



# The Canticle of St. Francis

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## ST. FRANCIS CAREER NETWORK

### Power of the Purpose Event



Wow! What a tremendous evening ... The novel career network social is a St. Francis of Assisi Church sponsored innovative and supportive career social event. We had our first ever Power of the Purpose event on August 13, 2009.

Our Guest Presenters were:

- ⇒ Katherine J. Huetter, Business Development Consultant—Watson Wyatt Worldwide
- ⇒ Michael E. Martini, President - OE Bridgestone Americas
- ⇒ Danaica Watson, BSN RN, St. Francis Parish Nurse

We had so many wonderful attendees that were hungry for words of encouragement and our support. Many who attended said that they were inspired by the shared wisdom. They enjoyed themselves very much, and they really did get connected to some job leads during the event. We also have hosted some career transition workshops at St. Francis this year and we plan to host more career transition workshops in the months ahead.

#### CAN YOU HELP THE EMPLOYED?

#### ARE YOU LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT?

Learn more here: [www.stfrancisa2.com/careernetwork/](http://www.stfrancisa2.com/careernetwork/)

*Thank you!*

*We really enjoyed this event and look forward to others. I think God is leading you in establishing this type of network. The times we are in are an opportunity for the Church. We can really get to know God more, learn to trust him, and be witnesses to the world. I think all your speakers touched on the importance of having God as our center.*

Lucy (a participant)



*Presenter, Mike Martini (right) chats with Scott Wright*



## Mark Your Calendar

- October 1: **Guadalupe Group** / 1:00 – 3:00pm on Thursdays/ Nursery / Mary Carmen 734-483-0820
- October 1: **Ya2acht Club Book Discussion** /7:00-9 pm / youth room/ Jen 821-2126
- October 2: **M.O.M.S. Group** / 10:00 – 12:00pm 1st & 3rd Fridays / Chapel / Janine 734-913-9418
- Autumn Saturdays: **Sustainable Garden Project** / seed collection & harvest / Tracy Nagy 734-971-2464.
- October 4: **LIFE Chain** / 2-3:30 PM / on Huron Pkwy from Washtenaw Ave. to Professional Dr, Ann Arbor / Marilyn Geyer 734-973-2422.
- October 5: **Meditation Group** / 7:00 – 8 pm every Monday/ Chapel / Paul 734-665-6802
- October 5: **Shawl Ministry Group** / 7:00 – 8:30pm /Music Room / Catherine 734-761-1421
- October 6, 13, 20, 27: **Theology on Tap** /7:00-9 pm / Arbor Brewing Co./ Jen 821-2126
- October 7: **School of Discipleship** – “Gospel of Mark” begins / Register at parish website or call Marty 821-2125.
- October 8: **April 2010 Honduras Mission Trip Planning** / 7:00 PM /Parish Office / Lee Ann Schwope (cell:614-638-3304).
- October 9: **Mother/Child Network playgroup**/ 10am – noon/ 2nd & 4th Fridays / Nursery / Anna Mae 418-2435
- October 10: **Catholic Business Professionals' Connection** / 8:30am / school library / Nick Synko 734-332-8800, ext. 213
- Oct 15: **Discover Stephen Ministry.** 7:00 PM / School Library / Scott Wright 821-2121.
- October 16, Nov 20, Dec 18: **Serve A Meal for the Hungry @ Delonis** / 3 or 5PM shift, 3rd Friday-St Francis volunteers/ Bridget 665-9549.
- October 18, 19 or 24: **Eucharistic Minister training** / church/ Barb Schutzgruber 821-2123
- October 18 **CROP Walk** / 1PM / Zion Lutheran Church/ Patti & Chuck Yonka 461-2964.
- October 19-25: **Host Homeless Families @ Shelter** / shifts / IHN - Alpha House, Ann Arbor / Scott Wright 821-2121.
- October 19 or 24: **Lector training** /church / Barb Schutzgruber 821-2123 or [liturgy@stfrancisA2.org](mailto:liturgy@stfrancisA2.org)
- October 20, 21 or 31: **Altar Server Training -fifth grade & up** / church / Fr. John Linden 734-769-2550
- October 21: **Infertility Group** / 7:00 – 9:00pm / Church Library / Jennifer 734-645-2567
- October 23: **Senior Citizens' Lunch & Event-Maintain Your Brain** / 10AM-Noon / PAC / Scott Wright / 821-2121.
- Oct 23: **Going South to New Orleans 2010 Service Trip** Prep / 7 pm/ school library/ Patti & Chuck Yonka 461-2964
- November 1: **Diocesan High School Jamboree** / all day/ Lansing/ Jen 821-2126
- November 18 -22: **NCYC-National Catholic Youth Conference** for high school youth / Kansas City, MO / Jen 821-2126.
- November 19: **Celebrating the Holidays Amidst Our Losses**/ 7– 8:30pm/ Music Room /Janene 821-2122
- November 22: **Food Drive to Local Homes** / 10AM / School Gym / Scott Wright / 821-2121



