

The Messenger

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for a foretaste of Heaven's Banquet and the pursuit of Truth and Beauty



FRANCIS OF ASSISI was born at Assisi in Umbria in 1182. His father was a prosperous merchant, and Francis planned to follow him in his trade although he also had dreams of being a troubadour or a knight. In 1201, he took part in an attack on Perugia, was taken hostage, and remained a captive there for a year. As a result of his captivity and a severe illness, his mind began to turn to religion, but around 1205, he enlisted in another military expedition to Apulia. However, he had a dream in which God called him to his service, and he returned to Assisi and began to care for the sick.

In 1206, he had a vision in which Christ called him to repair His Church. Francis interpreted this as a command to repair the church of San Damiano near Assisi. He resolved to become a hermit and devoted himself to repairing the church. His father, angry and embarrassed by Francis' behavior, imprisoned him and brought him before the bishop as disobedient. Francis abandoned all his rights and possessions, including his clothes. Two years later, he began to preach and was joined by companions. When they numbered eleven, he gave them a short Rule and received approval from Rome for the brotherhood which Francis called the Friars Minor.

The friars traveled throughout central Italy and beyond, preaching to people to turn from the world to Christ. In his life and preaching, Francis emphasized simplicity and poverty rather than relying on worldly goods. The brothers worked or begged for what they needed to live, and any surplus was given to the poor. Francis turned his skills as a troubadour to the writing of prayers and hymns.

In time, the brotherhood became more organized. As large numbers of people, attracted to the preaching and example of Francis, joined him, Francis had to delegate responsibility to others. Eventually he wrote a more detailed rule which was further revised by the new leaders of the Franciscans. He gave up leadership of the Order and went to the mountains to live in secluded prayer. There he received the Stigmata, the wounds of Christ. He returned to visit the Franciscans, and a few of his followers remained with him. He died at the Porziuncola on October 3, 1226.

Francis called for simplicity of life, poverty, and humility before God. He worked to care for the poor, and one of his first actions after his conversion was to care for lepers. Thousands were drawn to his sincerity, piety, and joy. In all his actions, Francis sought to follow fully and literally the way of life demonstrated by Christ in the Gospels.

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.



50th DIOCESAN CONVENTION

October 15-16, 2010

The Sheraton Crescent Hotel

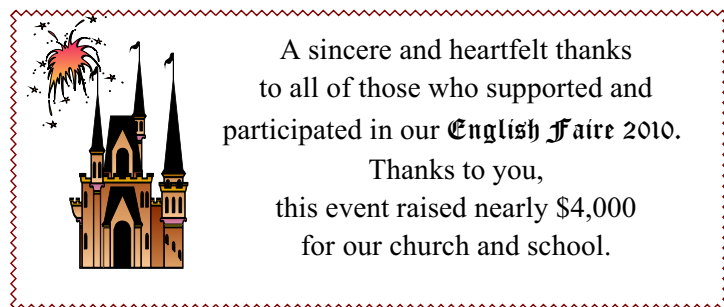
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or the diocese at azdiocese.org



HOLY BAPTISM NOVEMBER 7th

The next Baptism date will be on All Saints' Day, Sunday, November 7th. Infants and small children who desire the Sacrament of Baptism are asked to register by calling the church office at 886-7292.



A sincere and heartfelt thanks
to all of those who supported and
participated in our **English Faire 2010**.

Thanks to you,
this event raised nearly \$4,000
for our church and school.



DID YOU KNOW . . .

GOSPEL SIDE is an older usage for designating the interior of a church. The Gospel Side is on the right-hand of the priest as determined by where he/she is facing when celebrating the Holy Communion. The Gospel Side is therefore dependant on whether the altar is located against the wall or free standing. Originally, the priest celebrated communion facing the people and thereby the Gospel Side was the north side of the church building (the left side, when facing the altar). In medieval times, the altar was pushed against the west wall, and the Gospel Side then became the right side when facing the altar.



ANGEL FOOD 2010

GREETINGS FROM THE CANDY MAN . . .

Into the Mulvaney kitchen again - it is that time of the year where you can smell the sweet aroma of **Angel Food**. Come join us to drop, dip, and roll making our wonderful candy. This year's production will begin Monday, November 8th, and continue until Saturday, November 13th. Many hands are needed to make this year a success. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be located on the ushers' table in the church or, if you prefer, give the church office (886-7292) a call to sign up. In order to begin production with the appropriate ingredients and supplies, *orders need to be placed and paid for no later than Friday, November 5th*—an order form is located in this publication for your convenience—please drop off or mail your order with payment to the church office. Remember an angel you love this coming Christmas holiday with the best **Coconut Macadamia Toffee** you ever tasted!

