

# The Canticle of St. Francis

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Summer 2011

## Fourth Annual

# Business Breakfast Forum:

## Balancing Life, Faith & Career


More than 175 men and women representing a wide variety of careers, age groups, geographic locations and religious denominations gathered on Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Activity Center at 7 a.m. for a delicious breakfast and a spirited presentation by author, publisher and speaker, Gregory Pierce.

President of ACTA publications and author of best selling books, *Spirituality at Work* and *The Mass is Never Ended*, Pierce shared several ways to make our workplaces more like the kingdom of God.



Announcing the Fourth Annual  
**BUSINESS BREAKFAST FORUM**  
*Balancing Life, Faith & Career*

THIS YEAR'S TOPIC:  
**MAKING YOUR WORKPLACE  
MORE LIKE THE KINGDOM OF GOD**



*Featuring:*  
GREGORY F. AUGUSTINE PIERCE  
*Author and President of ACTA Publications*

*We invite all business women and men to come for breakfast, networking and an inspiring presentation.*

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2011  
7:00-8:30 A.M.**

For further information, or to register, visit [www.stfrancis2.com/bbf](http://www.stfrancis2.com/bbf) or contact Tom Buiteweg at 734-649-2655 or [buiteweg@comcast.net](mailto:buiteweg@comcast.net).  
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From his book, *Spirituality at Work*, the 10 ways to balance our lives on the job follow:

1. Surround yourself with sacred (not necessarily religious) objects
2. Live with imperfection
3. Assure quality (despite our imperfections!)
4. Give thanks and congratulations
5. Build support and community
6. Deal with others as you would have them deal with you
7. Decide what is “enough” – and stick to it
8. Balance work, personal, family, church and community responsibilities
9. Work to make “the system” work
10. Engage in ongoing personal and professional development

## Mark Your Calendar—Summer 2011

- June – October: **Connect with Migrant Farm Workers** / DuRussel Farm, Manchester / Rita Kieras 761-7796.  
Saturdays all Summer: **Sustainable Garden Project** maintenance & harvest in the front yard of the rectory. / Tracy Nagy / 734-971-2464.
- June 12: **High School Youth Group** /End of Year Party/ 6:00-9PM / Youth Room/ Jen 821-2126
- June 20: **Monday Meditation Group** (*no meeting July 4*) / weekly 7:00 – 8PM / Chapel / Paul 734-665-6802
- June 21: **Ya2acht Young Adults**-single & married/ 7PM Weekly <http://ya2acht.blogspot.com/> or Jen 821-2126
- June 25: **Scrapbooking Crop** / 9AM to 9PM / PAC / Sarah 734-482-4558
- June 25: **Mother/Child Network** / playgroup 10AM-noon / church nursery/ Janene Ternes 734-821-2122
- June 29: **H.S. Youth Group** goes to *Cedar Point* details at [www.stFrancisA2.com/hs](http://www.stFrancisA2.com/hs), or Jen Delvaux 821-2126.
- July 8 (Aug 12, Sep 9): **ProLife monthly Friday Flix**-movie *Sarah's Choice*/ 7PM in school library / Sandie 434-8447
- July 12: **SENIOR Citizens' Picnic Lunch** / 11:30AM/ Washtenaw County Farm Park/ Sharon Wright 434-1428.
- July 14: **Infertility Support Group** / 7:00 – 9PM / Church Library / Jennifer 734-645-2567
- July 15 (& Aug 19 ): **Serve A Meal for the Hungry** / 3PM or 5PM / Delonis Center Shelter / Bridget 665-9549.
- July 18-22: **Vacation Bible School** /9AM-noon /see next column for details.
- July 23: **Jail Volunteer Orientation** from 9AM-noon / Washtenaw County Jail Sheriff's Dept. / Scott Wright 821-2121.

## Vacation Bible School

**Mon- Friday, July 18—22**  
**9 AM --12 noon**

**Register** on-line with credit-card payment at [www.stFrancisA2.com](http://www.stFrancisA2.com) (click on *Vacation Bible School* or *Sign-Up Forms*). **High School & Middle School helpers, and Adult leaders needed!!!** **Sign-up forms** available at parish website. Questions: 734-821-2130.

