

Pray At All Times

2017 STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

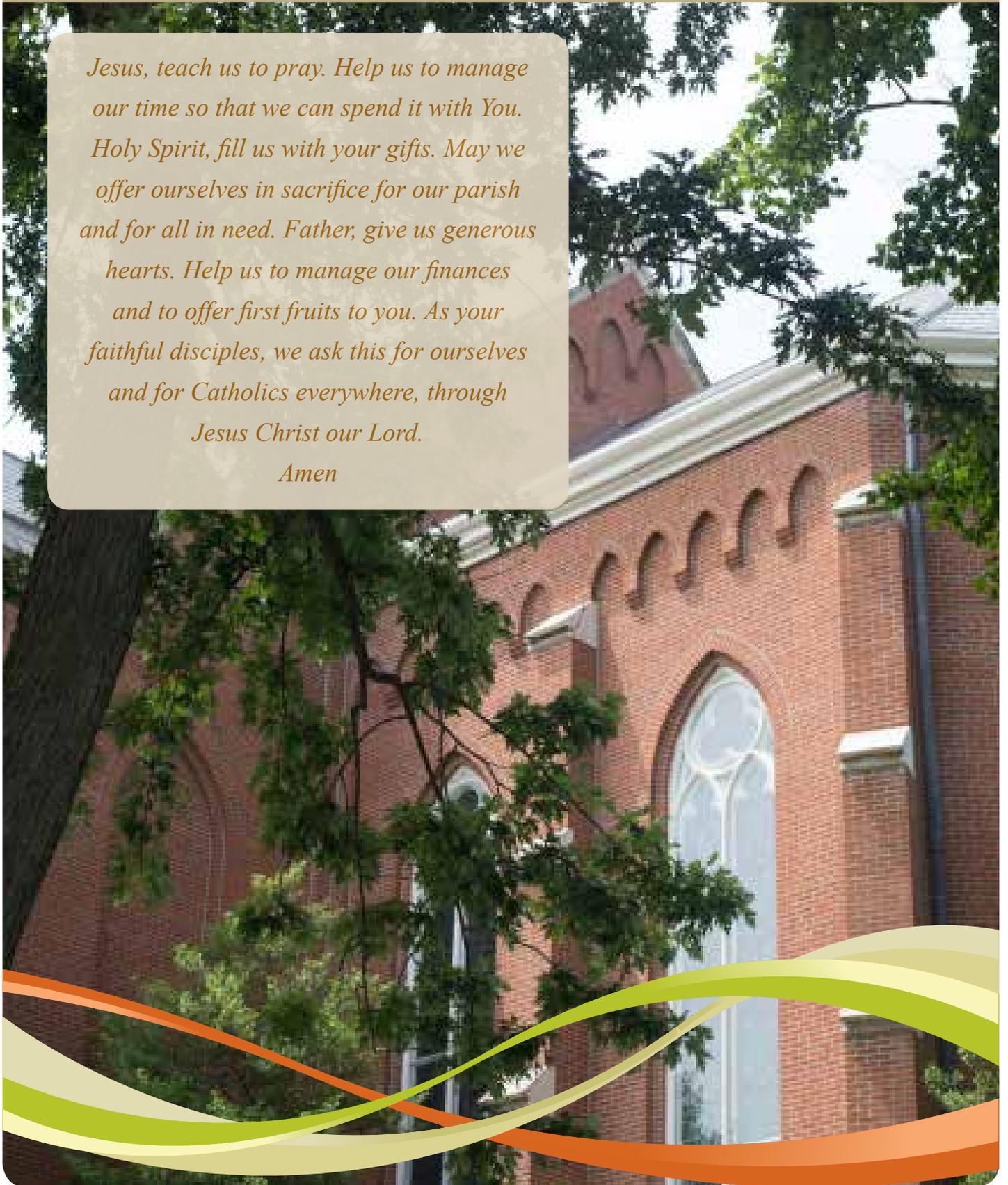


St. Francis Solanus

Stewardship Prayer

Jesus, teach us to pray. Help us to manage our time so that we can spend it with You. Holy Spirit, fill us with your gifts. May we offer ourselves in sacrifice for our parish and for all in need. Father, give us generous hearts. Help us to manage our finances and to offer first fruits to you. As your faithful disciples, we ask this for ourselves and for Catholics everywhere, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen





