

Obviously the BIG news this week is the 2024 Shrove Tuesday Pancake **Supper** will be a reality. After approval by the Vestry, the Hospitality Ministry, chaired by **Debbie Jeffress** and with Isabel Graves at her right hand, are working on making sure the annual raffle is as fun as it has ever been and are working day and night with a number of other parishioners. You know who you are but a huge thanks to John Stelly, Helen Anderson, Amanda Hooten, Pat Manners, Lorena Molina and Chris and Cecilia Jones. You all have really stepped up to make this happen. We tasted sausages at church last Sunday and we promise they'll be great. With our new "grass" (thank you Judy) and the help of everyone this will be a most memorable beginning of Lent. We hope you'll reserve your tickets using the poster QR code!

More exciting news from **Charlie Detweiler!** A new roof will be in place for **Caminando Unidos** within

the next two weeks! A special thanks to **Suzie Brown** (and her wonderful dog Jeff) who provided the inspiration to undertake the fundraising for this project. I also want to personally thank **Walter Lopez** and **Andrea Espinosa** who offered The Communicator a "Finder's Fee" for helping them sell a house and were willing to have it go instead to the roofing project. **Caminando Unidos** has long been a special project of **Karitas** and we must also thank **Erik Friend** and his family, especially **Howard and Betsy** for their encouragement and passion. **Patty Hogan** and **Gail Nava** were also welcome

contributors to this worthy project. While we are talking about such grand news!!! Erik told us on Sunday that we can expect Howard back here in March of this year. Howard, we will give you such a warm welcome!!! You'll never want to leave.

Saint Michael's continues to fill the pews! This week we had too many guests to mention. Among our guests we had 4 priests!!!! We welcomed back to SMAAA previous visiting priests, Rev. Edward Harrison and Rev. Martha Kreamer. What an embarrassment of riches. It gives me enormous pleasure to report that all of the visiting iconographers were **amazed** by the sense of community they found at SMAAA. You were all shining lights of hospitality greeting our many guests and making them feel welcome. This is how we are growing dear ones! Each of you reaching out, smiling, welcoming, inviting, and loving. Keep up God's work my friends! We are an important antidote to the loneliness and isolation so prevalent in our world.

The Icon Retreat at La Mancha brought guests from Ohio, Florida, Alabama, Virginia, West Virginia, Arizona... even Great Britain. Two iconographers even swelled the ranks of the choir. This next Sunday **Mother Gillian** will have to add a few chairs to the **Mission at Saint Francis** in Tepoztlan as a second icon retreat will begin there Sunday morning. I will be with them and sorry to miss being at SMAAA.



William Graves and Wendy Blake celebrated their birthdays last Sunday.



Unfortunately they didn't share them with us. Poor William was sick with the flu

and Wendy celebrated with her visiting sister, **Susana**. Despite William not being with us, Isabel provided a WONDERFUL birthday party! Live music, birthday cake (second of the month), wonderful food! By the way, if you loved the music, as I did, talk to Isabel about Uli, Jr. He was so much fun!!!



William Graves is trying to put together a group of Baseball Fans for an excursion to watch <u>MLB</u> in Mexico City April April 27 or April 28. Do you care who wins? I don't but I LOVE baseball and look forward to watching the Houston Astros and the Colorado Rockies? Last year Onagh Ash and I attended a fabulous similar series in Mexico City. I don't think there were many in the crowd who much cared who won but everyone thoroughly enjoyed the game! I intend to do the same this year. Whether a National League or an American League fan, you

really can't go wrong. Call/write William for more information. <u>wm g graves@yahoo.com</u> or 777 531 1944. If we can put enough fans together we are hoping to rent a large transport van to travel together.

The Annual Meeting is February 18 immediately following the service. Can you help out? We need FOOD! Please talk to Debbie Jeffress about what you can and will bring. The meeting will be held in the Church immediately following services and the potluck will and the follow in the Parish Hall. This is your chance to have your say in the governance of your church. Please come!!!

Father Doug is staring acolyte classes on February 11. Darling young Santiago Hernandez has applied for the job. Do you know of others who might be interesting in acolyting or a youth choir? If so, please contact **Senior Warden Judy Frothingham** or **The Communicator.** 

Please mark your calendars!

All Mondays:3:30-5, Spanish classesAll Thursdays:11-12:30, Yoga with AnnAll Fridays:10-12, Senior Club

February 13, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 14, Ash Wednesday Services, 10AM February 18, Annual Meeting (following services that day) February 28, Lecture, Terry Elizondo, History of Nuestra Cabana.

Please send any announcements you may have to The Communicator. This is a joint effort dear friends - I can only report the news if it is shared.