



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.

WELCOME!

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.

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

Forum

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 11, 2023

True Devotion: Look to the Saints

"Every saint of the Catholic Church has been deeply devoted to the Blessed Sacrament. In fact, there is no sanctity without the Eucharist." (Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.)

If we want to become saints, we need to look to the saints, especially their devotion to the Holy Eucharist, Christ's Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, which was given to us at the Last Supper and again on the Cross, which is offered to us at each and every Mass we attend. Today, we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. *"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day."* (Jn 6:54)

St. Thérèse of Lisieux and Blessed Carlo Acutis are two, among many, of the saints who stand as testaments to the beauty of true devotion to the Eucharist. At age 11, Blessed Carlo asked his parents to take him to visit all the sites of Eucharistic miracles in southern Europe. St. Thérèse loved to throw roses as she participated in Eucharistic processions and once said, *"I was never so happy as when I saw my roses touch the sacred monstrance."* Do we have that same joy when we are in the presence of and receive the Holy Eucharist?

June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. St. Margaret Mary, known as the apostle of modern devotion to the Sacred Heart, said, *"Today the Lord destines you to honor His glorified life in the Blessed Sacrament. That is why He wishes you to enthrone yourself on the Cross. He wants you to glorify Him by carrying lovingly all those crosses which He presents to you, without ever letting yourself grow weary or complaining of their length or weight."* Christ shares with us not only his Body and Blood but his Cross. Regular reception of the Holy Eucharist gives us the strength we need to carry our crosses.

St. Thomas Aquinas once said, *"The Eucharist is not a medicine for mortal sin — it is rather food for those in the state of grace."* Christ asks that we come forward to receive him without stain of sin. When we receive Communion, we become vessels that take Christ out into the world to share him with others. Our bodies become living tabernacles.

At last Friday's 8th grade graduation Mass, the hymn "Draw Near" was beautifully sung by a group of 8th grade choir members. Passing by, and with each step forward as I readied my heart to receive Jesus, those words took on such a beauty for me.

*Draw near, draw near! Take the body of your Lord. Drink the blood for you outpoured!
Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere and take the pledges of salvation here.
Christ, who in this life all the saints defends, gives all believers life that never ends.*

Christ is asking us to draw near to him in the Eucharist. Let's take care that our hearts, minds, bodies and souls are in a sufficient state of grace to accept His invitation. Let us take every opportunity to spend time with him.

Susan Wawrzaszek, Coordinator of Worship



St. Francis of Assisi Directory**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

The following masses are
livestreamed at this time:
7:00 pm on Saturday, 10:30am on
Sunday, and 9:15 on Thursday.

The Church is open for public prayer
from 10am to 8pm on Saturdays
and 8:30am to 2pm on Sundays
8am to 7pm on Weekdays

Weekend Mass:

Saturday 5:00pm and 7:00pm. *en español*;
Sundays 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, 5pm

Weekday Masses:

In Church on Monday-Friday at 9:15am.

Holy Hour:

Live streamed Thursdays after 9:15am Mass.

Daily Rosary:

M—W, F at 8:45am
Thursday as part of Holy Hour

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Baptism: A pre-baptism class is required
before the baptism. For details and to
register, contact Fr. Vinton at 821-2100 or
see the *Baptism* link at our website.

Marriage Preparation: Please call the
Pastor 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.

Letters of Good Standing: To receive a
letter of good standing from the parish to
be a Baptism Godparent, Confirmation
sponsor, or marriage preparation mentor/
sponsor you must be registered,
participating, and contributing to St.
Francis Parish for at least 6 months prior
to the request. *Requests must be made
online at stfrancisa2.com/letters.*

**Are You Experiencing a Life-Changing
Event & Need Temporary Assistance?**
Call the Parish Office if experiencing
difficult situations like serious illness, new
baby, miscarriage, hospital recovery, etc.
For help in the form of a compassionate
ear, prayers, meals, laundry help,
transportation, etc.

2150 Frieze Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Phone: 734-821-2100 or Fax: 734-821-2102

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8:30am-5:00pm, or by appointment.
Please call the office for appointments.

