



Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

Forum

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29nd, 2023

All Saints and All Souls: Two Holy Days of Great Importance for the Church!

This week the Church celebrates two very different yet closely connected holy days. Both days speak to us of the hope of eternal life but in very different ways. We use the word “Church” in many ways: to describe the building we worship in, the official leadership within the community, our own particular parish or as a collective noun to describe the almost two billion Christians worldwide who profess Jesus Christ as Lord. But the Church is more than all these! As the Body of Christ, she is also made up of the heavenly host of angels and saints, the Holy Souls in purgatory and all the baptized.

This Wednesday we celebrate the **Solemnity of All Saints**- all those unknown faithful holy men and women who have gone before us “**marked with the sign of faith**” and who constitute for us a “**great company of witnesses**” spurring us on to victory and glory. Then on Thursday our attention turns to the **Holy Souls**- those men and women who, while guaranteed the reward of heaven, have yet to be purified in the merciful love of God and so become worthy of entering into God’s holy presence.

Taken together these feasts deny the false idea that everyone will automatically be saved irrespective of how they have lived life. Instead, they reaffirm the core belief that while eternal life is a gift from God, our task in life is to become worthy of it. The “**final judgment**” that we profess in our Creed is a real one by which all will be asked to render an account of their lives before Christ, the Judge.

All Saints: The history of this feast is intimately bound up with the early Church, when many men and women freely lay down their lives for Christ and suffered great torment and death. Having lived lives of faith, they refused to allow the threat of death to separate them from Christ and his promise of the resurrection. Most remain unnamed, but their example and courage is still worthy of our imitation. Through the centuries, many unknown women and men have lived lives with the same fervor and courage. We all have known family and friends who have demonstrated this saintly character. While they may never be officially canonized, the Church sees them as worthy of celebration and imitation. These are the unknown saints that we celebrate on this day.

All Souls: Yet as we celebrate our unknown saints, the Church reminds us to guard against false presumptions of saintliness: simply because one has died, and we miss them or because one has died in old age or tragic circumstances do not automatically make one a saint.

Holiness alone is the requirement for saintliness. As noted above, each one will be judged on the basis of their whole life. In our current world, sin is the great unspoken word. We know it when we see it but are often afraid to name it and claim it. Sadly, the reality is that many will die in their sins and never have the opportunity for true repentance. This is why the Church recommends regular Confession as part of the spiritual life. For those who seek to live real lives of faith and who unfortunately die in sin, all is not lost. **Our Catholic belief in purgatory stands as another expression of God’s divine mercy.** While God will always respect our choices in life, he is also aware of our brokenness and our desire for union with him. The life spent struggling with a desire for God but sadly tarnished with sin is still worthy of his mercy. Such a one will find that mercy in the purgatorial and mercy-filled love of God. Yet as they undergo this love-filled purification they are in need of our prayers and acts of sacrifice. **Let us not forget them!**

As we celebrate the saints in glory and ask for their intercession, let us do our part during this month dedicated to the Holy Souls and remember in prayer and acts of self-sacrifice our beloved dead. Together may we all see God face to face and enjoy eternal life with Him.

Fr. James Conlon
Pastor

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.

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 Scott Wright 734-821-2121,**

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
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		<i>Knights of Columbus, Wallerend Ezin, Grand Knight</i>	<i>GK8989@MiKofC.org</i>
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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
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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

New Photo Directory!

We have **one more week** of photos! Make sure to sign up to get your **free** photo and Directory!

Scan here or visit: —————→
www.ucdir.com/schedule/login.php

Church Code: mi1785

Password: photos (all lowercase)



Please wait for your appointment in the Gathering Area by the front entrance of the Church. You will be directed from there.

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

Remembering our Beloved Dead in November

During the month of November, we will pray in a special way for all our beloved dead.

As always we will light a special candle during all our Masses and invite you to enter the names of deceased family and friends in our Book of Remembrance (located on the bookstand in the sanctuary, on the presider's side).

On Saturday, Nov. 18 at our 5pm Mass we will remember by name all those who were buried from St Francis Parish in the past 12 months. If you lost a loved one in the past year, you and your family will be invited to light a candle. Letters of invitation have already been sent out. Please remember to respond as soon as possible.

On Fridays in November, we will gather in our Parish Memorial Garden immediately following our 9:15am Morning Mass to pray for all who are buried there and for all our dead. All are welcome to join us!



