



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.

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

Forum

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2023

Promoting Catholic Values Every Year, not just in Sacramental Years

As parents, we all desire our children's happiness, well-being, and a supportive community. Consider this: nurturing faith-filled Catholic values in your children goes beyond Sacrament preparation classes. It's about instilling virtues and principles that lead to a more joyful life and a better world.

Investing in a Future Filled with Hope

You might be curious about the benefits of instilling Catholic values in your children. Let's explore together: by providing them a foundation rooted in faith in Jesus Christ, you set them on a path toward a more fulfilling and meaningful life. These values, such as empathy, charity, gratitude, perseverance, and resilience, are essential for navigating life's ups and downs.

Small Seeds, Lasting Impact

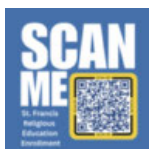
Nurturing faith-filled Catholics requires commitment to annual faith classes, but imagine the lasting impact. By exposing them to Catholic teachings every year (not just during sacramental years), you help them internalize values like service, generosity, and community. This continuous exposure equips them with tools for building relationships and a strong Catholic identity.

Embracing a Supportive Faith Community

If concerns about conflicting values arise, remember that being part of a Catholic community offers unwavering support aligned with your Catholic values. It's a space where Jesus Christ is taught, God can be freely discussed, and teachings promoting Christ-like love, justice, forgiveness, reverence for life, and integrity are emphasized. It's a place where friendships form, and children learn from positive role models. Consistent faith classes build a strong spiritual foundation.

Join the Movement of Building a Better Tomorrow

While busy schedules might cross your mind, remember your investment extends beyond the classroom. Enrolling your children in Religious Education classes each year shapes a legacy of values guiding their lives. You're sowing seeds for a generation that finds meaning, purpose in life, and eternal happiness with God. You are raising saints.



If you have not already done so, and your children do not currently attend our parish school, please register your children in grades PreK-8 for Religious Education classes at:

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

Classes begin next week. If you have questions, please contact us at stfreled@stfrancisa2.org or call 734-821-2132.

God bless you!

Ellen Ward
Director of Religious Education

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 8am to 2pm on Sundays
8am to 6pm 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

Byzantine Vespers

1st Sunday at 7pm

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

St. Francis of Assisi Directory

<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 Dunlap</i>	<i>jdunlap123@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
	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 de Preparación para Bautizo

Si deseas bautizar a tu hijo, la clase de preparación para bautizo es necesaria. Por favor, contacte a Fr. Seamus Kettner frseamus@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 9:30am a 10:30 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: <https://stfrancisa2.wufoo.com/forms/20232024-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 a 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!

 <p>ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC SCHOOL</p> <p>2023 Educational Trust Fund Benefit</p> <p><i>The Mustang Gala</i></p> <p>MUSIC, MEMORIES & MILESTONES</p> <p>MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A SPECTACULAR EVENING!</p> <p>Saturday, October 7, 2023</p> <p>at 6 pm</p> <p>The Venue</p> <p><i>Let's celebrate a milestone - 20 years of the Benefit!</i></p> <p>THE EVENT FEATURES SILENT AND LIVE AUCTIONS, STROLLING DINNER, COCKTAILS, DUELING PIANOS AND MORE!</p> <p>WWW.STFRANCISA2.COM/SCHOOL/GIVING/ETF-BENEFIT/</p> <p>TICKETS: \$200 EACH (TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION AMOUNT IS \$100)</p> <p>EMAIL: ETFBENEFIT@SAINTFRANCISAA.ORG</p>	<p>ETF Gold Sponsors</p> <p>Thomas Sidlik and Rebecca Boylan</p>
<p>Educational Trust Fund Bronze Sponsors</p>	<p>ETF Silver Sponsors</p> <p>AVE MARIA MUTUAL FUNDS</p> 
<p>Esquire INTERIORS</p> <p>AFFORDABLE LUXURY SINCE 1952</p>	
<p>BARNES & THORNBURG LLP</p> <p>btlaw.com</p>	
	
<p>ETF Bronze Sponsors</p> <p>The Loewe Family</p>	 <p>ENSPIRE DENTAL</p>
<p>To register for the 2023 ETF Benefit Dinner, go to stfrancisa2.ejoinme.org/2023ETF</p>	<p>ETF Angel Sponsors</p> <p>Midwest Graphics Ulitho</p>

This Week at St. Francis

Monday September 11:

