmosphere. We hold worship services in the labyrinth on special Holy Days such as Ash Wednesday, and walking the labyrinth was part of the Women's Retreat. Brochures are at the main entrance to the garden next to the church offices for suggestions about using the labyrinth. We are members of The Labyrinth Society, a network of labyrinths throughout the world, and our membership has given us wide exposure to a number of labyrinth and garden enthusiasts.

The labyrinth and garden are open from sunrise to sunset every day, and we encourage you to visit often. There's always an opportunity for anyone who loves gardening to participate in the garden's planning and care by contacting Jill Kyler.

Spiritual Nourishment

Acolyte Ministry Report – submitted by Janelle Liffiton

Ministry Members During 2018:

8 AM: Jill Kyler, Sue Vold

10AM: Spencer Cihak, Alexa Twibell, Rex Twibell, Caroline Tetlow, Harrison Woods, Ashleigh Bolton, Zach Bolton, Derek Dearborn, Demetria Waibel, Natalia Culbertson, Noah Culbertson.

The Acolyte Ministry is a ministry of service that takes place during our worship. The Acolyte serves God and the Church through this service. Youth and adults participate in this ministry, performing tasks that support the worship service, and assisting the priest in celebrating the Eucharist. Participation in the service in this way can deepen connections to worship. These connections create a feeling of belonging and can last a lifetime.

New members from our youth group are recruited annually. They are mentored by experienced Acolyte Ministry members until they are comfortable in their role. Serving as an acolyte can satisfy required service requirements to participate in the annual Youth Mission Trip.

Spencer Cihak and Alexa Twibell are no longer serving, due to their high school graduation. We were able to recruit two new members this year, Zach Bolton & Noah Culbertson. Some of our adult parishioners serve as Eucharistic Ministers at the 8 am service. This has been greatly appreciated.

Recruiting of more adult members will take place in 2020.

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers– submitted by Gail Austin

Integral to the high quality of worship services at St. Anthony are the Lectors, or Lay Readers, and the Eucharistic Ministers, or Chalice Bearers, who serve at both services every Sunday and on Holy Days and at other special ceremonies. Their duties are usually shared at the same service, with both Lay Readers and Chalice Bearers reading the assigned Scripture lessons, Psalms and Prayers of the People. Parishioners who volunteer as Chalice Bearers also administer the Cup at Communion to the congregation.

Currently, two dozen members of the parish participate in this ministry, serving as either Lay Readers or Chalice Bearers an average of once a month. Joining the group in 2019 were Harry Boysen, Mark Culbertson, Steve Hudson, Francisco Todd, Scott Woods and Brian Wright.

The ministry is led by Gail Austin, who provides overall direction under the guidance of the Rector, and Cyndi Sax, who oversees training, including individual sessions for any parishioner interested in joining the team.

If you have any interest in becoming part of this important ministry, please speak to Pastor Dorian or Gail Austin.

Choir Music Ministry - submitted by Joe Hacnik

Music Ministry includes an Adult choir consisting of 16 members (vocal), in addition to the vocalists we have one trumpet player, and myself directing, as well as, accompanying the choir on both organ and piano.

Music Ministry is a vital part of our worship as a faith community, providing quality music for parish Sunday liturgies, as well as special liturgies and events throughout the year. In addition to the Sunday liturgies, music ministry volunteers participate in a weekly rehearsal. We always welcome new members both vocally and instrumentally.

Altar Guild – Submitted by Kate Fauster

The Altar Guild at St. Anthony on the Desert is a wonderful group of truly dedicated members. We have joyfully welcomed four new members this year, bringing our number to twenty-one.

Each Sunday, a beautiful table is set to enhance each service. We treasure this opportunity to serve, rejoicing in our calling. We also have willing helpers who work quietly behind the scenes, taking care of the linens, polishing silver, shopping for supplies, as well as ordering and picking up wine, wafers and candles, etc.

We continue to be grateful for everyone who has accepted this calling to serve our Lord.

St. Anthony's Flower Guild - submitted by Rosemary Viets

The Flower Guild is responsible for providing flowers to beautify the sanctuary for Sunday services and special services as well as decorating the church for both Christmas, Palm Sunday and Easter.

Many thanks for all those who help with the "Greening of the Church" before Christmas as well as taking it all down on Epiphany! Many hands do "make quick work" and all of us on the Guild greatly appreciated your time, talent, and support.

