



Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

Forum

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8th, 2023

Two Saints, Two Relics, Two Days of Prayer!

It's very rare that the relics of one of Twelve Apostles come to the USA but this coming Wednesday, (Oct 11th) the relics of St. Jude, the Apostle of the Impossible, will be here with us at St. Francis for veneration and prayer. Lots of planning has gone into this great day but we need your assistance and help. ***To make things easier here are a few key points to remember:***

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.

- Veneration will begin at 1pm. We will start with our school children: they will be dismissed from class around 12:30pm and will line up first to enter the Church with their family members. Veneration for all others will begin around 1:30pm.
- Parking may be limited - you may wish to park in the neighborhood and walk to Church.
- To ensure the safety of all we ask you to line up and to follow the crowd corrals (as at an airport) and the instructions of the ushers/attendants and parish leadership.
- To expedite the movement of the crowd in an orderly fashion, entrance and exit will be through the front doors of the Church only! Special provisions will be made for the disabled and for seniors with mobility issues.
- As you enter the Church and move towards the Relic please maintain a reverent and prayerful silence, using this time to pray. We estimate that each person will have about 10-15 seconds before the Relic.
- No photographs are permitted during your time before the Relic. Please respect this!
- You are encouraged and permitted to touch the reliquary case with rosary beads, medals, and other sacred objects. This will make them third class relics!
- Confessions will be available in the School building on the day- please follow the signs. Remember you have 20 days from your visit to fulfill the conditions to obtain the Special Plenary Indulgence attached to this visit. These conditions can be found on page 3 of this bulletin.
- A Souvenir and Resources Table will be available in the Parish Activity Center.
- A Special Collection to cover the costs of the visit will be taken up at Mass. Donations may also be made payable to the parish.
- Veneration will continue until 6:30pm that evening, then it will break as we prepare for Mass at 7pm. We will also livestream the Mass to the Parish Activity Center.
- Veneration will resume following Mass and will end promptly at 10pm.

This is a great privilege for our parish to be able to host this event. I know that many will receive great blessings and favors through the intercession of one who was called by Jesus and walked with him during his time here on earth. On Oct 12th we will follow this by a much smaller event with a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis and a special Holy Hour on that day.

May the Apostle Jude and Blessed Carlo intercede for all of us and our community of faith.

*Fr. James
Pastor*

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

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.

Baptism: A pre-baptism class is required
before the baptism. For details and to
register, contact Fr. Seamus 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>
Council, Commission & Ministry Chairpersons			
Pastor	821-2100	Fr. James Conlon	frjames@stfrancisa2.org
		<i>Pastoral Council, Mary Jane Tramontin</i>	mjtram46@gmail.com
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		<i>Educational Trust Fund, Joe Ceccoli</i>	Email TBD
		<i>Assisi Center Construction, Dcn Tom Arehart</i>	tarehart@stfrancisa2.org
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
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Parish Office Admin. Assist.	821-2100	Julie Kanitz	parishoffice@stfrancisa2.org
Parish Office Admin. Assist.	821-2100	Mark Kempton	parishoffice@stfrancisa2.org
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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
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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

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. 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 Bl. 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 Bl. 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.
3. 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.

The Arm of

ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE

is visiting the United States and is coming to the
THE DIOCESE OF LANSING

Known as the *Apostle of the Impossible*, Saint Jude is revered for his unwavering dedication and steadfast faith. Millions have experienced his intercession in times of adversity and need.

DATE: Wednesday, October 11, 2023

LOCATION: St. Francis of Assisi Parish

ADDRESS: 2250 East Stadium Blvd - Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104 (734) 821-2100

VENERATION OF THE RELIC BEGINS: 1:00 PM

TIME OF MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT JUDE: 7:00 PM

VENERATION ENDS: 10:00 PM

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR OTHER LOCATIONS

THE APOSTLE OF THE
IMPOSSIBLE
TOUR OF THE RELICS OF
ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE

VISIT www.ApostleOfTheImpossible.com FOR COMPLETE DETAILS

This Week at St. Francis

Monday October 9:

- 9:15 AM **Mass:** +Marge O'Kane — McCreadie Family
- 7:00 PM **PAC** Boy Scouts
- 7:00 PM **S.Library** Divorced/Separated (also Zoom)
- 7:00 PM **Zoom** Christian Meditation

Tuesday October 10:

- 8:45 AM **Church** Rosary
- 9:15 AM **Mass:** +Irene Schude — J. Schude

Wednesday October 11:

- 8:45 AM **Church** Rosary
- 9:15 AM **Mass:** +Joseph Paul Clayton — Mitchell & Ellen Garner
- 10:00 AM **C.Library** Gospel Group

Thursday October 12:

- 8:00 AM **Youth Room** Women's Faith Sharing
- 9:15 AM **Mass:** +Marjorie Galant — Richard Galant

Friday October 13:

- 8:45 AM **Church** Rosary
- 9:15 AM **Mass:** +Quinn Moffett — Kenny Spoungle

Saturday October 14:

- 7:00 AM **PAC** That Man is You
- 3:30 PM **Church** Confessions
- 5:00 PM **Mass:** Dorothy Martus — Don & Clare Eaton
- 7:00 PM **Misa en español:** +Souls in Purgatory-Rocio Lopez

Sunday October 15: 28th Sunday Ordinary Time

- 8:30 AM **Mass:** +William Mueller-Kay Mueller
- 10:30 AM **Mass:** +Tim Jusick-Don & Clare Eaton
- 12:30 PM **Mass:** St. Francis of Assisi Parish Family
- 5:00 PM **Mass:** Int. of Fotso Family-Carine Ezin

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

Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers:

Sarah Jilek, Rosemary Laughlin, Stephanie Powell, Larry White, Cletus Denoyer, Mary Ternes, 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, 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.

Baptized in Christ:

Hannah Valora Bailey, daughter of Chad R. & Leah V. Bailey

Married in Christ:

Christopher Quiambao & Sherry Quan Ngo

Died in Christ:

+Roger Schneggenburger

+Shirley Brown, Mother of Cyndy Brown

Prayer Lamp (10/7-10/13):

+Janet Becker—Jean Teifer

St. Joseph Candle (10/6-10/8):

+Wadi Rumman—Suzan Zick

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!

Dear Church *family*,
It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

• Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.

• Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!

• Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!

UNIVERSAL
CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Gathering families,
Connecting generations.



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 now!

Church code: **mi1785**

Password: **photos**

<https://ucdir.com/schedule/login.php>

Questions? Contact: Claire Carley 734-821-2126 or ccarley@stfrancisa2.org

**Es hora de nuestro
¡nuevo directorio!**

¡La tecnología ha cambiado la forma en que podemos ver los directorios!

Recibirá una fotografía gratuita y un directorio parroquial.

**¡Nuestro álbum familiar de la Iglesia no estará completo sin ti!
Por favor, regístrate hoy!**

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Ann Arbor

Annual Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

Statement of Activities

The Statement of Activities (SOA) shows the income, expense and surplus (or deficit) for the Parish. When the complete SOA is reviewed, it reflects:

Income:	\$13,992,584
Expense:	\$12,497,500
Surplus:	\$ 1,495,083

In the past year, the Parish was required to make some accounting changes causing us to recognize the income and expense of “non-operating” groups in its SOA totals. The previous method that was in place for many years was to list a separate schedule of dedicated accounts which was then summarized on the Statement of Financial Position (SFP). This change required making “non-cash” adjustments to income and expense to record non-operating activity on the SOA, rather than the SFP. So, in addition to the impact of these changes, also included in the total income and expense shown above are the activities of the Parent Teacher Group (PTG), the Educational Trust Fund (ETF), Saint Vincent de Paul, and the ongoing Assisi Center construction project.

Additionally, included in the Parish total above are “non-recurring” activities such as fundraising activity for the fine arts department and Hopes & Dreams scholarship donations. The Parish also qualified for a \$1.507 million Employee Retention Credit (ERC). And, as part of pandemic relief, our school was eligible for Emergency Assistance to Non-public Schools (EANS) from the federal government and our child care program was eligible for Child Care Stabilization Grants (CCSG) from the state government.

We decided to set aside the **ERC** in a separate, long-term savings account with the Diocese until a suitable project could be identified that would make the best use of these funds. The **EANS** funding was used for various school supplies, information technology equipment, textbooks, and licenses. In the new fiscal year, the Michigan Department of Education approved using \$240 thousand to replace playground equipment on the east side of the school. The **CCSG** was used to fund quite a few improvements such as the fencing around the preschool playground (which had its own major additions), continued renovation of the facilities in the lower church, improved security features such as surveillance cameras and intercom system, as well as upgrades to classroom information technology.

