



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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15th, 2023

Come Joyfully To The Wedding Banquet Of God's Adorable Beloved Servant King!

Today Jesus speaks of a king who is giving a wedding feast for his beloved - that's you and me - and this king sent out his servants to invite guests - that's you and me. See Matthew chapter 22. **Will you come to the feast?** Right now everything is ready and the banquet hall is soon to be filled with all the guests. **Will you serve Him, by going now to invite whomever you find along your way today, all the bad and good alike to this great feast?** Now? Today? ASAP? Yes! Now! ASAP! This is an urgent matter! We are called to encourage, right now, those other people in our lives to have faith, hope and mercy! Yes, the good and the bad alike!!

Recall that Jesus said, "I am The Way!" And, Jesus - God - truly present now, here today - is the presence of Heaven - Emmanuel - God with us! So Jesus - The Way - is inviting us into His Holy Way of Mercy and Steadfast Love.

Let us not be among those who refuse to come! And let us not be among those who grumble and complain against the "land-owner-king" about how "unfair" we may perceive **"His Way"** to be!

When arriving at His great wedding banquet today - and every day - while we are at school, work, home or in the market - let us "put on Christ" abiding in Him so to also be among those in whom He is dwelling within - who are filled with His love, shining brightly with hope and a humble attitude of gratitude for adoration of Our Great King - Abba.

When we are asked about our faith and/or our hope, let us not be reduced to silence. But let us be filled with joyful singing and praises for the God who made us and sustains us. He knows well our hopes and our fears. Be not afraid!! "The Kingdom of God is at hand for you." (Luke 10:9) Holy Spirit will not abandon us! God is The Most Powerful, and able to bring about good within the midst of the worst atrocities. You and I can do all things in him who strengthens us. (Philippians 4:13) Yes, Holy Spirit is at work today - here - with you and me too!!

When we personally hear the LORD's Word and consider His Word to be of highest priority, **it's really amazing how shrewd, astute, clever, alert, sharp, sharp-witted & intelligent we can be at accomplishing whatever we desire** - even His works of Mercy, and even in the midst of the busiest lives. We feed the hungry, instruct the ignorant, give drink to thirsty, counsel doubtful, shelter homeless, convert sinners, provide clothes for vulnerable, forgive offenses willingly, care for the sick, comfort the afflicted, visit imprisoned, bear wrongs patiently, bury the dead, and pray for the living and the dead.

God's ways are not our ways! God's Way actually brings mourners joy, casts out hatred, dispels all evil, humbles earthly pride; restores lost innocence, washes guilt away, and brings us peace. The LORD provides for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines, wiping away the tears from every face - while death is destroyed forever! (Isaiah 25:6-8)

Will you come and invite others too?

RSVP - ASAP! See you at Mass!

Scott Wright
Parish Outreach Ministry

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

Parish Team	Phone	Name	Email Address
Council, Commission & Ministry Chairpersons			
Pastor	821-2100	Fr. James Conlon	frjames@stfrancisa2.org
		<i>Pastoral Council, Mary Jane Tramontin</i>	<i>mjtram46@gmail.com</i>
		<i>Finance Council, Edd Post</i>	<i>m1817@protonmail.com</i>
		<i>Knights of Columbus, Wallerend Ezin, Grand Knight</i>	<i>GK8989@MiKofC.org</i>
		<i>Educational Trust Fund, Joe Ceccoli</i>	<i>jceccoli@aol.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
Pastoral Associate	821-2126	Claire Carley	ccarley@stfrancisa2.org
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 (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
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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

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



The timeslots for pictures will be on:

October 10-14

October 24-28

& November 1-4, 7



Scan here or visit:

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

Church Code: mi1785

Password: photos (all lowercase)

Everyone who participates will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory!

Photos will be taken in the **Parish Library**. Please wait for your appointment in the Gathering Area by the front entrance of the Church.

We Need Volunteers!

For this project to go smoothly, we are in need of volunteers to help with the photo sessions. Volunteers will help greet those coming for their session and ensure that parishioner information is correct.

Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4BAEAF29AB9-45102715-volunteers>

Questions?