Parish Registration

Register online on the parish website www.stfrancisa2.com/im-new

| <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 |
| | | <i>Pastoral Council, Mary Jane Tramontin</i> | mjtram46@gmail.com |
| | | <i>Knights of Columbus, Gerald Wrubel</i> | 734-846-1785 |
| | | <i>Educational Trust Fund, Jeff Higgins</i> | jchiggins27@gmail.com |
| Parochial Vicar | 821-2100 | Fr. John Vinton | frjohn@stfrancisa2.org |
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| Deacon | 734-930-4536 | Dcn Gene Leger | gleger@stfrancisa2.org |
| Parish Office Admin. Assist. | 821-2100 | Julie Kanitz | parishoffice@stfrancisa2.org |
| Parish Office Admin. Assist. | 821-2100 | Mark Kempton | parishoffice@stfrancisa2.org |
| Parish Business Manager | 821-2111 | Robert Kehn, CMA | rkehr@stfrancisa2.org |
| | | <i>Finance Council: John Dunlap</i> | |
| | | <i>Parish Ministry Center Construction: Dcn Tom Arehart</i> | |
| Bookkeeper (church) | 821-2112 | LaQuanda Marshall | lmarshall@stfrancisa2.org |
| Bookkeeper (school) | 821-2113 | Jackie Pearson | jpearson@stfrancisa2.org |
| Outreach, Service & Justice | 821-2121 | Scott Wright | swright@stfrancisa2.org |
| | | <i>St. Vincent Service Ministry, Thomas Mussio</i> | |
| | | <i>Life, Peace & Justice Ministry, Kelly Gauthier & Dick Brown</i> | |
| | | <i>Senior Citizen Committee, Sharon Wright</i> | |
| Music & Liturgy Ministry | 821-2124 | Jonathan Hasey | jhasey@stfrancisa2.org |
| Worship Coordinator | 821-2123 | Susan Wawrzaszek | liturgy@stfrancisa2.org |
| Adult Faith Groups & Adult RCIA Ministry | 821-2122 | Kelly Hernandez | khernandez@stfrancisa2.org |
| Religious Ed. Office | 821-2130 | | stfreled@stfrancisa2.org |
| | | <i>Rel. Ed. Secretary 821-2130..Helena Bichakjian (habla español) ...</i> | stfreled@stfrancisa2.org |
| Religious Ed Director | 821-2132 | Ellen Ward | ward@stfrancisa2.org |
| School Principal | 821-2200 | Julie Pritzel | jpritzel@stfrancisaa.org |
| Pre-K/ESP Director | 821-2290 | Christina Busse | cbusse@stfrancisaa.org |
| School Secretary | 821-2200 | Aarika Stovcsik | school@stfrancisaa.org |
| School Secretary | 821-2200 | Lou-Ann Morrill | school@stfrancisaa.org |
| | | <i>School Improvement, Merrit Gilliland</i> | |
| | | <i>ESP Committee, Jackie Lapinski</i> | |
| Maintenance Supervisor | 821-2152 | Reynaldo Romero | rromero@stfrancisa2.org |

PARISH STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

| | PSG | Cash/Check | YTD offertory | YTD Budget |
|-----------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Previous Months | \$ 914,904 | \$ 991,776 | \$ 1,906,680 | \$ 2,120,000 |
| Current Month to Date | \$ 16,481 | \$ 13,471 | \$ 29,952 | \$ 45,000 |
| Fiscal Year To Date | \$ 931,385 | \$ 1,005,247 | \$ 1,936,632 | \$ 2,165,000 |

Vacation Bible School (VBS)
July 24-28 | 9 a.m. to 12 noon
St. Francis Parish School & Grounds

Vacation Bible School is July 24-28 for children in grades PreK-5 with middle and high school aides. Sign up at: <https://stfrancisa2.wufoo.com/forms/2023-vacation-bible-school-signup/>

Give a Mass Remembrance Card
FATHER'S DAY is Sunday, June 18

We invite you to remember your father, grandfather or Godfather, either living or deceased, at our Father's Day Masses on June 17/18. Please take one of the cards at the entrances of the Church. Fill out the outer envelope and place it, along with a donation, in the collection basket, or return it to the Parish office **no later than noon on Monday, June 12.**

Send the Father's Day card and inner envelope to your father, grandfather or Godfather for Father's Day. All fathers will be remembered at the Masses on Father's Day weekend, and their names will be printed in the Father's Day bulletin.

