



The Canticle of St. Francis

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Fall 2010

Parishioners Reach Out

Summer Events with Migrant Families in Michigan

St. Francis parishioners volunteered to help bring about Christ's kingdom by showing our solidarity with the migrant workers and their families at the DuRussel Potato Farm near Manchester. Volunteers helped in several different ways, the first being a **drive for household items**. Donations from many parishioners were collected and sorted into 36 laundry baskets. Then they were delivered to the farm to distribute among the families. Those who helped with this work were Meg Falahee, Susanna Brown, Catherine Murau, Robin Gruber, Josephine Gonzalez, Joe Martinez, Rebecca Cornell, Colette and John Hamil, Sandy and Dave Harrison, Wanita and Celia Forgacs, and David Kieras.



A field day for the migrant workers' children held during their summer school, was organized by Gary Bastien. Some of the events they participated in were running, jumping, and shot put. This was an immense success and encouraged the children to work hard and do their best. Gary was also able to get 40 copies of the book, "Lessons of a Lakota" signed and donated to the children by the authors, Nicholas Sparks and Olympian runner, Billy Mills. Billy Mills' story is inspirational to the migrant children, because Mills, a Native American, grew up in poverty on an Indian Reservation and went on to run and win an Olympic Gold medal.



Playing with the children in day care helps so much while their parents are working long hours in the fields. St. Francis parishioners provided some fun activities for the children after their summer school was over. This was organized by parishioner, Teri Young with help from her husband Carl & their two grandchildren, along with parishioners Veronica Perkins, Cicie Miller, Anne Hoban and their middle and high school-aged sons and daughters. They had lots of fun with the children—telling stories, jumping rope, playing with hula hoops and balls and bats, building with Legos, and playing Uno, among other things.

Thank you to all parishioners who volunteered their time and donations. We have welcomed and made a difference in the lives of the families of the migrant workers for 6 summers. The pictures shown here are of the children having fun and doing their best at their field day.

Rita Kieras, St. Francis coordinator for migrant outreach



Mark Your Calendar

RCIA – *It's never too late to join the Catholic Church!* Call the Parish Office (734-769-2550) for more information.

September 22 & 29, Oct. 6 & 13: **Bootcamp for Difficult Times:** Meditation to live successfully with stress & chronic illness / 7:00 pm / Chapel / Marty 821-2125

September 24: **Mother/Child Network** / 10am – 12noon/Nursery/ Anna Mae 734-418-2435

September 24: **Going South to New Orleans 2011 Service Trip** Prep / 7 pm/ school library/ Patti & Chuck Yonka 461-2964

September 25-26: **High School Retreat** / Jen 821-2126 or <http://sfa-hsym.blogspot.com/>

September 27: **Weekly Meditation Group** / 7:00 – 8pm every Monday/ Chapel / Paul 734-665-6802

September 28: **Ya2acht Club-20-30s single or married** / Tuesdays @ 7pm / Jen 821-2126 or <http://ya2acht.blogspot.com/>

September 30: **Weekly Guadalupe Group** / 1:00 – 3pm / Nursery / Mary Carmen 734-483-0820

October 1: **M.O.M.S.-ministry of mothers sharing** / 10am – 12noon/Chapel/Shawn 734-975-2938

Autumn Saturdays: **Sustainable Garden Project** / seed collection & harvest / Tracy Nagy 734-971-2464.

October 3: **LIFE Chain** / 2-3:30 PM / Huron Pkwy & Washtenaw Ave / Marilyn Geyer 734-973-2422.

October 3: **High School Youth Group** / Sundays @ 7pm/ youth room / Jen 821-2126 or <http://sfa-hsym.blogspot.com/>

October 5, 12, 19, 26: **Theology on Tap** / 7pm / Conor O'Neils / Jen 821-2126 or <http://ya2acht.blogspot.com/>

October 9: **Catholic Business Professionals' Connection** / 8:30 – 10:30am / School Library / Tom 734-649-2655

October 10 **CROP Walk** / 1PM / Zion Lutheran Church/ Patti & Chuck Yonka 461-2964.

October 11: **Monthly Shawl Knitting Ministry**/ 7:00pm / School Music Room / Kathleen 734-717-0685

October 12: **Senior Citizens Day Trip to Hamtramck** / Bus transportation / RSVP MaryAnn Wroubel (369-8619) / Scott Wright (821-2121)

Oct. 12, 19, Nov. 2, 9, 16: **School of Discipleship** "Catholic Social Teaching" 7:00 pm / Music Room / Marty 821-2125



FALL 2010

October 15, Nov 19, Dec 17: **Serve A Meal for the Hungry @ Delonis Center** / 3 or 5PM shift, 3rd Friday-St Francis volunteers/ Bridget 665-9549.

