

# SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH



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# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

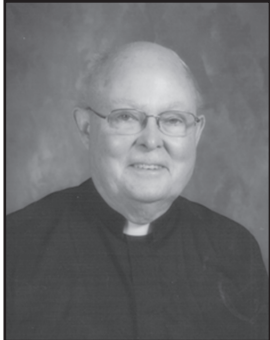
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“Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.”  
— Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi



Dear Parishioner,

Thanks to all who have made this guidebook and directory possible, especially all our parishioners who are active in the Commissions and Parish Council. Without your faithful presence at Mass and in the activities of the parish, we would not have this wonderful parish community. From the cross of San Damiano, Jesus spoke to St. Francis and told him to rebuild and renew the Church. May we continue that call of Jesus by our participation in parish life. May God give us the grace to fulfill the prayer of St. Francis to be instruments of peace in our parish, community and world.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Herbert G. Essig  
Pastor

## Parish Mission Statement

St. Francis of Assisi, a welcoming, friendly and culturally-diverse  
Roman Catholic faith community, spreads the  
Gospel of Jesus Christ to all through love, prayer, education and service.

**Parish Office: 630-759-7588**

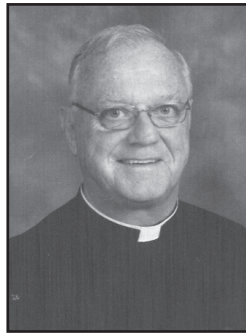
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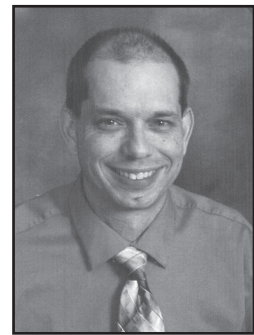
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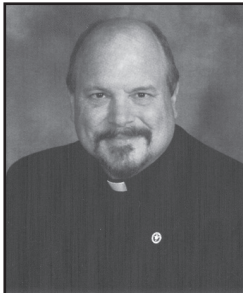


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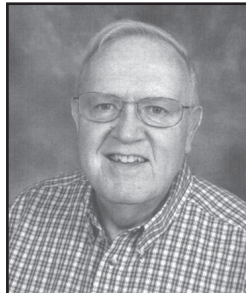


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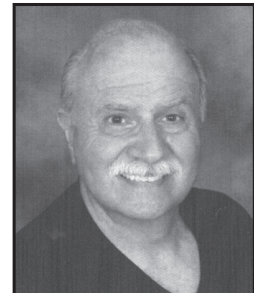
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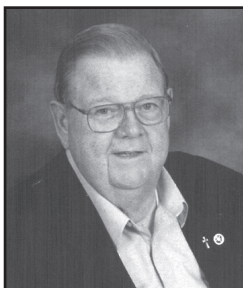
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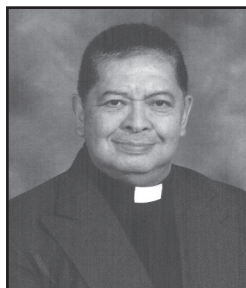
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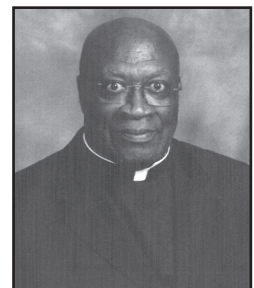
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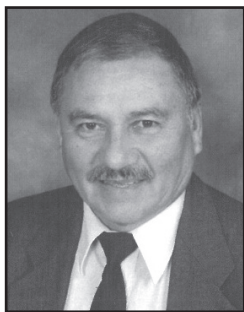
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Secretary



**Jo Ann Chamberlain**  
Parish Secretary



**Mary Jo Kuncel**  
Housekeeper



**Angelo Pastrana**  
Maintenance Engineer



**Melissa Paz**  
Nursery Director



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## Liturgical Schedule

### Daily Mass:

Monday ..... 7:30 pm  
 Tuesday – Saturday ..... 7:30 am

### Weekend Mass:

Saturday ..... 5:00 pm  
 Sunday ..... 8:15 am, 10:00 am & 11:45 am  
 (Sunday Nursery available during the 10:00 & 11:45 Masses)

### Reconciliation

Saturday.. 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm; after weekday Mass; or by appointment  
 (Communal reconciliation is offered twice during the year: once during Advent and once during Lent.)