9:15 AM **Mass:** +Ronald Beh—Pauline Beh
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts—PAC
 7:00 PM Divorced/Separated—S. Library, Zoom
 7:00 PM Christian Meditation—Zoom

Tuesday September 12:

8:45 AM Rosary
 9:15 AM **Mass:** +Dale E. Kimberly Sr.—Ruthann Distler

Wednesday September 13: Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor

8:45 AM Rosary
 9:15 AM **Mass:** Int. of Lynette Gardner—Suzan Zick
 10:00 AM Gospel Group—Church Library

Thursday September 14: Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

8:00 AM Women's Faith Sharing—Youth Room
 9:15 AM **Mass:** +Patricia Ann Hayes—Tom Cowhy Family

Friday September 15: Mem. of Our Lady of Sorrows

8:45 AM Rosary
 9:15 AM **Mass:** +Jan Suomala—Dan and Karen Gamret

Saturday September 16: Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop; Martyrs

7:00 AM PAC That Man is You
 3:30 PM Church Confessions
 5:00 PM **Mass:** +Joseph William Kirkham—Sarosi Family
 7:00 PM **Misa en español:** +Severino Romero—Felipe Ronquillo Family

Sunday September 17: 24th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:30 AM **Mass:** +Tom Pearce—Celine Beaulieu
 10:30 AM **Mass:** +Thomas Kittel—Family
 12:30 PM **Mass:** +Eleanor Homiak—Jeannette Matthews
 5:00 PM **Mass:** St. Francis of Assisi Parish Family

For Daily Readings, see the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website at:
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:

Alice Rolph, Alex Bobowski, Paul McGrath, Wanita Shummer, Susanna Romero Ronquillo, Cecelia Schmidt, Joe Leger, Victoria Wozny, Noel D'Cruz, Nathan DeJohn, Fr Chan, Juan Rodriguez, Bonnie Floreske, Lindy Campbell, Phyllis Conlon, Larry Yonovitz, John Summers, Judy Stingo, Antonia Cordina, Nunu Lysloff, Jennifer Bachman, Jackie Beaulieu, Rose Marie Winslow, Paul Pilon, Ralph Zircher, Harris Dufek Holland, Barbara Kramer, Elizabeth Walkowiak, Roger Schneggenburger, Rob Iocca, Raul Cainghug, Nancy Schenk, Shaqe Kalaj, Michael Griffin, Theresa Roth, Dale Buckland, Chan Han, Leonard Sanchez, Stella Wiktorski, Kim Pavicich, Mary Himlin, Nancy Rolph, David Hasey, Bob Toth, Ken Echternach, Jim Conlon, Marian Bessy, Kristie Harbaugh, Kathy King, Rita Vorek, Andrea Jackman, Cristina Pereira, Lois Russell, Michelle Smith, Don Emerson, Ellsworth Stout, Ernest Toth, Don Mierzwa, Tina Kuehnle, Guadalupe Moralez, Sarah Huige Uytingco, Geraldo Uytingco, Helen Ybarra, Edgar Celestino, Mark Nakashima, Michael Fleszar, Ines Morales, Gerald Montry, Helen Rysse, Kathy Miller, Mary Stoddard, Patricia Broecker, Jesenia Salazar-Godinez, Rosalie Ventimiglia, Shari McArthur, Autumn Osborn



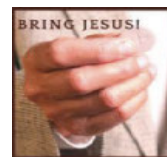
Please call the parish office to add a name to our prayer list. Help us to keep our list current by letting us know when we may remove a name.

Prayer Lamp (9/9-9/15):

Int. of Katie Lucas

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

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.

Honoring our Parish Patron-Oct. 3-8, 2023



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

In honor of our parish patron, join **Fr. James Conlon** along with special guest, **Dr. Bill Cook**, Distinguished Teaching Professor and expert on the life of St. Francis of Assisi. Our day starts with Mass at Saint Francis, travel by bus to Detroit, catered lunch and a talk by Dr. Cook, on Franciscan art and the sacred art pieces at the Casey Center. There will be tour time and priests available for confession before returning to Ann Arbor by 5:00.

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.

Come have fun and get to know the members of your parish family!

FRANCIS FEST

Sunday, Oct. 8

after the 12:30 pm Mass

With live music, games for the kids, and fun for all ages!



**We'll provide the main dish.
Please bring a side dish,
salad or dessert to share!**

Volunteers Needed!
stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms
Thank you!

