



Lent/Easter 2017

**ST. FRANCIS PRAYER CENTER**

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## **John 11:9-10**

**“Are there not 12 hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling, because he has the light of the world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.”**

*The disciples had just come from Judea with Jesus and were not too anxious to return to a place where they were being sought out to be killed. Neither did they want to put Jesus' life in danger. In their heartfelt love for him they still were not seeing the whole picture. No amount of pressure from them would dissuade him from following the Father's plan. It was vital that while he was still alive (literally) that he should use his time wisely and be obedient to the plan the Father had laid forth.*

Like Jesus, while here with us, we too have only a prescribed amount of time. Each year during Lent we have the opportunity to walk in the light of the daytime with the one who calls us his friend. The 'Way' is illuminated by the reception of the sacraments who by their grace and our participation in them, make visible to us Christ, the Light of the World.

While in this illuminating state of grace, we make better decisions, we become better people, we reflect his light to the hurting wounded world and become vessels for the Master.

Regardless of the frozen condition of our heart, or the seemingly impossible circumstances of our lives, as long as we have made the decision to return to the light we will not stumble and lose our way. Choose the light; stay in the light; permit the King of Kings and Lord of Lords to illuminate your path. Use the time wisely you have been given. Permit Him to be the Lord of your life...

***“I am the Light of the world; anyone who follows me will not be walking in the dark; he will have the light of life”***

**John 8:12**

# Those We Hold In Eternal Memory

March 2016 – Mid-February 2017

Bob Anderson	Martine (Coulter)	Carl Herweyer
Marilyn Arsenault	Bernadette Cummings	Robert Hogan
Anthony L. Barclea	Gloria Curry	Michael Joseph
Lucille C. Belill	Susan Daunt	Andrew S. Kalush
Patty Beltrame	Ann DiDonato	John "Big John"
Adam Berna	Mary Donnelly	Klobucar
Mike Berna Family	William Draheim	Catherine A. Kreiter
Susanne M. Berriman	Ken Ferguson	Carl Lamphere
Vern Blanchette	Nettie (Grace) Green	Philip Lixey
Patricia Boike	Kaugie Goggins	Mardell Mangett
Dr. Lan H. P. Bui	Carmen Goldsworthy	Kryan Mitchelson
Clifford Carr	Paul Gualano	Dan Montpas
John Carr	Cohen Gulashi	Doris Morin

Eugene Motley  
Joe Motyka  
Lisa McNichol  
Stanley F. Nemecek  
Estelle Noe  
Helen Peel

Stew Pincumbe  
Thomas Prevost  
John Psenski  
Lillian Nina Rachid  
Fred (Fritz) Rademacher  
Jack and Joyce  
Rademacher  
Eugene J. Reinke  
Joseph Riopelle  
Lyndon Root  
Shaheen Shaheen  
Dolores Ullom  
Edward P. Walsh  
Harold Yettan  
Ivo Zucchet  
Olindo Zucchet



# Those We Hold In Living Memory

March 2016 – Mid-February 2017

Msr. Gerry and Fr. Gary	Greg Gach and Teresa Sherman (friendship)
Jan, Maddie and Jen	Curtiss Gulash family
Terrie Alfaro	Claude Green family
Sue Atkins	Pat Haley
Theresa Atkinson	Ed Hallwood
Mike and Cathy Baker	Sr. Sharon Hektor
Felix Beltrame family	MaryJo Jones
Katy, Emilie, Barb and Marion (Berger)	Sheila Konieczny
Mike Berna family	Ron Kujat family
Nan Bishop	Dave Lawless family
Dolores Brennan	Nancy Leach
Brian	Doris Mary
Kennedy Coe	Fr. Gary McInnis
Linda Dolinski	Sharon Miller
"Donald"	Tiffany Minder
Dube family	Ken Mraz
Sandi Engel	Luci Peterman
Fr. Dwight Ezop	Sharon Pincumbe family
Fran Farmer	Sheldon Pincumbe
Shawn Fatherlee	Stew Pincumbe family
	Gretchen Polzin-Ridley

Kim Ram'nez (Ramirez)  
John Rieggle, Jr.  
Mrs. Helen Roberts  
Cousin Tom (Robertson)  
Marilynne Robinson  
Root and Larmor families  
Steve and Tamara Sampson

Debbie Sardo  
Connie Shippy  
Alice Thomas  
Dale and Linda Tripp  
John Vinton  
Anna Rita Walsh  
Loretta Walsh  
Marlene Willett  
Amy and John Zagata  
Children of Norma Strawser  
For the safety of all "in blue"  
who serve and protect us.



## Give the Gift of Prayer

Please consider using our Gift of Prayer Memorial Cards. The money is placed in the Prayer Center Memorial Fund. The principal is used as a "Gift that keeps on Giving" for years to come. The names of loved ones are kept on the altar at the Prayer Center and remembered in all of the Masses, Prayers, and Ministries of the Prayer Center.

If you would consider this gift idea to help support the Prayer Center or are in need of additional memorial cards, please give us a call at 810-787-5330 or write us at G-2381 E. Carpenter Rd., Flint, MI 48505-1862, or send your request via e-mail to [stfrancisflint@comcast.net](mailto:stfrancisflint@comcast.net).

