

The Spirit of St. Francis



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A Word from Our Pastor

Movies & More!

This summer has been an interesting time to be a church. With the triple wave of COVID-19, Racial unrest and the perpetual Arizona sun, our abilities to be a community of faith for each other have been tested again and again.

And you have proven worthy of that testing. While we've been separated, you have reached out and cared for each other in remarkable ways! Committees have continued to meet and do much of the same work that they were doing before the crisis. Thank you so much! In the midst of unprecedented challenges, St. Francis has found ways to still be St. Francis.

Our Adult Ed program is a good example of this. On any particular week during the summer, between 50-75 people have been present in our classes on White Fragility, Parables, Fear and Joy, as well as others. Thank you to all who have had a hand in that.

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We are about to start a new round of classes and I would like to personally invite you to be a part of the community discussion that is evolving. Following the classes on *White Fragility* in our response to the racial struggles in our country, we will begin new discussions centered on the book *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi.

Antiracism is a transformative concept that reorients and reenergizes the conversation about racism. Kendi will take us on a widening journey of antiracist ideas that will help us see all forms of racism clearly, while challenging us to work to oppose them in ourselves and others.

We will be holding a Zoom class on Tuesday at 3:00 pm and a separate one on Thursday at the same hour starting September 1st and 3rd. Come join us!

I will also be holding another set of classes that I am very excited about! Starting August 19th and 20th, we will talking about movies and the power they have in us and in the world around us. Each week our discussion will center on a movie that you have selected (more about that in a bit) and how it speaks with both a divine and sometimes not so divine voice to us...and how we listen.

One session will be held on Wednesdays at 10 am and the other on Thursdays at 7 pm.

However, these plans are dependent on you choosing the movies that we watch. I am attaching three lists for you to examine and use to select movies that you think are worthy of our discussion. The first is a general list of my favorite movies throughout the decades. The other two center on specific group dynamics, one focuses on at racial issues, and the other on LGBTQ concerns.

Please take the time to look through these lists by clicking on the links below, choose the movies that you would like the class to examine and send your picks to either Melissa or me. I look forward to sharing the time together.

Jim

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Library News



These days, most of us are riding a roller coaster of emotions. Even if we are fortunate enough to have a roof over our heads, are employed, our loved ones are safe, and we have enough to eat, we still find ourselves dragging. Now of course, one reason could be the heat - but there's the political and emotional climate of the country and even the world that we can't help but be affected by.

Even though our library is closed at this time, your friends at the *Library for Peace* are thinking of ideas to help you not only endure these challenging times, but perhaps even grow.

We felt that "Joy" would be a good topic to focus on this month, and so here are several links for you to read:

<https://www.success.com/11-simple-ways-to-find-joy-in-your-everyday-life/>

<http://www.oprah.com/spirit/how-to-find-lasting-happiness-finding-joy-that-lasts/all>

<https://www.bakadesuyo.com/2018/03/how-to-find-joy/>

Please be safe.
We wish you joy and health always.

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ECO TIP

While staying home, many now have time to de-clutter. Others would like to meet specific needs without spending a dime. The place where these two groups meet is Freecycle, a location-based website service (for instance Tucson), where you can post an offer of an item, or post asking for a "wanted" item. The only limit is that no money is exchanged. Make our planet happy by keeping literal tons of stuff out of landfills. Offers don't have to be pristine, or even in working condition. Many offers are taken for projects, parts, or creative re-use. Families in need find working appliances, furniture, clothing and housewares. Join www.freecycle.org it is blessed to give and receive!

- Kate Kosse



Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles
and other items to be recycled.
The proceeds will be used to cripple children.

- from
Church Bulletin Bloopers
Just-One-Liners.com

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 email your ideas to:

mmitchell@stfrancisumc.org

Please be aware that the cut-off date for accepting articles and photographs for the September 2020 newsletter is Friday, August 21st.

Anything submitted after that date, and without prior communication may not be included.