

Stewardship 2022 – Active Parish Groups

Adopt-A-Street

Our parish picks up trash on Pennsylvania Avenue between 16th and 23rd Streets. Team “Captains” are needed to lead groups four times a year. Help keep the route to our church clean and welcoming! Call or text Becky Hardin at 405.317.4600.

Altar Society

The Altar Society of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church cares for the needs of the church sanctuary and sacristy during each liturgical season; encourages prayer and devotion to our Eucharistic Lord in the tabernacle; offer opportunities for humble service; and develops loving relationships among its members. All women registered in the parish are automatically enrolled in the Altar Society. Besides sanctuary and sacristy care, the ladies maintain the altar linens, decorate for the holidays, serve funeral luncheons, and host fundraising events. Fellowship and opportunities for prayer are offered throughout the year. Contact Karen Oaks at ktoaks@cox.net or 405.740.9822.

Boy Scouts

Cub Scouts includes a variety of fun and exciting activities for boys in 1st through 5th grades and Boy Scouts for boys age 11 through 18. They offer camping, outdoor activities and a challenging advancement program to help develop self-confidence and leadership skills. Let us know if you are interested in volunteering with our scouting program. Safe Environment training required. Contact Teresa Schumacher at teresa-schumacher@att.net or 405.590-3694.

Cafeteria Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve lunches in the school cafeteria Monday-Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (or also when volunteers are available). Safe Environment training required. Contact Becky Hardin at cafeteria@rosaryschool.com or call or text 405.317.4600.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program

This Montessori-based program for children ages 3-6 years offers a prepared environment, called the Atrium, with child-sized representations of the materials used at Mass and the sacraments, as well as tactile dioramas and figures of stories and people from the scriptures. If you are interested in CGS contact Mary Scaperlanda at maryscaperlanda@gmail.com.

Choir

The Parish Choir sings regularly at Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass and evening Masses for Holy Days. The Women's Choir sings occasionally at 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m. Masses once a month and for special services throughout the year. Adults, high school age and older who love to sing are encouraged to join either or both of these groups.

Contact Dr. Alvez Barkoskie IV at music@stfrancisokc.com or visit the choir loft after Mass to speak in person.

Coffee and Donuts Social

Coffee and Donut hosts are needed to set-up and clean-up for this gathering in the Parish Hall after 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass each weekend. A “coordinator” for the group is also needed to schedule the volunteers. Contact Lynn Cochran at secretary@stfrancisokc.com or 405.528.0485.

Communion and Liberation

Communion and Liberation (CL) is a Catholic lay movement that began in the 1950's in Italy under the guidance of Fr. Luigi Guissani. It is now present throughout the world, including here in OKC. The movement focuses on the faith as lived, present experience, relevant to life's needs. The primary gesture of the Movement is a weekly meeting known as “School of Community,” in which a common text is read and discussed in the light of one's own experience, thus verifying the Christian proposal and its capacity to respond to human needs in every aspect of reality. It also helps us grow in Christian maturity. CL meets Tuesday nights from 7:30-8:30 here at St. Francis in the Meerschaert House Library. Saint Pope John Paul II formally approved the movement in the 1980s, and Pope Benedict XVI is a friend of the movement. Contact Merideth Ochs at merideth.miller89@gmail.com or 405.429.9898.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration takes place in the chapel of the Meerschaert House on the first Friday of the month after 7:30 a.m. Mass, ending with Benediction at 5:00 p.m. Adorers are encouraged to commit to one hour on a regular basis. Contact Bonnie Burkey at 405.946.4828.

Hope & Healing after a Suicide Loss Support Group

A simple gathering in a caring atmosphere offering support to survivors of suicide loss and remembering the loved ones lost. Contact Lynn Cochran at secretary@stfrancisokc.com or 405.528.0485

Funeral Luncheons

The Altar Society provides "luncheon hosts" to set-up, clean-up and serve the funeral luncheon. Contact Kim Young at kim-young@cox.net or 405.509.0083.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal service organization of men, founded under the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. This organization provides men with a vehicle for building up the parish community and family life with an emphasis on family, youth, church, council and community activities. We are looking for new members at least 18 years of age and in good standing with the Catholic Church. Contact Grand Knight, Jacob Petre at snowmanwx@gmail.com or 405.601.2546.

Live-Stream Ministry

Volunteers are needed to help live-stream liturgies and other parish events. Contact Connor Keef at ckeef@archokc.org.

Mass Altar Servers

Boys and girls, 5th grade through high school, assist at Masses, funerals, weddings, Stations of the Cross and other services. Training is mandatory. Contact Lynn Cochran at secretary@stfrancisokc.com or 405.528.0485.

Mass Lector

Lectors proclaim the scriptures at Mass and must be a Catholic in good standing with the church and participate in a training session. Lynn Cochran at secretary@stfrancisokc.com or 405.528.0485.

Mass Usher

The usher ministry is one of hospitality and service. Duties include greeting and handing out the worship aids, taking up the collection, counting the congregation, distributing bulletins and straightening up the pews after Mass. Contact Lynn Cochran at secretary@stfrancisokc.com or 405.528.0485.

