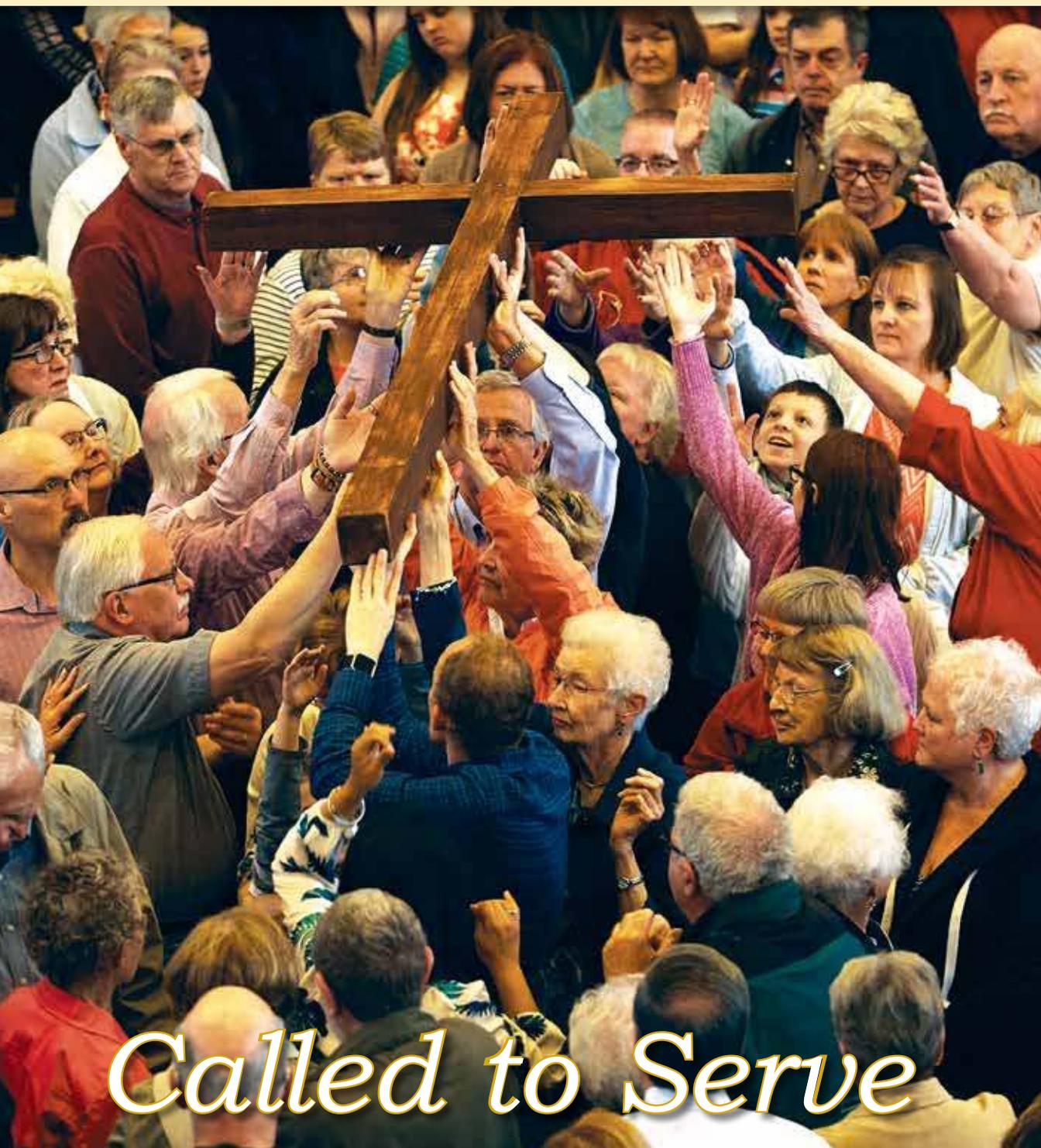


2019 STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL



Called to Serve

St. Francis Solanus



CALLED TO SERVE

“As I have done, so you must also do.” These were Christ’s words after He washed His apostle’s feet at the last supper. In this dramatic moment, Jesus called His followers to a life of humility and service. Helping others, especially the poor, is how we follow Christ’s command “to love your neighbor as yourself.”

During our Stewardship Renewal, we are focusing on the importance of service and having the heart of a servant. A servant goes where his master leads and responds without hesitation, ready and willing to do the will of the Master. With the right disposition, we can be ready for action when opportunity arises.

