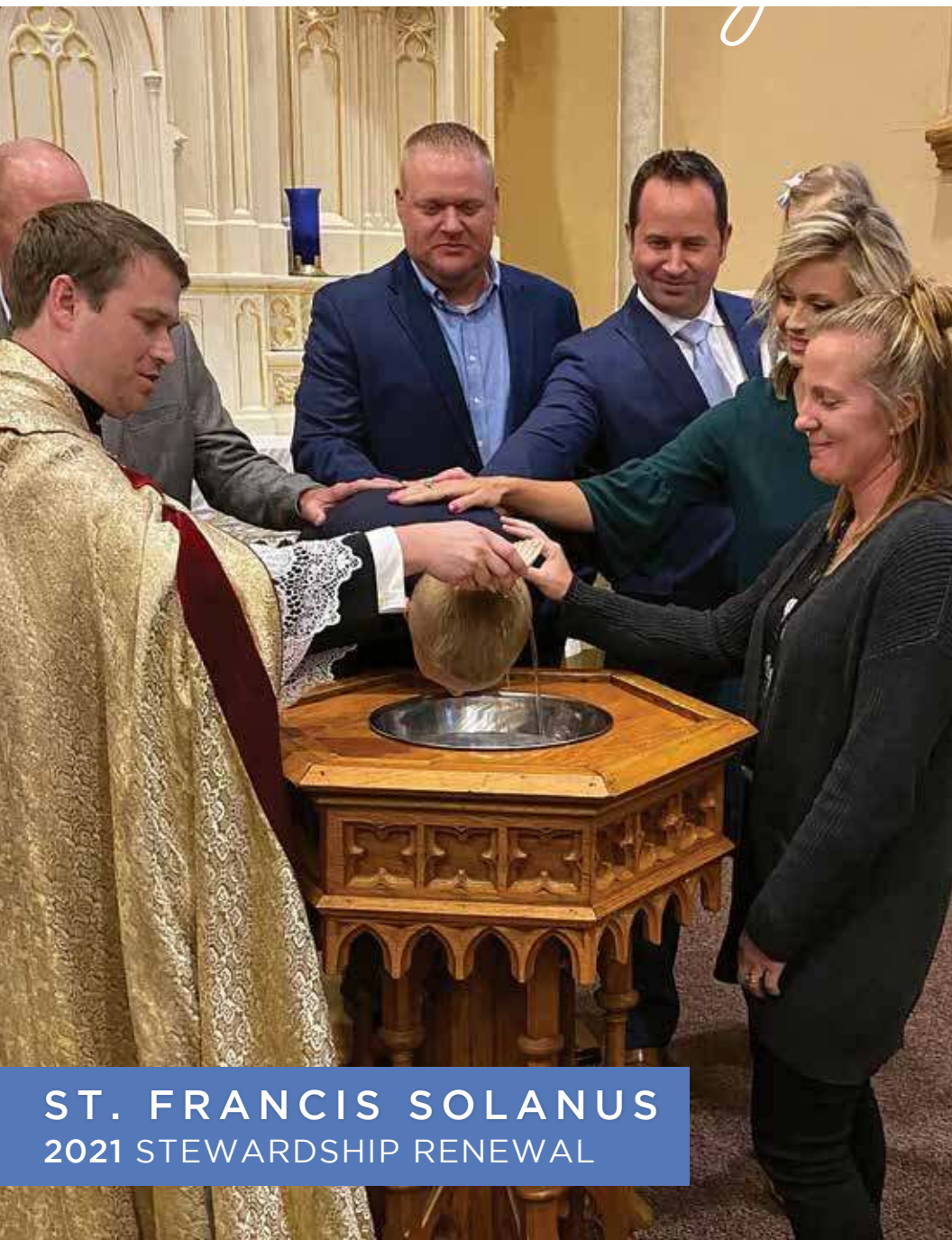


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TO *Belong*



ST. FRANCIS SOLANUS
2021 STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

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From the Church's earliest beginnings, Christians have built tight-knit communities. In the early Church, *koinonia*, or community, was a word with enormous significance. It evoked strong feelings of hospitality and belonging between those who had committed themselves to live as disciples of Christ. The early Church consisted of these groups of people who lived together, ate together and were willing to die for each other. This is the foundation upon which our Christian sense of community is built.



