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Warts and All



Did you ever have warts? You know, those ugly little growths on your hands that you would do anything to get rid of. When I was nineteen, I had a great big one right on the first knuckle of my index finger where everyone could see it . . . and give advice

about what I should do about it. I'm here to tell you that there are a bunch of home remedies for warts, ranging from putting bananas (or cabbages or radishes or . . .) on the wart to drawing a circle with a pen around the infection to covering it with nail polish.

There are also several medical solutions to the problem including injection of medication into the wart and surgical removal of the wart. The most common of these medical treatments is cryotherapy in which the wart is frozen and later falls off. In a recent study, cryotherapy was proven to be successful sixty percent of the time.

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The amazing thing that the study showed however is that one of the "home remedies" for curing warts was even more successful! Putting duct tape on the wart was a successful treatment in eighty percent of the cases followed in the study.

Now isn't that amazing? We don't know all there is to know about this world. All of our wonderful medical knowledge gets undone by a little piece of duct tape.

I think that's good. It helps me remember how much I need something beyond just me, because when my knowledge runs out, the larger connection to knowledge is just beginning. And I am amazed once again at the wonder of how God works through that connection!

May we pray as Rabbi Joshua Abraham Heschel prayed:
Dear Lord, grant me the grace of wonder. Surprise me, amaze me, awe me in every crevice of your universe. Delight me to see how your Christ plays in ten thousand places. Each day enrapture me with your marvelous things without number. I do not ask to see the reason for it all; I ask only to share the wonder of it all.

May God bless you as you discover a new miracle in this world and in each other,

Jim

Spirit Stories

The stories we are requesting are those gifts of grace that happen in all of our lives. They are unexpected incidents or impulses that are sometimes so subtle that they tend to go unnoticed. Sharing our stories acknowledges that we are paying attention and that we are grateful for these blessings. Reading others' stories raises our awareness of the continuous working of Spirit in our midst. We welcome contributions from anyone of any age. Authors can choose to remain anonymous. Please email your story to

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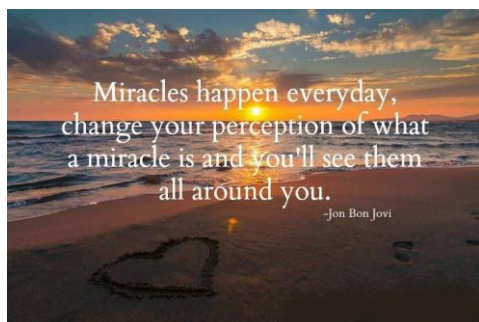
- The Inspiration Team

Our old white car was about done for. I spent weeks affirming in Consumer Reports what my heart desired - but couldn't afford - a Prius. On a whim, I asked to test drive the new white model on a dealer's display. I've always preferred white cars! The dealer went to get the keys and the white car, but showed up with a BLUE one. The white car had been sold as we waited and, as I feared, this model was way beyond my budget. Still, it "felt" so right to me.

Now I could "feel" MY car coming to me - except every time I visualized MY new car, it was that blue one I test drove. I kept correcting my "vision" - "NO, WHITE!!!" I called a friend who runs a car buying service at our credit union and told her the make & model I wanted - a WHITE one! I confided I just knew there was an elderly someone "out there" who was not returning to AZ in the fall and would be selling their car; and I was to have it. After a noticeable few moments of silence at the other end of the line, she stated this car almost never comes in used, but half-heartedly agreed she would look around. In just a few days, she called and said she had coincidentally found the model I wanted - up in Phoenix. It was 3 years old, with only 11,000 miles, and a great (affordable!) price; but there was a problem . . . it was BLUE! I laughed! I think God was laughing too.

PS: On the day of delivery, my credit union friend found the "factory" packing and labels on the rear seat belts. She concluded, from her paperwork, that the car had been owned by an elderly person, who, for whatever reason, no longer needed it. Once again, my bubbly friend became v-e-r-y quiet!