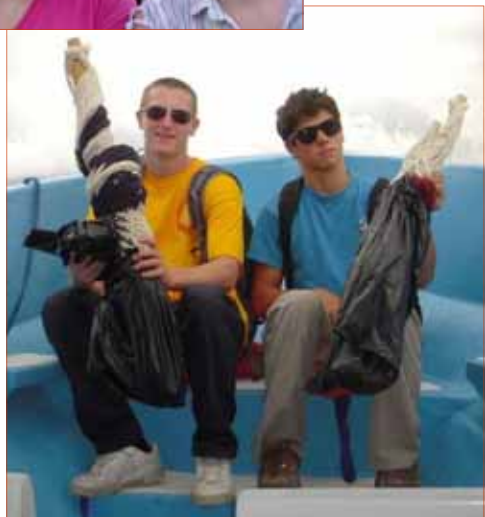
# A summer of bumper cars, ice cream and garbage dumps



This summer the high school youth group has been all over. Literally. From playing Whirly Ball to Dairy Queen we've covered the summer fun in Ann Arbor. Then there was the trek to Guatemala City, Guatemala. We even started the work on another summer adventure—World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid, Spain.



Particularly the adventure in Guatemala made a huge impact on the group. We spent 10 days in Central America. Our mornings consisted of working with the children of the nursery and school. The afternoons were filled with painting, painting, and more painting. What made these tasks special? They were done in Zone 3—the garbage dump community where the residents find their sustenance in the city dump. They scavenge for materials to recycle for money, materials to construct their home, toys for the children, and even food scraps to eat. All our work was done with the haunting smell of the garbage dump and the sight of the homes made of scrap metal, tarps, and other discarded materials.



We were challenged by what we encountered. We were blessed by the experiences, the stories, and the relationships created. If you would like to see a more complete description of our adventures, see the youth ministry website on the parish web page. A reflection on each day was written by teens and will be posted with pictures.

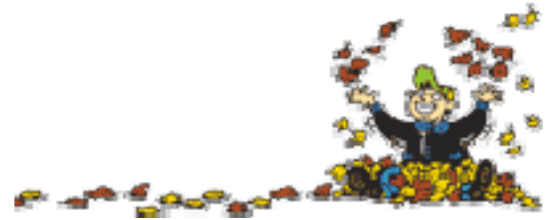
If you missed this trip, don't worry—we've got plans to go back. There are plans for a service trip to Ohio in July of 2010, and of course the grand adventure of World Youth Day in 2011. The youth group will continue our world traveling!





## St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School

### Graduation



On June 8th, 50 eighth-grade students graduated from St. Francis of Assisi School. Many of these students have been at St. Francis for numerous years and we will miss their presence. St. Francis is very proud of our graduates and we wish them the best of luck in high school!

