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Winter

St. Francis Parish Picnic

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Faith

Food



FAMILY

Fun



Christmas Liturgies
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec. 11, Advent by Candlelight at 7:00 pm (PAC). An evening for adults. Focus on the True Meaning of Christmas. Reservations required 821-2125.

Dec. 11, Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration, watch the weekly Forum for details.

Dec. 12, Living Nativity Procession begins at 6:30 p.m. in church.

December 15, Seniors' event Carpool to Detroit Institute of Arts "Murano GLASS" Exhibit. Call 821-2121.

Dec. 19, Christmas Foods From Around The World, after 8:45 & 10:30 masses in PAC.

Jan. 17, begins adult series "Exploring Our Catholic Faith" at 7:00 pm. Call 821-2125.

January, Y.E.S. middle school youth Ice Skating Party, & Feb.13, YES Valentine Party. Call 821-2133.

January 11, Seniors' event The Hidden Benefits of Massage Call 821-2121.

January 20, Learn about Jail Ministry at St. Francis School Library. Visit: www.stfrancisa2.com/jail/

February 7-13, Shelter for Homeless at St. Francis Gym, www.stfrancisa2.com/socialministry/shelter-sa.htm

February 8, Seniors' event Marti Gras Party Call 821-2121.

February 27, Food/Grocery Drive, providing some extra food this winter to area pantries for the needy

March 1 & 2, Mini-Mission. "Lighten Up" with Doug Brummer, Catholic Christian Entertainer.



Advent Communal Penance Service:

Thursday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m. in church

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Friday, December 24 Masses

5:00 p.m.

5:15 p.m. (PAC)

7:00 p.m.

10:30 p.m. (caroling begins at 10 pm)

Saturday, December 25 Masses

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.



Who Listens? We Do?

There's the humorous account of two counselors meeting at the office elevator at the end of the day, one looking fresh and bright, the other bedraggled and weary. Said the latter to the former, "How do you look so fresh after a whole day of listening?" The response, "Who listens?"

That may be true of some counselors, but not our Counseling Assistance Program professionals at St. Francis Parish. We do listen — with our ears, heart and mind, with our professional experience. We help you find the best steps to take in whatever is your concern here and now.

We meet people with the familiar but difficult pressures of married and family life, pressures at work or out of work, concerns about the future or the past, about difficult decisions to be made. We have no magic answers, but we help you find your own next best steps.

When we meet at the elevator, so to speak, we may not look so utterly fresh and stylish. But we know and you know: we listened and gave you our total attention. [Parishioners may call the Parish Office during normal business hours to schedule a confidential appointment with a CAP therapist.] *John Schwarz*, Counseling Assistance Program therapist



Photo: St Francis Counseling Assistance Program therapists during a peer case consultation.
Not pictured: Ruth Koelling and Eileen Aveni.