St. Andrew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church 800 Taylor Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 Phone (520) 458-2925 Fax (520) 452-0235—www.standrewsv.org

"I will make you fishers of men"

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

CLERGY

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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY 8:00 a.m.,10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m. (Spanish) 5:00 p.m. -Life Teen

Monday-Friday Daily Mass 9:00 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

> **Saturday** 9:00 a.m. & Vigil at 5:00 p.m.

LIVESTREAMING MASS **Monday to** Saturday 9 a.m. Sunday 10 a.m. & 12 p.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION (Route 82, west of Mustang Corners)

Saturday 6:30 p.m. Vigil Mass Confession: Before Mass

CLASSES Adult Christian Initiation Deacon Mike Denton

If you are interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith and or becoming a Catholic, call the Parish Office.

Religious Education Genevieve Rivera

Faith formation prepares students Pre-K-12 for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation. This is a comprehensive program in which students will continue to learn about our practices and beliefs as **Roman Catholics.**

Teen Sacraments Deacon Bill Polakowski

If your teenager is in need of Confirmation or another Sacrament, contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS Reconciliation

Monday - Saturday morning 30 minutes before ALL MASSES Saturday from 8:15 - 8:55 a.m. 3:30 -4:55 p.m. Sunday from 7:30 -7:55 a.m. 4:30 - 4:55 p.m. Or anytime by appointment.

Baptism

Parents requesting baptism for their children are required to:

- Pre-register at the Parish Office.
- Bring a copy of the child's birth certificate.
- Parents and Godparents are required to attend one baptism prep class.

Held on the first Tuesday of the of the month in English, last Tuesday of the month in Spanish.

Marriage

Please make arrangements at the Parish Office six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick:

1st Friday of each month after the 9:00am and 12:05pm Masses or as needed by calling the Parish Office.

LIBRARY HOURS Tuesday 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



Welcome to St. Andrew the Apostle Parish



With open hearts we welcome all who have come to the house of the Lord. If you are new to the parish, please take time to stop by the office and register. Once registered, this implies that you will participate with our faith community at Sunday Liturgy and return to the Lord by sharing your time, talent, and treasure with His Church.



Your gift will support our life of payer, and our prayer will be the gift we offer in return to support you and your loved ones.

FORM OF BEQUEST FOR A WILL:

I give, devise, and bequeath to Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish, 800 Taylor Dr. Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Arizona ... (here state the amount of money or description of the property willed).





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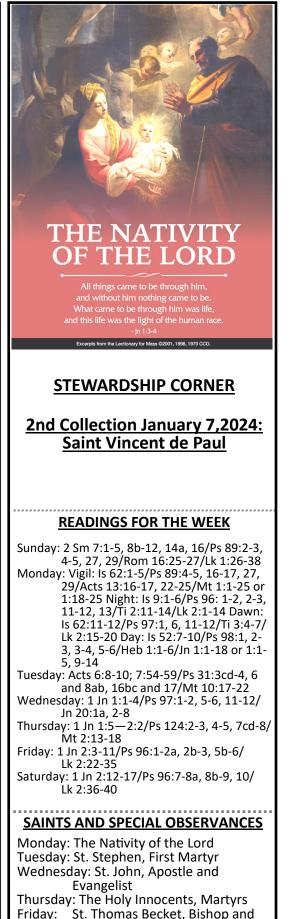
that to begin the new year of grace, 2024, our Parish will celebrate a Consecration to the Holy Family? As we begin the new year, we are reminded that we have not been created and redeemed by our God so that we could somehow "get through life". We have been called and equipped so that "life can get through us"!

In this New Year, we can respond to the Lord's call and recommit ourselves to restoring family values throughout our community and our own homes by first consecrating ourselves to the Holy Family!

And so, next Sunday, 31 December, parishioners will be invited to recite the "Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer" together as a parish family at all weekend Masses. The Holy Family Prayer Cards can be found in all pews and you are invited to take a prayer card with you and perhaps take the following actions:

As a family pray together each day following the Consecration. This will help our families to continue to pray and be renewed as 'holy families'!