October 17, 18 or 23: **Eucharistic Minister training** / church/ Barb Schutzgruber 821-2123

October 18-24: **Host Homeless Families @ Shelter** / shifts / IHN - Alpha House, Ann Arbor / Scott Wright 821-2121.

October 18 or 23: **Lector training** /church / Barb Schutzgruber 821-2123 or liturgy@stfrancisA2.org

October 19, 21 or 30: **Altar Server Training -fifth grader & up** / church / Fr. Prabhu 734-769-2550

October 20: **Monthly Infertility Support Group** / 7:00 – 9pm / Church Library / Jennifer 734-645-2567

October 24: **Annulment Seminar** / 7:00 – 8:30pm/ School Library / Janene 821-2122

October 25: **Flu Shot Clinic** /drop in from 2:00 until 6pm / in the PAC / Many insurances accepted, or \$33. Pneumonia shot \$87.

October 31: **World Youth Day 2011** Madrid Spain *registration deadline* for pilgrims (ages 16-35) / Jen 821-2126

November 7: **Diocesan High School Jamboree** / Jen 821-2126

November 13: **Fall Chore Day with Neighborhood Senior Services** / Volunteer Office / 712-7259.

November 16: **Senior Citizen Thanksgiving** Program & meal / 10AM / PAC / Scott Wright 821-2121.

November 21: **Food Drive to Local Homes** / 10AM / School Gym / Scott Wright / 821-2121

December 2: **Celebrating the Holidays Amidst Our Losses** / 7:00 – 8:30pm / School Music Room / Janene 821-2122

December 26-January 2: **High School Service Trip** - New Years in New Orleans / Jen 821-2126

High School Youth Summer Service

<http://sfa-hsym.blogspot.com/>

Serving with Franciscans for the Poor



Yet again the high school youth ministry was busy this summer. One of our major events was the week-long service trip to Cincinnati, Ohio. We spent a week with Franciscans for the Poor. Each day our group served among the homeless, hungry, disabled, or otherwise in need. Time was spent serving sandwiches, fruit, and sweets at a downtown sandwich window. Groups also headed to Redwood, a facility for those with disabilities. On other days some went to a center that was a food bank, resource center, and even day camp for those in need and their children.



In the evenings there was a chance for a well deserved nap. Some headed down the street to the pool to escape the summer heat. We also had a speaker share his story of homelessness and life changes with us. One night we enjoyed a picnic dinner overlooking the river. We also were invited one night to a BBQ dinner hosted by the Franciscan sisters and the Chinese exchange students they were also hosting.



We already have plans for two more service trips, so if you wanted to come but weren't able to, mark your calendar for the

- Winter service trip to New Orleans on December 26, 2010—January 2, 2011
- Return to Franciscans for the Poor on July 10-15, 2011



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School

Teacher Retirements

At the end of the 2009-2010 St. Francis school year, we had to say goodbye to several wonderful teachers as they start on the next chapter in their lives. It is with deep gratitude and love that we say our farewells to these four wonderful women.

Mrs. Vicki Hatch, long-time middle-school teacher and eighth grade homeroom teacher graduated with her last class this year. Mrs. Hatch dedicated 15 years to teaching in our Middle School. Mrs. Hatch taught English, Math, and helped organize students as they created the 2009-2010 yearbook. We have always been confident that all of our graduates leave St. Francis with the knowledge that God loves and cares for them from Mrs. Hatch's loving example of Jesus. As one family expressed,

"A simple **thank you** does not seem enough,
For the genuine love, empathy, care and all that stuff.
With a smile you greeted the students in the hall,
Clearly teaching was your call."

Mrs. Hatch will be missed by her colleagues, students, graduates, and the families of St. Francis School. We wish her all the love and blessings as she looks forward to spending time with her family and friends in the years ahead.



