

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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2023

Be Thankful That God is "Unfair" *"Are you envious because I am generous?" (Mt 20:15)*

How many times have we heard today's Gospel about the workers in the vineyard? If you look at this parable from the perspective that God is the owner of the vineyard and heaven is the wage that we are laboring to earn, is any one of us more worthy of receiving this reward than another? Jesus labored for us. Was the amount of his laboring fair compared to the laboring that the rest of us do over the course of our lives? He took our sins upon himself and suffered an agonizing death on the cross to save us and give us the hope of eternal salvation. He didn't do it because we earned it. He did it because he is a God of mercy and compassion, a loving and forgiving God.

Consider the thief on the cross who realized that Christ was receiving the same sentence that he was, though Christ had done nothing wrong. Yet, when asked if he would forgive his sins, Jesus answered, *"Today you will be with me in paradise."* (Luke 23:43) Is it fair that someone can come to the end of their life having done terrible things and then repent and receive forgiveness and mercy at the last minute? Some may think not, but that is how "unfair" God is and how much he loves us. We all come to the vineyard at different times, the vineyard being our faith in this instance. Some people know Christ all their lives, others for only a very short time. When God blesses someone, regardless of the circumstances, we should not consider that an injustice. We should instead rejoice.

We are instructed in today's readings to: "Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ." (Phil 1:27) We should be happy when others are blessed, not jealous. Had the latecomers to the vineyard been family members of those already there, would it have made a difference? Would they have stopped their grumbling? Does fairness not matter as much when it involves someone that we love as opposed to a stranger? We all need God's graces and mercies. Are we deserving of them? Can we earn them? No. Is it fair that we, perhaps, receive more or different graces than someone else? Perhaps not, but this is why we should be grateful that God is so generous.

Think about the Covid stimulus payments. The same amounts were paid to all who met the requirements, regardless of age, employment status or many other factors. There were some who received payments who didn't necessarily need them. Others were in great need yet received nothing. Is this unfair? Many would say yes. There are large numbers of people who live in this country but do not yet have legal status for one reason or another. Does this

make them any less worthy of being able to provide for their family? We are all children of the same God. Jesus searched out the downtrodden and gave them hope. Should we not do the same? I know a fellow parishioner who turned her blessing during the pandemic into a blessing for others. She saw families with young children who were struggling just to put food on the table; so, she gifted her payments to them. What a beautiful example of being the face of Christ to others.



When you are blessed, share those blessings. When others are blessed, do not begrudge them or become envious. When we are envious, we take our eyes off what the Lord has given to us. Be thankful, and look for ways to share your blessings. Stop waiting for life to be fair. Keep working toward that time when Jesus will say to you, "You have labored well. This day you will be with me in paradise."

Susan Wawrzaszek, Coordinator of Worship

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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: <u>stfrancisa2.com/misa</u>. 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 <u>frseamus@stfrancisa2.org</u>.

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: <u>parishoffice@stfrancisa2.org</u>

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: <u>liturgy@stfrancisa2.org</u> (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: <u>www.stfrancisa2.com/school</u> Tenemos ayuda financiera para los que cumplan ciertos requisitos.

<u>Clases de la Fe o Catecismo para Niños de distintas edades</u> (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: <u>https://stfrancisa2.wufoo.com/</u> 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 <u>ward@stfrancisa2.org</u> (inglés o español). Para más información, contáctenos (Helena o Ellen a <u>stfreled@stfrancisa2.org</u> 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!

New Parish Directory Now is the Time to Sign Up!

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 timeslots for pictures of: parishioners, parish ministries, groups, and activities will be on:

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

Reserve your appointment here:

Church code: mi1785 Password: photos



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2023 Educational Trust Fund Benefit The Mustang Gala



MUSIC, MEMORIES & MILESTONES

Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 6 pm Venue By 4M **1919 S Industrial Hwy, Ann Arbor 48104**

For further information and to register visit <u>https://stfrancisa2.ejoinme.org/2023ETF</u> or scan the QR code:



This Week at St. Francis

Monday September 25:

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9:15 AM	Mass:	+David Lee Cramer—Bethany Zuraw						
7:00 PM	PAC	Boy Scouts						
7:00 PM	S.Library	Divorced/Separated (also Zoom)						
7:00 PM	Zoom	Christian Meditation						
Tuesday September 26:								
8:45 AM	Church	Rosary						
9:15 AM	Mass:	Morning Prayer (No Mass)						
Wednesday September 27: Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul								
8:45 AM	Church	Rosary						
9:15 AM	Mass:	Morning Prayer (No Mass)						
10:00 AM	C.Library	Gospel Group						
Thursday September 28:								
8:00 AM	Youth Room	Women's Faith Sharing						
9:15 AM	Mass:	<u>Morning Prayer & Holy Hour</u> (No Mass)						
<u>Friday September 29:</u> Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, The Archangels								
8:45 AM	Church	Rosary						
9:15 AM	Mass:	+Anani Benoit Ezin—Carine Ezin						
Saturday September 30: Memorial of St. Jerome								
7:00 AM	PAC	That Man is You						
3:30 PM	Church	Confessions						
5:00 PM	Mass:	+Joseph Cornicelli						
7:00 PM	Misa en español:	Ints of Ana Lopez—Family						
Sunday October 1: 26th Sunday Ordinary Time								
8:30 AM	Mass:	St. Francis of Assisi Parish Family						
10:30 AM	Mass:	+Margaret Noreen Watza—John Barletta Family						
12:30 PM	Mass:	Ints of Aaron Pearson—Patrick Wagner						
5:00 PM	Mass:	Ints of Ryan John—Anthony John						

