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Deb's Corner

The Lord Takes Delight In His People

As summer winds down one would think that the Prayer Center might be winding down too... not so much! As most operations have really not gone back to 'original' way of operating, we have not either. There are still so many getting sick, and we are trying to be vigilant to protect ourselves and those we serve, as best as we can. Beds are still being delivered, folks still coming for food on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Prayer Group still meeting 1st & 3rd Monday's.

While here for 9 days for Pentecost Retreat, I heard some very valuable words from the Lord, both for myself and the Prayer Center.

First, was a directive to 'bring back the Ministry of Healing to the Prayer Center grounds.' Of course it has not been stopped, but with Covid...it almost seems so, and frankly we have been doing this ministry in many of the local churches for a few years now. It's always fruitful, however.

But this directive was very specific. "Have no concern of 'who, and how many, I will be the 'special guest;' I am doing something new," He said. So, I am making arrangements to do this more often, and hopefully to have Mass here more often as well. The Sacrament of Anointing could then take place as well.

August 15th was a Healing Mass & Service & Picnic. Fr. Jim Lowe from St. Scholastica in Detroit was our celebrant. Music ministry was vibrant and uplifting and many were prayed for significant ailments and heartaches. Mother Nature did her part with glorious weather and food abounded!

John 10:27 "My sheep listen to my voice, I know them and they follow me."

Listening, requires much more than our ears! God expects a response from His people. When someone we know and love speaks to us, we expect a response.

It is always the Father who calls us. Our job is to respond in love and obedience to the best of our ability. Our Mission here is clear. We are first secure in His Love, then we have the power of the Holy Spirit to empower the work that He has called us to: "Feed My People, Spiritually, Physically and Emotionally." This was the call that came when I accepted this position as Director.

Today's Psalm says it the best.

R. The Lord takes delight in His people.

Let them praise His name in festive dance

Let them sing praise to Him with cymbal and harp

Let the high praises of God be in their throats

I hope to see some of you 'on the property' for our Annual Fundraiser **Lordy, Lordy, Look Who's 40 Jazz in the Courtyard** to be held on September 25th. We will honor His request to 'stay on our grounds' and give Him praise.

Blessings In Him, Director Deb

"The Power of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of the Blessed Mother, was upon those in attendance. Those who received Healing Prayer expressed powerful words of confirmation of Words of Knowledge given for them. —Michele Lambaria

I came at a time when I was really low. I praise God and thank him for the inspiration, uplift, and healing that I received while at the healing mass and picnic. The preaching, healing prayer from the team, music, and fellowship were wonderful for me! —Fr. Phil Schmitter

"It's the first healing service which we experienced outdoors on the beautiful St. Francis Prayer Center grounds. The healing process began with prayer, adoration, and thanksgiving. The outstanding music brought us to a deeper level of prayer. After Mass Sharon's back issues were prayed over by a dedicated team of prayer warriors. This very spiritual event was completed by a delicious potluck, fellowship, and dining with Fr. Phil, our Center's Sacramental Minister."

—Ted Zahrfeld & Sharon Falinski

ST. FRANCIS PRAYER CENTER MISSION STATEMENT:

Secure in God's love, the St. Francis Prayer Center, Flint, exists to serve all people, especially our poor, our parishes and our diocese through the ministries of prayer, evangelization, healing, formation, direct services and social justice.

Pics from August 15



Mother Mary went on a road trip Sunday, she was my Moms from the early 60s. Deb



Healing Mass on Assension Sunday

Fr. Jim Lowe and Director Deb.



Fr. Carl: "Geez Fr. Jim, it's much cooler in here doing confessions."



Great Getaway 2021

Congrats to the Winners!

The drawing was held Aug. 2, 2021 @ 4:00 pm. The first-ticket-out was Beth Harvey; 2nd-ticket-out was Joe Kalush; 3rd-ticket - was Marilyn Reid. All were pleased with their prize. Marilyn said she had never won anything before!

We were overwhelmed by the number of ticket purchases! Wow! Thank you, thank you **everyone** who purchased tickets. It had been 6 years since the last Great Getaway raffle was held. *Our blessings to each and every one of you!*

Fighting Pollution...

Once again St. Francis Prayer Center is fighting for environmental equality. Ajax Materials Co. wants to build an asphalt plant on Energy Dr. just east of Dort Hwy. & Carpenter Rd. As of press time we do not know the outcome of this effort but have many agencies and individuals on board to help in the fight. Check out the Facebook page **Stop Ajax in Flint**, to see what has been happening with this situation.