A Core Christian Value

Here at St. Francis Solanus, we want to help every individual to know that they are welcome and wanted as a part of our Catholic family. The presence of hospitality can make a newcomer or a returning member of the church feel at home. Friends are welcomed with open arms and warm smiles. Visitors feel the genuine love present in a hearty "Welcome!" Family members do not visit; they belong.

In terms of stewardship, hospitality is an immensely important concept. The truth is, if someone doesn't feel like they are wanted and appreciated, how will they receive the love of God through us? Hospitality opens the door to a person's heart and allows him or her to receive joy, grace and love. For St. Francis Solanus to continue to grow as a stewardship community, we must help everyone who walks through our doors feel like they truly have come home. We must make hospitality a cornerstone.

"So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone." — Eph 2:19-20

Stewardship of TIME

While many of us understand that prayer is an important element of the Christian life, most of us admit that it's difficult to find a quiet moment to spend with God.



As Christians, we must remember that we cannot give what we do not have. In order for us to welcome others into the life of the Church, we need to make sure that our spiritual lives are properly in order. To become a more prayerful person, take inventory of how you spend the 168 hours in the week. Are you taking time to talk to God in prayer, to speak with Him as you would a friend? Are you seeking His truth through reading the Scriptures? Will you make Him first on your priority list so that you are able to give to others from the graces He has given you?

Maintaining A Healthy Prayer Life:

- Pope Francis encourages all Catholics to spend time in daily prayer, thanking God for His blessings, asking for His help in difficult circumstances and reading Scripture.
- Receive spiritual nourishment in the Eucharist at least every Sunday.
- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a regular basis and asking God for the grace to live a life of holiness.

Helpful Prayer Resources

- My Parish App - St. Francis Solanus (Daily readings, reflections, prayers, prayer reminders and requests)
- Catholic phone or tablet apps: Word on Fire, Today's Saint, Bible in One Year, iBreviary, Magnificat, Divine Office or The Pope App (news and homilies from Pope Francis)
- Websites: usccb.org/bible/readings (daily readings of the Catholic Church), Vatican.va (The Vatican and Holy See)

Stewardship of TALENT

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Peter 4:10). Each of us has received gifts from God that we are to use in humble service. While many of us may not recognize the skills or abilities we have as gifts, they are a means by which we can give glory to God through serving each other. At St. Francis Solanus, our ministries provide opportunities for us to serve God and others. From a warm smile to giving someone a warm meal, we are able to welcome others into the family of God by being Christ to them. Reaching out in love, while sometimes difficult, can be quite spiritually enriching! Will you take the time to ask God how you can best serve Him through the service of His children?

Ways to Welcome and Serve Others:

- Pray about how your gifts can best be used to help others feel welcome.
- Sign up for a parish ministry that stretches you to put others’ needs before your own.
- Greet our fellow parishioners before or after Mass, introducing yourself to unfamiliar faces.



“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service, but the same Lord... To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.”

— 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Stewardship of TREASURE



Throughout Scripture, we are taught to give to God our “first fruits” or the “choicest portion.” In modern speech, we might say that the first “line item” in the family budget should be returning a portion of our income to God. Both symbolically and in actuality, this is a powerful expression of God’s place in your life. “Where your treasure is, there also lies your heart” (Matthew 6:21). Will you take some time to reassess how you prioritize God in your finances?

Reasons to Tithe

Why give a percentage of income?

We give the tithe (which means 10% of one’s harvest or income) because it is a scriptural benchmark that has been honored since the early Church (see Malachi 3:10).

