



Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

Forum

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6, 2023

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.

The Knights of Columbus here at St. Francis

This past weekend the Knights of Columbus Council here at St. Francis took on a new role in our parish liturgical ministry. In an effort to highlight their presence and ministry among us they will, on the last Sunday of every month, carry the cross in and out at our Sunday Masses. It is a simple task, yet one that they hope will be a constant reminder of their presence and an invitation to the men of our parish to consider joining their great organization. Remember membership is open to all men in the parish and offers a wide variety of services, both spiritual and practical, through which they can develop and grow their Catholic faith. If you seek that deeper relationship with Christ, there is no better organization to help you achieve this than the Knights of Columbus.

Founded in Connecticut in 1882 by Blessed Michael McGivney, the Knights have grown to become an integral part of almost every Catholic parish community across the nation and are now present in many other countries, from Poland to the Philippines. Here at St. Francis, they have been present from the very beginning of our parish in the early 1950's.

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization, originally founded at a time of much anti-Catholic prejudice, and rapid social and economic change. Over the past 150 years+ it has grown to become one of the premiere charitable organizations in the USA. In addition to their support of Catholic education at all levels and in particular their support of seminarians and deacon candidates, the Knights are equally known for their work with foodbanks and kitchens, hostels for the homeless, the protection of the unborn and more recently their aid to assist the victims of hurricanes, earthquakes, and other natural disasters across the globe. If you take a moment to look at the national website at www.kofc.org/en you will see the wide diversity of their activities and mission both here in the USA and across the world.



Founded originally to counteract anti-Catholic bigotry, the Knights have a proud history of patriotic participation in the life of this nation as well as fighting prejudice in all its many forms, especially racial prejudice – all in the name of the Gospel of Christ.

Here at St. Francis, our local council, named in honor of our third pastor, Fr. Ray Rademacher, is working hard to build up and highlight its presence among us. Again, it is open to men over the age of 18 and is actively involved in many of our ministries that seek to help all our men to grow in holiness and service. As pastor I am deeply grateful for their presence among us and for their support and prayers for my ministry, as a Knight. I am proud of their work and the difference they make in the lives of so many.

If you would like to know more about the Knights here at St. Francis, then contact the current Grand Knight, Wallerend Ezin at gk8989@mikofc.org.

Vivat Jesus !

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>	<i>mjtram46@gmail.com</i>
		<i>Finance Council, John Dulap</i>	<i>jhdunlap123@yahoo.com</i>
		<i>Knights of Columbus, Wallerend Ezin</i>	<i>gk8989@mikofc.org</i>
		<i>Educational Trust Fund, Jeff Higgins</i>	<i>jchiggins27@gmail.com</i>
		<i>Assisi Center Construction, Dcn Tom Arehart</i>	<i>tarehart@stfrancisa2.org</i>
Parochial Vicar	821-2100	Fr. Seamus Kettner	frseamus@stfrancisa2.org
Deacon	821-2100	Dcn Rich Badics	rbadics@stfrancisa2.org
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
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 Director	821-2132	Ellen Ward	ward@stfrancisa2.org
	Rel. Ed. Secretary 821-2130	Helena Bichakjian (habla español)	stfreled@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

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!

¡Jesús te llama!

Saint Clare of Assisi Celebration
Happy Saint CLARE Day 770th Anniversary
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, after (about 10AM outdoors near the new Assisi Center **or MAYBE the PAC side if circumstances warrant**).

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

Seniors' "Out to Lunch Bunch"

Join your fellow senior parishioners from St. Thomas and St. Francis for lunch on the 3rd Thursdays...**so: AUG 17th, SEPT 21st etc...**

Arrive at 11:30am at NEW MEETING 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>
contact Ken Norman (734-769-2581) <kendnorman@gmail.com>

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

Give the Gift of Life!

Many of us have made a donation at a local blood drive. All year, donated blood helps people injured in accidents, undergoing cancer treatments, and battling blood diseases. In the summer, the need is critical. Please go to **www.redcross.org** to find a blood drive near you!

On a different note, there are more than 2,000 people in Michigan on a waiting list for a kidney transplant and waiting for a deceased donor kidney can take several years. Many of us did not realize that we can donate one of our two kidneys! While this type of donation requires a different level of commitment, it is not uncommon for some people to become Living Kidney Donors for a friend, relative, or to someone they don't know. For more information go to **www.ExploreTransplant.org**.

Each year Bishop Boyea invites married couples from across the diocese, celebrating milestone anniversaries, to join him for a Mass of Thanksgiving for the gift of Marriage. This year the celebration will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 4:30pm at St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing. If you are celebrating an anniversary and would like to join the Bishop then contact Fr. James at the Parish Office- 734 821 2100.