**Thank You  
Monthly  
Pledgers!**

We are forever grateful for your continued support! Our Annual Fundraiser generates a "goodly share" but without all of you and your on-going support, we would surely wither and die on the vine. Thanks for being that "living vine" for us. You are appreciated!

**Thank You  
Occasional  
Gift Givers!**

# Many Blessings – for Thanksgiving, Christmas & Beyond

Wow! We had so much incredible help this past Thanksgiving and Christmas with our Adopt-A-Family Projects. The out-pouring of love was just phenomenal.

Families came to us from across the street or were recommended by “friends” of the Prayer Center.

Many groups and individuals stepped up to the plate by donating food for Thanksgiving baskets or by giving a monetary donation to purchase more food. The **St. Jude, DeWitt Youth** group (part of the group that did mission work here last summer), offered to gather enough food for 25 baskets – then transport it here. Another youth group from **Lansing Catholic Central** came for a retreat just before Thanksgiving and chose, as their retreat mission work, to “pack” those baskets. Thank you, thank you. More than 50 families received a basket.

We were amazed once again with our Christmas Adopt-A-Family Project when **St. John, Fenton** decided to take on a number of our families (14) through the Christmas Giving Tree Program thru St. John (Fenton) Outreach.

**Thank You, everyone** – those words hardly seem enough. Thanks go to St. Jude, DeWitt; Lansing Catholic Central Youth; many people at St. John - Fenton; St John - Davison Altar Society; and many, many Prayer Center members (21 individuals or families plus 5 groups)! Our office staff was kept hopping by taking in request forms, organizing which “adoptee” would be matched with those adopted, picking up & delivering the many packages brought to the Prayer Center, and participating in the Christmas party we hold for adopted families. We normally provide for 20-25 families – this time we were able to provide gifts and food for over 50 families! It was very busy at the Prayer Center this past fall!



This is the face of Jesus in action!

This scripture verse comes to mind, “Well done good & faithful servant.” That is what all of you are – good and faithful servants.

January did not slow down for us. Many classes were held – Listening Group, Shepherd’s Group, and Discernment of Spirits as well as Healing Masses. February continued with a three-day mission at Holy Family in Grand Blanc, Healing Services with Fr. Richard McAlear, OMI, in both Fort Wayne, IN and at Holy Family - Grand Blanc. February 28 starts a six-week encounter series – **Fire & Wind Seminar** – that continues every Tuesday until April 4. Now we have started gearing up for our **36th Annual Fundraiser** on April 29, 2017.

## Upcoming Events

Some events may have already taken place.

- **Feb. 28 - Apr. 4.** Fire & Wind 6-week encounter series. Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 pm.
- **Mar. 9.** Prayer Workshop #1, IHM, Lansing from 6-8:30 pm.
- **Mar. 17-18.** St. Michael Catholic Church RCIA Retreat.
- **Mar. 25.** Holy Redeemer RCIA Retreat.
- **Mar. 29.** Healing Service, St. Mary Student Parish, Ann Arbor.
- **Apr. 8.** Holy Family RCIA Retreat.
- **Apr. 24.** Healing Mass; Holy Family 6-9.
- **Apr. 20.** Prayer Workshop #2, IHM, Lansing.
- **Aug. 19.** 3rd Order of Franciscans Day of Reflection.

I truly wish there was room to list every person’s name that played a part in bringing about such an outpouring of love and fruitfulness to those less fortunate! **God bless you all!!!**



# Order your Fundraiser Big Ticket Here!

**Saturday, April 29, 2017 – BIG TICKET ORDER FORM (Please Print)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City/St/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Big Tickets @ \$100.00 each. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, we will be attending at the party and would like the 2 dinner tickets and 4 drink tickets included with each drawing ticket.

\_\_\_\_\_ Sorry, we cannot attend, but will pray for your success. Please distribute the use of our dinner tickets to someone who will appreciate being present.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send \_\_\_\_\_ additional guest dinner tickets @ \$25 each (*limited number available*)



**BE SURE TO LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING! We need to let the caterers know.**

**Please clip and respond ASAP to St. Francis Prayer Center, G-2381 E. Carpenter Road, Flint, MI 48505**



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# It's our 36th Annual Fundraiser!

We are excited to have the **Kentucky Derby** as our theme this year. Mark your calendar and join us for this event – become our partner in reaching out to those in need both physically and spiritually. Use the coupon at the top to purchase your Big Ticket (*includes 2 dinner & 4 drink tickets*).

**We are in need of items for the Auctions – baskets already made up, items to go in a basket, gift certificates – any amount, a special service or any item that can be used in our auctions.**

We will again hold a \$100 prize drawing for those who sell a full table (that's 4) of tickets.

Get a group together & make it a fun night. The dinner buffet, the drawings, the auctions, the dancing – all culminate in a fun-filled evening.

Design your hat or jockey outfit – let's see who can come up with the best – or worst – hat design.



There will be a "Wine Pull" to make things interesting! (*We are looking for some donations of bottles of wine, too.*) You pay a certain amount then get to choose the number of the bottle you want. Oh yes, there will be a surprise with one of these bottles – you have to buy one to see what you win!!

**Saturday, April 29, 2017** is the date. Gathering starts at 4:30, dinner buffet at 5:00, Big Ticket Raffle, auctions, 50/50s are followed by dancing. For more information, please call the Prayer Center at 810-787-5330!! *Hope to see you there!*