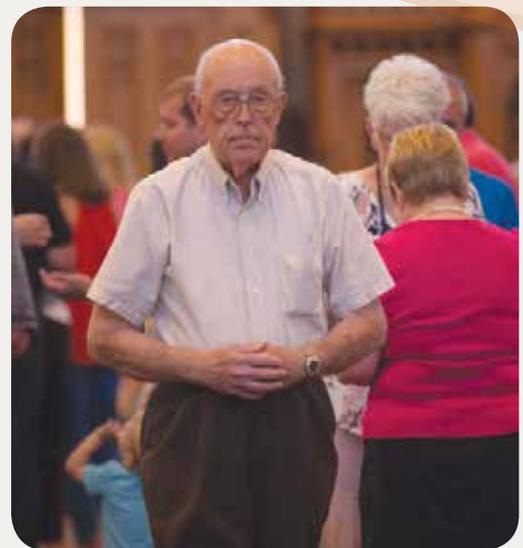
Prayer

Cultivating a Sustainable Relationship with Christ

“Our Father, who art in heaven...” “Hail Mary, full of grace...” “Bless us, O Lord, for these, thy gifts...”

These are the opening lines to a few prayers familiar to many Catholics. For some, these prayers sum up what it means to pray. But prayer can be so much more. Prayer is a gift given to us by God as a way to praise Him, seek His help, and ask His forgiveness. Prayer is, according to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, “the living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is good beyond measure, with his Son Jesus Christ and with the Holy Spirit” (CCC, 2565).

Prayer is a foundational component of the stewardship way of life. During this year’s Stewardship Renewal, as we commit the first fruits of our time, talent and treasure, our parish is paying special attention to prayer, and how each individual parishioner can grow in his or her prayer life.



“He prays too little who only prays when he is on his knees. But he never prays who, while on his knees, is in his heart roaming the fields.” — St. John Cassian



Stewardship of Time

Nurturing a Healthy Prayer Life

Before any fruit-bearing plant can yield a harvest, it must be nurtured and cultivated. The same is true for a healthy prayer life. A deep and lasting relationship with God does not happen overnight. It takes work, persistence and struggle before yielding a reward.

If you are new to prayer, start with small steps. Pope Francis encourages Catholics to set aside 15 minutes every morning to pray.

- Spend 5 minutes praising God, thanking Him for the blessings you have in your life.
- Spend the next 5 minutes asking God for His help and blessings on those you love.
- Finally, spend the last 5 minutes listening to Him. Read the daily scriptures found at usccb.org/bible/readings or on a Catholic phone app, such as iBreviary, Evangelizo, Magnificat or Divine Office, and be sure to listen to whatever God might be trying to tell you through those words.

For those with an already healthy prayer life, continue to find new ways to communicate with God. Stick to the “tried and true” methods of prayer – the types of prayer you are most comfortable with – but don’t be afraid to venture into new territory. Practices such as Lectio Divina, Liturgy of the Hours, or praising God through song are beautiful opportunities to step outside of your “comfort zone” in prayer.



Stewardship of Talent

Incorporating Prayer Into Daily Life

Prayer becomes much more effective and meaningful when it's tied to a part of daily life. Discern which methods of prayer align most closely with your individual talents and gifts.

Prayer doesn't have to be audible, it doesn't have to follow any rules; in fact, prayer doesn't even require words. St. John Chrysostom, Doctor of the Church, once referred to prayer as "a partnership and union with God." Throughout each day, strive to enter into union with God. Some situations lend themselves perfectly to prayer – the morning and evening commute, waiting in line at the store, or time spent preparing a meal. Arrange your day around opportunities for prayer, rather than squeezing prayer times in between your other activities. In just a short time, prayer will become an integral component of your daily life.

Incorporating Prayer

- Are you a natural-born public speaker? Consider becoming a lector and participate in a meaningful way in the celebration of Mass, the Church's most important prayer.
- Are you a compassionate person? Join a prayer ministry at our parish, praying for the intentions of those in our parish and community.
- Exercise the grace you've been given through the sacraments to share your faith with others, praying with them in their times of need.



Stewardship of Treasure

Finding Prayer in Financial Aspects of Life

Every moment of our lives is an opportunity to grow in our relationship with Christ – not just the time spent at Mass on Sundays. Prayer is the best way to do that. Even mundane tasks, or things that seem to have no connection to God, can be approached with prayer in mind. Our treasure is a great example of this idea.

