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# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Dear Parishioner,

Our Parish proudly presents this new guide book and directory as a resource to every household. This guidebook is a catalogue of ministries describing the many opportunities the parish offers for you to become more active at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. I thank all those who share their time and talent to make these ministries possible, and I invite all parishioners to join in these opportunities.

This new directory also provides the most current contact information for the parish staff as well as our parish families.

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Please feel free to contact myself and my staff with any questions or concerns. We are here to serve you.

How blessed we are to have this directory in our hands! Another way the Lord binds us and connects us together. May God bless our parish family as we join together to grow in love with each other and our Heavenly Father.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Anthony R. Yates". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Anthony R. Yates  
Pastor

## Parish Staff/Rectory

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## Sacramental Schedules

### **MASSES**

Saturday ..... 7:45am and 4:00pm  
Sunday ..... 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am  
Weekdays (Monday through Friday) ..... 7:45am and 12:00pm  
Holy Days ..... Consult the bulletin

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 9:00pm;  
Friday from 9:00am to 7:00pm.

### **CONFESSIONS**

Wednesdays 11:15-11:45am, Saturdays 2:45pm to 3:45pm, Sundays  
8:15am to 9:00am and by appointment.

### **BAPTISMS OF INFANTS**

First and Third Sundays of the month at 12:30pm. Individual arrangements may be made by calling the rectory. Attendance at the Baptism Encounter Class is required. You are encouraged to attend this meeting prior to the birth of your child.

### **BAPTISMS AND RECEPTION OF ADULTS**

This follows a comprehensive process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). For more information, contact Linda Pudlowski (314-799-9744).

### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Visit the parish website at [sfastl.org/marriage](http://sfastl.org/marriage) for all of the information. The Archdiocesan Preparation Program requires a minimum of six months before your expected wedding date for spiritual study, instruction and discussion.

### **SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

If you or a loved one is seriously sick and would like a visit from one of the parish priests, please call the rectory to request a visit. Due to privacy laws, hospitals no longer call to notify churches of parishioners who are ill so we need to be notified by a family member.

### **HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

Anyone in our parish who is homebound who would like to receive Holy Communion please contact Deacon DuFaux to make arrangements.

## Parish Resources

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### **LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA**

The Lighthouse Media Kiosk, located in the back of church, is filled with CDs and books to help you build, strengthen, and share the faith! Suggested donations are \$4 for a CD, \$5 for a book, and \$3 for a booklet.

### **PARISH LIBRARY**

Our parish library is an opportunity to grow in knowledge of the Catholic faith and to grow spiritually as an individual. There are over 1,400 books, videos and DVDs. The library is open Saturdays after 4:00pm Mass, Sundays after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses, Mondays from 4:30-6:30pm during the school year, or by appointment.

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# History of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

The history of St. Francis of Assisi Parish began in 1926 when a group of Catholic families in the Oakville area approached Father Albert Mayer, pastor of St. Andrew Church, regarding the establishment of a new parish. Until then, St. Andrew and Assumption Churches served Catholics in this area. Around the same time, Franciscans from St. Anthony Friary in St. Louis were ministering to patients at Koch Hospital and Veterans Hospital. In 1927, the Franciscans were asked and accepted the role of spiritual leaders for this new parish. In turn, the people of this new parish eagerly accepted the Franciscans' patron, St. Francis of Assisi, as their own. Father Hilarion Duerk, O.F.M. was appointed as the first pastor of this new parish.

A woman, named Mrs. Schneider, donated 1 acre of land and sold 2 1/2 acres at market value to the parish. This property was located on the east side of Telegraph Road just north of Yaeger Road. Parishioners dug the 70-foot by 30-foot basement and foundation of the first church. This building seated approximately 100 people and cost about \$3,500 to build. On May 9, 1927, the new church was dedicated at a Mass celebrated by Archbishop John J. Glennon. The Mass was preceded by a parade from the Oakville Farmers' Club Park to church, and afterwards all returned to the park for a chicken dinner and entertainment.

The first school opened in 1930 in a two room metal building that was purchased from the St. Louis Board of Education and moved to the church property. Two Sisters of St. Joseph at Carondelet staffed the school until 1941. In 1941, a new brick building had to be built to accommodate the growing school. The old school building was converted into a convent for the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, who had come at that time to teach in our parish school.

