



## Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

# Forum

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 2024

### *Strengthening Faith: Key Practices for Raising Lifelong Catholics*

*"Thus says the LORD: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God...he comes to save you."*

The Peyton Institute for Domestic Church Life recently published the "Future Faithful Families Project" study, exploring how families successfully raise children to remain active Catholics as adults. As we start the new school year, it's helpful to review some highlights from this study. The full report is available at [stfrancisa2.com](http://stfrancisa2.com) (Future Faithful Families CARA Report). Parents who succeed in keeping their children Catholic into adulthood share several key practices and characteristics:



**Parish Registration and Active Involvement:** 100% of parents who raised children to remain active Catholics are registered with their parish. Additionally, 60% are involved in parish life beyond weekly Mass, showing the importance of embedding the family in a strong faith community.

**Religious Education and Catholic Schooling:** These parents often ensure their children receive comprehensive religious education. This includes parish-based religious education (52%), attendance at Catholic primary school (58%), Catholic secondary school (29%), and even Catholic college (14%).

**Completion of the Sacraments and Frequent Confession:** 100% have been Confirmed Catholics. Regular participation in the Sacrament of Confession is common, with 69% of these parents going at least once a year. This practice reinforces the importance of repentance and renewal in the Catholic faith.

**Weekly Mass Attendance:** All participants emphasized the critical importance of attending Mass weekly, instilling this as a non-negotiable habit that their children continue even after leaving home.

**Family Prayer and Rituals:** Many families place a strong emphasis on shared meals, family prayer, and religious rituals in the home. These practices are integrated into their daily lives, helping to weave faith into the fabric of their family culture.

**Service and Charity:** Almost all these families engage in charitable service or ministry together, either through their parish or independently. This active participation in helping others reflects the lived example of Catholic social teaching.

The commitment of these parents to faith formation at home and in the community, coupled with regular religious practices, has proven effective in keeping their children committed to the Catholic faith.

*God bless,  
Ellen Ward, Director of Religious Education*

### *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 Elizabeth Ministry 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](http://www.stfrancisa2.com/im-new)

**St. Francis of Assisi Directory**

<u>Parish Team</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
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**This Week at St. Francis**

**Mass Intentions:**

**Monday 9/9 - Memorial of St. Peter Claver, Priest**

**9:15 AM** Int of Katie Lucas - Marty Lucas

**Tuesday 9/10**

**9:15 AM** +Theresa Ohno - Rosa Ohno

**Wednesday 9/11**

**9:15 AM** Living and Deceased members of Beh family - Pauline Beh

**Thursday 9/12**

**9:15 AM** +Dale Kimberly, Sr. - Ruthann Distler

**Friday 9/13 - Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**9:15 AM** +Lois Russell - The Family

**Saturday 9/14 - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**5:00 PM** +Patrick Soulliere - Terry and Pamela Pietryga

**7:00 PM** St. Francis of Assisi Parish Family

**Sunday 9/15 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30 AM** Int of Ryan and Sarah Wawrzaszek - Jeff and Sue Wawrzaszek

**10:30 AM** +David Norman - Helen Norman

**12:30 PM** +Jeanne Zelasko - Marybeth and Patrick Butler

**5:00 PM** +Leonard F. Walczak - Randy and Dawn Seitz

**Prayer Lamp (9/7-9/13):**

Int of Katie Lucas - Marty Lucas

**St. Joseph Candle (9/13-9/15):**

+Larry Greca - Dorothy Greca

**Died in Christ:**

+Belén García González - friend of Felipe and Irma Ronquillo

**Activities at the Parish:**

**Monday, September 9th**

8:45 AM Church Rosary

6:30 PM Assisi Center Bible Study

7:00 PM Assisi Center Divorced/Separated Support

7:00 PM Zoom Christian Meditation

**Tuesday, September 10th**

8:45 AM Church Rosary

7:00 PM Assisi Center Estudio Biblico en Español

**Wednesday, September 11th**

8:45 AM Church Rosary

10:00 AM Church Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

10:00 AM C. Library Gospel Group

**Thursday, September 12th**

10:00 AM Church Holy Hour & Rosary

6:30 PM Church Benediction

**Friday, September 13th**

8:45 AM Church Rosary

**Saturday, September 14th**

7:00 AM Assisi Center That Man Is You

3:30 PM Church Confessions

“Even if we have thousands of acts of great virtue to our credit, our confidence in being heard must be based on God's mercy and His love for men. Even if we stand at the very summit of virtue, it is by mercy that we shall be saved.”

