



St. Francis  
of Assisi Parish

# Forum

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, 2016

## 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.

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**NEXT SUNDAY  
SEPT. 11<sup>th</sup>  
after 12:30 PM  
Mass until 4PM**

*The various ministries and groups of our parish  
are helping to host this year's picnic.*

Come enjoy a Sno-Kone with the Women's Faith & Fellowship, popcorn with Adult Faith Formation, a beer under the Knights of Columbus beer tent, learn how to draw a simple sketch of God's creation around us with the School team, Bounce House and Games with the MOMS group, and other fun activities with the Educational Trust Fund Benefit Committee, Evangelization, St. Vincent Service Ministry, Peace & Justice, Divorced & Separated, Spiritual Direction, and Meditation groups.

## VOLUNTEER!

Can you lend some of your time to help make the picnic a success? Sign-up at: [stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms](http://stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms) or contact Kelly Hernandez at [khernandez@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:khernandez@stfrancisa2.org)

**We'll provide the hamburgers,  
hot dogs, and beverages.  
Please bring a side-dish, fruit or  
vegetable dish, or dessert to share.**



**St. Francis of Assisi Parish Directory**

**Parish Offices: (734) 821-2100 or (734) 769-2550, Fax: (734) 821-2102**  
 2150 Frieze Ave, Ann Arbor MI 48104  
**Internet Web Page:**  
[www.stfrancisa2.com](http://www.stfrancisa2.com)

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Weekend Mass:** Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 7:00, 8:30, & 10:30 a.m., & 12:30 p.m. (5PM-Sept 18-June 1).

**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:** Is on Summer Vacation, during 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses. Resuming in the fall. 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. Shaun Lorey 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>
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<i>School Improvement, Merrit Gilliland</i>			
<i>PTG, Marissa Green</i>			
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<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](http://www.stfrancisa2.com)

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

## OFS Professions: September 17

The St. Joseph Fraternity of the **Secular Franciscan Order (OFS)** happily shares the news of our upcoming professions.

MARIAN BOUDIAB  
GUIDO SCARABELLI  
ANTHONY PATTI

will make a permanent commitment to the Gospel Life as they profess into the Secular Franciscan Order. This Rite of Profession will take place at St. Francis of Assisi Church on

**Saturday, September 17**  
during the 5:00 pm Mass.

Profession in the Order is the culmination of over three years of initial formation. At their profession, the candidates promise to follow the *Rule of Life of the Secular Franciscan Order*, pledging themselves to live the Gospel in the manner of St. Francis by means of this Rule. St. Francis himself wrote the first "Rule of Life" for members of the OFS. Since Vatican II that Rule has been updated but remains true to the vision of St. Francis of Assisi. This Rule calls Secular Franciscans to live out their calling to the Franciscan life in a particular way in their homes and families, at work, in their parishes, and in the world.

Reception follows in the School Music Room. For more information on the OFS, please visit the OFS web page (<https://www.nafra-sfo.org/>) or contact Bob or Eleanor Brundage (734/434-8161) or Mary Bittner (734/883-2150).

## COME & SEE!



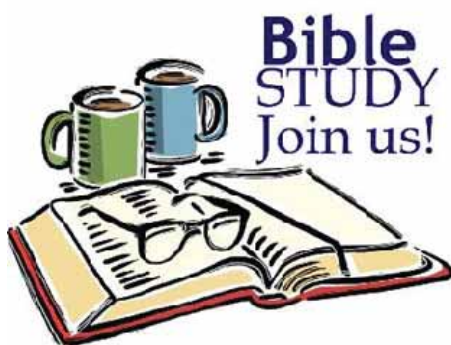
Every year the Catholic Church welcomes thousands of new members into the Church through a process known as **RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.**

The **RCIA** is the communal process of spiritual and educational formation through which men, women, and even children (*usually 7 yrs. or older*) explore the Catholic Faith and become fully initiated members of the Roman Catholic Church.

### New groups are forming now!

If you would like more information or if you would like to speak to someone privately, contact Marty Lucas at [mlucas@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:mlucas@stfrancisa2.org) or 821-2125.

**"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!



**Bible  
STUDY  
Join us!**

## Acts of the Apostles: Church of the Holy Spirit

This September, we begin our study of *Acts of the Apostles: Church of the Holy Spirit*. Our study will be a dynamic, informative, inspiring way to enter into deeper relationship with God through Scripture.

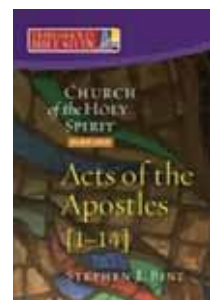
The most thrilling, adventurous book of the Bible, *Acts* shows us Christianity being lived for the first time. It narrates the missionary journeys of Paul and his companions.

**WE** are invited into these courageous journeys because the adventure continues into the lives of all who claim to be followers of Jesus Christ. Parishioners, Rock Collins and Kathleen Kubis will again lead the study.

**We will offer this study on Tuesday morning, and repeat on Thursday evening so you may select the day/time that best suits your schedule. Our meetings will be **twice monthly, beginning September 20 and 22.****

**Please register so we have time to order the books for YOU!** (\$20 for the set of two)

To register, see the *Sign-Up Forms* link on the parish website. For more information, contact Marty Lucas at [mlucas@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:mlucas@stfrancisa2.org) or 821-2125.



