

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 sub-committee of Parish Life, and/or work closely with Parish Life. Currently, contact would be 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 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.

Floral Arts & Decoration Committee: Primary duties are to arrange flowers in a vase to be put on the altar for the weekend Masses or special liturgies.

Sacristans: The sacristan assists the priest by arriving in advance of Mass and other liturgical services to set up the vessels and books which will be used in those celebrations, and then taking down and resetting those items after the conclusion of those celebrations. The sacristan also keeps

the office informed of needs in the sacristy, such as cleaning of liturgical items and acquisition of new consumables like candles, bread, and wine.

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.

Homebound Ministers: These ministers take the Holy Eucharist to parishioners who are homebound.

Faith Formation, Joanne Kuszaj - 336-982-3054

Religious Education Catechists: This ministry provides weekly catechesis for children of school age during the school year. Catechists are adults who share the message of faith with our children and youth. This ministry assists with preparing children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. Catechist training is provided through on-going catechist formation classes. Each catechist must be background checked and attend Protecting God’s Children Training.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and Children (RCIC): This ministry of evangelization and catechesis seeks to help those interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church. RCIA includes preparation of adults for and the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. RCIC focuses on children who need Sacraments of Initiation.

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.