The parish continued to grow, and on December 13, 1953, a new modern church building was dedicated at a Mass presided over by Most Reverend Joseph E. Ritter. This new church included a choir loft, sacristy, two offices and a study for the pastor on the main level. Below were four classrooms, lavatories, bus garages and several other rooms. Because of continuing growth, additions to the school were done in 1959, 1962, and 1976.

In 1976 the church was also renovated. In 1981-82 the present parish center was added. This building addition provided a new gym/cafeteria, school library, school offices and more classrooms. The old school building was torn down in the early 1980's to provide additional parking. In the late 1980's six additional classrooms were added and the sacristy was expanded, connecting it to the present day rectory.

In the beginning years of the parish the Franciscans and St. Joseph Sisters commuted to the parish to fulfill their duties. The priests lived at St. Anthony Friary in St. Louis and the sisters lived at the convent on Minnesota Avenue in the city. In 1938, a new friary was dedicated near Koch Hospital. That friary was used until 1961 when a friary was finally built on parish property. In 1955 the convent was built where the cell tower now stands.

For many years much of the focus of the parish was on the growth of the school and the general upkeep of the parish facilities. Then, in 1990, an extensive renovation project was introduced, and the church was expanded to accommodate the large number of parishioners who attended Mass each week as well as special liturgies. All of the operating systems were updated at that time as well. Because of the renovation, Sunday Masses were held in the parish center from June 1991 through April 1992. On October 11, 1992 the newly renovated church was dedicated at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul Zipfel, D.D.V.G.

The parishioners of St. Francis have always answered the call to support the parish and to actively participate. In the early years there was an open-air theatre located in the area of the present day ball fields. Numerous shows were staged at this theatre. In time the theatre became too big a burden to maintain. So, in 1941 the new school included an auditorium and the shows moved inside and were called "variety shows." This tradition continued for many years. Many other types of social events and fundraising, like the fish fries, parish picnic and turkey shoots, were begun and continue today. Parish history is rich with a tradition of prayer, work and play.

The parish boundaries of St. Francis of Assisi have been split two times in its 80-year history. In 1962 the parish of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was formed, and in 1972 Queen of All Saints parish was established. St. Francis of Assisi has over 2000 registered households today. We continue to be a strong faith community that shares in worship, ministry and fellowship.

After 75 years and some 80 Friars, the Franciscan Friars of the Sacred Heart Province no longer had sufficient manpower to meet the needs of this large, active parish. So, in June 2002, St. Francis of Assisi entered a new chapter in its history as the Franciscan Friars relinquished staffing of the parish to the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Our first pastor under Archdiocesan leadership was Rev. Gary Gebelein. In June of 2013, Rev. Anthony Yates became our Parochial Administrator and now serves as Pastor. We look forward to many years of continued spiritual growth and vitality under great leadership and guidance.

## Contact Persons

Adoration Chapel .....	Judy Krus .....	346-7009
Adult Choir .....	Jeremy Boyer .....	487-5736 x107
Adult Faith Formation .....	Tammy Chumley .....	487-5736 x104
Altar Servers Robes .....	Sharon Ryan .....	892-3629
Annual Catholic Appeal .....	Mary Ann Meurer .....	449-2458
Athletic Association .....	Brian Ferguson .....	239-9055
Blood Drive .....	Dottie Melching .....	846-8690
Boy Scouts .....	Jeffrey Soell .....	662-7783
Cantors .....	Jeremy Boyer .....	487-5736 x107
Children's Choir .....	Jeremy Boyer .....	487-5736 x107
Community Garden .....	Paula Herries .....	892-2560
Contemporary Worship .....	Larry Bourneuf .....	724-4482
Cub Scouts .....	Michael Cammann .....	800-6548
Enrollment Management Core Team....	Beth Bartolotta .....	487-5736 x121
Environment .....	Chris Auer .....	894-3636
Extraordinary Ministers .....	Tom & Gerrie Meyer .....	580-2211
Facilities & Maintenance Team .....	Wally Feld .....	894-0437
Finance Committee .....	Tiffany Hunt .....	618-960-6115
Fish Fry .....	Sandy Suter .....	323-7531
Francis' Groundskeepers .....	Judi Yemm .....	846-2996
Girl Scouts .....	Laura Nesbit .....	630-0114
Giving Tree .....	Kathy Schaeperkoetter .....	846-5381
Guitage .....	Bob & Joyce Bennett .....	846-2626
Home & School Association .....	Becky Rohlfling .....	518-2185
Hospitality Team .....	Tammy Chumley .....	487-5736 x104
Kings House Retreat .....	Annette Kovarik .....	630-2393
Knights of Columbus .....	Mike Archer .....	807-3562
Lectors .....	Mike Wigand .....	487-0782
Life Teen .....	Fr. George Staley .....	487-5736
Liturgy Committee .....	Jeremy Boyer .....	487-5736 x107
Liturgy of the Word for Children....	Mary Robin Lohaus .....	636-484-2936
Martha's Group .....	Dottie Melching .....	846-8690
Moms-in-Prayer .....	Maria Hoft .....	285-1685
Oasis Tutors .....	Chris Mora .....	487-5736 x134
Parish Council .....	Therese Kaag .....	307-3571
Parish Library .....	Jean Ameduri .....	487-0677
Parish Picnic .....	Abby LeCroy .....	369-1051
RCIA .....	Linda Pudlowski .....	799-9744
RCIC .....	Lynn Crecelius .....	288-8876
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Resurrection Choir .....	Jeremy Boyer .....	487-5736 x107
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St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	Kenn Ackermann.....	807-8943
Ushers.....	Michael Rohrbacker.....	324-3112
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Wedding Coordinator.....	Margaret Hunt.....	618-531-4547
Wee Sunday Worship.....	Nicole Cammann.....	809-6932
White House Retreat.....	Mike Wigand.....	487-0782

