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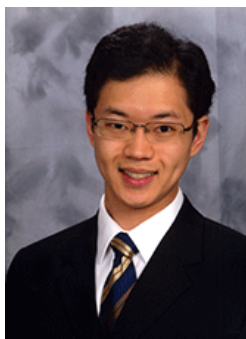
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SUMMER CONCERTS AT ST. FRANCIS

Celebrate the arts with a series of organ recitals

Throughout its history, the Catholic Church has been a constant patron of the arts, because they are an indispensable expression of the human experience, and because they reveal to us something of the truth, goodness, and beauty of our Creator.



Aaron Tan

Mark your calendar!
 • Sunday, June 17, 2:30 p.m. Aaron Tan presents an organ recital featuring works by Bach, Durufle, Vierne, and more. At a little under an hour in length, this will be a wonderful opportunity for

families —celebrate Father’s Day with a free concert! A free-will donation will be taken.

- All Mondays in August, 7 p.m. Join us for August Organ Recital Series presented by area organists. Scheduled performers are Tim Huth (8/6), Rhonda Edgington (8/13), Joe Moss (8/20), and Pamela Ruitter-Feenstra (8/27). A free-will donation will be taken.

Our parish is proud to share in this tradition in many ways, including hosting and sponsoring concerts and other performances throughout the year. This summer, we are delighted to be able to host a series of organ recitals on our beautiful Letourneau pipe organ.



PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITIES

DISCOVER THE CATHOLIC HERITAGE OF MEXICO ON PILGRIMAGE

Join Fr. James Conlon and discover the Catholic heritage of Mexico with Guadalupe and more, Nov. 26 to Dec. 6, 2018

This is a 10-day exciting, jam-packed pilgrimage and tour of Mexico. Not just a few days at Guadalupe!

Explore and immerse yourself in the amazing faith of the Mexican people.

This is a safe trip escorted by Steve & Janet Ray, producers of the Footprints of God documentaries. The areas we tour are wonderful, free of danger and clean and friendly.



For registration and brochure, please visit: footprintsofgodpilgrimages.com or contact Corporate Travel at (800) 727-1999 ext. 150.

JOIN US FOR A TRIP TO ST. MEINRAD

Pilgrimage: Benedictine Spirituality Sept. 4 & 5

Join us on a Pilgrimage to St. Meinrad Benedictine Monastery in St. Meinrad, Indiana, with Fr. James Conlon, pastor.

On Tuesday, Sept. 4, our bus will depart from the front of St. Francis Church at 6:50 a.m. We will arrive back home on Wednesday, Sept. 5, by 11:30 p.m.

Our pilgrimage to St. Meinrad Archabbey allows for an experience of Benedictine spirituality: the balance of labor and prayer and the charism of hospitality, "Let all guests who arrive be received like Christ, for He is going to say, 'I came as a guest, and you received Me'" (Matt. 25:35).--*Chapter 53, Rule of St. Benedict*

+Our pilgrimage includes Mass, stories of St. Benedict & St. Scholastica, Benedictine values and hospitality, and other spiritual and educational opportunities.

+Our pilgrimage, situated immediately following Labor Day, provides an opportunity to look at the Benedictine balance of prayer and work. St. Meinrad is nestled in rural southern Indiana surrounded by woods and farmland. St. Meinrad is a vibrant monastic community of more than 100 Benedictine monks.

+Our pilgrimage includes a visit to the Sisters of St. Benedict Monastery Immaculate Conception with Mass, tour and evening prayer with the Sisters. (The Monastery is rated #2 best Indiana Historic Destination and has been featured by The Wall Street Journal, CNBC, and "ABC Nightline." The community of sisters (134) is one of the largest Benedictine Monasteries in the USA.)

Our trip price includes overnight lodging, bus, two lunches, two dinners, and breakfast. Please join us! Sign up at: <http://www.stfrancisa2.com/> or contact Scott Wright at swright@stfrancisa2.org or (734) 821-2121. or Ellen Ward at ward@stfrancisa2.org or 734-821-2130. *Registration is open for St. Francis Parishioners (and spouses and friends of parishioners) until Aug. 15, at which time we will open registrations to members of other parishes.*



PARISH MINISTRY CENTER CAMPAIGN

UPDATE ON OUR PARISH MINISTRY CENTER PROGRESS

We are moving ahead!