- August 8, 15, 22, 29: **Summer Organ Recitals**/ 7:00 PM/ church/ Tom Kean 734-821-2124
- September 8 & 22: **Guadalupe Group** / 1:00 – 3PM / Nursery / Mary Carmen 734-483-0820
- September 9: **Mother/Child Network**/10AM – noon /Nursery/ Janene Ternes 821-2122
- September 10: **Catholic Business Professional's Connection** / 8:30AM/ school library / Tom 734-649-2655

**September 11: Parish Picnic** / 12:15PM outdoor Mass. Picnic 'til 4PM / behind the church / Janene Ternes 821-2122

- September 11: **First Sunday Night H.S. Youth Group of the year** @ 7:00 PM/Youth Room/Jen 821-2126
- September 12: **Monthly Knitting-Shawl Ministry** / 7:00 PM/ church library/ Kathleen 734-717-0685.
- September 16: **M.O.M.S**-Ministry of Mothers Sharing / 10AM– noon /Chapel/ Maria 734-678-3696
- September 21: **St. Francis School Tuition Assistance Golf Outing** / 9:30AM shotgun start /The Polo Fields Golf & Country Clubs/ Colleen Pierce 734-821-2208

## What is Spiritual Direction?



Despite a spring power outage, interested parishioners gathered by candle and flash light in the chapel to learn more about spiritual direction. St. Francis Parish spiritual directors Rita Kieras, Janene Ternes and John Wagner shared that spiritual direction is one way of growing in your personal relationship with God.

A spiritual director is someone you can talk with confidentially about your prayer and spiritual life. Because every aspect of your daily life affects your relationship with God, ordinary concerns such as work, family and relationships are shared in spiritual direction. In a direction session, spiritual directors companion you through the aspects of your daily life, helping you listen for the Holy Spirit within, noticing God's presence in your life and discerning God' will for you.

*In the photo, John and Rita role play a spiritual direction session.*

## Scrapbooking Fun



Despite a surprise snow storm, forty-seven dedicated scrappers trudged through the cold and snow to attend the fourth annual St. Francis Scrapbook Day! Inside the PAC, the atmosphere was warm and cozy with friends and family laughing and reliving memories with one another. All different levels of scrapbooking were going on, from novice to expert, some traditional, some digital.



Some people stayed for only part of the day, and some stayed until midnight when the roads were

actually plowed! **Look for information on our next event June 25, and get ready for some fun!**



### Easter Egg Hunt!

Balloons, eggs, and prizes entertained the children after Easter Sunday Mass. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for putting together the annual Easter egg hunt.

## “I Spy”



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

To enter, send an email with the subject "I Spy" to [liturgy@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:liturgy@stfrancisa2.org), or you can place your answer in the collection basket, or bring it to the Parish Office. **You must include your name, and phone number or email.** All correct entries **received by August 16, 2011** will be eligible for a random drawing. Winners 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 Spring 2011 “I Spy” drawing is Norma Doyle.** Nine entrants correctly identified the photo (right) as the **Screen in the Chapel of Reconciliation (a.k.a. confessional).** In the past it was common to be separated from the priest by a screen in the confessional. Today we have the choice of sitting face-to-face with the priest in a more interactive and conversational manner, or kneeling at the screen.





# H High School Youth

[www.stFrancisA2.com/hs](http://www.stFrancisA2.com/hs)



This spring, as always, the youth group was busy! Things began with our Retreat the first weekend of March. Then we jumped into preparations for the Living Way of the Cross on Good Friday. This year we had a great group that worked very hard and did an excellent job!



In addition, we're busy with our plans for this summer, our World Youth Day pilgrimage, and even the preliminary work for another winter service trip to New Orleans over Christmas break. Keep an eye on the youth group website for all our happenings!