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.

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.

ONLINE DONATIONS CAN BE MADE AT:
<https://stfrancisa2.wufoo.com/forms/bill-cook-foundation-online-donation-form/>
OR VIA THE QR CODE



IN-PERSON DONATIONS CAN BE MADE AT:
The parish office, 2150 Frieze Ave.
Or, drop into the Sunday Collection basket.
Memo: Bill Cook Foundation Sponsor

Outreach Ministry

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

*Each year St. Francis parishioners volunteer to coordinate and participate in **hosting three weeks worth of shelter**. (Two of those weeks - one in **May** and one in **September** - are for homeless families with children staying at the Alpha House Shelter. And, one of those three weeks is in **March** for homeless men staying at St. Francis Parish.)*

*Volunteers are the heart and hands of Alpha House. Volunteers from over **40** local congregations and community groups provide meals and supplies for the shelter and the families, engage with the children, and perform building maintenance.*



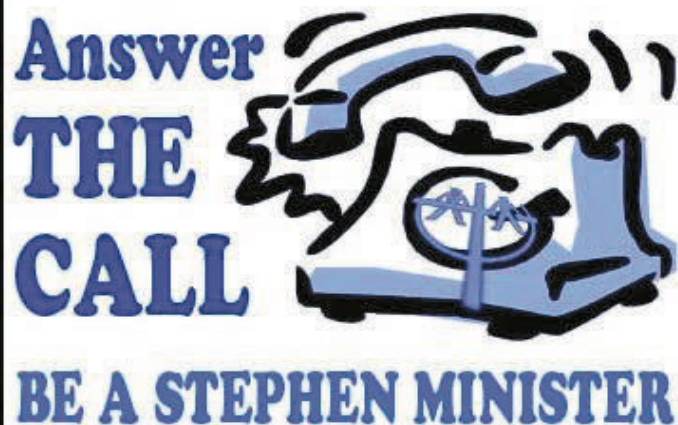
Alpha House Family Shelter

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)

Join our St. Francis Parish Outreach Team the week of **Sept 18-24, 2023**, serving several homeless families MEALS each day of the week at Alpha House (4290 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, between Zeeb and Wagner). **We need your help!** Dinners may be prepared and simply dropped-off, or you may stay to assist. We need your help to **Purchase, cook and deliver meals** (about 15-20 people mostly children). 1.) Main Dish, 2.) Vegetable & 3.) Dessert.

Deliver it between 3pm-5pm. In addition to being a Meal Provider you may also want to stay and serve dinner.

Sign-up at: www.signupgenius.com/go/shelter or www.stfrancisa2.com/shelter-programs

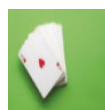


On the weekend of **September 23/24**, before and after all Masses we will show a **video on Stephen Ministry**. You are invited to stay and learn more! **Plus, many of our ministers will be available in person for you to meet at the church doors and answer questions.**

Game Night - Thursday, September 14

6pm to 8pm in PAC

A night of fun is planned for the adults and seniors of St. Francis Bring your favorite board or card game: your choice!



Sign up stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms

Looking forward to meeting you and having some fun!



You're invited to **Coffee & Conversations!**

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

We invite you to learn how planning for your final wishes may shield your family from unnecessary emotional and financial burden.

Join us in the PAC to learn more about pre-arrangements, traditional funerals, veterans benefits, cremation, burials, and more. Nie Family Funeral Home will be making a presentation along with Fr. James.

Please RSVP at 734-971-2345.

Seniors' "Out to Lunch Bunch"

Join your fellow senior parishioners from St. Thomas and St. Francis for lunch on the 3rd Thursdays:

Sep 21st is next!

Arrive at 11:30am at **NEW MEETING LOCATION! Metzger's Restaurant** at 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>

or

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

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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, Plc an Elder Law Attorney loves to speak on the topic "Leave A Legacy". This incorporates issues of incapacity & 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!



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.

Altar Server Training

Entrenamientos para ser Servidores de Altar, acólitos o monaguillos

Saturday/Sabato, Sept. 23,
9:00-11:00am
Sunday/Domingo, Sept. 24,
1:30-3:30pm



Training for youth in grades 4 and older will take place in the church. Parents, please accompany your youth.

El entrenagamiento para jovenes de 4° grado y mayores será en la iglesia con aluno de tus papas o tutor.

For questions, please contact Fr. Seamus at: frseamus@stfrancisa2.org or 734-821-2100.