As we celebrated the Solemnity of Pentecost on May 20, we also blessed the site of our new Parish Ministry Center on the west side of the church. While we are still working on our pledge goal of \$8 million, the blessing allowed us to confirm that our plans are moving ahead. So far, more than 700 families out of our 2,800 registered families have pledged. I am so grateful to all who have given so far, and I continue to encourage all others to consider a gift.

The project to build our new Ministry Center is a necessary one if we are to meet our growing needs for the years ahead, and I am sure that with encouragement, many more can make a pledge. Making a pledge is also a great way to honor the memory of a loved one who has passed or indeed a living family member or friend.

As a registered member of our community, I hope that you will see the value of our plans and help us to bring them to completion.

We are currently working on the initial stages of design of our new Ministry Center.

- You may have seen some of the site survey workers around the west side of the church recently. Results from that survey will allow us to re-open talks with the City of



Above is the current west side of our church. At right, is a rendering of what's to come.



- Ann Arbor to begin design and construction negotiations.
- Our talented building committee, along with and Hobbs and Black Architects, will continue to work on the program model for our new building throughout the summer. The program model will define what should go into each space in the building and how that space should be utilized.
- By September, our building committee will invite all parishioners to town hall-style meetings to review the program model and provide feedback. Your feedback will be vital at this stage.
- After the program model is finalized, we will send it to our architect to begin schematic design this fall. Schematic design should last

around 12-18 months, and we should be ready to bid on a general contractor as early as 2020. Stay tuned to future announcements and bulletin articles for further design and construction updates.

With all of us working together, we can do this! Remember, no gift is too small; after all, it is a multi-year pledge campaign, which I know makes it easier for all of us.

If you need help in making a pledge or have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the parish office. Again, thanks to all who have pledged and given.

Pastor

SENIORS @ ST. FRANCIS / LITURGY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

11TH ANNUAL SENIOR PICNIC

Washtenaw County Farm Park
Tuesday, July 10 at 11:30 a.m.

Bring your grandkids & family. And please bring a dish to share with about eight people. Last names letter "A- M" bring dessert; letters "N-S" bring salads; letters "T-Z" bring fruit. Grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, tableware and paper products provided.

Directions from St. Francis: drive East on Washtenaw, turn right on Platt Road. Go past the recreation building, turn right at Washtenaw County Farm Park, 2230 Platt Road, park and find us under the pavilion.



Please RSVP **by July 5**, so that we have enough hamburgers & hot dogs for all attending. **Sign-up for lunch** by calling (734) 821-2121 or visit **StFrancisA2.com/Seniors**

Join us for Mass at 9:15 a.m. in the lower level chapel. After Mass, come enjoy our event. All are welcome!

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO FULLER PARTICIPATION IN THE LITURGY?

Becoming more involved in the liturgies is a special way of accepting God's grace. Please prayerfully consider joining our ministry of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion or our ministry of Readers.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

This vibrant and meaningful ministry is one of sharing the Body and Blood of Christ with all who approach the table of the Lord. It enriches your own spiritual life while supporting our communal worship. Volunteers are also needed in the very special ministry of taking the Eucharist to homebound members of our Parish family.



Readers. When the sacred scriptures are proclaimed, God's plan of salvation is revealed to all who listen. The reader has been entrusted with the great responsibility of proclaiming God's Word to those gathered, through which God actively speaks to His people.

Periodic training sessions are held for each of these ministries. If you are interested in attending a training session or would like further information, please contact Sue Wawrzaszek, at liturgy@stfrancis2.org or (734) 821-2123.

MEN'S MINISTRY AT ST. FRANCIS



The St. Francis Men's Ministry exists to join men more fully each day in the mission of the Holy Spirit, by equipping them to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, to support and encourage one another through prayer and sharing, and to demonstrate the love of the Father through word and deed to a world in need. We begin each event together with Evening Prayer, part of the Liturgy of the Hours, which is prayed throughout the entire universal Church. We come after a day's work to offer up ourselves and what we have done. After joining in communal prayer, we gather for a time of fellowship, talks and events that serve to support one another in our calling to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Join us for one of our Upcoming Events:

Thursday, June 21

BBQ and Trivia Night!

