



Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

Forum

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2023

Sowing the Seed of Faith and Sharing the Good News: the common task of all!

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.

I am often asked whether it is appropriate for us as Catholics to speak to others about our Christian faith and to invite them to join us in our journey of faith. For some reason, we Catholics, unlike some of our separated brethren, are often reluctant to share our faith. Some of us have fallen into the false belief that to share our faith openly and with conviction we run the risk of forcing our beliefs on others or taking away their freedom. Added to this, is the equally wrong idea that simply because someone is "nice" or "good" they have no need of hearing the Gospel message. Nothing could be further from the truth!

Back in 2000 the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, had this to say on this important topic: ***"There is today, however, a growing confusion which leads many to leave the missionary command of the Lord unheard and ineffective. Often it is maintained that any attempt to convince others on religious matters is a limitation of their freedom. From this view, it would only be legitimate to present one's own ideas and to invite people to act according to their consciences, without aiming at their conversion to Christ and to the Catholic faith. It is enough, so they say, to help people to become more human or more faithful to their own religion; it is enough to build communities which strive for justice, freedom, peace, and solidarity. Furthermore, some maintain that Christ should not be proclaimed to those who do not know him, nor should joining the Church be promoted, since it would also be possible to be saved without explicit knowledge of Christ and without formal incorporation in the Church."***

But the truth is otherwise! All of us share a sacred responsibility to share Christ with others- to use the image in today's gospel- to sow the seed of faith generously. It is wrong to believe that our faith is simply something that we have had the good luck to be born into or that it is one of many options. Nor can we ever see it as a private matter. The scriptures are very clear- we all share a responsibility to preach Christ: ***"There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."*** (Acts 4:12) This is why Jesus commanded his disciples and us to ***"make disciples of all nations"*** (Mt 28:19) Everyone must hear the gospel and come to know Christ; failure to do so on our part is a dereliction of our basic Christian identity and mission.

Of course, this does not mean that one can be coerced into believing. When all is said and done, faith is a gift. But simply because someone refuses to hear or to embrace that gift does not mean that we are relieved of the responsibility. As Christians we are called to present Christ who is the Truth in all aspects of our life and then to leave the rest to the Holy Spirit to enlighten that heart and move it to accepting that Truth. But to do this, we believers must first of all be people of prayer. Nothing happens in our lives without prayer. Prayer is that mysterious agent that moves our hearts to conversion; it heals what cannot be restored through human effort; it changes history and brings us into an encounter with the Living God. To be that faithful believer and evangelizer, look at your prayer life. Does it need to be improved? What do you need to do? What is the Lord calling you to do? Who do you need to pray for?

With prayer and an open heart let us ask the Lord to enliven within us a true desire to know Him and to commit ourselves to making Him known to others. May God bless us in our endeavors!

Fr. James Conlon
Pastor

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. Seamus 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
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		<i>Educational Trust Fund, Jeff Higgins</i>	jchiggins27@gmail.com
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Deacon	821-2100	Dcn Rich Badics	rbadics@stfrancisa2.org
Deacon	734-930-4536	Dcn Gene Leger	gleger@stfrancisa2.org
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Parish Office Admin. Assist.	821-2100	Mark Kempton	parishoffice@stfrancisa2.org
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		<i>Assisi Center Construction: Dcn Tom Arehart</i>	tarehart@stfrancisa2.org
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
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Religious Ed Director	821-2132	Ellen Ward	ward@stfrancisa2.org
School Principal	821-2200	Julie Pritzel	jpritzel@stfrancisaa.org
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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

The Children's Adventure of the Summer:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday-Friday, July 24-28

9am-12noon*

**Set aside Friday 12 noon—1:30 pm for closing & VBS picnic.*



This year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) theme is "Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light" and explores the gospel through the life of one of Michigan's up and coming Saints, the missionary holy man, Venerable Bishop Baraga.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) begins Monday, July 24 and runs through Friday, July 28 from 9 a.m.—12 noon* (*longer on Friday for the picnic). VBS is for children PreK (4 years) to those entering 5th grade in the fall. Sign up using the QR code or online at: <https://stfrancisa2.wufoo.com/forms/2023-vacation-bible-school-signup/> or go to STFRANCISA2.COM and click on the rotating VBS banner! If you need more information, call us at 734-821-2130 or email at stfreled@stfrancisa2.org

Be a Volunteer! Middle School, High School, and Adult volunteers are needed. Sign up using the form mentioned above. **Volunteers, please plan to attend the Volunteer orientation meeting Tuesday, July 18 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Activities Center (PAC).**

Don't miss the adventure! Sign up today!

Everyone Belongs

The VBS day begins with drop off and ends with pick up* from the child's homeroom. (**pickup on Friday is from the closing program*). The children will be rotating through centers of activities all morning. Emails assigning each child to a homeroom are sent the week of July 17.