After 24 years at St. Francis, Mrs. Carlyn Boivin, first grade teacher, also decided that now was a good time to follow her passion of family and building/designing dollhouses. To little ones 24 years must seem like a lifetime. But for her colleagues and loving families it seems like it went by in a heartbeat. St. Francis students, staff, and families were blessed with Mrs. Boivin's dedication to God and her faith every day. Mrs. Boivin instilled in the students, and her colleagues, the love of reading and the spoken word. She has shared that gift with many generations of families at St. Francis and will be missed greatly. As Mrs. Boivin looks forward to spending time with her husband and family, especially her grandkids, she will forever hold a place in our hearts at St. Francis. God bless you, Mrs. Boivin and many blessings to you and your family.



Since 1991, Mrs. Cathy Nichols has been working or teaching at St. Francis. She began her career at St. Francis in the school office with great organization and support. She later followed her love for teaching in the St. Francis Middle-School Spanish program. Mrs. Nichols shared her knowledge, faith, and dedication to learning through her guidance of middle schoolers. Many students from St. Francis continued on to study Spanish at the high school level and beyond thanks to her love and support. Mrs. Nichols looks forward to enjoying her other blessings in life: her family. We send our gratitude and love to Mrs. Nichols as she looks forward to many new adventures.



Mrs. Monika Barera also retired this year. Mrs. Barera dedicated her time and kindness to the St. Francis Parish for many years. She began her endeavors at St. Francis School when she began working in the Extended School Program in the fall of 1990. We are forever grateful for Mrs. Barera's support as she helped to build and develop the first preschool at St. Francis of Assisi School. Mrs. Barera's kindness and gentle guidance was a true blessing to our school community. Mrs. Barera will always be in our hearts and minds. As she embarks on this new endeavor, she is looking forward to spending more time with her family and playing in her garden. We wish her many years of joy and happiness! Thank you Mrs. Barera.





St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School Supporters

Car Raffle Raised Essential Funds for St. Francis School

The annual St. Francis of Assisi School car raffle ended successfully on Friday, June 4th with \$55,051 raised! Ken Butman of Gene Butman Ford donated the grand prize - a two-year lease on a 2010 Ford Taurus, or \$6,000, to the cause. Enthusiastic parishioners and people in the community purchased 16,640 tickets; in addition, donations totaling \$12,089 were contributed to the raffle. This year's proceeds will help pay teacher salaries in the 2010-2011 school year, as well as support the outdoor education program.

Since the first car raffle, the renewed commitment of Ken Butman of Gene Butman Ford has helped St. Francis of Assisi School raise nearly \$1 million in total. As Principal Ms. Sara Collins, said, *"On behalf of the entire St. Francis of Assisi School community, I extend sincere thanks to Ken Butman for his generous gift to our school. His dedication to Catholic education and to the students and families at St. Francis of Assisi is a very special blessing. We are deeply grateful to him for his unwavering support which has strengthened our school over the course of so many years."*

Four lucky winners celebrated their good fortune following the announcement of car raffle prizes during the St. Francis of Assisi School Ice Cream Social. They included the Jetton Family (\$6,000 grand prize); the Howden Family (\$1,000); Meghan Lemmer (\$500); and Joseph Gallagher (\$250.)

Over the years, the learning environment at St. Francis of Assisi School has improved significantly as a result of Car Raffle proceeds. The money raised has gone directly to the school's operating budget to help keep tuition affordable, as well as to help purchase needed improvements including student textbooks and desks, media center and classroom computers, lighting upgrades, windows, and air conditioning. Car Raffle proceeds have also provided essential revenue to pay teacher salaries.



Above: Awaiting Results in the P.A.C.



Left: Announcing the Grand Prize Winner



Happy Winner with the Butman Family, Fr. Jim and Ms. Collins

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the 14th annual Gene Butman Ford Car Raffle. May God bless you and St. Francis of Assisi School!

Altar Server Summer Fun

Bus Trip to Lansing Lugnut Baseball Game

The St. Francis altar servers made their third annual trip to a Lansing Lugnuts game on Friday, August 20. The occasion was Knights of Columbus Vocations Night at the ballpark. The excitement began when Fr. John Linden threw out one of the ceremonial first pitches. Fr. John stopped by the St. Francis cheering section later on, where he was greeted by his fans. Fr. Kusi Cobona and Fr. Anthony Strouse also paid visits to the altar server group. It was wonderful to see all of these fine priests again, as well as to get to know Fr. Prabhu Lakra a little better.

