

Living

A STEWARDSHIP LIFE

WITH LITTLE. WITH MUCH. WITH ALL.



St.
Francis
of Assisi

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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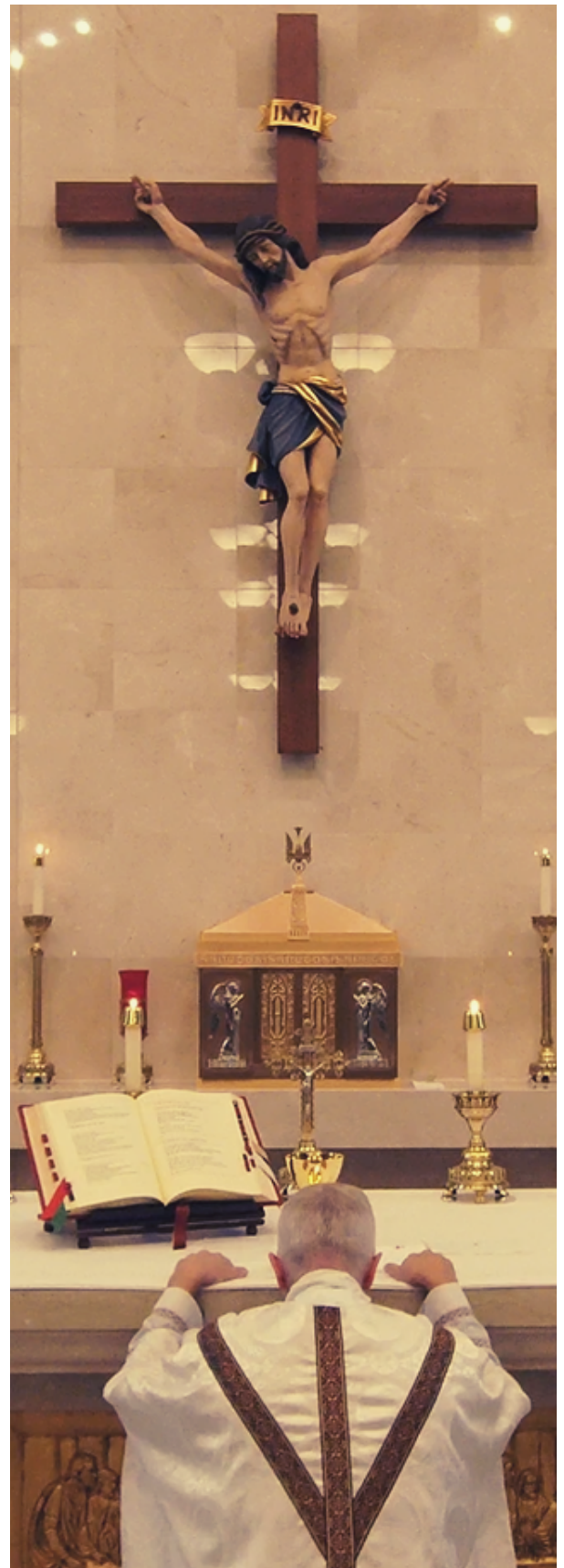
STEWARDSHIP PARISH

The Christian definition of stewardship goes beyond being responsible in managing our resources. It begins in a moment of gratitude for the gifts, graces, and blessings the Lord has given to us, and it continues with a response of generosity back to the Lord. We are trying to live this here at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish.

As Christians we know that all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. The Lord, the creator of all good things, has blessed us with everything we have. Everything we “own” is really on loan from God. We are stewards of the good things with which he has blessed us; he has entrusted to our care all the gifts, blessings, abilities, and resources we call our own.

In gratitude for all these gifts we make a return to the Lord. We give back to him some of the riches he has given to us, so that they might bear more fruit in the world. When we bless others with our time, talents, and treasure we recognize not only a change in the world, but a change in us as well. We see in the life of Jesus, time and time again, true happiness is found in self-giving, the giving of our time, our talents, our money, and ultimately our lives.

