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### LENTEN THURSDAYS

Experience the richness of our Catholic spirituality in prayer on Thursday evenings during Lent at 7pm in church.

March 2	Taizé (contemplative prayer with music, song, and silence) with Benediction
March 9	Akathist to the Theotokos (Byzantine Rite prayer in honor of the Mother of God) with Benediction
March 16	Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (Byzantine Rite Prayer & Communion Service)
March 23	Taizé with Benediction
March 30	Evening Prayer with Benediction
April 6	Communal Prayer Service (Prayers in Common with celebration of Reconciliation)

## JOIN US: MERCY FRIDAYS

**March 3 through April 7**

Engage in conversation on the Mercy Scriptures over breakfast on Friday mornings during Lent.

Begin your Lenten Fridays with Mass at 8:15am in Church and then head over to the Parish Activities Center (PAC) for talks by a different speaker each Friday morning. Breakfast and conversation with friends included!

Each morning, our guest speaker will

explore the application of the mercy scripture of the day.

Our morning ends about 10:15am. Childcare is available. Learn more and sign up at: [www.stfrancisa2.com/MercyFridays](http://www.stfrancisa2.com/MercyFridays)

For questions, please contact us! Marty Lucas, Scott Wright, Ellen Ward. [mlucas@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:mlucas@stfrancisa2.org) or (734) 821-2125.

March 3	Peter's Denial with Sr. Marie Jeannette, OP
March 10	Mary Magdalene with Kasia Wright
March 17	Woman at the Well with Dawn Hausmann, DOL Director of Consecrated Vocations
March 24	Zaccheus with Kevin Perrotta
March 31	Matthew the Tax Collector with Billy Kangas
April 7	Thief on the Cross with Craig Pohl, DOL Director of Evangelization

## PARISH GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

A little bit of  
mercy makes  
the world  
less cold and  
more just.

Pope Francis

Sunday Address,  
March 17, 2013

## MEN'S MINISTRY FLOURISHES

### Join us for these upcoming events

Men - Are you looking to grow in your relationship with Christ and with other men of the parish? Do you want to grow in faith, prayer, and what it means to be a disciple? Every month we have a parish men's event and we are also starting men's discipleship groups. Consider joining us for the following events:



Learning to be faithful men, husbands, and fathers  
through the example of St. Joseph

Sunday, March 19th at 6:30pm

Join us on the feast of St. Joseph for dinner and fellowship. St. Joseph is the guardian of the Holy Family and the Church. We will discuss how we can learn to be faithful men, husbands, and fathers through the example of St. Joseph.

RSVP: [www.stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms](http://www.stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms)

### "Divine Mercy" with Peter Herbeck

Friday, April 21

6:30pm Evening Prayer in church; 7pm Dinner and Talk

Join us for evening prayer, dinner and a talk by Peter Herbeck on "Divine Mercy" as he shares his personal testimony of mercy in action. RSVP: [www.stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms](http://www.stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms)

For more information about the Men's Ministry at St. Francis, contact: [mensministry@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:mensministry@stfrancisa2.org).



## PRESENTATION BY AUTHORS OF *DIVINE MERCY FOR MOMS*

**Sunday, March 12 at 2pm in the Parish Activities Center**

The Women's Faith & Fellowship and MOMS groups invite all women to come listen to Michele Faehnle and Emily Jaminet, authors of *Divine Mercy for Moms*, as they share the message of Divine Mercy and its practical application for today's moms. Come learn from their personal testimonies as Catholic mothers, how to say 'yes' to God and bring mercy into your own families.

Sign Up to attend: [www.stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms/](http://www.stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms/)

Books are available on the church book rack and in the parish office for \$12.00.

## THREE SCRUTINIES & ENLIGHTENMENT

by Marty Lucas, Director, Adult Faith Formation & RCIA

The Gospel readings of the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent—those when we celebrate the special RCIA rites called **scrutinies**—take us on a journey as we follow Christ and grow in faith. We journey from sin, blindness, and death to eternal life with Christ.

Before the Samaritan woman met Jesus at the well, she lived a life of sin. Through her chance meeting with Jesus, she recognizes him for what he is, proclaiming in town that she has met a man who told her all that she ever did. She asks, “Can this be the Christ?”

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we encounter a man born blind, sitting alongside the road. He is regarded as a sinner because of his blindness. When Jesus anoints the man’s eyes with clay and heals him, not only are the man’s eyes opened to see the world around him, his heart is opened to see the power and truth of God, as well.