Graduates were: Ashley Bishel, Ruth Blower, Claire Brodie, Kevin Busch, Jason Carmack, Jamyra Carter, David Chavez, Shin Hong Choo, Joe Cleary, Drew Diedrich, Niki Dirksen, Jessica Dziubinski, Meg Erkinen, Adam Fedewa, Brian Fingerle, Charlie Foeller, Olivia Ford, Marisa

Fulper, Peter Gabriel, Gabrielle Gaeta, Abbey Geppner, Ted Heidrich, Kelly Higgins, Eileen Hoban, Margeaux Koepele, Megan Kowalski, John Leoni, Joe Longo, Joanna McKelvey, Emily Miller, John Miller, Bryan Nearing, Nick O'Brien, Nathan O'Sullivan, Annie Patton, Jessica Paul, Tommy Pokorney, Ryan Polgar Jacqui Portu, Caitlyn Ryan, Ellery Sarosi, Mason Sarosi, Nick Sekerak, Tanya Sheikh, Michael Sherman, Anjali Sood, Matt Stando, Kevin Walsh, Audrey Yeiter, and Soungbin Yim.

### Scholarships

Many awards were bestowed upon St. Francis graduates by various individuals and organizations affiliated with the school. In 1996 an anonymous St. Francis parishioner established the Religion Award, a \$500 savings bond. The Religion Award is presented to a student with a high academic record, service to their school and community, and of good character. The eighth grade award winners for the St. Francis Religion Award were Drew Diedrich and Annie Patton.

The Hermann Scholarship, a \$1,000 scholarship presented to a student attending a Catholic high school, was awarded to Kelly Higgins who will be attending Fr. Gabriel Richard High School this fall.

The Virginia Burke Service Award is a \$500 scholarship given to a student who will be attending Fr. Gabriel Richard High School. Ruthie Blower received this award and was recognized for her service to the school, church, and community, her academic excellence, and her positive attitude.

The St. Francis Booster Club Award was established in honor of Lou Hollway, a former football coach and athletic director of Ann Arbor High School (now Pioneer High School). As a member of St. Francis Parish, Mr. Hollway wanted to recognize the achievements of a St. Francis student, who excelled in scholastic achievement, displayed leadership, showed initiative and was unselfish, faithful, and persevering in all their duties. This year's \$250 award was presented to Ellery Sarosi.

## Forming children in the Faith is more than just Religious Education classes



*Pictured:* Youth and their parents enjoy bright sunshine, cool weather (for July), and friendship as they learn the skills of golf at our parent and youth golf outing last July. Thank you to the U of M Men's Team Head Coach, Andrew Sapp, and to Michael Spath, Anne Stemmerich, and Mary Beth Worcheck for their volunteer work on the outing. Look for more **middle school youth and family events** coming this fall in the weekly Forum! Contact Ellen Ward at ward@rc.net or 821-2132 for information.



*Pictured:* Lead Singers, trumpet player, saxophone player, violin, guitar, and piano player all made up the Vacation Bible School Band this past summer. **Youth, young adults, and adults who play an instrument or sing** are welcome to call Carol Fedewa at 417-8655 for information on participating in Religious Education events (i.e. the Nativity Procession this coming December 14), or the Sunday 5 PM Mass.



*Pictured:* Special treats and activities honored Mother's Day after the morning Masses last May. Forming children in the Faith is more than just Religious Education classes. **Religious Education** takes part in planning and participating in a variety of parish events throughout the year! Contact Ellen Ward at ward@rc.net or call 821-2130 for information.



*Pictured:* Youth pose for the picture during Religious Education classes last year. **Religious Education classes teach our Faith to children in grades pre-school through 8th grade.** This year, classes are offered on Mondays from 4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. for children in grades K-5; on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. for children in grades 1-8; and on Sundays as part of the Family Religious Education program. **New this year: On-line Registration** for classes is available at [www.stfrancisa2.com](http://www.stfrancisa2.com) (click on *Sign-Up Forms*).



# St Francis Offers Help in Troubled Times



## Community Kitchen

**St. Francis Community Kitchen** is a new grocery cooperative that saves members money by taking advantage of bulk or wholesale pricing on groceries. Members pay \$120 per month for a "share" in the cooperative, and receive approximately enough food for two people for the month. Very thrifty families can get by on co-op groceries alone, saving hundreds of dollars a month on their food budget. Others may choose to



purchase additional items on their own. In addition to the membership fee, there is a modest volunteer commitment, to help with the sorting of the foods after they are delivered to the St. Francis PAC.