### Holy Day Mass:

Vigil ..... 7:30 pm  
 Holy Day ..... 7:30 am & 7:30 pm

## Devotions

### Eucharistic Adoration:

First Friday of every month from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

### Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Benediction & Devotion to St. Peregrine:

Tuesday ..... 7:30 pm

### Rosary:

- El Shaddai leads Rosary following the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass.
- Knights of Columbus lead Pro-life Rosary following the 8:15 am Sunday Mass.
- Legion of Mary leads Rosary following the 10:00 am Sunday Mass.

## Our History

Originally part of St. Dominic Parish as a “Worship Center,” St. Francis was created to accommodate ongoing growth and new boundaries in the Bolingbrook community. It was decided that the new parish would be named after St. Francis of Assisi, a close friend and contemporary of St. Dominic.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish of Bolingbrook was established by the Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch on July 1, 1980. Reverend James Dougherty was assigned to be the founding Pastor.

At that time there were approximately 312 registered families and 1,000 children from grades K-12 in the Religious Education Program. The site of the original church was at Whitewater Drive and Boughton Road, which is now St. Francis Park and a Walgreens store.

The church interior was designed so the structure could be used as a parish center as well as a house of worship. Consequently, there were no permanent pews installed. Parishioners sat on folding chairs during Mass and devotions. Both sides of the church could be partitioned off to form smaller rooms. The rooms were utilized for the Religious Education Program, Nursery and Parish meetings.

Over the years, our Faith Community has come together to plan a number of social events. Our members have enjoyed themselves at events such as the St. Francis of Assisi Corn Roast, Spaghetti Dinners, Pancake Breakfasts, Bingo, St. Francis Fest, the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Flea Market and various dances.

The church facility served the parish well for 26 years. However, due to the growth of the parish and community it became clear that a larger church with classroom/meeting facilities was needed. By October 2004, plans from the architectural firm of Healy, Snyder, Bender & Associates, Inc. were chosen. With the sale of the first church and the new building fundraising campaign, the necessary funds were collected.

Groundbreaking was celebrated with the Most Reverend Roger L. Kaffer on September 19, 2004. Construction began in February 2005. The new church building was finished in time for the Mass of Dedication on March 11, 2006 with the Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch and Reverend David J. Hankus, Pastor. A number of community dignitaries, including Mayor Roger C. Claar, Deputy Mayor Leroy Brown and Village Trustees attended, along with many of the Parish’s former Pastors, Parochial Vicars, Permanent Deacons and founding families. As of 2020, the parishioners of St. Francis will celebrate 40 Years as a Parish Family in Bolingbrook! Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi, pray for us!



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# General Information

## Parish Registration

There are multiple ways you may register with the Parish. Registration Forms are available in the Narthex pamphlet rack. You can stop in the Parish Office (Monday through Friday) to fill out a registration form or call us and we will mail one out to you. Finally, if you prefer, you can also register online at the parish website: [stfrancisbb.org](http://stfrancisbb.org). Once you are registered, you will receive your offering envelopes as well as relevant information from the Parish and the Diocese. For your convenience, you may also join the Parish Online Giving Program (OLG). Registration for OLG is also available through the parish website.

## Mass for Shut-Ins

St. Francis of Assisi televised Mass can be seen on Sundays at 1:00 pm on Comcast Channel 6 (BCT) and on AT&T U-Verse Channel 99. The service is re-aired every Wednesday at noon. (Please note that the Mass shown is from the previous weekend.)

# Sacraments

## Baptism

Infant Baptisms for registered parishioners' children under the age of 7 typically occur every Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm. Baptisms for infants are not scheduled on certain days, such as: Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, Mother's Day or Father's Day. If you have not yet registered as a parishioner, you may do so at the required Pre-Baptism meeting.