As many of us have discovered, service to others leads to peace and joy; we find that we are truly blessed when we give of ourselves. During this year’s Stewardship Renewal, let us turn to Christ for the grace to serve as He served and to love as He loved.

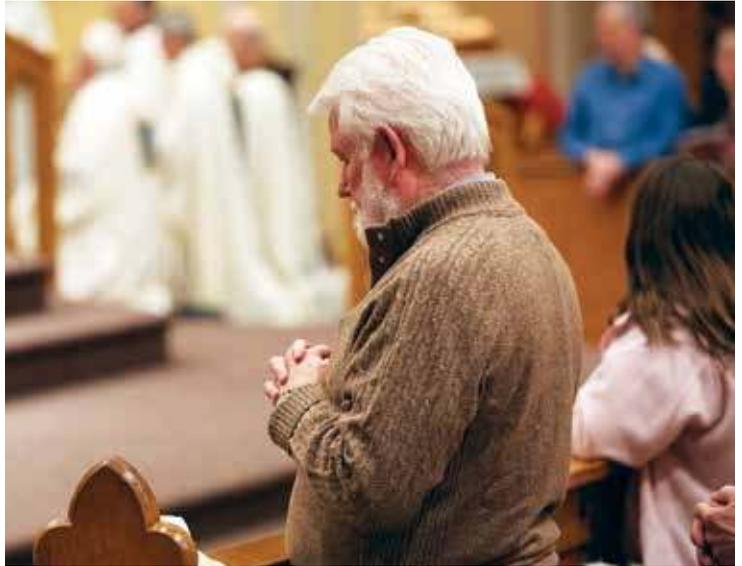


“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.”

— Matthew 25:35-36

THE LANGUAGE OF A SERVANT

Prayer is the lifeblood of a true disciple of Christ. Without a healthy relationship with our Savior, we can't hope to know His perfect will or the depths of His love. Take time in daily prayer with God, asking Him how you can best serve others. As you discern how God is calling you to give of your time this year, ask Him to transform your heart into that of a servant.



- Pope Francis encourages us to read the daily readings of the Catholic Church found at <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>, asking God how He would have you apply them to your life.
- Spend five minutes each morning, thanking Him for the ways He has graciously blessed you and then asking Him for help with your struggles.
- Pray with your children each night before bed, giving each family member an opportunity to pray for something and concluding with an *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and the *Glory Be*.
- Download and utilize Catholic phone and tablet apps, such as iBreviary, Magnificat, The Pope App or Divine Office.

*“Your word is a lamp
for my feet, a light
for my path.”*

— Psalm 119:105



THE ACTIONS OF A SERVANT



Talents are the gifts God has given us that enable us to serve Him. All talents or skills that we have can be used to give God glory and are equally important in His eyes. During this year's Stewardship Renewal, consider your own talents and ask God how you can best use them to serve Him through His people.

“Incline my heart according to your will, Oh God.”

— The Divine Office



Action steps

TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN SERVICE

- *Pray about how the gifts God has given you can best be used to serve others.*
- *Use your Commitment Card to find a ministry that will help you grow personally in understanding the faith as well as serving others.*
- *Commit to being faithful to God through those you serve in word and deed.*

THE SERVANT'S GIFT



In just the same way that we have received the gifts of time and talent from God, so have we received our treasure. While many of us have worked hard to earn the money in our pockets, His gifts to us are what have enabled us to do so. In grateful appreciation for His gifts to us, we are called to give our best, our “first fruits”, back to Him.

At our parish, we give to God in accordance with the scriptural tithe, and ask parishioners to give 5 percent of their income to God through the offertory, 4 percent to other charities, and 1 percent to the diocese. In this way, we entrust our plans and ourselves in a unique way to God and His providence in our lives. By placing Him first in our finances, we show Him that He is more important than any of the material goods we have in this world, and give Him power over all in our lives.

Ways to Give

GENEROUSLY TO GOD

- *Take a look at your current budget and spending habits and assess what expenses are preventing you from giving more selflessly.*
- *Commit to giving a percentage of your income to God through the parish offertory and be faithful to your tithing commitment, even when you attend Mass elsewhere.*



MINISTRY CATALOG

OPPORTUNITIES TO LIVE YOUR FAITH

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.

Contact: 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.

Contact: 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 7-8:30 p.m.

Contact: Julie Gunn, 217-257-5313, julie.gunn@comcast.net

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.

