

**Join the faculty & staff of  
Saint Anthony School  
for the traditional  
Blessing of the Animals  
in celebration of the  
Feast Day of  
St. Francis of Assisi.  
Pets should arrive on leashes  
or in appropriate carriers.  
Stuffed pets & pictures are welcomed!**

Francis of Assisi is well known for his love for all nature. Born to an affluent family in the 12th century, Francis abandoned his wealth, choosing to lead a simple life in service to God completely without personal possessions. Francis served by preaching God's word and bringing conversion in other parts of the world. Those who followed in his path were considered to be of the Franciscan order.

Francis saw all of nature as a part of his brotherhood. Animals were his equal among God's incredible creation. Stories have been told of Francis preaching to birds, holding the attention of an audience of animals, and calming even the most dangerous of beasts to make them friends to man.



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**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS  
SAINT ANTHONY SCHOOL  
COURTYARD  
OCTOBER 2, 2015 7:45-8:30 AM**