



The Canticle of St. Francis

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A summer look at Religious Education

St. Francis Religious Education programs offer opportunities for children in grades preK-8 to learn and engage in the faith. **Fall classes begin the end of September. Sign up** at www.stfrancisa2.com (click on *Religious Education*). For information, call Courtney Aymen, secretary at 821-2130 or Ellen Ward at ward@stfrancisa2.org. God bless you and those dear to you.



During **Vacation Bible School** this past summer, children decorate backpacks (*above*) before placing them in the dye.



Youth learn the basics of golf in the **Parent & Youth Golf Outing** this past July.

(*right*) The love of God permeates the teaching in the **Preschool Enrichment** program.



Children (*above*) are invited to process to the chapel for the **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during the 8:45 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.



As they prepare for the **Easter mysteries**, children enter into to the Last Supper

Mark Your Calendar

FALL 2011



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

September 23: **Mother/Child Network** / 10am – 12noon/ Nursery/ Carol 734-769-1659

September 24: **Middle Singles Potluck-40-50s single** / 6:30 pm in PAC / Jen 821-2126 or <http://sfa-middle-singles.blogspot.com/>

September 25: **High School Youth Group** / Sundays @ 7pm/ youth room / Jen 821-2126 or www.stfrancisa2.com/hs

September 26: **Weekly Meditation Group** / 7:00 – 8pm every Monday/ Chapel / Paul 734-665-6802

September 27: **Ya2acht Club-20-30s single or married** / Tuesdays @ 7pm / Jen 821-2126 or <http://ya2acht.blogspot.com/>

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

October: **School of Spirituality—Blueprint for Holiness: An Introduction to Christian Spirituality** / details in bulletin & website / Marty Lucas 821-2125 or mlucas@stfrancisa2.org

October Saturday: **Jail Volunteer Orientation** / 9am-12pm / Washtenaw County Sheriff's Dept. / Scott Wright 821-2121

October 2: **CROP Walk** / 1PM / Bethlehem United Church of Christ/ Kelly Gauthier 769-0807.

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

October 2: **Family Night @ High School Youth Group** / 6:30 pm / PAC / Jen 821-2126 or www.stfrancisa2.com/hs

October 4,11,18,24: **Theology on Tap** / 7pm / Conor O'Neills / Jen 821-2126 or <http://ya2acht.blogspot.com/>

October 7: **M.O.M.S.-ministry of mothers sharing** / 10am – 12noon/ Chapel & nursery / Maria 734-678-3696

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

October 8-9: **Young Adult Women's Retreat** / Jen 821-2126

October 10: **Monthly Shawl Knitting Ministry**/ 7:00pm / Church Library / Kathleen 734-717-0685

October 13: **Bi-monthly Guadalupe Group** / 1:00 – 3pm / Nursery / Kenia 734-454-1316

October 14, Nov 11, Dec 9: **Pro-Life Friday Flix Movie** / 7pm / School Library / Sandie W. / 434-8447

October 16, 17 or 22: **Eucharistic Minister training** / church/ Carol Fedewa (at liturgy@stfrancisa2.org or 821-2123).

October 17 or 22: **Lector training** /church / Carol Fedewa at liturgy@stfrancisa2.org or 821-2123.

October 17: **Career Networking- Tapping Into the Hidden Job Market** / 7:00 PM /PAC / Register - Scott Wright 821-2121.

October 17-23: **Host Homeless Families @ Shelter** / shifts / IHN - Alpha House, Ann Arbor / Scott Wright 821-2121.

October 21: **Grandparent's Day** celebration @ St. Francis School / 821-2200

October 21, Nov 18, Dec 16: **Serve A Meal for the Hungry @ Delonis Center** / 3 or 5PM shift, 3rd Friday is St Francis volunteers/ Bridget 665-9549.

October 22: **Altar Server Training -fifth grader & up** / church / Fr. Bosco 734-769-2550

October 26: **(55 & faster) Seniors' Day Trip to St. Bonaventure, Solanus Casey, Detroit** / 10AM - 4:30PM / Bus & Lunch \$31/ RSVP with payment / Scott Wright / 821-2121.

October 30: **Diocesan High School Jamboree** / Jen 821-2126

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

November 12: **Fall Chore Day with Neighborhood Senior Services** / Volunteer Office / 712-7259.