Cualquier pregunta, contacta al Padre Seamus / Santiago al frseamus@stfrancisa2.org or 734-821-2100.

New Parish Directory Coming Soon!

It has been about 10 years since we've compiled a Parish Directory, and we have contracted with Universal Church Directories to provide us with a well-needed update. The schedule for pictures of your family as well as the various parish ministries, groups, and activities will be:

- October 10-14
- October 24-28
- November 1-4

You can reserve your appointment here



Saint Vincent Service Ministry



PRAYER TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Noble Saint Vincent de Paul, Inspire us to feed the hungry, to love a child, to provide comfort and medicine to the sick, to clothe those whose garments are threadbare, and to offer hope and our Lord's words to all who need respite. Amen.

Are you seeking to grow closer to God? To enhance your prayer life? To serve Christ in the poor? Here is your invitation to join us once a month beginning **Wednesday, September 13th from 4:30-5:30pm**, and each following 3rd Wednesday. **Join us** to see how God is inspiring our parish through outreach to the poor and needy in both existing and new ways!

"We must love neighbor as being made in the image of God and as the object of His love." SVdP

Call or email me for more information or questions:
Thomas Mussio at 734-216-3896 or
Thomasmussio1956@gmail.com

Adult Faith Formation

Kelly Hernandez (khernandez@stfrancisa2.org or 734-821-2122)



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!

+ Freisy Bobadilla
Predicador Católico

Martes Estudio Bíblico (7 -8 pm)
En Español, comienza Sept. 26
Estudio: Evangelio de Marcos

Bio: Freisy Bobadilla es un formador, predicador y escritor Dominicano. Formado en Sagrada Escritura en República Dominicana y ha impartido clases de Biblia en República Dominicana y Florida, además de manera virtual, donde asisten a sus clases personas de Bolivia, Colombia, Panamá, México, Puerto Rico y Estados Unidos. Es escritor de dos libros: Formando Líderes Conforme a Cristo e Intercesión Instrumento de la gracia, ambos traducidos también al inglés y publicados en Amazon. Su labor predicadora lo ha llevado alrededor de muchas comunidades, a lo largo de Estados Unidos, impartiendo retiros y enseñando a otros el amor por la palabra de Dios.

Monday Evening (6:30 – 8:30 pm) Bible Study

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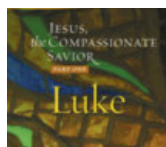
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10-11 am: Small Group Discussion
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September 12th – November 28th (no sessions on 10/24 or 11/21)

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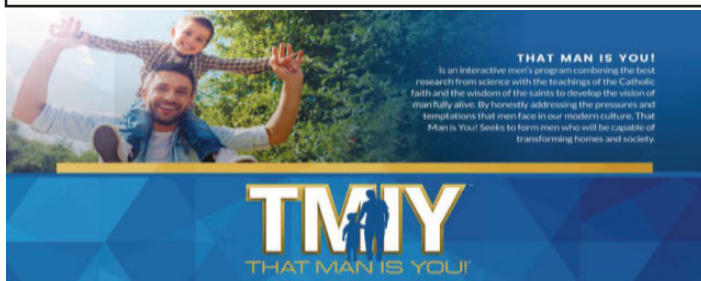
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7:30 - 8:00 am- Video from TMIY program

8:00 - 8:30 am- Small group sharing.

LOCATION: Parish Activities Center (P.A.C.)

Start your day off right and be home in time to make breakfast for the family!

Contact John Walsh for more info:

michaeljohn32@yahoo.com

For more info about the "That Man is You" program, visit: paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you/

Lessons from the School of Love: Cultivating a Christ-Centered Marriage

Friday, Oct. 27th 6:30pm
in the PAC

Debbie and Peter Herbeck, Catholic speakers, authors, and happily married couple for over 35 years, will join us to share their insights on married life.

They recently co-authored a book entitled, "*Lessons from the School of Love: Cultivating a Christ-Centered Marriage*" in which they discuss how to strengthen the bond of marriage through the limitless grace offered to all by Christ.



RSVP: stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms

\$40 suggested donation per couple

Returning to the Church

*This is the **48th** article in a series called,
“Why do I pray these prayers at church?”
written by Bill Razgunas.*

I hear many say, “We have no problem with the man Jesus. Our problem is with the leaders of the Catholic Church.” What should be done in order to be a positive influence in the face of these unfortunate thoughts? In order to do this, let's look at how people find themselves in this situation. How come there is such a great chasm between their experience of church and their faith?