## Seniors Enjoy the Spring (55 & Faster!)

Our May Crowning of Mary was well attended and delightful with flowers, singing, and fun. We want to thank Doris Filisko for hand crafting the beautiful crown; Pat Richards for placing the crown; MaryAnn Wroubel for supplying us with flowers; Mary Fister for decorating the throne; Shirley Yengoyan for leading music on piano; and everyone participating. We ended the celebration by meeting for breakfast at Nick's Restaurant.



In April we enjoyed our LENTEN Pilgrimage trip to Lansing (on a 55-seat bus) for Mass and a tour of St. Mary Cathedral and the Diocese of Lansing Museum, and finished with lunch at Clara's Lansing Station Restaurant.



In March we held a Mardi Gras / St. Patrick Party, with lots of fun for all.

And, if you still have not seen our photos from the bus trip to Hamtramck last October you must visit our blog at: [stfrancis2seniors.blogspot.com](http://stfrancis2seniors.blogspot.com)



# Help the Homeless—Buy a Paper!

*Reprinted from the May 2011 edition of Groundcover News, a newspaper that creates opportunities and a voice for low-income people while taking action to end homelessness and poverty. In the article "A Perfect Ten," Groundcover vendor Rissa Haynes writes of being grateful to the gracious and generous members of St. Francis. She makes reference to a sweet, young girl who touched her heart on a difficult day. (That young girl is our beloved 4th grader, Faith Fosdick!)*

## "A Perfect Ten" by Rissa Haynes, Groundcover Vendor

The number 10 has taken on some Significant meanings. In various competitions, the number 10 is the perfect score; in the Bible it is the number for completion; for me it has been astonishingly a sign of great compassion, love and gracious generosity.

My past sales motivators have suggested we never give up until after the 10th "No, Thank You." This has proven to be a very helpful tip for "sticking and staying" while working "my corner" in front of the Food Co-op in Kerrytown. Surprisingly, though, I've never had to count all the way up to 10 before some compassionate patron would come to buy a Groundcover newspaper. Some people even buy several copies of the same issue, just to help my business.

On one occasion, I was working a concert at the "churple" -- an Episcopal Church & Jewish Temple - and several circumstantial obstacles had prevented my timely arrival. Cold, tattered and worn, I set up my vending area late. After the 9th no thank you passed by, another sweet, young lady approached me with outstretched arms and a \$10 bill in her palm. As I looked up into her eyes to ask how many papers she wanted to buy, I recognized her as a former Groundcover vendor. She was attending the concert before moving out of town. "This is for you!" she said warmly with a smile. We hugged before she went into the churple. OH WHAT BROTHERLY LOVE!

**On the first Saturday and Sunday of each month, a group of us vendors sell papers at St. Francis Catholic Church.** The parishioners there have consistently been very gracious and generous in their support of our Groundcover venture. Not only are we greeted by assigned volunteers who truly make me feel welcome, but also the members of the congregation donate generously to our business.

I recall one Sunday feeling like the cripple who laid by the Pool of Bethesda (see story in Bible St. John 5:2ff), not being able to get into the pool fast enough for the healing, because others quicker than himself would get in before him. My mobility challenge had me in a similar position where the other vendors were greeting the members of the church, before they got to *my* area. As I stood there having a bit of a "pity party," a sweet, young girl (probably 4th or 5th-grader) came to me and gave me 10 dollars, "We already have the paper," she said. "This is for you." Such gracious generosity made my heart and eyes swell with warm waters that healed my pity party and turned it into an attitude of gratitude.





## 2011 Sacrament Celebrations!



**First Eucharist** (above) Altogether, 135 children celebrated their First Eucharist on Mother's Day weekend. Normally a first grade Religious Education is required, to begin preparation for first Communion in the spring of the second grade. The celebration of First Eucharist for 2012 is scheduled for the first weekend of May. [Registration for classes](http://www.stfrancisA2.org) can be found on the web at [www.stfrancisA2.org](http://www.stfrancisA2.org) (click on *Religious Education*).



**Confirmation Service** (above): Middle school youth help out at the Knights of Columbus egg hunt. God draws us close by allowing us to share in the divine attribute of charity or love of others. *The practice of charity is encouraged as one of the first activities in the preparation for Confirmation.* Service done freely for others out of love, teaches us what it means to be a follower of Christ.