In the raising of Lazarus four days after his burial, we encounter what many consider to be Jesus’ greatest miracle during his life. It is in this final Gospel of the scrutinies that we find the object of our search: the promise of rising into new life with Christ.

We too have died in Baptism, are forgiven of our sins so that our souls may be healed, and rise again in eternal life with Christ. We too, like Lazarus, pass through the darkness of the tomb to emerge new in the resurrection.

### LENT SMALL GROUPS BEGIN THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH

This Lent, we will be reading *My Other Self: Conversation with Christ on Living Your Faith* by Clarence Enzler.

Modeled on the fifteenth-century classic *The Imitation of Christ*, *My Other Self* explores the meaning of the Christian life. Written in first person, Christ speaks directly to the reader, inviting him or her to a relationship of friendship and discipleship. The reader is lead to deeper examination of the Christian life: detachment, virtue, prayer, avoidance of

sin, and the Eucharist. Each chapter is divided in short sections with scripture for reflection and prayer.

Small Groups meet on different days and times. Choose one that works best for your schedule. Sign up at: [www.stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms/](http://www.stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms/).

If you are interested in facilitating or forming a new small group with your friends and family, contact Kelly Hernandez at (734) 821-2122 or [khernandez@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:khernandez@stfrancisa2.org).

### PRODIGAL SON (AND DAUGHTER)

#### THE ROLE OF WOMEN (AND MEN) IN THE CHURCH

Monday, March 27  
6:30pm in the PAC

Our evening begins with dinner followed by a panel of speakers presenting on the contributions and role of women (and men) in the church with opportunities for dialogue, questions, and conversation.

Suggested dinner donation: \$10/person.

Please offer your donation at the meal table during the event.

Come with an open mind and heart and join us in this uplifting and inspirational evening. All men and women are welcome!

Sign up and learn more at: <http://www.stfrancisa2.com/Prodigal>

For questions, please contact Marty Lucas, Scott Wright, Ellen Ward [mlucas@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:mlucas@stfrancisa2.org) or (734) 821-2125.

## PARISH EVENTS



## Holy Hour & Rose Procession

March 25, the  
Solemnity of the  
Annunciation,  
10am– 12 noon

Join us for an hour of  
Eucharistic Adoration  
and a procession to  
Planned Parenthood.  
Questions? Contact:  
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# SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

## Parish Pilgrimage April 4-5 with Fr. James Conlon



**Peregrinación: A Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Abril 4-5 con el Padre James Conlon.**

Únete a nuestra peregrinación familiar al Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, cerca de Chicago, en Des Plaines, Illinois. Las peregrinaciones son ocasiones para rezar, compartir experiencias, reflexionar y hacer retiros

Join our family pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, near Chicago, in Des Plaines, Illinois. Pilgrimages are times of prayer, shared experiences, reflections and retreat which focus our attention on "the one thing that is necessary (Luke 10:42)."

Our pilgrimage is bilingual (Spanish and English) and will include visits to other spiritual sites. On Tuesday, April 4 at 8am, our bus departs from the front of St. Francis Church. We will arrive back home on Wednesday April 5 by 11pm.

Our price includes overnight lodging, bus, 2 dinners and breakfast. \$195/person or \$250/family. Scholarships are available if needed.

\*Please bring your money for lunches & snacks. Learn more and sign up at: [www.stfrancisa2.com/pilgrimages/](http://www.stfrancisa2.com/pilgrimages/)

Questions? Contact Scott Wright at (734) 821-2121 or [swright@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:swright@stfrancisa2.org). If you would like information in Spanish, please contact Helena Bichakjian at [stfreled@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:stfreled@stfrancisa2.org) or (734) 821-2130.

para centrar toda nuestra atención en "una sola cosa que es necesaria (Lucas 10:42)."

La peregrinación es bilingüe (español e inglés) e incluye visitas a otros lugares espirituales. El martes, 4 de abril a las 8am, nuestro autobús sale del frente de la Iglesia de St. Francis y regresamos a casa el miércoles 5 de abril, alrededor de las 11pm.

Nuestros precios incluyen: alojamiento, autobús, 2 dinners/ comidas y desayuno. \$195 por persona ó \$250 por familia. Contamos con ayuda de beca si se necesita.