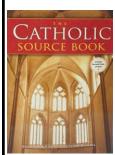
The old adage "The family that prays together, stays together!" is based in reality. Spiritual life is fed and supported by prayer. To gather together as a family to pray the Rosary, to pray the Consecration Prayer, to pray for the special needs and intentions of family members (and others) opens our lives to infinite and eternal possibilities, AND welcomes the Holy Spirit to flow into and through our lives! This is 'Life getting through us'!! Consider fasting at least one day each week - fast from something that would normally be consumed or an activity that is regularly done. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts and moves us to be more focused on God! A reminder, that the 'Friday fast' has never been abolished by the Church but remains a powerful way to stay mindful of the Sacrifice of Christ every Friday, not just during Lent! AND, please consider coming to Confession, as part of your on-going Consecration. Frequent reception of this Sacrament not only 'erases sin' but strengthens our desire to seek and to do God's Will! Frequent Confession holds us to a higher accountability for our own spiritual growth. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every weekday, one half hour before the 9:00 AM and 12:05 Noon Masses, on Saturday at 8:30 AM and from 3:30-5:00 PM, on Sundays from 7:30 to 8:00 AM, and 4:00-5:00PM – and anytime by appointment, or by simply asking one of the Priests to hear your Confession! There are many opportunities to celebrate this Sacrament, and to do so as a family is a special opportunity to strengthen the bonds of Faith! We are very grateful to the Knights of Columbus, our Bishop Salpointe Council #4584 for providing the Consecration Prayer cards and for sponsoring this graced opportunity for our whole Parish – no matter what the size or makeup of your familv!



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	MASS INTI	ΕΝΤΙΟΝS	
Saturday, December 23rd		Friday, December 29th	
9:00AM			<u>9:00AM</u>
Carmelite Community	Benefactor	+Luciano & +Juanita Torres	Bea Reese
Wayne Bowling	Family	+Ralph & +Doris Loughman	John & Pat Lloyd
<u>5:00PM</u>			12:00PM
The Communities of St. Andrew &	Good Shepherd Mission	+Bud, +Adele & +Gary McCormick	Powers Family
6:30PM		Katherine & Angel Uriel Herrera	Dolores Cameron
+Vo Duy Thanh	Family	Saturday, December 30th	
+All Babies' Souls	Family		<u>9:00AM</u>
SUNDAY, December 24th	I	+Vicente Naputi	Family
	8:00AM	+Jerry Messmer	Family
The Communities of St. Andrew &			5:00PM
	10:00AM	+All Souls	Friend
+Michael Gromatka	Family	+Helen Mencin	Friend
Susannah Kjolsrud	Birthday		<u>6:30PM GSM</u>
-	12:00PM		
+Jesus & +Cruz Valencia	Valencia Family	SUNDAY, December 31st	
+Eduardo Bracamonte	Family		<u>8:00AM</u>
CHRISTMAS MASSES	<u>6:00PM</u>	Gert Mackey	Johanne Bowling
+Javier Portillo	Dcn Lauro & Lupita	+John Malarchik	Rita Thompson
	<u>7:00PM —GSM</u>		<u>10:00AM</u>
Rachel Garcia	Meny & Rosie Bernal	The Communities of St. Andrew &	Good Shepherd Mission
	<u>9:00PM</u>		12:00PM
+Francisca & +Armogostes Abugho	Family	+Maxima Isabel Martinez	Jose and Ana Parada
	<u>11:00PM</u>		
Anyanwu Family Thanksgiving	Family	+Eduardo Bracamonte	Family
Monday, December 25th		+Guadalupe Romo	Adelina Romo & Family
!!	8:00AM		<u>5:00PM</u>
+Francisco Felix	Family	+Frances Paiz	Joe Paiz
+Jerome Goebel	1st. Anniversary	Dioka Family Thanksgiving	Family
+Luciano & +Petra Lopez	<u>10:00AM</u>		
+John & +Iona Wysong	Wysong Family Wysong Family	When you scan this	
	12:00PM	QR Code you are able to	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
+Ramón Rivera	Tony Rivera	make a donation to	
+Alfredo Romero	Tony Rivera	Parish's general fund.	
Tuesday, December 26th		A receipt will be sent	<u></u>
	<u>9:00AM</u>	to you via e-mail.	TA A
+Jerome Goebel	Diane & Glenn McDaniel	This will be your only	
+Charlie Griffith	Angie Holland	record, so please keep it.	
	<u>12:00PM</u>		
+All Souls in Purgatory	Friend	Thank you so much for	SCANNE
Shawn & Regina Kelly	Family	your generosity!	SCAN ME
Wednesday, December 27th			
	<u>9:00AM</u>		
Kyong Chambers	Family	SCAM A	LEKI
+Jaimae (Pogo) Lewis	1st Anniversary		
· - ·	12:00PM	NO ONE from St. Andrew's Pa	
+Emilia Salcido	Maria Corras	office staff nor the clergy will communicate in any manner	
Deacon Bob Sadorf	Rita Thompson	funds. If you receive an e-ma	
Thursday, December 28th		requesting funds on behalf of	
	<u>9:00AM</u>	connected with the Parish, de	
Jeanette Soto	Birthday		
+Shannon Hasse	Bea Reese	Never give your personal info	
+Bill Parsons	Burnett Family	regardless of who they say th	ey are. Scammers
	12:00PM	prey upon parishioners and a	
+Trinidad Valentin	Valentin Family	11	
+Oscar & +Rosalinda Abugho	Family	11	