Bring the whole family! Fun & prizes!

6:30 p.m. evening prayer (church)

7 p.m. BBQ and trivia (PAC)



Thursday, Sept. 20 Beer 'n' Brats with the Padres

**Bring your questions regarding our faith to
be answered by our priests and deacons**

6:30 p.m. evening prayer (church)

7 p.m. dinner and Q&A (PAC)

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP/MINISTRY FOR MOTHERS



Women's Faith and Fellowship
*Explore the beauty & challenge
of being a Catholic woman*



GATHERINGS FOR WOMEN

The **Women's Faith & Fellowship** hosts monthly gatherings and speakers regarding topics of faith. All gatherings are open to women in all stages of life. Through prayer, fellowship, and study, we strive to grow in our relationship with Christ and one another.

We will be meeting throughout the summer to plan the Fall '17-Spring '18 events and we welcome your thoughts and ideas. If you would like to be a part of the planning committee or have suggestions for future events, speakers, or topics of interest, please contact Kelly Hernandez: khernandez@stfrancisa2.org or (734) 821-2122.

MINISTRY FOR MOTHERS

Through prayer, presentations and shared experiences, we help each other understand and nurture God's presence in our lives, our families and our homes. Share your intentions, experiences and ideas in a supportive environment.

If you are interested in joining a small group for mothers with young children that meets while children play, or a fun playgroup after morning Mass, contact Kelly Hernandez: khernandez@stfrancisa2.org or (734) 821-2122.

You're Invited!

We will be meeting over the summer to create an online forum to connect Catholic moms for everything from playgroups and Moms' Night Out, to meals for new moms, prayer requests, and more! If you are interested in helping to create the forum, have suggestions, or would like to know more, please contact: Kelly Hernandez: khernandez@stfrancisa2.org or (734) 821-2122





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— CATHOLIC SCHOOL —

MUSTANG CONNECTION

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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Philosophy and Mission Statement

*St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School is a family-centered ministry of the St. Francis of Assisi Parish community where each student is valued, respected, safe, protected and nurtured as a unique creation of God. We challenge our students spiritually, academically and physically to **learn, care and lead** as they work to discover the plan that God intends for them. As followers of Christ, we strive always to instill in our students the message of St. Francis of Assisi ... "Preach the Gospel always, and when necessary use words."*



A Catholic School for all!

As pastor it delights me to see the recent growth in our school enrollment. At a time when so many parish schools are struggling, our enrollment is on an upward trajectory. Some of that growth flows from decisions made by others, most of it from the quality of the education and spiritual/human development that we offer each of our students. Because we see the education of our students as a *"catholic" or universal experience. We all have a role to play in helping our students fulfill their potential on so many fronts—parents, teachers, parishioners, friends!*

The first and most important front is our school parents. As primary educators, they set the scene for how well and effectively our children will embrace the education opportunity—after all, they are the big visionaries and the big encouragers. They made the decision to entrust their most precious gift into our care and to allow us to assist them in their education. It is a task that we relish and cherish.

The years that our students spend with us are special, even sacred ones. Most come to us as little ones and we watch them grow into young men and women. We see them develop and hone their academic abilities and social skills, and watch them immerse themselves into the joys and challenges of being people of faith. And it is here that the community plays its greatest and most effective role. As a parish we are committed to being there for all our young people—to encourage them in their dreams and hopes and to support them in their challenges and struggles. And above all to witness to them of the power of our Catholic faith, after all our purpose is not just to produce world citizens but more importantly citizens of the Kingdom of God.

So as our school grows and flourishes we let all remember that in giving them the gift of a full Catholic education we are giving them the gift of Christ and there is no greater gift. So thank you to all who assist us in this task and to our vibrant community of faith that witnesses to hope and mercy, love and a deep appreciation for the gift of life and the dignity of each and everyone of us.

-Fr. James

Letter from the Principal



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School is growing and changing. As summer came super fast, we realized what a great year we had. The highlight for me was watching our 8th graders graduate and spread their wings as they prepare for high school. We love these young adults, and to see them ready for great things is unbelievably rewarding.

