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With your help, we can achieve our mission.

The mission of the Educational Trust Fund (ETF) of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish is to preserve the viability of a Catholic school as part of the ministry of the parish while ensuring its long-term fiscal stability together with other sources of income including tuition, development efforts and parish support.

More than \$1.1 million has been awarded to the school since the inception of the ETF.



*“Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them;
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”*

Luke 18: 16





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A tradition of teaching and ministering since 1952.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School has been providing a vibrant Catholic education to generations of students since its founding in 1952. Our storied success of educating tomorrow's leaders with a rigorous, faith-based curriculum steeped in academic excellence, is due, in large part, to the contributions of the greater St. Francis of Assisi parish community.

Nearly thirty years ago, the Educational Trust Fund was established to ensure the long-term financial health and stability of our flourishing school. In tandem with gifted administrators, dedicated teachers and involved parents, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School continues to buck the national trend of declining Catholic school enrollment with steadfast resolve.

Educational Trust Fund timeline:

1987

Educational Trust Fund established with \$600,000 raised for parish religious education.

1988/89

\$15,938 awarded to the school.

2000

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School becomes the sole beneficiary of the ETF.

2001

First annual ETF Benefit.

Giving to a great place:

60

60+ years of Catholic education excellence



Largest elementary/middle Catholic school in Washtenaw County

9

9 ETF Trustees



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2007

Trust Fund principal exceeds \$1,000,000.

2011

Leadership Circle created to ensure ETF growth.

2015

Trust Fund principal exceeds \$2,000,000.

2016/17

\$87,000 awarded to the school.



Since its inception, 50+ Leadership Circle members

5%

5% of the rolling three year balance is awarded to the school each year

\$

Cost of educating one student: \$7,125 (2015/16)

Leading the way to continued growth.

The Educational Trust Fund Leadership Circle was established in 2011 to ensure strong, consistent growth of the Trust Fund over time. This dedicated group is comprised of charitable families who make a multi-year pledge to the Trust Fund of at least \$1,000 per year for five consecutive years. Their generosity is a tremendous blessing which will help to guarantee a fiscally sound award to the school each year in direct support of the operating budget.





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A legacy that makes a lasting difference.

Members of the Legacy Society have expressed their commitment to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School through a very special and important form of financial support. These donors have named the St. Francis of Assisi Educational Trust Fund as the ultimate beneficiary of a planned gift. The easiest way to make a planned gift is to name the St. Francis of Assisi Educational Trust Fund in your will or trust. The bequest can be of any amount and can consist of property, securities, real estate, life insurance, cash or anything else of value. Your membership in the Legacy Society allows us to recognize and thank you for your generous plans.



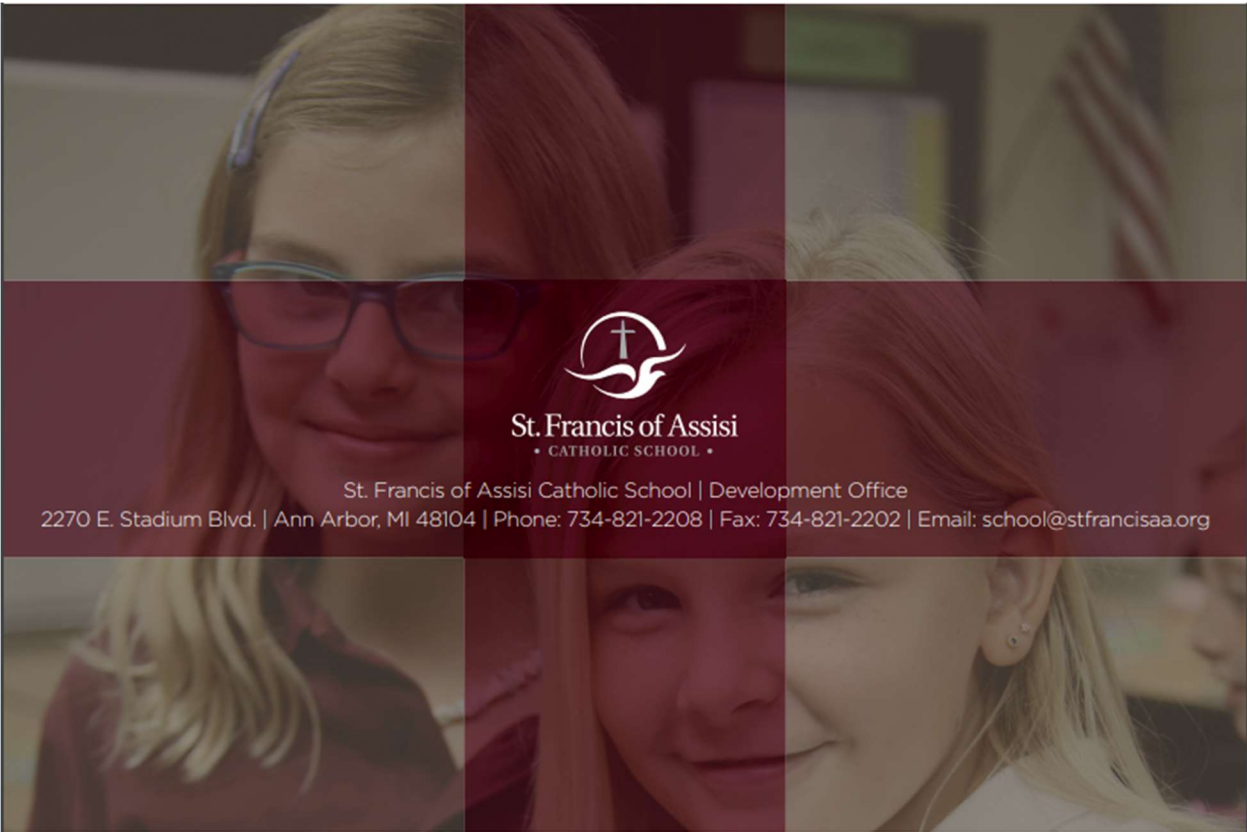
Plan today. And ensure a blessed tomorrow.

Help us to ensure that St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School will have the means necessary to continue providing a faith-based education built on academic excellence for generations to come.

Contributions to the St. Francis of Assisi Educational Trust Fund may be made through donations of:

- Cash gifts
- Appreciated stock
- Life insurance
- Real estate and personal property
- Retirement assets

Gifts made to the EFT are an investment in our students, our community and our faith.
Plan your gift today to ensure Catholic education for tomorrow.



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