The greatest gift we can give the Lord is the gift of our hearts. Begin here. The Lord desires that we become fully alive in Christ. We receive that new life in Christ when we return his love with our love, with our hearts. My prayer for you is that as you give more and more of yourself to the Lord, you will grow in the graces of conversion and new life in him.



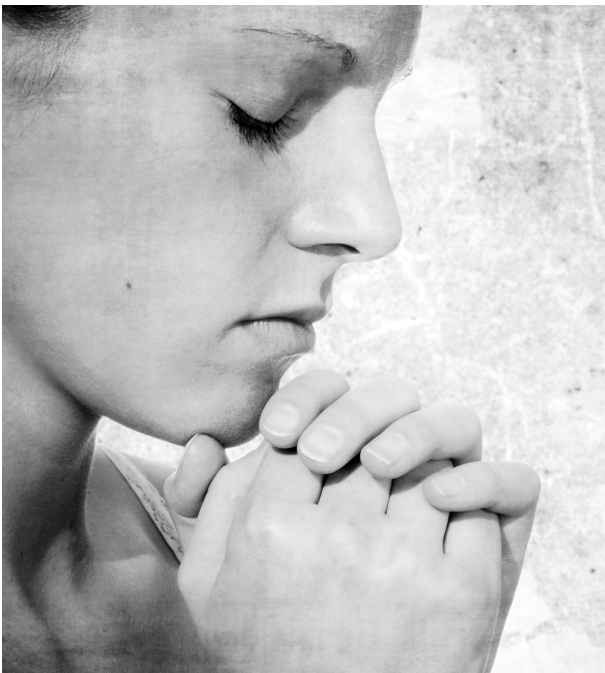
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*Living our relationship with God,
as His children,
for lifelong Catholic mission.*

PREPARE YOURSELF

SPIRITUALLY

ACTION STEPS TO IMPROVE YOUR PRAYER LIFE

- Attend daily Mass at least once a week.
- Spend 1 hour in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, once a week.
- Pray the Liturgy of the Hours at least once a day.
- Read and meditate on a chapter of scripture every day.
- Take up a devotion of the Church (The Rosary, Stations of the Cross, novena, other prayers), and pray it daily.
- Read a spiritual book once a month.
- Make a morning offering as you start your day, then an examination of conscience as you end your day.
- Offer a prayer of blessing/thanksgiving before and after each meal.
- Develop a stronger relationship with your Patron Saint.



Just as we learn to budget our money or keep a calendar to maintain schedules, we also have to learn and be specific when we make time for prayer. The good thing is there are so many ways to incorporate prayer into our daily lives! Many set aside ten minutes in the morning to drink their coffee and read the daily readings. Others pray a rosary on their way to work. Still others pray with their children before bed and with their spouse as the last thing before going to sleep. Whatever format, the important thing is that we make a conscience effort to spend time with the One we love the most.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, “Prayer and the Christian life are inseparable” (CCC, 2745). In fact, St. Paul tells us to “pray constantly.” And still more, we read in Luke 18 that we “ought always to pray and not lose heart.” Lk 18:1. But as anyone who has ever tried to pray on a regular basis will tell you, it can be hard work. That is why we have to make a firm commitment to be persistent.




“Never give up on prayer...and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction.”




ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

BECOMING AN
ACTIVE SERVANT

Every week, our parish is buzzing with activity. There are groups that pray together, groups that minister to other parishioners, and groups that reach out to the community. Christ himself taught us that “whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40). When we lay down our wants and desires to serve each other, God blesses our efforts! Will you consider where God is calling you to serve Him?

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“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

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1 PETER 4:10

ACTION STEPS TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN SERVICE

- Pray about how the gifts God has given you can best be used to serve others.
- Consult the Ministry list at the parish to find a ministry that will help you grow personally in living out your faith.
- Be open to stepping out of your comfort zone!
- Commit to being faithful to God through those you serve in word and deed.



