



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Forum

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2016

Welcome our Children to the Table of the Lord *The Celebration of First Holy Communion*

WELCOME!

We, the people of God of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish, guided by the Holy Spirit are called to continue the mission of Jesus Christ. Whether you come to us from across the street or from across the country, we are honored that you have chosen to spend part of your Sunday with us.

Issue Highlights:

- P.3 School of Discipleship, Mother's Day mass cards
- P.5 Become Catholic!
- P.5 Parish Business Manager Job Posting
- P.6 Pilgrimages!!!
- P.7 Hispanic Ministry
- P. 14-15 Outreach, Service & Justice

Olushola Nicole Bailey
Katherine Elise Batteh
Dean Henry Bezold
Laura Black
Lillian Black
Alexander Bolanos
Anna Elizabeth Bonner
Aiden Matthew Burmann
Alison Elizabeth May Busch
Nathan Cameron Cackowski
Jake Carnell
Olivia Andrea Castillo
Joselyn Contreras-Olarte
Grace Lucia Margaret Corpodean
Sarah Corrigan
Julia Elizabeth Lima Cross
Dominic DeFeo
Cecilia DeGuzman
Thomas Andres DeJesus
Kalman Demeester
Ian Deyer
Jasmine Dinh
Anthony Adriano DiPonio
Giovanni Carlo DiPonio
Madison Duniec
Henry Ellis
Nathan Holaly Ezin
Nathaniel John N. Fabriga
Katherine Grace Fencyk
Keirsten Ferris
Samuel Frost
Nayeli Carolina Garcia
Aubrey Gargan
Dayton Goering
Olivia MacKenzie Grant
Kaylin Grant
Thomas Kyle Gunnerson
Valerie Ann Habib
Madysen Jeanne Haus
Ethan Hess

Nicholas Hinterleiter
Abigail Hood
Katherine Margaret Huntzicker
Nicholas Huston
Josephine Rose Johnson

Lauren Nicole Palkowski
Carmen Josephine Maudlin Pangilinan
Gabriel Charles Pecoraro
Callahan N. Peterson



As part of the preparation, the children thought about why they wanted to receive Communion. Some of the reasons the First Communion children wrote are:

"I want to receive Holy Communion because I care for Jesus and I love him very much. I am thankful that Jesus died and rose again for me because I am saved by love of God. I want to receive his love and life into my life."

"I want to be close to Jesus and to the church. I want God to be with me and help me during my entire life. I want to follow his footsteps. I want to receive holy communion because I want to receive God's mercy and live a holy life."

Please keep our First Communion children in your prayers.

Celine Pham
Brennan Pollock
Rory Patrick Pommerich
Vincent Prezecki
Arianna Prezecki
Aaron Jacob M. Puno
Adam Phillip Repp
Alex Romero-Esquivel
Nancy Romero Esquivel
Paloma Rosania
Dereck Langona Russel
Connor Rzeszut
Margaret Sansburn
Elena Schmidt
Alejandra V. Sfeir Ramirez
Jacob Sievert
Alexander Smith
Jesus Alfredo Sosa
Benjamin Truong

Nathan Kaji
Cecilia Rose Kempton
Grace Madison Klein
Natalia Maria Kozbial
Thomas Patrick Kratochwill
Jacob Karl Lafferty
Neo Rafael Magdamo
Marcela Mia Mantle
Eliana Marie Marchetti
Michael Markley
Ana Simone Marquis
Mario Martinez-Lozoya
James Alexander Milanovich
Jack Miller
Timothy O'Connell
Camilo Jose Ojeda

Sara Tunison
Jack Joseph Vespremi
Ryder Victory
Daniel Justin Villano
Danny Vu
Kennedy Paige Wassef
Gabriel Weintraub
Reece Caroline Welliver
Henry Westfall
Connor Wilcox
Margaret Anne Williams
Benjamin Paul Worden
Noah Zahuranec
Lydia Rae Zajchowski
Edwin Zishiri
Rudo Zishiri

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Directory

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 2150 Frieze Ave, Ann Arbor MI 48104
Internet Web Page:
www.stfrancisa2.com

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 7:00, 8:30, & 10:30 a.m., and 12:30 & 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses: 9:15 a.m. on Mon/ Tue/ Wed/ Friday in the Chapel downstairs. Thursday in Church.

Holy Hour: Thursdays after 9:15 a.m. Mass, includes: Reconciliation on 1st Thurs. of month, Anointing of Sick on 3rd, with Eucharistic Adoration continuing all Thurs. until 6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Co-op Nursery: During 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses, includes Toddlers and 2's program (Jan-May) for children aged 1 to 3 years of age. Call Kelly Hernandez (734-904-3946).

Baptism: Every Sunday during 12:30 p.m. Mass. A pre-baptism class is required before the baptism. For details and to register, contact Fr. Tom Wasilewski at 821-2100 or see the Baptism link at our website.

Marriage Preparation: Please call the parish office to begin marriage preparation at least nine months before the proposed wedding date.

Spiritual Direction: Would you like to speak with a Spiritual Director? We have several commissioned in our parish. To contact one, please call Janene Ternes at 734-436-1351.

Alcohol or Drug Addiction: Does that apply to you or a loved one? Help is available through St. Francis. Leave a message in mailbox #1 of the Parish Health Ministry Voicemail, 821-2115.

Health Ministry Voicemail: If you have health questions or concerns, please call our parish health professionals & leave a message at 821-2115.

Parish Library: Open before & after weekend masses, in church gathering area.

Are You Experiencing a Life-Changing Event and in Need of Temporary Assistance? Elizabeth Ministry volunteers serve parish members & families experiencing difficult situations (serious illness, new baby, miscarriage, hospital recovery, etc). We can offer temporary help in the form of a compassionate ear, prayers, meals, laundry help, transportation, etc. Call the parish office at 734-821-2100.

Mission Statement

We, the people of God of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish, guided by the Holy Spirit are called to continue the mission of Jesus Christ.

We dedicate ourselves to the fulfillment of this mission by proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom of God, by living in love and fellowship, by seeking nourishment in God's Word and in worship and prayer, and by dedicating ourselves to the service of others.

Relying on the power of the Holy Spirit, we pledge ourselves to be living witnesses of God's presence to the world.

