



# St. Francis of Assisi Parish 2009 Building Centennial Events

*St. Francis of Assisi Parish's Building Centennial celebration continues the 2008/2009 year of honoring our parish and our community.*

*Mark your calendar with the following celebrations, and then watch for developing details in weekly church bulletins, and at [www.stfrancisparish.com](http://www.stfrancisparish.com).*

**Church Building Tours** – The fourth Sunday of each month through October 2009, following the Noon Mass (1 pm-4pm).

**Saturday, January 24 – St. Francis School Alumni Homecoming Reception** following 5:15 PM Mass.

**Saturday, February 21 – Heart Beat – A Centennial Celebration of Life and Love** - 5:00 to 11:00 PM

Mardi Gras-themed dinner and dancing to celebrate love & life and have fun together; group dances and dance instruction so everyone can join in the dancing. Fun includes a St. Francis dance team led by Fr. Anthony, a Broadway medley by Brother James Swan, singing duo Deborah Jones and Brother James, dinner music by The Lost Angeles, dancing to DJ music, and silent and live auctions. Celebration will be held at The Dante Club; tickets on sale now, \$50 per person.

**Monday - Thursday, March 16 - 19 – Lenten Retreat** – Joe Nangle, OFM, presenter

Fr. Nangle worked in Lima, Peru, for 15 years, organizing parish communities true to the vision of the groundbreaking 1968 Medellin conference of Latin American bishops. In recent decades he has lived in Washington, D.C., in the Assisi community, helping to animate the work of justice from the political center of U.S. society. Until recently, he co-directed the Franciscan Lay Mission service, which sends lay workers into Third World pastoral ministries around the globe and helps them readjust when they return. His reflections are infused with a sense of wisdom and joy, which he links to solidarity: "Francis felt that being treated as a poor person, being mistaken for one, even by a fellow friar, was 'perfect joy.'" This, Nangle reflects, was Francis' own option for the poor." Fr. Nangle is also a prolific author of articles and books, including a biography of St. Francis, *St. Francis and the Foolishness of God*.

- **Monday through Thursday evenings, from 7-9:00 PM**
- **Community meal prior to presentation at 5:45 PM in Brunsmann Hall**

**April – Holy Week and Easter!**

**May – Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

**Saturday afternoon, June 14 – St. Francis Choir Music Event** (St. Francis choir)

**August 8 – Feast of St. Clare – 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

Morning of Reflection with Margie Will, OSF on “Franciscan Presence: A Way of Seeing and Being in the World”

**September – Ramadan Interfaith Event**

Breaking fast & bread with Imam Mohammed Azeez and Salam congregation; details TBA

**October 4 – Francis Days – Centennial Celebration Closing & Picnic – Sutter’s Fort Park, TBA**

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