**Farewell Father John Vinton**

Join us on **Wednesday, June 21st, 2023**, for Mass at 9:15 AM and, after Mass, all are welcome to celebrate and bid a farewell blessing to honor Father John Vinton for three years of service to St. Francis of Assisi Parish as he prepares to leave our parish to take his new role as Fr. Gabriel Richard High School Chaplain. At 10:00AM we will gather outside near the front of the St. Francis Parish Activities Center PAC.

Also, please consider signing-up to help decorate or bring a particular Dish to Share. Bring FRUIT or QUICHE, EGGS or a BREAKFAST CASSEROLE or a SWEET BREAD, or call Scott (734-821-2121). Our parish seniors will provide the cake, the coffee, water, tableware & paper products, & serving warmers to keep your hot dishes warm, and ice to keep cold dishes cold.

Please help! www.signupgenius.com/go/fatherjohn

Please donate to St. Francis by PSG



YTD Budget Shortfall: \$228,368

Thank you to parishioners that have recently enrolled with ParishSoft Giving (PSG) to support the operations and ministries of Saint Francis. The number of donors using PSG has grown more than 15%. More than 900



donors have elected to donate on a **recurring basis:** monthly, weekly, every other week, quarterly, or annually. Another 100 donors choose to donate periodically

as they are able. Everyone has the ability to increase or decrease their donations as their financial circumstances change. Finally, PSG users have the option to use their credit card or a direct debit from a bank account.

Donating online provides **flexibility and security** to you while ensuring a steady income to the Parish. Your consistent financial commitment supports dozens of ministries that educate and nourish the spiritual lives of hundreds of children everyday and thousands of families all year long. Along with tuition, offertory income provides a living wage and good benefits to more than 100 full- and part-time employees. Offertory allows the Parish to meet its financial obligations to scores of vendors that provide a wide range of services and supplies.

The "business" of running a parish falls between a large household and a small corporation. All the typical elements are what you would expect: electricity, heating fuel, snow removal, repairs, maintenance, custodial, etc... The entire staff continues a long-standing tradition of conservative budget management despite having to navigate the same cost increases we all see in the market.

I appreciate your stewardship of and investment in Saint Francis Parish.

~Robert Kehn, Parish Business Manager

This Week at St. Francis

Monday June 12:

- 8:45 AM Rosary
 9:15 AM **Mass:** +Mr. Peter Joseph Bankert—Mark and Molly Roh
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts—Gym
 7:00 PM Divorced/Separated—S. Library, Zoom
 7:00 PM Christian Meditation—Zoom

Tuesday June 13: Saint Anthony of Padua

- 8:45 AM Rosary
 9:15 AM **Mass:** +Tom Powell—Marianne Powell

Wednesday June 14:

- 8:45 AM Rosary
 9:15 AM **Mass:** +Michelle N. Mabuto—Linda Doernte
 10:00 AM Gospel Group—Church Library

Thursday June 15:

- 8:00 AM Women's Faith Sharing—Youth Room
 9:15 AM **Mass:** Intentions of April 22nd Wedding Blessings for Michael and Charlotte (Tomczyk) O'Brien—Kat Rothe van Deventer
 8:30 PM Men's Basketball—Gym

Friday June 16: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

- 8:45 AM Rosary
 9:15 AM **Mass:** Celebrating the 54th wedding anniversary: James and Diane Turek—Diane Turek

Saturday June 17: The Immaculate Heart of Mary

- 7:00 AM That Man is You—PAC
 3:30 PM Confessions
 5:00 PM **Mass:** For our specially remembered men
 7:00 PM **Misa en español:** For our specially remembered men

Sunday June 18: Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

- 8:30 AM **Mass:**
 10:30 AM **Mass:** All Masses
 12:30 PM **Mass:** For our specially remembered men
 5:00 PM **Mass:**

For Daily Readings, see the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website at:
usccb.org/bible/readings

Allergies & Communion

Are you gluten intolerant and therefore cannot receive Communion? If so, we have a special low gluten host that you can receive at Communion time. For more information, please call Sue Wawrzaszek: 734-821-2123.

Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers:

Alex Bobowski, Larry Yonovitz, John Summers, Ralph Almer, Julie Kanitz, Judy Stingo, Jennifer Bachman, Carolyn Kusch, Joe Leger, Marty Lucas, Frank Hamilton, Kenneth Bruneau, Jackie Beaulieu, Ralph Iannelli, Kyle Ignatoski, Antonia Cordina, Marc Yeiter, Rose Marie Winslow, James Soltau, Laila Stankovic, Warren Bonham, Paul Pilon, Nunu Lysloff, Annie Cleary, Jeffrey Himlin, Harris Dufek Holland, Rebecca Bolton, Dwight Gilbert, Barbara Kramer, Ralph Zircher, Elizabeth Walkowiak, Roger Schneggenburger, Megan Hogan, Jan Suomala, Rob Iocca, Francisco Javier Iturbe Velázquez, JoAnne O'Brien, Tina Bellestri, Raul Cainghug, Nancy Schenk, Shaqe Kalaj, Michael Griffin, Theresa Roth, Dale Buckland, Leonard Sanchez, Stella Wiktorski, Fr. Terry Dumas, Kim Pavicich, Chan Han, Mary Himlin, Nancy Rolph, Fe Chan, David Hasey, Ken Echter-nach, Marian Bessy, Kristie Harbaugh, Andrea Jackman, Cristina Pereira, Lois Russell, Michelle Smith, George Leckrone, Don Emerson, Juan Velazquez, Ellsworth Stout, Arthur O'Neil, Ernest Toth, Don Mierzwa, Guadalupe Moralez, Rita Vorek, Sarah Huige Uytingco, Geraldo Uytingco, Edgar Celestino, Mark Nakashima, Michael Fleszar, Helen Rysse, Bob Toth, Kathy Casalino-Ghisleni, Kathy Miller, Carol Lemke, Kathy King, Ines Morales, Bob Ruelle, Lima Rose, Jim Conlon, Mary Stoddard, Tina Kuehnle, Patricia Broecker, Jesenia Salazar-Godinez, Rosalie Ventimiglia, Shari McArthur, Gerald Montry, Helen Ybarra, Autumn Osborn



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.

Baptized in Christ:

- Amari Cecilia Pantoja, daughter of Charles and Jennifer Pantoja

Married in Christ:

- Elmer Rivas-Escobar & Yanira Gonzalez-DeRivas

Died in Christ:

- Marielle Mengozzi, sister of Stefano Mengozzi

Prayer Lamp (6/10-6/16):

+Tom Powell—By His Family

Saint Joseph Candle (6/9-6/11):

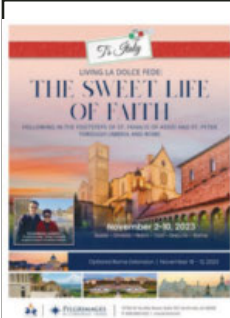
+James Kirby—Cheryl Genord

BRING JESUS!

Homebound Eucharistic Ministry Team Building Events for all ministers in the Ann Arbor area. Learn more here:

www.stfrancisa2.com/homebound-ministry

Questions? Scott Wright 734-821-2121



Join Fr. James and Teresa Tomeo of Ave Maria Radio on a Pilgrimage to Italy from Nov 2- 10 to visit:

- Orvieto- a medieval Papal city,
- Greccio- where St. Francis built the first living Nativity,
- Assisi- home of Sts. Francis and Clare, and
- Rome - the eternal City as they explore the Sweet life of Faith.

Contact Fr. James or for more information go online or call 855-305-8982 to speak to Brandon or Jenna at Corporate Travel Service for more details.



John & Kelly Kopinski have two Sympto-Thermal NFP class series left in 2023. These are for married and engaged couples (counts for marriage prep requirement). **Online Class:** May 21, June 11 & July 16 6:30-9:30 p.m. (via Zoom) **In Person Class:** Sept. 17, Oct. 15 & Nov. 12 1:30-4:30 p.m. (Saline, MI)

Please contact Kelly at Kelly.Kopinski@gmail.com to register for either class.



Would You Like to Share Your Flowers & Greens

Our Art & Environment Committee at St. Francis is inviting you to share some of the beauty of your yard to enhance our worship space here at Church. **Do you have flowers or greens from your yard that you would like to share at various times throughout the Summer months?** If so, you may bring them to Church on Thursdays or Fridays at 10:00am (immediately following the 9:15 morning Mass), or call Bridget McGillicuddy at 734-883-9112 to arrange a time to meet her at Church.

Let's share the beauty of God's creation!

REGISTER
STFRANCISAZ.COM/SIGN-UP-FORMS

Christian DANCE CARDIO

Parishioner, Christy Cuthbertson, is a dance instructor and has a passion for combining her love of Jesus with her love of dance. Come join us as we praise God through dance to Christian worship music.