<u>PARISH TEAM</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
<i>Council, Commission & Ministry Chairpersons</i>			
Pastor	821-2100...	Fr. James Conlon.....	frjames@stfrancisa2.org
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<i>Educational Trust Fund, Patti Dobbs</i>			
Bookkeeper	821-2112...	Nunu Lysloff.....	nunu@stfrancisa2.org
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<i>Peace & Justice, Kelly Gauthier & Dick Brown</i>			
<i>Senior Citizen Committee, Sharon Wright</i>			
<i>Parish Health Ministry, Danaica Watson</i>			
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Music & Liturgy Ministry	821-2124...	Tom Kean.....	tkean@stfrancisa2.org
Worship Coordinator	821-2123...	Susan Wawrzaszek	liturgy@stfrancisa2.org
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<i>Altar Society</i>			
Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Ministry	821-2125...	Marty Lucas.....	mlucas@stfrancisa2.org
<i>Adult Formation Committee, Karen Cole</i>			
Adult Faith Groups	821-2122...	Kelly Hernandez...	khernandez@stfrancisa2.org
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<i>Young Adult Ministry</i>			
<i>H.S. Youth Ministry</i>			
Religious Ed. Director	821-2132...	Ellen Ward	ward@stfrancisa2.org
<i>Religious Ed. Committee, Mary Foeller</i>			
Religious Ed. Secretary	821-2130...	Mary Tillotson	stfreled@stfrancisa2.org
Priest In-Residence	821-2100...	Fr. Terry Dumas	frtdumas@stfrancisa2.org
School Principal	821-2200...	Julie Pritzel	jpritzel@stfrancisaa.org
<i>School Finance Committee, Richelle Babcock</i>			
<i>School Improvement, Merrit Gilliland</i>			
<i>PTG, Marissa Green</i>			
School Secretary	821-2200.....	Kelly VanOirschot	school@stfrancisaa.org
Extended School Pgm	821-2290...	Diane Sheffrey.....	dsheffrey@stfrancisaa.org
<i>ESP Committee, Jackie Lapinski</i>			

Parish Registration: forms are at the church entrance. Complete the form and drop it into the collection basket or return to the parish office; or use the parish website www.stfrancisa2.com

Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tue, Thursday: 8am-8pm; Wed, Friday: 8am-6pm; and Saturday: 10am-2pm

Give a Mass Remembrance Card MOTHER'S DAY is MAY 8

We invite you to remember your mother, grandmother, or Godmother, either living or deceased, at our Mother's Day Masses on May 7/8. Please take one of the cards at the entrances of the Church. Give the Mother's Day Card with the inner envelope to your mother, grandmother, or Godmother on Mother's Day. All mothers will be remembered at all the Masses on Mother's Day weekend, and their names will be printed in the Mother's Day FORUM.



Please fill out the outer envelope and return it, along with your donation, to the collection basket or to the Parish Office *no later than Monday, May 2.*

Pentecost

Celebrating Universality & Community Would You Consider Proclaiming God's Word in Your Native Language?

"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." – Acts 2:4

During the Pentecost Masses on Saturday/Sunday, May 14/15, as we celebrate the birthday of the Church, let us celebrate its universality and diversity. Here at St. Francis, we are blessed with a faith community whose members come from many different countries.

For those of you that come from other countries, please consider proclaiming God's Word in your native language during one of the Pentecost liturgies: Saturday 4:30 p.m. (Hill Auditorium) – one Spanish speaker is needed to do either the 1st or 2nd reading, and Sunday 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. – speakers of any native language are needed to do either the 1st or 2nd reading.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Sue Wawrzaszek at liturgy@stfrancisa2.org or call 734-821-2123.

SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP— Last Week!

We invite you to join this week and learn more about, **“On the Road to Emmaus: How the Resurrection is Recalled in the Gospels”** Our pastor, Fr. James Conlon is teaching the course.

Dates: **Tuesday, April 26**

Time: **7:00 PM**

Place: **School Music Room**



Please let us know your are coming so we can prepare materials for you! **To Register** or for more information, contact Marty Lucas at mlucas@stfrancisa2.org or [734-821-2125](tel:734-821-2125).

Mark your Calendar ... Saturday, May 14th Vigil of Pentecost



We invite you to join us on Saturday May 14th at 4:30pm in UM Hill Auditorium as we celebrate Confirmation Mass with our Bishop.

**On Saturday, May 14th there will be
NO Saturday Confessions, and
NO Saturday 5PM Mass!!!**

Pray for our 2016 Confirmation Candidates

Our Confirmation candidates were presented to the parish on March 13.



If you took a card placed at the church entrances, please pray for the youth listed on the card. Then send a card **by Saturday, April 30, 2016**, mentioning your prayer and encouragement in the weeks before Confirmation. Questions, please call 734-821-2130. *Please mail the card to:*

(Name of Candidate)
c/o St. Francis of Assisi Parish Confirmation Prayer
2150 Frieze Ave, Ann Arbor MI 48104

This Week at St. Francis**April 25—May 1, 2016***Alleluia!***Monday**

9:00 AM Preschool Enrichment 3 yrs old (nursery)
9:15 AM Mass: Intentions of Jim Conlon—K of C 8989
 1:00 PM Small Group—parents of young children (nursery)
 2:00 PM Spanish Preschool Enrichment (choir)
 3:00 PM Strings Class (church)
 4:00 PM Golf Outing meeting (POMR)
 7:00 PM BSA Troop 27 (gym)
 7:00 PM Divorced/Separated (s.library)
 7:00 PM Meditation (chapel)
 7:00 PM Adult Confirmation Preparation class (p.library)
 7:30 PM K of C officers (choir)

Tuesday

9:00 AM Preschool Enrichment 4 yrs old (nursery)
9:15 AM Mass: +Gwen Gilbert—St. Francis Parish Family
 3:00 PM GS Daisy Troop - Juarez (s.library)
 6:00 PM Assisi Ringers Rehearsal (church)
 7:00 PM ETF Trustees (POMR)
 7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal (church)
 7:00 PM clase de ingles y la fe (t.lounge)
 7:00 PM Christian Initiation—RCIA (p.library)
 7:00 pm School of Discipleship: The Resurrection (Music)
 7:30 PM BSA Advisors' Meeting (s.library)

Wednesday

9:00 AM Preschool Enrichment 3 yrs old (nursery)
9:15 AM Mass: +Richard Erickson—Roszczewski Family
 10:00 AM Gospel Group (p.library)
 3:00 PM String Program class (church)
 6:30 PM Religious Ed. for grades 1-8 (PAC)
 7:00 PM Parish Choir rehearsal (church)
 7:00 PM School Improvement Comm (s.library)

Thursday

9:00 AM Preschool Enrichment 4 yrs old (nursery)
9:15 AM Mass: +Don Heidt—Patricia Denning
 10:00 AM Adoration until 6:30PM (church)
 5:00 PM Parish Children's Choir (choir)
 6:30 PM Evening Prayer & **Dinner with Bishop** (church, PAC)
 7:00 PM Korean Bible Study (t.lounge)
 7:30 PM Sunday 5 rehearsal (church)

Friday

8:15 AM Mass: Intentions of Meghan Gunnerson—Her Family
9:15 AM Mass: +Elizabeth & Laurence Duignan & Family—Fr. James
 10:00 AM Christian Initiation—RCIA (p.library)

Saturday

3:30 PM Confession (church)
5:00 PM Mass: +Vivian Stevens—Susanna Satchell

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Scripture Readings**April 25—May 1**

Monday 1 Pt 5:5-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
 Tuesday Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13, 21; Jn 14:27-31
 Wednesday Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
 Friday Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1B-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21
 Sunday Acts 15:1-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rv 21:10-23; Jn 14:23-29

Pray for the Sick

Please call the parish office to add a name to our prayer list. Help us to keep our list current by letting us know when we may remove a name. Please remember in your prayers:

Robert locca, Bob Bordeau, Anthony Fazzari, Kathryn Diana, Mary McKenzie, Dorothy Heath, Donna Johnston, Hugh McCann, Chris Soyer, Nicholas Ferris, Gerald McCrate, Elizabeth Weber, Colleen Pfister, Harry Burke, Catherine Shields, Suzanne McBride, Rose Smith, Ernest Beaulieu, Jim Conlon, Ken Schmanske, Doug Hoek, Cletus Denoyer, Patrick Carmody, Paula Savaglio, Julie Jackowski, Mark Derenthal, John Hiller, Phyllis Hiller, Rosalyn Smith, Debra Ruthven, Waneta Schummer, Brian Mullally, Steven Reynolds, Rosemary Korkowski, Katie Stepnitz, James Kimmet, Hilda Field, Richard Dorr, Aline Madison, Margaret Ross, John Schwarz, Frank Visovatti, Libby Derenthal, Frances Anhut, Mary Weg, Deborah Johnson, Catherine Nolan, Mary Stoddard, Nemesia Publico, Gerri Sullivan, Dominic Bitondo, Leo Zarins, Mary Hayes, Evelyn Kromer, Luz/Mila Fernandez, Fr. Henry Hoerbürger

Baptized in Christ

Lizbeth Contreras-Olarte, daughter of
 Hector Contreras & Maria Contreras-Olarte.
 Edward Justin Purakal, son of Justin Purakal & Cathryn Fabian.

Married in Christ

Nathan Kurple and Maria Valladares.

Died in Christ

Esther Lieja mother of Linda Kawka.
 Rita Conway, former parishioner.

For the latest on parish current events,
 classes & service see our website:

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<https://www.facebook.com/stfrancisa2/>

**Sunday****Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Enjoy coffee & donuts after 8:30 & 10:30 masses (PAC)

7:00 AM **Mass:** +Dorothy Magioncalda—Kathleen Downer
 8:30 AM **Mass:** +Margaret McCarthy—Magagna Family
 8:30 AM Nursery with Toddler's & 2s (nursery)
 8:30 AM Children's Liturgy 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (chapel)
 10:20 AM Family Rel. Education (PAC, school)
 10:30 AM **Mass:** +Catherine Schwarz—John Schwarz
 12:30 PM **Mass:** +Don Canham—Eaton Family
 5:00 PM **Mass:** St. Francis Parish Family
 3:00 PM Confirmation Meeting—7th grade (PAC)
 7:00 PM High School Youth Group (youth room)

*All masses during the Easter season
 are held in the main church.*

St. Francis Parish JOB: PARISH BUSINESS MANAGER

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Ann Arbor, is a 3000 household parish with a vibrant parish life, growing parish school and an annual budget of \$5.5 million. Reporting directly to the pastor you will be joining a full-time Pastoral Team of 13. As business manager you will be responsible for all areas of financial management and reporting, formulating an annual budget, administration of payroll and accounts payable, human resources including benefits administration, facilities management including capital improvements and managing maintenance staff. Working closely with the pastor you will oversee all non-sacramental operations of the Parish.



Preference will be give to those with proven experience in the financial and non-profit worlds. Employment begins July 2016.

Salary is competitive, excellent benefits through the Michigan Catholic Conference. For further information on our parish: visit our website at StfrancisA2.com or contact Rev. Fr. James Conlon, pastor, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 2150 Frieze Ave, Ann Arbor MI 48104 or frjames@stfrancisa2.org

God calls us into personal relationship...



One way to know God more personally, and to recognize God's actions and presence in our lives, is through monthly spiritual direction. Guided by the Holy Spirit and accompanied by a trained

Spiritual Director, you will look at your daily life with new eyes. Through discussion of your prayer, activities and encounters with others, you will better recognize God's active presence in your life. This will help develop the gift of discernment, which enables you to be more attentive to how God is leading and guiding you. To arrange an exploratory, confidential visit with one of our experienced Spiritual Directors, or for more information call Janene Ternes at 734-436-1351.

COME and See!

Did you attend our Easter Vigil? Were you moved by the liturgy and our worship space? Did you find our parish community welcoming?

Are you not Catholic but find you are at peace or sense you are "at home" when you are in our church?

Do you seek belonging to something larger than just yourself?

"Come and See" what being Catholic is all about! You take the first step; we'll be there to walk you the rest of the way!



Have you:

- ...never been baptized
- ...baptized into another faith
- ...baptized and seeking more formation
- ...been interested in learning about the Catholic Faith

Our doors are open for you! For more information, or if you would like to speak to someone in private, contact Marty Lucas at mlucas@stfrancisa2.org or 821-2125.



Celtic Spirituality Part II with Fr. James and Rosary

Join the Women's Faith and Fellowship group on **Sunday, May 22 at 2 p.m. in the PAC** as we learn about "Celtic Spirituality II," which is Marian in nature, from our Ireland native Pastor, Fr. James. Afterwards, in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary, we will pray the Rosary.

RSVP: stfrancisa2.org/sign-up-forms. For more information, contact Kelly Hernandez at: khernandez@stfrancisa2.org or 734-821-2122.



A Family Pilgrimage: Sat., June 18

To the Toledo Cathedral Door of Mercy
With Fr James Conlon & Fr Francisco Molina



*Celebrating the Sacred Heart of Jesus
in this Jubilee Year of Mercy*

*"Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of
us with its anointing, so that the
Jubilee Year of Mercy may be a year of
grace from the Lord." — Pope Francis*

The walk through the holy door is symbolic of the pilgrim's intent to leave behind the obstacles that keep us from knowing love, and to go forward into the presence of God. To walk through the *holy door of mercy* is a commitment to seek and encounter Christ. Fr. James Conlon, pastor will be leading us on our journey. We'll travel by bus from St. Francis to Toledo, Ohio where we will celebrate Mass with Fr. Francisco Molina and our Hispanic brothers and sisters at St. Peter and Paul's Parish, and then continue onto Holy Rosary Cathedral to cross the threshold of the designated Holy Door. Mid-morning snacks and lunch are included. *Families with children are welcome.*

Our Pilgrimage Schedule: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Our day consists of the celebration of Mass and fellowship with Fr. Francisco Molina and our Hispanic brothers and sisters. We'll then continue on to Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo and walk through the Holy Door with prayers and blessings. Each participant will receive a Jubilee Year medal to enrich our journey together. *Mid-morning snacks, and lunch are included. Our event accommodates and encourages children.*

8 a.m. Bus departs from the front of St. Francis church.

9 a.m. Arrival & Mass at St. Peter and Paul Church, Toledo

11 a.m. Bus departs for Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo

11:30 a.m. Tour of Cathedral and walk through Holy Door of Mercy

3 p.m. Arrive back at St. Francis

3:30 p.m. An opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Francis Church

Cost: \$34/adult; \$12/child (age 4 years to 17 years); Under 4 years free if held on lap (Payment includes all fees and lunch). *Scholarships are available* if financial aid is needed.

Register online at www.stfrancisa2.com or pick up a form from the Parish or RE office. Please include payment at the time of registration. Registration is open to St. Francis Parishioners until June 1st, after which time we will open registrations to members of other parishes. Questions: Scott Wright (at swright@stfrancisa2.org or 734-821-2121), or Ellen Ward (at ward@stfrancisa2.org or cell: 734-476-5640).