The trip was made possible once again through the generosity of the Knights of Columbus at St. Francis. They provided bus transportation to and from Lansing, and free game tickets for the servers. The servers and their families were treated to an exciting performance by the Lugnuts,

who rallied to score a two-run homer in the ninth inning before falling to the South Bend Silver Hawks 7-4. The excitement continued with a dazzling post-game fireworks show, and then the tired group boarded the bus for the trip back to Ann Arbor.

If you have a child in **5th grade or higher who is interested in becoming an altar server**, please check the weekly *Forum* bulletin for notices of upcoming October training dates, or contact Fr. Prabhu in the Parish Office.



I Spy

Use the photo (left) to find this spot in St. Francis church.

To enter, send an email to liturgy@stfrancisa2.org with the subject "I Spy", or you can place your answer in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office. **You must include your name, phone number or email.** All correct entries received by November 1st will be eligible for a random drawing. Winner will receive a San Damiano Cross.

The answer and winner's name will be printed in the next issue of the canticle

The winner of the Summer 2010 Canticle "I Spy" drawing is Cleo Mellen. Thirteen entrants correctly identified the photo (right) as the front of the tabernacle. The tabernacle (Latin "a tent") comes from the portable shrine built by the Israelites to house the Ark of the Covenant - the manifestation of God's presence. Today the tabernacle houses the consecrated hosts in churches or chapels.



Summer VBS & Family Events

Youth & Parent Golf Outing

(photos right & below) Despite mosquitoes and drizzling rain, the August parent & youth golf outing went on ...

Thank you to Cheryl Stacy, U of M Head Coach for sharing her expertise and instruction; to Michael Spath for organizing; and to Anne Stemmerich for grilling.



Mother's Day (above) Children wrapped up a simple gift of love on Mother's Day! Families are treasured at St. Francis!



Vacation Bible School 2010 (photos left & above) Through imaginative play settings, we traveled back in time to live the bible stories of Joseph (of the coat of many colors) in ancient Egypt. Thank you to the 65 adults and 97 youth volunteers who helped make **Vacation Bible School** a faith-filled experience for the 260 children attending this past July.

The **St. Francis Religious Education** program offers a variety of faith experiences for children. Look for the Nativity Procession (the story of the birth of Jesus) scheduled for Sunday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. beginning in church.

For more information on Religious Education events, go to www.stfrancisa2.com (click on *Religious Education*).

SERVICE + JUSTICE [821-2121]

Parishioners provide service

Shelter for Families

Thank you for serving during June 7- 13th at Interfaith Hospitality Network-IHN Alpha House Family Shelter. Between shopping, meal preparation and 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 6 home-cooked meals, a week's worth of groceries and supplies, and over 100 hours of companionship for 18 neighbors without homes. We thank our coordinators, as well as all of our ALPHA HOUSE VOLUNTEERS that helped... Catherine Anderson, Torrey Baumstark, Herbert Black, Elizabeth Collins, Bob Conlin, Julie Conlin, Barbara Ferris, Robert Ferris, Mary Hayden, Crystal Heft, Sara Huige-Uytingco, Marty Javornisky, Chris Kempton, Rosaleen Kirk, Steve Lavender, Christopher Mollo, Arjun Nagpal, Magaly Nagpal, Beth Russell, Robert Samy, and Kimm Sarosi.

Finding Faith in JAIL?

Catholics & other persons, in the Washtenaw County Jail interested in learning more about the Catholic faith are invited to attend services in a class room. Out of a total of 20 in our

volunteer pool, a group of at least four of those Catholic volunteers from St. Francis and other local Catholic parishes visit the jail every week. Catholic volunteers assist with

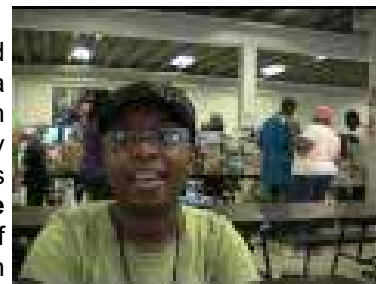


- Weekly Saturday morning Mass/Communion Service
- Sunday evening prayer group with Eucharistic Adoration
- Wednesday evening class to learn more about the faith, church and bible

One-on-one visits are a very important way of encouraging inmates. Join us ... learn more by calling Scott (734-821-2121)

June Food Drive for our Sister Parish in Detroit

In June, our parish held a food drive to support a summer camp outreach program conducted by our sister parish, Corpus Christi of Detroit. **See our Youtube VIDEO** of this food drive which includes the summer camp coordinator talking about the camp: stfrancisa2.com/socialministry/fooddrivejune.htm



With 15 people from St. Francis delivering the groceries to Corpus Christi Parish in Detroit on June 27 2010, we joined their folks to make a team of about 30 people altogether unload and sort the grocery items out of the 320 bags. We also thank Corpus Christi for the lunch we enjoyed together.