Meal Trains for New Parents

The Meal Train is available to moms of newborns. If you just had a baby or want to help provide meals we'd love to hear from you. Contact Nancy Soliz at nan2069@gmail.com.

Mobile Meals

Volunteers deliver meals to homebound seniors once a month on Friday at 10:30 a.m. They can provide their own transportation or ride with another driver. Other volunteers are needed to provide desserts on request. Contact Claudia Kraus at krausinc@gmail.com or 405.830.5533.

Parish Office Volunteer

Volunteers greet visitors, answer phones, and help with general office duties. Contact Lynn Cochran, parish secretary, at secretary@stfrancisokc.com or 405.528.0485.

Parish Receptions Hospitality Team

Join a team of volunteers to plan decorations, serve food, set-up & clean up for parish celebrations and receptions. Contact Lynn Cochran at secretary@stfrancisokc.com or 405.528.0485.

Religious Education Catechist/Assistant Catechist

Volunteers are needed to work with the Religious Education program. Safe Environment training is required. Contact Teresa Schumacher at teresa-schumacher@att.net or 405.590.3694.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A)

This program prepares Catechumens for Baptism and Candidates for reception into full communion with the Church so that they may receive all the graces of the Sacraments of Initiation and live in friendship with God. Catholics in good standing are needed to support the program or to become sponsors. If you are interested in being part of the team or a sponsor, we would like to talk to you! Contact Micah Leydorf at evangelization@stfrancisokc.com.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A) Hospitality Team

Be a part of the "hospitality" team that offers refreshments for the RCIA classes that meet on Wednesday evenings in the parish hall. Contact Lou and Susan Greer at lou.1551@yahoo.com or 405.819.9483.

St. Francis TALKS

An adult faith formation lecture series held in the parish hall, free and open to the public, explores the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith and how to live it in the modern world. "Talks" last approximately one hour in the evening with refreshments and free childcare offered. Volunteers are needed to provide refreshments, host and provide ideas for topics for presentation. Contact Lynn Cochran at secretary@stfrancisokc.com or 405.528.0485.

St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Francis provides emergency financial, food, and other assistance to those in our community who are in danger of losing shelter, utilities, or the ability to feed themselves due to an unexpected crisis like illness or job loss. If interested in joining our team please contact us for more information. Contact Nicholas Drenzek at nick.drenzek@gmail.com or 405.416.0237.

The Friends of St. Francis

The Friends of St. Francis is a social group for parishioners (age 21 and up) that meets several times a year to promote faith, friendship, fellowship and fun! Free onsite childcare provided. The group hosts various dinners and activities in the parish hall and is always looking for parishioners to host an event at their home or on campus. Contact Susan Hogan at soulehogan@att.net or 405.824.3066.

"The Gathering"

Semi-annual parish-wide gatherings of the women of St. Francis for fellowship, inspiration, and discipleship. If you are interested in helping support these gatherings, please contact Kim Pickens at 405.620.3229.

Well Read Mom OKC

All women of the parish – moms or not, age 18+ are invited to join the Well-Read Mom Book Club. We read a variety of genres and enjoy rich discussion and wonderful fellowship. Contact Merideth Ochs at merideth.miller89@gmail.com or 405.429.9898.

Women's Sanctuary Development Center

Women's Sanctuary Development Center is a Day Shelter for homeless women, run by Catholic Charities. Our parish cares for the flower and vegetable gardens there, and also collects items needed throughout the year, such as toiletries, socks, blankets, etc. Call or text Becky Hardin at 405.317.4600 or becklou1@yahoo.com.

Women's Discipleship Small Groups (CCO)

If you are interested in joining a 35-week discipleship program or would like more information on discipleship or women's programs, contact Micah Leydorf at evangelization@stfrancisokc.com or 405.596.8391.

Worship and Wine

Worship and Wine is a group that is focused on allowing moms of our parish an opportunity to gather together in order to pray, laugh, understand, communicate and support each other, as we manage our lives, our jobs, our children and

our faith. All women are welcome, but it is an adult only gathering. We serve wine, share our hearts, and encourage each other. We meet the first Thursday of every month at 7:30pm in the Library of the Meerschaert House. Contact Chelsea Hicks at ckbhicks@gmail.com or 703.963.5862.

Youth Group

High school teens gather to explore the Catholic faith in a fun way with activities, refreshments and service projects. Adult volunteers are needed to help the leaders with organization and activities. Safe Environment Training is required to volunteer. Contact Michelle and Conor McWay at youth@stfrancisokc.com or 405.210.1737.

Young at Heart Seniors

Young at Heart Seniors meet for a luncheon and fellowship. It is an opportunity for our seniors to enjoy each other's company and share interesting programs. Ideas for programs and activities are appreciated! Contact Sylvia Mendez at 405.590.8462.

Leadership Committees

Parish Council

The Parish Council advises the pastor on the leadership and planning of the parish. Contact Kathryn Pickens at kathryn.pickens@gmail.com

School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council advises the pastor and principal on the mission of the school. Contact principal@rosaryschool.com

Finance Council

The Finance Council advises the pastor on the financial planning of the parish. Contact Fr. William Novak at wnovak@archokc.org

Trust Board

The Trust Board meets to review the finances of the parish and school endowments. Contact Fr. William Novak at wnovak@archokc.org