Contact: John and Jayne Lammers, 217-223-5793, lammerjo@hotmail.com

RCIA — Team Member/Sponsor

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the ancient process by which the Catholic Church initiates its new members. Team members can help by facilitating sessions, breaking open the Sunday Scriptures during the Sunday dismissal or assisting the RCIA coordinator. RCIA sponsors assist the candidates and catechumens by journeying alongside them during the process. Sponsors attend sessions and help introduce and incorporate those in the process into parish life. Sessions are held weekly, typically starting in the fall.

Contact: Mike Holbrook, 217-653-5555, mholbrook@stfrancissolanus.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.

Contact: *Kristy Henrichs, 217-653-6181, kristyhenrichs@outlook.com*

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. Materials for classroom preparation are provided. Men and women who desire to share faith and time with our young people are needed.

Contact: *Mike Holbrook, 217-653-5555, mholbrook@stfrancissolanus.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.

Contact: *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 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.”

Contact: *Tyler and Emily Wellman, 217-257-3536, wellmanemily@yahoo.com*

Holiday Bazaar

Our parish hosts an annual Holiday Bazaar the first weekend in December. 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. Parishioner donations of gift cards, theme baskets, and baked goods for the various booths are needed.

Contact: *Jennifer Arens, 217-430-5752, jenkevarens@yahoo.com*

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.

Contact: *Nathan Koettters, 217-242-9382, nrkoettters@gmail.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 group enjoys an evening together several times a year with dinner, a program with entertainment, and an opportunity to grow in fellowship as Christian women. The ladies also support the stewardship needs of the parish.

Contact: *Rita Lammers, 217-577-4205, ritabrinkman@gmail.com*

Parish Picnic

The primary function of this group is to plan the annual Parish 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.

Contact: Justin and Erin VonderHaar, 217-257-9011, astnurse2005@yahoo.com; Mike and Erin Schrage, 217-440-7469, meschrage@sbcglobal.net

Quilters

Quilting is done each Thursday and sometimes on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 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.

Contact: Rosemary Duesterhaus, 217-222-0827, jrduesterhaus@sbcglobal.net

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.

Contact: Troop 22 Boy Scouts — John Hamann, 217-617-1366, 22scouting@gmail.com; Pack 22 Cub Scouts — Jim Schuetz, 217 440-6780, jschuetz@gmail.com; Troop 225 BSA Girls Troop — Marsha Collins, 217 430-2828, mcollins@stfrancissolanus.com; Troop 5184 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.

Contact: Sylvia Collins, 217-222-3852





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 both parishioners and community members. 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.

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

Young Moms Together

All moms and their young children are invited to share coffee, conversation, a time of prayer and Scripture reflection, while forming and strengthening friendships. Come whenever you can. The group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. It is held in Solanus Hall from 9 to 10:30 a.m. from mid-September through May.

Contact: 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.

Contact: 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.

Contact: Tom Rakers, 217-316-3834

Little Lambs Childcare

Beginning Sunday, September 8th 2019, childcare for young children ages 1-5 will be offered during 9:30 Mass in the small conference room on the west side of the Parish Center. Contact us for more information or if you’d like to help volunteer. Student helpers would be appreciated.

Contact: Liz Gengenbacher, 217-257-5369, lizgengenbacher@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.

Contact: 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.

Contact: 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 light yard work. We can also run short errands or just be good listeners!

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

Hospitality Host/Hostess

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

Contact: Linda Zanger, 217-257-8227, mikezanger09@comcast.net; Marcia Steinkamp, 217-440-9581, 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.

Contact: 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.

Contact: Phil and 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.

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.

Contact: Joselyn Smith, 217-653-3021, joselynsmith62301@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.

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

Stewardship Committee

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

*Contact: Linda Rull, 651-269-8182,
linda.805@comcast.net;
Marcia Steinkamp, 217-224-5665,
steinkamp1974@gmail.com*

Liturgical Ministries

Adult Funeral Mass Servers

Adult volunteers fill the ministries of Mass as server, reader and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at parish funerals. An excellent opportunity for retired, men, women or couples, to offer about an hour and a half occasionally. Training will be provided. You are contacted on a rotational basis when there is a funeral, to see if you are available to

serve the funeral Mass. This is a great rewarding ministry to help families that lost a loved one.

Contact: 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.

*Contact: Mike Holbrook, 217-222-2898,
mholbrook@stfrancissolanus.com;
Fr. Bob Barko, O.F.M., 217-222-2898,
rjbarko@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.

*Contact: Steve and 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.

*Contact: 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.

Contact: 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.

Contact: Roger and Phyllis Knuffman, 217-223-9844, rknuffman@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.

Contact: 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.

Contact: 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 and wine, etc., for weekend and weekday Masses.