Holy Land Pilgrimage: February 15-24, 2017

with

Fr. James Conlon



Father Celebrating Mass in Nazareth

Fr. James will serve as the pastoral guide on this spiritually enriching biblical adventure. The pilgrimage will be guided by expert guides Steve & Janet Ray, producers of the *Footprints of God* documentaries, Israel experts, international author and speaker.

Travel arrangements will be made through Corporate Travel of Dearborn. *Airline pricing will be available May 1, 2016. See brochure in the Parish Office, or at our parish website, on the Church Community tab, under "Quick Links".*

Y oung Adult Ministry

◆ Camino de Santiago: MAY 2017!

Take the famous "Way of St. James" Pilgrimage in Spain WITH FATHER JAMES! This will be a 9-day trip in May of 2017. All people willing to hike an average of 12 miles a day are welcome to come!



Details coming soon. Questions, contact Enzo at enzo@stfrancisa2.org or 734-821-2126.

◆ Vespers & Dinner: May 19

Our next Young Adult Dinner after Vespers is the *third Thursday, May 19* with Vespers at 6:30 in church, and the dinner immediately following in the Rectory lower level. Guest speakers, Fr. John Linden and Dawn Hausmann will talk about Priesthood and the consecrated life.

Building the Hispanic Ministry

Who we are

A community of Spanish speakers who support each other in faith and friendship and consider St. Francis their home parish.

What we are doing...

- Improve your English and Strengthen your Faith Class (ongoing -Tuesdays at 7pm at St. Francis School)
- Cooking for rotating shelter.
- Party to celebrate the anniversary of Pope Francis' election.
- Stations of the Cross.

Looking ahead:

- Informal gatherings for coffee and getting to know each other.
Next one: Thursday, May 19th, 5:30pm @ Panera on Washtenaw Ave.
- Meet & greet -Exciting cultural event for those who want to preserve and share their hispanic heritage, wish to learn more about Hispanic countries or practice their Spanish. May 15th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm PAC
- Summer road trip to Cross in the Woods (Indian River, MI).
- Group activities to share our talents and hobbies.



Improve your English and Strengthen your Faith Class / Clase de Inglés y Fe



Cooking for rotating shelter / Preparación de comida para el albergue ambulante



Party to celebrate the anniversary of Pope Francis / Celebración de la elección del Papa Francisco.



Join us! / ¡Intégrate al Grupo Hispano!

¿Quiénes somos?

Una comunidad de Hispanohablantes quienes nos apoyamos a través de la fe y la amistad; y consideramos a la iglesia de St. Francis nuestro hogar.

Qué estamos haciendo...

- Clases donde mejoramos nuestro inglés y fortalecemos nuestra fe (Todos los martes a las 7:00 p.m. en la escuela de St. Francis)
- Preparación de comida para el albergue ambulante.
- Celebración del aniversario de la elección del Papa Francisco.
- Viacrucis.

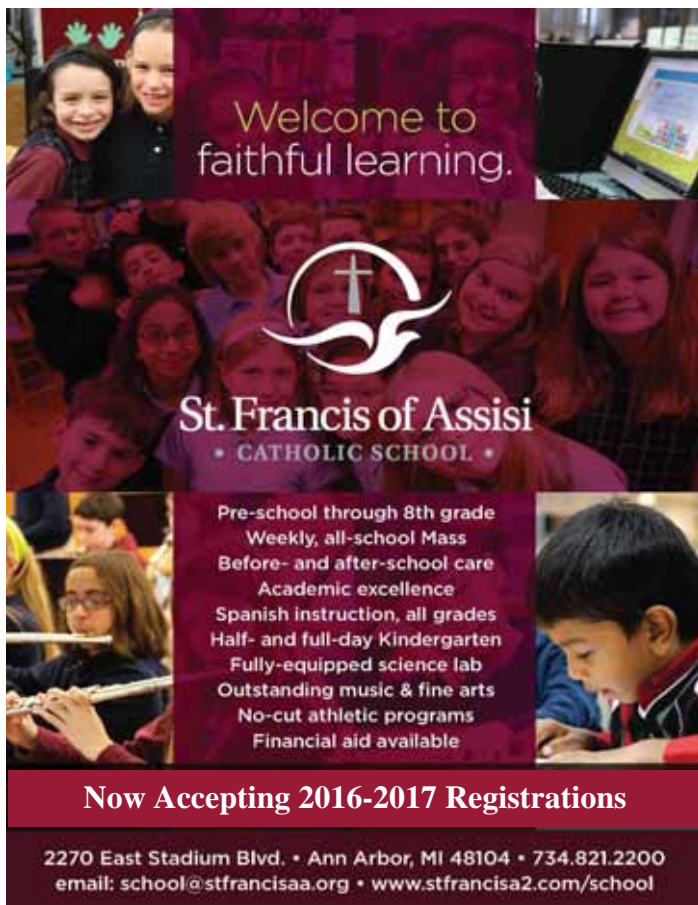
Próximos eventos:

- Reunión informal para tomar café y conocernos. Próximo encuentro: Jueves 19 de Mayo en Panera de Washtenaw Ave a las 5:30pm
- ¡Conozcámonos! -Evento cultural para quienes quieren preservar y compartir su legado Hispano, desean conocer mas de la cultura Hispana o practicar el Español. Mayo 15 de 11:00 am a 2:00 pm en el PAC
- Viaje de verano a la Cruz en el Bosque (Indian River, MI)
- Actividades en grupo para compartir nuestros talentos y pasatiempos.

Want more information? - Do you or someone you know want to join us?

¿Deseas más información? - ¡Intégrate al Ministerio Hispano!

- Contact us / Escribenos: hispanicministry@stfrancisa2.org
- Follow us on / Síguenos en Facebook: St. Francis Ann Arbor Ministerio Hispano



Welcome to faithful learning.

St. Francis of Assisi
• CATHOLIC SCHOOL •

- Pre-school through 8th grade
- Weekly, all-school Mass
- Before- and after-school care
- Academic excellence
- Spanish instruction, all grades
- Half- and full-day Kindergarten
- Fully-equipped science lab
- Outstanding music & fine arts
- No-cut athletic programs
- Financial aid available

Now Accepting 2016-2017 Registrations

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Children's Liturgy of the Word ~ During 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses

In the **Children's Liturgy of the Word**, children hear the scripture readings proclaimed and explained to them at an age appropriate level. During the 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses, at the time the scriptures are to be read, the priest invites the children in grades K-3 to come to the front of church for the Children's Liturgy of the Word. Adult volunteers then lead the children to the Chapel, located in the basement of the church, where the children hear and participate in the *Word of God* at their own level. At the time of the collection, the children are led back upstairs and return to their parents for the Eucharistic prayers.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

All children aged K-3 attending the day's 8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Mass are invited to participate. No pre-registration is required.

Adult, High School, and Middle School volunteers are needed during Mass to help lead, or assist in the Children's Liturgy of the Word. If you can help, please contact Melissa Milton-Pung at miltonpung@gmail.com or 517-230-6881.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School CAR RAFFLE - Emerald Anniversary!!!



Sponsored by Gene Butman Ford (www.butmanford.com)

The 20th annual St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School Car Raffle is underway! *Purchase tickets after Masses next weekend, April 30/ May 1 and May 21/22!* Look for school families near the church doors. Also purchase tickets in the school or parish offices. At other times, if you are invited to support the raffle, please be generous.