CATHOLIC QUIZ: This week's Question: "Where did the custom of Christmas candles in windows come from?"



The Answer to Last Week's Question: "When and at what time was Christ born?" Originally, Christ's birth was celebrated as part of the Feast of Epiphany, which 'bundled' the Nativity, the Epiphany, the Baptism, and first Miracle of Christ (at Cana). The last three are still celebrated together in the Eastern Orthodox Churches. Around the year 330, however, the Church in Rome assigned the celebration of Christ's birth to December 25. Church scholars contend that the date was chosen to counteract the pagan festival of the "Invincible Sun" – connected with the Winter Solstice. A very early tradition – from the Syriac Church – is that JESUS was born on the 14th day of the Jewish month of Nisan – the very same day that He died on the Cross. However the traditional dating evolved, the date of 25 December is now universally observed in all Christian Churches. The tradition

'time' of the Lord's birth – midnight - is deduced from a passage in the Apocrypha: 'when half spent was the night, the Mighty Word leaped down from His throne.'

If you would like to be as smart as the "Quiz Master" — you can purchase a copy of the Catholic Source Book, available in the Parish Office.

SOUL FOOD:

"The devotion to the Holy Eucharist is the most noble devotion because it has God as its object; it is the most profitable for salvation, because it gives us the Author of grace; it is the sweetest, because the Lord is Sweetness itself." - St. Pope Pius X (1835-1914)

TOGETHER WE ARE SAVING CATHOLIC EDUCATION!



Arizona's Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO) wants to "thank" all the parishioners that have supported Catholic education and ask you to **renew** your support to the students in our Catholic Schools through CTSO. Brochures are in the vestibule or visit <u>www.ctso-tucson.org</u> to make an online contribution.

Together we are saving Catholic education...and it does not cost you a dime!

<u>Christmas Masses</u> <u>Sunday, December 24th, 2023</u> 6:00 p.m. Shepherds and Angels Mass – (Children's Mass) 7:00 p.m. Good Shepherd Mission (Whetstone) 9:00 p.m. Life Teen Christmas Mass 11:00 p.m. Candlelight "Midnight Mass"

Monday, December 25, 2023 Christmas Day Masses 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.; 12:00 noon (Spanish)





The Parish office will be closed Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th for the celebration of Christmas



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 PM. & 6:30 PM at GMS SUNDAY MASS: 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM (Spanish) and 5 PM