**Confirmation** (above left): Altogether 117 youth celebrated their Confirmation last April 2011. Preparation for Confirmation begins in the 7th grade and is received in the spring of the 8th grade. For more information, contact Ellen Ward at [ward@stfrancisA2.org](mailto:ward@stfrancisA2.org) or 734-821-2132.





**EASTER VIGIL 2011 ...  
We welcome our  
new members!**



The apex of the Rite of Christian Initiation occurs on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil when the Elect (unbaptized) are fully initiated into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist; and the Candidates (already baptized) are received into full communion with the Catholic Church through Profession of Faith, Confirmation, and Eucharist.



- ♦ *“The Easter Vigil was one of the greatest experiences of my life. I didn't feel like this was just some thing we'd do and just get it over with. To me, it was the ultimate welcome to the Church. I was surprised at how genuine and excited the members of the church were to welcome us.”*
- ♦ *“The dark church, the lighting of the fire, the paschal candle, salvation history in the dark, the blessing of the water, the Litany of Saints – with our names included! – all created an atmosphere of symbolism and celebration. This was the Resurrection: darkness to light, new life through the waters of Baptism and oil of Confirmation, surpassed only by our first reception of Eucharist and the welcome offered by other parishioners!”*
- ♦ *“May the Lord bring to completion the good work he has begun in us.”*



## SERVICE + JUSTICE [821-2121]

### Tax Program Brings Strangers Together!

This year we were able to meet with **over 100 clients** and prepare tax returns totaling **over \$159,000 in refunds**. This refund amount is **up 9% from last year's** program and we saw a **20% increase in clients**. Truly incredible!

Many people do not file tax returns because they are not aware of the many credits available or do not know how to fill out the forms. The IRS recently announced that **an estimated \$1.1 billion in federal tax refunds will go unclaimed for 2007 if returns are not filed by April 18th**. Much of this is from low income people who felt they did not have enough income to file, even though they had taxes withheld from their wages and were eligible for some tax credits. However, programs like the tax assistance program at St. Francis help get these refunds to those in the greatest need. The refunds generated by this program will help our clients in many ways, from paying for household expenses to perhaps saving for the future.

We served many people, yet, a couple of people come to mind. One gentleman came in on one of the last days of the program. He had fully expected to owe federal and state taxes due to a penalty for cashing out his retirement account early. After spending some extra time with him and having him obtain some additional information, we were able to lower the amount he owed on his Federal taxes to a minimal amount and he ended up

getting a state refund. He stopped by this past weekend to thank us once again for the help and even brought some fresh baked cookies. He also told me that he hopes to make a donation to the church once he receives his refund. It never ceases to amaze me that despite experiencing tough times, people are willing to give from their hearts, not their surpluses.

We also helped prepare 3 years worth of taxes for the elderly mother of one of our longtime clients. This woman had been told by a paid tax preparer that she did not need to file any taxes because she did not owe anything at the federal level. However she was unaware that she was eligible for the Michigan property tax credit and once we completed the 3 years of returns, she netted a refund of about \$700. These 2 stories, and many others like them, demonstrate the need for quality tax preparation and are why this program continues to be so important in our community.

This year we welcomed several new volunteers: Crystal, Carolyn, Andrew and Alexandra. We also welcomed back several volunteers to the program: Lisa, Ralph, Brad, Kathy, Lynn M., Greg, Lynn S., and Deisy. Have a great year!!!  
~Julie M. Soyer, Tax Program Coordinator.



### Thank You For Going South to New Orleans

Thank you for Going South to New Orleans to help. Your gesture shows genuine love, without using a word. We are proud of your dedication and grateful for your participation, which helps our community to be the living presence of Christ proclaiming the reign of God at hand.

