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St. Francis of Assisi
— CATHOLIC SCHOOL —

NEW THIS ISSUE

Look in the center of this issue for our parish school's newsletter, the Mustang Connection. The Mustang Connection will now appear in the summer, winter, and spring issues of the Canticle; the fall Canticle will continue to include our parish annual report.

AND THEN THERE WERE THREE!

By Father James Conlon, Pastor

As we read in the Acts of Apostles (Acts 6:2-6) the first deacons were chosen and ordained through the laying on of hands by the Apostles. Today the Church is blessed by the ministry of both permanent and transitional deacons, the latter as a step on the way to priesthood.

Here at St. Francis we now have the ministry of three deacons, two permanent and one transitional. **In addition to Deacon Rich Badics we have been joined by the newly ordained deacons- Gene Leger and John Machiorlatti.** Ordained on May 13, both men have been assigned by our bishop to our parish- Gene as a permanent deacon, John as he continues his journey to priestly ordination in 2018. They



will assist our ministry in a wide variety of ways- serving at the altar, preaching, and presiding at Services of the Word, weddings and funerals. We are delighted to welcome both men and their families to our community of faith and we know that they will find a warm welcome here among us.

For more information on the formation and ministry of deacons see www.dioceseoflansing.org/vocations/office-deacons.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SIGN UP FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

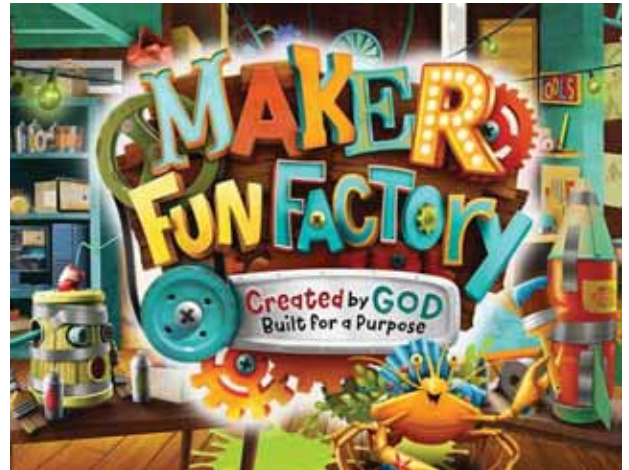
Maker Fun Factory, Created by God for a Purpose

Sign Up your Child today for
Vacation Bible School: Monday-
Friday, July 17-21
from 9am to 12 noon*

*longer on Friday for the picnic

Sign Up online at [http://
www.stfrancisa2.com/kids/](http://www.stfrancisa2.com/kids/)

Imagine a world where curious kids are hands on inventors who discover they are wonderfully crafted by God. We'll be mixing a little engineering and the sciences with lots of faith, mission, and Catholic tradition. Your child will share in the delight of exploring God's creation while focusing on stories of people who offer hope to others.



The adventure begins in Vacation Bible School for children entering grades preschool through 5th grade in the 2017-208 school year. We'll have plenty of inventive surprises, creative activities, games, food, and fun, all imbued with mission and purpose, **"for we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them (Eph 2:8-10)."**

Parents, please plan on joining your children on Friday, July 21 at 12 noon. We'll end with a closing program in church, followed by a grand picnic on the lawn of church until about 2pm.

*"You formed my
inmost being;*

*you knit me in
my mother's
womb.*

*I praise you,
because I am
wonderfully
made;*

*wonderful are
your works!*

*My very self you
know."*

Psalms 139:13-14

VBS VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED



Many hands are needed to help with Vacation Bible School and High School, Middle School, and Adult volunteers are very much appreciated. Volunteers are needed as Group leaders and Aides. We also need help in Crafts, Recreation & Games, the Kitchen (snacks), and the Nursery (for children of VBS volunteers).

Especially needed are singers and musicians to join the VBS band that opens each day's activities, enriches the children's morning with music sessions, and leads the praise and worship in the closing program on Friday of VBS week. The VBS band also leads our music for the 10:30am Sunday Mass on July 16.

VBS Forms are available online at [http://www.stfrancisa2.com/
kids/](http://www.stfrancisa2.com/kids/)

You may also pick up a form for your child or sign up to volunteer at the Parish or Religious Education Offices. Contact us (Julie, Helena, or Ellen) at stfrel@stfrancisa2.org or (734) 821-2130 for questions or more information.

WHO IS OUR LADY OF FATIMA?