Please refer to your email or check the wall outside the Religious Education Office for homeroom assignments.

During the week, the children will receive their VBS t-shirts. Volunteers and children, remember to wear your t-shirt on Friday of VBS week!

The VBS Closing & Picnic

On Friday of VBS week, we end with a closing program beginning at 12 noon. After the closing program on Friday, everyone is invited to a picnic on the west lawn of the Church. We'll provide the hotdogs, chips, and water to drink. Each family is asked to bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Feel free to bring your own family's veggies, fruit, drink or dessert to round out the lunch fare.

Explore the World Around You

Imagine blasting off in a rocket ship, slipping through a wrinkle in time, and landing in Michigan 200 years ago.

During our VBS Adventure week, the children:

Explore the gospel,

Engage in stories of the Michigan missionary on the pathway to Sainthood, Venerable Bishop Frederick Baraga,

Learn more about the native peoples,

Enjoy a maple sugar treat,

Make relevant crafts,

Ride a pony (or horse),

Walk in a snowshoes,

Sing uplifting songs,

Encounter Michigan wildlife (courtesy of the Leslie Science Center),

Pray together and individually in the wigwam,

Create memories and new friendships, and so much more!

Every day, all week, games are played and food is served!

This Week at St. Francis

Monday July 17:

8:45 AM Rosary

9:15 AM **Mass:** +Julia Summer Misek—Nina Misek

7:00 PM Boy Scouts—Gym

7:00 PM Divorced/Separated—S. Library, Zoom

7:00 PM Christian Meditation—Zoom

Tuesday July 18:

8:45 AM Rosary

9:15 AM **Mass:** +Patricia Meade—Theresa Gladych

Wednesday July 19:

8:45 AM Rosary

9:15 AM **Mass:** +Valma Ventura—Jeanette Cousino

10:00 AM Gospel Group—Church Library

Thursday July 20:

8:00 AM Women's Faith Sharing—Youth Room

9:15 AM **Mass:** Int of Rev. Fr. Niall Ahern—Fr. James Conlon

8:30 PM Men's Basketball—Gym

Friday July 21:

8:45 AM Rosary

9:15 AM **Mass:** 25th Wedding Anniversary of Chris and Andrea Kempton—Andrea Kempton

Saturday July 22: Feast of St Mary Magdalen

7:00 AM That Man is You—PAC

3:30 PM Confessions

5:00 PM **Mass:** +Nena Briones—Donna Publico7:00 PM **Misa en español:** Int of Axel Lopez—Rocio Lopez

Sunday July 23: Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM **Mass:** +Bernard Guc—Julie and Chris Soyer10:30 AM **Mass:** +Joseph Moffatt—Margaret Tsilis and Sue Bemis12:30 PM **Mass:** St. Francis of Assisi Parish Family5:00 PM **Mass:** +Kathleen Zmigrocki—Mitchell and Ellen Garner

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

Need Help? There's HOPE...

Do you or someone you know need help? The Hope Clinic offers free food and basic needs, medical care, dental care, and behavioral health care.

Go to thehopeclinic.org or call 734-484-2989 for info.

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:



Marty Lucas, Alan Bastian, Lindy Campbell, Phyllis Conlon, Alex Bobowski, Larry Yonovitz, John Summers, Ralph Almer, Julie Kanitz, Judy Stingo, Jennifer Bachman, Carolyn Kusch, Joe Leger, Kenneth Bruneau, Jackie Beaulieu, Kyle Ignatoski, Antonia Cordina, Marc Yeiter, Rose Marie Winslow, James Soltau, 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, Rob Iocca, Francisco Javier Iturbe Velázquez, Tina Bellestri, Raul Cainghug, Nancy Schenk, Shaq Kalaj, Michael Griffin, Theresa Roth, Dale Buckland, Leonard Sanchez, Stella Wiktorski, Fr. Terry Dumas, Kim Pavich, Chan Han, Mary Himlin, Nancy Rolph, Fe Chan, David Hasey, Ken Echternach, 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.

Died in Christ:

Henry Naasko, husband of Sandra Naasko

Married in Christ:

Guillermo Barillas & Christine Cuthbertson

Prayer Lamp (7/15-7/21):

+Fr. Francis C. Choe—Mark and Molly Roh

Saint Joseph Candle (7/14-7/16):

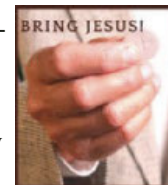
+Jan Suomala: Donna Krukowski

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





Having Trouble Becoming a Homeowner in this Housing Market?

Are you or a loved one having trouble buying a home in this housing market? Take a closer look at Habitat. Income levels stay the same

while the housing market skyrockets.

Habitat for Humanity may be the answer. Many people may not realize they qualify for a Habitat home.

