



Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

Forum

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13, 2023

Keep Flying Towards Heaven Like a Hummingbird!

When you hear the word *assumption* what do you think? Perhaps, you *assume* like I often do, that it means to simply *presume*. Yes, this word does have that meaning. However, it has a much more important meaning as well. This Tuesday, August 15th, we will be celebrating the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Now, what do you think of this word when used in that context? If you do not know, don't feel too bad. The dogma of the Assumption of Mary has only been officially declared since 1950. It was Pope Pius XII in Munificentissimus Deus who elevated this doctrine to a dogma. Don't let the Latin title scare you. It simply means, "The Most Bountiful God." I had to look it up myself and bountiful He is!

So, what is the Assumption of Mary? Well, let's let the real theologian official define it for us: "*Finally, the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death*" (Pope Pius XII in Munificentissimus Deus). Pretty cool huh? Yes! And it is not just cool, but absolutely majestic. This is a beautiful and glorious teaching we have been given! It is a dogma that we are required to believe as Catholic Christians. In fact, we are the small sect of Christians who believe in this most astounding truth.

You may be asking yourself, "Could God really do such a thing?" Yes! In fact, if we look in the Bible very closely, we hear of two other people who were presumably assumed into heaven. Do you know them? *Enoch and Elijah*. For brevity's sake, I will simply cite the reference. "Enoch walked with God and he was no longer here, for God took him" (Genesis 5:24). "As they walked on still conversing, a fiery chariot and fiery horses came between the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind" (2 Kings 2:11). Our reason can lead us to ask this question: "If God was willing to do this for these sinful men, would he not also be willing to do this for his Immaculate Mother?"

The Church teaches us that the answer to this question is yes! We believe that Mary was assumed into Heaven, body and soul. She was so pure that she was ready to be taken into heaven right away. This is why **we celebrate August 15th as a holy day of obligation** and it gives us great hope indeed that, one day, our mortal remains, will also be assumed into heaven. And you know the person who wants us there the most right after Jesus? Mary, our Mother! She wants each and every child of hers to be in heaven glorifying her Son.



I ask you to consider making a Marian Consecration if you have not already done so. It is a beautiful devotional practice. If you have questions about how to do this, please don't hesitate to call me at the parish office or email me at frseamus@stfrancisa2.org.

In the Immaculata,

Father Seamus

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.

St. Francis of Assisi Directory

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The following masses are
livestreamed at this time:

10:30am on Sunday
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
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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!

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 15

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a **Holy Day of Obligation**.



Masses for this Holy Day will be celebrated in the main Church on:

Monday, August 14 at 5:00pm (Vigil)

and

Tuesday, August 15 at 9:15am & 7:00pm

We invite you to join us as we honor Mary, Our Mother.

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

**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

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 14: Saint Maximilian Kolbe,

Priest and Martyr

- 8:45 AM Rosary
 9:15 AM **Mass:** +Kenneth Edwards—Bob and Jeanette Cousino
 5:00 PM **Mass:** +Bill LaRue—Sharon Waldsmith
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts—Gym
 7:00 PM Divorced/Separated—S. Library, Zoom
 7:00 PM Christian Meditation—Zoom

Tuesday August 15: The Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:45 AM Rosary
 9:15 AM **Mass:** Int. of friend of Lucille Santiago—Lucille and Jose Santiago
 7:00 PM **Mass:** +Pamela Lowe—SFA Parish

Wednesday August 16:

- 8:45 AM Rosary
 9:15 AM **Mass:** Int. of Living and Deceased Members of Beh Family—Pauline Beh
 10:00 AM Gospel Group—Church Library

Thursday August 17:

- 8:00 AM Women's Faith Sharing—Youth Room
 9:15 AM **Mass:** Int. of Ginny Bircher—The Saint Francis Chorale

Friday August 18:

- 8:45 AM Rosary
 9:15 AM **Mass:** +Frank Ohno—Rosa Ohno

Saturday August 19:

- 7:00 AM That Man is You—PAC
 3:30 PM Confessions
 5:00 PM **Mass:** +Carol Borowczyk—Chris Weatherford
 7:00 PM **Misa en español:** +Simona Cartagena—Rocio Lopez

Sunday August 20: 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- 8:30 AM **Mass:** St. Francis of Assisi Parish Family
 10:30 AM **Mass:** +Thomas Kittel—Family
 12:30 PM **Mass:** +Dick DeLamielleure—Jim and Anne Quinn
 5:00 PM **Mass:** Int. for Thanksgiving of our Blessings—Anthony John and family

