St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Guide Book & Directory
May 2021 – April 2022

2650 Parish View - Colorado Springs, CO 80919
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Dear Faith Family of St. Francis of Assisi,

It has been my joy to be your pastor since September 1, 2011. I have enjoyed getting to know you better. I have seen how many of you are engaged in a ministry, committees, classes, or projects for our parish. Our guide book presents good information about our parish. If you know what is going on you may want to get more involved. Volunteers are the heart of our parish. I hope we continue to grow in ministry.

People are the church gathered to worship God with one another and committed to serve others. It’s great to see people hanging around to visit with each other after Mass. Community depends on contact and developing good relationships.

I hope you will use this guide book to check out what our parish offers.

Sincerely,

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Pastor
St. Francis of Assisi Parish
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Parish Office Hours: Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. *(Except on Easter Vigil – time to be determined)*
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. *(NO 5:30 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday)*
Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 8:30 a.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. followed by Adoration until 3:15 p.m. *(Except for funerals or special events)*
Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Midnight and 10:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday, 4:00-4:30 p.m. and by appointment
Expanded days and times during Lent and Advent - Wednesdays and Thursdays 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Our Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. Kenneth Przybyla ...................................Room 102, Ext. 101 or kprzbyla@stfranciscs.org

**Deacon:** Rick Bauer .......................................................... 359-2901 rbauer@diocs.org

**Deacon:** Andy Berry .......................................................... 235-7724 Aberry@diocs.org

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**Nursery:** Margaret Beaty, Chelsey Cerrillo, Amy Madden ..........Room 116

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**Mission Statement**
To be a Eucharistic community, blessed by God, called by the Spirit, and sent to love as Jesus loves.
St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Ministries and Groups

Finance Council
The Parish Finance Council is a consultative body established to advise the pastor in matters pertaining to the financial affairs of the parish. The council’s function is to assist the pastor in the prudent planning and administering of all parish financial matters and to help provide for the effective management of parish assets. The members are appointed by the pastor.

Pastoral Council
The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body to the pastor. They work closely with the pastor to discern a vision and goals and how these might be implemented in the life of the parish. They seek to encourage, unify and enable the whole parish community to live and make known the gospel of Jesus. The council may establish committees and works with established committees to further the mission and goals of the parish.

The Parish Pastoral Council invites you to look at the following committees and their subgroups. Please call the parish office for the current chairs of the committees and the various subgroups. Thank you.

Incident Management Team (Security Team)
The purpose of the Team is to help fulfill the vision statement associated with the team’s formation that states:

**St. Francis Parish will provide a welcoming and safe environment in which parishioners, staff and guests can peacefully worship, minister and socialize.**

Volunteers will help parishioners in need of minor medical assistance during Masses. Further, Team members also help ensure the safety of parishioners and guests during Mass. For more information, contact Fr. Ken Przybyla, 599-5031 x101 or KPrzybyla@stfranciscs.org, Fran Pitaro, 375-5018

Maintenance Committee
The purpose of the committee is to review our buildings and grounds concerning repair and upkeep. The committee will refer to the Pastor what course of action should be taken and provide vendor contact. For more information, contact Fr. Ken Przybyla, 599-5031 x101 or KPrzybyla@stfranciscs.org.
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Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) –
Fr. Ken Przybyla, 599-5031 x101
This process in our parish is offering a unique opportunity to grow in relationship with Christ and fellow parishioners. As a participant you will hear presentations on many topics from renewal to discipleship. You will have an opportunity to share your thoughts. If you seek fellowship within our parish, want an opportunity to deepen your relationship with our Lord, focus on your spiritual journey, or want to renew your connection with Jesus, then sign up and turn your life over to the Holy Spirit. Weekends for men and women are offered twice a year, in the fall and spring. To register for the weekend, or if you have any questions, please contact Fr. Ken, at 599-5031 x101 or by email KPrzybyla@stfranciscs.org or visit the website, www.stfranciscs.org.

