

Dear Friends of St. Francis Prayer Center,

I hope you are encouraged by all that is happening here at the Prayer Center. God's work is being done in many ways here. I had a very specific dream before coming here to take this job. It was a vision of hundreds of people being 'fed' in **differing** ways. Some people were actually eating, some being prayed for, some being taught about Jesus, some just 'listening' to another sharing their life.

There was great music of all kinds going on, and the scene was so joyful. I saw clergy of all denominations as they prayed for people. They were ALL God's people; and ALL being fed **physically, spiritually** and **emotionally**.

In my heart I heard these three words "feed my people." I heard this three times, and woke up. It would be almost 2 years later when that actual event took place here after I had become Director.

Now, 4 years later, we are still 'feeding His people.' As you can see from the back of this Appeal letter, it is being done in classrooms, parishes, and at the Center every day with food and beds and most of all **Prayer**. We are a 'Prayer Center' first! We are called to step in the gap for those less fortunate—wherever that may be. It might be across the street in the neighborhood, or it might be in your local parish! This is our call.

I often ask Sr. Joanne to intercede for us here, as it was her call to obedience that the Prayer Center was started. Our phones are already ringing off the hook for help in this busy fall/winter season. There are so many who will look to us to assist them. I am certain she is indeed praying for us as we continue the works she began.

We understand we are not the only help in town—but we are among a **very** few in the north end of Flint! So many get lost in the shuffle or do not meet every little requirement to be helped by their organization. We pray, we listen, we trust, we act—but not without your involvement and financial help.

Please **pray**, ask the Holy Spirit to guide your heart about how much and how often. Review our **Monthly Expenses** box (*page 3*) and see how you can help us stay open to help these people God has placed in front of us.

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We are being intentional disciples!

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The Adopt-A-Family project has begun (see bottom of page 3). We need at least 50 or more people/groups to adopt families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Call us today.

In the words of our patron St. Francis: "Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible!" This is my prayer for myself, and all those that may feel called to help us at the St. Francis Prayer Center.

St. Francis Pray for Us,
Debbie

Intercessory Prayer Group Needed for the Prayer Center

We need you!

This is a request for an intercessory prayer group for the Prayer Center to pray that we may remain open to serve the people who need us the most – both physically and spiritually. If you are willing to stand in the gap for this, please contact Jean at the Prayer Center 810-787-5330.



**The
St. Francis Prayer Center is consistently reaching out,
not only to the very marginalized and poorest of our community,
but to our parish families in Genesee County as well. We strive
with Christ as our head, to Spiritually, Emotionally, and
Physically feed the body of Christ.**



Even the turkeys come to the Prayer Center!

In need of a quiet place to pray or meditate, or even read – your Bible, a favorite book – St. Francis Prayer Center is for you. We will find a spot for you. It helps to call ahead since we do have classes being held on a regular basis.

Come to the Quiet. That's what the cover of our brochures say. Many are amazed at the tranquility they find here – just North of the city limits!

Those we help make comments about "how nice it is" here. People across the street sometimes come over to just sit outside and enjoy that peace.

Christmas Decorating Help!

Do you like to decorate for Christmas?

Well here is your chance! We have the decorations – we just need someone to put them up! Wednesday's work great for us. Please call the Prayer Center & let us know if you would be willing to spend a few hours decorating 810-787-5330.

Making A Donation Online

Of course the usual cash or check works just fine, but you can also make a donation through our web site at stfrancisprayerflint.com using PayPal – even if you don't have a PayPal account.

1. Click the Donate Now icon.
2. Enter amount.
3. Either Login to PayPal (if you have an account) or choose the "Don't have a PP account?" icon & click on the word "continue" to use your credit card or bank account.

Can You Help Us?

We are assembling a core team of people who might be willing to help us pursue grants or endowments that would become possible sponsors or contributors. If you can spare a bit of time, will you consider helping us?

These are some of our topics and goals:

- Ambassadors for PC: Spokesperson independent or to a parish
- Researchers: for philanthropists or endowments
- Grant Writers: content or help writing grants
- Media Helpers: anyone gifted with area
- Who's Who List: People you may know that could be potential donors/helpers

Monthly Expenses:

- \$409 Consumers Energy
- \$110 Accounting
- \$150 Phone/Internet
- \$350 Helping Hands
- \$200 Bulk Mail/Postage
- \$60 Alarm System
- \$50 Printing
- \$270 Lawn & Garden



A True Blessing!