\$50 suggested donation for 7 sessions

MONDAYS
May 8, 15, 22, June 5, 12, 19, 26

TIME
6-6:45 PM
outdoors, or if rain, in the school gym

CONTACT
CHRISTY_CUTHBERTSON@YAHOO.COM

Find new life in your relationship with God



We are continually being called into closer relationship with God, but often we are too distracted or too busy to notice. When we do notice and respond to God's invitation, our lives have more purpose, more joy, and more peace. Monthly spiritual direction is one way to realize God's presence in our lives and to receive these gifts.

Call Janene Ternes at 734-436-1351 for more information or to arrange an exploratory, confidential visit, in person or virtually, with one of our experienced Spiritual Directors.

Support for Divorced & Separated

Meets Mondays 7-9 p.m. in the School Library (Zoom option also available)

Are you divorced or separated? Would you like support? We invite you to join us each Monday evening at 7 p.m. Find comfort, counsel and healing with others on the same journey. Whether you got divorced ten days ago or ten years ago, this group offers valuable insights for everyone. For questions, contact Jeff at [734-678-0995](tel:734-678-0995).

Are you one of the many people who were married outside the Church? Did your marriage take place in a non-Catholic Church or another place of worship? Would you like to have that civil marriage convalidated and blessed by the Church- and thus be restored to reception of the Sacraments?

If yes, please contact Fr. James at the Parish Office: **734-821-2100.**



Assisi Center Construction Update

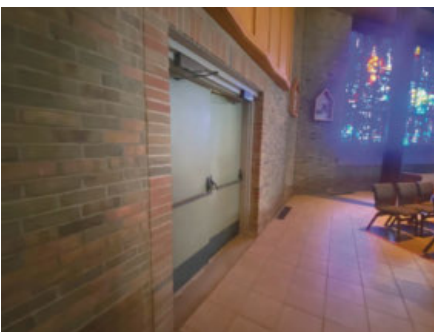
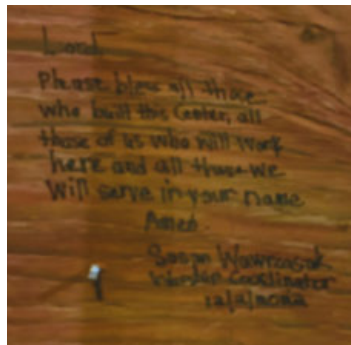
The Assisi Center is in its final stages of construction! The contractor is no longer here on a daily basis and will be back on site for final inspections and to install two major items: the **elevator** in late June and the **partition doors** for the main room in mid-August. We continue to work with the City of Ann Arbor to gain final approval to replace the west **parking lot** and to repair the asphalt on the south side of the building.

Here are just a few glimpses from the journey.



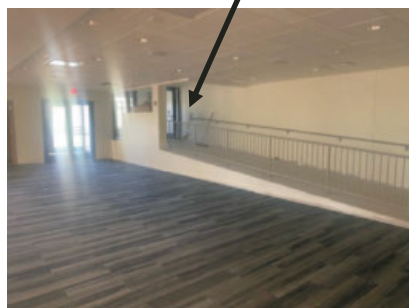
We've come a very long way!

This building will be a blessing to the Saint Francis community for generations to come!



Yes, this door will have a wood grain finish! But, look what's on the other side...

Check out the Saint Francis website for many more pictures!



OCIA

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA) IS FOR ANYONE (7+) SEEKING TO BE BAPTIZED AND ENTER INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AS WELL AS ADULT CATHOLICS SEEKING COMPLETION OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION (E.G., CONFIRMATION OR FIRST COMMUNION). AT EACH OCIA SESSION, WE'LL LOOK AT ONE ASPECT OF THE FAITH, SHARING THE KEY TEACHINGS AND BELIEFS WITH YOU. IT IS ALSO A TIME TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING THE CATHOLIC FAITH. WE WILL BEGIN MEETING FOR THESE SESSIONS TOWARDS THE END OF SUMMER/EARLY FALL.

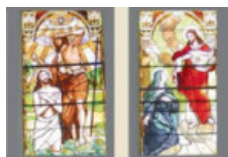
CONTACT KELLY HERNANDEZ
KHERNANDEZ@STFRANCISA2.ORG | (734) 821-2122

Join the Parish Pastoral Team!