Born For This! –
Deacon Andy Berry, Aberry@diocs.org or Margaret Kinney, magsanaya@gmail.com
Born For This! Is an interactive women’s program that focuses on friendship and fellowship with some food and drink. We start out with time for visiting and eating. We then have a presentation on a topic of our Catholic Faith; either video or audio, followed by discussion in a small group. This is a very friendly and good way to learn more about our Faith. Born For This! Seeks to continue to form women into the best they can be. The program runs fall through spring. To register: https://tinyurl.com/SFWomens-Program or contact the St Francis office at Parish@stfranciscs.org. Please include your name, email, and phone number.
Zoom meeting info: Meeting ID: 792 2355 4317, passcode is SFborn.

That Man Is You! –
Keith Hessel, keith.hessel0617@gmail.com, (719) 332-7063
That Man Is You! Is an interactive men’s program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man Is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society. TMIY meets on Saturday mornings for coffee and fellowship, a short TMIY presentation, followed by discussion and concluding prayer.

Baptism Preparation –
Judy Smith, 599-5031 x100 or parish@stfranciscs.org
Baptism preparation for infants and children under seven requires a class for parents. Classes are held on the last Monday of the month, except May and December. Contact the Parish Office for more information or to sign up for the class.
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R.C.I.C. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) – Jennifer Lehrman, 599-5031 x110
A program for children/youth over seven who wish to be baptized.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) – Jennifer Lehrman, 599-5031 x110
A spiritual journey for those 18 and older who have not been baptized, or who have been baptized in another denomination and desire full participation in the Catholic Church. Regular gatherings are held to share God’s Word, experience prayer and reflection, provide service, and learn about the Catholic faith.

First Penance/Reconciliation – Jennifer Lehrman, 599-5031 x110
A six-week course for children (typically grades 2-5) and their parents. Diocesan policy requires children’s participation in a faith formation program at least one year prior to beginning Reconciliation classes.

First Eucharist – Jennifer Lehrman, 599-5031 x110
A seven-week course for children (typically grades 2-5) and their parents. Diocesan policy requires children’s participation in a faith formation program at least one year prior to beginning Eucharist classes and that the child has received the sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation.

Confirmation – Terrie Hernandez, 599-5031 x111
A special course of instruction for youth in the eighth-grade age level (or older) who have completed a faith formation course of study the year prior.

Marriage – Fr. Ken Przybyla, 599-5031 x101
Couples considering marriage begin preparation 12 months prior to the anticipated date. Preparation includes classes in Natural Family Planning, a weekend retreat, talks and discussions and FOCCUS. Contact Fr. Ken at 599-5031 x101 or KPrzybyla@stfranciscs.org

Elementary Faith Formation – Jennifer Lehrman, 599-5031 x110
For children ages four through the fifth grade. Children are taught in a traditional classroom setting or home-study program. Emphasis is on basic foundations of our faith and Sacred Scripture.

Youth Faith Formation – Terrie Hernandez, 599-5031 x111
For youth in grades 6-12. The aim is to foster growth and continued deeper understanding of the Catholic faith through various aspects of formation, including the spiritual, intellectual and social. Emphasis is on the study and discussion of Sacred Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and Church doctrine.

Youth Group – Terrie Hernandez, 599-5031 x111
For grades 6-12 to include those preparing for sacraments and those who wish to continue their faith development. The goal of ministry with adolescents is to foster the personal and spiritual growth of young people through developmentally appropriate experiences, programs, activities and methods that address their unique developmental and social needs. Emphasis is placed upon imparting catechetical education through engaging and diverse activities, strategies and events.
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Young Adult Ministry – Terrie Hernandez, 599-5031 x111
For young adults 18-35. The aim is to offer a multi-faceted and inclusive outreach, pastoral care and programs to help connect young adults to God, the Church community and to a peer community which offers mutual support and the nurturing of faith.

Adult Faith Formation – Jennifer Lehrman, 599-5031 x110
Multiple classes are offered through the faith formation program. A variety of formats are offered, from video series to Bible studies. Classes run throughout the year at various dates and times; most are held weekly and run from 6-12 weeks long.

