



Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

Forum

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 2023

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

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.

Back in 2021 our Holy Father, Pope Francis, established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly as a way to honor and celebrate the presence, witness and role of grandparents and other seniors in the life of the Church. He chose the weekend nearest to the feast of Sts. Anne and Joachim (July 26th), parents of the Blessed Mother and grandparents of the Lord, for this celebration.

Scripture is clearly silent on the lives of these saintly grandparents, so we rely on tradition and in a particular way the second century Protoevangelium of St. James to fill in the gaps and to inspire us to reflect on their role in the life of Christ and drama of salvation. But that should not prevent us from acknowledging their role and the power of their witness of faith and prayer. As grandparents we can actually see these venerable saints doing all the things that most grandparents do and maybe you have done or are currently doing- babysitting the newborn, taking them for walks, spoiling them with gifts and telling them stories!

It is good to remember that while faith is ultimately a gift from God and there are always great stories of conversions in the life of the Church the vast majority of us receive that gift through the witness and example of family- parents, and extended family- hence this year's theme "*His mercy is from age to age*" taken from the Magnificat in Luke's Gospel. (Lk 1:50) That is why being a grandparent is a special role for the Christian believer. Grandparents have a unique relationship with their grandchildren and so through their own commitment to Christ and his Church can have an incredible impact on the faith and the direction of their lives.

We should never doubt the impact a strong committed life of faith can have on another, especially one we greatly love. Accordingly, the Pope wants to highlight this special role and to encourage it and at the same time reassure grandparents that they are loved and needed. One of the great scandals of our world is the growing rift between family generations and the reality that often grandchildren do not know their grandparents in the way that previous generations did.

If you are one of the lucky ones to have a grandparent still living, then today is a great opportunity for you to express your love and gratitude. Call them up and arrange to spend a little time with them and if you have children make sure that they know who their grandparents and indeed their great-grandparents are. Pray for your grandparents, alive or deceased this week.

To underpin this special celebration, the Holy Father has granted a Plenary Indulgence (under the usual conditions (Sacramental Confession, Holy Communion, Prayer for the Holy Father's Intentions) to grandparents, the elderly and all the faithful who, motivated by a true spirit of penance and charity, will participate in the solemn celebration that the Holy Father Francis will preside over at the Vatican, or at the various functions that will be held throughout the world.

Here at St. Francis we will offer a special blessing for all grandparents at all our Masses this weekend and so join our celebrations and prayers to those of the Holy Father and the universal Church.

To all our parish grandparents we offer our thanks for your loving presence among us. May God bless you all today and always!

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 |
| | | <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 |
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| 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>St. Vincent Service Ministry, Thomas Mussio</i> | |
| | | <i>Life, Peace & Justice Ministry, Kelly Gauthier & Dick Brown</i> | |
| | | <i>Senior Citizen Committee, Sharon Wright</i> | |
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| 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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| 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 |

The Children's Adventure of the Summer:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

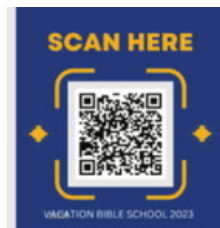
Monday-Friday, July 24-28

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 24:

8:45 AM Rosary
 9:15 AM **Mass:** +Margaret Hisey—Bob and Jeanette Cousino
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts—Gym
 7:00 PM Divorced/Separated—S. Library, Zoom
 7:00 PM Christian Meditation—Zoom

Tuesday July 25:

8:45 AM Rosary
 9:15 AM **Mass:** Int. of Ellen Keefe-Garner—Mitchell Garner

Wednesday July 26:

8:45 AM Rosary
 9:15 AM **Mass:** Int. of Christina Scofield—Susan Zick
 10:00 AM Gospel Group—Church Library

Thursday July 27:

8:00 AM Women's Faith Sharing—Youth Room
 9:15 AM **Mass:** Int. of Norma Doyle
 8:30 PM Men's Basketball—Gym

Friday July 28:

8:45 AM Rosary
 9:15 AM **Mass:** Int. of Caroline Larach—Susan Zick

Saturday July 29: Feast of St Mary Magdalen

7:00 AM That Man is You—PAC
 3:30 PM Confessions
 5:00 PM **Mass:** +Ron Borowczyk—Chris Weatherford
 7:00 PM **Misa en español:** +Oscar Lopez—by the Family