Learn more at a presentation by Ellen Ward on July 9

On May 13, 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three children in Fatima, Portugal urging a message of peace through following Jesus Christ.

Last year, Pope Francis declared an extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. This year, the Pope has made a spiritual pilgrimage to Fatima and invites us to do the same. A spiritual pilgrimage can be made locally to any church or shrine that displays the statue of Our Lady of Fatima with reverence and intent (similar to the holy doors of last year).

Our world is eerily similar to 1917 with threats of war, yet as Pope Francis reminds us, "There are many unjust situations, but we know that God is suffering with us, experiencing them at our side. He does not abandon us."

We'll re-explore the message of Fatima in

light of our modern times. Ellen Ward (Masters of Pastoral Studies, Sacred Heart Seminary) will combine Pope Francis' writings with a bit of research on both the Fatima event and St. John Paul's thoughts on the subject.

All are welcome in our conversation: "Our Lady of Fatima for Believers and Skeptics." Join us on Sunday, July 9 at 9:15am for a talk over coffee and donuts on this fascinating topic. The talk will last about an hour. Scott Wright (Masters of Social Sciences) will also present on Pope Francis' desire to include the homebound and sick in this year's pilgrimage.

Below, our pastor Fr. James blesses a statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Pope Francis has encouraged the faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage to a local statue of Our Lady of Fatima.



SUMMER ORGAN RECITAL

August 4th, 7:30pm



Dr. Timothy L. Huth, organ, and John Huth, trumpet, present a range of pieces, from Baroque to contemporary, on August 4th at 7:30pm at St. Francis. They are joined by guest soloist Dr. Carolyn Campfield Huth. Free admission. For more information, please visit the website or contact Jonathan Hasey: jhasey@stfrancisa2.org or (734) 821-2124.



PARISH LIFE

Save the Date: New
Altar Server Training
for Grades 5 and up

Sun., Oct. 22 at 1:45pm
Wed., Oct. 25 at 4pm
Sat., Nov. 11 at 10am

Come meet,
greet, and join in
the fun at the



Sunday,
September 10th
Immediately
following the
12:30pm Mass

Enjoy conversation with fellow parishioners and fun activities for all ages, hosted by the various ministries and groups of our parish.

If you are interested in helping to organize the Parish Picnic, or have ideas of activities for your ministry or group to host, join us for a planning meeting, Tuesday, June 20th at 7pm in the Parish Activities Center. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to help, contact Kelly Hernandez at: khernandez@stfrancisa2.org or (734) 821-2122.

IS VOLUNTEER MINISTRY FOR ME?

By Fr. Shaun Lowery, Parochial Vicar

Rotating each weekday, five women from my home parish in the Detroit Archdiocese volunteered to sit for two hours a day with my bedridden mother. They had coffee with her, talked about daily headlines, and helped adjust her pillows and paralyzed limbs. None of them could make my mother's situation better, but the women came and were present to my mother doing the most ordinary actions in a spirit of love and generosity that flowed from the relationship Jesus began with each of them the day they were baptized. This is ministry.

Ministry is about communion and about being in relationship with both Christ and with others. It is not about giving something to another who has a need. The key to any ministry is sharing an altruistic and loving presence to another person that flows from Christ, the source and example of all ministry. When we exercise a ministry through the parish – anything from being

“If we want to grow in a relationship with Jesus, then we should be involved in some sort of ministry. What’s the point otherwise?”

a liturgical minister, to wiping down tables after coffee hour, to praying a rosary at home for the intentions of our fellow parishioners – we encounter the same Jesus whom we receive in the Eucharist and hear speak to us in the



Scriptures. If we want to grow in a relationship with Jesus, then we should be involved in some sort of ministry. What's the point otherwise? Our parish is a mega ministry resource with abundant and diverse opportunities to encounter Jesus Christ and grow closer to him.

Ministry is not the responsibility of an elite group. It is for anyone who has been baptized into Christ. During these summer months consider what volunteer ministry you will continue or you will take on this fall. Make a commitment to Christ and the parish to give of yourself after the example of Christ and at his command. Practically speaking volunteer ministry is a great way to get to know other people in our large parish community. It also teaches the minister to more easily discover God's presence in all of the ordinary and extraordinary events and encounters of daily life.

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS!

¡Atención jóvenes adultos!