This Week at St. Francis

Monday August 7:

8:45 AM Rosary
 9:15 AM **Mass:** +Albert and Velma Hilliard—
 Gaye Humphrey
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts—Gym
 7:00 PM Divorced/Separated—S. Library, Zoom
 7:00 PM Christian Meditation—Zoom

Tuesday August 8: Saint Dominic, Priest

8:45 AM Rosary
 9:15 AM **Mass:** Int. of Sarah Malick—Sarah
 Malick

Wednesday August 9:

8:45 AM Rosary
 9:15 AM **Mass:** +Evangeline Gatchalian—Rose
 Olegario
 10:00 AM Gospel Group—Church Library

Thursday August 10: Saint Lawrence, Deacon

8:00 AM Women's Faith Sharing—Youth Room
 9:15 AM **Mass:** +Gorica Santos—Wawrzaszek
 Family

Friday August 11: Saint Clare, Virgin

8:45 AM Rosary
 9:15 AM **Mass:** Int. of Ginny Birchler—
 Wawrzaszek Family

Saturday August 12:

7:00 AM That Man is You—PAC
 3:30 PM Confessions
 5:00 PM **Mass:** +Dawn Marczewski—Ann and
 Greg Skonecki
 7:00 PM **Misa en español:** Int of Eduardo
 Lopez—Family

Sunday August 13: 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM **Mass:** Int. of Bernard Pilon—
 Wawrzaszek Family
 10:30 AM **Mass:** +Herbert and Naomi Malick—
 Sarah Malick
 12:30 PM **Mass:** St. Francis of Assisi Parish Family
 5:00 PM **Mass:** +Rivera Family Members:
 Eleuterio, Cayetano, Julius, & Elsa—
 Clarita Cainghug

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:

Jeanette Cousino, Mary Kittle, Cecelia Schmidt, Victoria Wozny, Noel D'Cruz, Nathan DeJohn, Juan Rodriguez, Bonnie Floreske, Debbie Kimble, Alan Bastian, Lindy Campbell, Phyllis Conlon, Alex Bobowski, Larry Yonovitz, Joe Leger, John Summers, Ralph Almer, Julie Kanitz, Judy Stingo, Jennifer Bachman, Carolyn Kusch, Kenneth Bruneau, Jackie Beaulieu, Marc Yeiter, Kyle Ignatoski, Antonia Cordina, 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, Chan Han, Kim Pavich, Mary Himlin, Nancy Rolph, Fr Chan, David Hasey, Bob Toth, Ken Echternach, Marian Bessy, Kristie Harbaugh, Andrea Jackman, Cristina Pereira, Lois Russell, Michelle Smith, George Leckrone, Lima Rose, Don Emerson, Ellsworth Stout, Arthur O'Neil, Ernest Toth, Jim Conlon, Don Mierzwa, Rita Vorek, Tina Kuehnle, Guadalupe Moralez, Sarah Huige Uytingco, Geraldo Uytingco, Edgar Celestino, Mark Nakashima, Michael Fleszar, Helen Rysse, Kathy Miller, Carol Lemke, Kathy King, Ines Morales, Bob Ruelle, Mary Stoddard, 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:

Grace Kathryn Bond, daughter of Warren & Elaine Bond
 Malaiah Gabrielle Cabrerros, daughter of Dan & Gladys Cabrerros

Prayer Lamp (8/5-8/11):

Int. of Borowczyk Family—Chris Weatherford

Saint Joseph Candle

8/11-8/13: +Norbert Hebert—Norma Doyle

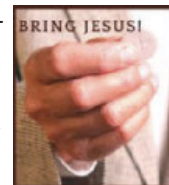
For Daily Readings, see the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website at:
usccb.org/bible/readings

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



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 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! NO donation will be deemed too small for admittance.

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)

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 7pm. 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).

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

Michigan Legislation & Justice Soon We Will Vote On These Two Bills Named: "Good Time" "Second Look"

The **Good Time** bill would allow prisoners to earn up to 20% off their minimum sentence through participation in educational, vocational programs and being 'ticket free'. Michigan is one of only 6 states that does not have some form of this allowance. We want to encourage incarcerated individuals to return home rehabilitated, more productive members of society. As a retired Chaplain told me, "What better measure of a person's behavior, than a person's behavior? If an incarcerated person can show responsible behavior over a period of years, that should be a very important factor in considering their release. Let them shoulder some responsibility and then let them be rewarded if it is warranted. The Criminal Justice system almost always takes patterns of criminal/negative behavior as justification for convicting and sentencing a person. So positive/rule following/law abiding behavior ought to be taken into account also."