We should approach everything in life – even our finances – with Christ in mind. How can we use our treasure to give glory to God? Does our monthly budget reveal areas of our lives that need adjusting? Has money become an idol? During this year’s Stewardship Renewal, prayerfully consider the ways in which you can share your treasure with the Church and all of God’s people.



Find the "Treasure" in Treasure

Like every gift God gives to us, our finances come with responsibility. We must use our money wisely and in ways that reflect our love for Christ. At St. Francis Solanus, we invite all parishioners to consider using their financial resources to support the Church according to the scriptural tithe in the following way:

5% to God through the offertory

1% to the Diocese

4% to other charities and causes

Deepening Stewardship Through Prayer

As we begin this year's Stewardship Renewal, ask the Holy Spirit to renew your heart and mold it into a heart of prayer. Discover how a life centered on prayer leads to a deeper relationship with Jesus. Prayerfully consider how God is calling you to use your time, talent and treasure and commit to those actions through filling out a Commitment Card.



Ministry Catalog

Adult Formation

Bible Study

Various bible studies are offered August through November and January through April. Contact Brad Kendrick for the current study being offered.
Brad Kendrick, 217-430-2593, bdken11.1@gmail.com

Catholics Returning Home

Catholics Returning Home is a program for inactive Catholics who want to return to the Church. It is held periodically and meets once a week over six consecutive weeks. Sessions include getting acquainted, faith sharing, and a review of basic Catholic teachings. The team is ready to listen to any concerns and confidentiality is maintained for all. All that is asked is to come with an open heart and mind.
Deacon Wayne Zimmerman, 217-222-4836, zimmw@comcast.net

Divorce & Beyond

This is an eight-week program for individuals recovering from the often-painful process of divorce, where participants meet to draw spiritual strength from each other in coping with their individual situations. The program is offered periodically on Monday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Bev Helkey, 217-242-8522, bk86201@hotmail.com

Evenings with Engaged

A marriage preparation program led by married couples and designed to provide engaged couples with good communication skills and an appreciation for the Sacrament of Matrimony through sessions that take place within the year of marriage preparation. Some training is offered.
John & Jayne Lammers, 217-223-5793, lammerjo@hotmail.com

RCIA Sponsor

People in the process of becoming Catholic are sometimes in need of a parish sponsor to accompany them on their faith journey. Those who volunteer to be sponsors attend sessions and help introduce and incorporate those in the process into parish life.
Mike Holbrook, 217-653-5555, holbrook6@gmail.com

RCIA Team Member

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process for people interested in joining the Catholic Church. Team members can help facilitate sessions, break open the Sunday Scriptures and share faith with those in the process. Sessions are held weekly and continue until the appropriate initiation rite is celebrated.
Mike Holbrook, 217-653-5555, holbrook6@gmail.com



Youth Formation

Liturgy of the Word for Children Leader

Children from kindergarten through fourth grade are dismissed with a catechist to experience their own Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 a.m. Mass from September through May. There is a rotation among the volunteer adults.
Holly Hummel, 217-222-2567, hummels4@comcast.net

PSR Catechist

The Parish School of Religion provides religious education for our parish children who attend the public schools in grades 1-8. Catechists facilitate the lesson each week with projects and activities. Two catechists are assigned to each class. Materials for classroom preparation are provided. Men and women are needed who desire to share faith and time with our young people.
Carol Seifert, 217-222-2898, cseifert57@gmail.com

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School teaches our children about their faith in a fun, activity-filled atmosphere. Usually held the third week of June, adult and junior high volunteers are needed to teach, lead small groups, prepare food, and help with crafts, games, and music.
Wendy Steinkamp, 217-224-3949, wsteinkamp@quincynotredame.org

Parish Life

Couples Prayer Group

The purpose of this group is to create a place to learn more about your faith and improve your prayer life with your spouse. It is not always easy to put God at the center in today's crazy world, but support always helps! We meet the first Thursday of

every month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. We have childcare provided for those who RSVP the number of children. Different couples lead every month. We have a Facebook page — search “St. Francis Couples Prayer Group.”