Contact: Claire Carley

734-821-2126 or ccarley@stfrancisa2.org

This Week at St. Francis

Monday October 16:

9:15 AM	Mass:	In of Walter Beh—Pauline Beh
7:00 PM	PAC	Boy Scouts
7:00 PM	S.Library	Divorced/Separated (also Zoom)
7:00 PM	Zoom	Christian Meditation

Tuesday October 17: Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:45 AM	Church	Rosary
9:15 AM	Mass:	In Thanksgiving - Pauline Beh—Pauline Beh
10:00 AM	C. Library	Women's Bible Study
7:00 PM		Estudio Biblico

Wednesday October 18: Feast of St. Luke

8:45 AM	Church	Rosary
9:15 AM	Mass:	+Gil Olegario—Rose Olegario
10:00 AM	C.Library	Gospel Group
6:30 PM	POMR	Spanish Alpha

Thursday October 19: Memorial of Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, and Companions

8:00 AM	Youth Room	Women's Faith Sharing
9:15 AM	Mass:	Int of Ginny Birchler—St. Francis Chorale
10:00 AM	Church	Holy Hour
8:30 PM	Gym	Men's Basketball

Friday October 20:

8:45 AM	Church	Rosary
9:15 AM	Mass:	+Jack Distler—Ruthann Distler

Saturday October 21:

7:00 AM	PAC	That Man is You
9:00 AM	Church	Morning of Enrichment
3:30 PM	Church	Confessions
5:00 PM	Mass:	+Phyllis Willams—Thomas and Rose Wilkerwicz
7:00 PM	Misa en español:	+Rev. Fr. Ken McDonald—Fr. James & SFA Parish

Sunday October 22: 29th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:30 AM	Mass:	Mary Pilon—Wawrzaszek Family
10:30 AM	Mass:	+Thomas Kittel—Family
12:30 PM	Mass:	+Lucy O'Brien—Don and Clare Eaton
5:00 PM	Mass:	St. Francis of Assisi Parish Family

Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers:

Christine Magner, Sarah Jilek, Stephanie Powell, Larry White, Cletus Denoyer, Mary Ternes, 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.

Died in Christ:

+Mark Antos, brother of John (Janel) Antos
+Rosemary Laughlin, sister-in-law of Harry & Candy Laughlin.
+Shirley Brown
+Fr. Bill Spencer
+Melanie Caughey

Prayer Lamp (10/14-10/20)

+Joyce Dunseth—The Heidelbaugh Family

St. Joseph Candle (10/13-10/15):

+Backus Nehra-Barbara Nehra

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

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!

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

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

Van a recibir un retrato (una cortesía) de 8" x"10 y el directorio.

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

Para la programación en línea vayan a www.ucdir.com

**Church Code: mi1785
Password: photos
(all lowercase)**

Thank You!!

Thank you to everyone who helped celebrate Fr. James' birthday. He greatly appreciates all the cards and well wishes!

Parish Stewardship Report

Month	PSG	cash/check	Grand Total
July	\$ 81,637	\$ 82,045	\$ 163,682
August	\$ 87,384	\$ 55,923	\$ 143,307
September	\$ 80,508	\$ 68,244	\$ 148,751
October	\$ 30,397	\$ 35,465	\$ 65,863
Total	\$ 279,926	\$ 241,677	\$ 521,603
	54%	46%	86%
	% PSG	% cash/check	% of budget

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



Adult Faith Formation

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



Thank you!

Special thanks to all the many volunteers who helped to make our annual parish picnic, Francis Fest, a success!



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

Support the OCIA WITH YOUR HOSPITALITY

DONATE FOOD AND HOSPITALITY ITEMS
TO MAKE OUR OCIA CANDIDATES FEEL
WELCOMED.

DETAILS & SIGN-UP HERE

OR AT:

stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms



Outreach Ministry

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

Saint Vincent Service Ministry

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

on the 2nd Wednesdays

from 4:30-5:30pm...

next is **Wed, October 18th.**



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." SVPD

Call or email for more information or questions

Thomas Mussio:

(734-216-3896)

Thomasmussio1956@gmail.com

Mass with our Bishops of Michigan and Michigan March for Life on November 8 in Lansing

Interested in going to the Michigan March for Life by coach with other

St. Francis parishioners?

And attending Mass with our Catholic Bishops of Michigan?



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, are encouraging you to join in this important pro-life event. A strong showing of support makes a difference in our standing for Life, cherishing both mom and her unborn child.

We leave from St. Francis Parish at 7:45am and return at 3:30pm. We will start with Mass with the Bishops of Michigan at the Cathedral. The march will take place outside the State Capitol building.

Questions? Contact: Scott Wright at swright@stfrancisa2.org or (734-821-2121) and Ellen Ward at ward@stfrancisa2.org or cell: 734-476-5640.

Cover
your
Cough

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*The University of Michigan –
Flu/Immu Program:*

**Flu Shot Clinic at St. Francis
Monday, October 16th, 2023**

Stephen Ministers Care

When was the last time someone really listened to you? We're talking about that undistracted, full-attention kind of listening. That's one of the ways Stephen Ministers care for others.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

We need Stephen Ministers to care for those who are making that long journey through the valley of a life crisis. Will you consider serving in this way? For more information, please contact Scott Wright, 734-821-2121 swright@stfrancisa2.org.