CONSISTENT AND

GENEROUS GIVING


OFFER OUR TREASURE IN PRAYER

- Pray about the best use of your financial resources and ask God to show you where you need to give Him priority in them.
- Evaluate your regular offertory gift and other tithes and increase it based on what you think God is calling you to give. This is always between you and God...you do not owe the parish an explanation on the amount you diserned.
- Make a commitment to give regularly to God through your treasure and be faithful to your tithing commitment.


Our deepest reason for giving is not because our parish has needs, but because we have a spiritual need to give. We are called to give to God from our first fruits, and to recognize that everything comes from Him. Our gifts to God should be out of faith and gratitude for what God has done for us. Just like the apostles who laid down their nets the moment Jesus called them, we too should lay down everything, even something as important to us as our finances, to follow Christ. God's promise to us is a promise of life and security when we place all of our trust in Him. "The Lord will be with you and will never fail you or forsake you. So do not fear or be dismayed" (Deut. 31:8).



Calling of Peter and Andrew by
Duccio di Buoninsegna, 1308-1311

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*“Jesus said to them,
‘Come after me, and I
will make you fishers
of men.’ Then they
abandoned their nets
and followed him,”*

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MARK 1:17-18

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

SERVE AND BE SERVED

*Background Check required

**Background check, Safe Environment Training, and Code of Conduct required

***All Volunteers, regardless of ministry must fill out Hold Harmless Agreement.

(see Kelsey Lynch at kelsey@sfassisi.org for information regarding these requirements)

LITURGY

Sacristan*

Charged with the care of the sacristy. Commitment: Weekly as assigned at the Mass of your choice

Dcn. George Thierjung, (303) 772-6322 x247
deacongeorge@sfassisi.org

Mass Coordinator**

Prepare the liturgical books, vestments and other things necessary for the Mass. Commitment: Weekly as assigned at the Mass of your choice

Dcn. George Thierjung, (303) 772-6322 x247
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Lector*

Proclaim the Word of God to all at Mass.

Commitment: Weekly as assigned at the Mass of your choice. Yearly training required.

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Ushers**

Assist in welcoming people to St. Francis, seating them, taking up the collection and distributing bulletins during Mass. Commitment: once or twice a month at the Mass time of your choice

Dcn. George Thierjung, (303) 772-6322 x247
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Altar Servers*

Boys and men who assist the priest during Mass. Must have received Confirmation and First Communion. Commitment: Weekly as assigned at the Mass of your choice

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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMOHC)*

Distribute Holy Communion during Mass.

Training is required on a yearly basis.

Commitment: Weekly as assigned at the Mass of your choice

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Mary's Hands

A new ministry for young ladies. These volunteers open the Narthex doors for weekend Masses, greet the incoming parishioners and invite them into our church. This invaluable ministry serves on a volunteer basis and rotates weekends to serve during weekend Masses. Trainings will be held at least once a year.

Kelsey Lynch, (303) 772-6322 x222
kelsey@sfassisi.org

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Wednesday and Thursday 9am-4pm. No reservation required, all are welcome! However, to become a Committed Adorer with a regular weekly hour, sign up is required. If you are unable to commit to a weekly hour, consider being added to the substitute list!

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Liturgical Environment, Decorations

Beautify and set up for events which gather our parish together in an atmosphere of fun, friendship, and faith. Commitment: As needed

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Livestream Coordinator (weekday and weekends)*

Make it possible for those who are unable to participate in Mass in person (homebound or sick) to still experience it's truth and goodness from home.

Commitment: Serving for daily Mass and weekend Masses from the AV booth.

30-minute training is provided. You choose frequency of service and Mass preference.

Fidel Cuellar-Torres (303) 772-6322 x224
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St. Cecilia Schola Cantorum*

Auditioned group of volunteer singers. We focus on preparing elaborate repertoire from the Church's rich tradition of Sacred Music: chant, hymnody, motets, renaissance polyphony, including works from Palestrina, Byrd, Mozart, Morales, as well as motets from modern composers. Audition required. Weekly rehearsals. Sings at Sunday 10am Mass, and Solemnities.