Adult Confirmation – Jennifer Lehrman, 599-5031 x110
This seven-week course is designed for actively participating Catholic adults 19 years of age or older who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Participants will encounter Christ in a more mature manner to adhere to Christian commitment and community. Adult Confirmation classes are held during the Easter Season.

Welcome Back – Jennifer Lehrman, 599-5031 x110
This program is offered for those who have been away from the Catholic Church. It is designed to help people return to the sacraments and to regular church attendance. It provides an opportunity for people to ask questions about their faith and to learn about changes in the Church. These sessions are offered year-round. Please call the Director of Adult Faith Formation for more information.

Disciples on the Way – Lyn Rooney, 648-1194
Programs and discussions to help support a better understanding of our Catholic faith so that we may be able to defend that faith. Topics and times are posted in the bulletin.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) – Kristin Zimmer, 559-2834
NFP is a scientifically-proven method that uses an awareness of women’s fertility to either achieve or postpone pregnancy. It is all-natural, Church approved, and 99% effective in postponing pregnancy when used correctly. Open to all couples.

Harvesting Our Tears (Grieving Our Loved Ones) – Jennifer Lehrman, 599-5031 x110
This eight-week program is designed to help those grieving the loss of a loved one (no matter how long ago that may have been) through Scripture, prayer, and informative discussions based on our Catholic faith. The sessions will be listed in the bulletin.

Affiliated Program
Women’s Story – Sr. Marilyn Uhing, 955-3782
This program, sponsored by Women Partnering and the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, offers programs for women to share their experiences, hopes and spiritual journeys. The programs: Mini-Retreats, Woman Story Gathering and Spiritual Mentoring provide opportunities for prayer, such as rituals, reflections, sharing, storytelling and networking. The Spiritual Mentoring Program provides a one-to-one relationship with a woman who wishes to be supported in her faith journey for a set period of time.
Liturgy Committee

The Liturgy Committee, consisting of the coordinators of the Liturgical Ministries, is responsible for the liturgical life of the parish, including the planning for the liturgical seasons, coordination of the various liturgical ministries, and ongoing formation of the ministers.

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers – Peter Zimmer, 559-2834
Altar servers assist the Presider during Mass. Anyone who has received first Communion is welcome to serve.

Altar Society – Marda Doan, 598-2062
Members launder, iron, and do basic maintenance on the linens and vestments used during the liturgy.

Audio Visual and Livestreaming –
Mark Bauman, 599-5031, x104
Ministries that provide sound and visual media support that encourage participation during Mass and other ceremonies. Audio Visual Ministry consists of controlling the slides that project on the two large screens in church, and Livestreaming Ministry consists of controlling the equipment used in recording the Mass (one Mass recorded each weekend).

Environment – Becky Davis, 339-5821
This group prepares the worship space to focus our awareness on the liturgical seasons (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Ordinary Time) and feasts.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion –
Donna Carr, 590-7015
Distributes Christ’s Body and Blood to the assembly at Mass and to the sick and homebound.

Lectors/Proclaimers – Fran Pitaro, 375-5018
Lectors proclaim the Word of God at Mass and other liturgical services.

Music – Mark Bauman, 599-5031 x104
Instrumentalists and vocalists are invited and encouraged to participate in weekend, holiday, youth, and children’s choirs to lead the congregation in singing. In addition, there is a hand chime group.

Sacristsans – Donna Carr, 590-7015
Sacristsans prepare the articles needed for the celebration of Mass, such as the hosts, wine, chalices, etc.

Ushers – Bill Parker, billdonnetta@yahoo.com
Ushers welcome the assembly gathering for the liturgy. They assist before, during, and after with the practical elements of coming together as God’s people.

Wedding Hospitality – Ginny Schene, 310-7967
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Social Outreach Ministries

The mission of social outreach is to witness God’s love by providing physical, emotional, and educational support to the community through social outreach programs. Volunteers and/or various kinds of donations are needed to support these ministries. In addition, persons are needed to help constantly reassess our fulfillment of the seven themes of Catholic social teaching, and to suggest and initiate new ministries.