V Encuentro

Earlier in the year, we successfully concluded the session of the Fifth Encuentro, and we reported to the Diocese the ideas we gathered through prayer and our conversations, on how to better serve the Hispanic community. Now is when the work really begins for the participants, with fire in our hearts and the new skills we learned, God has sent us forth to Evangelize, especially those in the peripheries!

Hemos finalizado exitosamente las sesiones del V Encuentro, y reportamos a la Diócesis las ideas recabadas mediante oración y conversación, acerca de cómo la Iglesia puede servir mejor a la comunidad hispana. ¡Ahora es cuando el trabajo realmente comienza para los participantes, con el fuego en el corazón y armados con nuevas habilidades, Dios nos ha enviado a Evangelizar, especialmente a aquellos en la periferia!

Planning is in full swing for 2019's World Youth Day in Panama January 21 - January 28, 2019

World Youth Day is an important celebration of our faith, mainly because:

- Our Church celebrates and puts its trust in the young people .
- We make a pilgrimage, a tradition that stems from early Christianity.
- We encounter the millions in the Catholic community.

Be a part of this life-changing trip!

Questions to Jake:

jkanitz@stfrancisa2.org or Claudia:

cmorales@stfrancisa2.org

Hemos iniciado los planes para Jornada Mundial de la Juventud 2019 en Panamá 21 al 28 de enero de 2019

La Jornada Mundial de la Juventud es una importante celebración de nuestra fe, principalmente porque:

Nuestra Iglesia celebra y pone su confianza en nosotros, los jóvenes.

- Hacemos peregrinaje, una tradición que proviene del cristianismo primitivo.
- Nos encontramos con la comunidad católica.
- ¡Sé parte de este viaje que cambiará tu vida!

Preguntas a Jake:

jkanitz@stfrancisa2.org

O Claudia: cmorales@stfrancisa2.org.

"At the conclusion of the Kraków World Youth Day, I announced the next stop in our pilgrimage, which with God's help will bring us to Panama in 2019. On this journey we will be accompanied by the Virgin Mary, whom all generations call blessed (cf. Lk 1:48). This new leg of our journey picks up from the one that preceded it, centred on the Beatitudes, and invites us to press forward. I fervently hope that you young people will continue to press forward, not only cherishing the *memory* of the past, but also with *courage* in the present and *hope* for the future."

-Pope Francis,
Holy Father's Message
for WYD 2019

ST. FRANCIS PARISH SCHOOL

EIGHTH GRADE
VISITS D.C.

Our eighth grade class traveled to Washington D.C. this spring with Principal Julie Pritzel and Pastor Fr. James. The group celebrated the year, learned and grew in their faith, and studied the history of our country. Fr. James celebrated a beautiful mass at The National Shrine of Immaculate Conception.

Highlights included visiting the Lincoln Memorial, the White House, and the Capital. Several eighth graders laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (photo, right). The group also visited various Smithsonian Museums, Gettysburg, the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial, and Ford Theatre. Said Principal Julie Pritzel, *"The laughter, joy, and memories shared were once in a lifetime. I really will miss this group!"*

LOOKING AHEAD TO A NEW YEAR

A reflection by Principal Julie Pritzel

It's been a wonderful year but we are always looking to the exciting things ahead for St. Francis Parish School. There is so much to look forward to in the fall of 2017:

Throughout the year we installed Interactive Whiteboards and the teachers are learning to integrate 1-1 tablets with the new technology in their classrooms. Thanks to our Annual Appeal for helping us raise these funds to make it all possible.

In September, the school will be introducing our new and updated Library. We have done renovations to create a 21st century literacy environment.

We will be welcoming two new sixth grade teachers and a new kindergarten teacher in the fall. We love having new

members join our family and are excited for the changes ahead. See the second page of the Mustang Connection, "From the Principal's Pen," to learn who we bid farewell to this year.

This year we used block scheduling in the middle school and experienced great success in math and science in particular. We will be continuing this next year.

Our Middle School Choir will be traveling to Barcelona in the summer of 2018. They will spend the year preparing for this great trip!

St. Francis School completed our Accreditation Site Visit this year. We are waiting for the report, but Catholic schools from our Diocese were very impressed with our practices and how well our school educates and forms its students.

St. Francis School (Parish) is joining Catholic Youth Organization Athletics for fifth and sixth grade. The following sports will be included: Football, soccer, volleyball, cross country, basketball, bowling, baseball, softball, lacrosse, and track. Parishioners are welcome to inquire as well. Please email shenseler@stfrancisaa.org if you are interested.

I wish everyone a blessed and peaceful summer.