The **Second Look** bills would allow prisoners in Michigan to petition a judge for a reduction of their sentence after serving at least 10 years in prison. The judge would be able to look at the prisoner's age when he committed the crime and his current age along with his instructional records to determine if behavioral changes have been made to allow a return to society. There are many older prisoners that have changed and pose no threat. They just want to return to their families and have peace. This is especially true if they have Church and family support.

Here are two articles:

<https://tinyurl.com/mi-prison-bills>

<https://tinyurl.com/mi-prisoners>

Consider petitioning your Michigan house and senate representatives. Here is an easy link to **Sign The Good Time petition now.**

<https://tinyurl.com/good-time-petition>

Thanks for your consideration and Best Regards.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Peace and Justice
Committee



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.



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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On Wednesday, Oct 11, our parish will host a relic of St. Jude, the Apostle on loan to us from the Vatican. We will celebrate the day as a great apostolic solemnity. On Thursday, Oct 12 we will celebrate the feast of Blessed Carlo Acutis who died at the age of 15 and is noted for his great devotion to the Eucharist. His relic, which Fr. James received from Carlo's mom on a recent pilgrimage to Italy, will be available for veneration and blessing.

Parish Stewardship Report

Month	PSG	cash/check	Grand Total
July	\$ 81,637	\$ 82,555	\$ 164,192
August			\$ -
September			\$ -
October			\$ -
November			\$ -
December			\$ -
January			\$ -
February			\$ -
March			\$ -
April			\$ -
May			\$ -
June			\$ -
Total	\$ 81,637	\$ 82,555	\$ 164,192
	50%	50%	83%
	% PSG	% cash/check	% of budget

You're invited to attend the Art on a Journey Art Show



The Art on a Journey Art Show at the Ann Arbor District Library Downtown Branch displays artwork created by homeless and formerly homeless people.

www.artonajourney.gallery

Exhibit runs from August 1 to September 14. Opening Reception to meet the artists is on **August 4th 5:30-7:15pm**. All artwork is for sale (cash only). Artists donate 10% of what they sell to Journey of Faith's homeless ministry. When homeless artists create and sell their art they gain much needed financial support while making sense of the world and finding meaning and purpose in it — it's a journey we're all on.

Spires to Heaven: A Spiritually Enriching Pilgrimage on Tuesday, October 17

with Fr. James Conlon

Embark on an unforgettable one-day pilgrimage with Fr. James Conlon, delving into the enchanting Land of the cross-tipped "spires to heaven" in Maria Stein, Ohio, where you'll find an awe-inspiring collection of relics.

Experience a day filled with spiritual nourishment as we begin with Mass, followed by an enlightening tour and serene visits to the grounds. After a delightful lunch, we'll embark on a scenic journey along the spires to heaven, making stops at captivating churches and sites.



In mid-October, witness the mesmerizing beauty of Ohio's Fall foliage, providing a breathtaking backdrop for our pilgrimage. The day will conclude with a shared dinner, evening prayer, and return home by 9:30 pm.

Secure your spot for this remarkable journey on Tuesday, October 17, departing at 7:15 am from St. Francis. For just \$130/person, you'll enjoy comfortable transportation by coach, delectable meals, and all-inclusive tour fees, tips, and stipends.

Don't miss this life-enriching experience! **Sign up now through our website: <https://www.stfrancisa2.com/>**

For additional details or any questions, reach out to Scott Wright at swright@stfrancisa2.org (734-821-2121) or Ellen Ward at ward@stfrancisa2.org (734-476-5640).

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

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CONNECT WITH OTHER
LOCAL CATHOLIC
YOUNG ADULTS



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

ST. FRANCIS
MEN'S MINISTRY

**Beer
and
Brats**

JOIN FR. JAMES, FR. SEAMUS, DCN. GENE AND DCN. RICH FOR OUR ANNUAL BEER & BRATS WITH THE PADRES

THURSDAY, SEPT 21
6:30 PM (IN CHURCH) EVENING PRAYER
7 PM (IN ASSISI CENTER) BEER & BRATS & FELLOWSHIP

RSVP [STFRANCISA2.COM/SIGN-UP-FORMS](https://www.stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms)

The **Volunteer Respite Caregiver Program** seeks volunteers aged 21+ to provide much-needed breaks for caregivers in Washtenaw County.

Volunteers are carefully matched with caregiver/recipient. Visits can last about two hours per week and consist of reminiscing, sharing stories, playing games, even watching movies with care recipients. No medical or direct care (bathing, toileting, etc.) is provided by volunteers. Meaningful relationships are often established.

Volunteers are trained and background checked. **We invite any caregivers** over age 60, or who are caring for someone over 60, to participate. Caregivers benefit by having time for self-care or tasks. Each home is assessed for safety. There is no charge to them for the respite volunteer visits.