This Week at St. Francis

Mass Intentions:

Monday 10/30

9:15 AM +Egbert Joseph Carvalho—Viveca D'Souza

Tuesday 10/31

9:15 AM +Leo Aloysius Vogel—Leo Vogel, Jr

7:00 PM +Fred Herrada—Annabelle Herrada

Wednesday 11/1 Solemnity of All Saints

(Holy Day of Obligation)

9:15 AM +Cyril Nkachukwu—Clare Nkachukwu

5:00 PM +Joseph Cornicelli—Frank Tinney

Thursday 11/2 All Souls Day

9:15 AM +Phyllis Dimitroff—Debby Wilbanks

7:00 PM (Misa en español) +Labo Family Members—Cheryl Genord

Friday 11/3

9:15 AM +Mary M. Thomas—Jane and Len Antosiak

Saturday 11/4 Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo

5:00 PM +Halina and Ceslaus Skonecki—Ann and Greg Skonecki

7:00 PM (Misa en español) +Souls in Purgatory—Rocio Lopez

Sunday 11/5 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Int of Living and Deceased Members of Beh Family—Pauline Beh

10:30 AM +Thomas Convery—Sharon Waldsmith

12:30 PM St. Francis of Assisi Parish Family

5:00 PM +William Mueller—Kay Mueller

Baptized in Christ:

Adelina Beatriz Vega-Jordan and Leonel Carlos Vega-Jordan, children of Carlos Enrique Vega & Evelyn Jasmin Hernandez-Jordan

Married in Christ:

Brandon King & Nicole Soulsby

Died in Christ:

+Maria Cristina Lara Carrillo, mother of Alfredo Guerra (Sarah Keane)
+Mary Ternes, mother-in-law of Janene Ternes
+Maria Bonasso, mother of Marcus Bonasso
+Waneta Schummer

Prayer Lamp (10/27-11/3):

Peace in the Holy Land and for all who die in acts of terrorism

Activities at the Parish

Monday, October 30th

6:30 PM	7B	Mary in Scripture Bible Study
7:00 PM	PAC	Boy Scouts
7:00 PM	S.Library	Divorced/Separated (also Zoom)
7:00 PM	Zoom	Christian Meditation

Tuesday, October 31st

8:45 AM	Church	Rosary
10:00 AM	C.Library	Women's Bible Study
7:00 PM	7B	Estudio Biblico

Wednesday, November 1st

8:45 AM	Church	Rosary
10:00 AM	C.Library	Gospel Group
2:00 PM	C.Library	Parish Directory Photos
6:30 PM	POMR	Spanish Alpha

Thursday, November 2nd

8:15 AM	Youth	Women's Faith Sharing Small Group
10:00 AM	Church	Holy Hour
2:00 PM	C.Library	Parish Directory Photos
7:00 PM	PAC	Baptism Class
8:30 PM	Gym	Men's Basketball

Friday, November 3rd

8:45 AM	Church	Rosary
2:00 PM	C.Library	Parish Directory Photos

Saturday, November 4th

7:00 AM	PAC	That Man is You
12:00 PM	C.Library	Parish Directory Photos
		No Confessions
5:00 PM		Bilingual Religious Education

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

Pray for the Sick**Please remember in your prayers:**

John Cahill, Fred Ignatoski, Julie Kanitz, Fernando Macias, Mark Derenthal, Virginia Almer, John Corcoran, Sally Ellis, Christine Magner, Sarah Jilek, Stephanie Powell, Larry White, Cletus Denoyer, Rob Iocca, Carolyn Kusch, Alice Rolph, Alex Bobowski, 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, 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, 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, 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.

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	\$ 64,967	\$ 69,787	\$ 134,753
Total	\$ 314,495	\$ 275,998	\$ 590,494
	53%	47%	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)

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.

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



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."*



Join the Christmas Eve Choir

Sing for the 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (10 p.m. preludes) along with handbells and string quartet! Open to all singers, regardless of experience.

Rehearsal schedule:

Sat. Nov. 18, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (lunch provided)
Wednesdays starting Nov. 29, 7 p.m.
Warm-ups/rehearsal: 9 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

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

**Misa de
celebración por
el Día de
Muertos:
el jueves, 2 de
Noviembre**



La Misa de celebración por el Día de 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.

Mirando adelante, la Misa de Vigilia en español y la Fiesta para Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe es el lunes 11 de diciembre, comenzando a las 6 pm con las oraciones tradicionales y música de Mariachi, seguida de la Misa. Después de la Misa habrá una recepción.