Tyler and Emily Wellman,
217-257-3536,
wellmanemilyr@yahoo.com

Fall Bazaar

Our parish hosts an annual Fall Bazaar in late October/early November. All parishioners and parish organizations are invited to attend and volunteer time working at the bazaar as well as set up and tear down after the bazaar. Especially needed are parishioners with talents in crafts and organizational skills.

Jennifer Arens, 217-430-5752,
jenkevarens@sbcglobal.net

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name is the charter group of Boy Scout Troup 22. All men of St. Francis Parish are members. Money is raised with a pancake and sausage breakfast on the last Sunday in October, the sale of fruit baskets at Christmas, a golf outing, and other events. All proceeds are given to the church, school, the Boy Scouts, and St. Francis Food Pantry. Each year on Ascension Thursday the men have a free dinner and a special speaker. Meetings are held three or four times a year.

John Benz, 217-440-0875,
jbenz@farmersnational.com

Ladies of St. Francis

All women of the parish ages 18 and up are invited to become involved in the Ladies of St. Francis. This social group enjoys an evening together the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m., complete with dinner, a program with entertainment, and an opportunity to grow in fellowship as Christian women. The Ladies also raise funds to help support the needs of the parish.

Barb Kuhn, 217-936-2235
Marcia Tushaus, 217-222-3370
Edna Trimble, 217-224-3957

Parish Picnic

The primary function of this group is to plan the Parish's Annual Picnic that is held in the month of June and includes food, games for children and adults, raffles, and music. The responsibilities are to participate and recruit volunteers to assist in the various game and food booths and other jobs related to the picnic. The group meets as needed during the year.
Steve & Jenny Eling, 217-779-0861,
bjb_44@hotmail.com
Dan & Brandy Willer, 217-257-5780,
wbrandy@hotmail.com

Quilters

Quilting is done each Thursday and sometimes on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Members give what time they have available during these hours. Two queen size quilts and two baby quilts are donated to St. Francis each year. New members are always welcome.

Rosemary Duesterhaus, 217-222-0827,
jrduesterhaus@sbcglobal.net
Teresa Hesse, 217-222-5485

Scouting

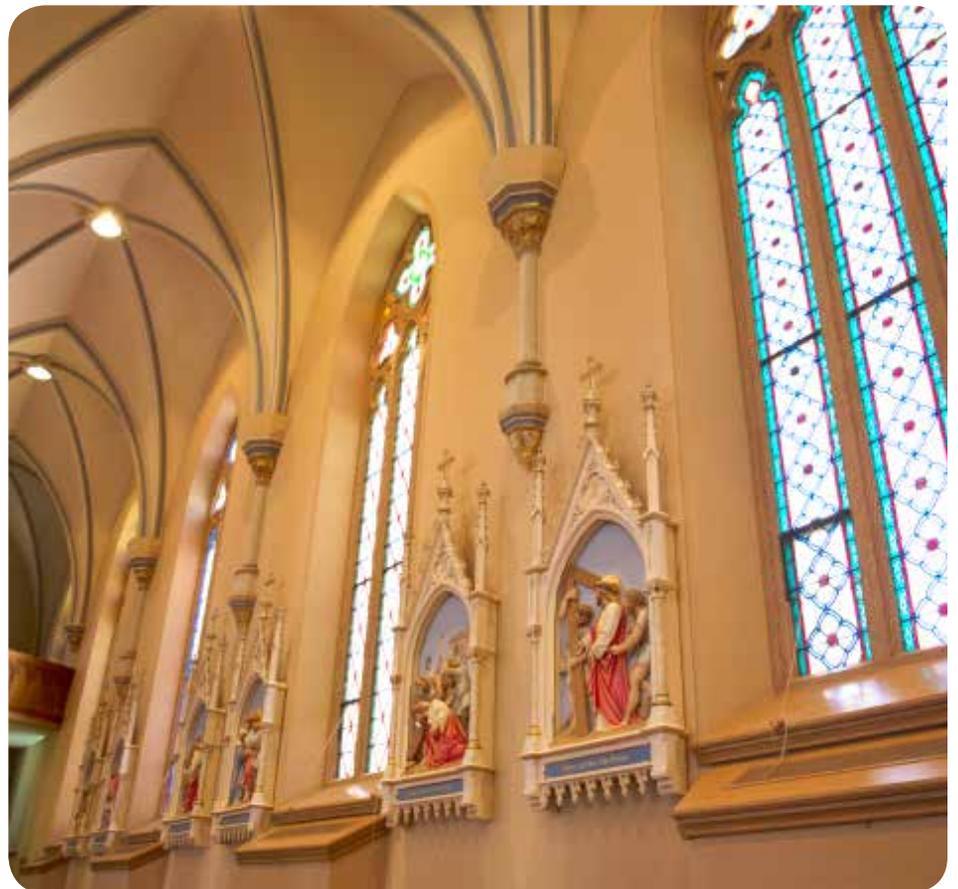
Both Boy and Girl Scout groups are available to foster physical, emotional, and spiritual development, as well as citizenship, teamwork, responsibility and leadership in our young people. Adult leaders and helpers are needed to support the programs and activities offered.

