

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEWLY-CONFIRMED TO KEEP GOING!

### Faith-Building Opportunities:

Go to Mass: There's a lot to learn and know about your Catholic faith!

- Each Mass, listen for new phrase to ponder in the readings or during the Eucharistic prayers.
- How do I pray? Advice from others: <http://lifeteen.com/blog/things-talk-god-starter-guide-prayer/> and <http://lifeteen.com/blog/prayer/>
- An overview of prayers: <http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/index.asp>
- St. Francis Parish High School Youth Group invites you to join this October. Meets every Sunday after the 5 p.m. mass in the Youth Room (basement of the rectory). You'll receive an email invitation to join in for fun, learning and service.
- Reconciliation is an awesome opportunity to experience Christ's mercy.
- Confession & humor: <http://lifeteen.com/blog/everything-youve-ever-felt-youve-ever-confession/>
- Youcat. A great reference and resource. Parents, borrow your teen's copy!
- Detachment. Put down your phone, sit quietly and ponder and pray.
- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, [http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\\_INDEX.HTM](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM)
- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) <http://usccb.org>
- FaithFest 2017 on June 24, 2017: a one-day contemporary Christian music festival featuring twilight Mass with Bishop Earl Boyea <http://www.faithfest.com>
- Be open to experiencing grace-filled moments when the Holy Spirit is present.
- For common teen questions and answers, take a look at this Diocese of Lansing site: [https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/sites/default/files/2017-03/Teen\\_Questions\\_of\\_Faith.pdf](https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/sites/default/files/2017-03/Teen_Questions_of_Faith.pdf)
- And more: <http://catholicstraightanswers.com>
- And for an A to Z listing of topics: <https://www.catholic.com/topic>
- More Q & A with an opportunity to email questions: <http://www.ewtn.com/v/experts/conference.asp>
- Learn more about feast days of saints: <http://www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/>
- If you need assistance from a particular saint: <http://lifeteen.com/blog/biggest-best-list-confirmation-saints-guys-girls/>
- For girls and young women, the Be Love Revolution: <http://www.belovereolution.com>
- Steubenville Conferences: <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/youth/>
- For daily reflections: <http://www.mycatholic.life/apps> and <https://catholic-daily-reflections.com> and <https://divinemeracy.life>
- Help in a Religious Education class next fall. Help teach the Faith and in doing so, you'll learn tons more about your own Faith.
- Be a Vacation Bible School Volunteer: July 17-21.  
Sign up at: <http://www.stfrancisa2.com/>

### Mass Opportunities:

- Altar-server: help to be an example for younger/newer servers.
- Reader
- Usher: needed at many of the masses (help at 5 p.m. Sunday Mass and go to Youth Group after!)
- Children's Liturgy (8:30 and 10:30 masses): always looking for helpers or leaders
- Nursery (10:30 a.m. Mass) is also looking for helpers. Remember to also attend Mass.

## **Volunteer Service Opportunities:**

**Sustainable Garden Project:** Help with weeding, planting and care of gardens that provide food for Perry Nursery School; help with upkeep of gardens around St. Francis. See these signup links and blog for more information: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4baeaf29ab9-garden>, <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4baeaf29ab9-garden1> and <http://sustainable-garden-project.blogspot.com>.

**Catholic Habitat House Youth Day:** Saturday, June 10, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
For 14-18 year olds; for details and exact location, contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley, Lauren Brandt or Leah Borst (734-882-2004) [lborst@h4h.org](mailto:lborst@h4h.org) or <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a45a8ad23a7f58-2017>

**Food Drive to Detroit on Sunday, June 25:** Help provide food for the economically disadvantaged kids participating in the Summer Youth Programs organized by our sister parish, Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Detroit. This is a social event for people of all ages. Kids and seniors especially enjoy sorting all the groceries. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4baeaf29ab9-food>

**Help at the Northside Emergency Food Pantry** (Especially 2nd & 4th Saturdays)  
This pantry is run by Catholic Social Services Washtenaw. Signup at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4baeaf29ab9-cssnorthside1>.

**Food Gathers Food Rescue/Food Bank program:** There are also other opportunities to help fight hunger in our community through the Food Gathers Food Rescue/Food Bank program. Learn more and sign-up for those additional opportunities at Food Gatherers <http://foodgatherers.org> (734-761-2796).

**Serve a Free Meal for the Hungry:** Help provide meals for the hungry with Food Gatherers' Community Kitchen, located in the Delonis Center Shelter with a St. Francis group which serves every third Friday evening of the month. Need to be at least 12 years old, and have permission or be accompanied by a parent if under 18. <http://stfrancisa2.wufoo.com/forms/serve-meal-for-the-hungry/>.

**Catholic Social Services - Older Adult Neighborhood Senior Services:** Help with a chore day or chore services to help older adults at home.  
<http://csswashtenaw.org/seniors/neighborhood-senior-services/>.

**Catholic Services for the Homebound:** Are in need of more parent/child and/or adult/teen teams to bring the Eucharist to Catholics who are unable to get to Sunday Mass. We especially need Homebound Ministers to conduct communion services at residential care and rehabilitation facilities. Contact Scott Wright at [swright@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:swright@stfrancisa2.org).