There can be at most two Godparents. It is possible, however, to have your baby baptized with one Godparent. This Godparent may be either a man or a woman. Typically there are two Godparents; one man and one woman. At least one of the Godparents must be at least 16 years old, and have received all the Sacraments of Initiation, including Confirmation.

A required Pre-Baptism meeting for the parents is held on the first Saturday of each month (some exceptions are noted on the parish calendar) at 10:30 am. No registration is required for the meeting. If it has been less than two years since you last attended a Pre-Baptism meeting, you do not need to attend another one. You will need to call the Parish Office and let us know when you attended your last PB meeting.

During the meeting, you will fill out a Baptism Registration Form. On this form, you will request your baptismal date. Please remember that a maximum of six infants are scheduled on a given day, so you may not be able to have your first choice. In order to avoid disappointment and unnecessary expense, please do not schedule parties, reception halls, airline tickets, etc. until your date has been confirmed with the Parish Office.

## Marriage

Couples should contact Fr. Herb Essig at least six months in advance of the anticipated wedding date to make arrangements and explore guidelines.

## Anointing of the Sick

Please contact Fr. Herb or Fr. Pat if you or a family member needs to be anointed due to serious illness or a hospital procedure.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA is a community of faith in Jesus Christ that journeys together toward a sharing of the gifts of faith, hope and love. RCIA program participants meet year-round to prepare adults who would like to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church through Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation.

## Teen Sacramental Preparation

Typically, by the time a teenager reaches high school, he or she has already received the four Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation). Situations can interfere with the "typical" progression of a teen through a religious education program. This is a two-year program that will prepare a teen interested in receiving any of the four above-mentioned Sacraments.

## Parish Pastoral Council Members

NAME	TERM	POSITION
Fr. Herb Essig		Pastor
Gregory Gresik	Staff	Pastoral Associate
Elizabeth Rohlsen	2018-2021	Council Chairperson
Dorothy Harris	2017-2020	Education Commission Council Secretary Worship Commission
Jerry Bornhoff	2018-2021	At-Large
John Svoboda	2018-2021	At-Large
Liza Dirl	2018-2021	Education Commission
Margaret Folga	2018-2021	Finance Commission
Bill McGillicuddy	2017-2020	Finance Commission
Marvin Nieves	2018-2021	Parish Life Commission
Rose Pastrana	2017-2020	Parish Life Commission
Kathleen Barri	2018-2021	Service Commission
Julian Brown	2019-2022	Service Commission

Email address for Parish Council members:

[parishcouncil@stfrancisbb.org](mailto:parishcouncil@stfrancisbb.org)

## Faith Education & Formation

### Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Contact ..... Deacon Gerrie Mempo  
Phone ..... 630-759-7588, ext. 107  
Email ..... [gmempo@stfrancisbb.org](mailto:gmempo@stfrancisbb.org)

CLOW is a wonderful way to assist our young children in focusing on the Sunday Liturgy. Different volunteers present the Reflection on the readings, so the children carry home a closer relationship with Jesus and His Word. CLOW is offered at the 10:00 am and 11:45 am Sunday Masses, with the exception of the fifth Sunday. Volunteers must be Confirmed adults.

### Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Contact ..... Liz Jesse Wagner, DRE  
Phone ..... 630-759-7588, ext. 109  
Email ..... [lwagner@stfrancisbb.org](mailto:lwagner@stfrancisbb.org)

Vacation Bible School is a one-week program for children ages 4 through 10. Volunteers at least 13 years or older are needed to assist children with activities. Vacation Bible School takes place typically during the month of July.

### ***“Totus Tuus”***

Contact.....Gregory Gresik, Pastoral Associate  
Phone .....630-759-7588, ext. 106  
Email .....ggresik@stfrancisbb.org

“Totus Tuus” is a week-long “parish mission” for Catholic youth where seminarians and college students proclaim the Gospel and promote the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, apologetics, Christian witness, the Sacraments, Marian Devotion, Eucharistic Worship, and FUN!

“Totus Tuus” seeks to inspire in young people a true longing for holiness, a deep desire for daily conversion, and openness to their vocation by constantly challenging them to give themselves entirely to Jesus through Mary and by continually strengthening their prayer lives in imitation of her. Times vary for age groups.