November 15: **Senior Citizen Veteran's Program & Thanksgiving meal** / Tues 10AM / PAC / 821-2121.

November 20: **Food Drive to Local Homes** / 10AM / School Gym / Scott Wright / 821-2121

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

December 8: **Christmas Dinner Party for Perry Nursery School** / 6pm / PAC / Scott Wright / 821-2121

Christmas 2011 break: **High School Service Trip** - New Year's in New Orleans / Jen 821-2126

Seniors @ St. Francis (55 & faster)



Annual July Picnic

In July our annual picnic lunch included lots of grandkids & families, under the pavilion at Washtenaw County Farm Park.



River Boat Cruise

In August we enjoyed a cruise, down the Grand River from Lansing. The trip on the triple-deck river boat included a delicious buffet lunch with live music entertainment.

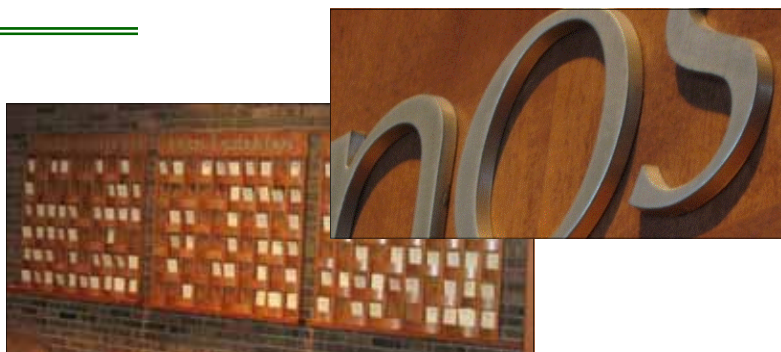


I Spy

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 8, 2011** 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 2011 'I Spy' drawing is Marybeth Worcheck. Five entrants correctly identified the photo as the "NOS" in the Latin phrase "Deus, Exaudi nos" which can be found on the prayer wall. The prayer wall is used for individual prayer intentions that are lifted to God by the assembly, during the prayers of the faithful at every weekend liturgy at St. Francis.



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School

Welcome to our New Teachers!!!

The 2011-2012 school year is going to start out with some new faces here at St. Francis of Assisi School. Each new teacher has taken the time to write a short paragraph to introduce themselves to their new St. Francis family.



Hello! My name is Julie Rick. I am very excited to join the St. Francis of Assisi community as a media specialist! I received a Master of Science in Information from the University of Michigan in April 2011, where I specialized in K-12 School Library Media and Library and Information Services.

Prior to moving to Ann Arbor, I taught middle school English for six years in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. I have a Master of Arts in Teaching from the University of Pittsburgh, and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Villanova University. In my spare time, I enjoy cooking, gardening, and traveling with my husband.

Hello All! My name is Mike Smith. My position will be as a Physical Education Teacher/Athletic Director. I went to Saginaw Valley State University from 2006-2010, where I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education. During my free time, I enjoy staying fit and living a healthy lifestyle. In January 2011, I married my beautiful wife Alaina, a former St. Francis Mustang!



My name is Anne Magyar. I have returned to my roots here in Michigan as I embark on my second career in teaching. I have recently earned my Master's degree in Education from Roosevelt University in Chicago. I bring a lifetime of experience in

working with children through my 23 years of teaching religious education, working with the Girl Scouts and being a team mom for my own children's football and basketball teams. I am thrilled to bring my passion for the Catholic faith and a desire to create lifelong learners to our Kindergarten classroom!



I am Alaina Smith and I will be helping with the students' academics and athletics this year. As a former Mustang and St. Francis Heartbeat, I feel honored and eager to coach the

Heartbeat team in the fall. I am passionate about working with students in the classroom, gym and Church. I graduated from Grand Valley State University in 2009 and married Michael Smith in January of 2011. I feel very blessed for the opportunity to give back to the St. Francis community that has given so much to me.



My name is Kaylee Dickens, and I am going to be a new first grade teacher at St. Francis this upcoming year. I just finished my fourth full year teaching second grade at Eagle Elementary School located in Brownsburg, IN. I also have had experience teaching

Kindergarten, and I completed my student teaching in first grade and fifth grade. I am ecstatic to continue teaching in the primary grade level. I attended Austin Peay State University located in Clarksville, TN, where I played soccer and ran track. I look forward to meeting you!

