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Dear Friends & Family of St. Francis ECC,

Here is some of the news and information which is being talked about in and around our church for this 2<sup>nd</sup> full week in February:

- We will be having our White Elephant Bingo this Friday February 24<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 7:00 and Bingo will be from 7:30 - 9:30 Bring a wrapped "white elephant" gift and a snack, if you'd like. Our caller, John, has a surprise for us that will help the games go faster. There will be a 50/50 Raffle, too! Tell your friends and neighbors about it. We hope to see you there!!
- We will have our Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm. We will not be having First Friday Mass on Fridays during Lent. Instead we will be having Stations of the Cross from 7:00-7:45.
- We are going to be doing the Aids Partnership Dinner at Good Samaritan Church on Park Blvd on Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be serving a meal of corned beef and cabbage to people who are affected by Aids. We are getting the food from Finley's Irish Pub and they are offering us a special deal of \$9 per person. If you would like to help out by making a donation towards the cost of the food, it would be greatly appreciated. Even if a donation of \$9 is made, that will feed 1 person. Please see Becky Byrley, Peter Lambert or Cheryl Velez for more information or if you should have any questions.
- Brick Fundraising Payment: For those parishioners who are on the Brick Payment Plan, to make it easier for you to make payment, we've added a "Brick Payment (Paypal)" button to the Website - Brick Fundraising Page. A Minimum amount of \$20 is requested per payment when using this method of payment. **Please do not utilize the "Donate" Button that is available at the top of each Website page.** Using the "Brick Payment (Paypal)" button ensures that your payment goes directly to the Brick Fundraising Account. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please see Bill Schwartz...
- We still have the need for additional readers, greeters, ushers and acolytes. If you would like to help with the liturgical aspect of the Mass, please see Jim Villafana, our Liturgical Coordinator for more information.
- Prayers and Get Well Wishes are continuing to go up for everyone on our St. Francis Prayer list. Please say a little prayer for them. Thank you.

Thanks for reading this week's Council letter. You are always free to e-mail us here or contact any member of the church council if you should have any questions, concerns or comments. Thank you, and as always, we look forward to seeing you all in church!!!

In God's Peace, Your Church Council,

Jon, Jim, Terry, Mike, Leo & Larry