Let me share a real story about how this worked itself out in Sue's life. She is a senior who was emotionally injured by her experiences with the church while growing up. Her inner wounds were 40 to 50 years old and her bitterness toward the Catholic Church was deep. At this point I would say that she was a Nature worshiper. One weekend she came to Ann Arbor to visit her friend George. The weather outside was cold and the sidewalks were slippery. Sue fell and injured her leg. Since there was an ugly bruise, George asked me to take Sue to the emergency room. I stayed with her and the time was well spent listening to her life's story. After many hours she was sent home.

On the way home, she said that she wanted to express her appreciation. I explained that she could do this by thinking a little better of Jesus and the Catholic Church. She emphatically said “THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN!” A week later, Sue slipped on the ice again. This time she hit her head quite badly. The bruising on her face rapidly became very pronounced. After I saw it, I said to myself “This woman is going to die tonight.” I took Sue to the emergency room. Since she had a very positive experience with our conversation the week before, she wanted to hear about my experience of following Christ. As we talked, I silently prayed for Sue.

My sharing about Christ was like a single “barrel” of a shot gun. The other “barrel” of the shot-gun was loaded with my prayers. I gave her both “barrels” without reservation that night. Why hold back in the face of her serious injury? Would she die that night? While talking to Sue, I wondered if God would do something if I reached over and touched her shoulder. When I did this Sue started repeatedly saying “You touched me!” Sue never admitted that God touched her that night. However, I saw Sue's injury rapidly showed signs of healing. Later that night Sue was discharged and went back to stay with George. Sue was back on her feet the next day. Over the next couple of years, Sue embraced a deeper faith in Christ and returned to the Catholic Church.

Look at what happened! Sue had been fully trained as a Catholic. She had left the Catholic Church as a young adult. Subsequently, Sue had no faith in Christ. Her faith in “nature spirits” had been picked up along her life's journey. The first goal was to lead her to a fuller knowledge of Christ. Since this was blocked by SUBSTANTIAL emotional pain surrounding her injured relationship with the Catholic Church, I just listened while quietly praying. I did not try to solve any of her problems. During this time of listening, I asked that God would begin to heal what is going on inside of her. This established some fertile ground in Sue's heart. Christ acted in this situation and subsequently Sue found healing in her relationship with the church. That night, Sue wasn't able to identify God as her healer. It's not that unusual for someone to experience a life changing event without fully comprehending it. Sometimes it takes many years for someone to admit that the Almighty God acted.

Do you want to learn how to share your faith in this way? I have started an evangelism team at St. Francis. You can receive an invitation by sending me a text with your phone number included. I will call you back as soon as I am able. My phone number is 734-546-6445. God wants to work in powerful ways through you!

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).

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.

Nurturing Faith Through Experience: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is offered on Sunday mornings and Saturday evenings (bilingual) for young children aged 3-6 years. Katie McBride has been involved in the Catech-

esis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program for four years, both as a parent and a classroom aide and writes of her experiences:

"I have been a parent and classroom aid in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program for the past four years. My daughter started when she was 3 and stayed with the program until she finished kindergarten at age 6. It has been a joyful experience journeying with some of our littlest disciples as they take their first steps in learning about their faith outside their own homes. Allie has learned about the Mass, the history of the Church, the liturgical calendar, parables, how to pray, and most importantly, how much Jesus loves her! Even after attending Catholic school for thirteen years, there are lessons in the CGS curriculum that were new to me and it has been special and unique to learn side by side with my daughter. My faith has been deepened through these experiences. I am an arts educator and I support this Montessori approach to Catholic catechism. In the CGS classroom, or Atrium as it is called, students learn through hands-on experiences. They play with maps, figurines of holy figures from the New Testament, books, beads, vestments, and even a mini altar! We use music to anchor each week's lessons and teach the children how to use their voices to praise God. I encourage all parents of children ages 3-6 to explore this program and to consider serving as an aid at any grade level to support our dedicated catechists here at St. Francis."

Sign up your young child for classes, using the Religious Education Class Form at:

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

Join our Team of Religious Education Volunteer Teachers!

We would love your participation as a volunteer! Are you passionate about nurturing young minds and fostering a deep connection to Faith? As a volunteer teacher of the Catholic Faith in our Religious Education program, you will have an incredible opportunity to guide young hearts on their spiritual journey. Make a real difference in the children's lives and deepen your own faith in the process.