My name is Sr. Rebecca Mierendorf and I am very excited to begin this journey in my life. I am looking forward to teaching Science here at St. Francis. I have been a member of the Servants of God's Love, a Catholic, religious order based in Ann Arbor, for 10 years. I taught upper-elementary and middle-school grades and just recently finished my Master's in Education from the University of Michigan. I also have a Bachelor's in Biology from the Franciscan University of Steubenville. I love teaching science and sharing my love for the subject with students. I am excited to join the St. Francis community!



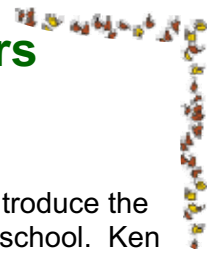
Hello, my name is **Cayla Samano**. I will be the new Art teacher. I have my degree in Fine Arts and Visual Arts Education, with a concentration in drawing and painting. My art experience also includes work in ceramics, graphic design, stone carving, and photography. I

enjoy making art for other people in my spare time as well as reading, kayaking, cycling, and of course, taking art classes.



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School Supporters

Car Raffle Reaches Monumental Milestone



Fifteen years ago, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School partnered with Gene Butman Ford to introduce the



Car Raffle to support the operation of the school. Ken Butman generously offered to donate the Grand Prize in the form of a new Ford vehicle, and the school committed to making the fundraiser a worthwhile endeavor.

This year, the Car Raffle reached a monumental milestone – since its inception, a cumulative total of \$1,050,866 has been raised for the school, thanks to the generosity of the Butman family and hundreds of individuals who have sold and purchased raffle tickets over the course of 15 years. The 2011 Car Raffle, chaired by Patrice Deutschmann, ended successfully on Friday, June 3rd with \$56,745 raised. Those proceeds will be directed to new textbooks for the science curriculum as well as renovations to the fourth and fifth-grade hallway bathrooms.

Ken Butman and car raffle chairperson, Patrice Deutschmann

The 2011 Car Raffle was “new and improved” in several ways: First, it featured a fun “Spring Fiesta” theme. In addition, the cash prizes were expanded to include a \$750 drawing. Ticket pricing also changed – a single ticket cost \$5, and a book of five tickets were sold for \$20.

Five lucky winners celebrated their good fortune following the announcement of car raffle prizes during the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School Ice Cream Social on June 3rd. Dean Schueller, of Ann Arbor, was awarded the Grand Prize (\$6,000 cash alternative to two-year Ford Focus lease.) The \$1,000 First Prize was awarded to Jennifer Vincent of Tecumseh. The \$750 Second Prize went to Jamie Cahill of Saline. Daniel Demlow of Ypsilanti won the \$500 Third Prize and Rand Farjo of Ann Arbor won the Fourth Prize.



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.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the 15th annual Gene Butman Ford Car Raffle. May God bless you and St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School!

World Youth Day 2011 Madrid:

The group was impressive about being on time, so we could enjoy a morning espresso prior to touring the Vatican Museums.



The youth and young adults from our parish recently returned from a pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi and Madrid. The goal of the pilgrimage was to participate in the World Youth Day 2011 celebrations in Madrid, Spain.

First, the group journeyed to Italy where they enjoyed a chance to see the great basilicas, ancient tombs, and enjoy a bit of gelato. Over the course of three days in Rome, the group was able to see quite a lot actually. First we toured the Vatican Museums which was a good starting point for the time in Rome as it helped to give context and familiarize

the group with many of the individuals - artists, Popes, and major historical figures - that are part of Rome. Then we headed to St. Paul Outside the Walls (*photo right*). There we were surprised by how empty it was! The timing was perfect as there were no other groups present! The first day was rounded out by walking through the Forum and Coliseum area and a great dinner back at the hotel.

The second day was a busy day of walking - starting with St. John Lateran (*photo below*), then St. Clement's, to St. Peter's in Chains, then through a wandering route to the Pantheon area. There we had lunch followed by time in the Pantheon. To help relax and cool off we enjoyed some fantastic gelato (*photo right*) before seeing the Trevi fountain, the Spanish steps, and finally heading back to the hotel. The last full day in Rome was more focused, but still exhausting! We arrived at St. Peter's quite early so we had no waiting for a climb up to the top of the cupola. From there we could see all of Rome and Vatican City laid down before us. We then spent some time in the basilica



before we had our tour of the Scavi - the excavations below the Basilica. Once we spent time going to the highest point and to the lowest point of St. Peter's, we rested then headed to lunch. The rest of the afternoon was spent wandering at a more leisurely pace through Rome.