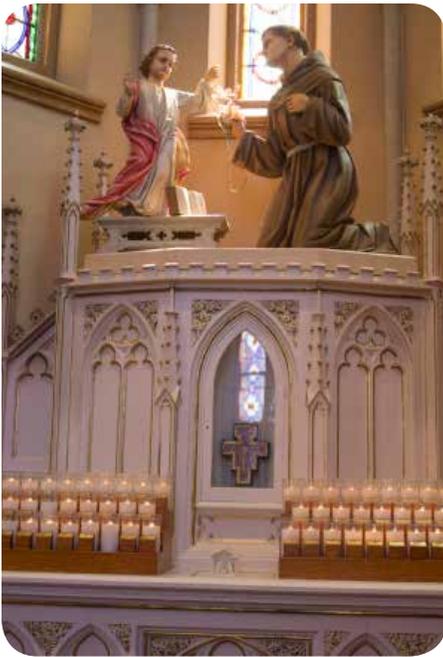
Boy Scouts: Ted Hea, 217-653-1178,
tedhea@yahoo.com
Cub Scouts: Jason Costigan,
217-430-7801,
jason.costigan@outlook.com
Girl Scouts: Alice Arnold, 217-440-6135,
beanie1217@gmail.com

Secular Franciscans

Secular Franciscans are the lay people's branch of the Franciscan Order begun by St. Francis of Assisi. Gatherings with prayer, formation, and fellowship are held the third Sunday of each month. All Catholics are invited.

Phyllis Maxwell, 217-223-2909,
cinsam@adams.net





St. Francis Community Assistance

Inspired by Gospel values, the St. Francis Community Assistance Ministry leads women and men to join together and grow spiritually by offering help to those in need. Services are provided to parishioners and to community members too. One of the main services is providing groceries to those who are in need through the parish food pantry. Some of the other services provided to parishioners include visiting those in nursing homes, sending birthday cards to those 80 years and older, providing sympathy Mass cards when a parishioner has lost a family member in death, delivering poinsettias to parishioners who are 90 and older, providing holiday food baskets/boxes to parishioners who are in need, and collecting bread from Panera to be shared with parishioners and food pantry recipients. The last Tuesday of each month a team of 12 ministry members help prepare and serve a meal at Horizons Soup Kitchen. Meetings are held quarterly the first Monday in March, June, September, and December at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Mary Beth McGee, 217-430-1533, ambmcgee1416@gmail.com

Young Moms Together

All Moms and their young children are invited to share a time of prayer and Scripture reflection, coffee and conversation. Form and strengthen friendships as you encourage each other to grow in the Catholic faith. Come whenever you can. The group meets two days per month during the first and third weeks of the month. It is held in Solanus Hall from 9 to 10:30 a.m. from mid-September through May.

Jane Haas, 217-257-0533, jfthaas@hotmail.com

Services

Angel Dusters

The “angels” help in the weekly cleanup of the church on Thursday mornings after 8 a.m. Mass. They maintain the areas of the vestibules, pews, sanctuary and sacristy.

Jean Jesberg, 217-223-1240

Austin’s Army

On Monday mornings, men of the parish assist with special projects around the church and school. From painting the old to building the new, men are needed to give of their handyman skills to restore and rebuild St. Francis Solanus.

Tom Rakers, 217-223-1428

Childcare

Volunteers are needed to care for children during some of the Parish events.