Contact: Fr. Don Blaeser, 217-222-2898, Trailblaeser@aol.com



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. The ushers likewise ask families or individuals to bring up the gifts at the Preparation of the Gifts. The ushers are also keenly aware of security concerns and are prepared to make contact with authorities, should the need arise.

Contact: Usher Coordinator — Kelvin Hufendick, 217-964-2550, kwh@adams.net; Security liaison for ushers — Ron Gengenbacher, 217-316-6837, rong76@hotmail.com

Music Ministries

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!"

Contact: 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.

Contact: Mary Lou Rakers, 217-653-0337; 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.

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

11 a.m. Mass Youth Choir

This group is open to students in grades 5-12 and provides both vocal and instrumental music at the 11 a.m. Mass on the fourth Sunday of each month. Practices are twice a month on Fridays after school.

Contact: Jill Steinkamp, 217-228-9353, nsteinkamp@sbcglobal.net

School Ministries

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.

Contact: Amanda Garnett, 217-430-0113, amanda.garnett@dot.foods.com

St. Francis School Parent & Teacher Organization (PTO) (Formerly, Home & School Assn.)

PTO is a group of parents and teachers, and is intended to be a vehicle through which families and the school can work together in a spirit of harmony and teamwork to develop, promote and

protect the vision and mission of the school. Throughout the school year, they coordinate programs, services and fundraisers that enhance the quality of the school. All parents and staff are welcome to join this organization and earn service hours while working on this ministry. If you want to help make our parish school the best it can be, join PTO!

Contact: Erin Vonderhaar, 217-257-9011, astnurse2005@yahoo.com;

Solanus Saints

Solanus Saints is a group of parishioners whose mission is to help every student in our school reach his or her full potential. We mentor and tutor students who need extra help; assist in classrooms so teachers can focus on a student or group of students; help after school running copies, making bulletin boards, and assembling projects. If you are a retired teacher willing to tutor and mentor a student, a parishioner who could listen to a student read or work on math, or someone who wants to offer after-hours support assembling projects or making copies, Solanus Saints is a wonderful way to minister to St. Francis School.

Contact: Julie Schuetz, 217-440-6781, jasschuetz@gmail.com



School Landscaping

This committee of volunteers would be responsible for the seasonal care of the school grounds. Tasks may include planting and watering of flowers, trimming of bushes and planting grass where needed. This group may also clean memorial stones and plaques that are positioned by the side of the building. We would like to project a positive curb appeal to our visitors.

Contact: Judy Patterson in the school office,
217-222-4077

Catholic Organizations and Ministries in our Community

Birthright of Quincy

Birthright of Quincy is a non-profit, non-judgmental, non-denominational service organization operated completely by volunteers. The mission of Birthright of Quincy is to offer basic emotional and practical support that every pregnant woman and girl needs in order for her to bring her child into the world and beyond. Birthright also provides support they need to make educated and responsible decisions regarding their future and that of their babies. Visit www.birthrightquincyil.org for more information.

Contact: Patty Adam 217-440-8388,
pattybilla@att.net;
Birthright of Quincy 217-224-1277



Cursillo

The Cursillo Movement is a powerful instrument of renewal in the Church. Its aim is to concentrate on the Person and teachings of Jesus Christ. It begins on Thursday evening and ends the following Sunday night with those attending working together and listening to talks given by priests and lay persons.

Contact: Larry or Rita Frese, 217-936-2740,
rsfrese@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus Council #583 is a fraternal organization. The Knights are organized into a series of degrees for members based on their four basic principles — Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The Knights have been well known for service through the years. Visit www.quincykofc.org for more information.

Contact: John Veith, 217 653-0258,
veithj76@gmail.com

Ladies of Charity

The Ladies of Charity is a Vincentian organization whose motto is “To serve rather than be served, in humility, simplicity, and charity.” The purpose is to assist the poor. Volunteers staff a Center at 4th and State, where items are distributed for free, on Mondays and Fridays. Ladies of Charity volunteers also staff a Thrift Store at 24th and Elm, where donated items are sold from Tuesday through Saturday.

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

Quest

Great River Quest is a very fast-paced 24-hour retreat for eighth through 10th-graders! The youth learn about God, friendship and self, all while praying, playing and sharing in an exciting, fun-filled and thoughtful environment. These retreats are guided by adults and other teens. Visit www.greatrivertec.org for more information.

Contact: Caroline Wiewel, 217-430-6086, grquestcoordinator@gmail.com

Right to Life of Adams County

Our mission is the education of the public on pro-life issues. Our main focus is the abortion issue. Volunteer opportunities include: helping at our booth at the Adams County Fair, helping at our annual dinner in October, helping promote our Pennies for Life campaign in the churches, and becoming a board member.