Sunday July 30: 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM **Mass:** +Guy Beaulieu—Celine Beaulieu
 10:30 AM **Mass:** St. Francis of Assisi Parish Family
 12:30 PM **Mass:** +John McKeon—Patrick McKeon
 5:00 PM **Mass:** +Jane Soltau—James Soltau

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, Diana Kimball, Debbie Kimble, 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 Pavichich, Chan Han, Mary Himlin, Nancy Rolph, Fr 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 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:

Kaden Nicolas Epperson, son of Nicolas & Carli Epperson
 Myles Daniel Kerr, son of David Kerr & Carley Oberdoerster
 Theodore Daniel Oberdoerster, son of Zachary & Shaqueline Oberdoerster

Died in Christ:

Kathy Casalino-Ghisleni, mother of Peter Ghisleni
 John Bayerl

Prayer Lamp (7/22-7/28):

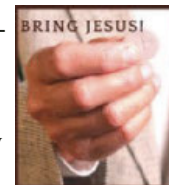
Int of Norma Doyle—by her friend

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



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

Saint Francis Tax Seminar

Charitable Giving Tax Seminar offered twice: Wednesday, August 9th and 16th. at 7pm-9pm, in the PAC. This two-hour presentation is a possible launch of an on-going series.

The cost for each attendee to attend this seminar—the "Ticket to the ballgame" – will be a donation of any amount to St. Francis Parish for any of these needs: New Hall Construction, General Fund or Educational Trust Fund so those who itemize can get a tax deduction! Everyone who pays taxes in the United States is invited to attend, so NO donation will be deemed too small for admittance.

As we learn from St. Paul: Duties of justice include reciprocity, paying one's fair share, and avoiding free-ridership.

RSVP: Sign up on the **Parish Website** to register. <https://stfrancisa2.wufoo.com/forms/tax-seminar> and let us know you plan to be in attendance.

Questions? Contact: Phil Zepeda, MS, MST, EA
<gpzepeda115@gmail.com> (734-662-5599)

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 Update

It has been a few weeks since my last construction update. The main reason is that we have been waiting for both information and direction on the outstanding items. First off we are identifying the equipment and furnishing requirements for the Assisi Center. Kitchen equipment and hall furnishings are being evaluated and are slated to be ordered soon. Office furnishings and equipment are being studied and a plan is being developed so any needed items may be identified for purchase. All of these efforts are being considered based on how the building will be used to support parish life now and in the future.

There are still some outstanding items that prevent final inspections and our obtaining a certificate of occupancy. Our general contractor informed us that the movable partition walls are on track for delivery mid August. The manufacturer of the panels has been very consistent with this delivery date, so we are confident this delivery and installation will meet this time frame. The elevator promised for July delivery has been pushed back to August due to supply chain issues on just a couple parts. We have received correspondence indicating the missing components and expected timing of delivery to the factory. We are very hopeful that the elevator will be delivered and installation started in mid August.

The electric vehicle charging stations have been installed and are being registered and set up for use. The registration process consists of establishing hours of operation, the billing and collection accounts, and the reporting processes for tracking actual usage and revenues generated from the EV chargers.

Outside the building there are two outstanding items required for final inspections and occupancy approval. Last year the City of Ann Arbor reviewed the storm water system infrastructure resulting in an ordinance being revised in February of this year. In short the property owners constructing or revising parking areas are required to detain a greater amount of storm water on site, to help control storm surge from overflowing the existing infrastructure. We were not sure if the new requirements were going to be reviewed by the planning commission or if the revised plans would undergo an administrative review. We recently received the good news that the stormwater engineer and city planner were agreeable in concept to the proposed detention pond changes and parking lot renovations.

Dcn. Tom Arehart



Women's
FAITH & FELLOWSHIP
Planning Committee Meeting

Would you be interested in helping plan for the upcoming year's women's events? Join us:

THURSDAY, AUG. 3
6-7:30 PM
in the Parish Office Meeting Room

Email: khernandez@stfrancisa2.com
with questions or to let us know you're coming



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.



