

## St. Francis of Assisi Pet Blessings



### MEDIA ADVISORY

#### Animals at Michiana Humane Society to receive special blessings on St. Francis Day

On Tuesday, October 4, 1:30 p.m. (CST) 2:30 (EST) some 100 animals who are being sheltered will receive special blessings at the Michiana Humane Society, 722 Indiana Highway 212, Michigan City, Indiana. This blessing is being held particularly on this day, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, because he is known as the patron saint of animals. It is the custom to celebrate this day by blessing those pets who bring us such joy throughout the year and to recognize that God gave humankind dominion over all animals in Genesis 1:26-31.

Episcopal clergy, the Reverends Darlene Kuhn (Church of the Mediator in Harbert, MI) and Karen Joy Kelly (St. Paul's in St. Joseph, MI) will officiate at this special service.

“Many members of Mediator have adopted their pets from the Michiana Humane Society and it seems appropriate that we especially pay attention to all of these pets looking for new homes to receive blessings as well,” stated Mother Darlene Kuhn.

“For many years now, I have thought that, while we continue to have pet blessings at our respective churches, it is those who are in the shelters who really need blessings and prayers for new homes soon,” affirmed Mother Karen Joy Kelly. “It is also a good time to remember the needs of the Humane Society at this time as we remind potential donors that blankets, toys, towels, bleach and pet food are always needed.”

The Michiana Humane Society cares for 1000+ animals each year and is 100% donor funded and receives no tax dollars.

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