### ***Religious Education***

Contact.....Liz Jesse Wagner, DRE  
Phone .....630-759-7588, ext. 109  
Email .....lwagner@stfrancisbb.org

The Religious Education Program is for students in Grades 1 through 8. We instruct the children in the Catholic faith and being disciples of Jesus. We prepare students to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. Students who are 7 years or older who have not been baptized can also receive instruction and preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation.

Students are required to have two consecutive years of religious education before receiving a sacrament. There are parent meetings for those students receiving the sacraments with a home component to be worked on by parents and students.

Classes are held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Saturdays. St. Francis of Assisi has almost 700 students in the program, with 60-70 volunteers. The programs used are: the We Believe series from Sadlier for Grades 1 through 6 and Be My Disciples from RCL Benziger for Grades 7 and 8. Volunteers are needed as Catechists and Aides. They must be Baptized and Confirmed Roman Catholic.

### ***Children’s Christian Initiation (CCI)***

Contact.....Liz Jesse Wagner, DRE

CCI provides instruction for children who are 7 years of age or older and have not been Baptized. This instruction is in addition to the regular Religious Education class the child will attend to be able to receive all the Sacraments of Initiation.

### ***Godparent Program***

Contact.....Gregory Gresik, Pastoral Associate  
Phone .....630-759-7588, ext. 106  
Email .....ggresik@stfrancisbb.org

The Godparent Program is the primary High School program here at St. Francis of Assisi. “Godparents” is not like your standard religious education class. The structure allows teens to discuss what being a Catholic teen means. A married couple volunteers to help a small group of teens who are all the same year in high school. This “small community” stays together for the 4 years of high school. Weekly meetings are on Sunday nights from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm and are typically held in the couple’s home.

### ***Curious Catholics***

Contact.....Deacon Michael McGuire  
Phone .....630-759-7588, ext. 153  
Email .....mmcguire@stfrancisbb.org

There are very few, if any, Catholics who have not experienced questions or doubts about their faith.

If you are feeling a call to find out more about your faith, you have come to the right place. You may be a non-Catholic who has been joining us at Mass and would like to know more about what Catholics believe. Have you experienced an opportunity to explore your faith from an adult perspective? You may be returning to the Church after a long absence or just want to learn more about your faith. This ministry will allow you the opportunity to work through all of the doubt/questions and deepen your commitment to the faith.

If you have questions, we have the answers, or we will find the answers. Who are we? Our ministry is composed of lay and ordained Catholics who donate their time to help others address their faith questions, learn from each other as we all take our faith journeys through life especially here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

### ***Adult Bible Study***

Contact.....Renetta Land  
Email .....rahlink@comcast.net

This is a weekly bible study with activities that include: reading, video lecture, group discussion and prayer. Meetings are usually held every Thursday at 7:00 pm from September through May.

### ***Sunday Scripture Discussion***

Contact.....Ken Dabisch  
Email .....dabisch@att.net

We meet on Friday mornings 8:15 am to 9:00 am (following the morning Mass) to study and reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings.

### ***Small Christian Communities***

Contact.....Gregory Gresik, Pastoral Associate  
Phone .....630-759-7588, ext. 106  
Email .....ggresik@stfrancisbb.org

A small Christian community is a group of 8 to 12 adults who come together, usually in each other’s homes weekly or bi-weekly, to share their stories, God’s story and how He acts in their lives. SCC involves prayer, sharing, support, being “church” to each other, learning and mission.

### ***Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)***

CRHP is a spiritual renewal process which calls together the members of our parish, priests and laity, to experience personal conversion and Christian community in the environment of our own parish. It enhances a deeper relationship with Christ, so we can live with Him and in Him more fully on a daily basis. It is composed of registered adult men and women of St. Francis of Assisi. CRHP offers annual weekend retreats for men and women separately. Contact the Parish Office for more information.



