
The Canticle of St. Francis

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Spring



HEALING WOUNDS OF VIOLENCE

SAFE HOUSE Christmas Dinner Party at St. Francis

Each year our St. Francis Parish Family provides and hosts the Christmas Dinner Party for the Safe House staff and clients - a buffet style meal serving 150 - 175 persons. *Safe House is a shelter in Ann Arbor for women & children who are victims of domestic violence.* Last December, 87 volunteers from St. Francis Parish participated by providing food for the party, serving at the party, or hosting our guests. We want to thank our 2004 Coordinators: Kathleen Tobey, for meal set-up and serving; and Katherine Zajac, for childrens' crafts & games.



Mark Your 2005 Calendar!

March 6 – 13: **Lenten Clothing Drive for Children** Drop off outside Religious Ed Office. No boots or shoes 821-2132

March 13: **St. Patrick Potato Dinner** 6:00 PM (PAC)

Mar 17: **School Tri Arts Festival**, 7:00 PM (PAC)

March 18: **Serve Supper to the Hungry** - Third Fridays of month.

March 14: **Family Penance Service** in Church

March 13 & 20: **High School Youth Night** (PAC). 821-2126

April: **Jail Orientation** for new volunteers, 821-2121.

April 4, 11: **Ya'acht - 20-30s single & married** group [for location 821-2126]

April 7: **Returning to the Church?** - program begins. Call 821-2125.

April 9: **Singles Social** (35-50's) 6:30 pm in the PAC. 821-2126

April 12: **Seniors @ St. Francis** program begins 10AM in the PAC.

April 13: **Values & Sexuality** parent & 6th graders meeting. April 20 for 7th grade, April 27 - 8th grade.

April 17: **Youth Confirmation**, 2:00 PM in church

April 20-22: **Spring Rummage Sale**. St. Francis Altar Society

April 21: **Kindergarten Orientation** is at 7:00 PM (Music Room)

April 23: Transition or Dissatisfied with your job? **"Careers through Faith"** five week program. To register: 821-2125

April 27: **Christmas in April**-rebuilding together. 821-2121.

April 30/May 1: **Celebration of First Holy Communion**.

May 17: **Want to become Catholic?** RCIA-begins. Call Michael 821-2123.

Holy Week & Easter 2005

Holy Thursday, March 24

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 25

12 noon Live Stations of the Cross

1:15 pm Liturgy of Lord's Passion

6:30 pm Evening Prayer

Holy Saturday, March 26

12 noon Blessing of Easter foods

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass & reception

Easter Sunday, March 27

7:00 am Mass

8:45 am Mass

10:30 am Mass

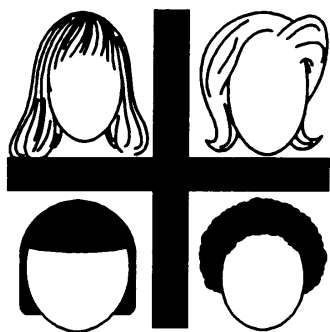
10:45 am Mass in Parish Activity Center

12:15 pm Mass

No 5 pm Sunday Mass on Easter

NEW !!!

The St. Francis Women's Group



You have seen us in the bulletin and heard the announcements at Mass, but do you know what the Women's Group is doing?

We meet twice a month on the first and third Thursdays. We gather to join in friendship and fellowship. No matter what the topic, we always find time to talk about our lives, struggles, joys, and just about everything else.

For the duration of Lent we are basing our more organized conversations around women in the Old Testament. Following Easter we are diving into women in the New Testament and early Church. From these stories we hope to find inspiration and even challenges for our lives and faith journey.

The Women's Group is open to all women of the parish, so if you are curious, dubious, or interested, stop in to one of our meetings. We hope to see you soon!