The biweekly deliveries include a selection of fresh produce, bakery goods, proteins, dairy, dried fruits and nuts, and pantry goods. The co-op share provides a large quantity of fresh vegetables, which members are often challenged to consume. Example grocery lists and recipe suggestions can be found on the [community kitchen blog at http://communitykitchenstfrancis.blogspot.com/](http://communitykitchenstfrancis.blogspot.com/)

The orientation of the cooperative is toward fresh, local, healthy foods. Meats are sourced from a distributor that buys from local farms, and much

of the produce is also local, especially during the Michigan harvest season. Breads and cereals are typically whole grain. The main purpose of the cooperative is to provide an economical option for members of the community, so while many of the items are organic, there will generally be non-organic foods included.

You and your friends are cordially invited to get in on the ground floor of this unique opportunity, and eat better while saving money.

(Written by Catherine Shaffer)

### Community Kitchen @ St. Francis PAC

"Eat convenient, healthy food for le\$\$"

This is a bulk-buying and food prep club. All are welcome. We just need to hear from you one week before the pick-up date.

**Grocery pick-up dates are Saturdays:  
October 10, 24, November 7, 21, etc...**  
held from 2:00-4P.M. in the PAC

Check out our blog for recipes, tips, and information!!!!  
Learn more and sign-up, call Scott 821-2121, or visit:  
[www.stfrancisa2.com/socialministry/kitchen.htm](http://www.stfrancisa2.com/socialministry/kitchen.htm)



## ➤ St. Francis of Assisi School Supporters

### “Oh, the Places You’ll Go!”

That was the theme of the 8<sup>th</sup> annual St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School Educational Trust Fund Benefit which was held on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at the Four Points Sheraton in Ann Arbor. The whimsical evening focused on our students, and their hopes and dreams. Blessed with the leadership of Michael and Laura DeBacker and Bob and Michelle Stager as well as a dynamic planning team, the event was well supported by over 230 guests and raised more than \$47,000 in net proceeds.

Many Sponsors supported the event; we extend our sincere gratitude to these benefactors for their generosity.

#### Archangels

Bill & Mary Claire Anhut  
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Glenn & Amy Gottfried  
Steve & Debra Hermann

Rebecca Boylan  
Manak & Lucienne Sood  
Bob & Michelle Stager  
Andy & Melissa Zamora  
Raymond Zbacnik

During the Benefit, a number of guests also contributed an additional \$18,500 to a special appeal for need-based tuition scholarships; those resources will help several families in the 2009-2010 school year.

Since the inception of the Educational Trust Fund, the corpus has been retained in investments to provide for the future. For years now, to help keep tuition affordable, five percent of the average of (the Trust Fund beginning balances from the last three years) **the last three years’**

**beginning Trust Fund balance** is disbursed to St. Francis School annually. This year, the school will receive an award in the amount of \$53,000.

We are grateful to all of our donors for their commitment to St. Francis School. Through their gifts we are able to continue our important work, which is to teach and nurture our children to help them become strong Catholics and responsible citizens of our nation.

**Please mark your calendar now for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Trust Fund Benefit; it’s scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2010 at the Four Points Sheraton!** The event will be in first-class care with chairpersons Michael and Laura DeBacker.



Ken Butman & daughter Mary with Grand Prize Winners

### **Gene Butman Ford Car Raffle** *Benefiting St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School*

On Tuesday, June 9, 2009 during the school’s Ice Cream Social, the Gene Butman Ford Car Raffle commenced. Since 1997, Ken Butman’s valuable donation of a car has allowed our school families to generate nearly \$940,000 altogether, through the sale of raffle tickets. Most recently, over \$53,000 was raised in the Car Raffle. Those proceeds will be used for need-based tuition scholarships, painting in the K-1 and Middle School hallways and Outdoor Education (Storer Camp and School Ship Trip.) Congratulations to the lucky winners: Rick & Cathy Pense (Ford Flex) - pictured above, Jena & Alex James (\$1,000), Craig Hupy (\$500) and Ilene Fitch (\$250.)

