



Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

Forum

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 2023

Stepping Our Way through Summer

Each summer I make a list of all the amazing things I want to do to better myself, my family, my home, and our world. I feel rejuvenated with extra time of longer days, more sunshine, and more warmth. I always seem to be drawn to prayer first.

As the days turn and start getting shorter, I find myself more in prayer and with clarity I don't seem to have in those fall and winter months. Thanks be to God for respites and breaths. I invite you to hold on to any new practices and closeness you have gained these past few months.

As we work to bring the slower pace to our families and lives, there are some routines we can bring into our homes/families to help slow the pace around us. I offer some tips (no, I don't do these nearly enough, but in my heart, I know they help):

- Morning Prayer at home with deep breathing
- Morning rosary
- Morning prayer in the car
- Spiritual music as you make meals
- Drink lots and lots of water throughout the day. As prayer cleanses us so does water.
- Deep breaths and a Hail Mary.
- Silent eating time- focusing on being present for nutrition not only benefits our intestinal health but also benefits our emotional health as we ignore phones and computers.
- Hugging those we love. Hormone levels increase with physical touch. I invite you to hug your loved ones and take 2 cleansing breaths with your eyes closed. Be present. Thank God for the opportunity to hold them tight.

I have learned to slow down and bask in his great glory around us this summer. I pray the same for you. The sounds, the wind, and the silence is truly something we can use to improve and connect better with HIM!

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.
There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.
Psalm 19:1

AMEN!

Julie Fantone Pritzel
Principal

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, Grand Knight</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@stfrancisa2.org
Pre-K/ESP Director	821-2290	Christina Busse	cbusse@stfrancisa2.org
School Secretary	821-2200	Aarika Stovcsik	school@stfrancisa2.org
School Secretary	821-2200	Lou-Ann Morrill	school@stfrancisa2.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!

Receive the Gift of Empathy!

We like to think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time. But hurts, struggles, crises, and problems don't take a vacation. Many times our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

If you are experiencing a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally—you **don't have to suffer alone.** Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers.

It's free. It's confidential. And it will make a difference in your life!

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, contact Scott Wright:

734-821-2121

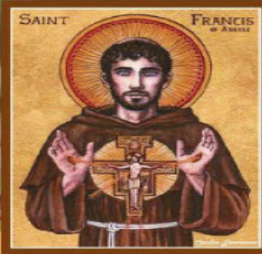
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COME AND JOIN THE CELEBRATION

FRANCIS FEST

SUNDAY, OCT. 8
FOLLOWING THE 12:30 PM MASS

A fun day for our parish family to celebrate our patron, St. Francis of Assisi and gather as a community for food, fellowship, and fun!



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN PLANNING,
EMAIL KELLY HERNANDEZ @
KHERNANDEZ@STFRANCISA2.ORG

This Week at St. Francis

Monday August 21: St. Pius X, Pope

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

Tuesday August 22: Queenship of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

8:45 AM Rosary
 9:15 AM **Mass:** +William Vogt—Patricia Vogt

Wednesday August 23:

8:45 AM Rosary
 9:15 AM **Mass:** +Larry Fisher—Barbara Ferris
 10:00 AM Gospel Group—Church Library

Thursday August 24: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

8:00 AM Women's Faith Sharing—Youth Room
 9:15 AM **Mass:** +Robert Burke—Ruthann Distler

Friday August 25:

8:45 AM Rosary
 9:15 AM **Mass:** +Robert Trevarthen—Virginia Pinten

Saturday August 26:

7:00 AM That Man is You—PAC
 3:30 PM Confessions
 5:00 PM **Mass:** +Zofia Chmielewski—Ann and Greg Skonecki
 7:00 PM **Misa en español:** Int. of Juan Manini—Family

Sunday August 27: 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM **Mass:** +Kathryn Ebaugh—Marianne and Ken Schmanske
 10:30 AM **Mass:** Int. of Alex Bobowski & Family—Krystyna Bobowski
 12:30 PM **Mass:** St. Francis of Assisi Parish Family
 5:00 PM **Mass:** +Anne Courtois—Shipley Family

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

Allergies & Communion

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

Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers:

Susanna Romero Ronquillo, 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 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:

Chiamaka Esther-Paschaline Ogbonna, daughter of Tobechei & Chiamaka Ogbonna

Prayer Lamp (8/19-8/25):

+John R. Johnson—Judy Johnson

Saint Joseph Candle (8/25-8/27):

Charles Snider—Luc Snider

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)

Our day includes:

- 9:15am Mass & Holy Hour at St. Francis.
- 10:35am Depart on deluxe motor coach
- Catered Lunch and a Talk By Dr. Bill Cook, on Franciscan art and the sacred art pieces at the Casey Center.
- Tour time and Priests are available for Confession too.
- 5:00pm arrive back at St. Francis of Assisi.



Our all-included price is **\$65/ person**. Payment can be made by credit card at the time of registration, which is **due by Sept 18th**.

Checks can also be dropped off at the Parish Office.

Questions? Ask Scott Wright!
 swright@stfrancisa2.org or text/call:734-821-2121.



Knights of Columbus PICNIC Next Weekend!

The St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus Council 8989 cordially invites the Parish community to an outdoor picnic on Sunday, August 27th, following the 12:30 pm Mass, on Church grounds adjacent to the PAC. Attendees will enjoy grilled foods, sides, and more while learning about the Knights of Columbus and the opportunities within the St. Francis of Assisi Council. We encourage men aged 18 years and older to consider joining the Council and taking an active part in its noble mission.

We look forward to welcoming you to this enjoyable and informative event!

Wallerend Ezin, Grand Knight, Council 8989

Register for Religious Education Classes
Classes begin in mid-September!

Secure your family's spot now for an enriching journey of faith with our Religious Education program. Designed for children from PreK-8, our classes offer preparation for the sacraments and a deepening of their understanding of the Faith. Emphasizing the importance of regular Mass attendance, we foster a strong connection with God and with the Church.



Classes begin in mid-September and are offered on

- Sunday mornings (9:30am-10:30am),
- Wednesday evenings (6:30pm-7:30pm), and
- Saturdays (bilingual in Spanish and English) from 5pm-6:45pm followed by the 7pm Mass in Spanish.

Sign up at: <https://stfrancisa2.wufoo.com/forms/20232024-prek8th-religious-education/>

For questions, please contact us, Ellen at 821-2132 or Helena (Spanish) at 734-821-2130 or stfreled@stfrancisa2.org

Back to School Supply Drive: August 21-28

Please consider donating to our annual back to school supply drive for those in need, especially for those within our parish.

Supplies especially needed are:

Backpacks for younger children and especially for age 12+ students;

Gift cards (\$20 or \$25) to Meijers, Walmart, or Target;

Notebooks, pencils, pens, folders, binders, paper, glue, glue sticks,

tape, crayons, colored pencils, washable markers, scissors, art supply bags, pencil soft cases, tissues, Clorox wipes, reusable water bottles.



Please drop off supplies on the weekend of August 26/27 before or after Mass in the gathering space, in the designated box or drop off supplies anytime between August 21-28 in the parish office.

Thank you for your generosity!



Want to know God?

He is speaking to us through the Bible – God's Living Word. It contains the story of the people of God, God's endless forgiveness and mercy, and the promise of eternity with Him!

Have you read it?

We encourage everyone to join a Bible Study this year!

Bible Studies offered at St. Francis this Fall:

Monday 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Meets weekly, Oct. 16 – Dec. 11

Facilitator: Wanita Forgacs

Study: Mary by Ascension Press

Tuesday 10 – 11:30 am

Meets biweekly Sept. 5 – Apr. 2

Facilitator: Bill Forgacs

Study: The Gospel of Luke, Jesus the Compassionate Savior – Stephen Binz Threshold Series

Part 1 (Fall) & Part 2 (Winter)

Tuesday Women's Bible Study

10 – 11:30 am, Sept. 12 – Nov. 28 (Fall dates)

Facilitators: Susan Edwards and Kimm Sarosi

Study: Gospel of John (Fall) and Letter of James (Winter) – by Ascension Press

Martes Estudio Bíblico 7 – 8 pm

En Español, comienza Sept. 26

Lider: Freisy Bobadilla

Estudio: Evangelio de Marcos

We want to hear from you for future planning!