Fidel Cuellar-Torres, (303) 772-6322 x224
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Queen of Angels Choir*

Mixed choir (men and women), singing more contemporary liturgical music. **Audition required.** Commitment: Sings on the last Saturday of every month, at the evening Mass. Rehearsals are twice a month.

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Christmas Children's Choir*

Ages 6-15. Sings preludes on Christmas Eve's early Mass. Attendance at all rehearsals is required. Reading ability required. Rehearsal schedule to be published in the Fall.

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Cantors*

If you can sing, share your gift, praise the Lord, and help beautify the liturgy! Cantor workshops available. Audition required.

Commitment: Serving at weekend Masses. You choose frequency and Mass preference.

Fidel Cuellar-Torres, (303) 772-6322 x224
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Slides/Lyrics Operator*

Run the slides for Mass wirelessly from your seat in the pews! Commitment: Serving at weekend Masses. You choose frequency and Mass preference.

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fidel@sfassisi.org

FAITH FORMATION

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)**

Children's Religious Formation and Sacramental Preparation. Catechists and assistants are needed! Those skilled in woodworking, sewing, computer graphics, and general artistry are also needed throughout the year!

Jennifer Whitehill and Susan Kingsley

(303) 772-6322 x226

cgsjennifer@sfassisi.org or

cgssusan@sfassisi.org

Youth Ministry**

Join the youth (6th-12th Grade) for monthly large group nights, weekly small groups, and retreats for high school and middle school! Leaders also needed!

Michael Lynch, (303) 772-6322 x225

michael@sfassisi.org

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) and OCIA

Mentors

Adults interested in entering the Church or adults needing First Communion and/or Confirmation meet weekly for approximately a year to prepare for these sacraments. Parish members who would like to refresh or deepen their understanding of the faith are also welcome. Faithful parishioners are needed to accompany those discerning the Catholic faith in our community.

Commitment: Weekly

Michael Lynch, (303) 772-6322 x225

michael@sfassisi.org

Small Group Bible Study

Michael Lynch, (303) 772-6322 x225

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Baptism Preparation

A parent/godparent class to understand the magnitude of what you are saying yes to with this amazing Sacrament! Offered by appointment

Class Instructor needed

Michael Lynch, (303) 772-6322 x225

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WELCOME

WELCOME is a weekend experience designed to deepen one's own personal faith life with the Lord, and with the community.

Michael Lynch, (303) 772-6322 x225

michael@sfassisi.org

PARISH LIFE

Incident Response/Security Awareness*

Help keep our parish safe!

Michael Lynch (303) 772-6322 x225

michael@sfassisi.org

Marian Cenacle

Meets on the first Saturday of every month. The Marian Cenacle starts with a Rosary, followed by Saturday morning Mass, and prayer and consecration to Mary. All are welcome! No need to sign up, just come!

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Donuts and Coffee

Volunteers set up for the social time after morning Masses with coffee, tea and donuts twice a month on Sunday and weekly on Tuesdays.

Louise Kubier, (303) 772-6322 x231

louise@sfassisi.org

Young Adult Group

Come join the young adults (ages 23-35) of St. Francis on Friday nights for faith and fellowship!

Michael Lynch, (303) 772-6322 x225

michael@sfassisi.org

St. Francis Supper Club

A group of adults that meets for dinner at a different member's home each month.

Carl Ribbing, (303) 772-6322 x230

carl@sfassisi.org

Faith Sharing Group

Meets after the morning Mass on the 2nd and 4th Fridays each month to discuss faith and build community.

Kelsey Lynch, 303-772-6322 x222

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Annulments

Questions on what makes a Marriage valid in the Church?

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Singing in the Park

Group of people who get together to sing folk church songs in an informal setting. In colder months they meet in Frassati Hall. When weather permits, they sing at a nearby park.

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fidel@sfassisi.org

Prayer Line

An army of 300+ prayer warriors dedicated to praying for specific intentions of parishioners. To join the team of prayer warriors, or to submit a prayer request, please look for the links included in our weekly Flocknote emails.