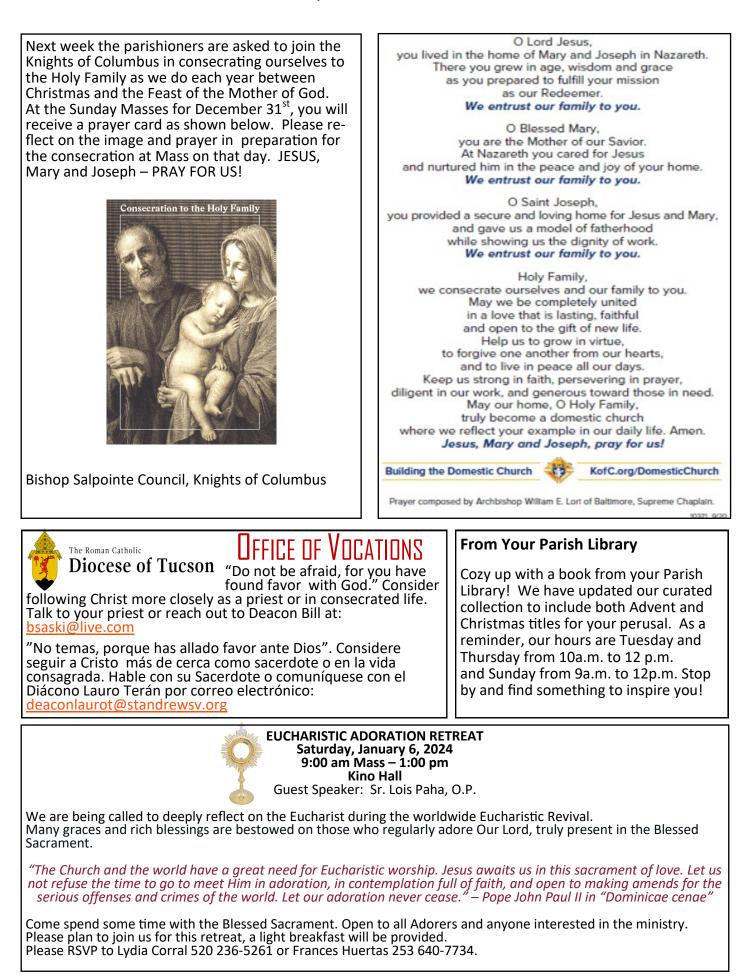


MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

9 AM Mass & 12 PM Mass

Please Silence Your Cell Phone





VIA CHRISTI SOCIETY, INC 4646 MOUNTAIN VISTA DRIVE PHOENIX, AZ 85048

December 12, 2023

Father Greg Adolf, Pastor, St. Andrew the Apostle Church, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635.

Dear Fr. Greg and Parishioners of St. Andrew the Apostle Church,

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

You have done it again and deserve our most sincere gratitude!

On behalf of the Superior General of the Via Christi Society and the entire Via Christi family, I wish to thank you sincerely for your kindness and generosity to our congregation once again.

This time too, in a onetime second collection, taken during the weekend of November $11^{\text{th}}/12^{\text{th}}$, you raised in your characteristic generosity, the whooping sum of **\$26**, **297.00** for the formational and administrative needs of our Order in Nigeria. We are profoundly appreciative of your sacrifices for the sake of the Gospel. While we are not able to reach out to every one of you in appreciation, owing to the different ways the donations were made, we kindly request that you consider this letter addressed to each of you for your donation.

We know St. Andrew the Apostle Church as one Christian community that embodies in an exceptional way, the inexhaustibly rich Pauline image of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ. You demonstrate through your generosity, hospitality and in many other great ways that we are one Body of Christ and the hurting parts deserve utmost attention for the good of the entire body – the Church. What a truly praiseworthy missionary spirit and a wonderful demonstration of our Catholicity!

As we thank God in appreciation for your love, we pray that your efforts and kindness aided by grace, will produce a harvest of abundant joy in your lives and the lives of those we serve.

Thank you most sincerely as I also wish you and your families a Spirit-filled Advent and a memorable Christmas ahead!

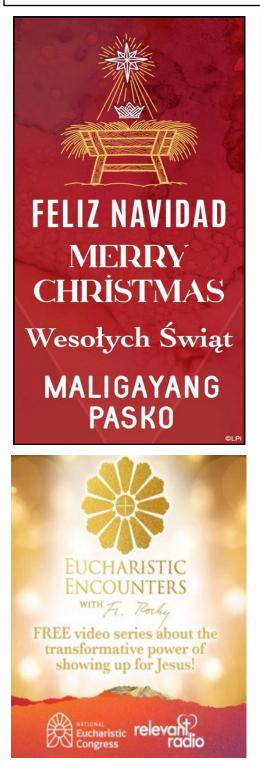
Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Samuel Jandeh, VC Local Superior US Mission

CC: Fr. Vealumun Paul Ansbert Mom, VC Superior General – Via Christi Society GriefShare is a nondenominational program that features biblical teachings that focuses on grief associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts, workbook and group discussions about what the DVD and your grief process.

Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort, and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling and how your life has changed.