\*Favor de traer su dinero para lunches o refrigerio. Para mayor información e inscripción: [http://  
www.stfrancisa2.com/pilgrimages](http://www.stfrancisa2.com/pilgrimages)

Preguntas contacte a Scott Wright al (734) 821-2121 ó [swright@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:swright@stfrancisa2.org). Si usted desea mayor información en español, por favor contacte a: Helena Bichakjian a [stfreled@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:stfreled@stfrancisa2.org) ó (734) 821-2130.



## A CALL TO GRANDPARENTS

### Read a Faith Book to your Grandchildren

This March, borrow, buy, or bring a children's Faith book when you visit your grandchildren. With the guidance of your adult children, read a book about stories of the faith, the Bible, saints, and the values you believe in to your grandchildren. The gift of your time and gentle witness of your faith for your grandchildren is a precious and lasting legacy of God's love for them.



Children's books will be available to check out from the Parish Library (located in the gathering space of church) and from the Religious Education Office Library (located in the main hallway of the school). For more information and suggested children's books to read, see our website at: <http://stfrancisa2.com/ReadFaithBook>

For questions, please contact Ellen Ward at [ward@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:ward@stfrancisa2.org) or (734) 821-2130.

## FREE CONCERT BY DR. OWOLABI

St. Francis parishioner Dr. Kola Owolabi, Associate Professor of Organ at UM, will be presenting a concert featuring the premiere of new music by noted composer Daniel Godfrey.

We are proud to host this free concert here at St. Francis on **Saturday, April 8th, at 7:30pm.**

All are welcome!

For further information on this and other concerts and performances, please visit [www.stfrancisa2.com](http://www.stfrancisa2.com).



## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY HANDBELL CONCERT

For the past twenty years, our parish life has been enriched by the presence of our handbell choirs under the direction of Ginny Birchler. In every Mass we celebrate together, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, and bells are unique in their ability to proclaim the joy of this Gospel message. With each ring of the bell, they sing: "Christ is risen—He is risen indeed!" We are truly blessed by their ministry!

Our two handbells choirs, the St. Francis Handbell Choir and the Assisi Ringers, would like to invite you to come and enjoy their 20th Anniversary Celebration Concert, on **Friday, May 5th, at 7:30pm** in the church. In addition to music for just handbells, they will be joined by several other parish choirs and ensembles for some special joint pieces. Put it on your calendar—you won't want to miss this free event!

## PARISH GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

SENIORS @  
ST. FRANCIS

**Mardi Gras Party** with an Italian Theme, with Magic Performance by Jeff Wawrzaszek!  
Tuesday, Feb 28  
Mass at 9:15am in the lower level chapel; event follows. Cost: \$10 for lunch. RSVP & sign up to help at [stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms/](http://stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms/), or call (734) 821-2121.

**Spiritually Interactive with Fr. Shaun Lowery**  
Tuesday, March 28, at 10am in the PAC.  
Cost: \$10 for lunch. RSVP & sign up on the parish web site or call (734) 821-2121.

## SERVE THE LORD; SERVE THE PARISH

## Students Currently in 4th Grade and Up Needed

Students currently in fourth grade and up through grade 12 are needed and welcome to attend a training session to learn how to serve Mass at St. Francis. The training will take place on Sunday, February 26 beginning after the 12:30pm Mass. Training lasts between 1½ to 2 hours depending on how many students attend.

Students will learn about the role of the server and the parts of the Mass so that they can be assigned to help at our weekend Masses. Students and families can select which Mass on the weekend that they would prefer to be assigned to serve. This is a great way for students to serve the Lord, to learn more about the Mass, and to serve the parish community. In addition, students who serve can gain service hours for school and become more engaged disciples in the life of our parish.

Former altar servers, and students who have served in other parishes but now



belong to St. Francis in any grade, are also welcome to sign up to be scheduled again to serve, and can attend this training as a refresher. For more information on becoming an altar server, please contact Fr. Shaun at [frshaun@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:frshaun@stfrancisa2.org).

## READER'S WORKSHOP

*"It is Christ Himself who speaks" -Art. 7, Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*

All current readers, both in English and Spanish, and anyone interested in becoming a reader, are encouraged to attend a Reader's Workshop, **Saturday, March 11th from 9am- 1pm** in the P.A.C. Training for new readers will follow at 1pm-2pm in the church.