There is so much to look forward to in the fall of 2018:

- In September, the school will be introducing an updated gymnasium.
- We will be welcoming Eric Thomas to our Middle School team as a 7th grade religion teacher and 7th/8th grade math teacher.
- Jenny Watripont (currently in kindergarten) is moving to 4th grade to teach religion, math,

science, and social studies.

- Due to the kindergarten vacancy, we are also welcoming Sara Fronckowiak from Xavier University and an alumna of Fr. Gabriel Richard to our KB classroom as the lead teacher.
- We celebrated the retirement and departure of two longtime staff members: Karole James and Tricia Strassburg. We are so grateful for their gifts to our school community as parents and employees. We wish them love and peace.
- Natalia Collins is going to leave teaching for a bit and start working with Renewal Ministries. She is excited to share her faith with youth in our SE Michigan community.
- Sarah Huges will be taking a break from teaching to stay home with her family as she welcomed a new daughter this year.

- One last goodbye will be to our new friend and 3rd grade teacher, Katie Rivard. She will be relocating to live closer to family.
- Our Middle School Choir will be traveling to Barcelona this summer. Please pray for them as they make this special journey.
- CYO Athletics -- St. Francis School (Parish) is joining Catholic Youth Organization Athletics for 5th- 8th grade. The following sports will be included: football, soccer, volleyball, and basketball. Parishioners are welcome to inquire as well. Please email msmith@stfrancisaa.org if you are interested.

~Julie Fantone Pritzel,
Principal

Summer Appeal: Helping provide tuition assistance

Summertime is here and the hallways at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School are still. This is the season when our students can rest and play. Although our school stands empty, preparations are underway for the new year. Over 430 St. Francis school children will return soon, and they'll be ready to learn and have their souls nourished through God's word.

Many of our students and families rely on financial support from either our Tuition Assistance Fund, or our Hopes and Dreams Fund, to facilitate their enrollment at our school. Both programs keep our school accessible, affordable, and available to all.

Here is some information to consider — in the 2017/2018 school year, 40 students, representing 24 families, received \$87,931 in total financial assistance (with aid awarded from either our Tuition Assistance Fund or our Hopes and Dreams Fund). This year we are currently processing requests for nearly 50 students representing 28 families, with anticipated awards of

approximately \$93,500 in total financial assistance. *That is only possible through the generosity of our faith community.*

Our 2018 Summer Appeal is on behalf of our Tuition Assistance Fund. It supports students who have been in our school prior to the establishment of our Hopes and Dreams Fund. These children still need our care. We encourage the Parish to provide assistance to these boys and girls with a tax-deductible donation. You will receive an envelope in the mail soon ... or you can donate online.

<https://stfrancis2.wufoo.com/forms/st-francis-tuition-assistance-fund/>

Your gift to our Tuition Assistance Fund will give many of our students the opportunity to receive an excellent Catholic education at our school. Please join us in this important and faithful endeavor by contributing what you can.

Educational Trust Fund Leadership Circle

The Educational Trust Fund (ETF) at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School is all about preserving the outstanding Catholic education provided at our school. To ensure strong, consistent growth of our Trust Fund over time, a new initiative launched in 2011 to build an “ETF Leadership Circle.” The ETF Leadership Circle is comprised of families who make a multi-year pledge to the Trust Fund of at least \$1,000 per year, for five, consecutive years. Leadership Circle membership includes two complimentary reservations to our annual ETF Benefit (please see next column).

Many families have committed to participating in the ETF Leadership Circle. This is a tremendous blessing to help ensure the strong, consistent growth of our Trust Fund over time. That in turn enables a strong, consistent award to our school each year to support operations. The 2017-2018 award to the school is \$92,000 — the highest ever — and the anticipated gift for 2018-19 will be even higher!



Father James, Mrs. Pritzel and the ETF Trustees extend heartfelt thanks to these families who have responded to a “call to leadership” and invested in the future of outstanding Catholic education at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School.

As Catholics, we are called to give thanks for what God has given us by investing in the present and future of the young people in our Catholic community. Please prayerfully consider if this is the year for your family to join our ETF Leadership Circle. You are invited to contact the Development Office at development@stfrancisa2.org or 821-2208 for more information.

Save the date!