Saint Francis Parish has several opportunities for you to join the team. Please consider the following, either for yourself or for someone that you think might like to join us:

- **Pastoral Associate**-highlights include:
 - Bulletin and website
 - Parish Register
 - Connection with the sick and those who recently received sacraments
 - Resume/cover letter: frjames@stfrancisa2.org
- **High School Ensemble Vocal Director**-highlights include:
 - Vocal directing 15-30 youth singers
 - Rehearse prior to and serve at 12:30 Mass
 - Planning and communicating
 - Resume/cover letter: jhasey@stfrancisa2.org
- **Handbell Choir Director**-highlights include:
 - Lead two 3-octave choirs
 - Rehearse 3 evenings/month and ring at 3 Masses/month
 - Special ringing at Christmas and Easter
 - Resume/cover letter: jhasey@stfrancisa2.org

Detailed job descriptions can be found at:
www.stfrancisa2.com/career-opportunities/



Pilgrimage to Sacred Heart, Hudson, Friday, June 16th.

This trip is on The Feast of the Sacred Heart and organized especially for a spirit-filled day with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, devotional prayer, and sharing our Catholic faith with Scott Wright leading us in this time at his home parish. Please sign-up by June 12th to join us! Here is our itinerary:

9:15am Mass at St. Francis, Ann Arbor.

9:55am our carpool departs from the front of St. Francis Church.

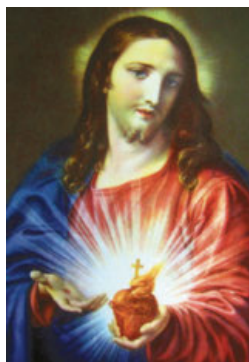
11:30am arrive for lunch and visit. (Lunch is pay on your own. Bring money for your lunch.) After lunch with **Father Todd K.** we'll see the church and pray the Sacred Heart devotion.

Between 3-3:30pm arrive back in Ann Arbor for a visit from 3pm-5:30pm at **The Shroud of Turin Exhibit at St. Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor.** We have scheduled a guide to give us a tour of this (when we all arrive). (Your participation in this optional additional activity can be worked out with each carpool driver).

Please sign-up [HERE](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/hudson): www.signupgenius.com/go/hudson or contact Scott Wright (734-821-2121) swright@stfrancisa2.org

June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the symbol of Christ's great love and mercy for all of us. The Sacred Heart is usually depicted as a heart aglow with divine light, pierced by the lance and bleeding, often surrounded by a crown of thorns, surmounted by a cross. While the wounds and crown of thorns point to the manner of Christ's death, the fire represents the transformative power of Christ's love.

The modern form of this beautiful devotion is derived from St. Margaret Mary who in the 17th century received many visions from Christ urging her to encourage devotion to his Sacred Heart and for all believers to perform acts of reparation in its honor. In response to this Jesus promised many blessings and graces to all who venerate and take refuge in his Sacred Heart.



It was from this urging that the tradition of *First Fridays* was first introduced. Pope Pius XI in his encyclical *Miserentissimus Redemptor*, stated: *"the spirit of expiation or reparation has always had the first and foremost place in the worship given to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus"*. In 2008, Pope Benedict XVI renewed this call to all Catholics to renew their devotion to the Sacred Heart during the month of June.

Prayer to the Sacred Heart

Most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I love You. With a lively sorrow for my sins I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, and pure, and perfectly obedient to Your Will. Good Jesus, grant that I may live in You and for You. Protect me in the midst of danger and comfort me in my afflictions. Bestow on me health of body, assistance in temporal needs, Your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen

Are you interested in attending the National Eucharistic Congress, July 17-21, 2024?

We are gauging interest in attendance for the National Eucharistic Congress scheduled for Wed. July 17- Sun. July 21, 2024 in Indianapolis, Indiana. We would like to see if we have enough interest to organize a group trip (including bus to and back, hotel stay, and discounted group rate ticket to attend the congress.) If you are interested in attending please fill out the form on our parish website: stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms or via the QR code →



Please note the following:

Individual tickets cost \$375, but we would get a discounted rate of \$299.

Family rate tickets are \$299 per parent, \$99 per

child (3+). Children 0-2 free.

Travel expenses (including bus and hotel accommodations) will be based on current rates. We will have these listed on the registration form if we do confirm a parish-sponsored trip.

Please feel free to share with family and friends who you think might also be interested.