When the sacred scriptures are proclaimed, God's plan of salvation is revealed to all who listen. The reader has been entrusted with the great

responsibility of proclaiming God's Word to those gathered, through which God actively speaks to His people. In this workshop, we will explore a deeper understanding of the reader's role within the liturgy. A light breakfast and lunch will be served.

RSVP: [www.stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms](http://www.stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms). For more information, please contact Sue Wawrzaszek at (734) 821-2123 or [liturgy@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:liturgy@stfrancisa2.org).

## BABY DRIVE AND SHOWER

### Support mothers in need

The Women's Faith & Fellowship and MOMS groups will again team up to host a Baby Drive and Shower to benefit Arbor Woman and Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw.

#### Baby Drive: April 22 and 23 during Weekend Masses

In support of Arbor Woman and Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw, please consider donating baby items needed for the mothers and children served through their agencies. Items needed will be posted in the bulletin the weeks leading up to the drive.

#### Baby Shower: April 27th at 7pm in the PAC

Join us for a celebration of life! Iris Proctor, director of Arbor Woman, and Julie Payne, pregnancy counselor of Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw, will speak about their work and the women being served through their agencies.



Parishioners listen to a presentation by Julie Payne, a pregnancy counselor at Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County, at last year's very successful baby shower event.



All  
together,  
we must  
build a new  
culture of  
life.

*Evangelium  
Vitae, 95.*



#### Upcoming events:

- Thursday, May 25th 6:30pm in church: Rosary and Benediction with Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist
- Thursday June 8th Place and Time TBD: Planning Meeting and Committee Fellowship Dinner

#### Upcoming MOMS group events:

- Friday, May 5th: 10am-12pm Mother's Day Celebration
- Friday, May 19th: 8:15am Mass followed by an End of the Year Potluck



For more information about the MOMS group, contact [stfrancismoms@umich.edu](mailto:stfrancismoms@umich.edu) or find us on Facebook.



## SOCIAL JUSTICE

## TAX PROGRAM WITH ENGLISH & SPANISH- SPEAKING TAX AIDES

Each tax season, experienced parishioners volunteer their time to assist individuals in need with their tax returns. We prepare returns with income of \$45,000.00 or less. Call the Parish Office at (734)769-2550 to volunteer, or to make an appointment for assistance.

Our program is run at St. Francis Parish Office on Saturday mornings until April 8. You are required to sign up in advance. Bilingual individuals are encouraged to join. Must be 16 years or older to volunteer as a tax preparer. Training is provided.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### Reach out to a neighbor in need this Spring

Each year in March we host homeless men in the St. Francis school gym through the Washtenaw County Shelter Association. This year our guests will visit us March 13-20, 2017. Please consider signing-up to help at: [stfrancisa2.com/shelter-programs/](http://stfrancisa2.com/shelter-programs/).



In addition to our efforts organizing volunteers and resources to give practical support for those in need, we also encourage our parish to give financial support by using special collection envelopes for: Habitat for Humanity, Friends-in-Deed-Circles, RAAH Religious Action for Affordable Housing, & Hope Clinic.

And, of course every week of the year, all year long, members of St. Francis Parish bring non-perishable food items to Mass that are delivered by volunteers to local pantries. Volunteers deliver this food to the Northside Community Center of

Catholic Social Services in Ann Arbor, and Hope Center in Ypsilanti, feeding over 50 families a week.

Groceries are needed, and volunteers are also needed, to help with our food drive on March 11-19, 2017, during Lent, for our low-income neighbors who rely on our weekly food deliveries from St. Francis to the pantries. Especially needed: canned soups, peanut butter and jam, or any lunch foods. Please check the expiration dates before you drop things off. Sign-up to help at: [stfrancisa2.com/food-drives/](http://stfrancisa2.com/food-drives/) Thank you!



## April 22: St. Francis Parish Donate a Day

Donate your time (9am– 12:30pm) working together on yard work, planting, trimming, raking, window washing, power washing siding and painting indoors at Emmanuel House.

This set of two homes provides housing for 3-4 older adults at each location who are no longer capable of living alone and have limited income and support. The community is sponsored by the Servants of God's Love, a Catholic Religious Community in Ann Arbor, and run entirely by volunteers.

Bring your own rakes/tools if you have them (labeled with your name). We'll have extra tools. All ages. Teens are welcome with their parents. Sign up to help at: [stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms/](http://stfrancisa2.com/sign-up-forms/) Questions? Contact (734) 821-2121 or [justice@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:justice@stfrancisa2.org).