Yours in Christ,

Julie Fantone Pritzel





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ALUMNI AND FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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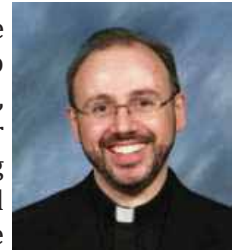
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Philosophy and Mission Statement

*St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School is a family-centered ministry of the St. Francis of Assisi Parish community where each student is valued, respected, safe, protected and nurtured as a unique creation of God. We challenge our students spiritually, academically and physically to **learn, care and lead** as they work to discover the plan that God intends for them. As followers of Christ, we strive always to instill in our students the message of St. Francis of Assisi ... "Preach the Gospel always, and when necessary use words."*

The Pastor's Perspective

Welcome to our first consolidated issue of the Canticle and Mustang Connection newsletter. Our goal is to publish the pieces together to streamline production, printing, and postage, as well as inform everyone in our parish about our school. Look for the Mustang Connection newsletter in the summer, winter, and spring issues of the Canticle; the fall Canticle will include our parish annual report.



For over 67 years we have been a beacon of our Catholic faith and heritage in Ann Arbor. Together we have stood the test of time and the peaks and valleys of life. As we look ahead, I hear God calling us to even greater possibilities. Our parish has over 2,800 families and our school enrollment totals more than 400 children. Our parish is blessed to have vibrant liturgies and superb educational programs. Fulfilling all of our ongoing ministerial needs with our current space is often challenging.

We have a unique opportunity to stretch our wings again ... to build ... to grow. With your continued prayers and your generous financial support, we can construct a new parish center just west of our church, on the hill, as well as meet the needs of the wider church through a combined fundraising campaign - *Witness to Hope* - with the Diocese of Lansing. Our school can continue to flourish with additional building space too. (Imagine an Early Education Center in our existing parish office.)

I believe wholeheartedly that our community will rally behind this important undertaking. Updates from our discernment process will be printed in our bulletin periodically, as well as posted online for all to review.

Let us embrace change. We do that well here in Ann Arbor, and courageously! Let us welcome change on behalf of our faith home, our sanctuary in life, our source of peace and inspiration, joy and comfort, hope and love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Fr. James Conlon, Pastor

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." Ecclesiastes 3:1

From the Principal's Pen



Happy summer, almost. Enrollment continues to grow at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School. Many demographic and educational policies influence this, but I can't help but know it is the families and teachers that make a difference in our children's lives each day. Our Hopes and

Dreams Fund campaign gives more families the opportunity to afford our tuition. While still one of the least expensive parochial schools in town, I am not naïve that it is a sacrifice for many. How blessed we are to share the kingdom of our Lord with our children on a daily basis.

May and June are some of the busiest times for schools and St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School is no exception - but the hustle and bustle of spring started in March. March brought with it our 7-year reaccreditation site visit through the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools. The teachers and staff began this process in 2015-2016 through a self-study of the Catholic School Standards. They were new standards for us and it was very helpful to reflect and find ways to grow as a school community. We are reaccredited and at the time of this publishing are waiting for the report any day.

Lent was extra special to our students this year as our parish's social justice minister, Scott Wright, visited classrooms to share more about India and the Diocese of Kottapuram. The students collected coins and brought them to Easter mass to help support this diocese. It was helpful to have Mr. Wright show presentations about India, meet with classes, and teach ways our students can help those in need in our world.

April allowed us to breathe a little bit with our spring break and Easter weekend. Prayer and reflection were part of our Holy Thursday events. We continued with our traditional Holy Week centers in Kindergarten through fifth grade, while sixth through eighth grade participated in a Seder Meal, various classroom reflections and studies of this special time.

Before I knew it, Fr. James and I were off to Washington D.C. with our eighth graders. What were we thinking- just kidding! We had such a remarkable time. We celebrated Mass at the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, toured the Basilica, and even had Eucharistic Adoration. The trip definitely brought our eighth graders and leadership together. We visited many Washington D.C. attractions and stopped at Gettysburg for a tour on the way out.

Our fifth graders went off to the YMCA Storer Camp for science and teambuilding studies. They had a wonderful time and built memories they will take with them forever.