St. Francis School is blessed to have many wonderful guardian angels – Ken Butman is truly one of them. As Ms. Sara Collins, Principal, said, *“The generosity of Mr. Butman and Gene Butman Ford is overwhelming! St. Francis School has benefited so much from his kindness. Without this annual gift to the school, we would not be able to offer the high quality educational programs that we are known for. God Bless you Mr. Butman!”*



Principal Sara Collins thanks the DeBackers & Stagers



## SERVICE + JUSTICE [821-2121]

### Parishioners provide service & justice for our neighbors



#### Habitat House



Thanks to all of you who made this Habitat House

Renovation possible. Our work on the home at 328 Garland, Ypsilanti, is now finished. See photos at: <http://catholic-habitat.blogspot.com> A big thank you to our Catholic Habitat House Leader, parishioner Steve Polgar.

## THANK YOU

**St. Francis, your faithful stewardship with our LENTEN tithing supported work with Habitat for Humanity and with RAAH/MPRI pilot project.** Our participation enabled RAAH/MPRI to meet their 2 year/\$50,000 goal.

This money is being used for supportive housing for individuals dealing with mental illness/physical disabilities who have been incarcerated. They have fulfilled their time and are now reestablishing themselves with the necessary support in Washtenaw County. MPRI (Michigan Prisoner Re-entry Initiative) is now calling this program **MPRI Intensive Supportive Housing**.



There are 13 individuals presently working with the program. As I mentioned, St. Francis was part of this initial program.

Ongoing work will continue thru MPRI. If you want to know more about this effort please call/email: Mary King-Washtenaw Community Coordinator (734-327-9717) [washtenawmpri@gmail.com](mailto:washtenawmpri@gmail.com) MPRI on a statewide scale: [www.michpri.com](http://www.michpri.com)



Learn more about RAAH by visiting: [www.raah.org](http://www.raah.org)

#### Migrant Ministry News

Thanks to all who donated to the care packages for local migrant families. We put together 35 packages, one for each migrant family; each package included these items: laundry & bath soap, deodorant, towels, cloths, bed sheets, toothpaste, floss, brushes, toilet paper, paper towels, bandages & chapter books for the kids.

The migrant families are very appreciative of these contributions. Families come to work May through October at the DuRussel Farm in Manchester, Michigan. They farm 2,000 acres. Learn more about all they grow. Visit: [stfrancisa2.com/socialministry/migrant.htm](http://stfrancisa2.com/socialministry/migrant.htm)



Thanks to all the people who helped in June with the sorting and delivering of the donations: Rita Kieras, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Bombach, Cora and Ed Yee, Rich Garay, Stuart & Lisa Parker and kids, Hilary Connors, John de Irala, Crystal Heft, & Wanita Forgacs.

We are also grateful to all of the people who are volunteering to help with this ministry for migrant workers and their families: Ernestine McGlynn and others reading with the children; Gary Bastien & Teri Young organizing some activities games, crafts, etc, with the children; Mary LaPalm for organizing a soccer program for the children.

Thanks again for a great summer!

## Shelter

#### Thank you for Shelter! June 8-14, 2009

Thank you to those who served at IHN Alpha House (Interfaith Hospitality Network house for homeless families). Between shopping, meal preparation, meal serving, childcare, custodial work, and general supervision, St. Francis volunteers provided vital assistance that helps keep IHN's funds focused on helping clients. St. Francis volunteers came together to supply 5 home-cooked meals (for the 19 residents), a week's worth of groceries and supplies, and over 80 hours of companionship for 19 neighbors without homes. Thanks again for a great week! - Chris Kempton, chair



for our sister parish: *Corpus Christi Catholic Community, Detroit*

## Back Pack & School Supplies Drive

*On behalf of the children that we serve, I would like to thank the St. Francis community especially the VBS children and parents for their generosity. We gave away back packs and loads of school supplies to more than 100 children in our community on Saturday, July 25, 2009. If there is any way that we can assist you, please let me know.*