## NEWS FROM OUR HISPANIC MINISTRY

### Noticias de nuestro Ministerio Hispano



#### V Encuentro

Durante la Cuaresma nos reuniremos para realizar la Misión Parroquial de "Encuentro". Mediante 5 sesiones semanales, fortaleceremos nuestros esfuerzos de evangelización y, a través de la diócesis, aportaremos ideas a la Conferencia Episcopal de los Estados Unidos sobre cómo nuestra Iglesia puede servir mejor a la creciente población hispana y fortalecer la comunión católica en el país.

El proceso de 4 años llamado "Encuentro" es parte del plan Estratégico de la Conferencia Episcopal de los Estados Unidos (USCCB). Encuentra más información en: [www.vencuentro.org](http://www.vencuentro.org).

#### Camino

Camino es un programa en español de cursos de teología católica por Internet en el que, utilizando el "Catecismo Católico de los Estados Unidos para los Adultos" como texto primario, puedes formarte en la fe por medio de cursos diseñados y dictados por profesores de la Universidad de Notre Dame, entre otras. Los cursos duran entre 4 y 7 semanas y se ofrecen en las siguientes sesiones: 20 febrero - 7 abril, 12 junio - 28 julio, 2 octubre - 17 noviembre. ¡Aprovecha esta oportunidad para crecer en la fe!

#### V Encuentro

During Lent we will meet to carry out the Parish Mission of "Encuentro". In 5 weekly sessions, we will strengthen our evangelization efforts

and, through the Diocese, we will provide ideas to the United States Conference of Bishops on how our Church can better serve the growing Hispanic population, as well as strengthen the communion among all Catholics in the country.

The 4-year process called "Encuentro" is part of the Strategic Plan of the United States Episcopal Conference (USCCB). Find more information at: [www.vencuentro.org](http://www.vencuentro.org).



#### Camino

Camino is a Spanish-language program of Catholic theology courses on the Internet in which, using the "United States Catholic Catechism for Adults" as a primary text, lay people can grow in the faith through courses designed and taught by professors at the University of Notre Dame, among others. The courses last between 4 and 7 weeks and are offered in the following sessions: February 20 - April 7, June 12 to July 28, October 2 to November 17. Invite Spanish speakers in your life to this opportunity to grow in our faith!

Para mas información, escríbenos: / For more information, email: [hispanicministry@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:hispanicministry@stfrancisa2.org)

#### Consistent Life Ethic (CLE) Event



Thursday, March 16  
6:30pm Vespers prayer  
in the church  
7:15pm Speaker

Aimee Bedoy Murphy, of Life Matters Journal, will help advance our parish Consistent Life Ethic Project to highlight the pro-life issues at every stage of human life. We seek to be consistently Catholic in this world which is torn by political divisions.

A Consistent Life Ethic challenges us to protect all human life threatened in today's world and to maintain a cooperative spirit of peace, reconciliation, and respect as we protect the unprotected and vulnerable.

Questions? Contact:  
Scott Wright at  
(734) 821-2121 or  
[swright@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:swright@stfrancisa2.org).

## ST. FRANCIS PARISH SCHOOL

## 16th Annual Educational Trust Fund Benefit

Co-Chairs:  
Danaica Watson &  
Diane Green-Boyd

**Save the Date:**  
**Saturday,**  
**September 30, 2017**  
Michigan Union Ballroom

Let us celebrate the fruitfulness of the Fall season and cultivate communion with Christ through our Catholic school and our Educational Trust Fund.

Our Educational Trust Fund will award \$92,000 to our school next fiscal year - the highest award ever. Our annual Benefit helps us build the principal of our Educational Trust Fund.



*I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*  
John 15:5

## HARD AT WORK AT ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL

### A reflection by Julie Pritzel, Principal

Students are studying hard this time of year. We are in the trenches of the school year learning new material. Our Kindergarteners are learning to write sentences. Our first graders are studying Black History Month and Dental Health Month in their science and social studies. Second graders are mixing up math groups to focus on more individualized instruction. Currently they are excited to learn more about money. Third grade is focusing on their research report.