- Joyce Leissring



1 Sue Cross
1 Saydei Moreland
2 Cynthia Gilliland
2 Virginia Bohme
2 Grace Calterone
2 Abigail Moreland
3 Jamie Holehan
3 Stephanie Jensen
6 Janice Crist
6 Christie Rogers
6 David Liddelow-Curry
7 Robert Evans
7 Marshall Helgeson
7 Laraine O'Brien
7 David Daniell
9 Francis Kosednar
9 Ginny Jones
10 Clarinda Lavery
11 Shelley Phipps
13 Jan Gilbert
13 Lloyd Engle
14 Cheryl Berry
14 Floyd Faulkner
15 Grace Rich
17 Scott Cleaves
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18 Jeremy Miner
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19 Joyce Leissring
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20 Max Houtkooper
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24 Sue Gemoets
24 Joel Petrass
25 Jill Wheatley
25 John Garcia
26 Galina Clark
27 Jackson Hamstra
28 Joaquin Guzman
29 Marilyn Keefer

Library News



You already know our friend Sheikh Jamal Rahman, one of the Interfaith Amigos of Seattle, who has presented the commentary here at St. Francis several times. And you may have already read the Interfaith Amigos' book *Getting to the Heart of Interfaith* (it's in our Library for Peace) which tells us how and why they formed their interfaith collaboration between a pastor, a rabbi and an imam.

Now we have their second book, *Religion Gone Astray*, which ventures into the four problem areas that divide the three Abrahamic religions: **Exclusivity** (One and only faith), **Violence** (Justifying brutality in the name of faith), **Inequality of Men and Women** (The patriarchal stranglehold on power), and **Homophobia** (A denial of legitimacy). With honesty, vulnerability and compassion each one explores the areas of these beliefs that are used to separate us, and how these areas can also be used to open the way to collaboration and healing. And, as in their first book, they entertain as well as educate us.

This book is a must-read for all of us who are concerned about the anti-Muslim rhetoric and anti-semitic behavior that is far too prevalent these days.

- Ginny Jones
Library for Peace volunteer

Check us out - literally!

This month in the
Ravenscroft Gallery

The Art of Nancy Wilkinson



Nancy and her husband, Mike, moved to Tucson 6 years ago from Washington State where she taught theatre, art and yoga. Her master's degree is in Arts Education from Seattle Pacific University. Currently, Nancy is teaching art in the Tucson Unified School District.

Besides teaching, Nancy enjoys travel, photography, and singing in the St. Francis church choir.

Her motto for life: Wherever you go, go with all your heart.



School Supplies Needed for Gifts of Love

Help children get a good start
to the school year!

Donate school supplies for
children in grades K-12
through July 21st.

The *Library for Peace* is open on Sunday mornings
from 9:00 - 10:30 am.
We are also open during the week, but hours vary.
Please call 299-9063,
Ext. 101 for availability.



We need:

Backpacks Erasers
Notebooks Markers (12
pk)
Scissors Glue Sticks (2
pk.)
Pens Pencils
Crayons Paper
Highlighters Rulers
Backpacks Folders
Protractors
Spiral Notebooks

Supplies can be dropped off at
the ICS offices:

Northwest
2820 W. Ina Rd. 85741
9 am - 4 pm , Monday - Friday

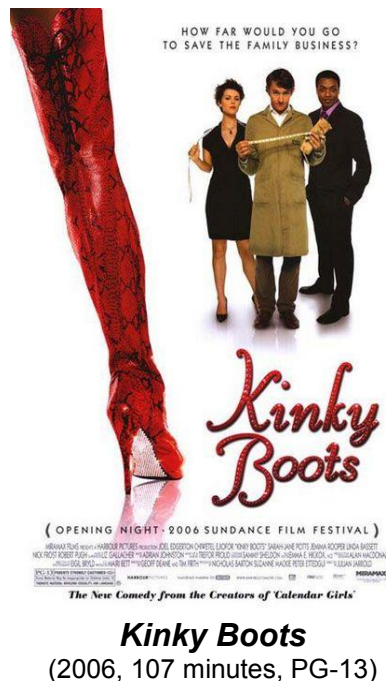
Eastside
8701 E. Old Spanish Trail
85710
10 am - 3 pm,
Monday - Thursday

Thank you!