Susan Kingsley, (303) 772-6322 x226

cgssusan@sfassisi.org

Ladies Luncheon

Ladies of the parish gather once a quarter for a time of friendship and sharing.

Carl Ribbing, (303) 772-6322 x230

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HOSPITALITY AND SERVICE

Caregivers Support Group

Join us for prayerful Catholic support as you go through caring for a loved one. "Bear one another's burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ." Gal, 6:2

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month.

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Grief Support Group

Join us for prayerful Catholic support as you journey through the loss of a loved one.

Michael Lynch, (303) 772-6322 x225
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Chronic Illness Support Group

Join us for prayerful Catholic support as you go through accepting and living with a chronic illness.

Michael Lynch (303) 772-6322 x225
michael@sfassisi.org

Funeral Receptions

Prepare dishes and/or help serve for funeral luncheons (*not to be confused with Liturgical funeral arrangements*) Commitment: As needed

Louise Kubier, (303) 772-6322 x231
louise@sfassisi.org

Martha's Hands

Volunteers provide baked goods for various Parish-sponsored events throughout the year as the need arises.

Kelsey Lynch, 303-772-6322 x222
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Holy Communion to the Hospitalized and Homebound**

Ministers bring Holy Communion to the hospital or to the sick or elderly who are unable to attend Mass.

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Visits to Assisted Living Homes

Each week we visit 9 different assisted living communities to join together in prayer as well as a Communion Service or Mass.

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Flower arrangements

Arrange flowers to keep the Church looking beautiful to draw our eyes and hearts closer to God. Commitment: As needed

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Garden Angels

Help keep the gardens at our church looking beautiful.

Commitment: Seasonal
Carl Ribbing, (303) 772-6322 x230
carl@sfassisi.org

Maintenance Volunteers

Use your specific knowledge and skills to assist with odd jobs around the parish. Skilled trades (woodworkers, plumbers, electricians, etc.) welcome!

Commitment: As needed
Carl Ribbing, (303) 772-6322 x230
carl@sfassisi.org

Beautification Efforts

Do you have a eye for beauty? We are looking for Graphic Designers, Interior Designers Artists and Curators, and Marketing and brand specialists, to help us with a series of projects, from printed to digital, and space intervention.

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fidel@sfassisi.org

Stephen Ministry

One-to-one Christian caring ministry. Stephen Ministers receive in-depth training in order to offer emotional and spiritual care. Call to be a part of this bountiful blessing!

Commitment: 50 hours of training and 1st and 3rd Monday evening meetings

Michael Lynch, (303) 772-6322 x225
michael@sfassisi.org

Meals of Mercy

Provides meals for parishioners going through a difficult life event. Volunteers prepare and deliver meals or donate gift cards. To give or get help, contact us now.

Kelsey Lynch, 303-772-6322 x222
mealsofmercy@sfassisi.org

ADMINISTRATIVE

Money Counter*

Help count the offertory after weekend Masses. Commitment: 1-2 times a month; Background check is required.

Louise Kubier, (303) 772-6322 x231
louise@sfassisi.org

Scrip Seller*

Volunteers sell grocery and gift cards before and after each weekend Mass. All proceeds from the sales go directly to the parish building fund.

Commitment: 15-20 minutes before and after a Mass, once a month
Louise Kubier, (303) 772-6322 x231
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Front Desk Office Ministry*

Greet and provide assistance to those who visit the Parish, during our operating hours.

Commitment: regular 2 1/2 hour shift/week or on an as needed basis (substitutes)
Kelsey Lynch, (303) 772-6322 x222
kelsey@sfassisi.org

Library

This is a resource for the parish. Help curate the library by accepting donations and finding new homes for duplicate copies. Parishioners are welcome to borrow books and other resources in our parish library. Organize book give-a-way as needed.

Michael Lynch (303) 772-6322 x225
michael@sfassisi.org

AV/Tech Support

You would know how to help when AV troubles arise. Training provided. Must be tech savvy.

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