## Parish Life Ministries

### **Couples for Christ Foundation for Family and Life (CFC-FFL)**

Contact ..... Ruben Coson  
Email ..... rcwsc2002@yahoo.com

Couples for Christ (CFC-FFL) is a movement intended for the renewal and strengthening of family life. It is an association of Christian men and women who have committed themselves to the Lord and to one another, so that they may grow into maturity as sons and daughters of God, and fulfill their primary vocation of raising up their families under the lordship of Jesus Christ and for the service of the Kingdom of God. Any married couple can become members of CFC. Single individuals can join appropriate CFC-FFL family ministries. CFC-FFL and its ministries draw their membership from all sectors of society, young and old, rich and poor, etc. CFC-FFL transcends all cultural, economic, educational, social and other distinctions.

### **Council of Catholic Women (CCW)**

Contact ..... Jan Wallace  
Phone ..... 630-739-1185  
Email ..... mamajanw@comact.net

The St. Dominic/St. Francis Council of Catholic Women has been active in our Bolingbrook community for over 45 years and is affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women. We are an organization for Catholic women over the age of 18 which acts in the areas of spirituality, leadership and service. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month from September through May at St. Francis of Assisi. Our major events have included children's clothing and toy resale held twice a year, sponsorship of religious speakers and participation in the Dress a Girl project. We are always open for new members. Join us for a meeting and see if CCW is for you.

### **El Shaddai, DWXI-Prayer Partners Fellowship International, Inc.**

Contact ..... Marvin Nieves  
Email ..... msn2909@yahoo.com

Our objective is by proclaiming or sharing the Word of God, which we may give hope where faith and love spring to everyone and lead sinners back to repentance through a living relationship with the lord Jesus Christ.

El Shaddai, DWXI-PPFI Bolingbrook Cell Group is a parish-based Catholic Charismatic Community which has a regular prayer meeting every Saturday at St. Francis of Assisi right after 5:00 pm Mass. We start at 6:30 pm and end at 10:00 pm. You are welcome to attend our regular prayer meeting.

### **Filipino American Ministry Council (FAMC)**

Contact ..... Dot Mempin  
Email ..... dmempin@comcast.net

The Filipino American Ministry Council of St. Francis of Assisi is committed to preserve, cherish and foster the time-honored values of the Filipino Culture and traditions. Our goal is to rekindle the Filipino American religious values to the community of St. Francis and pass them on to present and future generations.

### **Guadalupano Group**

Contact ..... Angelo Pastrana  
Phone ..... 630-988-9665

The Guadalupano Ministry promotes Marian devotion through love for Our Lady of Guadalupe by way of living and sharing the Gospel of her son, Jesus Christ through prayer, service to community and celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th. We gather on the second Friday of the month at 7:00 pm, starting with prayer of the Rosary. The meeting agenda follows as we plan the year's activities as we grow together in faith and love of Jesus Christ. We are reminded to be comforted by the words Our Lady of Guadalupe, spoken to St. Juan Diego, "Do not be frightened or disturbed for you are under my protection. Am I not here who is your Mother?"

### **Knights of Columbus**

Contact ..... Ron Longino  
Email ..... stfranciskc@stfrancisbb.org

The Knights of Columbus (K of C) is the largest Catholic Men's Fraternal Organization in the world. The Knights devote themselves to works of charity and service within both the faith community and the community at large. Membership in the Knights is open to all practicing Catholic men who are 18 years or older. Activities include meetings, blood drives, fun activities and community service. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month.

### **Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary (Lady Knights)**

Contact ..... Rita Armstrong  
Email ..... ritalarm@comcast.net

The Lady Knights support the Knights in their various activities within the local Council of Knights of Columbus. The Lady Knights will assist St. Francis of Assisi with projects when needed. Membership is open to any Christian/Catholic female 18 years of age or older.

### **Senior Group**

Contact ..... Rita Armstrong  
Email ..... ritalarm@comcast.net

We, the Seniors of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, have chosen to join together in prayer, service and joy to offer our talents, time and service to the various members of our faith community. As a group we welcome all seniors, and we recognize the diversity of our members, and the need for developing community among ourselves and our faith community. We accept the challenge of creating a balance between the spiritual, service and social needs of our membership. The Seniors meet the 3rd Friday of each month from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. All seniors 50 years young and over are welcome.