## This Week at St. Francis September 5—11, 2016

### Monday *Labor Day holiday*

**9:15 AM Mass** (church): Emma Halten—Helen Rysse  
7:00 PM No Divorced/Separated (today)  
7:00 PM No Meditation (today)

### Tuesday

**9:15 AM Mass:** +Paul D. McGlynn—Ernestine McGlynn  
10:00 AM Senior Ministry Leadership meeting (POMR)  
7:00 PM Hispanic Ministry (s.library)

### Wednesday

**9:15 AM Mass:** +Jack Distler—Maria Wang  
10:00 AM Gospel Group (p.library)  
6:30 PM Adult Faith Formation Committee (POMR)  
7:30 PM Parish Choir rehearsal (church)

### Thursday *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**9:15 AM Mass** (church): +Thomas Esper—Pietrasiuk Family  
10:00 AM Adoration until 6:30PM (church)  
5:30 PM Parish Children's Choir (choir)  
7:30 PM Sunday 5pm musician rehearsal (church)

### Friday *St. Peter Claver*

**8:15 AM Mass** (church): In thanksgiving for the Butman Family  
**9:15 AM Mass:** +Sylvia Prather—Magdolna Ivan  
**6:00 PM West Parking Lot** closes for Picnic preparations

### Saturday

**West Parking Lot** closed all day for Picnic preparations  
10:00 AM Commonweal (choir)  
2:30 PM Violin orientation (PAC)  
3:30 PM Confession (church)  
**5:00 PM Mass:** +Ernest Sarosi—Eaton Family  
7:00 PM Polish Mass (chapel)

### Sunday *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Come to the Parish Picnic after 12:30 mass! (No coffee & donuts)

**West Parking Lot** closed all day for Parish Picnic  
7:00 AM **Mass:** St. Francis Parish Family  
8:30 AM **Mass:** +Theresa Ohno—Rosa Ohno  
10:30 AM **Mass:** +Jameela Sesí—Chris Erkinen  
12:30 PM **Mass:** +Thomas Esper—Visintainer Family  
**1:30 PM Parish Picnic until 4pm (parish lawn)**  
2:00 PM Secular Franciscans (music)



## Scripture Readings September 5—11

**Monday** 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7,12; Lk 6:6-11  
**Tuesday** 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a,9b; Lk 6:12-19  
**Wednesday** 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12,14-17; Lk 6:20-26  
**Thursday** Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 13:6abc; Mt 1:1-16,18-23  
**Friday** 1 Cor 9:16-19,22b-27; Ps 84:3-6,12; Lk 6:39-42  
**Saturday** 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13,17-18; Lk 6:43-49  
**Sunday** Ex 32:7-11,13-14; Ps 51:3-4,12-13,17,19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

### 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:**

Mike Fleszar, Steven Reynolds, Kathy Miller, Raziell Tungol, Theresa Mhangami, Doyle Barnes, Rosemary Korkowski, Gerald Levy, Veronica Joyce, Elizabeth Crisostomo, Betty Lemmer, Marion Sczykutowicz, Anne Stemmerich, Kelly Watkins, Molly Volz, Ruth Downer, Fr. Tom Wasilewski, Paula Savaglio, Chuck Spiteri, Brian Boyer, Carolyn Holcomb, Mary McKenzie, Dorothy Heath, Ernest Beaulieu, Jim Conlon, Cletus Denoyer, Rosalyn Smith, Debra Ruthven, Katie Stepnitz, James Kimmet, Hilda Field, Richard Dorr, Aline Madison, Margaret Ross, John Schwarz, Frank Visovatti, Libby Derenthal, Frances Anhut, Deborah Johnson, Mary Stoddard, Nemesia Publico, Gerri Sullivan, Dominic Bitondo, Leo Zarins, Mary Hayes, Luz/Mila Fernandez, Fr. Henry Hoerburger.

### Baptized in Christ

James Thomas O'Dwyer, son of David and Marie (Cronin) O'Dwyer.  
Benjamin Michael Plegue, son of Michael and Melissa (Petrelus) Plegue.

### Married in Christ

Allison Krusky & Aaron Morey.

### Died in Christ

Bernice Palczynski, mother of Margaret Dunbar.  
Enrico Santos, brother of Laura Hess.

## Join us for Labor Day Mass: Sept. 5

Why not begin the Labor Day holiday by giving thanks to God for our ability to further his creation by our work and labor?



**Labor Day Mass**  
**Monday, September 5**  
**9:15 AM in the main church**

# Beer and Brats with the Padres



All MEN are invited to join us for evening prayer on the feast of St. Padre Pio, **Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. in church.

Afterwards, join our own Padres, Fr. James and Fr. Shaun for beer, brats, and camaraderie. Let us know you're coming, [stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms](http://stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms)

*"Prayer is the best weapon we possess. It is the key that opens the heart of God." -Padre Pio*



## LIVE UNITED

### Attention United Way Donors!

You can designate your contribution to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School and/or Parish. Call [Joe Malinowski at 734/677-7229](tel:7346777229) at the United Way of Washtenaw County for details.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



## Join the Women's Faith & Fellowship

**DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 7pm**

for a celebration of the life of Mother Teresa, who will be canonized on September 4, 2016

Come hear from Beth Spizarny about Blessed Teresa of Calcutta's work with the poorest of the poor and the example she shows of putting mercy into action. Beth spent several weeks working with the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta and helped catalogue articles and letters for her canonization.

Also, hear from our parish St. Vincent Service Committee on the various ways *mercy is put into action here at St. Francis*. Let us know you're coming, sign up at:

[stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms](http://stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms)

*"I heard the call to give up all and follow Christ into the slums to serve him among the poorest of the poor."*  
- Bl. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

# Celebrating Our Parish Patron in October

## --Stories of Mercy

### SAVE THE DATE! OCT. 4 & 24

Join us for an evening of prayer, fellowship and a talk on mercy, as we near the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, October 4**. We will begin with *Evening Prayer* for the Feast of St. Francis, then enjoy a *simple Italian dinner* as fellow parishioners share their "*Stories of Mercy*" with us.