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

Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers:

Helen McMaster, Kathleen Downer, Luz Infante (Snider), Rob Iocca, Carolyn Kusch, Alice Rolph, Alex Bobowski, Wanita Shummer, Joe Leger, Susanna Romero Ronquillo, Cecelia Schmidt, Victoria Wozny,



Nathan DeJohn, Fr Chan, Juan Rodriguez, Lindy Campbell, Larry Yonovitz, John Summers, Judy Stingo, Antonia Cordina, Nunu Lysloff, Jennifer Bachman, Jackie Beaulieu, Rose Marie Winslow, Paul Pilon, Ralph Zircher, Harris Dufek Holland, Chan Han, Bob Toth, Elizabeth Walkowiak, Roger Schneggenburger, Raul Cainghug, Nancy Schenk, Shaqe Kalaj, Michael Griffin, Theresa Roth, Dale Buckland, Leonard Sanchez, Stella Wiktorski, Kim Pavicich, Mary Himlin, Nancy Rolph, David Hasey, 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.

Died in Christ:

+Joyce Dunseth, mother of Jacquelyn and Joel Heidelbaugh

+Adelaide Laetz

<u>Married in Christ:</u> Pablo Alberto Valenzuela-Lara & Casandra Aguilar-Mena

Prayer Lamp (9/23-9/29): Intentions of the Deignan Family

No Masses <u>next</u> Tuesday-Thursday There will be **no morning Masses** on Sept. 26-28. **We will have <u>Morning Prayer</u>, only**, as our priests will be away at the annual convocation meeting with our bishop. Please keep them in your prayers for a time of renewal and grace. On Thursday, Sept. 28, a Holy Hour will immediately follow 9:15am Morning Prayer.



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.

Cost is **\$65/person**, this includes all fees and lunch. Please include payment at the time of registration. Checks can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

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



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 ASSIST

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 PILCRIMAGE TO SOLANUS CASEY CENTER WITH SPECIAL GUEST, BILL COOK As part of the pilgrimage, Bill will speak on Franscican 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.

Parish Stewardship Report

Month	PSG		cash/check		Grand Total	
July	\$	81,637	\$	82,045	\$	163,682
August	\$	87,384	\$	55,923	\$	143,307
September	\$	52,517	\$	52,358	\$	104,875
Total	\$	221,538	\$	190,326	\$	411,864
	54%		46%		85%	
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Please support the operations and ministry of Saint Francis through **ParishSoft Giving (PSG)** by using the QR code to the right. Questions? **bizoff@stfrancisa2.org**





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. All day veneration of St. Jude's relic will begin at 1:00 pm and continue until 10:00 pm. We will celebrate a bilingual Mass at 7pm. Confessions will be available during veneration. (See below for details on receiving a plenary indulgence.)



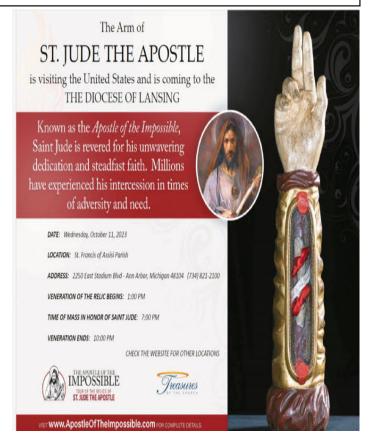
On Oct. 12, we will have the opportunity to venerate the relic of BI. Carlo Acutis, which was given to Fr. James directly from Carlo's own mother while on pilgrimage to Italy. We will begin with the 9:15 am Mass followed by a holy hour and all-day eucharistic adoration and veneration of BI. Carlo's relic.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

Plenary Indulgence during the Veneration of the Relics of St. Jude

The Holy See has granted a plenary indulgence to all who venerate the relics of St. Jude the Apostle and who fulfill the following conditions:

- 1. Venerate the Relics of St. Jude in silent prayer.
- 2. Recite one Our Father and one Hail Mary praying for the Holy Father's Intentions and for the needs of the Church.
- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation* (Confession) within 20 days of visiting the Relics.
- 4. Receive Holy Communion worthily and free from all grave sin (as defined by the Church and the Scriptures) within those 20 days.
- 5. Resolve to end all relationships with sin and sinful habits and to work to achieve holiness in this life and the life to come.