The next day, Sunday, we journeyed to Assisi. There we saw the basilicas of St. Clare and St. Francis. It was a beautiful sunny day so we enjoyed a slower day before our trip to Madrid.

A New Generation of Pilgrims

Monday brought us to the airport exceptionally early. This allowed us to settle into our hotels in Madrid so we could explore the city. Tuesday was a day for the group to enjoy a morning walking tour of the city before we camped out in spots for the Opening Mass. The crowds were exceptional - 1.5 million young Catholics.

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday all began the same way - with morning catechetical sessions. The first day was with Bishop Smith from Edmonton, Canada. Thursday we heard Cardinal O'Brien from Edinburgh speak. Friday was the day with the Americans - Cardinal George from Chicago was our catechist. Each session also included great music and a high energy Mass.



While waiting for the opening Mass, the group enjoyed a game of frisbee with pilgrims from Italy, Spain and a few other places!



We loved the Prado Museum

From the sessions, each day we did something different. On Wednesday we went to the Prado museum (*photo left*). Thursday was the Papal Welcome. Friday was the Way of the Cross. On Saturday we woke and then headed to breakfast. We wanted to enjoy a good meal before we began the 6.5 mile pilgrimage journey to the overnight vigil (*photo below*). The temperatures climbed to 105 and we were exhausted. Our group was fantastic - didn't complain, helped each other, and made sure to stay hydrated. They constructed shade shelters with the tarps we had brought and everyone napped in the heat of the afternoon. The overnight vigil brought rain and high winds. The winds interrupted the vigil with the Pope, and even affected some of the constructed shelters made by WYD for chapels. Sunday brought the closing Mass with the Pope.

On the following Monday we journeyed back to the U.S.A. It was a long day of travel but everyone enjoyed the air conditioned planes and the chance to sit!

Once we all recover (and finish doing our laundry), we have to decide if we want to go to WYD 2013 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil!

Join us at our upcoming events, or regular Sunday night Youth Group, by visiting:

www.stfrancisa2.com/hs



Ready to leave on the pilgrimage hike to the overnight vigil.

SERVICE + JUSTICE [821-2121]

Parishioners provide service

Food Drive June 2011

Thanks for the Groceries Delivered to Our Sister Parish in Detroit

Congratulations and thank you to all parishioners who participated in our summer Food Drive. Once again your generosity for the Food Drive was amazing! On behalf of Corpus Christi Parish & the children and families served with the food that you donated, thank you!



We collected and delivered 336 bags of groceries to our sister parish, Corpus Christi, for use at their children's summer camp. We greatly appreciate those who helped distribute the bags at the Masses and a special thank you also goes to those who were able to caravan to Detroit to attend the Corpus Christi feast day Mass, to unpack and organize the bags, and to share in a thanksgiving meal with the Corpus Christi parishioners. We had 33 people there representing St. Francis.



It is amazing to see all the food out of the bags. We thank Corpus Christi for the beautiful Mass, social gathering and lunch we enjoyed together.

Thanks to all of you (especially those of you who did not get named here) who went

shopping or helped in any way. Special thanks to our project coordinator, Mary Hayden, and to our truck driver, Jim Wiseman, and Linda Wiseman who loaded the truck at St. Francis. Thanks to everyone

for their work on this project: Edison, Lorena, and Esperanca de Fatima de Abreu, Catherine, Paul & Susan Bass, Lisa Boos, Josephine Colatruglio, Edith DaCunha, Jennifer, Faith, & Mary Lynn Bridge-Fosdick, Sophie Hunt, Shoubo Jiao (Neil), Mary Lou Kellerman, Chris Kempton, Florence Kruzas, Dr. Ling-Hua-wei, Ernestine McGlynn, Chalan Munasinghe, Chris Mollo, Sara, Emily and Mike Nazareth, Matt Schnaidt, Kenna, Jake, & Mark Spieles, Susan Stahl, Tricia Suttman, Janene Ternes, John Walsh, Linda Wiseman, Jim Wiseman, Sharon & Ed Wright, Scott Wright, and Chuck Yonka.

Thank You St. Francis Parish!