Learn more at www.h4h.org/home-ownership-program

Racial Justice Discussion

The Peace & Justice Committee invites you to join us on **Tuesday, 7/18 from 6:30 - 8:00pm** for a racial justice discussion. We will meet either in the school library or outside (depending on the weather). Attendees should bring a chair in case we meet outside. The discussion topic will be the pushback on discussions of race & racial disparities – how some people claim that sharing such information, or talking about how we can address those disparities, or even just talking about race in general is in itself racist.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION EVERY MONDAY 7:00 – 8:00pm

Meets online via Zoom - call Paul for Zoom link

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.

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.



Seniors' "Out to Lunch Bunch"

Join your fellow senior parishioners from St. Thomas and St. Francis for lunch on the 3rd Thursdays at 11:30 am...so: **JULY 20th; AUG 17th; SEPT 21st etc...**

NEW LOCATION! at **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 at:** <https://tinyurl.com/StThomasOutToLunch> contact Scott Wright (734-821-2121) swright@stfrancisa2.org OR contact Ken Norman (734-769-2581) kendnorman@gmail.com.



See: www.signupgenius.com/go/Out-to-Eat

Fun & Games

Young Adults

GAME Night

WE'LL PROVIDE THE BEVERAGES AND A VARIETY OF VIDEO AND BOARD GAMES. BRING YOUR FAVORITE SNACK TO SHARE.

THURS. JULY 27TH AT 7:00 PM

LOCATION:
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
PARISH ACTIVITIES CENTER



Grief Support

MEETS THE FIRST WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH
6:30 PM IN THE PARISH LIBRARY

Whether you are grieving the loss of spouse, loss of child (including pregnancy loss or early infant death), loss of parent and/or other losses for family members or friends, join us for a time of fellowship and sharing with people who are experiencing similar issues and challenges. Whether your loss was several years ago or several weeks ago and you feel you need support, you are encouraged to attend.

Contact Anna Richards for more information:
annalpc@hushmail.com

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.**



To learn more, contact Kelly Hernandez: khernandez@stfrancisa2.org or (734) 821-2122. Consider joining us or inviting someone who might be interested.

Jesus is in JAIL! Will you pray with Him?

"Be Not Afraid!" Jesus was incarcerated during his life and he can still be found in the jail. **Come and see for yourself.** Join a ministry team! Volunteer ministers have a charisma for Christ and an ability to share their faith in Jesus. Consider assisting with Catholic Services at the jail for both women & men. Learn more: www.signupgenius.com/go/catholic-jail-schedule



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.



Car Donations Needed!!!

Each year, the St. Vincent de Paul Service Ministry here at Saint Francis, in partnership with Friends-In-Deed, is proud to assist in giving donated vehicles to persons who reside in Washtenaw County, meet income requirements, and who need a vehicle to get to work or for substantial medical treatment. FID has given out 144 cars since the inception of the car program!

If you wish to DONATE a vehicle, please visit our online form:

www.friendsindeedmi.org/donate-a-car

or call Friends In Deed at 734-485-7658. You will be directed through this easy process and provided with the paperwork to document your tax deduction.

If you NEED a vehicle, please contact our congregational social service network, Friends In Deed at 734-484-4357 between 9:30 am and 12:00, Monday through Friday.

Parish Stewardship Report

Month	PSG	cash/check	Grand Total
July	\$ 35,982	\$ 37,408	\$ 73,390
August			\$ -
September			\$ -
October			\$ -
November			\$ -
December			\$ -
January			\$ -
February			\$ -
March			\$ -
April			\$ -
May			\$ -
June			\$ -
Total	\$ 35,982	\$ 37,408	\$ 73,390
	49%	51%	93%
	% PSG	% cash/check	% of budget



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!

Opportunity for service! Yard cleanup!

Requests for leaf raking and trimming bushes can be your opportunity for a much appreciated service for our elderly community members. Either set a date for an organized group, or you may sign-up as an individual. Both adults & minors can be listed as available for helping during the season as needs arise.

Contact: Laura Krieser, Home Services Manager,
Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County:

734-971-9781 Ext: 352
Google Voice: 248-403-8278
lkrieser@csswashtenaw.org



**Are you, or do you know, a
single woman experiencing an
unplanned pregnancy?**

Embrace Grace is the place
to go for support!

We provide emotional, practical, and
spiritual support for single, pregnant
women who find themselves in an
unexpected pregnancy.

Embrace Grace is a 12-week program that
teaches single, pregnant women about
God's love and grace, and, after
completing the program, they get a baby
shower to honor them for choosing life
and to help provide for their baby's needs.