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:

Susanna Romero Ronquillo, Jeanette Cousino, Cecelia Schmidt, Marc Yeiter, Victoria Wozny, Noel D'Cruz, Nathan DeJohn, Juan Rodriguez, Joe Leger, Bonnie Floreske, Debbie Kimble, Alan Bastian, Lindy Campbell, Phyllis Conlon, Alex Bobowski, Larry Yonovitz, John Summers, Ralph Almer, Julie Kanitz, Judy Stingo, Jennifer Bachman, Carolyn Kusch, Kenneth Bruneau, Jackie Beaulieu, 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 Pavicich, 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 Morales, Sarah Huige Uyingco, Geraldo Uyingco, 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.

Died in Christ:

Mary Kittel
 Laura Hess

Married in Christ:

Rodrigo Lopez Ronquillo and Celeste Salazar
 Jack Mennen and Brooke Adams

Prayer Lamp (8/12-8/18):

Int. of Borowczyk Family—Chris Weatherford

Saint Joseph Candle

8/18-8/20: +Stephen Joseph Saksa—Stephanie Powell

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.

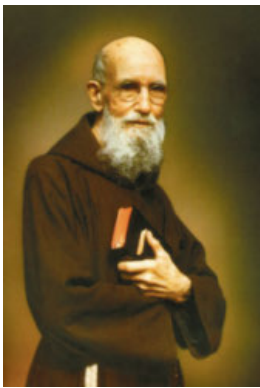
Pilgrimage: Solanus Casey Center Detroit
Thursday, October 5th, 2023
9:15am - 5:00pm

In honor of our parish patron, Saint Francis of Assisi, join us ...

Fr. James Conlon (pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Ann Arbor) along with our special guest, **Dr. Bill Cook**, (Distinguished Teaching Professor and expert on the life of St. Francis of Assisi)

Experience the healing of Christ offered through the Sacramental life of the Church in union with Blessed Solanus Casey.

Our day includes:



9:15am Mass & Holy Hour at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Ann Arbor.

10:35am Depart on deluxe motor coach to Detroit.

11:30am Catered Lunch at the Blessed Solanus Casey Center.

1:00pm A Talk By Bill Cook, speaking on Franciscan art & the sacred art pieces at the Casey Center.

Tour time & Priests are also available for Confession.

3:15pm Personal Free Time

4:00pm Depart from Detroit for Ann Arbor.

5:00pm arrive back at St. Francis of Assisi

A full day of prayer, blessings and community on a deluxe motor coach!

Our price: \$65/person which includes all fees, lunch and opportunities not always available when one travels alone.

Please include payment at the time of registration (**DUE BY SEPT 18th**).

Veneration of the Relics

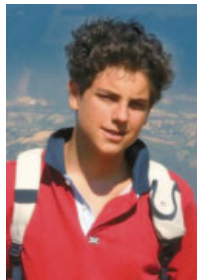
OCT 11: ST. JUDE, THE APOSTLE - OCT 12: BL. CARLO ACUTIS - OCT. 17: PILGRIMAGE TO RELIQUARY

We are delighted to invite you to a special opportunity that will take place at our parish this October 2023. We will venerate some of the most precious relics of our faith, which have been generously loaned to us by various institutions and individuals.

On Oct. 11, we will have the opportunity to venerate the relic of the Apostle, St. Jude, which has been generously loaned to us by the Vatican. This is a rare and sacred opportunity that will bless our community. We will celebrate morning Mass at 9:15 am followed by all day veneration of St.

Jude's relic. In the evening, we will celebrate a bilingual Mass at 7pm followed by a reception.

On Oct. 12, we will have the opportunity to venerate the relic of Bl. Carlo Acutis, which was given to Fr. James directly from Carlo's own mother while on pilgrimage to Italy. Beginning with the 9:15 am Mass followed by a holy hour and all-day eucharistic adoration and veneration of Bl. Carlo's relic. We will end with Evening Prayer and benediction at 6:30pm.



On Oct. 17, we invite you to join us for a one-day pilgrimage to Maria Stein, Ohio, known for its cross-tipped "spires to heaven" and one of the largest collections of relics. Experience Mass, a guided tour of the chapel and grounds, followed by a scenic journey to prominent churches and sites. Enjoy the vibrant Fall foliage as the backdrop for this spiritual journey. The price of \$130/person covers transportation, lunch, dinner, and all tour fees.



Secure your spot at
stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms



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.

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!

