

## *You are invited to the Annual San Antonio Celebration*



Plans are underway for restoration of the historic Iglesia de San Antonio (San Antonio Church) in Tiffany, which will mark its 100-year anniversary in 2028. Meanwhile, this lovely old adobe church, built by hand by long-ago local residents, will hold its **annual Mass at noon on June 14th, followed by a celebratory meal at St. Peter/St. Rosa Church, 15241 Highway 151, in Arboles (bring a dessert if you wish)**. Please attend if you are able and see for yourself this simple and beautiful adobe church, with its pink exterior, square belfry, arched wooden windows, organ and choir loft, original statues, and ornate wood stoves, in which so many local residents worshipped.

The Iglesia de San Antonio is a testament to the faith, grit, and determination of the early residents of the area and is an important part of La Plata County and Colorado history. It is currently listed on the La Plata County Register of Historical Places. It also is listed as one of Colorado's most endangered places because it needs extensive repairs and restoration to ensure its survival. A 2020 grant made possible evaluation of the structure and its needs. Important restoration components needing to be done include roof replacement, adobe restoration, stabilization or repair of cracks in the rear wall, stabilization of beams, and foundation stabilization. If you are able to help financially in any way, great or small, with funds for the restoration, please consider making a contribution to St. Ignatius Parish, specifically designating it for the Iglesia de San Antonio restoration. And please do come for the annual Mass.