Director Deb and Fr. Phil Schmitter at the Genesee Twp. air quality meeting about the Ajax Asphalt plant to be built on Energy Dr. just off Carpenter Road, west of the Prayer Center.

Annual Fundraiser Will Be September 25, 2021



Lordy, Lordy, Look Who's 40! We celebrate our **RUBY JUBILEE** this year! And, as in the past year, some very wonderful companies and people have stepped forth to make this an exciting virtual event.

TICKETS are \$80. Since there will not be a dinner, we have kept the lower price. *If you have not received a letter in the mail, please use the order form below to order your tickets.* We hope you will participate with us by purchasing an \$80 ticket to help St. Francis Prayer

Center continue with our ministry of caring for those less fortunate.

Contact the Prayer Center at 810-787-5330 or send an email to stfrancisflint@comcast.net to order one or more tickets! We depend on the proceeds of this fundraiser to continue **all** of our ministries.

Tickets may be purchased right up until the drawing. However, if sending in by snail mail, please allow at least 5 days for the request to reach us.

Fundraiser Auction Items That Will Be Up For Bid

For 2021, we will hold our Annual Fundraiser Auction online. We have secured 32 auctions to manage the auction.

Anyone can participate in this auction. Here is the link to access the Auction site:

<https://www.32auctions.com/stfrancis2021>

You can also request access by sending us an email request to stfrancisflint@comcast.net.

Everyone who participates will need to set up an account to log in and bid on items. This information is NOT shared with anyone else.

JUST A FEW OF THE MANY ITEMS AVAILABLE TO BID ON:

1. Fly Fishing Outing (*full day guided fly fishing trip good thru last Saturday in September 2022*)
2. Made In Michigan Basket (*various treats from around the State*)
3. St. Patricks Day Party (*make it a special day with these goodies*)
4. Baby Girl Basket (*Awww!!*)
5. Michigan State Basket (*Go Green, Go White*)
6. Lottery Tickets Basket (*Yes!*)
7. Vehicle Detailing (*Spectacular!*)
8. Wine Gift Basket (*Mellow Out*)
9. U of M Basket (*Hail to the Victors!*)
10. Baby Boy Basket (*Gorgeous!*)
11. Oil Change & Tire Rotation (x3) from Al Serra
12. Crazy About Cats Basket
13. Breast Cancer Awareness
14. Mary Kay Makeover

15. Gas powered, pushable weed whipper
16. Essential Oils Basket
17. Nail Care from Tina's Place

As of press time, we do not have a complete list and will be adding more items to our Auction. Please help us get the word out by **"sharing"** this on Facebook and via Emails.



U of M Basket of goodies!



Imagine what the possibilities are from all of these lottery tickets!

ST. FRANCIS PRAYER CENTER BIG TICKET ORDER FORM (Please Print)

Name: _____ Main Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ Work Phone: (____) _____

City/St/Zip _____ Other (____) _____

Email address _____

Your Email address is important in order to send you details on login for upcoming Event!

Please send me # _____ Big Tickets @ \$80.00 each. Total enclosed: \$ _____

_____ YES. I/We will pray for a successful event.

If you have any questions, please call us @ 810-787-5330.

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

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Just one of the many beautiful flowers that grace the grounds of the Prayer Center.

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
 Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. –Psalm 95:1-2

Special Thanks to...

Mary from St. John, Davison, who brought in 10 bags & boxes of bedding

Agnes Taylor for the donation of ten \$25 Kroger gift cards.

Barbara Horner for the donation of sleeping bags for the homeless.

Mary / Marie G for the donation of a loft bed.

Joe Hebert brought in laundry soap, toilet paper and cookies for the food pantry.

Mike Shegos for the donation of bedding, towels and tablecloths.

Jill brought in a blanket, lamps, rocker, and wood shelf unit.

Elaine Ouelette for the donation of a twin size hide-a-bed.

David & Mary Boling donated a mattress.

Pete & Debbie Sardo who delivered us a van full of bedding and 5 beds.

Bonnie Mattar, Agnes Taylor, & Peggy Wescott for doing some much needed garden cleanup.

Christ the King Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Fr. Dukette Court 90, Flint for the donation of new twin sheets and blankets – thanks to the three ladies who delivered them.



The ladies from Christ the King deliver sheets & blankets.

One of our volunteers, **Carol**, keeps up on the bedding end of things. She sorts, stacks, washes when needed, and repairs minor problems. What a blessing she is for the bed ministry.

THANKS to all of you – both those we have named and those we may have missed.

Know of someone in need of a bed, have them contact the Prayer Center @ 810-787-5330. Those who live in the 48505, 48506, & 48458 zip codes do not need a referral. All others need a referral from another agency.