*Please note that on October 11 we will endeavor to offer Confessions to as many people as possible. If you wish to receive the Sacrament, please come prepared. Find a good Examination of Conscience and be ready to confess your sins. As we expect great numbers, please do not attempt to use this time for Spiritual Direction or to discuss major life issues or the sins of others.



Adult Faith Formation

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

Engaged & Married Couples Join us for a fun evening of wine, dinner, and

talk by Debbie and Peter Herbeck

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

MOMMY & ME PLAYGROUP

Fridays 10-11:30 am meets weekly in the preschool room located in the lower-level of the church

Begins Sept. 8

MOMMY AND ME PLAYGROUP IS A COMMUNITY OF MOMS WHO SHARE THE JOYS AND CHALLENGES OF MOTHERHOOD, AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER THROUGH FRIENDSHIP, ADVICE, AND ENCOURAGEMENT. ALL WHILE OUR CHILDREN GET TO MEET AND PLAY WITH OTHER CHILDREN IN A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.

YOU'LL ALSO GET TO MEET OTHER MOMS FROM YOUR AREA. AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR CHILD. WHETHER YOU HAVE A NEWBORN. A TODDLER. OR A PRESCHOOLER.

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE BEST PLAYGROUP IN TOWN! WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU AND YOUR CHILD(REN)!

Contact parishioner and mom, Deirdre Alsaidy at lothrde@gmail.com for more info or to volunteer to help with set up & cleanup

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



THAT MAN IS YOU

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 (beginning mid–January) – 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

TMJY

"All Things New" New Creation Story, New Spiritual Life, New Adam, New Eve, New Fruitfulness, New Tree of Life, New Fruit from the New Tree of Life Runs 13 weeks beginning Saturday, Sept. 9th

Saturday morning schedule in PAC: 7:00 - 7:30 am- Light breakfast and fellowship. 7:30 - 8:00 am- Video from TMIY program 8:00 - 8:30 am- Small group sharing.

Contact John Walsh for more info: michaeljohn32@yahoo.com.

Outreach Ministry Scott Wright (swright@stfrancisa2.org or 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.



www.signupgenius.com/go/potluck-assisi

Sidewalk Advocacy Training

Saturday, October 7, 2023



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9:30am - 4pm Saline, MI \$15 (\$10 students) Includes training manual and lunch

Ann Arbor Sidewalk Advocates for Life is looking to grow our team and would love for you to join us. Our Advocates serve year-round by reaching out and changing the hearts and minds of abortionminded women and men.

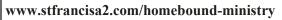
By the grace of God, our Advocates have been involved in many saves/turnarounds at the Ann Arbor Planned Parenthood over the last 9 years, including 23 last year and 13 so far this year! Take the next step toward helping end abortion in our community! Register today for our life-changing, comprehensive training!

For more information and to register for the training, contact: Paul or Kathy at 734-657-0901 or <u>saflannarbor@gmail.com</u>. <u>sidewalkadvocates.org</u>

RSVP by October 4, 2023

BRING JESUS!

Homebound Eucharistic Ministry Team Building Events for all ministers in the Ann Arbor area. Learn more here:



Have You Considered Becoming a Stephen Minister **Prayer Power**

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

James tells us that the prayers of righteous people are powerful and effective (James 5:16). We invite you to pray about our congregation's Stephen Ministry. Specifically, please pray for those God is calling to serve as caregivers in this ministry.



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

Drop-ins are always welcome anytime! To take a committed one hour time slot, go to the 365 calendar: **40daysforlife.com/annarbor**. For more info or any scheduling help, contact:

Sandie at 734-657-1936 or plan2pray@gmail.com.

Join our Team of Religious Education Volunteer Teachers!

Are you passionate about nurturing young minds? Teachers are needed for **Sunday mornings** from 9:30am-10:30am and **Wednesday evenings** from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Training will be provided and you'll have teacher materials, a manual with teaching lessons, and a schedule developed for the class.

You can also volunteer to be an aide. 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.

Register for Religious Education Classes!

Sign up your children now for Religious Education: <u>https://stfrancisa2.wufoo.com/</u> forms/20232024-prek8th-

religious-education/. Classes begin Sept. 23, 24, and 27.

Sessions are offered on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and Saturday evenings (bilingual in Spanish and English). The Saturday session is from 5:00pm-6:45pm followed by the 7:00pm Mass in Spanish.

Questions? Please contact Ellen at 821-2132 or Helena (Spanish) at <u>stfreled@stfrancisa2.org</u> or 734-821-2130.

Sing for Masses in honor of St. Francis and St. Jude!

All are invited to join the choir for our special celebrations of St. Francis, on Wed., 10/4, and St. Jude, on Wed., 10/11.

Rehearsal will be at **6:15pm** both days, with Mass at 7pm. Sing for one or both!

RSVP to Jonathan Hasey, <u>jhasey@stfrancisa2.org</u> or (734) 821-2124.

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.

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