Contacts: Gina Milliken, ghmilliken@att.net or Donna Carr, fivecarrs@comcast.net

Baking – Ashley Garza, anf13@msn.com
Volunteers prepare and donate baked goods for monthly Soup Kitchen meals, and other parish needs.

Blood Drive – Gina Milliken, 593-7081
Lifesaving Blood Drives are held at the parish three times a year (winter, spring, and fall) in coordination with Vitalant – community blood donation center. Participation takes approximately 30-45 minutes to answer questions and donate. Refreshments are provided, and donations of baked goods are welcome. 16 and 17 year olds are able to donate with parental permission. A driver’s license or state ID is required for all donors.

Christmas Giving Tree – Carol Baker, 635-2663
The Christmas Giving Tree project gives St. Francis parishioners the opportunity to provide for those families and seniors needing a little extra help and cheer to celebrate the Christmas season. Families from school Districts 20 and 11, Silver Key seniors and other local organizations benefit from the parishioners’ generosity. Parish families may participate by taking ornament gift tags from the tree and shopping for the items requested on the tags. By participating in the Christmas Giving Tree project, parishioners are not only providing Christmas gifts, but also giving the gifts of hope, promise, and love. If you would like to become more involved, please allow 1½ to 2½ hours of volunteer time to cut tags, shop, or sort.

Christmas Tree Project – Donna Carr, 590-7015
The Christmas Tree Project is a local organization that collects artificial Christmas trees, lights, ornaments, tinsel, candy canes, Christmas decorations/decor, toys, stuffed animals, games, etc., to be distributed to those in the community who cannot afford to have the Christmas spirit in their homes. St. Francis collects items for three weekends in November/early December to support The Project, which is the main big drive. However, items can be dropped off at the Church all year long. (Not to be confused with the Christmas Giving Tree.)

Environmental Stewardship-Creation Care –
Larry Reisinger, 590-1473
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Family Promise/IHN – Susan Guetig, 593-0226, Mary Volcheff, 260-0697
Provides shelter, meals, and support services to families without homes. St. Francis of Assisi partners with St. Michael's Episcopal Church to serve as afternoon hosts, dinner preparers, overnight hosts, and laundering linens at St. Michael's for one week in the fall and again in the spring. The Network provides a case manager to assist in acquiring employment and affordable housing for independence and self-sufficiency. Volunteer time commitments vary depending on what’s needed. For example: serving as an afternoon or overnight host at the church, helping to prepare food for dinner, launder linens after hosting week, etc.

Food Pantry – Lynn Waite, 590-9023
Collects food and prepares packages for distribution each month to those in need in our parish and the greater local community. Parishioners are encouraged to pick up extra food items when shopping throughout the month for donation on food pantry weekends.

Fostering Hope – Margaret Beaty, 594-6065
Program volunteers work as a team to assist and support a local foster family in the important work they do in caring for children in foster care. Team members work together in various tasks to help the foster family such as transporting children to appointments, bringing a meal on busy days, helping with yard work, tutoring, watching children so foster parents can have a “night out,” etc. Strong relationships are formed and children’s lives positively impacted with the love of Christ shown through the volunteers’ actions. One interaction per month, for as little as 1 hour, and attendance at the monthly meetings are the minimal requirements to volunteer for this ministry.

Habitat for Humanity – Bernie Redlinger, 599-3583 or bredli.iaco@gmail.com
Organizes fundraising, construction volunteers, and lunch providers for our scheduled build dates. Since 2006, and in cooperation with Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity and other local parishes, St. Francis has co-sponsored and completed several affordable Habitat homes in the Pikes Peak Region. We are currently on our 6th Apostle Build.

Human Trafficking Awareness – Jean Martin, 440-8889, Barbara Sullivan, 528-8740
Human Trafficking Ministry is an effort to inform people of the extent of this growing problem, introduce ways to recognize human trafficking, and show what can be done to stop it.