## St. Francis of Assisi Ministries

### Adoration Chapel

You are invited to spend some quiet time with our Lord. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-9:00pm; Friday, 9:00am-7:00pm.

Volunteer for an hour a week in prayer, scripture reading or silence.

**Contact: Judy Krus 346-7009**

### Adult Choir

We encourage those who are gifted singers and instrumentalists to contribute their talent within our liturgical music program. Traditionally, music and song are among the strongest elements in Catholic worship.

**Contact: Jeremy Boyer 487-5736 x107**

### Adult Faith Formation

Our Adult Faith Formation committee is responsible for coordinating and promoting adult education programs for the parish. Programs are offered during Lent and in the fall of the year through small faith sharing groups.

**Contact: Tammy Chumley 487-5736 x104**

### Altar Servers Robes

This committee consists of washing and ironing the altar servers robes. A group rotates this service.

**Contact: Sharon Ryan 892-3629**

### Annual Catholic Appeal

Each spring, the Annual Catholic Appeal asks Catholics in nearly 200 parishes across the Archdiocese of St. Louis to make pledges to support programs, organizations, and ministries for people of all faith traditions. Spanning ten counties and the City of St. Louis, these programs assist the homeless and hungry, provide pro-life resources, support women and their children, and fund Catholic education and family counseling, among other charitable works. All of the money raised each year through the Annual Catholic Appeal is distributed to the various programs, organizations and ministries that carry out the important work of the Church.

**Contact: Mary Ann Meurer 449-2458**



### **Athletic Association**

This organization provides a safe, organized athletic program based on Christian morals for our parish community. It strives to give proper guidance, leadership and regulation for all athletic activities as well as maintaining parish athletic facilities in good playing condition. Soccer, basketball, volleyball, baseball and softball are all part of our program. We also oversee umpiring and refereeing for these various sports.

**Contact: Brian Ferguson 239-9055**

### **Blood Drive**

Typically held once a year on a Sunday morning and volunteers are needed in various capacities.

**Contact: Dottie Melching 846-8690**

### **Boy Scouts**

Our Boy Scout program encourages older boys to progress through the various levels of boy scouting. It is an active troop that has produced a large number of Eagle Scouts over the years.

**Contact: Jeffrey Soell 662-7783**

### **Cantors**

This ministry encourages those who are gifted singers to use their talent to lead the body of worshippers in song at Mass and other parish liturgical celebrations. Cantors are trained in how to most effectively lead the parish in this aspect of worship. If you have been blessed with the ability to lead song, this is a wonderful opportunity to share your talent with your parish community.

**Contact: Jeremy Boyer 487-5736 x107**

### **Children's Choir**

These young voices have added a new dimension to our School Masses and the 11:00am Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month during the school year. This choir is made up of students in grades 3-8.