## Service Ministries

### **"Pray and Play" Children's Nursery**

Contact ..... Melissa Paz  
Email ..... nursery@stfrancisbb.org

The Nursery program is available for children ages 18 to 36 months only during the 10:00 am and 11:45 am Masses on Sundays. Adult and teen volunteers are needed to care for children during nursery time, to set up the nursery on Saturdays, and to put away the nursery on Sundays.



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### **Finders of Peace**

Contact .....Kathy Barri  
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Our parish's Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry is a support group for Survivors of Domestic Violence. If anyone else would like to be involved with the ministry, you are welcome also. The group meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 pm.

### **Elizabeth Ministry**

Contact .....Nicole Wlodarski  
Phone ..... 630-341-1117  
Email ..... wlodarski67@gmail.com

Elizabeth Ministry provides spiritual and physical support to women and families during childbearing years and beyond. We offer visitations of ministers who share similar experiences during the joys and sorrows of motherhood; including pregnancy, crisis pregnancy, infertility, miscarriage, stillbirth, infant/child death, and regretted abortion as well as grandparent support. Ministers have an ongoing prayer group. We also offer meal trains upon request.

### **God's Green Earth**

Contact ..... Sarah Dolley  
Email ..... sarahelinor@yahoo.com

God's Green Earth is an environmental ministry to care for our common home. Our past activities have included Bike or Walk to Mass Day with a blessing of bicycles, recycling projects, and observations of Earth Day and the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Meetings are held every other month. Volunteer opportunities weekly.

### **Lay Ministry of Care**

Contact ..... Russ Soucek  
Email ..... pastoralcare@stfrancisbb.org

If you or someone in your household is unable to join the parish family for the celebration of the Eucharist, we invite you to call the parish office and schedule a visit from a lay minister of pastoral care, who will be happy to come and conduct a short Communion service in your home. This service is for all incapacitated individuals, including children, who are unable to attend Mass. The weekly visits can be for a short period of time (i.e., post-operative, new mothers, unexpected illness) or for an extended time period. Do not be concerned if your home is not neat and tidy, as the pastoral care ministers are focused solely on sharing the Good News and bringing the Holy Eucharist to our infirm members of the parish family. Lay ministers are available every Sunday after the 8:15 am and 10:00 am Masses. We welcome the opportunity to bring greetings from the parish, share the Word of God, and provide Holy Communion. Contact the parish office to schedule a visit.

### **Project Gabriel**

Contact .....Connie Rielley  
Phone ..... 630-803-0729  
Email ..... crielley@aol.com

Project Gabriel is a ministry supported by the parish and carried out by volunteers who are committed to making a positive difference in the lives of women who are pregnant and their families who need help. This is a great opportunity to support life and family in a concrete way! Adult volunteers, especially those with bi-lingual skills, are needed.

### **Pro-Life**

Contact .....Michael Dolan  
Email ..... mmrcdoln@comcast.net

Pray the Rosary for Life at Planned Parenthood every Tuesday at 2:00 pm and the third Saturday of every month at 9:00 am. Planned Parenthood is located at 3051 E. North Aurora. All are welcome! Also the Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Rosary is recited after the 8:15 Mass every Sunday, here at St. Francis. For more opportunities to join others in prayer and for excellent Pro-Life resources, go to [dioceseofjoliet.org/life](http://dioceseofjoliet.org/life).

Call on Congress to prevent federal funding and promotion of abortion and to protect rights of conscience in health care.

The Diocese of Joliet welcomes and invites you to return to wholeness following an abortion. It is not the unforgivable sin. If you know of someone who is suffering from an abortion in the past, help a phone call away. Urge them to make that call today. Strict confidentiality is always observed. For more information and a list of retreats in other locations, visit Rachel's Vineyard or call the toll-free national hotline at 877-HOPE-4ME. Project Rachel is a ministry of post-abortive healing and reconciliation of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. Please visit [hopeafterabortion.com](http://hopeafterabortion.com) for more information.

### **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Email ..... svdp.bb.rita@gmail.com

The Bolingbrook Conference of St. Vincent de Paul includes about 35 members from both St. Francis of Assisi and St. Dominic Churches. Membership is open to all who wish to live their faith by loving and serving their neighbor. St. Vincent de Paul is different from most other aid organizations in that we only offer assistance after two members of the society meet with the needy family in their home.