ETF BENEFIT (School Operating Budget /Current Tuition Assistance Family Assistance):

Mark your calendars for October 27, 2018!

The proceeds garnered from this event are invested in the St. Francis Educational Trust Fund and an annual award (2017-18 \$92,000!!!) is given for the school's operating budget. In addition, \$30,000 was raised for Tuition Assistance at the 2017 event! For details, contact Diane at 734-821-2208 or email development@stfrancisa2.org

All are welcome!

2017-18 Development Council

Chuck Stankovic, *Chairperson*
Julie Fantone Pritzel, *Principal*
Kathryn Dhitirojana, *Teacher Liaison*

Robb Burroughs
Patrice Deutschmann
Patti Dobbs
Glenn Gottfried
Patrick McKeon
Dave O'Brien
Andrew Rushing
Michelle Updike

Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m. POMR

HOPES and DREAMS (New Family Tuition Assistance):

Envisioned in 2014 to provide tuition support for newly enrolling St. Francis school families, a special anonymous benefactor pledged up to \$40,000 for a dollar for dollar match

every year through 2021! Fr. James announced this year's matching pledge in April. Check for details in the Forum Bulletin and or access the Parish web site. Or to contribute online visit: stfrancisa2.com/school/giving-alumni/make-a-gift-to-the-school/



Our Newest Alumni Families

Congratulations to our newest alumni families! They graduated their last or only student in our 2017-2018 school year. May the Lord bless and keep these families in the years ahead.



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School: Class of 2018

- Baldwin Family 10 years
- Bernas Family 16 years
- Boyd Family 3 years
- Clasby Family 2 years
- Cross Family 2 years
- Deininger Family 8 years
- Demlow Family 11 years
- Desjarlais Family 9 years
- Eliason Family 8 years

- Huffman Family 9 years
- Ignatoski Family 15 years
- Inge Family 14 years
- Kempton Family 12 years

- Mucha Family 11 years
- Ortegon Family 6 years
- Overland Family 8 years
- Rotche Family 3 years
- Smith Family 9 years

- Stoy Family 9 years
 - Tan Family 4 years
 - Verdiyan-Yousif Family 2 years
- Congratulations to all of our graduating families! Best wishes for high school!**

Support St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School

View our wish list at stfrancisa2.com/school/giving-alumni/wish-list/

Make a gift at stfrancisa2.com/school/giving-alumni/make-a-gift-to-the-school/

Name of Contributor _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Alumna(us) Yes / No

My/Our child(ren) attended St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School

\$ _____

Contribution _____

Check # enclosed _____

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date _____ Security # _____

Cardholder's Signature _____

Send this form along with your tax-deductible donation to:

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School
Development Office
2270 E. Stadium Boulevard
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Educational Trust Fund

Hopes & Dreams Fund

School Operations

Tuition Assistance Fund

Please keep this gift anonymous.

This gift is in honor/memory of: _____

MasterCard

Visa

American Express

Please send me information on creating a gift in my estate plan.

I have included St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School in my estate plan.

SPANISH OPPORTUNITIES

SPANISH IMMERSION CAMP

Sign up for Spanish Summer Immersion Camp this summer: June 18-22 and/or June 25-29

**9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the St. Francis PAC.
For children ages 4-10 years**

Our Spanish camp engages young learners of all levels in the Spanish language through fun and exploration, sports and activities, games, words, and phrases in order to teach children the language and culture of the Spanish-speaking world.



Spanish Immersion Camp 2018
June 18-22 & June 25-29

Questions: Contact facilspanish@yahoo.com or call Lucia Cardone at (734) 904-2794 or Tania Justavino-Buendia at (734) 846-0476.

Find the sign up form online at: www.stfrancisa2.com/kids or in the St. Francis Religious Education Office (734-821-2130).



MUSIC AND PRAISE

You are invited to a night of worship & praise with the Spanish music group 70x7
Saturday, June 30, 6-9 p.m. in the church. Adoration, Mass, and reception in Spanish. All are welcome.