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.

Looking ahead, the Vigil Mass in Spanish and Fiesta for Our Lady of Guadalupe is Monday, December 11 beginning at 6pm with the traditional prayers and Mariachi music, followed by Mass. A reception follows the Mass.

ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS

Schedule of Masses

All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, October 31

7:00pm Vigil Mass

Wednesday, November 1

9:15am & 5:00pm Masses

All Souls/Día de Muertos

Thursday, November 2

9:15am – Morning Mass

Jueves, 2 de Noviembre

**7:00 pm Misa –
Celebración del día de**

Muertos



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Saturday, November 18

**5:00 p.m. Mass – with Commemoration
of All Souls**

This beautiful liturgy is made special by the series of candles that are lit to represent our loved ones. After the homily, as each name is read aloud, a small candle is lit from the large Easter Candle and placed in the Sanctuary. After Mass, all who are present are invited to light a votive candle at the Holy Family Shrine for a loved one or friend who has passed away.



Slavery & The Catholic Church's Historical Role

Wednesday, November 8th at 7PM
at St. Francis School

Reconciliation and the first step towards forgiveness is an examination of conscience and an acknowledgment of our sins. Is it time for us members of the Church to examine our past institutional support for, and participation in, the enslavement of human beings and consider how to possibly repent?

The St. Francis Peace & Justice Committee invites you to learn about the Church's history with slavery and the trans-Atlantic slave trade. **Join us to watch and discuss a recorded presentation from the Ignatian Solidarity Network.** You can attend in-person or over zoom. After the presentation we'll have a discussion. The presenter is Fr. Chris Kellerman, S.J., author of *All Oppression Shall Cease: A History of Slavery, Abolitionism, and the Catholic Church*.

Register here: stfrancisa2.com/slavery-and-church

Questions? Contact Scott Wright at St. Francis [justice@stfrancisa2.org] (734-821-2121)



10:00am Mass in church, then a **colloquium** in the PAC

10:45am Father Seamus Kettner:
"I Have Come To Set The Earth On Fire!"
"My Personal Conversion Testimony"

11:30am we'll eat lunch - \$15 at door. Turkey and all the fixings, homemade cranberry sauce, potatoes, vegetable, and pumpkin pie with whip cream

Help us plan!
Sign-up , **RSVP by Nov 6th.**
www.stfrancisa2.com/seniors

or call 734-821-2121.
FIFTY-FIVE & FASTER Events
by Seniors @ St. Francis.



Food Grocery Drive!



We need your help! Groceries are needed for those who use the food pantries in our area. Could you go shopping for us?

Nov 4th & 5th please take a shopping list and bag at the church doors. Go shopping and purchase some of the non-perishable grocery and food items listed. Return the groceries to your church-pew **November 11th & 12th.**

Help Deliver on **Sunday, November 12th**, between 10:30am - 1pm from St. Francis to the food pantries in Ann Arbor & Ypsilanti. Also, assist with distributing empty bags when Mass ends at church doors. **Sign-up here:** signupgenius.com/go/nov-food

Questions? Contact: the Parish St. Vincent Service Ministry, (734-821-2121). Our coordinators for this food drive are Marianne Powell & Mary Hayden. Learn more here: www.stfrancisa2.com/food-drives/

Gifted to Care? Consider Stephen Ministry!

Spiritual gifts are gifts to give away? How are you using your gifts right now? Are you looking for a new way to use them? If your spiritual gifts include one or more of the following—faith, mercy, teaching the faith, encouragement, or knowing—consider Stephen Ministry, our congregation's one-to-one caregiving ministry. This may be just what you've been looking for!

Contact Scott Wright, 734-821-2121 swright@stfrancisa2.org to learn more about this ministry.

Ride with us
Scan Me!
MI March for Life



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

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.

**Sign up to ride the bus from St.
Francis at: [https://
stfrancisa2.wufoo.com/forms/sfa-bus-
for-march-for-life-nov-8/](https://stfrancisa2.wufoo.com/forms/sfa-bus-for-march-for-life-nov-8/)**

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.

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swright@stfrancisa2.org or
(734-821-2121) and Ellen Ward at
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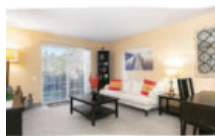
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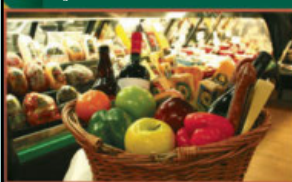
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