Teachers walk students through how to do research and organize their thoughts into a coherent and informative writing piece. Fourth grade is starting to prepare for their musical. They audition for their roles and learn the songs for their original performance written by our very own Mrs. Maura Dalian. The performance will be a part of our Mary Lou Daby Fine Arts Festival on Thursday, May 18th at 5pm; the performance is at 7pm. Fifth grade is getting ready for Storer Camp this spring and Sixth grade is continuing their service projects to Storypoint Senior Living Center. Seventh and Eighth grade students have finished their collaborative science research projects. Seventh graders begin their physical science unit by studying forces in motion. They will build coaster and propeller cars and test them in the PAC. Eighth grade is preparing for Confirmation and continuing their writing projects they have started throughout the year.

Lent is always a busy time in the school. The teachers work to create a learning and valuable experience for the students each day. Every family receives a Lenten reflection book to pray with at home.



2015-2016 Fourth Grade Students perform for the Mary Lou Daby Spring Arts Festival.

The teachers work to help the children understand the season of Lent through service, learning opportunities, and alms giving. The school will be collecting coins to raise money for Fr. Bosco's parish in India. We will be giving service time in our local community. Lastly, our students spend Holy Thursday participating in Lenten Centers and our middle schoolers participate in an annual Seder Meal.

St. Francis School has been continuing to add wonderful events and programs to our instructional practices. This winter we added an enrichment program for native Spanish speakers. Students will have a lunch group that practices writing, reading, and speaking in their native language of Spanish.

**Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is open now. We are already filling up in some grades, so if you are interested, please contact the school office.**

Prayers and peace to you and your family during the Lenten Season.

## ST. FRANCIS PARISH SCHOOL

## HOPES AND DREAMS FUND CAMPAIGN

### Return of the Challenge - Year 4 of 8!

Back in 2014, our parish school received a very special challenge from an anonymous benefactor. To offer a Catholic school education to as many families as possible, and to help strengthen enrollment at our school, our benefactor pledged a dollar for dollar match, up to \$40,000 per year, for 8 consecutive years, on behalf of tuition assistance for new school families. On February 4/5, 2017, during all Masses, we kicked off year number four of our eight year challenge.

You are invited to help us meet our \$40,000 goal again with a contribution to our Hopes and Dreams Fund. Gifts can be made in any amount, for any



period of time. Sustaining gifts are encouraged through a monthly, electronic offering. Visit <https://stfrancisa2.wufoo.com/forms/hopes-and-dreams-fund/> to make an online gift. Our Hopes and Dreams Fund helps to keep our parish school accessible, affordable, and available to all.

Join our St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School community in these important fundraising initiatives! Visit <http://www.stfrancisa2.com/school/giving-alumni/> (Giving & Alumni) for more information on an activity, or contact Colleen Pierce in our Development Office at [cpierce@stfrancisa2.org](mailto:cpierce@stfrancisa2.org) or (734) 821-2208.

### Car Raffle

Sponsored by Gene Butman Ford



Sample Vehicle

**Gene Butman**  
Since 1987



Now in its 21st year, our Car Raffle will begin on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 and conclude on Friday, June 2, 2017 at 8pm with our drawing. Purchase a chance to win our grand prize - a 2017 Ford Escape two-year lease, plus a \$1,000 gas card, or \$5,000 - or other cash prizes too. Tickets cost \$5 each or \$20 for a book of 5. God bless the Butman family and Gene Butman Ford for their continued commitment to our parish school!

## TEERING IT UP FOR TUITION GOLF OUTING

*Same Classic Course -  
New Weekday*



Plan now to hit the links on Friday, June 23, 2017 at Washtenaw Golf Club - a Polo Fields Property - during the 7th St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School 'Teering It Up for Tuition' Golf Outing.

For \$150 you can enjoy a four-person, 18 hole scramble with an all-inclusive golf package, and help boys and girls attend our parish school. Sponsors are needed and appreciated!







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## Lent, Holy Week and Easter Liturgies

*During Lent all weekday Masses will be upstairs in the main Church.*

### Ash Wednesday, 3/1

7AM, 9:15AM, 12:15PM, 7PM

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays in Church

English at 7PM. Español a las 8PM.

### All Day Confession

Wednesday, March 29, 10AM—10PM

Chat with a Priest.

More information to follow.



### Holy Thursday, 4/13

7PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:30PM - 11PM Chapel of Reposition

11PM Night Prayer in the Chapel

### Good Friday, 4/14

12 Noon Cross in the City

1:30PM Veneration of the Cross

7PM Evening Prayer/ Tenebrae

### Holy Saturday, 4/15

12 Noon Blessing of Food

8:30PM Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday, 4/16:** 8AM, 9:45AM, 11:30AM, 1:30PM