Seniors' "Out to Lunch Bunch"

Join your fellow senior parishioners from St. Thomas and St. Francis and several parishes, for lunch!

3rd Thursdays...**so, Oct 19th;** etc...

Arrive at 11:30am at Metzger's Restaurant

(305 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor). (Pay-on-your-own.)

Help us plan enough food & seats reserved, please sign-up online to RSVP **one week ahead no later than the Sunday before** at:

<https://tinyurl.com/StThomasOutToLunch>

Contact Scott Wright

(734-821-2121) swright@stfrancisa2.org

Or Ken Norman (734-769-2581) kendnorman@gmail.com



Blessing of Pets:

We invite you to bring your pets for the annual

BLESSING OF ANIMALS
Today! Sunday, October 15th
2:00pm on the piazza 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!



Halloween Candy Donations Needed by October 23 for Seminary Outreach Event

If you are able, please bring a bag of individually wrapped candy or snacks (toothbrushes & toothpaste are also welcome) for the annual community outreach on Halloween by the seminarians at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit.

Annually, the seminarians at Sacred Heart reach out to the less fortunate families in Detroit with a Halloween treat event. Please leave your donation here in the alcove of the gathering space in Church or in the Parish or Religious Education Offices.

Please drop off all candy donations by October 23.

Morning of Reflection

for Current and New Members of the Following Ministries

• Altar Assistants • Ushers • Readers • Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion • Homebound Ministers • Music Ministries • Altar Care • Art & Environment • Livestream Operators • Baptism Coordinators • Wedding Coordinators • Funeral Assistants

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.



Donations of Canning Jars Needed

Do you have any **glass canning jars** that you can donate? Anita's children, an organization that aides children in distress is planning a project and is in need of the donated jars. If you can help, please drop off the jars in the alcove of the gathering space in Church, the Parish Office or Religious Education Office.

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/

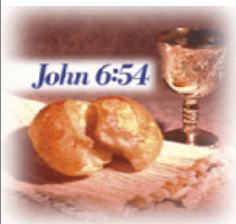
Register at <https://www.stfrancis.ws/prayerinmotion>

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.

Long-Awaited Assisi Center Update! by Robert Kehn

Two years after the construction fences went up, the fences came down leaving a beautiful, well-built facility. Unfortunately, there are significant permitting hurdles at the end of the project just like there were at the beginning and these are holding up occupancy of the Assisi Center. More detail on that in a bit—first, here's a recap of summer activity:

- The **elevator** was installed and inspected finally in late August.
- The **movable partition walls** were installed after Labor Day to divide and subdivide the main hall. They are easy to handle and quite soundproof.
- In mid-September, a sub-contractor trained us to use the **state-of-the-art audio/visual system**, which will display on a large screen for the entire room to view or on smaller screens in the subdivided rooms.
- We received 250 **chairs** for the banquet hall and we have 28 five-foot round **tables** arriving this week.
- **Internet** service has been connected to the building and a new **Toshiba copier** was installed.
- We just ordered our **next phase** of **audio/visual equipment** and **performance lighting**.



In the works now are repairing the asphalt behind the building near Frieze Avenue, adding to the equipment/accessories in the kitchen, and specifying office furniture.

We have applied to the City of Ann Arbor for temporary occupancy and there is a major obstacle from the Fire Marshall. It was determined that the condition of the front parking lot hinders access to the fire hydrant and the fire department's connection to the building. Therefore, the **front parking lot is required to be paved before any occupancy can be granted**. To complicate this, the City updated its requirements for storm water management and, **before** we pave, the City is **requiring more storm water detention than what we put in place already** with the large, fenced-in pond in front of the church. We have been working with the City engineers to approve our plan to expand the ponds on the east and west sides of the property to provide the necessary detention WITHOUT the installation of additional fencing. Once we have that approval, and as we resolve several smaller hurdles on our paving plan, the contractors we identified for all this work will be able to get started. We are hoping all this work can be completed while the weather allows so we can **avoid canceling any additional events** that could otherwise be held inside the Assisi Center.

To say this has been a frustrating process navigating these final hurdles is an understatement! It would have been great to provide the community with a more upbeat and forward-moving update on the project but, unfortunately, we are somewhat stalled. Over the past three months, we had glimpses of hope from the City that we might be able to move the office staff and make limited use of the main hall while completing the remaining outside work. **Please accept my sincere gratitude for your continued patience and support as we work through this last, tedious phase.**



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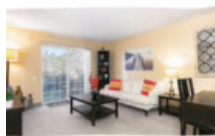
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