We were excited for our new art teacher this year, Ms. Jennifer Nowicki, to showcase all of her work through the Mary Lou Daby Fine Arts Night. She did not disappoint. The students' work under her guidance was breathtaking. I can't wait for my daughter to have her so I can hang her masterpieces on the wall (still 4 more years until that). Mrs. Maura Dalian and Mrs. Linda Opaleski composed their fourth grade version of the *Magic Flute* for the fourth grade musical. She'll never share that she does this, but Mrs. Dalian writes these plays the summer before and then meets with Mrs. Opaleski who adds in the songs, music, and dancing. While we get to see the students shine, I always love to see the heartfelt gifts of our teachers that are reflected through the performance.

June begins the planning for the year ahead. While I review ways to continue to bring opportunities of faith and education into the lives of our students, I reflect on the year and work with my teachers and pastoral team to find ways to build our school. Some things I am looking into for the year ahead: mindfulness practices integrated with prayer and our Catholic faith, wider instruction for our native Latino and Hispanic students, more directed math instruction, and building a deeper sense of community for our families through our PTG (Parent Teacher Guild).

This year we bid farewell to two teachers who have had an immeasurable impact on our school community. Mrs. Wendy Lemke is moving to Mt. Pleasant, Michigan to be with her husband. She will continue to share her gifts in Catholic education as a teacher at St. Joseph Catholic School. Ms. Elana Fata is moving back to the Lansing area where she will explore alternative professional options. We won't hold it against her that it is Michigan State country. We love both of these teachers immensely and are so grateful for the gifts they have shared with our school and teachers. At the time of publishing, their positions have yet to be filled.

You are all in my prayers this summer. Prayers and peace to you all as you relish in God's beauty near and far.

In peace,

Julie Fantone Pritzel

Former Student to be Ordained to the Priesthood

By Linda Miller, Past Principal, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School



You are invited to pray for Deacon Andrew Wakefield, an alumnus, as he prepares to be ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Washington on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. St. Francis of Assisi Parish will honor Father Andrew with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 10:30AM on Sunday, June 25, 2017.

Mrs. Donna Pezda, retired middle school math and science teacher, said, "Andrew is a young man who certainly has his priorities in order in his life. I know Andrew will make a wonderful priest and he will be an asset to the parishes that he is assigned." Mr. Dave Longe, middle school history teacher and coach, commented, "He was a smart kid that completed a task before he was even asked because it needed to be done."

Mrs. Maura Dalian, 4th grade teacher, remembers fondly that he was in her class the year that she gave birth to her twins. She recalls that he was so happy for her, especially when he and his mother would stop in after school when the twins were visiting so that each of them could hold one. He continues to ask of their progress and was surprised to hear that they have just turned 25.

As Andrew's school principal, I remember him having a joy for life, a wonderful smile, and an ability to care about others. I also recall that he would often stop to say, "Mrs. Miller, I hope that you are having a nice day."

From all of us at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, we wish Andrew blessings in the days ahead. We will continue to pray for him and the work of the church.

Thomas and Mary Wakefield enrolled Andrew in the first grade at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School in 1988. Andrew came to school with an enthusiasm for learning, joy in communicating with his classmates and teachers, and a strong love for God and his faith.

Teachers remember Andrew as having a strong sense of self and an interest in serving others, particularly in his school, home parish, and community. After leaving St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School, he returned as a parish cantor in high school and college. Mrs. Theresa Ewald, retired school secretary, said, "His voice will be a great asset in his ministry."

Library Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

Plan now to join our St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School community on Friday, September 1, 2017 at 2:30pm in our library for a ribbon-cutting ceremony as well as some light refreshments. This celebration will showcase our newest renovations, which started in May 2017 and are scheduled to conclude in July 2017.

These capital improvements are due to the generosity of Gene Butman Ford and the Butman family, our 2016 Car Raffle supporters, and all of our school families who participated in our 2016 Car Raffle. We are using the proceeds from that signature fundraiser to pay for our library renovations.

As Ms. Katherine Pfeiffer, school Media Specialist / Librarian said, "The redesign of the library will create a space that will provide more flexible use for seating for multiple uses. Moving the circulation desk will promote interaction between the students and better accessibility to the Media Specialist / Librarian."

The St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School library provides quality resources that support and enrich St. Francis's curriculum while also meeting the religious, educational and recreational needs of its student population. Through the use of resources and technology, St. Francis students develop critical thinking skills as they learn to successfully locate, analyze, interpret and communicate ideas and information.

We look forward to having you help us inaugurate our newly renovated library on **September 1!** Let us honor this important milestone in our school's history together in fellowship. You are also welcome to contact Ms. Pfeiffer directly at kpfeiffer@stfrancisaa.org or (734) 821-2293 regarding our school's library.