When these “non-operating” and “non-recurring” transactions are adjusted out of the Parish totals, we have a small operating deficit for all the operating entities of the Parish:

	Church (w/Faith Formation)	School (w/o EANS)	Child Care (w/o CCSG)	Parish Total (Operating)
Income	\$ 2,416,824	\$ 2,899,638	\$ 703,631	\$ 6,020,093
Expense	\$ 2,317,760	\$ 3,037,503	\$ 674,866	\$ 6,030,129
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 99,064	\$ (137,865)	\$ 28,765	\$ (10,036)

Key take-aways from the statement of activities include:

- Offertory income was \$254,184 below budget
- A \$148,970 gift from an estate
- Pre-K through grade 8 enrollment and tuition was at budget with afterschool care above budget
- Several operational expenses were higher than budgeted: our costs for supplies, utilities, and repair services were exposed to some of the same market increases we all are experiencing in our personal lives.

Kasco’s construction of the Assisi Center is nearly complete with the total cost of the project standing at \$7.58 million. After several permitting delays at the beginning of the project, the Parish successfully cleared several hurdles along the two-year construction process. Unfortunately, the back end of the project is showing no immunity to its own challenges: the late delivery of the elevator and partition door system have added six months of delay. As of this report, we are working to gain city approval to make another expansion to our storm water detention system, pave the front parking lot, and obtain at least a temporary Certificate of Occupancy to accommodate our busy Fall schedule. Everyone’s prayers, patience and support have been greatly appreciated. **We are almost there!**

Statement of Financial Position

Balance as of:	7/1/2022	6/30/2023	Annual Change
Local operating accounts	\$ 227,403	\$ 241,070	\$ 13,667
Local building project account	\$ 398,286	\$ 1,067,090	\$ 668,804
Diocesan savings	\$ 816,347	\$ 563,918	\$ (252,428)
Hopes and Dreams Fund	\$ 576,354	\$ 613,701	\$ 37,347
Other endowed scholarships, dedicated funds, school grants	\$ 297,006	\$ 409,466	\$ 112,460
School clubs	\$ 219,410	\$ 206,194	\$ (13,216)
WTH, Building Funds at Diocese, Construction Recivable	\$ 4,394,027	\$ 418,572	\$ (3,975,455)
SVdP Fund	\$ 68,021	\$ 49,667	\$ (18,354)
ETF	\$ 2,875,856	\$ 2,822,754	\$ (53,102)
Employee Retention Credit	\$ -	\$ 1,507,391	\$ 1,507,391
Other parish assets	\$ 19,035	\$ 8,995	\$ (10,040)
Total Parish Assets	\$ 9,891,744	\$ 7,908,818	\$ (1,982,927)
Balance as of:	7/1/2022	6/30/2023	Annual Change
Accounts payable and other short term liabilities	\$ 402,369	\$ 202,223	\$ (200,146)
Building AP and retainage	\$ 105,681	\$ 763,006	\$ 657,325
Deferred revenue and other liabilities	\$ 88,782	\$ 14,526	\$ (74,256)
Total Parish Liabilities	\$ 596,832	\$ 979,755	\$ 382,923
Unrestricted net assets	\$ 1,632,169	\$ 24,032	\$ (1,608,138)
Restricted net assets	\$ 7,662,743	\$ 6,905,031	\$ (757,712)
Total Net Assets	\$ 9,294,912	\$ 6,929,062	\$ (2,365,850)
Total Liabilities + Net Assets	\$ 9,891,744	\$ 7,908,818	\$ (1,982,927)

The Statement of Financial Position (SFP) above summarizes how the assets owned by the Parish and the liabilities owed changed during the fiscal year. A little over \$252 thousand of long-term savings was used to offset the combined impact of the reduction in income and increase in expense this year. The decrease in ETF assets was less severe than in the previous year as the investment market continues to improve. The SFP also shows assets and liabilities dedicated to the Assisi Center construction project broken out separately from the rest of the Parish: there is a local checking account dedicated to the payment of construction costs which is replenished from two Parish savings accounts held at the Diocese. By the end of the fiscal year, a little over \$1.48 million is available to cover approximately \$1.00 million in additional expenses at the beginning of the new fiscal year to finish the project.

Witness to Hope pledges continued to be paid off last year, however, the Catholic Foundation reported that approximately \$350 thousand in pledges would not be paid by the respective donors. Thank you to those that completed their pledges and thank you to those that were inspired to make an additional—or first time—donation to the Assisi Center project. Any additional donations will be used to outfit the kitchen and other furnishings that were not part of the original project budget. It is not too late to be involved!