Thank you for serving June 2011 at IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) Alpha House (on Jackson Road, Ann Arbor). Between shopping, meal preparation, meal serving, childcare, custodial work, and general supervision, St. Francis volunteers provided vital assistance that helps keep IHN's staff and funds focused on helping clients: **supporting the families in securing and maintaining their own home.**



St. Francis volunteers (about 25) came together to supply 7 home-cooked meals, a week's worth of groceries and supplies, and over 75 hours of companionship for 19 neighbors without homes.

Thanks again for a great week! Our volunteers included: Michael Barera, Monika Barera, Herb Black, Janet Bourgon, Ashley Cole & mother, Julie Conlin, Barbara Dankert, Patti Dobbs, Jessica Eisma, Mary Hayden, Colette Hamel, Ann Herrada, Freddi Kilburn, Marty Javornisky, Lillian Kempton, Tommy Kempton, Chris Kempton, Beth Russell, Kayleigh Robb, Cynthia Smigelski, Jane Vogel, and the Mary Ellen White Family.

+ seek justice for our neighbors

Migrant Ministry



Collection Drive for Household Supplies: The St Francis Parish drive to collect bed and bath linens, personal hygiene and home cleaning supplies went very well. We filled 17 welcome laundry baskets with household supplies and 8 volunteers distributed them on Sunday. We got many more new sheets and towels this year.

"We enjoyed helping with the Migrant drive this year and last. Everyone feels a part of the experience." Colette Hamel



Having Fun at the Daycare Program: Any children age 12 and over go out to the fields to work beside their parents in the summer and after school in the fall. The elementary age children are in daycare which is run by one of the migrant mothers, and the days in August are very long. **Special thanks to** Colette Hamel, Sophie Hunt, Dave Kieras and Karl Young, as well as, several parishioners and parents with children, for going out to Du Russel Farm on weekday afternoons to do activities with elementary age children. We play games together with the migrant children, kick around a soccer ball, do puzzles, use coloring books and crayons, etc., and Karl tells stories. I also bring books

and art supplies to give to the children to have at home. The interaction between us and them is very positive, very interactive, and everyone has a good time.

Learn more about how you can participate in this ministry, contact: **Mary Ann Young** <maryannteri@yahoo.com> or **Rita Kieras** <ritakieras@gmail.com> (734-821-2121)

St. Francis Goal: "Sacking Homelessness"

These are the times that try men's and women's and family's souls. St. Francis Parish knows that to have some stability a place called "home" is essential.

St. Francis is part of the **Religious Action for Affordable Housing (RAAH)**. This volunteer faith-based committee advocates, educates and raises funds for affordable housing support in Washtenaw County where over 4000 homeless men, women and children have sought assistance from agencies in Washtenaw County this past year. Through our Advent and Lenten work, we have learned, advocated and donated funds.

Along with over 10 other congregations, St. Francis has been part of the RAAH Capital Fund Campaign which to date has been able to write a \$20,000 check this year to Avalon Housing and to SOS Community Center. This Capital Fund Campaign is the third of such campaigns in RAAH'S existence. RAAH has a solid track record over its eleven years of raising funds that directly support affordable housing. In 2009-2010 St. Francis helped the housing effort with its support of the Michigan Prisoner Reentry Initiative.

Thank you St. Francis for recognizing the ongoing need of supportive affordable housing in Washtenaw County. **Please check out the www.raah.org website and be part of this positive action.** Learn more about RAAH and how it fits in to the many faceted need of being UNHOMED. Individuals are welcome to attend our monthly meetings, the second Friday of each month. This is at 8:30 a.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd, in Ann Arbor.

Also consider supporting a RAAH Board member in the **BIG HOUSE BIG HEART Run October 9th, 2011.** Go to www.thebighousebigheart.com and check on the *RAAH Charity* listing.

God Bless, Mary Wakefield, St. Francis of Assisi Parish Member & RAAH Secretary 2010-2011



Altar Servers' Baseball Outing

St. Francis altar servers, their families, and other parish members headed to the ballpark in Lansing to watch the Lugnuts game on August 5. The trip was made possible through the support of our parish Knights of Columbus. It was K of C Vocations Night in Lansing, which gave the group the chance to see some old friends, including Fr. Kusi Cobona, Fr. John Linden, Fr. Anthony Strouse, and Fr. Prabhu Lakra. The fun started early as fans watched Fr. Anthony toss one of the ceremonial first pitches.