GRAND PRIZE:

2016 Ford Escape* or \$5,000.00

**(Plus a \$1,000 Gas Card; 2 Year Lease)*

First Prize: \$4,000.00

Second Prize: \$2,500.00

Third Prize: \$1,000.00



Our Car Raffle proceeds are earmarked for facility improvements such as a new library circulation desk, library furniture, middle school restrooms, and classroom shelving in grades 5, 7 and 8. Tickets cost \$5 each or \$20 for a book of five. Our goal this year is \$80,000. For more information, contact Colleen Pierce in the Development Office at cpierce@stfrancisa2.org or 734.821.2208.

The CAR RAFFLE drawing will be Friday, June 3, 2016 at the annual Ice Cream Social.

Thank you to the Butman Family and Gene Butman Ford!
Thank YOU for your prayers and support! We are blessed.



Thank You for Celebrating with the St. Francis Community!

Thank you especially to the parents, grandparents, and godparents for their support and participation in their children's lives, guiding and bringing them to this day.



Thank You!

Thank you to the catechists and school teachers, Catherine Anderson, Jackie Bolanos, Michelle Corrunker, Christina Grant, Elizabeth Huff, Sylvia Otero, Kayley Smith, Patricia Valdivieso, and Matt Zawistowski who helped to prepare the children for this day. Thank you to those who assisted with the Masses and helped out at rehearsals and meetings.

Thank you to Joan Desjarlais who coordinated the reception and to all those who provided treats, assisted with the reception, greeted and ushered for the Masses.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for providing the Sunday morning breakfast.

Thank you to Sylvia Otero and Anne Stemmerich for the extra time and talent given to helping at the meetings, rehearsals, and Masses.

Thanks to Julie Kanitz, Mary Tillotson and NuNu Lysloff for their work with the details accompanying the celebration.

Thanks too for our pastor Fr. James Conlon and for Fr. Tom Wasilewski, Dcn. Rich Badics, Julie Pritzel (Principal of the school), the Parish Pastoral Team and for all those who shared their gift of music, for all those who gave of themselves to provide for the liturgical roles, for those who ushered, and for all those who supported in word or deed the work that enabled this day's celebration.

God bless you—Ellen Ward, DRE

BANNER: One Body and One Spirit in Christ



The banner hanging in the sanctuary is made up of squares designed by the First Communion children. Each square includes the name of the child who designed the square. We welcome each of these children into the one Body of Christ.

Preparation Meeting: May 1 & 4

for **Confirmation 2017**
Candidates (7th grade—High School)

Youth, parents, and sponsors (if available), please plan on attending *one* of the following meetings in the Parish Activities Center (PAC):



Sunday, May 1 at 3 p.m. OR
Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m.

The sponsor/mentor & candidates book will be handed out and reviewed, so that Confirmation work can begin over the summer.

For information, please contact Ellen Ward at ward@stfrancisa2.org or 734-821-2132.

Dear parishioners,



Please join us for the *Confirmation Mass with Bishop Earl Boyea* on the Vigil of Pentecost on **Saturday, May 14 at 4:30 p.m. at University of Michigan Hill Auditorium.**

Please note: on May 14, that there will be no Saturday 5PM Mass at St. Francis church, .

2016 Confirmation Candidates & Sponsors are to **arrive** at UM Hill on May 14 by 2:30 p.m. **Rehearsal** for Confirmation is in St. Francis Church on Wed., May 11 at 6:30 p.m.

For questions, please contact Ellen Ward at ward@stfrancisa2.org or 734-821-2130.

Lent ♦ Triduum ♦ Easter

Thank You!

It is only through the efforts of countless St. Francis Parishioners, creating an environment within the Church worthy of the Lent, Triduum, and Easter Liturgies, that we were able to prayerfully focus our hearts and minds on this holiest of seasons.



Thank you to:

Fr. James, Fr. Tom, and Deacon Rich Badics, as well as the cantors and the many groups who led the weekly Stations of the Cross in English and Spanish.

The priests who participated in our **Jubilee of Mercy** all-day confessions – Fr. William Ashbaugh, Fr. Terry Dumas, Fr. Brendan Walsh, Fr. Gerald Gawronski, Fr. Todd Koenigsnecht, Fr. Richard Lobert, Fr. Bosco Padamattummal, Fr. Mike Petroski, Fr. Joseph Rinaldo, Fr. William Turner, and Fr. Tom Wasilewski. Thank you also to Ellen Ward and Scott Wright for overseeing this day of mercy while Fr. James was out of the country and to all of the greeters, child care volunteers, and those who prepared and served lunch on that day, as well as the greeters who helped out at our *Sunday afternoon confessions*.

The musicians and vocalists who led the Taizé Evening Prayer Services and the Good Friday Tenebrae Service and all those who helped set up and take down the candles to create a unique, prayerful space.

Enzo Randazzo and the talented Youth Group members who worked diligently on planning and presenting the **Cross in the City** on Good Friday afternoon.

Those who received the Holy Oils blessed by Bishop Boyea during the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday morning, those who brought our gifts forward, and those who dressed our altar on Holy Thursday.

The nearly 200 liturgical ministers (Altar Assistants, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Ushers, Musicians, Choirs, and the participants for the Washing of the Feet) that were involved in the Triduum liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil, as well as the Easter Sunday Masses.

The Altar Society's Altar and Church Care Committee and Monday Morning Housekeepers who faithfully cleaned the Church throughout the Lenten season.

The members and volunteers of Art and Design who carried down all the parts, assembled the magnificent fabric sculpture which graces our worship space, and arranged the flowers. Thank you to all who contributed towards the Easter decorations and to those who donated flowers to remember loved ones.

Special thanks to Fr. James, Fr. Tom, and Deacon Rich who graciously led us throughout the Triduum liturgies and to all the staff members and the maintenance department who put in extra hours and effort.

As a Parish family, we are truly blessed. May your Easter journey be filled with joy and gladness in the promise of new life.

Thank you one and all!

St. Francis Worship Commission

2016 Lent

St. Francis Fish Dinner Thank You

Another Year, More Wonderful!
One of the good things about getting older is that we eventually learn what is important and brightens our lives, and what is of little concern. But no matter the wishes and dreams in our hearts, no matter the paths that we take, the best part is the people we care about most and the wonderful difference they make!

So many thanks to all the people who made the Lenten Fish Dinners come to life. We serve our parish and community and couldn't do this without you. We consider ourselves so fortunate that you have given your time and talents to benefit St. Francis Catholic School. All the proceeds go to tuition for the school children whose Parents worked and the school's scholarship fund. God gives us special days like these to celebrate those we love and more importantly, God gives us special people like you to love all year long!

Much appreciated,
John and Cicie Miller,
and *Johnny and David*
(student alumsns)



DSA 2016: WRAP UP!

2016 DSA Parish Goal: \$209,249.00.



As of 04/17/2016, we have received **363** gift pledges totaling **\$150,887** or **72.1%** of our goal.

We are doing well but we need the help of the rest of our parish families to complete the appeal and to reach our goal. All gifts of any size are needed and will help.

Please Help Us Meet our Goal!