Working Toward Giving the Tithe

6% to the church support

4% to other charities

If you have difficulty reaching your goal of the tithe, try increasing your giving incrementally, by one or two percent of income each year. Over time, you will find that the tithe is a reasonable goal that can be reached. Most importantly, you will know that you have been faithful in placing God first in everything, even in your finances.

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

DIVORCE & BEYOND

This is an eight-week program for individuals looking to address the traumatic effects of divorce. Participants meet weekly and work to heal the wounds caused by divorce through collaboration and discussion. This program is designed for people who have finalized their divorce.

Contact: Drew and Julie Erwin,
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

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Whether you realize it or not, money affects everything — your health, job, future, and most importantly, nearly every relationship you have (including with your Heavenly Father). And when your finances feel out of control, your life does too. Too often we allow money to get us out of whack! Participating in this ministry teaches parishioners the

precise steps to take to gain control of their finances. By leading a nine-week course of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, you will be empowering our brothers and sister to be better stewards of the financial gifts God has blessed them with.

Contact: Rick Gengenbacher,
217-257-5670, rgenfam@yahoo.com

HEALING AFTER LOSS — GRIEF SUPPORT

The group will begin in the fall of 2021. Whether the loss is recent or a long time ago, healing can continue through the strength found in prayer and the love of others. We are offering an opportunity to be what is needed for the group that gathers. We will use resources available to us and each other as we share and pray together and find comfort in scripture, memories and support of our fellow Catholics.

Contact: Deacon Dennis Holbrook or Pat Holbrook, 217-257-2570,
dennispat717@gmail.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, 217 222-2898, x108,
mholbrook@stfrancissolanus.com

WOMEN'S SAINT STUDY

"Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be" — St. Therese of Lisieux, patron saint of the Women's Saint Study. This new ministry began with the hope of creating a community echoing the words of St. Therese of Lisieux. The goal of the Women's Saint Study is to create an opportunity for women of all different walks of life to come together and help each other strive for more virtuous lives looking to the saints as our example. All are welcome to come join us at any time in this walk together. We meet for book discussion, prayer, appetizers, and fellowship the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring a friend! An introductory meeting to our next book study, *I Believe in Love* by Fr. Jean C.J. d'Elbee on the teachings of St. Therese of Lisieux, will begin January 2022.

Contact: Karen Weiman, 217-242-5513,
karenweiman@yahoo.com;
Kelli Lunt, 217-617-1566

Youth Formation

IGNITE

Ignite is a youth group open to youth in sixth through 12th grades. On Sunday nights, we engage in fellowship and learning about our faith through discussion, games, praise and worship, and more!

Contact: Parish Office, 217-222-2898

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN LEADER

Children from pre-kindergarten through fourth grade are dismissed with a catechist to experience their own Liturgy of the Word at the 9 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 first through eighth grades. 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, 217 222-2898, x108,
mholbrook@stfrancissolanus.com

SOCIETY OF ST. JOHN PAUL II

This a group for high schoolers that meets on Saturday nights. We grow in our faith through Lectio Divina, Bible studies, and other forms of public prayer. We also help each other grow in our relationship with Jesus by forming friendships that are centered on Christ through various different fellowship activities.

Contact: Parish Office, 217-222-2898

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School teaches our children about their faith in a fun, activity-filled atmosphere. Usually held the week after Father's Day in June, adult, high school and junior high volunteers are needed to teach, lead small groups, prepare food, and help with crafts, games and music.

Contact: Lydia Spillman, 217-222-4077,
lspillman@stfrancissolanus.com

YOUTH MINISTRY ADULT VOLUNTEERS

The Youth Ministry program in our parish is aimed towards helping to form our youth into intentional disciples of Jesus Christ. The focus is to evangelize, catechize, and to teach our young people to do the same by being witnesses to the Good News in their daily lives. We are looking for

adults to help foster an environment which puts emphasis on this group mission. Ideally, our volunteers are comfortable with being around and talking to people between ages 11-18 and are open to growing in their own faith. Our two youth groups meet on Saturday and Sunday nights. You may also be asked to help with summer programs, such as VBS or Totus Tuus.