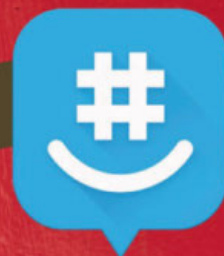
To register or if questions, contact:

Kara Chavey

734-274-0620 or karachavey@gmail.com

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

**GROUP
ME**



CONNECT WITH OTHER
LOCAL CATHOLIC
YOUNG ADULTS



STAY INFORMED ON
UPCOMING EVENTS,
ACTIVITIES, PRAYER
REQUESTS AND MORE



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR (N2N)

An initiative to mobilize community support towards the Ukrainian humanitarian crisis

JFS
Jewish Family Services
of Washtenaw County

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



Join Ann Arbor 40 Days for Life 365's prayer vigil outside Planned Parenthood. Consider making a once a month commitment. Offering Prayer, Outreach, Help and Hope at:

3100 Professional Dr, Ann Arbor
Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 2 PM
Extended hours on Thursday until 4 PM

To take a committed one hour time slot, go to 40daysforlife.com/annarbor on the 365 calendar. Drop-ins are always welcome anytime!

For more info or any scheduling help, contact Sandie at 734-657-1936 or plan2pray@gmail.com.

Saint Clare of Assisi Celebration

Happy Saint CLARE Day! Since 1253, the 770th Anniversary is on Friday, Aug 11th, 2023.

Father James Conlon cordially invites you to accompany him in celebrating the Memorial of Saint Clare of Assisi. Join us for Mass at 9:15am and a reception afterwards about 10 am outdoors near the new Assisi Center.

Help! www.signupgenius.com/go/saint-clare

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program

Resources to grandparents and other family members aged 55+ who care for related children. Support groups and educational information is offered and other resources like clothing, school supplies, etc. can be accessed. These support groups are popular as caregivers discuss their joys, struggles, and helpful ideas with each other, knowing they are not alone.

Contact Jeannette Matthews 734-971-9781 x 511



MINISTRY FOR MOMS
A Catholic Ministry for Moms and their Children

COME AND JOIN US!
WE ARE HOPING TO START UP A MINISTRY FOR MOMS AND THEIR CHILDREN. WE WANT YOUR INPUT AND SUPPORT.

JOIN US.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2
10-11AM IN THE P.A.C.

SHARE YOUR IDEAS
If you are interested in being a part of the planning or are simply interested in being a part of the group, join us on Wednesday, Aug. 2 from 10-11am in the Parish Activities Center (your little ones are welcome to come with you).
If you can't make it at this time, but are interested in being a part of the ministry, email Kelly Hernandez @ khernandez@stfrancisa2.org



Is It Possible to be Catholic but not Christian?

*This is the **45th** article in a series called,
“Why do I pray these prayers at church?”
written by Bill Razgunas.*

Ever hear this scenario from a Catholic who has received all the sacraments: “I’ve stopped going to church on Sunday. I realized that I had very little in common with the Catholic church.”

So if you hear this kind of thing, what reply should you make? The first thing to ask is: “Who is Jesus to you?” Maybe they have been losing interest with the trappings of the Catholic Church. What if someone has gradually lost interest in praying to saints but still believes that Jesus is the Son of God and that He gave his life to redeem the world? If this is the case, then the path back to the Catholic Church is much easier than if a person has abandoned all belief in Jesus’s divinity not to mention the concept of sin. For this reason, you are wise to choose to dialogue with the person about what they hold to be true about Jesus FIRST!

Did you know that it is possible to hold some Catholic beliefs to be true while ignoring the importance of Jesus’ saving role through His death and resurrection? For example its good to be deeply devoted to Mary provided that a person holds that everyone needs to receive the gift of God’s grace won for us on the cross. Marian devotion is NOT an essential belief in order to enter heaven. On the other hand, no one will enter heaven without the grace that Jesus won for us on the cross.

What are the essential foundational beliefs of the Catholic Church?

- 1) The first is that God loves us and that He wants good things for us!
- 2) The second is that it’s man’s fault that we are not able to enjoy God’s love and understand what the good things are that He wants for us.
- 3) The third is that God’s only provision for the dire place that humans find themselves in is His son Jesus Christ. Jesus is the only way to bridge the gap between God and man!
- 4) In order for us to enjoy God’s love and receive His life we must put our faith in Jesus as God’s Son and to ask Jesus to come to us and help us fully submit our lives to Him. When we do this He will come and live in our hearts.

Do you want to lead someone back to the Church? Lead them back to Christ first!

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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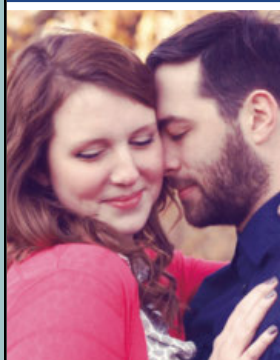
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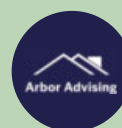


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