

Dear Family & Friends of St. Francis ECC,

Here are some of the high points of what everyone is talking about around the church for this week:

- This coming Sunday September 18th we will have a brief 5 to 10 minute Community meeting immediately after Mass. This is where members can get their finger on the pulse of the community and to hear all that is going on with the council and the church. Also we will be discussing the new Brick Raising program for St. Francis.
- Also, on Sunday September 18th we will be going to a Fellowship Brunch immediately after Mass and the Community meeting to the Acropol Restaurant. It is located on Starkey Rd. about ¾ of a mile north of Ulmerton on the west side of the road. We hope you will be able to join us for it? If you haven't signed up yet, it is not too late. Please Contact Cheryl Velez for more information.
- On Saturday September 23rd we will have our next night of Bingo and it is going to be a White Elephant Bingo. Please bring something from your home that you would like to give away, in good condition of course. The gift needs to be wrapped or in a bag. No monetary amount on the gift, just something that can be re-gifted. If you do not want to bring a gift, we will graciously accept your \$5 donation for bingo. More info about this in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please see Cheryl Velez.
- We will have our next monthly Healing Mass on Wednesday September 28th at 7:00PM.
- Check out the calendar on our website for further events. Remember it helps St. Francis each and every time you log onto our church website.
- Bill Schwartz has started the "Begin The Journey" Podcast and he has started recording interviews with some of our parishioners. For the benefit of those parishioners that are not in the area or those who may be "recording shy", they can do the recordings on Skype. If you prefer to do it on Skype, just e-mail Bill and he will set up a day and time for your recording. The interview should be about 5 minutes or less in length. The 3 questions that will be asked are:
 1. Please tell us a little bit about your Religious Background.
 2. How did you hear about St. Francis?
 3. What keeps you coming back to and attending St. Francis?

Now you are allowed to have a prepared answer at the interview. The only rule is you cannot "Bash" someone or something else. If you should have any questions about this, Please see Bill Schwartz.

- On Saturday October 1st, we will celebrate the St. Francis Feast Day with the "Blessing of the Animals" here at church from 11:00AM to 1:00PM. Please bring you pets to the church to have them Blessed by our very own, Fr. Victor Ray. More information to follow.

That is all for this week's council letter. Please let us know if you should have any questions or concerns or comments. Please feel free to e-mail us or contact any member of the church council. Thank you and as always, we look forward to seeing you in church!!!

In God's Peace, Your Church Council,
Leo, Barbara, Jon, Larry & Jim