Sunday Night At The Movies

Showing this month:



**Let's celebrate
Independence Day for
future citizens!**

Saturday, July 8th,
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Desert Courtyard
Apartments
1411 N. Alvernon Way

*Swimming
*Sidewalk Art
*Games
*Hot Dogs

Charlie Price faces the impending shut down of the Northampton shoe factory that his family has owned and operated for generations. Just when he feels that all is lost, he has chance encounter with Lola, a flamboyant transvestite cabaret star. Lola's desire for stylish, kinky boots for herself and her colleagues provides a glimmer of hope for the factory and it's employees.

Kinky Boots won the Audience Award at the Florida Film Festival, and received numerous nominations for Chiwetel Ejiofor's performance as Lola.

We start at 5:30 pm with a potluck dinner, so please bring a main dish, side dish or salad to share.

Drinks and desserts will be provided!

This is a free event, however donations are always appreciated and go to support our church library - *Library for Peace* - which sponsors and hosts this event every month.



Please bring a dish to share.

For more information, and to find out how you can help, please call:
Ron Holland (720)838-3251
Iskashitaa 440-0100
Desert Courtyard 326-4100



Sister Jose Women's Center

www.sisterjose.org

Sister Jose Women's Center is dedicated to the care and nurture of homeless women within our community.

If you would like to volunteer, attend one of our upcoming New Volunteer Orientations:

Saturday, July 25th, 10:00 am
Tuesday, August 8th, 5:30

pm
Saturday, August 26th, 10:00 am

1050 S. Park Avenue
(NW corner of Park & 21st Street)

For more information, contact:
admin@sisterjose.org



Andres Pantoja in Concert!

Sunday, July 23rd,
4:00 pm in the Celebration Center

Chilean guitarist Andres Pantoja will play a concert of Latin American music and classical guitar.

Tickets are \$15.00
(\$10.00 for students with valid ID)

Advance purchase is available through the St. Francis church office - 520-299-9063. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Cash, check or credit card accepted.



These days, *anything* cool is welcome. So here are a few really cool deals from *Shop with Scrip* that will not only save you money, but help St. Francis too!

Weekly Breakfasts



Sophia's Circle
Women's Group
Wednesdays 6:45-7:30
Community Center



Chrysalis
Men's Round Table,
Thursdays 6:30-7:30
Ravenscroft Hall

**Newcomers are
always welcome!**



***Flushable wipes
are NOT flushable?***

In Tucson in 2015, the University of Arizona Medical Center had to shut down 17 operating rooms, send 2 patients to another campus and reschedule 41 other surgeries while hospital toilets were being unclogged because of so-called "flushable" wipes.

The package says "flushable" but contractors

- Getting ready for a summer vacation? *Shop with Scrip* has hundreds of cards for hotels, restaurants, car rentals, movie theaters, grocery stores, Starbucks, pharmacies. Everything you might need while you're on the road.
- Now that school is out, many families need help providing their children with nutritious meals. You can help them and St. Francis too by purchasing a grocery card through *Shop with Scrip* that we'll use to restock our Food Pantry. St. Francis will get the rebate from your purchase, the Food Pantry will be stocked, and you'll be helping those in need during the lean summer months.
- St. Francis' *Library for Peace* is a haven for those looking to expand their world. We have a dedicated group of volunteers who are constantly working to make the library better. Yet the library rarely requests money from the church. We rely on the money from our book cart, and donations to purchase new inventory and supplies. **You can help!** Simply purchase a Barnes and Noble or Amazon Gift Card for any amount from *Shop with Scrip*, and designate it for the library. The library will be able to purchase supplies and new inventory, and St. Francis will get the rebate from your purchase.

**See Lorelei after the 9:00 am service.
You'll be glad you did!**



and sewer systems across the country have tested them and they do not break up. Plumbers say that when they are unclogging sewers, they often find that these wipes are the culprit.

**Remember:
Put only toilet paper in the toilet. Everything else goes into the trash!**

- Submitted by Wendy Kreider

From the Editor



Dear Reader,

I hope you've enjoyed this month's newsletter. I'm always interested in submissions that have to do with the people, ministries, and activities of St. Francis. If you have something you'd like to share, please send it to

mmitchell@stfrancisumc.org

Please be aware that the cut-off date for accepting submissions for the August 2017 newsletter is Friday, July 21st. Anything submitted after that date, may not be included.