St. Francis of Assisi Parish needs you!

Your time! Your talent! Your enthusiasm! Your ideas! Many opportunities for youth and adults!

Listed below are areas that volunteers are especially needed. All volunteers 18 years and over must complete volunteer paperwork, including a background check and Protecting God's Children online training.

Parish Life Assistant, Liz Jones, Chairperson - 407-341-7909 - This Committee has general responsibilities building community among parishioners through planned parish social events.

Events & Receptions – this could include funeral receptions, "going away" receptions, etc. A subcommittee of Parish Life, and/or work closely with Parish Life. Currently, contact would be the church office.

Fundraising Committee – research opportunities and ideas for raising funds for various projects and parish needs. Volunteers are needed to head up and create this committee. Contact the church office if interested.

Liturgical Committee, Vickie Herman - 336-877-5656

Ushers: The primary duties of this ministry are assisting attendees to find seats in an orderly and safe manner, taking up the collection, assisting attendees during distribution of Communion, and carrying out such other duties as needed.

Lectors: The lector proclaims the Word of God and leads the congregation in hearing and responding to the voice of the Lord during the Mass. Lectors serve approximately once a month. Advance preparation takes approximately 1 hour during the week in which the lector is scheduled.

Music / Choir: The Music Ministry through the Parish Choir provides musical support for the assembly during the weekend Masses and other liturgies. Ministers arrive 30 minutes before Mass to rehearse. In addition, weekly rehearsals, when required, are also held.

Altar Servers: Servers assist the priest before, during and after Mass. Qualifications: Youth Altar Servers must have received their First Communion. Adult men can also serve.

Altar Linens: This "at home" ministry washes and irons linens used for the liturgy.

Greeters: The primary duties are to greet and warmly welcome parishioners and guests as they enter the church. The greeter also distributes bulletins as folks enter church.

Parish Council, Joanne Kuszaj, chairperson - 336-982-3054 - The Parish Council is the leadership group of individuals from the parish to assist and advise the pastor in guiding the parish to achieve its mission. Currently the Council meets on the fourth Tuesday of every other month except July and December.

Finance Council, Rick LaBonte, chairperson - 336-877-2300 - The Finance Council is appointed by the pastor to assist him in all financial matters relating to the parish. The Council creates an annual budget, reviews monthly financial reports, and oversees offertory and cash control procedures.

Interested? Contact the committee heads or chairpersons listed, or the church office at stfrancis@skybest.com and you will be directed to the group contact.

Faith Formation Fall Classes



Registration for the Fall Classes will start on August 5th. All students in grades Kindergarten through High School who were in the Spring 2023 classes who wish to continue should register for the Fall classes. New students should also register at this time. Class placement will be determined after registration.



Sacramental preparation will continue for First Communion and Confirmation. Reception of the sacraments will occur in 2024. Students must have Sacramental preparation for a minimum of 3 Faith Formation sessions.

Faith Formation fees for Fall 2023:

Regular fees: \$30 for First child, \$20 for each additional child up to 3, then \$15 each--

For Sacramental Preparation in Spring 2024:

First Communion: \$50/each child

Confirmation: \$50/child

If there is more than 1 child in a family for a sacrament, adjustments will be made.

FF fees cover books and additional class expenses.

In order for the Faith Formation program to be successful, additional Catechists are needed as well as Parent involvement. Catechist training will be held in August in both English and Spanish. Please prayerfully consider being a Catechist and sharing our faith with our young parishioners. If interested or more information needed, contact Joánne Kuszaj at jkuszaj@gmail.com or call the Parish office.

Clases de otoño de formación en la fe

La inscripción para las clases de otoño comenzará el 5 de agosto. Todos los estudiantes en los grados de Kindergarten a High School que estuvieron en las clases de primavera de 2023 que deseen continuar deben registrarse para las clases de otoño. Los nuevos estudiantes también deben registrarse en este momento. La colocación de la clase se determinará después de la inscripción.



La preparación sacramental continuará para la Primera Comunión y la Confirmación. La recepción de los sacramentos ocurrirá en 2024. Los estudiantes deben tener preparación sacramental para un mínimo de 3 sesiones de formación en la fe.

Tarifas de formación en la fe para el otoño de 2023:

Tarifas regulares: \$30 por primer niño, \$20 por cada niño adicional hasta 3, luego \$15 cada uno-Para la preparación sacramental en la primavera de 2024:

Primera Comunión: \$50/cada niño

Confirmación: \$50/niño

Si hay más de 1 niño en una familia para una Santa Cena, se harán ajustes.

Las tarifas de FF cubren libros y gastos adicionales de clase.

Para que el programa de Formación en la Fe tenga éxito, se necesitan catequistas adicionales, así como la participación de los padres. La capacitación de catequistas se llevará a cabo en agosto tanto en inglés como en español. Por favor, considere en oración ser catequista y compartir nuestra fe con nuestros jóvenes feligreses. Si está interesado o necesita más información, comuníquese con Joánne Kuszaj en jkuszaj@gmail.com o llame a la oficina parroquial.