Thanks to all who prayed for, and all who assisted financially with this effort, and all who went: *Bruce Angel, Rick Clark, Cherie Holodnick, Mark McCulloch, Ernestine McGlynn, Catherine Scholand, Lucy Scholand, Debbie Sedore, Laura Snyder, Paul Stahl, Lisa Stahl, Mary Wakefield, Cora Yee, Charles Yonka, Patricia Yonka & Vickie Yonka.*

Look at these smiling faces! Those of you who are able to make the commitment of 1 week to help those in need are invited to join our **Going South**



group next year. Besides working hard, we also have a great time renewing old friendships, visiting past work

sites, and enjoying the delicious food & atmosphere that only New Orleans can provide. Almost 6 years after Hurricane Katrina, there is still much work to do. Our presence lets our New Orleans friends know that they are not forgotten.

Please consider a trip. You won't be sorry! For more information, contact Chuck or Patti Yonka @ 734-461-2964. See more photos at: [stfrancisa2.com/goingsouth/](http://stfrancisa2.com/goingsouth/)





# Thank You For Shelter Week 2011



Our St. Francis community hosted the Shelter Association's Rotating Homeless Shelter from March 14—21, 2011 in St. Francis Gym. About 25 homeless men stayed in our gymnasium each evening. Almost 85 adults and students supported the shelter. Their service included driving the men to and from the Delonis Center each day, providing snacks and beverages as well as serving food and drinks to the men each evening. Our volunteers also served as members of host teams staying overnight in the gym.



Rock Collins, Bob Conlin, Ed Conlin, Julie Conlin, Lorraine Cordeiro, Paul Crossley, Barbara Dankert, Emily Deschenes, Alexa Deutschmann, Kurt Deutschmann, Roy Deutschmann, Kelly Dishman, Ruthann Distler, Patti Dobbs, Karen Dunlap, Jessica Eisma, Bob Ferris, Brian Fitzgerald, Michael Fleisher, John Fleszar, Jeff Fosdick, Dick Galant, Jill Granger, Diane Green, Jane Heibel, Michael Heibel, Bob Hoffman, Dane Hoffman, Emma Hoffman, Patty Hoffman, Steve Holodnick, Julie Hurley, Marty Javornisky, Karen Jenks, Gigi Jetton, Tommy Jetton, Bill Johnston, Phil Kearney, Chris Kempton, Rosaleen Kirk, Judy Kovac, Florence Kruzas, Julie Lavender, Steve Lavender, Marty Lucas, Terry Maclean, Bernie Mathews, Mark McCulloch, Melissa Moenter, Chris Mollo, Lisa Morris, Amanda Murau, Catherine Murau, Bob Patulski, Kevin Pitcher, Barbara Pomey, Andrea Ratigan, Christopher Raveendra, Ravi Raveendra, Tess Raveendra, Frank Reed, Evan Reger, David Robb, Kimm Sarosi, Ed Scott, John Shaheen, Michael Spath, Custodians/ Maintenance Staff St. Francis, Room 7A St. Francis School, Room 7B St. Francis School, John Stando, Matthew Stando, Tricia Suttman, Chrissa Swanson, Mark Ten Brink, Mina Twork, Kimberly Verhines, John Wagner, Tom Wakefield, Marissa Walsh, Mike Williams, Scott Wright, Sharon Wright, Andy Zamora, & Dave Ziamba. (Written by Steve Lavender, our prized & appreciated Shelter Week coordinator.)

**St. Francis School** participated in the shelter program through a focused service project, initiated by our 7th graders and led by teacher, Ms. Cindy Foster. The students assembled bags of snacks and personal care items for each overnight guest. The bags were distributed to the men on behalf of the 7th grade class by Alexa Deutschmann. Additional bags were donated to the Delonis Center in support of their ongoing work for the homeless. Thank you to all the students and volunteers who made this week possible!

Jane Antosiak, Joe Arozarena, Monika Barera, Bob Berarducci, Andrea Best, Michael Best, Herb Black, Steve Black, Ann Bogits, Mary Lynn Bridge-Fosdick, Joe Burgess,

# Christmas in Action: One Day of Home Repairs to help Low-income Seniors



On Saturday, April 30th, our team of **28 volunteers** "ministered" all day long to the needs of one of our neighbors here in Ann Arbor - a homeowner who is a low-income, elderly person. We also did lots of yard work as well as repaired and cleaned-up the home.