Can't make it on the 4<sup>th</sup>? We will have a second evening for *Stories of Mercy* on **Monday, October 24** with prayer, desserts and the talks.

Please let us know you are coming so we can prepare dinner or desserts for you. **Sign up** on the parish website. You may also contact Marty Lucas at [mlucas@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:mlucas@stfrancisa2.org) or 821-2125.



# Just For You!

## Senior Recognition Mass and Luncheon

**Thursday, September 8 at 11:00AM**

The Washtenaw Catholic Council on Aging with the Diocese of Lansing invites you to this annual event scheduled on September 8 being hosted at:

**Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
420 North St, Milan 48160**



The event will **begin at 11:00 a.m.**, with Mass celebrated by our Lansing Bishop Earl Boyea and will conclude with lunch. Suggested donation of \$10 is greatly appreciated.

**Please RSVP by August 26<sup>th</sup>.** For reservations please sign-up at [www.stfrancisa2.com](http://www.stfrancisa2.com) or contact Scott Wright [swright@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:swright@stfrancisa2.org) or (734-821-2121)

## Seniors @ St. Francis

**Tuesday, September 13**

Join us at 9:15am Mass in the Chapel, then

### Chain of Lakes Boat Tour

10:30am Departure from front of St. Francis Church by carpool to arrive at Zukey Lake Tavern (Pinckney) for

11:30am Lunch (pay on your own).

1:00pm Join "Capt. Scotty" on the 30-ft pontoon-**Our boat is now FULL with 12 passengers. You are still welcome to join us for the lunch only.**

3:00pm Begin return drive

4:00pm Arrive back at St. Francis.



Cost: ... lunch is pay-on-your own. And, **transportation is with our car pool. Car pool drivers are needed.** Questions? Contact: Scott Wright (734-821-2121).

## Y Moms and Dads with Young children



**Join us for Mass at 9:15 a.m.** every 2nd and 4th **Friday** of the month beginning **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14th.**

Mass will be upstairs in the main church and all children are encouraged to come!

**Afterwards, the Mother & Child Network invites you to stay for a fun playgroup!** (see article below)

You are welcome to bring a snack to share.

## M Others Support Groups!!!

**MOMS – Ministry of Moms Sharing  
Friday, September 16**

All Mothers are Invited to Join the Ministry of Mothers Sharing (M.O.M.S.) group: Sept. 16 for Mass and a Potluck. Bring the kids and a dish to share and join us for the 9:15 a.m. Mass (chapel), followed by a potluck and play time for the little ones (nursery).

The M.O.M.S. group meets the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month. Through prayer, presentations and shared experiences, we help each other understand and nurture God's presence in our lives. 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 Mom's Night Out! All are welcome. For details, please email us at: [stfrancismoms@umich.edu](mailto: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. We also have an active summer schedule of special activities. To learn more, contact Tayna Sutton at: [tanyasutton81@gmail.com](mailto:tanyasutton81@gmail.com) (734-395-6651).



## The Children's Liturgy of the Word Resumes on Sunday, September 18. *Adult and Youth Volunteers are Needed!*

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. or 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 proceed to lead the children to the chapel, located in the basement of the church. Here 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.



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 to help lead or assist in the Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass.** Please contact Melissa Milton-Pung at [miltonpung@gmail.com](mailto:miltonpung@gmail.com) or 517-230-6881 if you can help!

## Nursery and Toddlers & 2's (during the 10:30 a.m. Mass)



Beginning Sunday, September 25 during the 10:30 a.m. Mass, St. Francis is offering the Toddlers and 2's program for children aged 1 to 3 years of age as part of the nursery. Interactive games, songs, and bible stories designed for the very young will be offered during the nursery Mass times.

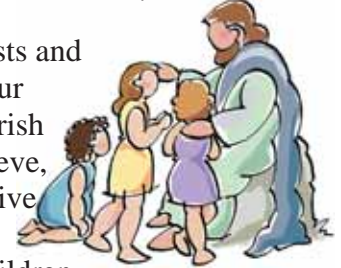
The nursery is located downstairs in church and is best designed for children aged 1 to 3 (and okay for up to 5) years. No pre-registration is needed. Parents may check their children into the nursery when they arrive for Mass. The Toddlers & 2's program runs most Sundays until early May.

**Adult, Middle School, and High School Youth Volunteers are needed.** For questions or to sign up to help in the Toddlers and 2's program, please contact Suzanne Kaji, coordinator at [suzannekaji@yahoo.com](mailto:suzannekaji@yahoo.com) or 517-937-3305 or Ellen Ward at [ward@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:ward@stfrancisa2.org) or 734-821-2132.

## Religious Education Teachers & Aides are Needed

*Saint Paul writes to Timothy, "I recall your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and that I am confident lives also in you (2 Tim 1:5)."*

We are in need of Catechists and Aides to teach and share our Catholic Faith with our parish children. If you pray, believe, and are actively trying to live the Faith, please consider sharing your Faith with children.



Even if you have never taught before, you can succeed as a catechist. The requirements are a devotion to our Lord, as expressed in our Catholic Faith, a love expressed in patience and attentiveness towards children, and a desire to learn! Classes begin the week of September 28. Teaching materials and training are provided.

**The Orientation Meeting for all  
Religious Education Teachers and Aides**  
is  
**Saturday, September 24**  
from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon in  
the Parish Activities Center (PAC)

Teachers and Aides are needed for most sessions:

- Wednesday (6:30 p.m.—7:45 p.m.) grades K-8
- Sunday Sessions A & B (11:15 a.m.-12:20 p.m.) grades preK-8
- Sunday Preschool, and Nursery with Toddler and 2's (10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.)
- Leaders and Aides are also needed for the *Children's Liturgy of the Word* during the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses.