*- St. John Chrysostom*

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:ward@stfrancisa2.org) (inglés o español). Para más información, contáctenos (Helena o Ellen a [stfred@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:stfred@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:**

Jerome (Jay) Schude, Daniel Gualdoni, Fran Calderon, Cindy Calderon, Rosa Palm, Charles Beutler, John Yengoyan, Mario Alcántara-Pérez, Hannah Smithseeley, Paul Tramontin, Joan Alexander, Scott Alexander, Alicia Patterson, Phyllis Conlon, Margaret Tsilis, David Barera, Stella Szuch, John McGillicuddy, Virginia Almer, Christine Russo, Krystyna Bobowski, Anne Littlefield, Barbara Scavarda, Susan Erker, Sara Spence, Nathan DeJohn, Giancarlo Malchiodi, Ralph Iannelli, Young Han, Rudy Herman, Dariusz Barczynski, Dennis Watson, Fr. John Rocus, Diane Laten, Donna Publico, Marilyn Fitzpatrick, Helen Rysse, Ines Morales, Tatum Schilke, Richelle Polgar Nicolaus, Maria Wang, Kim Pavicich, John Cahill, Mark Derenthal, Ralph Almer, Rob Iocca, Susanna Romero Ronquillo, Juan Rodriguez-Arroyo, Lindy Campbell, Nunu Lysloff, Harris Dufek Holland, Chan Han, Raul Cainghug, Nancy Schenk, Dale Buckland, Nancy Rolph, David Hasey, Jim Conlon, Michael Fleszar

***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.***



**Thursdays  
10:00AM—6:30 PM**

In this time of **Eucharistic Revival**, we invite you to spend some time with our Lord in Adoration.

Beginning after the 9:15am Mass on Thursdays, all are welcome to come pray at any time during the day.

Benediction is held at 6:30 PM

**"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent in sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."**

**-Padre Pio**

Please support the operations and ministry of Saint Francis through **ParishSoft Giving (PSG)** by using the QR code to the right. Questions? Email [bizoff@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:bizoff@stfrancisa2.org)



**Please note:** that Fr. James will be away from the office for the month of August. He will be on pilgrimage/retreat and then visiting his family to celebrate his mom's 90th birthday. All inquiries and other matters should be addressed to the Parish Office at 734-821-2100.



**Celebration of Diversity at Detroit's Cathedral  
110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees  
"God Walks with the People"**

*Sunday, September 29, 2024*

Join Father James Conlon, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Ann Arbor, for this pilgrimage from 12:30pm - 6:30pm.

[www.stfrancisa2.com/pilgrimage-detroit-cathedral](http://www.stfrancisa2.com/pilgrimage-detroit-cathedral)

Join Pope Francis in celebrating immigrants and migrants.



**Our day includes:**

**12:30-12:45PM** - Board the bus at St. Francis, Ann Arbor.

**2:00PM** - Arrive at Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Detroit. For activities, multi-national music, and displays in the plaza outside the Cathedral.

**2:30PM** - Outdoor Procession & Celebration of Diversity: 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees "God Walks with the People."

**3:30PM** - Mass (Father James will concelebrate.)

**6:30PM** - Bus arriving back at St. Francis, Ann Arbor.

**Our price: \$35/person.**

Reserve your spot on the bus now. Registration is open for all, including members of other parishes/congregations.

Questions? Contact: Jim Russo (734-358-7771); Scott Wright [swright@stfrancisa2.org] (734-821-2121)

**ALPHA HOUSE FAMILY SHELTER**

St. Francis is hosting the week of **Sept 16-22, 2024.**

Come serve, with St. Francis, the several homeless families at Alpha House.

Dinner foods may be prepared and simply dropped-off. We need your help to purchase, cook and deliver foods (for about 15-20 people mostly children).

**Sign up here to help!** [www.signupgenius.com/go/shelter#](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/shelter#)

Questions? Contact: Mary Hayden (734-973-0461) <mahayden@hotmail.com> & Scott Wright (734-821-2121) <justice@stfrancisa2.org>



**INTERESTED IN SCOUTING AMERICA FOR  
GIRLS AT ST. FRANCIS?  
(FORMALLY BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA)**

We are gathering interest from girls 5th - 12th Grade that would like to join a Scouting America Troop for Girls. To be clear, this is a separate program from the Girls Scouts of the USA.



Scouting America is a year-round program for boys and girls that provides fun, adventure, learning, challenge, and responsibility to help them become the best version of themselves.

Scouts participate in weekly meetings and monthly outings focused on character development, leadership, and outdoor exploration.