Our Newest Alumni Families

Congratulations to our newest alumni families! They graduated their last or only student in our 2016-2017 school year. May the Lord bless and keep these families in the years ahead.

Bozzi Family	11 years
Brimhall Family	3 years
Burnett Family	3 years
Catanzaro Family	5 years
Fitzgerald Family	13 years
Getty Family	11 years
Higgins Family	9 years
James Family	9 years
Jurasek Family	15 years
Karibbean Family	9 years
Lee Family	4 years
LoPresti Family	9 years
Lutz Family	21 years
Miling Family	19 years
Moorman Family	9 years
Nakpairat Family	8 years
Nettle Family	9 years
Pattee Family	2 years
Peoples Family	13 years
Plagens Family	3 years
Pryor Family	4 years
Remillard Family	14 years
Senn Family	3 years
Stubbs Family	11 years
Sweeney Family	3 years
Szelag Family	4 years
Targett Family	12 years
Weadock Family	11 years
Zeimet Family	7 years

Important Dates

June 18:	Father's Day
June 23:	Teeing It Up for Tuition Golf Outing <i>The Polo Fields - Washtenaw</i> Visit stfrancisa2.com/golf to register
July 4:	Independence Day
July 17-21:	Vacation Bible School
August 15:	Assumption of Mary
August 28:	2017-2018 School Orientation <i>Morning Only</i>
August 29:	School Begins
September 1:	School Library Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony <i>2:30pm- School Library</i>
September 4:	Labor Day <i>No School</i>
September 10:	Parish Picnic <i>Immediately following the 12:30pm Mass, until 4:30pm</i>
September 30:	16th Annual Educational Trust Fund Benefit Fall Harvest <i>Featuring: The Sun Messengers</i> <i>Michigan Union Ballroom</i>

Support St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School

View our wish list at stfrancisa2.com/school/giving-alumni/wish-list/

Make an online gift at stfrancisa2.com/school/giving-alumni/make-a-gift-to-the-school/

Send this form along with your tax-deductible donation to:

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Tuition Assistance Golf Outing Friday, June 23, 2017

Visit <http://stfrancisa2.com/golf/> to register online
For more information, call (734) 821-2208

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CATHOLIC EDUCATION!

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The need for tuition assistance at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School is ever present. During the 2016/2017 school year, 37 students, representing 25 families (or 9% of our total school families) received \$118,103 in total financial assistance. Awards were given from either our Tuition Assistance Fund or our Hopes and Dreams Fund. We anticipate awarding a comparable amount of assistance in the 2017/2018 school year, and possibly more as enrollment grows.

Your participation in the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School Teeing It Up for Tuition Golf Outing will help us continue to provide families who have a financial need with the Catholic education they seek at our school.

REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

- Gold @ \$2,000 (\$1,680 is tax-deductible)
- Silver @ \$1,000 (\$680 is tax-deductible)
- Hole plus Foursome @ \$700 (\$380 is tax-deductible)
- Hole @ \$100 (\$100 is tax-deductible)
- Foursome Golf Package @ \$600 (\$280 is tax-deductible)
- Single Golf Package @ \$150 (\$70 is tax-deductible)
- Donation Only @ _____

I will bring my own foursome.

Please place me in a foursome.

Foursome preference: M W Mixed (Circle one)

Additional Scramble Team Members:

2) _____

email address _____

3) _____

email address _____

4) _____

email address _____

SOCIAL JUSTICE

VISIT OUR SISTER PARISH

Corpus Christi, Detroit

"If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,' but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?"

James 2:15-16

Join us **June 25, 2017** to deliver groceries, visit our Sister Parish, and enjoy a fun and faith-filled time! Make this a family event. Children are welcome.

At 10:00am our carpool departs from St. Francis in time to attend the 11:00am Mass at Corpus Christi. Lunch will be provided for us. Then we will help unload/sort the groceries collected through our St. Francis Food Drive, as well as help prepare for their Summer Camp. By 4:30pm, we will be back at St.

Francis. Sign-up & learn more at www.stfrancisa2.com/food-drives/

Food Drive for Kids in Detroit: Our contribution of groceries really helps those children and families most in need.



Even if you are not able to join us in Detroit, please pray for the summer camp, the children participating, and our Food Drive. Questions? Contact: Mary Hayden (734) 973-0461 or Linda Wiseman (734) 971-9215.