This was the fourth annual Lugnuts game outing, but it was also an evening of firsts. Fr. Bosco attended his first baseball game ever,



the Beatty family went on their first Lugnuts outing, and the group sampled the food at the Tailgate Terrace for the first time. The all-you-could-eat buffet featured tasty BBQ chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, bratwursts, and sides, and everyone enjoyed eating together before the game.

The Lugnuts played strong and enjoyed a lead before giving up a grand slam and falling to the South Bend Silverhawks by a score of 6 to 4. Still there were many things to smile about,



including the beautiful summer evening, the excellent seats on the first-base line, the always spectacular post-game fireworks show, and the commemorative Lugnuts baseball won by Matthew Fosdick in a raffle. After the last firework had disappeared in the sky, the group began the trip back to Ann Arbor with memories of fun, food, and fellowship shared.





Sustainable Garden Project

Hoeing, Sowing and Growing into the Second Decade

Over 10 years ago a St. Francis of Assisi parishioner broke ground just south of the rectory patio to plot an organic vegetable "Sustainable Garden" and harvest produce for single-parent families at Perry Nursery School on Packard Road in SE Ann Arbor. Tracy Nagy, the current garden coordinator, has subsequently been leading a diverse team of volunteers through several recent changes and improvements for the garden. First, an Eagle Scout candidate from the parish troop dismantled the existing garden last year by extending two of four raised beds to form a freshly mulched cross-shaped pathway and enclosing these beds with an animal proof white picket fence and gate. He secured the garden tools into a weather protected lockable bench.

This year's volunteers were so encouraged with the new construction and storage that fund raising efforts were successfully expanded. This spring two seed and plant sales were held using seeds from the previous year's harvest. Additionally, one of the garden volunteers submitted a grant application to the Master Gardener Alumni Association (MGAA) of Washtenaw County. The grant was approved and the funds helped purchase a new rain barrel and other critical gardening supplies and tools. This grant also required an education component for Perry Nursery School. It was fulfilled by a hands-on "Pizza Garden" demonstration in June. Each family and staff member was able to plant a take home container with some essential ingredients for pizza, such as tomato, pepper and basil plants. Finally, garden volunteers are currently harvesting and delivering vegetables and herbs biweekly to the school.



"The Sustainable Garden" welcomes St Francis parishioners to view it at any time, and if interested in volunteering and/or making donations, please contact Tracy at tnagy123@hotmail.com.

Pro-Life News

Team St Francis Raised \$150 at Walk for Life

Sandie Weathers and Anne Robertson raised \$150 for Family Life Services by participating in the FLS **Walk for Life** at Concordia College on Sunday, May 15, 2011. Thank you to everyone who sponsored them.



St Francis Pro-Life Committee hosts Monthly Friday Flix

Everyone has enjoyed the monthly movies on Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the St Francis School Library. We even offered a 'double feature' with a morning movie for Children, followed by the normal 7PM show. You can even bring your own popcorn!

Our fall line-up for **Friday Flix** includes:

Friday, October 14: "Blood Money - The Business of Abortion"

Friday, November 11: "Romance Without Regret" with Jason and Crystalina Evert.

Friday, December 9: "The Fourth Wise Man" starring Martin Sheen.

Questions: contact Sandie W. at 434-8447 .





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Introducing the NEW parish Logo & Website



Thank you to **R.J. Conlin Marketing and Advertising**, owned by parishioner Bob Conlin, for our beautiful new Parish-wide logo (*see logo on right*).

Along with our new logo, we have launched the new Parish website. Our new website combines the Church, Religious Education and School websites in one location. Please visit the new website at

www.stfrancisa2.com

- Look for easy access to the Mass Schedule, Bulletin, Parish videos and ministry opportunities.
- Each Sunday, see the live web-stream of our 10:30 a.m. Mass from home, or anywhere around the world.
- Enjoy easy access to sign-up for events and programs.
- Visit our *About Us* section for a church tour, Parish history and more.
- The School will launch their website in October.

Thank you to our Parish focus group: Don Courtois, Barb De Longchamp, Steve Lavender, Chuck Pecoraro, Lori Buiteweg, Stephanie MacGillivray, Michael Barera, Megan Wesner. And Thank You to all who have made the website project a success; Fr. Jim, Bob Conlin, Organic Web Studio, Jim Russo, Richard Galant, the entire Parish staff, and project manager and consultant Mary Karen McClellan.