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: www.ExploreTransplant.org.

Caring for Our Common Home

Welcome to the Anthropocene

Second article of a Series

"A very solid scientific consensus indicates that we are presently witnessing a disturbing warming of the climatic system. In recent decades, this warming has been accompanied by a constant rise in sea level and by an increase in severe weather events."

~Pope Francis

The Anthropocene (An Thruh puh seen) was proposed by a panel of geologists "(the Anthropocene Working Group)" as a geological epoch that would represent an era of significant impact by humans on the geology and ecosystems of our earth. It would begin at the conclusion of the Holocene Epoch which began 11,700 years ago when the last ice age ended.

Humans will now be leaving a period of time in which civilizations prospered and expanded around the world; one which encompasses all of our written history; and one when the weather patterns were somewhat predictable and conducive for agriculture and fishing to support the growing populations.

However, in the 20th Century and continuing into the 21st, we are now seeing changes that are becoming ever more apparent. As we see significant increases in development of land for agriculture as well as consumption of fossil fuels, greater use of plastics, and increased deforestation in tropical rain forests, **we are becoming aware of some ominous signs that do not speak well as to the status of the health of our Earth.**

Examples of such signs include:

- Increased contamination of the air that we breathe and the water we drink;
- More severe weather events and ever hotter temperatures threaten human health;
- Increasing extinction rates of both plants and animals;
- Worsening droughts and life-threatening floods;
- Rising sea levels and stronger storm surges;
- Increasing acidification of our oceans.

Despite the severity of the preceding concerns, with the intelligence and imagination that God has given us, **we can still take appropriate effective actions to make real differences for our generation and those who are yet unborn, IF WE ACT NOW in ways of care for each other and for our common home! For instance...**

- We might encourage the use of electric vehicles by urging our cities to provide more charging stations.
- We might choose to have one meal a week that is meatless which will help lower our carbon footprint (as well as reducing our heart attack and diabetes risk).

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Peace and Justice Committee

Parish Stewardship Report

Month	PSG	cash/check	Grand Total
July	\$ 81,637	\$ 82,545	\$ 164,182
August	\$ 30,267	\$ 16,921	\$ 47,188
September			\$ -
October			\$ -
November			\$ -
December			\$ -
January			\$ -
February			\$ -
March			\$ -
April			\$ -
May			\$ -
June			\$ -
Total	\$ 111,904	\$ 99,466	\$ 211,370
	53%	47%	89%
	% 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.

High School Ensemble Ice Cream Social!

All high school musicians (singers and instrumentalists) are invited to join the High School Ensemble for an ice cream social on Sunday, 8/27, immediately following the 12:30pm Mass (~1:45pm) in the PAC. Come meet other high school musicians, as well as Jennifer Orkisz and Ted Emch, our HSE music directors. Bring a friend!

High School Ensemble starts 9/10

After taking a break for the summer, the High School Ensemble will start serving again at the 12:30pm Sunday Mass on 9/10. If you're interested in being a part of this group, please contact HSE director Jennifer Orkisz, jorkisz@stfrancisa2.org or call the parish office for more information.

New Handbells and High School Ensemble Choir Director!

Our long time director, Ginny Birchler, retired this summer after many years of faithful service to the parish. Thanks be to God--we found a wonderful person to take on those positions! We are very pleased to introduce our new handbells and High School Ensemble choir director, Jennifer Orkisz. She comes to us after many years of teaching middle school and high school vocal and bell choirs, and she is looking forward to using her skills and experience to serve in ministry.

Please send her a welcome message, or find out more about handbells or high school music ministry:

jorkisz@stfrancisa2.org.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

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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

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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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.

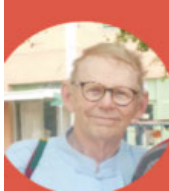
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4TH
7 PM (IN CHURCH)
MASS ON THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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).

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For additional details or any questions, reach out to:

Scott Wright at swright@stfrancisa2.org (734-821-2121)

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Ellen Ward at ward@stfrancisa2.org (734-476-5640).

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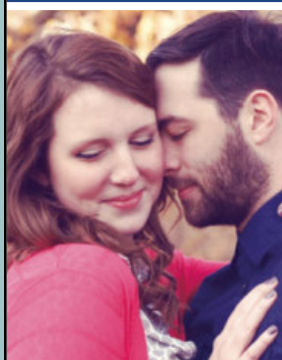
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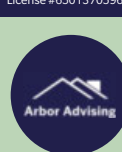
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