My personal thanks go to all those who have participated in this year's appeal. If you have not made your pledge to the DSA yet, you can still do so. **You will find a pledge envelope** at one of the entrances to the church.

Fr. James Conlon
Pastor

Prayers for those in Military Service



Please remember in your prayers the men and women of our parish and parish families, who are serving in the military. **May God bring peace to our world!**

If someone in your family is serving in the military in the USA or overseas, and you would like to have his/her name included in our prayer list, please email his/her name to: <frjames@stfrancisA2.org>. Our printed list is being held for the security and confidentiality of families.

Come Enjoy Dinner & Talks on Pope Francis' latest writing, "Amoris Laetitia: On Love in the Family"

Monday and Tuesday, May 23 & 24
6:45 p.m. in the Parish Activities Center (PAC)

You are invited to a Jubilee Year dinner, conversation, and talk on the Apostolic Exhortation, "On Love in the Family." In this two-part series, we'll be presenting a summary of the Pope's writing along with practical suggestions, based on studies, of sharing and living the Faith within the family.



We'll highlight the first half of the Exhortation on Monday and complete our talks and conversations on Tuesday. Each evening ends around 8:30 p.m. Suggested donation at the buffet table: \$10/person

Talks are given by Scott Wright (B.S.S.W., M.Div.) and Ellen Ward (B.S.E., M.Div. in Pastoral Studies at Sacred Heart Seminary).

Please help us plan and RSVP by signing up on-line at STFRANCISA2.COM or contact us at swright@stfrancisa2.org or 734-821-2121, or Ellen Ward at ward@stfrancisa2.org or 734-821-2130.

Will You Lend a Helping Hand?

Do you have a few hours for God? The Art & Design Committee is in need of your help on the following days. *Come for all or part of the time.* Enjoy working in service alongside some of your fellow parishioners.



Monday, May 9 @ 6:00-8:00 p.m. Put up red for Pentecost.

Tuesday, May 17 @ 6:00-8:00 p.m. Take down Easter decorations.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Sue Wawrzaszek, liturgy@stfrancisa2.org, 734-821-2123.



SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Traveling mercies

Believers have always been a people on the move! From our earliest forebears to the present time, traveling has been a way to share the faith. Although the modes of travel have changed enormously over time—from walking for days from town to town to flying cross-country in a few hours—travel still presents opportunities to witness to the faith and encourage others in theirs. Today, whether you're traveling a short distance or far away, how might you proclaim the Good News among the people you encounter on the journey?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35 (54)*. "Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia."

MONDAY, APRIL 25 FEAST OF MARK, EVANGELIST Are you a light sleeper?

Tradition had it that lions slept with their eyes open (perhaps because no one was able to sneak up on one without being detected!). The lion became a symbol of the Resurrection, conveying the sense that though Jesus died he slept lightly, so to speak, before awakening to eternal life. Mark the evangelist, the traditional author of the gospel that bears his name, is also often depicted as a lion. Pull up a chair and read the gospel that bears Mark's name—it's short enough to be read in its entirety in an afternoon. And it's a real eye-opener!

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20 (555)*. "Clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another."

TUESDAY, APRIL 26 EASTER WEEKDAY Never say die

Saint Paul may have been a late bloomer (he persecuted early Christians before seeing the light—literally), but once he came around, he was a tireless promoter of the new faith. His enthusiasm led to many conflicts with the powers that be—whether with Jewish hierarchs concentrated in Jerusalem or civil authorities scattered throughout the Roman Empire. He risked life and limb, and eventually is believed to have been beheaded in Rome because of his faith. Along the way, he even survived a stoning and kept on going. How do you handle obstacles and opposition? Don't throw in the towel if you meet resistance. If your motivations are sincere, trust and persevere.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a (286)*. "They stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead."

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27 EASTER WEEKDAY

Mercy vs. justice

It can seem like a wrestling match of cosmic proportions. How can God, who is infinitely just, also be infinitely merciful? It seems evident to us that in most matters, God will have to choose which "mood" to demonstrate, since one can't exercise both at the same time. Priest, writer, and theologian Henri Nouwen assessed that the problem lies in us and not in God: While we can't master both attributes, God's mercy doesn't weaken divine justice, nor does God's justice harden divine compassion. Celebrate that God's will is done when mercy and justice are one!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8 (287)*. "Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own, so neither can you unless you remain in me."

THURSDAY, APRIL 28 FEAST OF PETER CHANEL, PRIEST, MARTYR Do something beautiful for God

Pope Saint John Paul II reminded us that persecution and martyrdom were elements not only of the early church but also of our own times under many repressive powers. Martyrdom is the "most eloquent proof of the truth of the faith, for faith can give a human face even to the most violent of deaths and show its beauty even in the midst of the most atrocious persecution." Peter Chanel, a 19th-century missionary, became the first martyr of the South Seas witnessed to Christ (*martyr* means "witness"). Have you felt the sting of witnessing to Christ lately?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11 (288)*. "As the Father loves me, so I also love you."

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

FEAST OF CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Live your faith large

"Do not be satisfied with little things, because God wants great things!" These words from Catherine of Siena in the 14th century remind us that we're all called by God and have gifts and talents to make a difference in the world. As a young woman, Catherine likely didn't imagine that one day she would become a Third Order Dominican, establish a monastery, communicate with the papacy, and leave a rich spiritual legacy as a Doctor of the church. She attuned her heart to God, trusting that God was at work in and through her life. Walk with Catherine today, celebrating God's great activity in your life!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17 (289)*. "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain."

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 FEAST OF PIUS V, POPE, RELIGIOUS Semper reformanda—always reforming

You might not see much connection between Pope Pius V 400 years ago and Pope Paul VI in our own time. Yet both led the church to implement reforms—the former after the Council of Trent, the latter after Vatican II—and both faced serious resistance from within. Pope Francis likewise faces resistance to shaping a church for the poor. We will always be "in these times of transition." Are you change-repellant or willing to reform yourself in a concrete way as Christ leads you?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21 (290)*. "You do not belong to the world."



Invert just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

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Just For You!

Mothers Support Groups!!!

M.O.M.S.—Ministry of Moms Sharing:

Every 1st and 3rd Friday—**May 6th**
10AM in the Chapel & Nursery

Through prayer, presentations and shared experiences, we help each other understand and nurture God's presence in our lives, our families and our homes. Connect with other active moms on a diverse range of topics, participate in service projects, book reviews and more. Share your intentions, experiences and ideas in a supportive environment and join us for the occasional Moms Night Out! Childcare is available in the nursery. All are welcome. For details, please email: stfrancismoms@umich.edu or find us on Facebook.

MOTHER/CHILD NETWORK—

A Fun Playgroup

We are a fun playgroup for moms and young children. We meet for informal conversations while the kids play on the **2nd and 4th Fridays** of each month from September through mid-June at 10AM in the church nursery. For details, please contact Tanya Sutton at (734-395-6651) or tanyasutton81@gmail.com



Alleluia!

Support for Divorced or Separated

*Meets Every Monday
7:00 pm in the School Library*



This is a difficult time in your life but there is comfort with others along the same journey. Looking for ways to move forward with your healing? Wondering where God is in your life as you rebuild your life? Despite how you feel, you belong to the church and with God in these difficult and confusing times.