**Contact: Jeremy Boyer 487-5736 x107**

### **Community Garden**

The SFA School Community Garden is a volunteer ministry committed to teaching SFA students and parishioners about the process of growing food and other plants. It will provide an outdoor classroom and hands on learning environment for students, teachers, and other parish organizations within the SFA community.

**Contact: Paula Herries 892-2560**

### **Contemporary Worship**

This musical group leads the music at the 4:00pm Mass on the first Saturday of each month between September and May.

**Contact: Larry Bourneuf 724-4482**

### **Cub Scouts**

Our Cub Scout program is for boys age 6-11. Cub Scouting teaches boys the scouting principles of good citizenship and religious beliefs while imparting practical knowledge.

**Contact: Michael Cammann 800-6548**

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**Contact: Beth Bartolotta 487-5736 x121**

### **Environment**

This committee provides visual accents for liturgical celebrations held in our parish. Among the activities performed by this committee are caring for plants, buying and arranging flowers, making banners and using, maintaining and replacing supplies kept for yearly feasts. Creative ideas are welcome.

**Contact: Chris Auer 894-3636**

### **Extraordinary Ministers**

These special ministers of the Eucharist are trained and commissioned to distribute the Body and Blood of Christ during the Communion Rite of the Mass and to the sick and homebound.

**Contact: Tom & Gerrie Meyer 580-2211**

### **Facilities & Maintenance Team**

The purpose of the Facilities & Maintenance Team is to advise and guide our Pastor and our Director of Operations & Finance to help them better ensure our parish facilities, structures, and plant are operated and maintained in the most efficient and effective way possible. We will also provide skilled coordination and facilitate implementation of solutions when applicable. We will do all we can to help ensure the parish is a good steward of the financial donations of our parishioners in terms of maintenance and improvement costs throughout the campus.

**Contact: Wally Feld 894-0437**

### **Finance Committee**

This committee serves to advise the Pastor concerning all aspects of the administration of parish finances.

**Contact: Tiffany Hunt 618-960-6115**

### **Fish Fry**

Fridays during Lent (and Ash Wednesday), our famous fish fries are held. We have an extensive menu including cod, shrimp and our famous Jack Salmon as well as many sides and desserts. Volunteers are needed to bread fish, prepare and serve food and help clean up. Varying work times are available and can accommodate any schedule. What a great way to become involved and meet other parishioners. Proceeds benefit the parish.

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### **Francis' Groundskeepers**

The group maintains the various garden beds around the parish grounds as well as make recommendations on various landscape issues and grounds maintenance issues that are brought to our attention. Our goal is to work with any organization of the parish on any gardening/landscaping ideas that come up.

**Contact: Judi Yemm 846-2996**

### **Girl Scouts**

Our Girl Scout program covers troops from Daisies to Seniors and is affiliated with the Girl Scout Council of Greater St. Louis.

**Contact: Laura Nesbit 630-0114**

### **Giving Tree**

This program provides members of the parish with an opportunity to prepare for Christmas by remembering persons and families less fortunate. The generosity of our parish family is always demonstrated in the support of this program. Help in making the ornaments, sorting the gifts to be distributed and delivering them to the various organizations that are supported by this program are appreciated.

**Contact: Kathy Schaeperkoetter 846-5831**

### **Guitage**

This is an adult folk/guitar music group that leads the singing at the 4:00pm Mass on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month.

**Contact: Bob & Joyce Bennett 846-2626**

### **Home & School Association**

This organization is open to all parents of students in St. Francis of Assisi school and strives to promote unity and communication between the home and the school. It supports the school administration, teachers and parents in their efforts to provide quality education and formation on our Catholic faith at St. Francis of Assisi School.

**Contact: Becky Rohlfig 518-2185**

### **Hospitality Team**

The Hospitality Team exists to meet hospitality needs at Masses and parish events and to welcome new parishioners into our parish community.

**Contact: Tammy Chumley 487-5736 x104**

### **Kings House Retreat**

King's House Retreat and Renewal Center is a welcoming place where all people can find an atmosphere of prayerful solitude, communal worship, and spiritual companionship. A ministry in the Roman Catholic tradition, King's House is sponsored and staffed by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

**Contact: Annette Kovarik 630-2393**

### **Knights of Columbus Council #5359**

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**Contact: Mike Archer 807-3562**



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### **Lectors**

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**Contact: Mike Wigand 487-0782**

### **Life Teen**

Life Teen is a high school and middle school youth ministry program dedicated to leading teens closer to Christ using teachings of the Catholic Church. High School meets every Sunday night from 7:00-9:00pm in our Life Teen Room and also different times in the middle of the week. Middle School will meet at times to be determined. The bulletin and youth ministry social media accounts will be updated with events going on with Youth Ministry.