We are always open to anyone who would like to join the Flower Guild. It's can be scary at first but is very rewarding the long run and there will always be someone to help you out until you are comfortable working on your own. Please let me know if you are interested, I can be reached 480-540-6119 or e-mail me at rosemaryv83@yahoo.com.

Finally, there is a new signup sheet on the bulletin board for those who would like to donate flowers for Sunday services, either as a memorial, thanksgiving, or celebration offering. Suggested donation is \$40. Please sign up, we have lots of Sundays open before Lent starts and then again after Easter.

Ushers - Submitted by Kelle Hohl

The Usher Ministry is responsible for a warm and friendly welcome to all who enter the parish doors. We pay close attention to the special needs of our parishioners, newcomers, and visitors. During the service, we are aware of what is happening in the congregation, as well as outside the church. We work closely with the St. Anthony Safety team and have adopted many safety practices and procedures within the last year.

We provide ushers for the various worship services on Sundays and Holidays, special events, and funerals. Our own feelings of connection to St. Anthony have grown through our interaction with one another as well as meeting people as they come through the doors. We have an amazing group of ushers, but always have a few spots to fill. Please contact Kelle Hohl at kellehohl@gmail.com if you are interested in being a part of the usher team.

2019 Treasurer's Report - Submitted by Barbara Ells

2019 was a "quiet" year in terms of finances at St. Anthony. And for a treasurer, I guess that is good! Here are some of the highlights.

Your pledge commitment is what makes the church itself possible enabling us to come together to worship, be formed in faith, and support one another. With the generous pledges that we received for 2019 we were able to hire

a Sexton to not only do the routine cleaning, previously been done by a cleaning service, but help with small projects as they come up. Walter "Ike" Warner, hired in late February, has been a great addition to our staff.

Many of you were part of the All-In campaign in 2018 which raised over \$267,000 for the renovation of our kitchen, parish hall and office space and to add funds to our Designated Building Maintenance Fund. In 2019 we benefited from the 2018 renovation as the use of the parish hall and kitchen on Sundays and events during the week has increased considerably. The increase in the Building Maintenance Fund from the campaign of over \$73,000 came none too soon as we continue to have our share of repairs. This year we had to replace another of our 13 air conditioners plus other air-conditioning repairs. We also painted the exterior of the Parish Hall. Once again, thank you to all who made this possible.

We received an extraordinary Special Gift of \$61,249 designated to pay down the mortgage. This gift will not only save us over \$30,000 in interest but will enable us to pay off the mortgage 18 months early – for a total savings of over \$120,000.

2019 Results

Pledge income is our major source of income representing 70% of all operating income. We always hope that all pledges will be paid in full but know that there are some circumstances that make it not possible. For 2019 we received 98% of total pledges. A special thank you to those who were able to pay more than they had pledged. Total income was under budget by \$7,096.

Our Golf Tournament was once again a tremendous success – raising over \$38,000 to support our many outreach activities. Our Rummage Sale, Holiday Festival and Bazaar and The Growling Men concert together raised over \$9,200 to support our operations.

In total income was under budget by \$7,096, 1.4% of budget.

There were no major variances in expenditures. Total expenses were under budget by \$3,800 – less than 1%.

The net result was cash disbursements exceeded income by \$3,026. The loss was offset by a surplus that we have carried forward from 2015.

Our Legacy fund received \$15,000 in bequests and our Endowment Fund received \$27,000 in gifts. The current balance of the Legacy Fund is \$20,840 and the Endowment Fund is \$313,624.

2020 Budget

Pledged income for 2020 is virtually flat from 2019 which made budgeting a bit of a challenge as expenses never seem to remain flat and most are not discretionary. But with special gifts to Youth Ministry and use of some Designated Funds, we were able to give our deserving staff a small increase and meet other anticipated expenses. We are, however, dependent on receiving your pledge commitment to meet our budget.

For detail of the financial information, contact the church office for the Cash Receipts and Disbursement Statement as well as the Balance Sheet.

I want to thank those who support the financial operations of the church – Debbie Hubbs, our Parish Administrator, our weekly counters and bank depositors, data entry support and accounting support personnel.

But a special thank you to all of you for your Financial support of St. Anthony – allowing us to follow Jesus's Way.