Thanks to everyone for their work on this project: Josephine Colatruglio, Kathi de Geus, Ann Denoyer, Christine Feak, Glen Feak, Barbara Kelly, Bob Ferris, Mary Hayden, Deborah Hoffman, AJ & Thomas & Lillian & Chris Kempton, Carlos Martinez, Anthony & Christopher Mollo, Tracy Nagy, Sara & Emily & Mike Nazareth, Roger Parlett, Laura Perez, Pat Sherzer, and David Zinn.

Thank you St. Francis Parish!

Once again your generosity in the Food Drive exceeded all expectations! On behalf of the children and families we will serve with the food that you donated, the people of Corpus Christi Parish would like to thank you!

*Nalani Bradford, Social Ministry
Director, Corpus Christi Parish*

+ seek justice for our neighbors

St. Francis participates in U.S. Social Forum Conference

Members of the St. Francis Peace and Justice Committee participated in the U.S. Social Forum held June 22-26, 2010 in Detroit. It was a great collective “learning together” event where people from all walks of life gathered to learn **how to combat injustice and take action** in the U.S. and around the world.



What is the US Social Forum? The US Social Forum (USSF) is a movement building process. It is not a conference but it is a space to come up with the peoples’ solutions to the economic and ecological crisis. We must declare what we want our world to look like and we must start planning the path to get there. The USSF provides spaces to learn from each other’s experiences and struggles, share our analysis of the problems our communities face, build relationships, and align with our international brothers and sisters to strategize how to reclaim our world.

What Happens at the US Social Forum? There are hundreds of Self-Organized Workshops; Work Projects & Work Brigades; Arts & Culture - Performances, Exhibitions, Film Festival; A Children's Social Forum & Youth Camp; Detroit Local Organizing; International Participation; Direct Action; Tours; and Grassroots Fundraising.

Learn more by visiting their website at: www.ussf2010.org

Thanks to all of you who made this a wonderful experience: Jack Baker, Sue Baker, Kelly Gauthier, Jim Russo, Aimee Smith, Mary Wakefield, Elizabeth & Scott Wright, Charles Yonka, and Patricia Yonka.

Human Rights for Women Book Discussion Group



In July, members of the Peace and Justice Committee invited parishioners to meet for a four-session discussion on a book called **Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide**.

In many parts of the world, women are denied their basic human rights to education, employment, and health care simply because of their gender. Many of them are forced into slavery. These women live in societies which do little or nothing in their defense.

Thanks to Barbara Torretti for coordinating the group discussion effort.

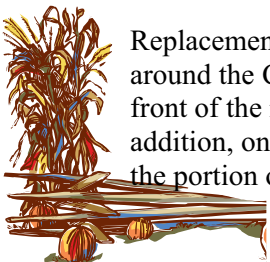


Business Manager's Report to the Parish

As this is written, summer vacation is about over, and a number of major Parish projects, along with some smaller ones, are winding up. The largest project of the summer, but one which is not very visible, was the replacement of the Middle School roof. Work began in June and was completed in July, just prior to the opening of Vacation Bible School. The roof that was replaced was twenty-seven years old, and although no leaks had occurred, we wanted to upgrade this roof before any problems materialized. Following this replacement, only the roof on the Gym (1990) dates from prior to the 1994 renovation of the School and Rectory.

A second major project undertaken this summer, and one which is highly visible, was the rehabilitation of the main storm water detention pond located in front of the Church, along with the removal of the row of junipers (thank you Brian Biggs!) and the clearing of both sanitary and storm sewer lines. The heavy rains of May and June produced a number of storm water back-ups, indicating that drainage was seriously obstructed. The removal of the large willow tree west of the main parking lot entrance from Stadium Boulevard was part of this work. Although some work remains to be done before September, we believe that the problems will be solved upon its completion.

Another major project, and one which was not expected, was the replacement of water lines serving the 2nd/3rd grade drinking fountain and restrooms in the School. The original pipes were made of galvanized metal (sixty years ago copper was too expensive, and PVC had not yet been invented), and with age, they corrode and develop leaks. One such leak occurred above the ceiling of the ESP classroom, with the result that, in addition to replacing the old pipes, we also had to replace the ESP ceiling. If you happen to be in the School building and have the opportunity, you might enjoy taking a look at the new ESP classroom, particularly if you remember it from many years ago!