Please contact Ellen Ward at [ward@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:ward@stfrancisa2.org) or 734-821-2132 for more information or to volunteer to teach or assist in teaching the Faith to our parish children!

## Our 2016 Parish Lenten Project for the Diocese of Kottapuram, India that totaled \$18,306.00.

*As the diocese of Kottapuram undertakes many services, all offered to anyone in need, irrespective of creed or caste, the financial burden falls on the small Catholic community.*

Here we publish a brief summary of the letter from Bishop Joseph Karikkassery and Fr. Nixon Kattassery, Executive Director, dated July-03-2016. You can find *more photos*, with a *brief narration* of what has been happening, as well as a *video* regarding the children's program on our St. Francis Parish web site at: [www.stfrancisa2.com/lent](http://www.stfrancisa2.com/lent)



*Dear Rev. Fr. James, With much joy I send you a short narration of all that we could accomplish with the money which you have contributed. We thank you and your parishioners for being so generous and kind. Being aware of the great sacrifices that were made by you and your parishioners to get this money, I have been very careful in utilizing it for the most essential needs of our target group in The Kottapuram Integrated Development Society.*

**Workers**, especially those physically and/or mentally challenged workers, we pray, that all may find productive employment and earn fair wages for their labor. We had organized a one day orientation program with the theme of "empowerment of the physically challenged". Contrary to our usual practice of calling an expert in the field, we called two very young physically challenged women, who had been able to find their place in Society, through struggles to come out from their non-acceptance by Society into a stage of self worth and dignity. One of them, Miss. Rixy Raphael, best Entrepreneur Award Winner of Kerala Social Service Forum 2016, who has problem with her leg, yet very good with her hands has learned handicraft and began her own boutique and now employing 20 women of whom only 7 are physically challenged. She is very proud of the fact that she is able to employ those who are not physically challenged.



**Children:** We pray, that all may find access to a quality education and be given the opportunity to become the best versions of themselves. During the month of May-June we have conducted a very special vacation camp called "Souhrudam" meaning friendship, for the children. The program aimed at bringing the best out of each child through interactions, playing together, dancing and singing together and also to bring the most intrinsic talents like cooking, acting, modeling, etc. Altogether around 600 children participated in the program which was conducted in 4 different parishes. The enthusiasm of the participants as well as the youth trainers.

**Cancer patients and family support program:** We pray, that all may be given the courage and resources they need to live with dignity. We give a lot of emphasis on the care-taking of children of the cancer patients especially their educational and other basic needs, and also for financial support for the cancer patients. On 10th of June, we had a gathering for the cancer patients and their children. The children were given financial support as well as study materials. Most of the parents were also present. During the program some talented children sang for the others. After the gathering, the participants were given tea and snacks.



**Family farmers and those who fish:** We pray, that all may improve harvests to support families, while preserving natural resources. Especially focusing on Youth and children Training programs in family farming, as part of the World Environment Day celebrations, we organized and distributed 2000 plants with a proportion of one tree for one child. Five schools were selected and we went personally with the plants and distributed to each child a plant. With great enthusiasm and with a promise that they will take care of the trees, the children received the plants. This program will be followed up coming months to see whether the children are taking care of the plants.

**Elderly:** We pray, that all may find access to healthcare and medical services. A general medical checkup like taking blood pressure is done every month with the help of nurses. After each gathering, a meal is served to all the participants. Each one of them wait for the day of gathering as they find it as an occasion to laugh and sing together, to share their joys and anxieties with one another.



**C** *Fight Hunger & Support Faith in Flint*  
**ROP Hunger Walk – Sun, Sept. 25**

*YOU can help fight hunger! Take part in the 42nd CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walk.*



St. Francis Parish joins other local congregations in walking 10K (6 miles) or 2K (1 mile) routes to raise funds for international development, local hunger-fighting agencies, and even “Faith in Flint” - an initiative to support the poor in Flint by our own **Catholic Diocese of Lansing Bishop Boyea**. You can designate 75% of the funds you raise to **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)** to fight hunger internationally. The remaining 25% will be granted to “Faith in Flint” anti-hunger programs.

**Sign up to walk or to donate** online at [www.icpj.net](http://www.icpj.net) -OR- pick up a walker’s envelope in the parish office during regular office hours.

**CROP Walk begins at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1400 W. Stadium Blvd, Ann Arbor 48103.**

**Questions?** Contact Germaine Smith at [Germaine@icpj.org](mailto:Germaine@icpj.org) or 734-663-1870, or Kelly Gauthier at [chaysayd@yahoo.com](mailto:chaysayd@yahoo.com) or (734) 769-0807



**Meets September 9th**, at 8:30 a.m. in Church of the Good Shepherd. For over 14 years this interdenominational group, functioning on a shoe string of all volunteer hours, has had a voice in advocacy, educating and fundraising for affordable housing in Washtenaw County.

We need more voices. Please checking out the monthly meeting. **NOTE: info from RAAH-**

*The County Commission looked at the Platt Rd 13.5 acres ongoing discussion of land use, on August 3rd. This land is next to County Farm Park. This land is able to hold a portion of mixed income housing that is desperately needed in Washtenaw County. In 2015 it was determined that our county needs over 2000 affordable dwelling places for its residents. RAAH is an advocate of supporting this land use.*

In the fall there will be a second collection for RAAH at St. Francis. The work of RAAH is fully in line with the current Year of Mercy we are celebrating. The website is : [www.raah.org](http://www.raah.org)

Thank You! For questions or concerns please contact parishioner **Mary Wakefield**, RAAH Secretary, St. Francis Parish Social Justice Member at [mwakefeld2125@gmail.com](mailto:mwakefeld2125@gmail.com)

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734-821-2121 ♦ [justice@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:justice@stfrancisa2.org)  
 Visit our parish website, “Sign Up Forms” link.