1. Would you attend a Bible Study if there were child care provided?
2. Would you attend a Bible Study that met monthly September – May?

stfrancisa2.com/adult-faith-formation/bible-study

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

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

GROUP ME

CONNECT WITH OTHER LOCAL CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

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

Parish Stewardship Report

Month	PSG	cash/check	Grand Total
July	\$ 81,637	\$ 82,545	\$ 164,182
August	\$ 50,451	\$ 31,583	\$ 82,034
September			\$ -
October			\$ -
November			\$ -
December			\$ -
January			\$ -
February			\$ -
March			\$ -
April			\$ -
May			\$ -
June			\$ -
Total	\$ 132,088	\$ 114,128	\$ 246,216
	54%	46%	89%
	% PSG	% cash/check	% of budget

SAVE THE DATE!!

Saturday, September 16th, 9am-11am, PAC
The Benefits of Preplanning Your Funeral

We'll enjoy breakfast and a special presentation by Nie Family Funeral Homes - Community Education Program along with Father James.

MORE information is coming soon!!

Calling All Seniors And Those Who Care For Seniors!

Mark your calendar for an informative, educational and enjoyable seminar: **Thursday, September 14th from 5:30-6:30pm in St. Francis School Library.**

Barbara Zinser, Local Realtor And Senior Real Estate Specialist will discuss topics such as:

- Is Your Home An Asset Or An Anchor?
- Is It Near Your Favorite Leisure Activities And People?
- Will It Meet Your Future Health And Mobility Needs?

Aubree Shemwell & Bob Yopko of First Equity Residential Mortgage, Inc will enlighten you about reverse mortgages and provide information to determine if this option is right for you. Come and get your questions answered.

Julie L. Dunbar, Pllc and Elder Law Attorney loves to speak on the topic "Leave A Legacy". This incorporates issues of incapacity and disability as well as estate preservation to avoid problems during estate administration.

Kindly visit the parish website and use the sign up forms tab to register!

Michigan Legislation & Justice

Soon We Will Vote On Two Bills Named:

"Good Time" and "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!

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Peace and Justice Committee

Game Night - Thursday, September 14, 2023

A night of fun is planned for the adults and seniors of St. Francis from 6 to 8 pm in the PAC. Bring your favorite type of game that you like to play. It can be a board game or cards, it is your choice. Sign up on stfrancis2.com/sign-up forms or you can contact Scott Wright at: swright@stfrancis2.org

Looking forward to having some fun!

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.**



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.



Bible Foundations: Unlocking the Old and New Testaments

Join this two-year course with engaging, live teaching from In-shal Chenet, MA and understand the most foundational books of the Old and New Testaments.

Class meets Mondays 9:15-10:45 am at Old St. Pat (Ann Arbor) with childcare or Mondays 7:00 -8:30 at St. Mary Pinckney (in 2023-24) and continuing at St. Joseph in Dexter (in 2024-25).

Learn more at an Open House Info Night: Monday **Aug 21st** 7-8 pm at St. Joseph (Dexter Village Parish Center) or Wednesday **Aug 30th** 7-8 pm at St. Mary (Pinckney). **Find out more at cbasmich.org or call/text 586-438-3085.**



CELEBRATING OUR PATRON

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

WITH SPECIAL GUEST, BILL COOK
Oct. 3-6, 2023



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.

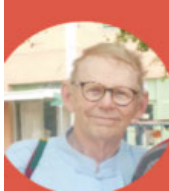
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4TH
7 PM (IN CHURCH)
MASS ON THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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/>

YOUR SPONSORSHIP AND SUPPORT NEEDED

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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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.

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For additional details or any questions, reach out to:

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

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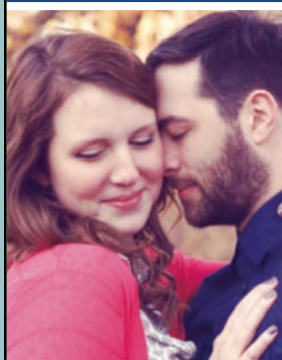
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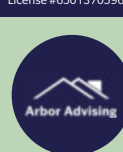
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