Vengan y acompañenos a una Noche de Alabanza y Adoracion con el tema Cristo es la Luz
Sabado 30 de Junio, a las 6-9 p.m. con el grupo 70 veces 7.
Será una noche de bendición y adoración para dar gracias al Señor y agradecer por todas las bendiciones que el derrama sobre nosotros.
Todas son bienvenidos.
Para más información, contacten a evelina hall (734-635-1913) hall.evelina@att.net



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sign up for:
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday-Friday, July 23-27

9 a.m.-noon (longer on Friday for the picnic)

Who: For children entering grades preK (4 yrs), & grades K through 5 in 2018/19 !

What: The VBS Adventure for the summer of 2018 is a journey into the scriptures with Daniel in Babylon!

How: Sign up forms are available on the website at: <http://www.stfrancisa2.com/> or in the parish and religious education offices

With: Adult, high school and middle school volunteers! We need your help!

Questions: Contact the St. Francis religious education office at stfreled@stfrancisa2.org or (734) 821-2130



COME MEET, GREET, AND JOIN IN THE FUN AT THE

PARISH



Sunday, Sept. 9

Immediately following the 12:30 p.m. Mass

Enjoy conversation with fellow parishioners and fun activities for all ages!

If you are interested in helping to organize the parish picnic, or have suggestions or ideas of fun activities, contact Kelly Hernandez at:

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY/RCIA



STEPHEN MINISTERS: THE AFTER PEOPLE

Frequently friends will ask, "I know you're involved in Stephen Ministry. Can you tell me exactly what a Stephen Minister is?" I like to explain that Stephen Ministers are "After People."

Stephen Ministers are there:
 ... **after** you've washed and returned the last casserole dish.
 ... **after** the relationship has ended but the wounds are still bleeding and painful.
 ... **after** the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away -

and the house suddenly seems incredibly empty.

... **after** the doctors have said, "There's nothing more that we can do."

We are ready to come alongside you — or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives — provide comfort and confidential support for as long "after" as we are needed. Questions? Contact: Scott Wright at (734) 821-2121.

RCIA: IS IT *YOUR* TIME?

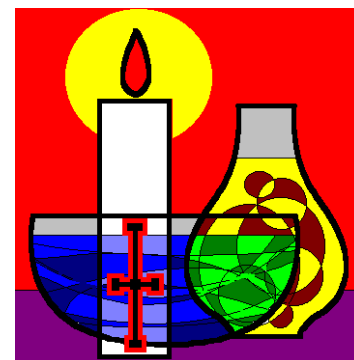
The Acts of the Apostles recounts the descent of the Holy Spirit wherein the apostles heard "a noise like a strong driving wind" and then "there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them (Acts 2:2-3). A crowd gathered at these sights and sounds, and the Jews "from every nation under heaven" heard each apostle speaking "in his own language" (Acts 2:5-6). Peter, the rock upon which Christ built his Church, testified to the risen Christ. And "about 3,000 persons were added that day.

If only all conversions could be that easy. If only we could all witness the birth of Christ's Church and hear the first pope,

Peter, testify to the divinity of Jesus and His saving power.

God speaks to us in so many languages: nature, scripture, other people. Often the most quiet voice of God is heard in the quiet of our hearts. The passing thought, the persistent call to do something, the realization we have been putting something off for a while--this too is the voice of God. Perhaps you have been thinking about becoming Catholic for a time. Perhaps you have come to want to be confirmed.

The RCIA process, designed by the Church for adults, helps people to answer God's call to explore discipleship in the



Catholic Christian community. It is a process which respects the individual's faith journey and helps the person further discover God's path. Through prayer, study, discussion and worship, the individual becomes further attuned to the call of God.

Perhaps this is *your* time. Contact Marty Lucas at mlucas@stfrancisa2.org or (734) 821-2125.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

HAND OUT GROCERIES

Hand out groceries at the emergency food program

administered by Catholic Social Services at Northside Community Center, 815 Taylor, Ann Arbor. If you can help for even 30 minutes, please sign up at stfrancisa2.com or call (734) 662-4462.