Contact: Parish Office, 217-222-2898

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 third Sunday of every month after the 11 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center. Children welcome. Different couples lead every month. We have a Facebook page — search "St. Francis Couples Prayer Group."

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

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

All men of St. Francis Parish are members. We enjoy spending time together while we raise money from such events such as the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on the third Sunday in October, Ash Wednesday Fish Fry, Palm Sunday Chicken Dinner, a golf outing, and other events. All proceeds are given to the church, school, the Boy Scouts and St. Francis Food Pantry. The Holy Name is the charter group for Boy Scout Troop 22 and BSA Girls Troop 225. Each year on Ascension Thursday, the men have

a free dinner and a speaker. Please come to a meeting to join us the second Wednesday of the month.

Contact: Steve Obert, 217-577-4040, stevenobert@att.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

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Feeling welcome at our parish once you have registered is key to becoming active in our parish. This ministry is newly formed and is seeking volunteers who will be a friend to those who are new to our parish. A ministry Coordinator is needed to work with the parish office, the new members, and the volunteers. In addition, there are plans to have two events each year that new members will be invited to attend.

Contact: Parish Office, 217-222-2898, parishcomm@stfrancissolanus.com

QUILTERS

Quilting is done each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and sometimes on Tuesdays mornings from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.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. The group does hand quilting, machine quilt piecing, and machine sewing. Come try our group — we

visit while we quilt, and we will teach you how to quilt.

Contact: *Minnie Jo Glisan, 217-222-6727, MJG41916@gmail.com;*
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 — Keith Wiemelt, 217-257-8376, kbwiemelt@gmail.com;
Troop 225 BSA Girls Troop — Marsha Collins, 217-430-2828, mcollins@stfrancissolanus.com;
Girl Scouts — Alice Arnold, 217-440-6135, beanie1217@gmail.com

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. Ministry members are now stocking 15 nooks (mini food pantries) in the Quincy area, that can be done at the ministry member's convenience. The last Tuesday of each month, a team of 12 ministry members helps 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: *Sarah Venvertloh, 217-577-6490, zanger_s@yahoo.com*

Parish Life — Annual Events

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: *Angel Miranda, 217-316-0038, angel_miranda0504@yahoo.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: *Chris and Reagan Costigan, 217-209-4849, rcostigan@quincyrecycle.com; Keith and Bonnie Wiemelt, 217-209-2560, kbwiemelt@hotmail.com; Russ and Terri Rohrer, 217-617-7778*

Services

ANGEL DUSTERS

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

Contact: *Jan Smith, 217-440-6226, janboz48@yahoo.com*

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, rakersml@hotmail.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. Multiple teams care for Monday through Saturday dinners. Additional teams are needed to prepare and serve a meal.

Contact: *Marcia Tushaus, 217-222-3370; David Hildebrand, 217-455-3822*

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*

LITTLE LAMBS CHILDCARE

Childcare for young children ages 1-3 will be offered during 9 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center. Contact us for more information or if you'd like to help volunteer. Student helpers are welcome as well!

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

Contact: parishcomm@stfrancissolanus.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.

Contact: Joselyn Cafun, 217-653-3021,
momcafun@yahoo.com;

Cindy Reichert, 217-257-1627,
cindy0814@yahoo.com

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council collaborates with the pastor on the spiritual and social growth of our parish community, as well as our extended "neighbor community." It seeks to assess needs, and foster unity through the development of small-group programs/activities which encourage evangelization and discipleship in our daily spiritual and apostolic life. It also provides a forum for "parish community" dialogue.

Contact: Monica Hinkamper, 217-653-6400,
10isfam@sbcglobal.net

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

The Stewardship Council is responsible for growing 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: 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 occasionally offer about an hour and a half. 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 who have 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: Misty Cramsey, 217-242-5601,
misty.cramsey@yahoo.com

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

These ministers assist the priest and deacon with the distribution of the Holy Eucharist 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, or nursing facility.

Contact: Homebound — Carolyn Briddle, 217-222-0725;

Nursing Homes — Geri McMillen, 217-222-6739, gerimcmillen@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.