The Bolingbrook Conference of St. Vincent de Paul helps roughly 300 local families each year. The number varies with the economy. The types of assistance we offer include:

- Food
- Clothing and household items (from our St. Vincent de Paul stores in Joliet and West Chicago)
- Financial assistance with utility bills and/or rent/mortgage
- Some basic budgeting advice

Volunteers meet monthly, either the first or second Thursday of the month, plus time as available to volunteer.

**Legion of Mary**

Contact ..... Cristina Maria  
 Email ..... ctsbonita@gmail.com

The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church, with well over 2 million active members in almost every country of the world. Founded in Dublin, Ireland in 1921, the Legion will soon celebrate 100 years worldwide! It has been approved by the last six Popes and was endorsed by the Second Vatican Council.

The Legion of Mary makes its members better Catholics, first of all, through a balanced program of prayer and service in union with the Holy Spirit as He operates through Mary, Mother of the Church. Works include door-to-door evangelization, parish visitation program projects, youth work and other spiritual needs of the parish and community. It gives Catholics from 8 years of age and up an opportunity to do something positive for the Church while at the same time deepening their spiritual life and strengthening their Catholic Faith.

Members meet together once a week on Wednesday evenings for prayer, planning and discussion in a family setting under the guidance of a Spiritual Director. Our St. Francis Legion of Mary meets every Wednesday at 7:15 pm in Room 5.

**Feed the Hungry**

Contact ..... Evelyn Mytyk  
 Email ..... emytyk@yahoo.com

Are you willing and available to prepare and serve lunch at Catholic Charities' Daybreak Shelter in Joliet on the 4th Tuesday of every month? Volunteers are responsible for meal preparation in the Daybreak kitchen (food provided by Daybreak) and serving that meal. The shift runs from 9:00 am to approximately 1:00 pm. Five to six people are needed each month and we are looking to expand our ranks. Current volunteers serve every three months on a rotating schedule. If you would like to join this new ministry or would like more information, please contact Evelyn Mytyk.

## Worship Ministries

**Altar Servers**

Contact ..... Maggie McGuire  
 Email ..... maggiemae59@wowway.com

Parishioners, male and female, age 10 and above can serve the Church and assist the Priest and Deacon during the celebration of the Mass on Sundays, holy days and weddings. Servers should be baptized Roman Catholic and have received First Communion. Training is provided.

**Adult Altar Servers**

Contact ..... Steve Nickel  
 Phone ..... 630-759-3509  
 Email ..... sjnick@yahoo.com

St. Francis Adult Altar Servers are a group of men and women who volunteer to assist our Priests at funerals, memorials or other special Masses that are held Mondays through Saturdays. They are usually held mid-morning. We welcome all newcomers. Prior altar serving experience is not required. We will train you. If you are interested in learning more or possibly joining our group, please contact the parish office at 630-759-7588 or the group coordinator.

**Art & Environment**

Contact ..... Pam Vose  
 Email ..... pamsvose@gmail.com

Work with the Seasons of the Church and create the appropriate worship environment for each season. Individuals use their creative, planning, organizing and decorating skills to create the worship environment using the liturgy, color and symbols of the Church. Meetings are held seasonally based on the liturgical year. Willing hands are needed to help decorate the church for Christmas and Easter, too!

**Prayer Connection**

Contact ..... Elaine Klimek  
 Phone ..... 630-754-7331  
 Email ..... elaineklimek@yahoo.com

St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Connection will assist by praying if you have a serious prayer request or if you need some extra prayers said for your special intention.

**Ushers**

Contact ..... Steve Nickel  
 Email ..... sjnick@yahoo.com

Ushers are Ministers of Welcome and Wellbeing. They welcome all who come to the weekend and holy day liturgies. Specific duties include: greeting and help with seating, taking up the offertory collections, ensuring that Holy Communion is brought to those unable to walk up to receive the Eucharist, directing lines, distribution of bulletins, attentiveness to who is in the congregation and help with other necessities or emergencies.