**Contact: Fr. George Staley 487-5736**

### **Liturgy Committee**

This committee is responsible for oversight of the various elements of our parish liturgical celebrations, including the music, decorations, extraordinary ministers, servers, ushers, cantors and lectors. The role of this committee is to coordinate these various aspects of worship, mindful of current Church teachings and doctrine regarding these elements.

**Contact: Jeremy Boyer 487-5736 x107**

### **Liturgy of the Word for Children**

This program leads school age children to worship. The children's celebration is an extension of the adult assembly and gives the children an opportunity to prayerfully hear and reflect on the Word of God at a level they can understand. Training and materials are provided for adults who lead this element of the children's worship. Catechists are scheduled once each month at the Mass of their choice.

**Contact: Mary Robin Lohaus 636-484-2936**

### **Martha's Group**

This is a group of volunteers, formed into teams, who show support and care at the time of a funeral. They prepare a post-funeral meal for the family and friends of parish members who are buried from St. Francis. Martha's Group would welcome additional members to participate in this important Work of Mercy.

**Contacts: Dottie Melching 846-8690**

### **Moms-in-Prayer**

This is a group of Mothers who meet weekly to pray for our parish school children and the intentions of our parish school. All moms are welcome!

**Contact: Maria Hoft 285-1685**

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### **OASIS Tutors**

OASIS is a program that pairs senior adults and students. The seniors tutor the students in reading and writing. In addition to the tutoring, the adult becomes the student's special friend who helps build the student's confidence. The tutoring is one on one and lasts between 30 to 60 minutes depending on the age of the student. There is training through the OASIS program and adults need to attend Protecting God's Children through the Archdiocese.

**Contact: Chris Mora 487-5736 x134**

### **Parish Council**

Our Parish Council serves in an advisory capacity to the Pastor and parish staff to provide leadership, direction, education, resources and encouragement in accordance with the constant and continuing goals of the parish, the Archdiocese and the Universal Church. Parish Council is composed of 9 members, who serve staggered 3-year terms. Ideally, Parish Council members are persons who are known and respected within the parish community and are willing to make a commitment of time and service to parish life.

**Contact: Therese Kaag 307-3571**

### **Parish Library**

Our parish library is an opportunity to grow in knowledge of the Catholic faith and to grow spiritually as an individual. There are over 1,400 books, videos and DVDs. The library hours vary. Please check website for updated information.

**Contact: Jean Ameduri 487-5736 x147**

### **Parish Picnic**

Our annual parish picnic is held the Saturday of Memorial day weekend. This is a major fund-raising event for our parish. It is one of our best community building activities of the year, bringing together all organizations united in a common effort. There are many opportunities to participate in making our parish picnic a success.

**Contact: Abby LeCroy 369-1051**

### **RCIA**

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is designed to initiate and welcome new adult members into the Catholic Church and our parish community. The emphasis is on prayer, scripture, study and sharing the experience of our faith. Adult initiation into the Catholic Church normally takes place each year during the Easter Vigil. Members of the parish are invited to participate as catechists and sponsors.

**Contact: Linda Pudlowski 799-9744**

### **RCIC**

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) is for older children who have not received baptism or have not received religious instruction in our Church. These children are fully initiated through a catechumenate process. The program is designed especially for children and members of the parish are encouraged to participate in the welcoming of these children and their families.

**Contact: Lynn Crecelius 288-8876**

### **Respect Life Ministry**

This committee coordinates and promotes various parish and Archdiocesan respect life activities. If you are concerned about strengthening the value of human life within our society, please consider joining this committee.

**Contact: Jan Whitman 618-334-2903**

### **Resurrection Choir**

Our Resurrection Choir sings at funerals as needed. Members are notified via email and advised of the time and date they are needed to lead the singing for Mass.

**Contact: Jeremy Boyer 487-5736 x107**

### **Sacristan**

This is a group of volunteers who, on a rotating basis, provide for the care and maintenance of the various items used during worship.