Martin (Mak) Makarewicz, 217-224-8668, mak.quincyappliance@yahoo.com

Flower Committee

To enhance liturgical celebrations and reflect the current liturgical season, our worship space is decorated with banners, flowers and art. Volunteers with artistic or interior design skills are needed to plan the space, as well as people who can assist with the physical needs of preparing our sanctuary for worship.

Doris Karhoff, 217-224-1516, mdkarhoff@yahoo.com

Funeral Dinners

As a service to the family who is grieving, our parish provides a dinner immediately following the funeral service. Often, these luncheons can be quite large, so many volunteers are needed to prepare food and serve the meal.

Marcia Tushaus, 217-222-3370

David Hildebrand, 217-455-3822

Helping Hands

A group of volunteers of all ages, sponsored by the Holy Name Society, are needed to assist families in the local community in need of light housework or yard work. We can also run short errands or just be good listeners!

Martin (Mak) Makarewicz,

217-224-8668,

mak.quincyappliance@yahoo.com

Hospitality Host/Hostess

Volunteers who would like to assist in hosting a dinner or refreshments for various parish events and/or provide baked goods or a dish for an event.

Marcia Steinkamp, 217-224-5665,

steinkamp1974@gmail.com

Parish Nursing Program

The Parish Nursing program assists parishioners in integrating faith and health. Activities include visits to parishioners in their homes, nursing homes and the hospital as needed. Blood pressure screenings are also done after Masses on designated weekends.

Helen Zimmerman, RN, BSN,

217-222-4836, zimmh@comcast.net

Rosary Makers

The Rosary Makers foster a devotion to Our Lady by making rosaries and placing them in the back of the church for all to use. Parishioners are invited to take them home and grow in their Marian devotion.

Phil & Sherry Kemner, 217-224-4911

Other Talents

If you have other talents you want to share with the parish, please write them in on your commitment card. Examples include gardening, grounds work, advertising, public relations, photography, graphic design, telephoning, etc.

Stewardship efforts of the parish, assist with the Stewardship Renewal, and follow up with leaders concerning ministry participation, meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

*Linda Rull, 651-269-8182,
linda.805@comcast.net*

*Marcia Steinkamp, 217-224-5665,
steinkamp1974@gmail.com*

Leadership Councils

Liturgy Planning Committee

The Liturgy Planning Committee collaborates with the Pastor on the spiritual and worship needs of the parish. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

*Joselyn Smith, 217-223-2302,
momcafun@yahoo.com*

*Cindy Reichert, 217-224-9694,
cindyr0814@yahoo.com*

Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council collaborates with the Pastor on the spiritual and social growth of the parish. It seeks to foster parish unity, assess parish needs, develop parish programs, coordinate parish activities, encourage parish participation in spiritual and apostolic life, and provide a forum for parish dialogue. The council meets on the third Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

*Martin "Mak" Makarewicz,
217-224-8668,
mak.quincyappliance@yahoo.com*

School Board

The school board advises and collaborates with the Pastor and the Principal on the needs of the parish grade school in areas of excellence in spiritual, academic and financial concerns. The board meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

*Ryan Klauser, 217-779-1115,
klauser3@yahoo.com*

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee is responsible for developing stewardship as a way of life at St. Francis. They evaluate the

Liturgical Ministries

Adult Funeral Mass Ministries

Adult volunteers fill the ministries of Mass as server, reader, and communion minister at parish funerals.

Jim Nauert, 217-223-7021

Altar Servers

The Altar Servers assist the Priest during Mass by participating in the entrance procession and presentation of the gifts, as well as holding the prayer books. This is open to boys and girls, fifth grade through high school as well as adults. Training is provided.

*Carol Seifert, 217-222-2898,
cseifert57@gmail.com*

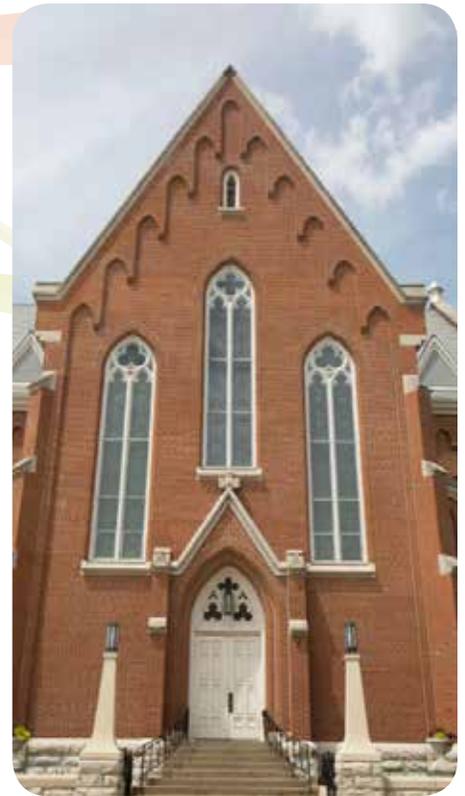
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