Come share your thoughts and feelings and get answers to many frequently asked questions. Members of the group are in various stages of the process and can offer comfort and community. You might help yourself and others as you discover you are not alone. We all have something to offer. *No need to register, just come and check us out.* Feel free to bring a friend. For questions, contact Jeff at 734-678-0995.

Set aside the week of July 18-22 for **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

What: Vacation Bible School

Date: Monday-Friday, July 18-22

Time: 9 a.m.-12 noon (longer on Friday for the picnic)

Who: For children entering 2016-17 grades preK (4 yrs), and grades K through grade 5!

What: The VBS Adventure for the summer of **2016 is Jubilee Expedition World.**

We'll be exploring God at work in the lives of children around the world.



How: Watch for Sign Up Forms in late May!

With: Adult, High School and Middle School Volunteers! We'll need your help! Please mark your calendars today!

Questions: stfrancisa2.com (click on *Religious-Education*, then *Vacation Bible School*) or contact Ellen Ward at ward@stfrancisa2.org or 734-821-2132.

Senior Morning of Reflection: Tuesday, May 10

The Washtenaw Catholic Council on Aging cordially invites you to - Jubilee Year of Mercy: Senior Morning of Reflection beginning with **9:15a.m. Mass in St. Francis of Assisi Church.** After mass, come to our Parish Activities Center (PAC) where Sister Ann Shields will speak on "New Life In Christ through the Offering of Suffering", and Lunch will follow. Lunch cost: \$10.



Please RSVP by May 4th, so we plan plenty for all. Contact Scott Wright at swright@stfrancisa2.org or (734-821-2121).

St. Francis Cares Through STEPHEN MINISTRY

“Equip God’s people for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,”

Ephesians 4:12



On April 30, at the Saturday 5PM Mass, we will commission Stephen Ministers to administer Christ’s care on behalf of our congregation. After completing 50 hours of training over the past several months, our newest **Stephen Ministers are equipped to offer one-to-one Christian care and empathetic support.**

The **Stephen Ministry** has been serving the St. Francis Community since 2005. This is a free ministry service for our parish members. (This is not professional counseling, nor is this Spiritual Direction.)

The pain of grief, the fears of critical illness, difficult relationships, and the stress of job loss are just a few of life changing situations impacting our friends, family and neighbors every day. Our **Stephen Ministers** offer support by listening, praying with their care receivers, and being present to provide trust and acceptance that God can bring the hope and healing.

We are proud and honored to commission our newest class of **Stephen Ministers**. We pray for God’s blessing upon them, and their care receivers. We are also grateful for the currently active **Stephen Ministers & Leaders**.
Learn more: stfrancisa2.com/stephen/



lend a helping hand as ST. FRANCIS PARISHIONERS serve homeless families at IHN ALPHA HOUSE: **May 23 - 29**

Eat: Sit with the families and enjoy your meal.

Cook: Plan, prepare and serve dinner or breakfast to the families.

Play: Have fun playing games with kids or maybe doing arts and crafts.

Sleep: Enjoy a quiet night’s sleep. Oops! In the event of an emergency, you will need to be able to drive to the ER. (We have not had this happen in the past five years of helping at Alpha House.)

Sign up on the St. Francis website: stFrancisA2.com
OR contact: Vicki Hatch at 734-646-6188 or



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Electronics Recycling at St. Francis Saturday, June 18

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Americans generate over 3.16 Million Tons of E-Waste annually, while only a mere 430,000 tons (13.6%) is recycled. With a pollution problem of this magnitude, we have to ask ourselves... “Am I part of the Problem?”

Recycle Your E-Waste!

Bring Your Electronics on Saturday, June 18

The GreenTech Recyclers truck will accept donations at St. Francis Parish in front of the school on Saturday, June 18, 2016, ~ **Times to be announced soon.**

If it plugs in or runs on batteries, GreenTech can recycle it! They also accept VCR tapes, audio tapes, DVDs, CDs, chargers/cords/cables/wires, video games, car batteries, phones, office equipment, metals and metal fixtures, power tools, etc. **Note:** All sensitive data your equipment may contain will be completely destroyed. All equipment is recycled according to EPA, State, and Federal guidelines and regulations.

GreenTech Recyclers website: greentechrecyclers.com
Questions; Kelly Gauthier at (734) 769-0807 or chaysayd@yahoo.com

OUTREACH, SERVICE + JUSTICE

734-821-2121 ♦ justice@stfrancisa2.org
Visit our parish website, "Sign Up Forms" link.

Do You Like or Want To Garden?

St Francis of Assisi Garden Ministries seek volunteers this season for:

(1) Sustainable Vegetable Gardens: Grow and Harvest Vegetables for Local Preschool. Contact Rose Sherry 734.657.0197 family@rosendon.com , or Erich Jensen 734.771.8511erichjensen@msn.com for details.

(2) Gardening and Grounds Grooming Group (4G Network) Beautify and Maintain On-Site Peace, Mary, Memorial Gardens, and More. Contact Karen Cole 734.994.7045 cole@aaps.K12.mi.us or Erich Jensen 734.771.8511erichjensen@msn.com for details.



(3) Seed/Plant Sale on Sunday May 8 in front of the PAC before and after 8:30 and 10:30 Masses.

Sign-up: <http://tiny.cc/Sustainable-Garden>

Thank you and God bless you,

Erich Jensen (734.771.8511) & Rose Sherry (734.657.0197).

April 24 Reflection:

JESUS TEACHES, HOW DO I RESPOND?

Jesus tells us, , "As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me..." He shows us how: Jesus healed the lowliest, washed the feet of his disciples, gave his life for us sinners. How do I respond ...

- ❖ to support those who need affordable housing, who are re-entering society from prison, who need help to live independently?
- ❖ to protect life and ensure that every human being is able to live with dignity?

Easter Greetings from Sr. Agnes & the children of the St. Joseph's Academy.

Progress on the needed dormitory is very exciting. As you can see, we have walls, bathroom space and nearing the time to build needed bunk beds and roofing. "Thank You St. Francis for being *Angels of Love and Mercy* in our lives."



On the weekend of May 14/15, St. Francis Parish will have **Special Collection** envelopes for the Sisters of Mary of Kakamega, Kenya, to help with the *continued construction of St. Joseph Dormitory.*

See the map of Kenya and the dormitory floor plans, and more information at: www.stfrancisa2.com/Kakamega-Kenya

Any questions? Contact parish member, Mary Wakefield <mwakefeld2125@gmail.com> *Thank You!*

Join Team to Help those Suffering Effects of Abortion!!!

Would you like to become part of a team to bring hope and healing to those suffering from the effects of abortion? Join counselors, lay ministers, social workers, psychologists and psychiatrists who are part of the the Rachel's Vineyard process.

We will be hosting a training for new volunteers on Friday, May 6th from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

If you want to become a team member for those forming a local Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat in Lansing, please contact the *New Life Center - Project Rachel Ministry* by email at nlc@resurrectionlansing.org or call our Project Rachel Help-line at 517-993-0291, ext 141, to reach Cecilia Tombelli, Director of Project Rachel, Diocese of Lansing for more information.