STEPHEN MINISTERS: THE AFTER PEOPLE

Frequently friends will ask, "I know you're involved in Stephen Ministry. Can you tell me exactly what a Stephen Minister is?" I like to explain that Stephen Ministers are "After People." Stephen Ministers are there:

... after you've washed and returned the last casserole dish.

... after the relationship has ended but the wounds are still bleeding and painful.

...after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away - and the house suddenly seems incredibly empty.

... after the doctors have said, "There's nothing more we can do."

We are ready to come alongside you - or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives - provide comfort and confidential support for as long "after" as we are needed.

Questions contact: Scott Wright (734) 821-2121.

Our next training series (50 hours) begins in October 2017. This is a wonderful ecumenical training experience. Complete the application at: stfrancisa2.com/stephen

VISIT THE HOMEBOUND AT ST. FRANCIS

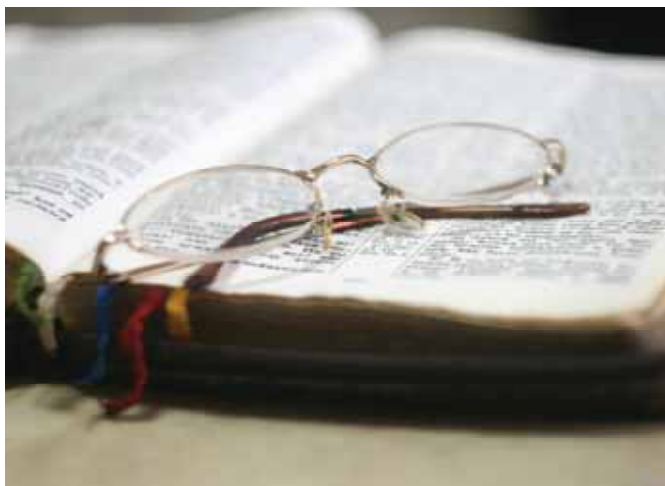
See stfrancisa2.com/homebound-ministry

Parishioners who are unable to join us at Sunday Mass rely upon our ministers to bring Christ in the Eucharist to their home. Catholic relatives, friends and neighbors are invited to consider assisting with this ministry for their homebound loved one. Also, our homebound ministers visit individual residences, as well as residential care, assisted living and rehabilitation facilities to conduct communion services.

Consider possibly ministering with St. Francis volunteer ministers at these facilities. Contact: Scott Wright (734) 821-2121 or swright@stfrancisa2.org.

- Brookhaven Manor, 401 Oakbrook, Ann Arbor.
- Cranbrook Apartments, 2901 Northbrook Pl, Ann Arbor.

- Eisenhower Center Chapel, 3200 E. Eisenhower Parkway, Ann Arbor.
- Glacier Hills, 1200 Earhart, Ann Arbor.
- Heartland Healthcare, 4701 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor.
- University Living, 2865 South Main Street, Ann Arbor.
- Whitehall Healthcare, 3370 East Morgan Rd, Ann Arbor.



JESUS SAID, "FEED MY SHEEP."

JOHN 21:17

- **Grow and harvest vegetables for local pantries.** Our St. Francis Sustainable Vegetable Gardens produce fresh food, over 180lbs each year, for vulnerable children and families in our area. Sign up at stfrancisa2.com. Contacts: Rose Sherry (734) 657-0197 or family@rosendon.com; Erich Jensen (734) 771-8511 or erichjensen@msn.com.
- **Help serve a meal for the hungry.** A crew of St. Francis volunteers serve every third Friday evening of the month at Food Gatherers' Community Kitchen, located in the Delonis Center Shelter, 312 W. Huron, Ann Arbor. Cook at 3-5pm/ Serve at 5-7pm. To volunteer, contact Bridget at (734) 883-9112 or sign up at stfrancisa2.com.
- **Hand out groceries** at the Emergency Food program administered by Catholic Social Services at Northside Community Center, 815 Taylor, Ann Arbor. If you can help for even 30 minutes please sign up at stfrancisa2.com or call (734) 662-4462.

Jail Ministry

*"I was in prison and you visited me." ...
"When did we see you in prison, and visit you?"*

Matthew 25:36-39

Volunteer ministers meet with both men and women in the jail. We celebrate Catholic services and share our faith in Jesus. Healing happens in our church community, especially when we care enough to spend a little time together.

You are invited to an **Orientation on Saturday, July 15 from 9am-11am.**

These Orientations for new volunteers are scheduled only three times a year (around February, June, and September).