Please send any questions or comments to rkehn@stfrancisa2.org.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Kehn, CMA
Parish Business Manager

Adult Faith Formation

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

Engaged & Married Couples

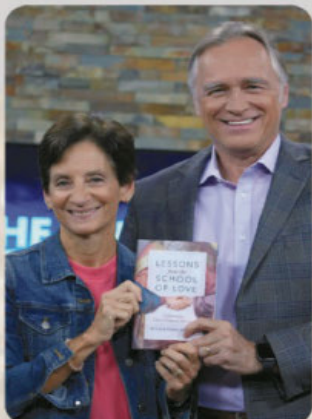
Join us for a fun evening of wine, dinner, and talk by Debbie and Peter Herbeck

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

Interested in becoming Catholic? Know of anyone who is?



The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is for anyone (7+) seeking to be baptized and enter into the Catholic Church as well as adult

Catholics seeking completion of the Sacraments of Initiation (e.g., Confirmation or First Communion). At each OCIA session, we'll look at one aspect of the faith, sharing the key teachings and beliefs with you. It is also a time to ask any questions you may have regarding the Catholic faith. **We will begin meeting for these sessions towards the end of summer/early Fall.**

To learn more, contact Kelly Hernandez @ khernandez@stfrancisa2.org or (734) 821-2122. Consider joining us or inviting someone who might be interested.

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

FRANCIS FEST

Today!!
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!

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Thank you!

Support the OCIA BY PURCHASING A BIBLE & CATECHISM FOR A CANDIDATE

At the Rite of Acceptance & Welcome, that we will celebrate at the beginning of December, the men and women in formation to become Catholic make a significant step on their journey by accepting the Word of God and the cross of Christ. Would you be willing to "share the Gospel" by donating toward one of the gift Bibles which will be presented to each of the candidates?

Each Bible costs \$65 and Catechism \$12. You may drop your donation off in person at the parish office or even place it in the Sunday collection basket, mark the envelope "OCIA Bible" (checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi Parish, with note: OCIA Bibles).

If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Kelly Hernandez at (734) 821-2122 or email: khernandez@stfrancisa2.org

"May the Word be a lamp for our feet and a light to guide our path."

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.

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



Sing for Mass in Honor of St. Jude!



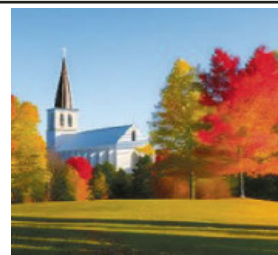
All are invited to join the choir for our special celebration of St. Jude, on **Wed., 10/11**.
Rehearsal will be at **6:15pm**, with Mass at 7pm.

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

Spires to Heaven:

**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. 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: 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)

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Respecting LIFE

The beatification of the Ulma family



On September 10th Josef and his wife, Wiktoria, and their seven children, including their unborn child, **were declared Blessed by Papal Envoy, Cardinal Marcello Semeraro**, in St. Dorothy

Church in Markowa, Poland (the town where the family lived). "Blessed" is the third of the four steps to sainthood. In the instance of the Ulma family, the beatification of an entire family marks an unprecedented event in the modern canonization process.

On March 24, 1944 during the height of World War II, the Ulmas were denounced and betrayed for secretly hiding eight Jewish neighbors and friends from the horrors of the Holocaust. Nazi forces stormed their home and Josef and the pregnant Wiktoria were executed with their children and the Jewish neighbors whom they had sheltered since 1942. (Vatican News)

Father Pawel Rytel-Andrianik of St. Dorothy Church noted that the tragedy represented a Jewish - Christian martyrdom, a senseless taking of innocent lives. The family was recognized by the State of Israel as "*Righteous among the Nations*".

"The Righteous Among the Nations, honored by Vad Vashem, are non-Jews who took great risks to save Jews during the Holocaust. Rescue took many forms and the Righteous came from different nations, religions, and walks of life. What they had in common was that they protected their neighbors at a time when hostility and indifference prevailed."

(Vad Vashem – the World Holocaust Remembrance Center)

As told in Luke (10:29-37), the Parable of the Good Samaritan was an example of reaching out beyond one's immediate family; beyond one's comfort zone. Likewise, Josef and Wiktoria and their family reached beyond their immediate family and saw those neighbors who were in need to be also a part of their family. As in Matthew 25:40 **"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."**

In today's world when our neighbors (be they Jewish or Muslim or racial minorities or the homeless or migrants) are being threatened or dismissed,

What does Jesus call us to do?