Sweet love from the Howard Morrow (the CANDY MAN)



Parish Life Is Growing ~

when will we see **YOU?**

October 29 - 6:30 pm Bowling —

Camino Seco Lanes

LOOK FOR DETAILS IN THE SERVICE BULLETIN

OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE

SIGN-UP SHEETS LOCATED IN THE CHURCH

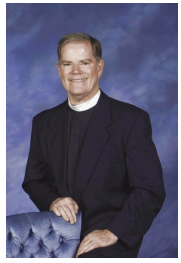


St. Michael's Parish Day School's **ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN** is underway. Thank you to those parishioners and friends that have made a contribution or pledge in the first week of the campaign. If you would like to help with the campaign or need more information, please contact Christine Longo in the school's development office at 722-8478 or clongo@stmichael.net.

And now abideth Faith, Hope and Charity, these three; but the greatest of these is Charity.

1 Corinthians 13:13

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR



Dear Friends:

As I write, I'm so full of thanks to all of you who worked at and supported our English Faire! The Queen of the Faire, our Senior Warden, Debbie D'Amore, our parish staff, volunteers, catering friends, choir, all the Mayors, Sheriffs, and Town Criers, and the Piccadilly Circus school parents and children, along with a lot of great vendors, are all to be congratulated! Over 450 people took part and visited us Friday and Saturday. It was a great "Frienderaiser" for our parish and school!

I think I'll share what is coming up in October. First off, there is the Blessing of the Animals at the Masses on Oct. 3rd in honor of St. Francis. On Oct. 8th, our students and faculty will be performing at "Coffee and . . ." in the Student Center at 7 pm (\$8 adults/\$4 kids), and all are invited. October 9th is Episcopal School Sunday at the 10:15 am Mass with offerings by our students and sermon by Rev. Dr. Lucas Mix, Episcopal Chaplain at the University of Arizona. Don't miss it! On October 17th at 6 pm, we have our next St. Michael Dinner affair with our own Alan Schultz as Chef making a wonderful German Sauerbraten! Sign-up after Mass on Oct. 4th and 11th to attend this fun feast. On October 24th, we will have our monthly morning brunch with Chef Bryce! What a month that brings us together on many occasions. All of this makes our worship and prayer ever deeper and real!

Thank you for all the hard effort to put into this fellowship of faith and the stewardship that underpins it all! I'll close inspired by the end of the Gospel for next Sunday's Mass as it speaks of service to Almighty God: So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!" God Bless everyone!

In Jesus' service,



St. Michael's

Dinner Club #4



Bratwurst & Sauerkraut, Sauerbraten, Spaetzle & Dessert

Prepared by Chef Alan Schultz

Sunday, October 17 - 6:00 pm

DINNER

\$10 per person (offering for child's meal)

(for Faith Promise)

Parish Center
Cash Bar



BRIEFLY NOTED

by Les Stephens

Not always right, but never in doubt

The main thrust of this opening is Greece.

Margaret Savage is off to three weeks in Greece with her select little band.

Our new neighbor, the Greek Orthodox Church on east 5th Street, is reaching its impressive final form.

Candy and I attended the wedding of the youngest cousin of her generation in Denver's Greek Orthodox cathedral. The service was officiated by the Bishop of Atlanta—a 40 year friend of the parents of the bride—and the Bishop of Denver. We were not alone as several hundred people were assembled under the gold dome of the cathedral.

Jan Lockett has now paid the price of the pursuit of self improvement—a knee replacement following her tumble in Barnes and Noble.

Tucson continues to muddle along as the most mismanaged city in North America. My brother opines that Bell, California, deserves the honor, but I rebut that Bell is a model of controlled corruption and Tucson is an example of ineptitude. The first step to get it right would be the election of Council by ward rather than at large.

We are enmeshed in the never-ending political campaigns featuring ceaseless negative television ads. I have advocated voting NO! But it doesn't seem to catch on. Why can't we adopt the British or Canadian system where an election is called 30 days prior to the voting date?

RIP ~ Following a long life of service to his government, the boy Scouts, and his fellow man, C. W. Benedict responded to a call from The Lord.



JUST FOR LAUGHS . . .



The Stolen Goose ~

Confessor: *I have stolen a fat goose from a poultry yard.*

Pastor: *That is very wrong.*

Confessor: *Would you like to accept it, Father?*

Pastor: *Certainly not - return it to the man from whom you had stolen it.*

Confessor: *But I have offered it to him, and he won't accept it.*

Pastor: *In that case, you may keep it yourself.*

Confessor: *Thank you Father.*



November issue copy deadline

Wednesday, October 20, 2010

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