**Please Consider Helping**



**WHEN: October 3-9**

**WHERE: IHN Alpha House – a shelter** for homeless families at 4290 Jackson Rd, 48103.

**WHO:** Families and adults (18 and over); consider working with a friend or another family

**WHAT:**

- Provide a dinner (buy, cook, serve, clean up) at 6:00pm
- Provide a hot breakfast (buy, cook, serve, clean up) Sat. or Sunday at 9:00am
- Engage children in activities 7:00 – 8:00pm
- Sleep at Alpha House as an emergency backup to the one staff member on duty - approximately 8:30pm – 7:00am

**HOW:** Sign-up at: [stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms](http://stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms) or contact Vicki Hatch [rbvhatch@yahoo.com](mailto:rbvhatch@yahoo.com) or 734-646-6188.

**Please Signup Soon!**

**Life Chain 2016! Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at the intersection of Washtenaw & Huron Parkway, Ann Arbor 48104

**Stand up for LIFE** from conception to natural death. Be a part of a peaceful, prayerful, legal, family friendly, nationwide PRO-LIFE demonstration! National website: <http://lifechain.net/>



Signs will be available at all four corners of the intersection. We've added more positive signs including phone # to receive or give help. Please remember **our purpose is prayer!** Rain or shine. Please tell your family and friends! **Bring the kids.** A suggested **family donation of \$2.00** would be greatly appreciated! Please **bring baby goods donations** for local pregnancy help centers. Please don't park in the lots of open businesses (ie. Whole Foods & Barnes and Noble). Sponsored by: Pro-Life Action Network Inc, 40 Days For Life Ann Arbor, St Francis Parish, The Word of God & area churches. For parking or other info contact Marilyn Geyer at 734-973-2422, or Sandie Weathers at [proliffeactionnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:proliffeactionnetwork@gmail.com)

**Paid Caregiver Position Available.**

Disabled parish woman in need of assistance in a pleasant home setting in Ann Arbor: Qualified individual would be dependable and compassionate, provide personal care and companionship. Previous caregiving experience not necessary. Morning hours ~ 20 hours/week. Interested individuals please call 734-663-4493.

## Confirmation Meeting **Sept. 18 & 21** for Spring 2017 Candidates (8th grade or High School), Parents, and Sponsors



Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation normally begins in the 7th grade and is celebrated in the eighth grade at St. Francis. The preparation meeting for 8th grade students, (or High School), their parents, and sponsors (if available) is scheduled for *(please plan on attending one these meetings with your youth and their sponsor, if available)* in the **Parish Activities Center (PAC)**:

**Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**or Sunday, September 21 at 3:00 p.m.**

Please note that the Confirmation books were handed out this past May. *Please bring your books to the meeting.* If your youth's sponsor is able to attend the meeting, please invite and encourage them to come along with you, and your son or daughter.

**Questions?** Please contact Ellen Ward at ward@stfrancisa2.org or 734-821-2132.

### **Retreats (Oct. 14-16 and Nov. 18-20)**

The retreat experience is a key part of the preparation for Confirmation. We are fortunate to be able to schedule overnight weekend retreats at Bethany House in DeWitt. Modeled after a well-rounded youth ministry program, the retreats are scheduled for the weekends of October 14-16 and Nov. 18-20 and will allow for a fuller experience of faith and relationships of trust with God and with one another. The focus of the retreats is the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Retreat forms are available on-line at [STFRANCISA2.COM](http://STFRANCISA2.COM) (click on Religious Education) and from the Religious Education Office.

**Retreat forms are due by September 21.** Please register early to ensure space in the weekend of your choosing.



## **Middle School Youth!** **F** aith & Fun Night: *Sunday, Sept. 25* **6:15 p.m. beginning in the PAC**

We missed you over the summer! Come join us for some faith-filled fun with your friends and soon to be friends.

We will be meeting in the Parish Activities Center (PAC) on **Sunday, September 25th at 6:15 p.m. and having fun until 8 p.m.**

Can't wait to see you! Sign up by showing up! For more information, contact Catherine Anderson at [canderson@stfrancisaa.org](mailto:canderson@stfrancisaa.org) or Andrew Kanitz at [akanitz56@gmail.com](mailto:akanitz56@gmail.com)

## **Mass with 6th grade Bible Presentation**



Traditionally, St. Francis Parish provides bibles to the sixth grade students enrolled in the school or Religious Education classes. The bibles are presented to the students during Mass with a special blessing.

This year's bible presentation and blessing for sixth graders will take place at the parish Mass on **Sunday, October 23 at 5 p.m.**

**Sixth grade parents:** Please set aside this time, so that your student may receive the bible and blessing. Family friends, siblings, and relatives are invited to attend!

After Mass, you are invited to dinner together (pizza, salad, dessert) in the Parish Activities Center (PAC). A donation at the door of \$8/adult; \$5/child under 12 yrs; or \$25/family for the dinner is appreciated!

**Help us plan! Please RSVP at the Religious Education Office at [stfreled@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:stfreled@stfrancisa2.org) or call 734-821-2130 with number of family members attending.**

# Register your Child for 2016-2017 Religious Education Classes!

Passing on our faith is the greatest inheritance we can give our children. If your child is not enrolled in St. Francis Parish School, please register for Religious Education classes. Ongoing participation in Religious Education classes, parental involvement, regular attendance at Mass, and practice of the Faith in the home is the normal means of passing on the Faith to our children.

Classes for children in grades preschool through 8th grade *begin the last week of September*. A first grade education is normally required for preparation of First **Holy Communion** in the second grade. Preparation for **Confirmation** begins normally in the 6th grade, and formally in the 7th grade with reception of the sacrament in 8th grade.