Contact: Cindy Reichert, 217-257-1627, 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; Bobbi Talken, 217-223-4788

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, 217-257-1627, 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. Arisman, 217-222-2898, sarisman@stfrancissolanus.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

St. Augustine once said, "Singing is praying, twice!"

9 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 weekly rehearsals, are able to develop their musical talents. The choir primarily sings at the 9 a.m. Mass.

Contact: Jill Steinkamp, 217-257-2253,
jsteinkamp@stfrancissolanus.com

11 A.M. MASS YOUTH CHOIR

This group is open to students in fifth through 12th grades 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, 217-257-2253,
jsteinkamp@stfrancissolanus.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,
rakersml@hotmail.com;
Mary Ann VonderHaar, 217-223-4152

Prayer Ministry

MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed every Monday night at 7 p.m. in the Friars Chapel. Enter the north side of church at the door marked Private. Come join us.

Contact: Phil and Sherry Kemner,
217-224-4911

PRAYER CHAIN

The Prayer Chain is for those who are willing to pray for prayer intentions

when you are notified via email or text. An option for a phone call chain can be set up. In addition, all will be invited to meet once per month to pray for, and write cards to people who have prayer requests. Those who join this Ministry can expect to act on the Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Contact: Prudy Patterson, 217-257-1177;
Cindy Reichert, 217-257-1627,
cindyr0814@yahoo.com

SEVEN SISTERS OF THE APOSTOLATE

A group of seven women who commit to praying for our priests one hour each week. We join our hearts and are committed to praying for our priests. One sister is assigned a day of the week to dedicate one hour of prayer for a priest. We want to have two groups, one for Fr. Arisman, and one group for Fr. Beagles. You are committed to a particular day of the week but not to a particular hour or place. There is a need for substitutes as well, in case one of the core group cannot offer prayer on their assigned day.

Contact: Pat Holbrook, 217-257-2570,
dennispat717@gmail.com

School Ministries

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: Tom Friye, 217-223-6490,
ntfriye@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 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 writing lessons, or someone who wants to offer support assembling projects or making copies, Solanus Saints is a wonderful way to minister to St. Francis School.

Contact: Maureen Makarewicz,
217-224-8668, mrsmak45@gmail.com

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL PARENT & TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

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



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

BLANKET PROJECT

A ministry of making relatively simple quilts, by piecing together squares of fabric, and tying (rather than quilting) to complete. Blanket Project volunteers provide over 200 quilts per year to the Ladies of Charity, to be distributed to those in need who visit their Center. Volunteers gather in the Parish Hall basement from 8:30-2:30 on occasional Mondays, and also cut and sew squares at home.

Contact: Alice Peters, 217-223-5718

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: Russ and Terri Rohrer,
217-617-7778, trohrer@earthlink.net

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,
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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,
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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,
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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, 217-653-0075,
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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: Kelli Lunt, Executive Director,
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THE BELONGING

The Belonging is a Catholic young adult group for people 18-29 years old in the Quincy area. We are working together to find our home in Christ, the Catholic Church, and the Sacraments. We focus our meetings around the Church's teachings and traditions, prayer, service, and fellowship. We meet every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in the St. Francis Parish Center. 2 Corinthians 5:9 "So we make it our goal to please Him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it."

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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 Venegoni, 217-430-2234,
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Time to COMMIT

The famous Christian author, C.S. Lewis, once wrote, “A person whose hands are full of parcels cannot receive a gift.” Stewardship is a life-long conversion of heart, mind and soul, so that we are able to receive God’s love and return that love to Him. The better we understand our Catholic faith and our personal role within God’s kingdom, the better equipped we will be to share God’s love and resources – our time, our talent, and our treasure – with others. This year, how will you take the next step in your journey of sharing God’s love through personal formation and conversion?



Please bring your completed commitment card to Mass on **Sept. 25/26**, mail it using the envelope provided or fill it out online: stfrancissolanus.com.

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