Contact Jeannette Matthews 734-971-9781 x 511.

[Volunteer Caregiver Respite \(VCR\) - Catholic Social Services \(csswashtenaw.org\)](https://csswashtenaw.org/seniors/volunteer-caregiver-respite/)

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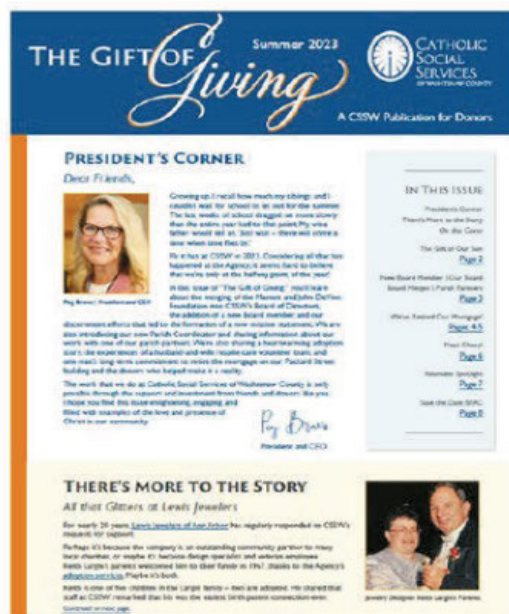
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TUESDAY, OCT. 3RD 7 PM (IN CHURCH)
THE TRANSITUS WITH EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
As part of the Transitus, Bill will speak for 15 minutes on St. Francis and his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.


WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4TH
7 PM (IN CHURCH)
MASS ON THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

8PM (IN THE ASSISI CENTER)
HORS D'OEUVRE AND TALK BY BILL COOK
Bill will speak on the life of St. Francis and Francis' message for our modern world.

THURSDAY, OCT. 5TH 9:15 AM (IN CHURCH)
MASS AND HOLY HOUR, FOLLOWED BY A PILGRIMAGE TO SOLANUS CASEY CENTER WITH SPECIAL GUEST, BILL COOK
As part of the pilgrimage, Bill will speak on Franciscan sacred art. **RSVP required**

FRIDAY, OCT. 6TH 9:15 AM (IN CHURCH)
MASS FOLLOWED BY POTLUCK AND TALK BY BILL COOK
Bill will speak about his Foundation and its Franciscan roots. Learn more about his foundation below.

ABOUT BILL



Bill Cook is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Wabash College and received his MA and PhD at Cornell University. For 42 years, he taught medieval and Renaissance history at the State University of New York at Geneseo and retired in 2012 with the title of Distinguished Teaching Professor of History. In addition, he has dedicated much of his study to the life of St. Francis of Assisi.

Bill has won many teaching awards and is the author of 5 books and the editor of several others. Bill has directed a dozen summer seminars for high school and college teachers for the National Endowment for the Humanities. He has made ten courses, video and audio, for The Great Courses (formerly The Teaching Company).

THE MISSION OF THE BILL COOK FOUNDATION

The Bill Cook Foundation helps some of the poorest children in the world gain access to the best education possible. By providing grants that support education, we help break the cycle of poverty for children, their families and communities. Learn more at: <https://www.billcookfoundation.org/>

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In the Franciscan spirit, Bill does not request any specific speaker fees, but rather asks our parish for a generous donation to his foundation to help advance his ministry of providing an education to the poorest around the world. We hope that you will partner with us in providing a generous donation as a gift for his time with us.

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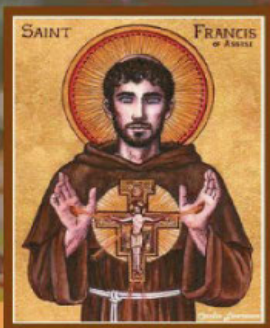
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FOLLOWING THE 12:30 PM MASS

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On Wednesday, Oct 11, our parish will host a relic of St. Jude, the Apostle on loan to us from the Vatican. We will celebrate the day as a great apostolic solemnity. On Thursday, Oct 12 we will celebrate the feast of Blessed Carlo Acutis who died at the age of 15 and is noted for his great devotion to the Eucharist. His relic, which Fr. James received from Carlo's mom on a recent pilgrimage to Italy, will be available for veneration and blessing.

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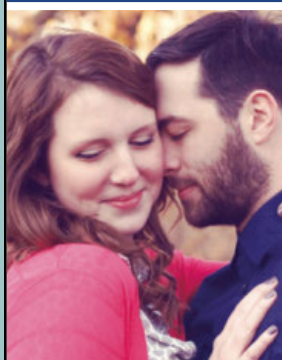
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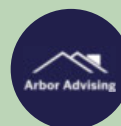
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