**World Apostolate of Fatima**

Contact ..... Marcelina Paet  
 Phone ..... 630-226-0560  
 Contact ..... Estella Trevino  
 Phone ..... 630-679-9878

The mission is to Live, Learn and Spread the message of our Lady of Fatima. Our Lady appeared in Fatima, Portugal in May 1917. She called for being in communion with the Church and in concert with Evangelization through praying the Holy Rosary daily for consecration, penance, reparations, world peace, conversion of sinners, to save souls and to wear the Brown Scapular.

The prayer group formerly called the Blue Army was founded by Fr. Harold Colgan in 1946 and is now called the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) through the Pontifical Council Laity of Rome and approved by the Holy See, as a public association of the faithful in 2010.

Please join us every Monday at 6:30 pm for prayers by the Blessed Sacrament, and for First Saturday Devotions after the 7:30 am Mass in the church.

## Liturgical Ministries

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**

Contact ..... Gregory Gresik, Pastoral Associate  
 Phone ..... 630-759-7588, ext. 106  
 Email ..... ggresik@stfrancisbb.org

These Ministers assist the Priest and Deacon at Mass by the distribution of the Precious Body and Blood of our Lord. These parishioners must be baptized, confirmed, and 18 years old. Participants must attend a retraining meeting once a year.



## Lectors

Contact ..... Dorothy Harris  
 Phone ..... 630-759-4589  
 Email ..... mmrsmancad@sbcglobal.net

Lectors serve the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish by proclaiming the Word of God at Masses and all special feasts of the Church. To serve as a minister of God's Word you must be a practicing Catholic, be able to read, have public speaking skills to proclaim the Word of God before the congregation, have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, and demonstrate a deep reverence for and devotion to the Word of God. Ministers of the Word attend a training meeting to familiarize them with the procedures at our parish.

## Music Ministry

Contact ..... April Johnson, Director of Liturgical Music  
 Phone ..... 630-759-7588, ext. 121  
 Email ..... ajohnson@stfrancisbb.org

This ministry is for prayerful, musical individuals who demonstrate proficiency in playing a musical instrument or singing in a choral setting. The primary mission is to engage the assembly to sing with wholehearted participation.

### Cantor

Leads the congregation in songs and Mass parts on weekend and holy day Masses. Cantors rehearse as a group once a month and are scheduled to sing 1 - 3 Masses each month.

### Canticle Choir

Made up of adults and high school students, this choir sings from September through May at the 10 am Mass approximately two times a month as well as Christmas, Easter and other select Masses and events. Rehearsals are twice a month on Thursdays from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

### Cry: Gospel Children's Choir

Consists of children in Grades 3 - 8. This choir sings once a month from September through May, rotating among the 5:00 pm, 10:00 am and 11:45 am Masses as well as for Christmas and Easter. Rehearsals are every Thursday from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

### "Joyful Noise" Children's Choir

This choir has children from Kindergarten to 2nd Grade. They sing once a month from September through May, rotating among the 5:00 pm, 10:00 am and 11:45 am Masses as well as for Christmas and Easter. Rehearsals are every Thursday from 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm.

### "Bridges to Heaven" Choir

A mixed choir providing an uplifting selection of sacred music, backed by contemporary instruments. This choir generally sings on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 11:45 am Mass. Rehearsals are on the 3rd Friday.





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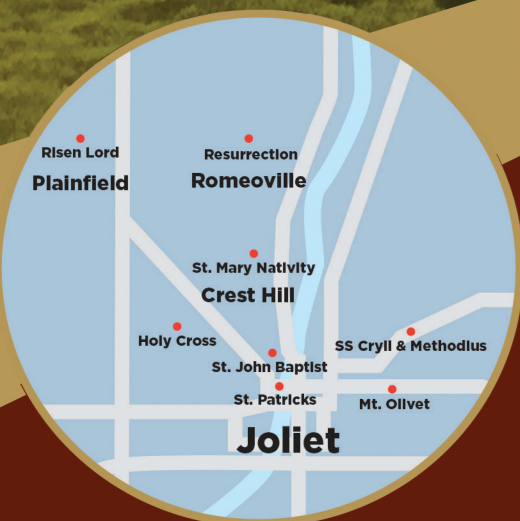
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