**Contact: Sharon Ryan 892-3629**

### **School Board**

School board is an advisory board that provides input on school policies and procedures to Father Yates and Mrs. Bartolotta who ultimately make the final decisions. School board also acts as a liaison between school families and the administration by bringing potential concerns or suggestions forward. Meetings are typically held the second Wednesday of the month. The first 30 minutes are held for open session when parishioners or parents can bring forth a topic. That must be communicated to the school board president one week in advance of the meeting.

**Contact: Abby LeCroy 369-1051**

### **School Volunteers**

Volunteers are needed to help in many ways at St. Francis of Assisi school.

**Contact: Beth Bartolotta 487-5736 x121**

### **Second Saturday**

This program is for for the ladies of the parish to get together in the meeting room in the rectory basement while enjoying a light breakfast and listening to a speaker on a variety of topics.

**Contact: Sue Trokey 487-9811**

### **Secular Franciscans**

The local Secular Franciscan (SFO) fraternity is part of an international union of Franciscan fraternities, in which the men and women, while continuing to live and work in the world, pledge themselves to strive for holiness in keeping with the vision and charisma of St. Francis of Assisi.

**Contact: Christine Blood 973-9195**

### **Senior Celebration**

This group of seniors meets the 1st Thursday each month from October through May from 10:00am-1:00pm in the rectory downstairs meeting room. There is a spiritual presentation, lunch, and games. All seniors are welcome!

**Contact: Marge Lechner 845-6177**

### **Servers**

This ministry is for any boy or girl in the parish from grades 5-8. These young people are trained to assist the Priest and other liturgical ministers with the preparation and celebration of the Mass and other services.

**Contact: Fr. George Staley 487-5736**

### **Stewardship**

This committee promotes ongoing education about stewardship as a way of life, and encourages the commitment of our time, talent and treasure as a way of thanking God for our many blessings, both individually and as a parish.

**Contact: Tony Jaskiewicz 803-4687**

### **SFA Spirit**

Our cheer squad is open to girls and boys in grades 1-8. It teaches our children routines in dance, poms, baton, flags, ribbons, drum, and bugle. In doing so, it improves their self-confidence and coordination along with developing their ability to work as a team. The St. Francis of Assisi cheer squad performs in community parades and local competitions as well as participating in the SFA parade and school assemblies.

**Contact: Katie Williams 487-3294**

### **St. Anne Sodality**

This organization is open to all ladies of the parish. It is a wonderful opportunity to become active in many aspects of parish life. One of the purposes of this organization is to unite women of the parish in service, prayer and fellowship. The Sodality has generously contributed to the parish throughout its long history and is a fine example of what working together can mean for the betterment of parish life.

**Contact: Ginny Hake 892-0871**

### **St. Vincent De Paul Society**

This organization ministers to those in need within our parish community who seek assistance, regardless of religious affiliation. We address their spiritual and physical needs. Members of this organization support each other through spiritual reflection and teamwork. Our works are self-rewarding. We are God's presence to our less fortunate brothers and sisters. *If you need assistance from our St. Vincent De Paul Society and live within our parish boundaries, please call 314-289-6101 x2232 and leave a message. A volunteer will return your call.*

**Contact: Kenn Ackermann 807-8943**

### **Ushers**

Ushers help worshippers to be comfortable in our church by providing assistance and information before, during and after services. Often the first person to be met as people arrive, the usher's attitude of welcoming is vitally important for setting the tone for worship. Our ushers also play an important role during the Offertory and Communion Rites of the Eucharist.

**Contact: Michael Rohrbacker 324-3112**

### **Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a specialized form of religious education which focuses on children. This is a week-long event held during the summer.

**Contact: Rectory 487-5736**

### **Wedding Coordinator**

The wedding coordinator helps the bride on her big day at SFA.

**Contact: Margaret Hunt 618-531-4547**

### **Wee Sunday Worship**

Allelu! is a new early childhood Sunday School program with innovations that engage every child and build his/her faith. Children learn how they individually relate to God.

**Contact: Nicole Cammann 809-6932**

### **White House Retreat**

Since 1922, White House has been offering 3 day preached retreats throughout the year on our beautiful 80 acre campus located on the bluffs of the Mississippi River. On each retreat four or five priests are available for private conferences and the celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. People of all faiths are welcome at White House! SFA Men have two weekend retreats annually.

**Contact: Mike Wigand 487-0782**