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Peace and Justice Committee

CROP Anti-Hunger Walk Sunday, 10/15

Where: Zion Lutheran Church 1501 West Liberty, Ann Arbor

When: Registration starts at 1pm, with the group send-off at 2pm – or you can walk virtually in your own neighborhood.

Food will be provided outside of Zion Lutheran Church by the Fed-up Ministries food truck. The walk benefits 11 local agencies, as well as international efforts to fight hunger. Last year's walk raised over \$35,000 – let's try to beat that amount this year!

[Note: Walkers can **designate Catholic Relief Services (CRS)** as the recipient of the funds they raise.] **Register, donate, or get more info here:**

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/annarbormi>

THANK YOU ST. FRANCIS WEEK AT ALPHA HOUSE!

The staff and residents at Alpha House and the St. Vincent Service Ministry at St. Francis would like to thank all the parishioners who provided meals for our week assisting at the Washtenaw County Interfaith Hospitality Network family shelter.

The following people volunteered to prepare or purchase and deliver delicious meals for seven dinners and weekend brunches: Kathryn Berofsky, Kristy Bonasso, Elaine Brandenburg, **Mary Hayden (our host week coordinator)**, Antony John, Chris and Miriam Kempton, Jessica Kill, Theresa MacLean, Susie and Jake Mcdevitt, Cicie Miller, Chris Mollo, Catherine Pietryga, Amy, Bryan, Brady, and Jack Pritchard, Cheryl Render, Genny Roney, Michael Ross, Beth Russell, Scott Wright, Sharon Wright, and Ruth and Ed Zajkowski.

We appreciate all of you!

Pro-life Mass Saturday, October 14, 2023

Mass & Exposition **10:00 am - 11:30 am** at
St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church 2250 E. Stadium Blvd,
Ann Arbor.

**Marian Procession immediately follows
11:30 am - 12:15 pm see details to the right
Everyone is Welcome!**

For more info, Sandie Weathers:
734-657-1936
or
plan2pray@gmail.com

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personal goals for ministry, consider becoming a Stephen Minister. A training class is starting soon!

For more information, contact Scott Wright, 734-821-2121 or swright@stfrancisa2.org.

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

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/>



Leave from St. Francis Parish, at 8:30am and return at 4:30pm. The cost of \$35/adult includes transportation by coach, lunch, and tips. Call us for family rates!

Questions? Contact:
Scott Wright swright@stfrancisa2.org / 734-821-2121 or Ellen Ward ward@stfrancisa2.org



Game Time Fun

Where: St. Francis Parish Office

When: 12:30pm-3pm on the **2nd Thursdays** of each month. (So... **Thursdays, October 12th, November 9th, December 14th., etc...**)

A time of fun is planned for the adults and senior parishioners. Bring your favorite type of game that you like to play. It can be a board game or cards, it is your choice. Looking forward to meeting you and having some fun!

Sign up RSVP here:

www.signupgenius.com/go/game

Or contact Scott Wright at: swright@stfrancisa2.org or (734-821-2121).

This and all "FIFTY-FIVE & FASTER Events are sponsored by Seniors @ St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

The University of Michigan – Flu Program: Flu Shot Clinic at St. Francis

When: Monday, October 16th, 2023 **3:30PM-6PM**

Where: In the St. Francis School Library
(2270 East Stadium Boulevard, Ann Arbor)

Why attend this on-site flu shot clinic?

It's conveniently located so you don't have to go out of your way to get your flu shot. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the best way to prevent influenza is to receive a seasonal flu shot. **Michigan Medicine accepts a variety of insurance. Please visit <https://www.uofmhealth.org/patient-visitor-guide/insurance> for a complete list of insurances accepted.**

****Insurance card must be presented to clinic staff****

Those who are not covered by an insurance that Michigan Medicine accepts may pay for the flu shot by check made payable to the University of Michigan or by credit card.

IF YOU lack resources or need assistance, SIMPLY SHOW THIS ANNOUNCEMENT at the clinic, our St. Francis Parish charity fund, St. Vincent dePaul, coordinator, Scott Wright, will pay for yours.

Masks are required if you have respiratory symptoms. Please do not attend if you are feeling ill.