Replacement concrete work was completed around the Church and PAC in April, and in front of the main doors of the School in July. In addition, on August 25th, we began resurfacing the portion of our main parking lot which was not resurfaced two years ago, and

repairing some other areas showing deterioration. We will also be seal coating and restriping the front lots, with a completion target date of September 1st. As those attending daily Mass or evening activities can attest, we rented out portions of our parking lots on a number of dates in late June and early August to one of the movie companies filming in the Ann Arbor area; those funds, along with money from the Taylor Bequest Fund, will pay for the parking lot repairs.

Also, new steel doors and insulated windows were installed in the School Music Room and the Art Room hallway, replacing wood doors which tended to swell with humidity. All of the entrance/exit doors in the School have now been upgraded, except for the 6th Grade doors and windows, which we hope to replace in the coming year. In addition, new rubber mulch was added to the five playgrounds around the School, used by St. Francis School and Religious Ed students alike; the rubber mulch is more forgiving of accidents than the old woodchip mulch, and does not decompose like wood mulch does. Also, eaves and trim have been painted all around the School and PAC, and we expect the Parish Office eaves and trim will be repainted in early September once the work on the School is complete. Finally, the chain-link fence along Stadium Boulevard and St. Francis Drive was repainted.

As the calendar moves from summer to fall, our capital improvement projects tend to subside, until the need for additional work becomes apparent. This year, given continuing concerns about local economic conditions, 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: replacing the single-pane, uninsulated doors/windows in the 6th Grade entrance area; improving lighting for Masses in the Church; brick repair/tuckpointing on the Bell Tower, Parish Office, and PAC; addition of a supplemental HVAC system for the Gym; 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
734-821-2111 or dsbarera@catholicWeb.com

Seniors @ St. Francis (55 & faster)

Morning of Reflection

In June we hosted a Seniors' Morning of Reflection on **"Prayer in our Lives"** sponsored by the Washtenaw Catholic Council on Aging. The day began with a presentation on prayer by Janene Ternes, a commissioned spiritual director and St Francis of Assisi adult faith groups coordinator. From the activity center we moved to the chapel where Fr Jim McDougall celebrated mass to closed the morning. Afterwards, a good number of participants went for lunch together at a local restaurant—spending the next couple of hours sharing and enjoying one another's company.



A July Picnic and . . .

In July we had a great time at our **Picnic Lunch** in Washtenaw County Farm Park.

Then, we **welcomed Fr. Prabhu** to St. Francis during an informal coffee held immediately following a weekday mass in the lower level of the church.



Learn more about our events and day trips at:

www.stfrancisa2.com/seniors/



Sustainable Garden Project

This is the time of year we harvest loads of lovely produce for the families of Perry Nursery School to enjoy!!! (Perry Nursery is a nursery for low income families in the area.) Located next to the rectory, is the plot of land that is worked and harvested by volunteers from St. Francis Parish. We garden in a way that is sustainable using techniques that work with and protect the soil that is our greatest asset here in the garden.

This year has been a really special one for us as we have been working with parish Boy Scout, Brian Fulper. As part of his Eagle Project, Brian put in a permanent fence, and brand new and larger beds. In addition, we are working with Brian to add a storage bench so visitors to the garden can sit and enjoy this healthy garden space. It has been a real blessing to us to work with Brian and create a special place that looks neat and produces lots of wonderful vegetables.

Also, we were able to plant more than usual this season, thanks to our new beds. Just some of the items we planted include Okra, beets, asparagus, pole and bush beans, potatoes, broccoli, cabbage, onions and zucchini.

Please stop by anytime and take a look.

Peace, Tracy Nagy (971-2464) or tnagy123@hotmail.com





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Small Groups celebrate with Mass & Picnic



About 75 **small group members** and their families gathered in mid-July for Mass and a potluck picnic. The chapel was packed as Fr. Jim presided and Ginny & Jim Birchler led us in song.

The rectory parking lot was converted into a grilling station as small group members barbecued brats and burgers. Food was plentiful with a wide assortment of side dishes and even a birthday cake for two members celebrating their birthdays that day.



An ice breaker game added to the fun as we searched for people that had jumped out of an airplane or sported a tattoo. And you thought small groups might be boring?