Contact: Lynn Schlipmann, 217 223-6658, lschlipmann@yahoo.com

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)

Great River Teens Encounter Christ is a three-day weekend retreat for teens age 16-21, with focus on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Teams of adults, young adults and teens help guide participants by sharing their experiences — struggles, joy and feelings — in their own lives and friendship with Jesus Christ. Visit www.greatrivertec.org for more information.

Contact: Kim Knotts, Coordinator, 217-779-3528, teccoordinator@gmail.com



White House Retreats

The White House Jesuit Retreat Center in the South County area of St. Louis offers two and three-day silent retreats for both men and women. Retreats are based on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. Private accommodations and family-style meals are furnished for the retreatants.

Contact: John Farwell, 217-222-3330, jcmkfarwell@gmail.com



Stewardship Involves Commitment

All parishioners are encouraged to participate in our annual Stewardship Renewal. Please take the time to review the materials in this packet, and prayerfully consider how you can offer Christ a portion of your time, talent, and treasure this year. Then, take a few moments to fill out the enclosed Commitment Card. The Commitment Card enables you to make a written commitment to God of how and where you desire to place Him first.

Please return the completed card during Mass on the weekend of October 19/20. Thank you for your participation in the life of our parish community.

Please note: We have new Youth cards for those in grades 5-12. They are not included with this packet but will be distributed at St. Francis School, PSR, or be available at the church.



Called to Serve
St. Francis Solanus
2019 Commitment Card
My Offering of Time, Talent & Treasure

Recent Contact Change

First & Last Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Spouse: First & Last Name _____
Spouse: Phone _____
Spouse: Email _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Please bring your completed Commitment Card with you to Mass on **Oct. 19/20**, mail it to the parish office using the enclosed envelope or fill it out online at www.stfrancissolanus.com.
Thanks and God bless you!

Time

Spending Time with God in Prayer

Using my time on earth wisely; making time for personal prayer, family prayer and quality time with friends and loved ones.

Please check the circle next to your prayer commitments:

Attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day
 Attend weekday Mass at least once a week
 Spend one hour a week in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 Write a friend or acquaintance to Mass
 Pray together with my family
 Discuss our Catholic Faith with my children
 Read the Bible for a half hour a week
 Spend 15 minutes a day in personal prayer
 Attend the Rosary at least once a week
 Attend Monday evening Rosary in the parish's Choir
 Go to confession at least every other month
 Pray extra time with my spouse each day for my country daily
 Pray for an increase in vocations
 Pray for our priests
 Pray for persecuted Christians
 Pray for life from conception to natural death
 Pray for those serving in the military
 Pray for Fallen-Away Catholics

Talent

Using My Talents in Parish Ministries

Using my God-given abilities to strengthen the Church and help others, especially through parish ministries and activities.

Continue Involvement Interested in Joining

Clearly write the first name(s) of interested family member(s) on the line.

ADULT FORMATION

Bible Study
 Catholics Returning Home
 Divorce & Beyond
 Evenings with Engaged
 RCIA — Team Member/Sponsor

YOUTH FORMATION

Liturgy of the Word for Children Leader
 PSR Catechist
 Vacation Bible School Adult or Teen Volunteer

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Couples Prayer Group
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Treasure

Making a Consistent Gift to the Offertory

In thanksgiving for God's gifts, each household at St. Francis Solanus is asked to give a specific percentage of income based on the 10% biblical tithing:

5% to St. Francis Solanus
1% to the diocese and
4% to other charities

My Offertory pledge to St. Francis Solanus:

Please complete either a weekly or monthly offertory gift:

Weekly gift: \$ _____ x52 = \$ _____ annually
 OR
 Monthly gift: \$ _____ x12 = \$ _____ annually

Contact me about on-line electronic giving options.
 My pledge involves a change to my online giving.

Weekly giving based on proportion of income

At St. Francis Solanus each household is asked to work toward giving 5% of their income to the parish. Some families may have difficulty reaching this goal at first. If so, try increasing your weekly gift incrementally until you reach an amount that you know is right for you.

Weekly Giving Chart

% of Hshld Income:	Amount of Weekly Gift			
	10%	5%	4%	1%
Household Income	\$58	\$29	\$23	\$6
\$30,000	\$96	\$48	\$38	\$10
\$50,000	\$135	\$67	\$54	\$14
\$100,000	\$192	\$96	\$76	\$19



Please keep until Fall 2020

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