These pictures show past recipients of a Basket at Thanksgiving and Gifts & Food Boxes for Christmas. At our Annual Christmas Party, children & adults get to open some gifts & enjoy some snacks. We reach out to those in need while gratefully accepting YOUR help by sponsoring these families. What a blessing to see this happen year after year!

Adopt-A-Family Project

In addition to all the classes, healing masses, and ministry outreach; the Prayer Center sponsors an **Adopt-A-Family** project for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you would like to participate in this outreach, please give us your **name, address, phone number** and the **size of family** you are willing to sponsor. We will match you up with a family of that size or smaller.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City/St/Zip _____

For **Thanksgiving**, I would like to sponsor food for a Family:

- up to 3; up to 4; up to 5; up to 6; up to 7; or Turkey

For **Christmas**, I would like to sponsor gifts and/or food for

- a Family: up to 3; up to 4; up to 5; up to 6; up to 7;

I wish to make a donation towards _____

Please send your information to stfrancisflint@comcast.net, mail in this form, or call the Prayer Center @ 810-787-5330. Please leave a message if we are unable to answer.

What are some of the focuses of St. Francis Prayer Center?

In order for these to continue, we need your support!

Healing Masses

We sponsor many of the Healing Masses held at various parishes. See our web site for scheduled masses – trained Prayer Ministers are available to pray with you at these masses.

Ministry Outreach

Connecting with those in need of immediate assistance with food, rent, utilities, gas money to get to work, or just someone to talk to & pray with.

Healing Prayer Workshop I

Formation and Guidelines for praying with others.

Shepherd's Healing #1

The next step in understanding and growing your relationship to the Holy Spirit. Allowing the Holy Spirit to reveal areas of needed healing.

Personal Prayer & Spiritual Counsel

Available by appointment.

Healing Prayer Workshop II

A continuation of Workshop I. Give a more detailed explanation of what is covered.

Shepherd's Healing #2

Understanding the piety of the Church with forgiveness and healing.

Pilgrim's Way Classes

This class starts you on your way to understanding and growing your relationship to the Holy Spirit.

Unbound Michigan

Be set free. Prayer for deliverance and oppression.

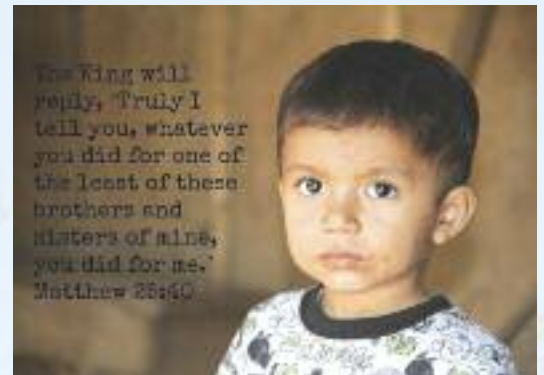
Letter to the Editor:

If you have never experienced the prayer, love and life at the St. Francis Prayer Center on Carpenter Road in Flint, you are missing out! I was very drawn to the center initially because of the Listening class I attend there. The prayer and type of God's Word community that is forming there is such a gift. The beauty of the grounds and center easily lift your soul to God.

A most impressive element of the St. Francis Prayer Center is its service to the poor. What a beautiful response to the Holy Spirit. Recently, a patient of mine in Flint attempted suicide because the family needed new mattresses for their children. It is so easy for many of us to point to other organizations and think, let them care for the poor. Can that be an excuse not to respond to the true needs of the poor? Debra Hawley, the director of the Center, has spent herself in service to the poor. She has been giving in a very personal, loving manner. The center gives mattresses and many other items to the poor. To watch a desperate person light up with hope when told about St. Francis Prayer Center giving mattresses to those in need was priceless. The Center makes me think of the words of St. Francis, "The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons hear today."

I learned in the Listening class at the Center, to hear God's Word is to act upon it. You may never see the many faces of those at St. Francis Prayer Center who are instructed, loved and cared for. May you hear His Word and help us any way!

In Christ, Nanette Kowalczyk



Who is this?

It could be someone you know. Your neighbor, a family member, a close friend, or the person who sits next to you in church.



For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in.

Matthew 25:35