Teachers are needed for **Sunday mornings** from 9:30am-10:30am and **Wednesday evenings** from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

When you volunteer to be a catechist, we will train you! The training is a wonderful opportunity to learn, grow in your faith and pray with fellow Catholics while learning this well developed program. You'll have teacher materials, a manual with teaching lessons, and a schedule developed for the class, making teaching easier.



You can also volunteer to be an aide: Are you gifted with arts/crafts? Singing? We would love to have you share your talents with our children.

Do you speak Spanish? Teachers are also needed for our growing bilingual Saturday evening program (5:30pm-6:45pm with dinner at 5pm) as well as for CGS. Learn more by contacting either:

Ellen Ward ward@stfrancisa2.org or 734-821-2132

or Joan Kangas at jkangas16@gmail.com.

RED MASS 2023

The Diocese of Lansing Annual Red Mass will be held at St. Mary Cathedral, Tuesday, October 3 at 5:15pm. A dinner reception will immediately follow. All Judges, Lawyers, Law Students and interested persons are invited.

This year's Thomas More Award recipient is John J. Bursch. He is the founder of Bursch Law and senior counsel and vice president of the Alliance Defending Freedom. His accomplishments are legion, having established himself as one of the preeminent appellate attorneys in Michigan and served the public as Michigan Solicitor General.

RSVP by 9/22: Diane Arzberger (517) 402-1562 or lclguild@gmail.com.

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.

Parish Stewardship Report

Month	PSG	cash/check	Grand Total
July	\$ 81,637	\$ 82,545	\$ 164,182
August	\$ 87,384	\$ 57,866	\$ 145,250
September			\$ -
October			\$ -
November			\$ -
December			\$ -
January			\$ -
February			\$ -
March			\$ -
April			\$ -
May			\$ -
June			\$ -
Total	\$ 169,021	\$ 140,411	\$ 309,432
	55%	45%	87%
	% PSG	% cash/check	% of budget

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- Veneration begins at 1:00 pm
- Mass in Honor of Saint Jude: 7:00 pm
- Veneration ends at 10:00 pm

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).

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

Join us for the Michigan March for Life in Lansing on November 8th!

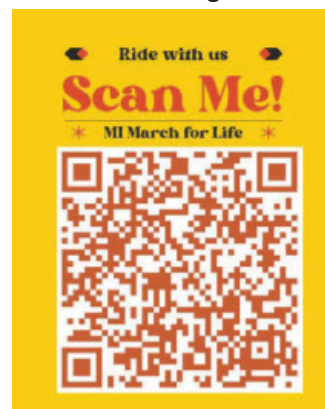
Mark your calendar for November 8, invite your pro-life family and friends, and plan to take off work or school on November 8. St. Francis of Assisi Parish in collaboration with the Michigan Catholic Conference, Michigan March for Life, and Right to Life of Michigan and each of the Catholic dioceses in Michigan is promoting the Michigan March for Life in Lansing. The March for Life is an opportunity for all the faithful to be the voice for the defenseless. Join us as we peacefully advocate for the protection of all human life from conception to natural death. A strong showing of support makes a difference in our standing for Life, cherishing both mom and her unborn child.

Register for the event now at the Michigan March for Life site at:

<https://p2a.co/9sD90j6>

Whether you decide now or later regarding going to the event, registering will give you information and updates.

Interested in going by coach with other St. Francis parishioners?



Secure your place on the bus at: <https://stfrancisa2.wufoo.com/forms/sfa-bus-for-march-for-life-nov-8/>

We leave from St. Francis Parish, 2250 E. Stadium Blvd, Ann Arbor at 8:30am and return at 4:30pm. The March will take place outside the State Capitol building at 100 N. Capitol Ave. in Lansing. The cost of \$35/adult includes transportation by coach, lunch, and tips. Call us for family rates.

Questions? Contact:

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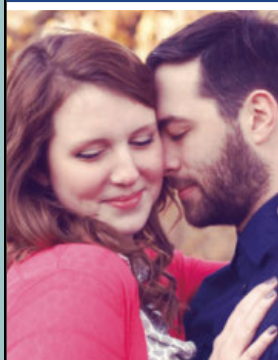
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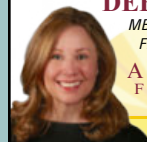


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