Every child is entitled to an education in the Faith. If finances are difficult for you, please let us know.

**Sign up your child** for Religious Education classes on-line at [STFRANCISA2.COM](http://STFRANCISA2.COM)  
or pick up a form at the Parish or Religious Education offices.

For more information, please contact the RE office at [stfred@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:stfred@stfrancisa2.org) or 734-821-2130 or Ellen Ward, Director at [ward@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:ward@stfrancisa2.org) and God bless you!



*"Let the  
little children  
come to me ..."* Mt 19:14

All Middle & High School Students are  
Invited to Join the

## Parish Youth Band!



The **Youth Band** is a growing group of young people, that is open to all middle and high school singers and instrumentalists, and plays during the 12:30 pm Mass twice a month on Sundays.

We play contemporary style music, and there are opportunities to cantor. An added bonus is that we promote friendships with each other and with Jesus Christ.

If you would like more information, please contact Kelly Hernandez at: [khernandez@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:khernandez@stfrancisa2.org) or Ted Emch at: [emch@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:emch@aaps.k12.mi.us)

## PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

*Come learn, develop, and share the gift of song  
that the Lord has given you!*

Join the **PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR**—it is open to all children in the parish in grades K-8 and sings once a month at the 12:30 p.m. Mass, as well some special events, such as the Nativity Carol Service, Children's Stations of the Cross, Christmas Eve Mass and Easter Sunday. Middle School students are especially needed to help with the younger singers. For more information contact Kelly Hernandez at [khernandez@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:khernandez@stfrancisa2.org).

*May the Lord warm your hearts with  
the fire of God's Love*





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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016**

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Lift up your emptiness**

In her poem “If You Have Nothing,” poet and Carmelite nun Jessica Powers wrote, “The gesture of a gift is adequate.” No matter what you have to give, it is the act of giving that is a gift unto the giver. As the Prayer of Saint Francis says, “It is in giving that we receive.” To recognize the true gift we have to offer we need to empty ourselves, step aside, and see what God is offering through us. “If you have nothing,” Powers concludes, “gather back your sigh / and with your hands held high, your heart held high / lift up your emptiness!”

TODAY’S READINGS: *Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33 (129).* “Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.”

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

**Prayer works**

In most countries, May 1, the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, is the day when workers are celebrated. In the United States, however, the first Monday in September is recognized as Labor Day. Ten thousand workers marched in the first Labor Day parade in New York City on Sept. 5, 1882. Today, let’s remember all those who work, those who are unemployed and underemployed, and especially those who are not able to work due to disability or illness. Through the intercession of Saint Joseph, may those without work find hope and work, and may those with work find the joy of labor in all they do and strive to offer others the gifts they’ve received from God.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11 (437).* “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?”

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

**Hands-on holiness**

When someone becomes your hero, you want to have a tangible experience of that person to capture and take home with you. So you go to the concert, attend the lecture, buy the book, see the play ten times. Secretly you hope to have a moment alone with this exceptional person, to get an autograph or selfie, maybe even to touch them—as if their specialness might be transferred to you by association. Jesus never invited this kind of celebrity from his followers. What he wanted was for us to realize that the Holy Spirit’s power lives in us, too.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19 (438).* “Everyone in the crowd sought to touch him because power came forth from him and healed them all.”

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

**Be happy**

The word *beatitudo* comes from the Latin word for “happiness.” God knows how much all of us want to be happy. In fact, as the Catechism says, “this desire is of divine origin: God has placed it in the human heart” in order to draw us “to the One who alone can fulfill it.” In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus listed the blessings that lead to happiness. But they’re not what the world considers blessings. The beatitudes are a revolutionary moral call. Not easy, but take heart, and follow the heart’s desire.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26 (439).* “Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.”

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Seeing the light**

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the oldest Marian feasts on the liturgical calendar. Marking the birth of the Blessed Mother, this day is a celebration not only of Mary but of the gift her life is to our salvation. The Marian hymn “Mary, the Dawn” speaks beautifully of this relationship by declaring, “Mary the dawn, Christ the perfect Day.” It is the light that dawned in Mary that is brought to fullness in Jesus. Today, as we celebrate her birth, let us hold high the gift of life, finding the Light in all we meet.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 (636).* “Behold, the virgin shall . . . bear a son, and . . . name him Emmanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’”

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

MEMORIAL OF PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

**Let my people go**

Pope Pius IX branded slavery the “supreme villainy” at the end of the 19th century. Some 300 years earlier, Spanish Jesuit Peter Claver was ministering to slaves brought to the Americas as part of a flourishing slave trade and plantation economy. This villainy is still very much alive as human trafficking continues today. Catholic Relief Services says you can help by urging Congress to act, supporting the work of CRS, and praying for your sisters and brothers who are enslaved. Visit their website at [CRS.org](http://CRS.org) and search on slavery and human trafficking.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Luke 6:39-42 (441).* “Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible.”

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

**There’s always time for reconciliation**

Today in the year 422, Saint Celestine I began his papacy. He was pope for 10 years and is remembered as the pope who founded the papal diplomatic service. He is also known for saying that “absolution or reconciliation should never be refused to any dying sinner who sincerely asked it; for repentance depends not so much on time as on the heart, which can be changed in a moment when God so wills.” Today, as we continue in this Year of Mercy, let’s pray for all who will die this day, for transformed hearts, repentance, and an acceptance of God’s will.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49 (442).* “The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good.”



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

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## Volunteer training at St. Francis!!!

If you plan to volunteer with our children or youth programs (or are a new employee of our Church or School), you will need to complete the "Protecting God's Children" program (also known as VIRTUS). This program is offered as a live session (preferred), and on-line.