Visit those in jail or prison! See www.stfrancisa2.com/jail
Please RSVP. Contact:
Scott Wright
(734-821-2121)
swright@stfrancisa2.org

PARISH GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

MINISTRY FOR MOTHERS

Support, Encouragement, Community

Senior Recognition Mass and Luncheon

Mark Your Calendar!
Thursday,
September 21, 2017,
at 11:00am

The hosting parish is:
St. Joseph Parish
6805 Mast Rd,
Dexter, 48130
At the corner of Mast and
North Territorial Rds.

The event will begin with
the celebration of Mass
with Bishop Earl Boyea at
11:00am and will
conclude with lunch.

Suggested donation of
\$10 is greatly
appreciated.

For reservations please
RSVP by September
11. Please sign up by
contacting Scott Wright
at (734) 821-2121 or
swright@stfrancisa2.org.
Also, if you want to
carpool let us know!

Are you
interested in
connecting with
other active
moms on a
diverse range of
topics,
participate in
service projects,
book reviews and
more?

Through prayer,
presentations and
shared experiences,
we help each other
understand and
nurture God's presence in our lives, our
families and our homes. Come share
your intentions, experiences and ideas in
a supportive environment.

If you are interested in more information



on the M.O.M.S. (Ministry of Mothers Sharing) group, a small group for mothers with young children that meets while children play, or a fun playgroup after morning Mass, contact Kelly Hernandez: khernandez@stfrancisa2.org or (734) 821-2122.

SENIORS @ ST. FRANCIS (55 & FASTER)

Join us for Mass at 9:15am in the lower level chapel then come enjoy our event. All are welcome. Bring your grandkids & family.

**Senior Picnic (9th annual) at Washtenaw County Farm Park
Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at 11:30am**

Grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, condiments, table ware & paper products provided. Please bring a dish to share with about 8 people. Last names letter "A- M" bring dessert; Letters "N -S" bring salads; Letters "T-Z" bring fruit.

Directions from St. Francis: drive East on Washtenaw turn right on Platt Rd. go past the recreation building turn right at Washtenaw County Farm Park, 2230 Platt Rd, park and find us under the pavilion.

Please RSVP sign-up for lunch at: StFrancisA2.com/Seniors or call (734) 821-2121 by July 7 so that we have enough hamburgers & hotdogs for all.

PARISH GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

JOIN WOMEN'S FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

Support the faith journey of your sisters in Christ



Women's Faith & Fellowship hosts monthly gatherings and speakers regarding topics of faith. All gatherings are open to women in all stages of life. Through prayer, fellowship, study, we strive to grow in our relationship with Christ and one another. Recent events have included a lecture on the significance of modern pilgrimage and a Rosary and benediction with the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist.

We will be meeting throughout the summer to plan the Fall '17-Spring '18 events and we welcome your thoughts and ideas. If you would like to be a part of the planning committee or have suggestions for future events, speakers, or topics of interest, please contact Kelly Hernandez: khernandez@stfrancisa2.org or (734) 821-2122.



EVEN YOUNG CHILDREN CAN BECOME SAINTS

On May 13, 2017, Pope Francis declared Francisco and Jacinta Marto Saints of the Catholic Church. The brother and sister witnessed the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima along with their cousin, Lucia Santo. Both children died of influenza before reaching twelve years of age. They are the first children Saints who are not martyrs.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Are you looking to grow in your relationship with Christ and with other men of the parish? Do you want to grow in faith, prayer, and what it means to be a disciple?

The Men's Ministry hosts monthly gatherings of prayer and discussion on matters of faith, morals, discipleship, family life, and more.

We are planning for future events and activities and want your help! If you have suggestions for possible speakers and topics or would like to be a part of the planning meetings, contact us at: mensministry@stfrancisa2.org.



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at STFRANCISA2.COM for more
events and the latest updates.

COME WORSHIP WITH US!

Weekend Mass Times are Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, and 5pm.

Please note that our Sunday 5pm Mass continues during the summer months this year.

We will celebrate Mass for the Feast of the Assumption, a Holy Day of Obligation, on August 14 at 7pm (Vigil) and August 15 at 9:15am and 7pm, all in the main church.

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Save the date!

- Our annual **Parish Picnic** will take place on Sunday, September 10th, immediately following the 12:30pm Mass. See details on p. 4.
- The **Senior Recognition Mass and Luncheon** is scheduled for Thursday, September 21 at 11:00am at St. Joseph Parish in Dexter. See details on p. 11.