Check out this short video to learn more: <https://youtu.be/1iiJwg8h4VE>

If interested, please email **Mike Jedinak** - [michael.n.jedinak@gmail.com](mailto:michael.n.jedinak@gmail.com) as he is gathering a list of interested girls.

Thank you!

## Welcome to Faith Classes for Children grades PreK-8!

Sign up at: <https://stfrancisa2.wufoo.com/forms/20242025-prek8th-religious-education/>

We are excited to announce the start dates for our upcoming faith classes. These classes offer a wonderful opportunity for children to grow in their faith and build a strong spiritual foundation. Here are the details for our various class sessions:

For the meet and greet sessions, you can drop by anytime within the listed hour for your child's class day. This will be a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher, pick up schedules, and receive books.

### Wednesday Classes:

*Meet & Greet:* Wednesday, September 18, from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

*Full Classes Begin:* Wednesday, September 25

### Sunday Classes:

*Meet & Greet:* Sunday, September 22, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

*Full Classes Begin:* Sunday, September 29, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

*PreK-K (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd) Sunday Classes:* Classes now meet from 9:40 AM to 11:30 AM, following the same schedule as the Sunday Grade 1-8 classes.

### Saturday Bilingual (Spanish & English) Classes:

*Meet & Greet:* Saturday, September 21, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

*Full Classes Begin:* Saturday, September 28, from 5:00 PM to 6:45 PM

### First Eucharist Preparation:

Begins in grade 2. A first-grade religious education experience is required for starting preparation in grade 2. The celebration of First Eucharist or Communion takes place in the spring of grade 2.

For older children needing First Eucharist preparation, please contact us to place your child in the appropriate class.

### Confirmation Preparation:

Begins in grades 6 and 7, with the celebration of Confirmation in the spring of grade 8.

For high school youth needing Confirmation preparation, please contact us to place the youth in the appropriate class.

We look forward to welcoming your children and supporting their faith journey. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [stfreled@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:stfreled@stfrancisa2.org) or 734-821-2130.



## Join Us for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Level 1 Training!

Offered by St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Sign up at: <https://stfrancisa2.wufoo.com/forms/cgs-level-1-formation-registration/>

Embark on a transformative journey with our CGS Level 1 Training, designed to deepen your faith and equip you to guide young children in their spiritual development.

### Course Details:

**Duration:** 12 in-depth classes leading to CGS Catechist Certification

**Cost:** \$750 (due at registration and includes light breakfast, lunch, and course materials)

**Financial Aid:** Available through the Tina Lillig Memorial Fund at <https://www.cgsusa.org/learn/>

**Attendance:** No more than 2 classes can be missed for certification

**Location:** St. Francis Parish Activities Center (PAC)

**Class Dates (Saturdays, 9 AM - 4:30 PM):** September 21 & 28 / October 12 & 26 / November 9 / December 14 / January 11 & 25 / February 8 / March 1 & 22 / April 26

### Contact for Questions:

Joan Kangas: [jkangas16@gmail.com](mailto:jkangas16@gmail.com) (CGS Coordinator)

Ellen Ward: [ward@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:ward@stfrancisa2.org) | 734-821-2130 (DRE)

Christina Busse: [cbusse@stfrancisaa.org](mailto:cbusse@stfrancisaa.org) (SFA School Preschool & Childcare Director)



We warmly invite you to join this enriching program that not only nurtures your spiritual growth but also prepares you to make a profound impact on the faith lives of children. Secure your spot today and become a certified CGS Catechist!



Are you passionate about nurturing the spiritual lives of children?

Do you feel called to accompany young hearts in their journey of faith?

## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Becoming a catechist for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is the perfect opportunity for you! The CGS program recognizes that children have a natural capacity for spirituality and creates an environment designed for the child's encounter with the essentials of Catholic faith and liturgy. Taking a Montessori-based approach, CGS centers around the image of Jesus the Good Shepherd, who knows and calls each by name.