*Thanks Again,  
Nalani*



## Food Drive

### A note from Fr. Donald Archambault, Pastor:

Your support of our summer programs is critical at a time when the city has less and less resources to serve our youth. The SAYA Camp at the IHM Center had the largest attendance ever, averaging over seventy youth a day with experiences in money management, arts, bell choir, judo, dance, Spanish and sports ... along with delicious meals.

We were also able to offer a sports camp at our other parish center. We are part of a Youth Coalition which also began a T-Ball league this year, and have had a soccer league for a number of years. It is partnering with parishes like St. Francis which allows us to witness to the Risen Lord in our midst.

Your brother on journey,  
Fr. Don



### Thanks for the Food Drive June 2009

We are so grateful for all of you who served to help provide groceries for the economically disadvantaged kids in DETROIT at the Summer Youth Coalition Programs organized by our Twin-Sister-Parish, Corpus Christi Catholic Church.

We are grateful for all of you, those who prepared the shopping lists and bags, and those who helped distribute them at Masses, those who went shopping and brought back all the groceries.

And, we especially want to thank our Food Drive coordinator Roger Parlett, and the 23 persons who went to unload, un-bag, sort and shelve it all: Ignatius Arokiaraj, Kelly Gauthier, Mark Gawronski, David Jacques, Florence Kruzas, Anthony Mollo, Christopher Mollo, Chalan Munasinghe, Blaine Nash, Donley Nash, Jeanne Nehez, Timothy Nehez, Christine Parlett, Roger Parlett, Matthew Schnaidt, Patricia Sherzer, Edward Wright, Sharon Wright, Elizabeth Wright, Julia Wright, Kasia Wright, Karol Wright, & Scott Wright. Lunch with our friends at Corpus Christi was great fun.



## Business Manager's Report to the Parish

As this is written, summer vacation is winding down, and a couple of major Parish projects, along with some smaller ones, are winding up. First and foremost, and most visible, is the replacement of the Church roof. Work began in July, following the completion of Vacation Bible School, and is scheduled to be finished by Labor Day, weather permitting. Our Parish Finance Council opted to install a roof of aluminum shingles, which comes with a 40-year warranty, isn't subject to rust, and provides a radiant barrier to keep radiant heat out of the Church in the summer and to retain more of our own heat in the winter. We received an attractive bid on this work from American Metal Roofs, from Flint, Michigan, and are pleased to have a Michigan company doing this project. Although the work will be costly, it will be funded out of funds set aside from the Thomas and Shirley Taylor bequest.

A second major project undertaken this summer was the renovation/upgrading of restrooms on the K/1 and 2/3 levels of the School. This work was funded out of Summer Appeal funds raised in 2008-09, and included redoing virtually everything: tile floors and walls, lay-in ceilings and lighting, new plumbing fixtures and partitions, and new accessories. S. R. Stricklen Building Co., Ann Arbor, which has a good reputation locally in remodeling work, served as the general contractor. If you are ever in the School buildings and have the opportunity, you might enjoy taking a look at these new restrooms, particularly if you remember the old ones!

Also in the School, the final two hallways which had not yet been re-painted in an attractive, welcoming design as others had been, were completed during the summer. And new doors were installed on the Computer Lab off the School Library, replacing doors which were not sufficiently secure or reliable.



Knights roof rectory garage

An unanticipated project completed this summer was the waterproofing of the elevator pit in the School. This had been done a number of years ago and held up reasonably well until the last year or two, but the heavy snow and rains of the last two years have resulted in water occasionally entering the pit (one of the perils of the topography of our property). Water was found during a State inspection in June, and our contractor was able to correct the problem. We are hopeful that we will get many additional years of trouble-free service from the elevator before we need to have this work performed again.

Finally, a project which was much needed was completed by the Knights of Columbus of our Parish.