Major Pro-Life Event: Friday, April 29

An Evening With David Daleiden—
The Young Man Who Exposed Planned Parenthood!
And Featuring the Music of Eric Genuis

At Christ the King Church, 4000 Ave Maria Dr, Ann Arbor. **Doors Open 6:30 PM.** General Admission: \$35.00; Students: \$25.00; Clergy & Religious: Free.

Order tickets at: www.prolifesociety.com Or send check payable to: *Citizens for a Pro-life Society*, P.O. Box 5482, Plymouth, MI 48170. Please Help the Work of Citizens for a Pro-Life Society.

Christian Meditation: Meets Every Monday



Whether you are experienced or new to meditation, please join us in understanding the direction of the Psalmist: *“Be still and know that I am God.”* Come when you can to this informal meditation group. **Normal meeting time: every Monday at 7-8PM in the lower level Chapel.** Contact parishioner Paul Thompson at 734-646-5591 for more information, or just show up.

Alleluia!

What does the Sunday Gospel Mean? Meets Wednesday Mornings

The Gospel Group normally meets on **Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the parish Library.** *No prerequisites, drop in anytime.*



Notes are posted on the parish website, on the *Church Community* page at *“Sunday’s Gospel”*. Questions: Tricia at 734-369-2312.

Thursday Holy Hour ... Spend an Hour with Jesus!



Our *weekly* Holy Hour begins immediately after the 9:15a.m. **Thursday morning Mass that is celebrated upstairs in the main Church.**

The Holy Hour: (9:45 to 10:45AM in the church)

- Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
- Silent Prayer time.
- On the 1st Thursday of each month, we offer the *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
- On the 3rd Thursday of each month, we offer the *Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick*
- Rosary
- Prayers for our school children, our community and for the needs of the universal Church

Eucharistic Adoration continues all day Thursday in the main church. You’re invited to spend an hour of prayer in the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament—any time on Thursdays from 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM.

Happy Birthday to You!!!

We hope that you will wish a “Happy Birthday” to those you know, and say a prayer for all those celebrating their birthday this week. Please call the Parish Office (769-2550) with corrections. Thank you!

4/25

Caillín Concannon
Shakara Henderson
Marko Hermanson
Katherine Huetter
Sahil Kapila
Simran Kapila
Braden Kiersey
Jaejung Kim
Elise Liu
Trevor McCullough
Martin Murau
Elisabeth Murau
Quentin Riha
Brooke Roelofs
Jack Staunton
Samantha Weintraub

Austin Klein
Riley Mason-Schickel
Isabel McEwen
Andrew Nash
Catherine Nolan
John Pham
Glenn Rous
April Stingo
Nicolas Teixeira
Leticia Torres
Violet Twetten
Gavin White
Paula Wishart

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Julie Daleiden
Anthony Dornoff
Vicky Dziubinski
Bridget Ekquist
Katharine Fleszar
Daniel Griffor
Katie Heddle
Susan Horvath
Don Howden
David Hrabosky
Eduardo Icaza
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Michael Joynet

Karen Kennard
Michael Kim
Rosaleen Kirk
Ashley London
Jamie Lutz
Lawrence McCombs
Sean Purcell
Isabella Rehrauer
John Schommer
Ethan St. Pierre
John Westendorf
Margaret Williams

4/28

Emily Aristacia
Suzanne Bixby
James Borders
Christopher Burke
Solomon Cornell
Martin Deegan
Amelia Gronowski
Nicholas Hinterleiter
Ryan Knierbein
Mary Langlois
Kathryn Lee
Zachary Lewit
Alison Medeiros

Julie Meloni
Arnold Mensah-Brown
Elizabeth Muntean
Keely Oliver
Shane Pitcher
Dayna Quinn
Lori Riegger
Alison Schumacher
Randy Seitz
Ann Marie Smith
Carla Smith
August Sturm
Kurt Zrull

4/29

Charles Beutler
Gil Borlaza
Reginald Ciokajlo
Katie Colella
Julie DeFilippo
Andy DeJesus
Tim Doyle
Meryl Freiman
Aubrey Frye
Oladele Gaba
Paul Hahn
Alex Hassan
Joselyn Haus

Ying-Hsuan Lin
Gigi Moawad
Sadeepa Munasinghe
Barbara Murray
Carley Oberdoerster
Enzo Paulino
Janna Polgar
Leslie Portu
Emily Robinson
Denise Rolph
Julia Scarcella
Sara Sjoding
Eric Stepnitz
John Stetz
James Swiney
Ella Wasielewski
Matthew Wishart

4/30

Pablo Alvarez
Lisamarie Babik
Kaitlin Barrett-Huff
Olivia Bertin
Dayton Emerson
Mary Gay
Chester Grala
Joshua Green
Meghan Gunnerson

Julie Kim
Nicole Martini
Hector Rios
Evan Shambaugh
Nicholas Sulfaro
Elizabeth Toplyn
Betty Zurawski

5/1

David Berdes
Alison Busch
Ashley Busch
Emilia Ciricola
Tyson Hill
Thomas Honeycutt
William Johnston
Julie Loftus
Abigail Makowski
Merin McDivitt
Stefano Mengozzi
Connie Pines
Vanessa Pollock
Diane Purcell
Polly Shaffran
Zachary Shapiro
Lisa Sodano
Jaime Tungol

Bulletin Board

St. Francis Catholic School JOB: "Programming Instructor"



Part-Time- 3 hours/week - T/TH/F 10:20-11:50AM. This position is responsible for teaching a middle-school programming elective course. The course meets three days per week, for one hour each meeting. The instructor is responsible for designing projects for the students to complete that teach/illustrate basic programming concepts to students.

To apply, please resume to: Julie Pritzel, principal St. Francis School: jpitzel@stfrancisaa.org.

Join the PARISH YOUTH BAND & CHOIR

Open to all instrumentalists and singers in grades 6-12.



Please see Ted Emch after 12:30 Mass, or contact Kelly Hernandez at khernandez@stfrancisaa.org

Alleluia!

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Our House on Stadium: Can you help us?????

St. Francis Parish now owns a house on Stadium Blvd, next to the Church. We plan to offer it by June 1st to priests working in our region. But first we need to furnish it! *Can you help us????*

We are in need of "gently used / in good condition" items including:

- Bed frames (No mattresses!)
- Dressers
- Lamps
- End tables / side tables
- Basic Pots & Pans
- Simple cooking utensils
- Dishes, glasses, silverware



If you can help, please call the Parish Office at 734-821-2100.

Thank You for Your Support!!!

Sunday Collection:

We thank you for your generous support of our parish and its ministry! **Tithing for April 17th** was \$29,763 which includes Children's good deeds and 1 envelopes and \$1.00. As of 4/17/16, the special collection for **ArborWoman** was \$3,243. Our **Parish Lenten project** for the Diocese of Kottapuram, **India** totaled \$18,306.

Please be sure to mark your envelope with the amount donated. This will ensure proper credit to your account. If you move, please let us know as soon as possible.

Thank You! *Bookkeeping Department*

* FREE Direct Debit!!!

Have your Sunday Contributions transferred electronically from your checking account, with no fee charged to you! If interested, please call Dave Barera at the parish office, 821-2111.