

*Called through Baptism and guided by the Holy Spirit, we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through our worship, our stewardship of God's gifts, our life-long faith formation, and our service to others.*

***St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.***



We invite you to take a moment and read about the focus of the leadership groups of our parish. Pastoral Council and Commissions are at the heart of the parish tasking themselves with planning, organizing and executing the various ministries that make St. Francis of Assisi Parish a faith-filled community of disciples. Our groups meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30pm from September through June.

### **Pastoral Council**

This group acts in an advisory capacity to the pastor and parish staff in matters that affect the entire parish. Pastoral Council helps plan for the future of the parish. Member of the council serve as liaisons to commissions and report to the council regarding commission activities. The Pastoral Council hopes to develop visions and goals for St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

### **Stewardship Commission**

This group is responsible for creating, editing and distributing the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Ministry Guide. The guide is used each fall for our Stewardship Renewal Campaign. Parish members are encouraged to commit to at least one ministry during our campaign. The forms are collated, logged and distributed to the leader of each ministry. The Stewardship Commission hopes to promote hospitality and stewardship as a way of life for all members of our parish.

### **Worship Commission**

This group develops, promotes and coordinates liturgical celebrations, devotions, prayer services, prayer groups and other opportunities for our parish community. They oversee the liturgical environment of both our parish churches and coordinate all liturgical ministries. The Worship Commission hopes to provide many life-giving, meaningful liturgical experiences as we walk our faith journey as disciples of Jesus Christ.

### **Parish Faith Formation Commission**

This group is charged with planning faith formation opportunities for parish members of all ages. We acknowledge that each of us is on faith journey that is life-long and in need of nurturing on a regular basis. Offerings include sacramental preparation, structured classes and a wide variety of faith topics including scripture and prayer. The Parish Faith Formation Commission hopes to lead all members towards discipleship with the goal of sharing their faith with others through evangelization.

### **Christian Service Commission**

This group serves the needs of our parish community and responds to the needs of the neighborhood and civic communities. This includes hospital visits, hospitality, funeral luncheons, Food of Faith and regularly scheduled donation drives such as the Giving Tree, Operation Clean Sweep, Operation Baby Love and the Baby Bottle Drive. The Christian Service Commission hopes to empower the St. Francis of Assisi Parish community to fulfill the gospel mandate of service and justice.

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### **Nomination Form**

Is God calling you to become more involved at St. Francis of Assisi Parish by joining one of our groups? Or do you know of someone who could make a valuable contribution to the council or one of the commissions? If so, please fill out the form below and return to the parish office or collection basket. Selections of new members will take place on May 21.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Best # to be reached at: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Check all areas you may be interested in!)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Pastoral Council \_\_\_\_\_ Stewardship \_\_\_\_\_ Faith Formation \_\_\_\_\_ Worship \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Service Did you nominate yourself or are you submitting another person's name? \_\_\_\_\_ my own name \_\_\_\_\_ someone else's name