Under the direction of Wayne Meier, a large number of them stripped off the old, deteriorating shingles on the Rectory Garage (*which the Knights had built many years ago*), replaced damaged substrate, and then re-shingled the Garage, all in one day! Fr. Jim has already expressed his appreciation to the Knights for their work, and the rest of us thank the Knights for helping to keep our campus beautiful.

As the calendar moves from summer to fall, our capital improvement projects subside, until the need for additional work becomes apparent. This year, given concerns about the continuing weak local economy, we do not anticipate additional projects, at least until next summer, although our "to do" list continues to include, in no particular order, some of the "usual suspects" we have discussed previously: brick repair/tuckpointing on the Bell Tower, Parish Office, and PAC; addition of a supplemental HVAC system for the Gym; replacement of the Middle School roof; and renovating/upgrading school restrooms on the 4/5 and Middle School levels. We thank you for your continued support of the Parish and School, and I invite you to call or email me if you should have any questions or comments.

**Dave Barera**, Parish Business Manager  
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## Seniors @ St. Francis



### A Summer Picnic

Our July picnic lunch at the Washtenaw County Farm Park was the best ever!

Notice that one picture here is evidence that we also had a good group of men present at our picnic. The ladies always seem to outnumber the gentlemen. Fortunately, at this event the gentlemen were gaining on them.



Learn more about our events & day trips at: [www.stfrancisa2.com/seniors/](http://www.stfrancisa2.com/seniors/)



### FALL CALENDAR

**Oct 20:** Older Adult Moving Study at 10AM-noon (PAC-Parish Activities Center) Scott Wright 821-2121.

**Oct 23:** Seniors' Lunch Event – Maintain Your Brain. 10AM-noon (PAC) Scott Wright 821-2121.

**Nov 10:** Seniors' Thanksgiving Meal & Program 10AM (PAC) Scott Wright 821-2121.



## Altar Servers Attend Lansing Lugnuts Game

The latest group outing for altar servers took place on July 31st when servers, their families, and other parish members rode a bus to Lansing to see the minor league Lugnuts take on the Kane County Cougars at Oldsmobile Park. The occasion was the Knights of Columbus Family Night to celebrate vocations. Through the generous donations of the St. Francis K of C council, the altar servers were able to enjoy the trip and the game free of charge.

Bishop Earl Boyea threw out the opening pitch as the Lugnuts struggled before falling 12-4. The losing effort did not dampen the spirit of the servers, who cheered mightily, tried hard to start "the wave," and even donned rally caps in the later innings. Fr. John and Deacon Anthony were on hand to join in the fun, and some of their family members were also at the game.



Everyone from St. Francis seemed to enjoy the beautiful summer evening, the baseball action, and the post-game fireworks. Even better was the fellowship. Andy Jurasek commented that he "had fun hanging out with all the other servers." It's safe to say that everyone in the group had fun hanging out with each other.

## Summer Music at St. Francis



We held a **Summer Strings Camp** this summer during the week of July 13-17 for those children who were already in the strings program during the school year who wished to keep developing their skills, as well as new students who wanted to begin learning to play the violin. Dr. Mark Schuppener and his wife Stephanie Song organized and lead the week-long camp. The sessions were everyday from 10am-12pm culminating in a recital on the last day.

We will again offer our Strings Program during the school year, meeting on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:15-4:15 PM starting on September 28, 2009. The program is open to all St. Francis Parish children. For more details, or to register contact the Music Director, Thomas Kean at 821-

2124 or [tkean@stfrancisA2.com](mailto:tkean@stfrancisA2.com)



We also held our annual **August Organ Recital Series** on Monday evenings from August 10 though August 31. The series is jointly hosted by St. Francis of Assisi Parish and the American Guild of Organists. It was a great success, with organists John Woosley, Andrew Herbruck, Dr. James Wagner, and Dr. Ron Prowse playing beautiful concerts. Their repertoire illustrated the broad capabilities of the magnificent organ we are blessed to have here at St. Francis.



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