John Hamel, Ryan Higgins, Mary LeMire, Theresa MacLean, Joan Meagher, Amanda Murau, Brian O'Neil, Allie Pardon, Patricia Pardon, Eric Parker, Lisa Parker, Rachel Parker, Stuart Parker, Ryan Polgar, Steve Polgar, Olivia Smith, & Tricia Suttman.

On the day prior to **Christmas in Action**, we prepared meals for all the *Day of Action* volunteers from Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti. Approximately 200 volunteers, from various organizations and congregations, worked together on 8 different homes.

Special thanks to our house leader, Brian O'Neil, and to everyone, both those who prepared meals the day prior, as well as those who made the Home Repairs happen: Jack Bennett, Jackson Bennett, Keith Calleja, Barbara Chagnovich, Celia Chagnovich, Elizabeth Conway, Megan Conway, Claire Dahl, Daniel Demlow, Thomas DuRussel-Weston, Diane Gledhill, Colette Hamel,





## St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School

# Thank You & Congratulations On Your Retirement!



Mrs. (Zaleski) Minerath began her teaching career at St. Francis in kindergarten with our youngest students. Since that time, for more than twenty-five years, she has taught several generations of students everything they ever needed to know...how to share, how not to hit others and how to put things back where they belong.

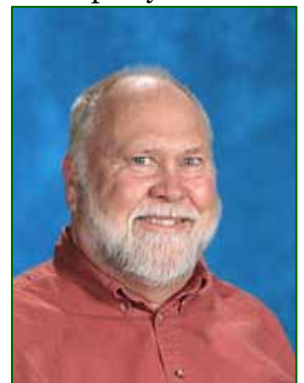
The words of a grateful parent mirror the feelings of many. "We greatly value Mrs. Minerath for her experience, excellent teaching skills, warm personality and patience. Her gifts are perfect for shaping freewheeling, rambunctious, former preschoolers into primary-grade students who can focus and achieve. She carries out her challenging job so effectively with a sense of humor, grace and love." God Bless You, Mrs. Minerath!

In 1972, Mrs. Green began her teaching career at St. Francis School as a PE teacher. Coaching and the Heartbeats program seem to have always been strong parts of her life as well. Mrs. Green's fun-loving, joyful spirit has been a catalyst for the first-grade circus, the tropical beach party days in January, and the teddy bear walks. Events too numerous to mention have been, and will remain, the activities that every student looks forward to each year. Mrs. Green's shoes are much too large to fill, but we will preserve the traditions that she began, well into the future. God Bless You, Mrs. Green!



Mrs. Ruselowski has been our Media Center director and overall technology guru for 14 years. She is one of those rare individuals who can solve problems with a server and also calm a crying first grader single-handedly. Mrs. "R" will be missed tremendously, but we understand that she is leaving us to spend more time with her grown children who are spread out on both coasts of the U.S. Your kindness and willingness to help anywhere there was a need is such a gift. God Bless You, Mrs. R!

Mr. Powers, our Mr. Science Extraordinaire, is another teacher that presents us with the difficult challenge of filling his shoes. He has taken care of generations of students and creatures in the science lab. His love of all of God's creation was evident in his diligent planning of the School Ship Trip each fall for seventh-grade students. Thank you, Mr. Powers, for helping develop budding scientists for many years to come. We will miss you and God Bless You, Mr. Powers!



I like a teacher who gives you  
something to take home  
to think about  
besides homework.

~Lily Tomlin as "Edith Ann"

THE DREAM BEGINS WITH THE TEACHER WHO  
BELIEVES IN YOU,  
WHO TUGS AND PUSHES AND LEADS YOU  
TO THE NEXT PLATEAU,  
SOMETIMES POKING YOU WITH A SHARP STICK  
CALLED "TRUTH."

~Dan Rather



## St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School Educational Trust Fund

*The Educational Trust Fund (ETF) was established in 1987 to help secure the future of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School.*

### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual ETF Benefit - A Great Success!