St. Francis Parish - Phone Calling Ministry

The phone calling ministry at St. Francis Parish has grown over the years into a flexible, exciting outreach opportunity for parishioners to get to know each other, pray with each other, connect, share faith and celebrate the lives and relationships in our faith community. We personally call to ask how parishioners are doing, if they would like to pray and/or if they have any special needs, plus, by calling on their birthday, we wish them a happy birthday.

"I have received two calls so far. It is nice to have the human contact during this time."
Donna Johnston

"Everyone so far has been so pleased that St Francis is doing this. I'm proud of my church."
Jane Dorr

Interested? Contact: Scott Wright (734-821-2121)
swright@stfrancisa2.org



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

Parish Stewardship Report

| Month | PSG | cash/check | Grand Total |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| July | \$ 55,777 | \$ 57,104 | \$ 112,882 |
| August | | | \$ - |
| September | | | \$ - |
| October | | | \$ - |
| November | | | \$ - |
| December | | | \$ - |
| January | | | \$ - |
| February | | | \$ - |
| March | | | \$ - |
| April | | | \$ - |
| May | | | \$ - |
| June | | | \$ - |
| Total | \$ 55,777 | \$ 57,104 | \$ 112,882 |
| | 49% | 51% | 95% |
| | % PSG | % cash/check | % of budget |

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.



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!

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

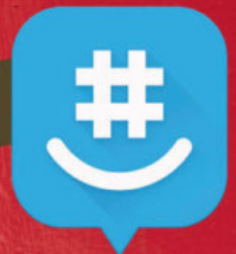
Welcome Father Seamus Kettner!

Join us on **Friday, August 4th, 2023** - the Memorial of Saint John Vianney - for Mass at 9:15 AM and a reception afterwards. All are invited to "Welcome Father Seamus Kettner." At 10:00AM we will gather **outside near** the front of St. Francis **Parish Activities Center (PAC)**.

Help! www.signupgenius.com/go/fr-seamus or call Scott (734-821-2121).

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

GROUP ME



CONNECT WITH OTHER
LOCAL CATHOLIC
YOUNG ADULTS



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

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




Partnership

Under one roof.

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




40 DAYS FOR LIFE 365

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.



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

Caring for LIFE in the 21st Century by Taking Meaningful Steps to Address Gun Violence

"In our public discourse around guns, we talk a great deal about (our) 'rights' and not enough about (our moral) 'duties'". (Saint John XXIII – Pacem in Terris)

Our Parish Bulletin, over the years, has included articles regarding serious threats to LIFE. One such threat is that of Gun Violence. We thought that you may find the joint statement on the topic which was recently signed by the Bishops of the Province of Atlanta to be especially relevant. We have included a couple quotations from the article in order to enable you to get a feel for the statement.

"In line with the measures consistently called for by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, public officials must put into place these common sense reforms:



- A total ban on assault weapons.
- Universal background checks for all gun purchases.
- Limitations on civilian access to high-capacity weapons and ammunition magazines.
- Improved access to and increased resources for mental health care and earlier interventions.
- Regulations and limitations on the purchasing of handguns.
- Require gun owners to provide safe storage and report lost or stolen guns."

"We cannot and will not stand by and silently accept that tens of thousands of people dying by gun violence each year is simply part of life in the United States. Nor can we accept excuses from political leaders that there is nothing that can be done. To do nothing is to be complicit in the violence." (Signed by Bishops of the Province of Atlanta which includes dioceses in Georgia, North and South Carolina).

Here are two links for additional reading:

- Bishops of Atlanta Province - Georgia Bulletin:
<https://tinyurl.com/bishops-gun-safety>
- The Atlanta Bishop's statement PDF document:
<https://tinyurl.com/atlanta-bishops-gun-safety>

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Peace & Justice Committee

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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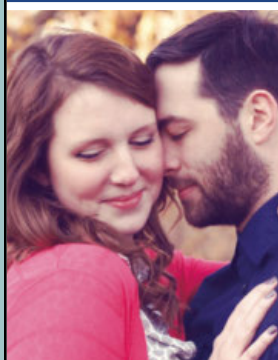
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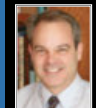
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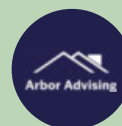


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