To see the full schedule and learn more about the Congress visit: www.eucharisticcongress.org

Saturday, June 17th, from 10am-1pm Bring Your Electronics - Recycle Your E-Waste!

The AIM ECycling truck will accept donations at St. Francis in front of the school (near corner of East Stadium Blvd. and St. Francis Ave.). **If it plugs in or runs on batteries, AIM ECycling 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.

If you have CRT glass monitors, glass TV's, or light bulbs, they cannot go on this truck. Instead, take them to the Recycle Drop-off Station at 2950 E. Ellsworth Road or to the Home Toxics Center at 705 N. Zeeb Road.



Questions? Contact Scott Wright 734-821-2121 or swright@stfrancisa2.org

Summer Food Drive to Detroit Corpus Christi Parish Summer Camp and Emergency Food Pantry

TODAY June 10th/11th please pick-up an empty grocery bag with an attached shopping list, available at the church doors when Mass ends. You are also invited to assist with distributing the empty bags when Mass ends at church doors. Sign-up here:

www.signupgenius.com/go/detroit-food

Go shopping and purchase some of the non-perishable grocery and food items listed on our shopping list. Return the groceries June 17th & 18th, 2023, directly to the church (except at 12:30pm Sunday). (If you need an alternate drop-off time then you may place them in, or near the wooden box in church near the drinking fountain at the main entrance. Drop them off any time the church is open.) **Help deliver the groceries by signing-up here:**

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We'll enjoy Mass there, a free lunch with them and assist with sorting the groceries. **Thank you** for helping to provide food for the economically disadvantaged in the area of our sister parish Corpus Christi Parish, Detroit! **Questions?** Scott Wright (734-821-2121) justice@stfrancisa2.org. Our volunteer coordinator for this drive is Marianne Powell. We appreciate her leadership! And we also thank Linda & Jim Wiseman for the donation of their time and use of their truck and trailer for delivery.

Need Help? There's HOPE...

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Join your fellow senior parishioners from St. Thomas and St. Francis for lunch on the 3rd Thursdays...so, see you on **JUNE 15th!**
Arrive at 11:30am at NEW MEETING LOCATION!



Metzger's Restaurant (305 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor). (Pay-on-your-own.) Help us plan enough food & seats reserved, please sign-up online to RSVP **one week ahead no later than the Sunday before**
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Questions? Contact Scott Wright (734-821-2121)

Eucharistic Habits

This is the 42nd article in a series called,
"Why do I pray these prayers at church?"
written by Bill Razgunas.

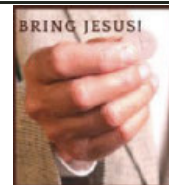
Do we treat the Eucharist with boundless respect only as long as we can recognize the Body and the Blood? Does it offend God when we employ a double standard? On one hand we show respect for his bodily presence while in the church sanctuary. On the other hand we find ourselves responding disrespectfully to an unloving remark made by someone else who consumed the Eucharist earlier that day! Christ continues to make his home in their hearts despite their unloving behavior! Let's ask God to teach us how to honor his Eucharistic graces in the hearts of all those that Christ calls his own.



Prayer: Father, teach us to honor Christ's Eucharistic grace where ever we encounter him. When ever we tarnish our witness to your saving power, lead us to repent. Help us to live like we are actually loving you while we are loving one another.

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NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR (N2N)

An initiative to mobilize community support towards the Ukrainian humanitarian crisis

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How do I form a N2N Team?

- Recruit a minimum of 5-8 volunteers
- Fundraise a minimum of \$2,000-\$5,000
- 6 month commitment

GET IN TOUCH
For more information, please contact Amanda Fahim at

afahim@jfsannarbor.org
734-881-2166

How does N2N benefit Ukrainians?
Neighbor to Neighbor Teams can offer assistance with...

- Securing and furnishing housing
- English language practice
- Employment Assistance
- Meet clothing needs
- Community Orientation and Navigation
- Immigration Needs
- ...and more!

This initiative is funded in part through a grant from the Jewish Federations of North America and the Shapiro Foundation.

Support for the Ukrainian population

We at St. Francis Parish are invited to form a N2N Team - a Neighbor to Neighbor Team initiative to mobilize community support towards the Ukrainian humanitarian crisis. Questions?