GriefShare support group meets every Wednesday Dec 6th - Feb 28th, 2024, in Madonna Hall, room #3 from 5:00pm to 6:30 pm., Saint Andrews Church 800 Taylor Dr Sierra Vista, AZ. To register or for questions or to speak with a GriefShare Facilitator please call 520-458-2925.



PARISH BUILDINGS RESERVATIONS

Make sure you schedule your space needs through the Parish office as far in advance as possible. The Church, Chapel and both the halls are in high demand and we have many ministries and requests to accommodate throughout the year. Help US help YOU by channeling all room/church/hall space reservations thorough the office staff.





- Lively praise & worship
- Praise reports
- Prayers for your intentions



Fr Bala Kommathoti

Invite your family & friends!

- Attend in person at: Our Lady of La Vang Parish, at St. Frances Cabrini Church, 3201 E. Presidio Rd., Tucson
- Or Join on Zoom, Meeting ID: 814 4930 0841
 Passcode: 352734

View this using Zoom app on a computer / tablet / smart phone, Or listen on a traditional phone: Dial (346) 248 7799 or (669) 900 9128 (*not toll-free*) -If you have problems joining the meeting, please text Diana at: <u>520-981-8800</u>. - For Zoom training videos, and videos of past meetings, go to <u>TucsonCCR org</u> The term of our current Parish Board Secretary, Ann Dickson, will expire on January 19, 2024. Father Greg has nominated Ann for another three-year term. In addition to Father Greg's nomination, registered members of the parish may submit names for this position by completing the required forms and obtaining a total of ten signatures of registered parishioners. Permission of the proposed nominee should obtained prior to submitting a nomination. Nomination forms are available in the parish office, along with information on eligibility requirements. The deadline for receipt of additional nominations is Friday, December 29.

The Secretary is responsible for Parish corporate record keeping, other than financial records. Examples are: corporate minutes, documents, notices and correspondence. The Secretary also coordinates with the Diocesan Office of Corporate Matters on the maintenance of official parish corporate records, ensuring that parish records are kept in an orderly fashion. The Secretary will always be a lay member of the Board of Directors.



The 2024 Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish Calendar is available by the main entrance of the Church. Please make sure to grab one per family on your way home.

Merry Christmas!

Don't give each other things this Christmas, give each other the gift of great communication, a deep love and a marriage filled with God by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Feb 3-4, 2024 in Phoenix or April 6-7, 2024 in Tucson.

 Christ gave us a great gift of Himself on Christmas. He calls us to give of ourselves to everyone, especially our spouse.



- Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and learn how to be the best gift you can be for your spouse.
 Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on February
- Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on February or April of 2024.
- Early registration is highly recommended.

For more information visit our website at: www.wwme.org

Lost and found items waiting in the Parish office for some time

- 1. Set of car keys
- 2. Hearing aid found in sound booth
- 3. iPhone 5
- 4. Baseball cap
- 5. Single keys

Please call the office if you think any of these belong to you. 520-458-2925



Alabanza los miércoles a las 7 p.m. en la Capilla de la Divina Misericordia

REPORT ABUSE

Call 911

- Call law enforcement to make a report.
- · If the abuse happened in Arizona, call the Police or Sheriff's Office in the specific area.
- If the abuse happened in any other state, call the Police or Sheriff's Office in the specific area of that state.
- Call the diocese in which the abuse happened.

If the abuse happened in the Diocese of Tucson, call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson at **520-623-0344** (**1-800-234-0344** in Arizona) and/or the Office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection of the Diocese of Tucson at **520-838-2513**.

https://www.diocesetucson.org/reportabuse



Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic: Now scheduling December appointments!

To schedule an appointment, call Anna Burke at (520) 433-1669 or email annab@ccs-soaz.org.

Problemas tributarios te tienen de mal humor? ¡Redescubre tu alegría navideña con la Clínica para Contribuyentes de Bajos Ingresos (LITC) del Sur de Arizona! Este diciembre, regálate el obsequio de asesoría tributaria experta gratuita y resolución de controversias con el IRS. Para programar una cita, llama a Anne Burke al (520) 433-1669 o envía un correo electrónico a annab@ccs-soaz.org.