Blessing of Pets:

We invite you to bring your pets for the annual

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

**Next Weekend - Sunday, October 15th
2:00pm on the plaza area
in front of the church**



St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of our parish, teaches us many things about living simple and good lives. When we bring pets into our lives and homes,

they give us great enjoyment. We also have the responsibility to care for them so that they can have healthy lives. St. Francis' care for life is a great model for us to follow.

Each year we ask God's blessing upon our pets. This blessing not only asks God to share his life with them but also reminds us of the importance of caring for our pets. Please join us!

Misa para Día del Muertos: el jueves, 2 de Noviembre



La Misa para el Día del Muertos es el jueves, **2 de noviembre a las 7pm en la iglesia**. Para la ceremonia les solicitamos que traigan fotografías de sus seres queridos fallecidos para colocar en el altar de la iglesia.

Después de la ceremonia tendremos una recepción con comida y bebidas tradicionales de la fecha. Para más información, contacte Helena o Ellen a stfreled@stfrancisa2.org o 734-821-2130.

Mass is celebrated in Spanish for the Day of the Dead on **Thursday, November 2 in Church**. Please bring photos of your beloved dead and when you arrive place them on the special tables set up in front of church. A reception follows Mass in the PAC with food traditional for the day. For more information: contact Helena or Ellen at stfreled@stfrancisa2.org or 734-821-2130

Morning of Reflection

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Are you a current ministry member not yet registered for this event? Please take a moment to sign up. Interested in joining one of these ministries? Please join us for this special time of formation & fellowship.



Saturday, October 21

9:00am-12:15pm

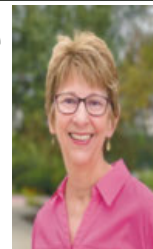
in the Parish Activity Center

Please register at:

stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms/

Our day will begin with breakfast in the PAC followed by **Morning Prayer & Eucharistic Adoration** in the Church. We will then return to the PAC for **a talk on the Eucharist by Fr. Seamus** and finish the morning with a Q&A session with Fr. James & Fr. Seamus. For questions: Sue Wawrzaszek, 734-821-2123, liturgy@stfrancisa2.org.

Letting Go - Loving the Life You Have Right Now Retreat Day



October 28, 2023

Sat, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

God works all things for our good but that can be hard to see when they don't go as we planned. Learn everyday practices to live in this challenging world which increase your trust, peace and joy. **Cost is \$60.00 and includes lunch and materials.**



For further information contact Janene Ternes of Prayer in Motion, LLC at www.prayer-in-motion.com/

Register at <https://www.stfrancis.ws/prayerinmotion>

Mañana de Reflexión

para Miembros Actuales y Nuevos de los Sigüientes Ministerios

- Asistentes de altar • Ujieres • Lectores •
- Ministros de la Sagrada Comunión • Ministros confinados en el hogar • Ministerios de música • Cuidado del altar •
- Arte y medio ambiente •
- Operadores de transmisión en vivo • Coordinadores de bautismos • Coordinadores de bodas •
- Asistentes de funerales

¿Es usted miembro actual de un ministerio y aún no está registrado para este evento? Por favor tómese un momento para hacerlo. ¿Interesado en unirse a uno de estos ministerios? Únase a nosotros en este tiempo especial de formación y compañerismo.



Sábado 21 de octubre
9:00am-12:15pm
 en el Centro de Actividades
 Parroquial (PAC)

Por favor regístrese en:
stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms/

Nuestro día comenzará con un desayuno en el PAC seguido de la **Oración mañanera y la Adoración Eucarística** en la Iglesia. Luego regresaremos al PAC para **una plática sobre la Eucaristía a cargo del P. Seamus**, la mañana terminará con una sesión de preguntas y respuestas con el P. James y el P. Seamus. Preguntas: Sue Wawrzaszek, 734-821-2123, liturgia@stfrancisa2.org.

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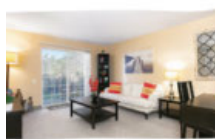
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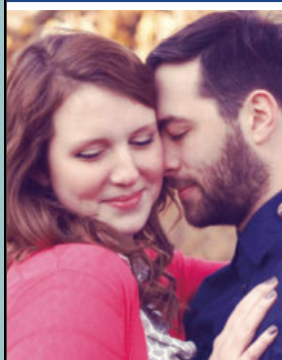
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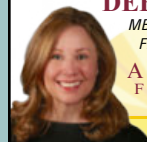


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