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Benefit on March 5<sup>th</sup> was a great success. The high energy created by 264 guests lasted the whole night. Fr. Jim almost won the Heads & Tails game. The fun, competitive bidding in the live auction led to all-time highs including the "Teacher's Dinner" that went for a record \$3,250. Every silent auction item went home with someone! Later, the band had the dance floor packed song after song. It was a night to remember and in the end, over \$52,000 was raised in net proceeds for the **Educational Trust Fund**.

Moreover, during the event, many guests contributed an additional \$46,400 to a special *Tuition Assistance Appeal* to help students attend St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School.

This was all a great success for our school community! Many thanks to Sergio and Kristin Scarcella and Mark and Jane Vogel, this year's co-chairs, to the entire Benefit team, and to you the St. Francis Parish community. We sincerely appreciate everyone's support and prayers.

To view more pictures from the event, visit:  
[www.stfrancisa2.com/school/etf11](http://www.stfrancisa2.com/school/etf11)



### NEW: ETF Leadership Circle - has tremendous start!

In addition to the annual ETF Benefit, a new program is now in place to help ensure the consistent growth of the Trust Fund over time. The year 2011 marks the launch of the "ETF Leadership Circle," which is comprised of individuals who commit a minimum of \$1,000 annually to the Trust Fund for 5 years. To date, 27 families have joined the 2011 ETF Leadership Circle and committed a total of \$195,000 to the Trust Fund over the next 5 years. It's a tremendous start and we will continue to build the Leadership Circle in the years to come.

As the Trust Fund grows, so does the annual award to the school. (The award is used for operating costs.) In accordance with the terms of the Trust document, each year five percent of the average of the last three years' beginning fund balance is disbursed to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School - the most recent distribution being \$52,000. As of April 30, 2011, the balance of the Trust Fund totaled \$1,213,167.

If you are interested in learning more about the ETF Leadership Circle, please call the Development Office at 821-2208.



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## **A**ssisi Peace Concert *delightful & satisfying!!*

Muslim, Christian & Jew ... Celebrated the *Spirit of Assisi*,  
the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's inter-religious  
**Prayer for Peace** in Assisi Italy, 1986.



**A MUSLIM**, Dr. Imam Achmat Salie prayed words of peace & unity for all.  
**A FRANCISCAN Minstrel and A JEWISH Troubadour** of "Song and Spirit" offered us a concert of music & storytelling to bring peace to our world. Br. Al Mascia OFM and Maggid Steve Klaper are "Song and Spirit".

On Sunday evening, March 20, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church was the setting for a cultural & spiritual exchange to advance the realization of World Peace. The Prayer, Music and Stories were enchanting. The food was delicious and plentiful!! Over forty people participated in hosting the event and post-concert social, as workers and bakers/cooks. Special thanks to Barb DeLongchamp for coordinating the kitchen and food efforts. And, special thanks to Dave Kieras and Jim Russo for working our sound system and video. And, to Zach Johnson for playing the double bass strings for our prelude music.

Thanks to everyone: Victor Amobi, K-C-Mark-Donald Amobi, Susan Bass, Virginia Birchler, Daniel Blower, Ann Marie Borders, Lisa Bozzi, Elaine Brandenburg, Susan Bright, Michelle Burmann, Courtney Campe, Bob Campe, Amy Cell, Jessica Clayton, Lorraine Cordeiro, Cynthia D'Agostino, Kira D'Agostino, Charles Daniels, Barbara DeLongchamp, Doris Filisko, Bill Forgacs, Wanita Forgacs, Mary Fister, Crystal Heft, Zach Johnson, Dave Kieras, Diane Laten, Nicholas Laten, Jeanette Latham, Sadeepa Munasinghe, Pauline Perera, Courtney Runchey, Lois Russell, Jim Russo, Diane Rydzewski, Elizabeth Satterley, Clare Stando, Janet Starr, Mary Ann Sultana, Angela Szewczul, Rita Vargo, Marybeth Worcheck, Sharon Wright, Mary Ann Wroubel, & Dorothy Zeck.