Contact: Scott Wright 734-821-2121
justice@stfrancisa2.org

In addition, Amanda Fahim is the co-Sponsorship Program Coordinator for the Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County and can be reached at 734-881-2166 or afahim@jfsannarbor.org



St. Francis Parishioners tour the Zekelman Holocaust Center

A few weeks ago, a group of St. Francis parishioners participated in a riveting guided tour of the Holocaust Center in Farmington Hills. As we walked through the exhibits,

the docent discussed the causes of the Holocaust. The exhibits and the docent's thoughtful comments allowed us to better understand the horrible tragedies that can result when we begin to demean and to hate those whom we perceive as different. It was a stark reminder that we must be vigilant in supporting efforts to protect all human life in order to prevent future such "killing fields".

At the conclusion of the tour, the son of a Holocaust survivor told us of the experience of his father who escaped from a prison train while enroute to a concentration camp.



La Misa y Confesiones

La Misa en español se celebra todos los sábados a las 7pm. Las confesiones están disponibles a solicitud antes de la Misa y la seguiremos transmitiendo en vivo: stfrancisa2.com/misa. Te gustaría pedir intenciones para algún ser querido durante la Misa, favor de traerla a la oficina parroquial. De lunes a viernes de 8:30 a 5pm.

Clase para Preparación para Bautizo

Si deseas bautizar a tu hijo, la clase de preparación para bautizo es necesaria. Por favor, contacte a Fr. John Vinton: frjohn@stfrancisa2.org

Sacramentos para Adultos (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos)

Esta preparación es para adultos que les falten los sacramentos como: Bautizo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación. Mayores informes, contacta a Kelly Hernandez: khernandez@stfrancisa2.org (español) ó 734-821-212 (español)

Acerca del Matrimonio

Quieres prepararte para poder casarte por la Iglesia y ya estás casado por lo civil, pero quieres que esta unión sea bendecida en la Iglesia, contacte a: parishoffice@stfrancisa2.org

Quinceañera

Las fechas disponibles para las ceremonias de Quinceañera son el segundo sábado de cada mes a la 1pm. Se necesita preparación con anticipación asistiendo a clase o taller. Para más información, contacte a Sue Wawrzaszek: liturgy@stfrancisa2.org (español o inglés) o 734-821-2123 (inglés)

Preescolar y Escuela St. Francis

Dales a tus hijos la oportunidad de estudiar en nuestra escuela católica. Más información: www.stfrancisa2.com/school Tenemos ayuda financiera para los que cumplan ciertos requisitos.

Clases de la Fe o Catecismo para Niños de distintas edades (preK-8)

Tenemos clases para niños en grados PreK-8 de la Fe católica y sacramentos como Primera Comunión (Eucaristía) y Confirmación. Este año estamos ofreciendo clases bilingües (Español e Inglés) los días Sábado de 5:30 a 6:45 pm con Misa en Español a las 7:00pm.

También tenemos clases disponibles los domingos para grados 1-8 de 9am a 10 am a la vez que para los grados de Preschool y Kindergarten de 10:30 a 11:45am mientras los padres asisten a misa. Otra opción de clases de Educación Religiosa, es los días miércoles de 6:30 a 7:30 pm. La forma de registro está aquí y en línea, la puedes encontrar en: stfrancisa2.wufoo.com/forms/20212022-prek8th-religious-education/

Es muy importante atender la misa regularmente. La misa se celebra todos los sábados a las 7pm en Español y en Inglés los sábados a las 5pm y domingos a las 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm y 5pm.

Buscamos maestros para compartir la fe: si puedes enseñar, por favor contacte Ellen Ward a ward@stfrancisa2.org (inglés o español). Para más información, contáctenos (Helena o Ellen a stfreled@stfrancisa2.org o 734-821-2130 (lunes a viernes 10am-4pm en español)

En esta sección nos enfocamos en eventos de interés para personas que hablan español. Sin embargo, nuestra parroquia cuenta con varias actividades para incrementar nuestra fe. ¡Participa en la vida de nuestra parroquia!

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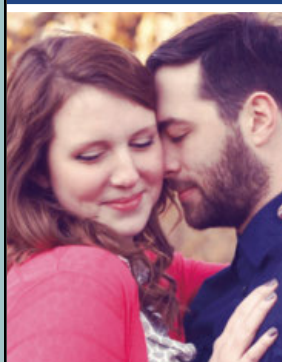
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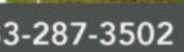
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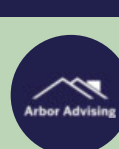
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