VISIT THE HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH

Parishioners who are unable to join us at Sunday Mass rely upon our ministers to bring Christ in the Eucharist to their home. Catholic relatives, friends and neighbors are invited to consider assisting with this ministry for their homebound loved one. Also, our homebound ministers visit individual residences, as well as residential care, assisted living and rehabilitation facilities to conduct communion services. You may enjoy sharing the Good News of Jesus by ministering with St. Francis volunteer ministers at these facilities:

- ♦ Brookhaven Manor, 401 Oakbrook, Ann Arbor.
 - ♦ Cranbrook Apartments, 2901 Northbrook Place, Ann Arbor.
 - ♦ Eisenhower Center Chapel, 3200 E. Eisenhower Parkway, Ann Arbor.
 - ♦ Glacier Hills, 1200 Earhart, Ann Arbor.
 - ♦ Heartland Healthcare, 4701 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor.
 - ♦ University Living, 2865 S. Main St., Ann Arbor.
- Contact: Scott Wright (734-821-2121) swright@stfrancisa2.org For more information, visit: stfrancisa2.com/homebound-ministry



FEED THE HUNGRY

Help serve a meal for the hungry. A crew of St. Francis volunteers serve every third Friday evening of the month at Food Gatherers' Community Kitchen, located in the Delonis Center Shelter, 312 W. Huron, Ann Arbor. Cook from 3-5 p.m. or serve from 5-7 p.m.

To volunteer, sign up at stfrancisa2.com or contact Bridget at (734) 883-9112.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

VISIT OUR SISTER PARISH: JUNE 24

Corpus Christi, Detroit

On Sunday, June 24, 2018, join us to deliver groceries and for a visit to our sister parish, and to enjoy a fun and faith-filled time! At 10 a.m. our carpool departs from St. Francis in time to attend the 11 a.m. Mass at Corpus Christi. Lunch will be provided for us. Then we will help unload/sort the groceries collected through our St. Francis Food Drive, as well as help prepare for their Summer Camp.

Join us. Children are also welcome if you want to make this a family event.

By 4:30 p.m., we will be back at St. Francis. Sign-up & learn more at www.stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms/

FOOD DRIVE FOR KIDS IN DETROIT

Our contribution of groceries really helps those children and families most in need. Even if you are not able to join us in Detroit, please pray for the summer camp, the children participating, and our Food Drive.

On the weekend of **June 16/17, 2018**, please take an empty grocery bag (distributed at all the Masses), go shopping and purchase some of the items listed on the bag. **Return the groceries in the bag at Masses on Sunday, June 24, 2018.**

Questions? Contact: Mary Hayden (734-973-0461) or Linda Wiseman (734-971-9215).

➔ **Grow and harvest vegetables for local pantries.** Our St. Francis sustainable vegetable gardens produce fresh food, over 180 lbs each year, for vulnerable children and families in our area.

➔ **Gardening and Grounds Grooming Ministry:** Several gardens surround the St. Francis of Assisi campus of buildings, including the church, school, rectory and parish offices. With your help, these gardens can be a beautiful expression of hospitality and our appreciation for God's creation and nature.

➔ **Sign up at:** stfrancisa2.com/garden. **Contact:** Scott Wright (734) 821-2121.





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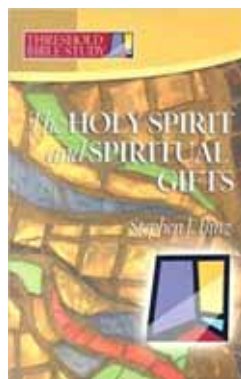
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‘IGNORANCE OF SCRIPTURE IS IGNORANCE OF CHRIST’

At St. Francis, we are blessed to have several people who have stepped up to lead a couple of different types of Bible study.

Our **Gospel Group** meets **every Wednesday** at 10 a.m. in the parish library. This group looks at the upcoming Sunday readings so you can drop in anytime as your schedule permits!

Now in its fourth year, our other **Bible study** meets **twice monthly** to focus on various books or themes in Scripture. This study is offered on Tuesday mornings and repeated on Thursday evenings, so whether you prefer daytime or



evening sessions, we have one for you!

Inspired by the “50 Days to Pentecost” series after Easter, the current study group has decided to continue the focus on the Holy Spirit and will use the Threshold Bible Study materials by Stephen Binz on “**The Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts,**” and a second book called “**Threshold to God’s Word**” to round out the year. Current start dates are Sept. 11 at 10 a.m. and Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. We complete the year in April. Registration will begin in August. Contact: Marty Lucas at mlucas@stfrancisa2.org or 734-821-2125.

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