St. Francis is delighted to offer a 12 class in-depth training over the upcoming year. Deepen your own faith and develop the tools to make an impact. The formation course offers a deep dive into the theology, scripture, and method of CGS, as well as times for prayer and reflection. A light breakfast and lunch is provided. Cost is \$750

*Help the faith come alive to children in your parish, sign up today!*

**DATES:**

✓ September 21	✓ November 9	✓ February 8
✓ September 28	✓ December 14	✓ March 1
✓ October 12	✓ January 11	✓ March 22
✓ October 26	✓ January 25	✓ April 26

9AM - 4:30PM

**Sign Up Today!**  
STFRANCISA2.COM

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Christina Busse - Preschool Director  
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# BRING JESUS

Regional Eucharistic Outreach  
Ann Arbor Deanery

Come and learn more!  
Sunday, September 22, 2:30-5 PM  
St. Mary's Student Parish

**"Ordinary Evangelism in Extraordinary Ministry"**  
with speaker Peter Herbeck, Renewal Ministries



BringJesustome@gmail.com

### Thank You Father Kumanda!

Last weekend we were blessed to host Father Pascal Kumanda from Cross Catholic Outreach. More than ever, poor families in developing countries are depending on Catholic missions for assistance with food, water, shelter, medical care, and spiritual nourishment. It's not too late to support Cross Catholic Outreach and the efforts of these vital international missions. To participate, please go to [CrossCatholic.org/outreach](http://CrossCatholic.org/outreach), text BLESSINGS to 474747, or scan the QR code.

Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Since Cross Catholic Outreach empowers existing Catholic missions, its programs are extremely cost-effective, and the majority of the resources it collects go into program services that help the poorest of the poor around the world.



## Deanery Wide

# GLOBAL CELEBRATION of Young Adults

Save the Date!

Friday, October 18th  
St. Francis Catholic Church  
Starting at 5pm



# SENIOR ROAD TRIP TO SHIP SHEWANA OCTOBER 29-30

If you are interested in enjoying Shipshewana with other St. Thomas and St. Francis Seniors, contact Ken Norman by email no later than September 15 ([kendnorman@gmail.com](mailto:kendnorman@gmail.com)). Plans include the musical, "Calls the Heart," Amish farm tour, buggy ride, and dinner.

We will be carpooling and the total cost for the trip with a double occupancy room would be approximately \$225 - \$275 per person (not including transportation).



*Join a*  
**B**asic  
**I**nstructions  
**B**efore  
**L**eaving  
**E**arth *Study*

### Want to know God?

He is speaking to us through the Bible - God's Living Word. It contains the story of the people of God, God's endless forgiveness and mercy, and the promise of eternity with Him!

### Have you read it?

We encourage everyone to join a Bible Study this year!

## Bible Studies offered at St. Francis this Fall:

### Monday 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Meets weekly, Oct. 7 - Nov. 25  
Facilitator: Wanita Forgacs  
Study: Oremus by Ascension Press

### Tuesday 10 - 11:30 am

Meets biweekly Sept. 10 - Apr. 15  
Facilitator: Bill Forgacs  
Study: Acts of the Apostles: Church of the Holy Spirit - Stephen Binz Threshold Series Part 1 (Fall) & Part 2 (Winter)

### Tuesday Women's Bible Study

**10 -11:30 am, begins Sept. 17**  
Facilitators: Susan Edwards and Kimm Sarosi  
Study: Genesis to Jesus - by Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center

### Martes Estudio Bíblico 7 -8 pm

**En Español**  
Lider: Freisy Bobadilla  
Estudio: Libro del Génesis

*Details & Sign up*

### We want to hear from you for future planning!

1. Would you attend a Bible Study if there were child care provided? 2. Would you attend a Bible Study that met monthly September - May?

[stfrancisa2.com/adult-faith-formation/bible-study](http://stfrancisa2.com/adult-faith-formation/bible-study)



# Respect Life: on End-of-Life Issues

## Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide: Health Care, Aging, End-of-Life Decisions

Thursday, September 19th at 7:00pm - 9:30pm  
at St. Francis' Assisi Center, Ann Arbor



Voters will become more aware of the issues prior to the election in November. Our speaker from Right to Life - Genevieve Marnon - who works in Lansing, is concerned about the pending legislation that could legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide in Michigan. And, Bishop Boyea believes that this issue needs to be brought to people's attention before they vote for particular candidates in November.

All politicians from our Deanery area have been invited. They will be allotted time (5 minutes) to express their position on the pending legislation concerning euthanasia and assisted suicide.

Our program has "scheduled to appear" these four speakers: **Clergy** is Fr. William Ashbaugh or Fr. Lewis Eberhart, **Physician** is Dr. Tony Grech, **Right to Life Michigan** is Genevieve Marnon, and **Attorney** is Jason Negri.

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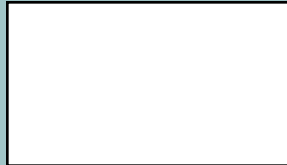
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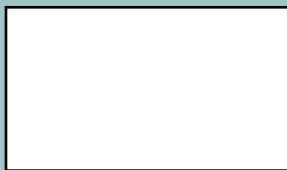
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