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"PIKA - POLITICS"  
(Happy Easter)  
'25 Jim C. Cook

## STREET VOICES

St. Francis Breadline  
Franciscan Bread for the Poor  
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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If you have any content to share for our newsletter please see one of the breadline staff. **We are in need of content such as a poem, lyrics, writing, thoughts, questions, image of your artwork or anything uplifting or informative.** Anyone who contributes content for our newsletter will receive a \$10 gift card.

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### FRANCISCAN 360 IS OPEN!

**WHAT:** Case Management, Computer Access, Mailing Address, Health Clinic

**WHERE:** 144 W. 32nd Street

**WHEN:** Monday - Thursday, 9am - 4pm  
Scheduled appointments only on Friday from 9am - 4pm

**WHO:** All are welcome!

**NEW:** Art and Guitar classes, Work space available Tuesday 9am - 11am

**Good Morning!** This week we have writing from Jane Farmer, Laura, and Pamela, poetry from Izzy, Stanley Johnson, and Stryker, writing from Rodney Wise, Reginald G., ATW, and an anonymous contributor, artwork submitted by an anonymous contributor and Jim C.

Isaiah 54:10

*Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed,  
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my  
covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has  
compassion on you.*

Be the first person to correctly answer all three trivia questions and win a gift card.

When was Netflix founded: 1997, 2001, 2009, 2015?

How many keys does a classic piano have?

What happened on July 20th, 1969?

#### Answers to last weeks trivia questions

What was the name of the crime boss who was head of the feared Chicago Outfit? Al Capone

Which powerful Mongol ruler conquered a vast empire stretching from Asia to Europe? Genghis Khan

Which of the following sauces is NOT traditionally vegan: hoisin, Worcestershire, mustard, or wasabi? Worcestershire

**G**ive thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love endures forever. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. I thank the Lord everyday because he has helped me in so many ways, like waking up and being blessed. The Lord has blessed me and has given me peace. He has helped me in his teachings and brought me more close to the Lord.

- LAURA

*God grant me the serenity to except the things  
I cannot change the courage to change the things  
I can and the wisdom to know the difference amen  
and thank you lord for loving me like you do  
standing by my side forgiving me of my sins*

- PAMELA

You thought you had me alone  
With my head in my hands  
Thinking of nothing but you  
But you are wrong  
I think of my life and how  
sweet life is  
And how I have someone in  
my life that loves me  
His name is Jesus Christ  
And he is my rock  
So go on and hate me I don't  
care  
He loves me

-ATW

## Tough Times

Times are getting bad out on the streets and  
Everywhere else so remember to be extra patient  
and kind to strangers  
Just because someone has more than you  
it doesn't mean they aren't going through hard  
times as well  
Especially now with the way the world is falling on  
tough times  
Say a prayer for them and wish them well  
Because that kindness will be repaid to you double  
remember we are all God's children

-ANONYMOUS

Living Stress-Free

Stress is commonly acknowledged as one of the main causes of aging as well as countless diseases. Everyone wants to live a peaceful life, free of chaos and dramatics, but with external factors such as school, work, and home-life, we don't always get what we'd hoped for or pictured. Stress comes on without warning and we typically can't control how our brains and bodies react to various situations that are less-than-ideal. What we can do, however, to mitigate stress and its harmful effects, is willingly remove ourselves from situations that bring about stress. This can be avoiding activities that we know are harmful or recognizing that the environment that we're currently in isn't good for our physical and mental wellbeing and actively take steps to better our positions. We can work towards eliminating the elements in our lives that bring about tension and develop a plan on how to do so. We can incorporate meditation, deep breaths, and most importantly, prayer to the Most High to smooth any road bumps we find ourselves facing. Regardless of how you choose to go about living stress-free, you owe it to yourself to at least make an attempt at bringing about inner peace. No one deserves to wake up with worry and fear every morning and go to bed with depression and uncertainty. You are worthy of a life that is relaxing and peaceful; not to say that you will never face any hardships in this life. We were all put on this Earth to overcome and prove ourselves worthy of sharing Heaven with the Lord, however, proving ourselves worthy doesn't have to be torturous. We can show God we are worthy by following His Word and living everyday as though it is our last- stress and suffering not needed.

-JANE FARMER

PRAISE PRAISE PRAISE PRAISE PRAISE  
PSALM 100

- 1. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth .
- 2. Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
- 3. Know that the Lord he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4. Enter his gates with Thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.
- 5. For the Lord is Good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

We all face situations that seems like it's no way out, or it's so dark you can't see anything, You might feel like you're all alone. But you are not alone. God is still with you. If you want to make the enemy MAD!!!! Start PRAISING GOD!!!! Stand on the word , start thanking Him for the VICTORY, in Advance. The victory is in your PRAISE!!!!

- RODNEY WISE



Miracle Cosmic Stan's Poetic Gift

Miracle Cosmic Stan with the poetic gift,  
Cause when you add music to this,  
It turns into a hip-hop mix,  
That's lyrically explosive,  
Authentic lyrical poetry so real,  
Like papoose no longer drinks Remy,  
And switch to that hit,  
Called Clarissa Shields,  
Now me and Pap is in the place,  
And most 2025 rappers,  
Know me and Pap by our faces,  
Rocking the gold Jordan's,  
With the black laces,  
Now that y'all know Stanley,  
Why don't y'all show me?  
All the props that y'all owe me,  
Cause my poetry,  
Is more hotter than fire,  
Poetically cooking Mc's and poets,  
End their careers with quickness,  
I'm from Brooklyn,  
But in Manhattan I'm all business,  
Now y'all see,  
Fall back let me finish,  
For this I charge a fee,  
Not like popeyes spinach.

WRITTEN BY  
-STANLEY, "COSMIC STAN"

Easter is the dawning of hope and the promise of resurrection and new life.,Today. I celebrate the victory of divine love, new life, and the resilience of my overcoming nature. Everything is made new through the dynamic power and glory of the power within me.

- REGINALD G.

When golden sunbeams kiss the shore,  
And waves dance joyfully, evermore,  
The beach awakens, a vibrant scene,  
Where children's laughter and seagulls gleam.

Footprints trace where sand meets tide,  
A tapestry of memories, side by side.  
Bright umbrellas bloom, like flowers in the sun,  
While friends gather 'round, their hearts all spun.

The salty breeze whispers secrets sweet,  
As lovers walk hand in hand, their hearts a beat.  
Tanned faces glow under skies so blue,  
Each moment a treasure, each memory new.

Ice cream drips from a cone in hand,  
A symphony of flavors, so perfectly planned.  
Kites soar high, sketching dreams in the air,  
A mosaic of joy that we all can share.

As sunlight fades to a dusky hue,  
The horizon blushes in vibrant blue.  
With bonfires crackling and stars that gleam,  
In summertime's warmth, we live the dream.

Here at the beach, where the world feels right,  
We dance with the tide in the soft twilight.

-BY STEVEN CONTI, A.K.A. STRYKER

spectacular  
we all shine drink wine  
Everything fine  
suddenly things are better like the weather  
hands up for those who oppose don't be  
a nose  
Case closed  
i got myself intact stay on track  
i will never fail i will never lose And we all  
can be better beings

-IZZY