Are you looking for a year of Catholic community and adventure? At NET Ministries, we challenge young Catholics, through relational ministry, to follow Christ and embrace a life of community in the Church. There are young people around the country who need to

hear your particular story, and we want you to be able to share it with them! Begin by filling out an application and attending one of our Discernment Weekends this January or February. Visit netusa.org/apply to begin your application.

Don't miss out on this chance to step into a vibrant community dedicated to relational ministry, prayer, and service. We can't wait to meet you at your Discernment Weekend! Have questions or want to learn more? Contact our team by emailing <u>recruiting@netusa.org</u>.



If you want to learn more about who Padre Kino was and what he has meant for our faith. You can watch Father Greg being interviewed by Bishop Weisenburger on the following links:

https://youtu.be/w26socmgQdU?si=aRx8-2TBthX8Xvd



MINISTRY DIRECTORY

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Adoration : Lydia Corral	520.236.5261
Adult Christian Initiation: Deacon Mike Denton	520.458.2925
Altar Servers: Deacon. John Klein	520.458.2925
Altar Society: Carol Cooke	520.227.7795
AL-ANON– Via ZOOM: Joan B.	520.378.0209
AL-ANON– In Person-: Betina G.	520.456-5550
Alcoholic Anonymous: Paul L.	562.508.2496
American Heritage Girls: Beth Kelly	520.456.6241
Annulments: Deacon John Klein	520.458.2925
Audio/Visual: Victor Martinez	520.220.0279
Bereavement: GriefShare (non-denominational)	520-458-2925
Building Committee: Maryann Hockstad	520.456.5555
Carmelite Community: Helen Garcia	520.591.0278
Charismatic Prayer Group: Phil O'Brien	520.459.0669
Church Cleaning Group: UnBun Denton	520.895.9576
Cursillo: Tony Moreno	520.249.8781
Detention Ministry: Lupita Terán	520.458.2925
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Eucharistic Ministers: Dcn. Bill Polakowski	520.266.9393
Fil Am Club: Dorothy Carampatan	480.258.1070
Finance/Parish Council: Linda Klein	520.266.0188
Funeral Receptions: Imelda Castillo	520.458.2925
Gift Shop: Lupita Terán	520.458.2925
Hijos de Maria: Patricia Ortega	940.273.4330
Home/Hospital Euch. Ministry: Gloria Castañeda	520.458.2925
Hospitality Ministers: Bob Oates	520.378.1255
Kino Hall: Maryann Hockstad	520.456.5555
Knights of Columbus: Doug Jacques	650-580.6966
Ladies of St. Andrew: Fran Cassidy	520.803.0298
Lectors: Frances Lal	520.236.3015
Legion of Mary: Karen Harper	520.234.2777
Legion of Mary (Spanish): Maria Snyder	520.678.4459 520.255.0912
Library: Katie Gabel Life Teen Choir: Ron Rivera	520.255.0912
Men's Prayer Group: Steve Conroy	520.266.0558
Ministry Schedule: Hector & Pearlie Natal	520.200.0558
Moms of Mercy: Elizabeth Dicky	520.227.3983
Music Director: Rebecca Williams	520.234.0888
Marriage Preparation: Deacon. Mike Denton	520.458.2925
Narcotics Anonymous: James	520.335.5999
Perpetual H.A Prayer Group: Rexie DeVries	520.378.0230
Pack 464, Cub Scouts: Beth Kelly	520.456.6241
Parish Nurse: Kyle White	520.456.7330
Prayer Line: Office Staff	520.458.2925
Quinceañeras: Lupita Terán	520.458.2925
Rosary Making Group: Maria Evans	520.458.2925
Social Concerns: Linda Klein	520.803.0956
Social Media Coordinator: Ilse Garcia	520.458.2925
St. Joseph's Youth Camp: Imelda Castillo	520.459.8965
St. Paul's Street Evangelization: Jude Nicholson	520.508.7301
St. Vincent de Paul Society: Pauline Fredericks	520.234.5788
St. Vincent Food Bank: Stan Garner	520.458.0500
Troop 464, Boy Scouts: Eric Lyle	520.227.8009
VICaP: Bob Oates	520.378.1255
Youth Ministry: Deacon Bill Polakowski	520.266.9393
Youth Choir: Rebecca Williams	520.234.0888
Web Ministry: Ilse Garcia	520.458.2925
Wedding Coordination: Ann Lund	520.227.3179