St. Francis Parish is offering a live session at 6:30PM in our School Library on **Tuesday, October 11.**

**To register**, sign up at [www.VIRTUS.org](http://www.VIRTUS.org) (Find complete registration instructions at: [www.dioceseoflansing.org/sites/default/files/files/virtus\\_instructions.pdf](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/sites/default/files/files/virtus_instructions.pdf))

## First Reconciliation (Confession) Preparation Meeting: Oct. 19 & 23

First Reconciliation, also known as First Penance or First Confession, is normally celebrated in the second grade at St. Francis. **Parents of children preparing for the Sacraments**, please mark your calendar to attend one of these meetings with your child in the **Parish Activities Center (PAC):**



**Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m.  
or Sunday, Oct. 23 at 3 p.m.**

Please contact Ellen Ward at 734-821-2132 or [ward@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:ward@stfrancisa2.org) for questions, or if your child is older and in need of the sacraments.

## Classes for Preschool Children to Learn Spanish

We are offering a unique opportunity for preschool children aged 3-5 years to learn Spanish through music, games, & dance basic concepts, such as greetings, numbers, colors, days of the week as well as basic prayers, including the Our Father and Hail Mary.



Classes teach Spanish by full immersion into the Spanish language and culture. Classes begin on Monday, October 3 and runs weekly until May 22 from 2 p.m.-3 p.m. in the church choir room, located in the basement of the church.

**Please sign up** at <http://stfrancisa2.com> (click on *Religious Education*) or call the Religious Education Office at 734-821-2130 or email [stfreled@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:stfreled@stfrancisa2.org) (or contact Ellen Ward at [ward@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:ward@stfrancisa2.org)).

You may also contact the teacher of the class, Lucia Rondon-Cardone at [luciacb70@hotmail.com](mailto:luciacb70@hotmail.com) with questions about the class. A *small fee* of \$50/child covers expenses.

Welcome to faithful learning.

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## Natural Family Planning

The Couple-to-Couple League provides thorough Natural Family Planning (NFP) training in an engaging 3-session course. NFP is a wonderful way for engaged and married couples to enrich their marriage and avoid the health risks associated with artificial contraception. The Sympto-Thermal Method will be taught in the Saline area during the following class series. For questions, contact Kelly Kopinski: [Kelly.Kopinski@gmail.com](mailto:Kelly.Kopinski@gmail.com).

Sept 17, Oct 8, Nov 5 (Sat. 9am-noon)  
Pre-Register: [http://register.ccli.org/class\\_series/9707](http://register.ccli.org/class_series/9707)

Feb 11, March 11, April 8 (Sat. 9am-noon)  
Pre-Register: [http://register.ccli.org/class\\_series/10020](http://register.ccli.org/class_series/10020)

**Summer Mass Schedule:**  
**Sunday 5PM Mass.**  
will resume on  
Sunday, September 18,  
the weekend after our Parish Picnic.

## St. Paul Retreat Center!

Join us at *St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat & Conference Center*. To register, contact Lynnette Marshall at 313/286-2800 or online at [www.stpaulretreat.org/retreats/register-upcoming-retreats](http://www.stpaulretreat.org/retreats/register-upcoming-retreats).

**Grief Support Day / Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows**  
When our life journey is touched by death and the grief that follows, we can turn to Mary for both solace and inspiration.

Thursday, September 15 with 9:30am—registration, retreat from 10:00am—2:00pm.

### Praying the Labyrinth

The Labyrinth is an ancient Christian prayer form often seen as a metaphor for our Spiritual journey, A Pilgrimage to the Holy. The workshop takes place on Sunday, September 25, from 2-4pm. Participants will learn about the history and movements of the Labyrinth as well as experience walking and praying the Labyrinth.

LOOKING FOR *Peace, Healing and Hope* AFTER YOUR **DIVORCE?**

*September 19, 2016*  
7 – 9 P.M. AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI IN ANN ARBOR

The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide will help you:

- Discover how to work through the emotions of separation and divorce.
- Experience personal healing and hope.
- Gain wisdom and comfort from others who share your experiences.
- Address questions of forgiveness and new family dynamics.
- Obtain an understanding of the annulment process.

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LANSING**

The Catholic's **DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide**

Each program is 12 weeks long and begins on Sept. 19. | For more information or to RSVP, call 734.821.2100.

## Christian Meditation:

*No meeting this Monday, Sept. 5*  
7:00-8PM in the lower level Chapel

Meditation is an ancient form of contemplative prayer that seeks God in the silence and stillness beyond word or thought. Whether you are new to meditation or an experienced meditator, please contact parishioner Paul Thompson at 734-646-5591 for more information or just show up.



## What does the Sunday Gospel Mean?

*Meets Wednesday Mornings*



The Gospel Group 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:* call Tricia at 734-369-2312.

## Help Us Rebuild Lives After Disaster Flood in Louisiana

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is helping those most in need of all faiths affected by the disaster, and they’ll be around for the long haul, assisting families to rebuild their lives to become whole again.

In order to support these efforts, the Diocese of Baton Rouge has established a special account, “Diocese of Baton Rouge Disaster Assistance Fund.” Monetary donations are critically needed at this time.

**To give online,** VISIT: <http://www.diobr.org/> You may also **donate by mail**—please make checks payable to “Diocese of Baton Rouge,” reference “Disaster Assistance Fund” in the memo section and mail to: Diocese of Baton Rouge, Attn: Disaster Assistance Fund, P.O. Box 2028, Baton Rouge LA 70821-2028

For more information, please contact Tammy V. Abshire, CFRE, Director of Stewardship, at 225-242-0108 or [tabshire@diobr.org](mailto:tabshire@diobr.org).