These ministers assist the priest and deacon with the distribution of the Holy Eucharist and Precious Blood at Mass. Ministers receive the opportunity for spiritual enrichment to help deepen their faith and reverence for the sacred presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Communion Ministers must be in full communion with the Church and must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. There is a rotation among those who offer their services.

*Steve & Geri McMillen, 217-222-6739,
stevelmcmillen@yahoo.com*

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick

Some members of our parish are unable to attend Mass due to age, illness or other circumstances that make them homebound or in a nursing facility. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are needed to



ensure these parishioners receive the Eucharist in their home, nursing facility or at Good Samaritan Home on Sunday mornings.

*Homebound: Carolyn Briddle,
217-222-0725*

*Nursing Homes: Geri McMillen,
217-222-6739,
stevelmcmillen@yahoo.com*

Gift Bearers

Families, couples, and individuals who would like to present the gifts of bread and wine at the preparation of the gifts on Sunday are asked to pick up the cross on the gift table and notify the ushers before Mass.

*Cindy Reichert, 217-224-9694,
cindyr0814@yahoo.com*

Good Samaritan Mass Group

This group of parishioners helps transport residents to and from the chapel at Good Samaritan Home. They also minister as readers, Communion ministers, and music ministers at Masses, which are on Thursdays at 10 a.m.

*Roger & Phyllis Knuffman,
217-223-9844, rkuffman@att.net*

Greeters

Greeters create a welcoming environment before Mass by offering a friendly greeting as newcomers and parishioners enter the church. Greeters receive persons attending with a smile and a friendly demeanor, helping those who need assistance.

*Cindy Reichert, 217-224-9694,
cindyr0814@yahoo.com*

Readers

Readers proclaim the Word of God at Mass in an inspiring and meaningful way. They carefully review the Scripture passages and practice reading them aloud before coming to church. Training is provided as needed and there is a rotation among those who offer their services.

*Janet Zeidler, 217-779-0290,
rzjz2010@hotmail.com*

Sacristans

Sacristans work behind the scenes to ensure that our liturgies run smoothly. They assist in preparation for Mass by setting out the sacred vessels, bread & wine, etc., for weekend Masses.

Fr. Don Blaese, 217-222-2898

Ushers

Men, women, and families serve at Mass by assisting people to their seat, collecting the offertory, and directing the flow of people during Communion every weekend.

*Kelvin Hufendick, 217-964-2550,
kwh@adams.net*

Music Ministry

Cantors and Musicians

Cantors and musicians lead the assembly in song during weekend Masses and on Holy Days. There is a rotation among those who offer their services. Please help lead our congregation in prayer! As St. Augustine once said, "Singing is praying, twice!"

*Roger Begley, 573-406-3933,
pipesounds@gmail.com*

Funeral Choir

Men and women available to sing weekdays or Saturday mornings for funerals are invited to join this choir.

*Mary Lou Rakers, 217-223-1428
Mary Ann Vonderhaar, 217-223-4152*

9:30 a.m. Mass Parish Choir

This choir is a group of dedicated men and women who give their time and talent to enhance the Liturgical Services of our parish. Many of our members have never sung in a choir before, but through commitment and rehearsals are able to develop their musical talents. Practices are held one half hour before the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. If you are willing to join in this challenging and rewarding experience, we welcome your interest and participation. The choir sings at the 9:30 a.m. Mass from September through May.

*Roger Begley, 573-406-3933,
pipesounds@gmail.com*

11:00 a.m. Mass Choral Groups — Adult & Youth

This group provides both vocal and instrumental music at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. There is both an adult group and a youth group. They take turns providing the liturgical music for this Mass. Groups practice twice a month.

*Jill Steinkamp, 217-228-9353,
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David Lunt, 217-224-4936,
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