**Dinner! · Auction! · Dancing!**

**Saturday, October 8; 6PM**

🎵 **Co-Chairs** 🎵

Mary Karen McClellan & Danaica Watson

*Make a reservation today for the 15th annual Educational Trust Fund Benefit at [www.stfrancisa2.com/etf](http://www.stfrancisa2.com/etf) or call Colleen Pierce in the Development Office at 734.821.2208. Enjoy an all inclusive evening of dinner, a silent and live auction, and dancing for \$125 at the elegant Michigan Union Ballroom.*

## Job: Forensics Coach needed!

St. Francis Parish School is looking for a middle school forensics coach that can work with our 6th, 7th and 8th graders on developing their oratory skills through the mediums of storytelling, poetry, monologues, duo performance and ensemble plays. Kids learn to gain confidence through fun skill development and ultimately compete in two tournaments during the year, in December and April, in which they perform a 4-6 minute speech in front of a judge and competitors their own age from across the state. *We're looking for someone with public speaking experience that enjoys working with kids, is organized, and can run an entire program from September through April.*

Former coach Michael Spath will be happy to offer his help as you get settled into the position. If interested, please email principal, Julie Pritzel at [jpritzel@stfrancisaa.org](mailto:jpritzel@stfrancisaa.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.

## 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!

<u>9/5</u> Clarissa Babila Lisa Bailey Gillian Boston Christopher Cheng Ann Edwards Suzanne Erkkinen Caroline Higgins Greg Huntoon Maria McFarland Ann Moln Scott Porter Parker Sanford Cathy Schulz Lorie Uranga	Beckett Gase Dorothy Greca Christopher Hemwall Marie Lemmer William Libs Christine Masini Herbert Meingast Fernando Nunez Benjamin Swastek Mackenzie Turriff Arthur Walters Mary Weg Antoni Wierzbicki	David Miller Amy Olszewski Michael Reid Marlaine Riley Ellie Robinson Molly Roh Catherine Shields Christina Uytingco Philong Vu Margaret Walterhouse	Ezekiel Siegert Ethan Tunison	Liam Cross Paul Dannels Morgan Douglas Liam Engling Deanna Hoydic Mike Huget Joana Laucius Ava Love Elisabeth McClellan Ashton Miller Meghan Napolitan Nathan O'Sullivan Renee Pfeiffer Brooklyn Rue Charles Stankovic Edward Steinhoff Angela Szweczul Martin Topliss Kimberly Tynan Zachary Vitek Grace Wissman Sarah Yousif	Jenny Cabrera Debby Camalo Dan Criscenti Richard Fetchiet Bolanle Gaba Donald Gilbert Karen Holeva Judith Inge Julia Jackowski Chloe Kim Gary Kostlan Pamela Lowe Tyler Madden Gloria Murphy Riley Nettle Debra Obi Mila Plasabas Julia Quantock Melvin Rassier Lauren Robinson John Sherry Christopher Shukait Iva Smith Peter Stumpo Abbey Voight Jamie Zawistowski	
<u>9/6</u> Frank Alex Peter Arno James Balmer Isaiah Barrientes Terese Bertcher Ethan Bolanos Andrew Castrogiovanni Patricia Douglass Eli Ferris Kiernan Gase	<u>9/7</u> Deborah Bratkovich Sophia Brown Alan Carroll Samantha Coleman Paul Conway Marvin Crisostomo Florence Deanhofer Linda DesJardins Robert Duerksen Madeline Gaines Bryce Grover LeLand Helmick Bianca Karibian	<u>9/8</u> Paul Akande Alan Boyle Heidi Bryan III Abby Cheng Gwendolyn Comai Jasmine Dinh Madeline Fichtner Kaitrin Kennison Ping Kho Abigail Mehraban Vincent Prezecki Arianna Prezecki Charlotte Pung Jayne Safi Margie Sauter Meghan Shaughnessy	<u>9/9</u> Jeff Crause William Eiden Sandra Elser Lauren Fortini Claire Fredericks Sharon Gallo Sara Huige-Uytingco Ernest Kurtz Naomi Nairn Linda Nearing James Palm Andrea Ratigan James Rutt Mark Sercu John Stando Geraldo Uytingco Claire Weadock Maya Wooley Cara Yonovitz Jennifer Zakrajsek	Ernest Kurtz Naomi Nairn Linda Nearing James Palm Andrea Ratigan James Rutt Mark Sercu John Stando Geraldo Uytingco Claire Weadock Maya Wooley Cara Yonovitz Jennifer Zakrajsek	<u>9/10</u> Laura Bear Walter Brown	<u>9/11</u> Ana Arreola Paula Arreola Nadine Brown Carolyn Buckingham



# Bulletin Board

## Job Openings:

### St. Francis Parish School

Substitute Teachers needed

Must pass a criminal background check and complete the *Protecting God's Children* program. Additional information available upon request. Please send cover letter and resume to principal, Julie Pritzel at [jpritzel@stfrancisaa.org](mailto:jpritzel@stfrancisaa.org)



### St. Francis Parish

Maintenance/Custodial position

Maintenance/Custodial position—full-time or part-time needed! This job consists of routine work to maintain the cleanliness and light maintenance of the church, school and administrative offices. This position reports directly to the Parish Business Manager and is expected to work 12 p.m. - 8 p.m including at least one weekend day. Please email your resume to Michael Scott, Parish Business Manager, at [mScott@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:mScott@stfrancisa2.org) or call 734-821-2111 for questions.

## 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@stfarancisA2.org](mailto:frjames@stfarancisA2.org). Our printed list is being held for the security and confidentiality of families.

## Thank You for Your Support!!!

### Sunday Collection:

Thank you for your generous support of our parish and its ministry! **Tithing for August 28** was \$15,967 which includes Children's good deeds and 6 envelopes and \$7. Special collections as of 8/28/16 for Catholic Habitat House was \$4,408, and for Peter's Pence was \$1,562.

**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.*