Kids in Need – Joan Sutula, 930-3406
The Kids in Need annual drive is committed to helping children by collecting needed items for local organizations dedicated to serving children. The drive is held for two consecutive weekends, usually the first two weekends of March.
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Marian House Soup Kitchen – Margaret Beaty, 594-6065
The St. Francis Soup Kitchen team is responsible for the meal on the 4th Saturday of every month of the year. A meal is planned for approximately 600 people. Leadership team volunteer opportunities include: Supplies on Hand Scout: 1 hour/month; Shopper: 2-3 hours/month; Dessert Retriever: Pick up cakes from Sister Juanita and deliver to Soup Kitchen on duty day. Large vehicle needed. 2 hours/month; Bread Handler: Place bread order in advance, pick up at bakery and deliver on duty day. Large vehicle needed. 2 hours/month; Dessert Collector: Collect donations from parishioners, at your home, and deliver on duty day. 1 hour/month.
Monthly Volunteers are needed from 7:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: Jobs include preparing and serving food, cleaning up, and monitoring clients. The current volunteer coordinator is Julie Griffith. Contact her at keash3@gmail.com in advance to volunteer, as space and jobs are limited.

One Nation Walking Together – Larry Gray, 593-7031
Ongoing collection of winter coats, jackets, blankets, personal hygiene products, and mattresses/box springs, furniture, kitchen supplies such as dishes, pots and pans, towels and sheets, etc. One Nation delivers these items to various Native American reservations. Volunteer opportunities include making announcements after each Mass one weekend, as well as delivering items collected to One Nation’s local office.

Respect Life –
Stacie Mohrman, 548-0601, Genevieve Leonard 925-487-9875
Focuses on education and support of Pro-Life activities in the parish and greater community. Supports pro-life legislation and organizes parish participation in the annual Roses for Life project. Coordinator sits on the larger Diocesan Respect Life Committee.

Thanksgiving Brown Bag –
Judy and Steve Schwenk, 318-623-7868
Annually organizes collection and distribution of donated food items for needy families in Colorado Springs. Volunteer opportunities include: bringing food items to church before Mass on the designated day in November; drivers and vehicles are needed to collect items and take them to the collection point; a coordinator to oversee the project which includes advertising, organizing drivers’ schedules, and follow-up.
Social Life Groups

These groups plan, coordinate, communicate, and execute parish community activities that provide Catholic social opportunities.

Dinner for Eight – Lou Ann Sosalla, 599-3523, Rose Ann Golobic, 599-7066
A wonderful means for parishioners to build new and lasting friendships. Four couples meet monthly to share food and fellowship.

Men’s Club – Bill Schlittler, 331-1462
Consists of men 18 and over. The purpose of this organization shall be to foster brotherhood and fellowship, sponsor social activities, perpetuate and expand the involvement of the men in religious activities, promote and organize athletic events, and conduct other business as may arise at the wish of the membership. Meets monthly.

Refreshments – Al Batey, 649-3725
Promotes fellowship by providing hospitality and refreshments after Sunday Masses. Involves setup and cleanup.

Pastoral Care

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound – Donna Carr, 590-7015
Distributes Holy Communion to the sick and homebound.

Funeral Meal Ministry – Pam Joslyn, 354-0144, Carole Clark, (828) 265-8512
The purpose of the Committee is to ease the burden of grief of the deceased one’s family and friends with a meal provided in St. Francis Hall after the Funeral Mass. Volunteers are needed to set up, serve meals, clean up afterwards and provide desserts and salads.

Prayer Request Line – Karen Hutcheson, 598-0758 or Khutch8152@comcast.net
Volunteers pray daily for the special needs of parishioners as requested.

St. Clare’s Quilt Circle – Janice Siegle, 210-5250, Margaret Bogart, 535-2641
Quilters join together once a week to learn, share, and socialize as they stitch prayer shawls (quilts) for parishioners who need extra TLP (tender loving prayer). Funds for fabrics and supplies are raised from donations for their Opportunity Quilts in August and from the sales of homemade items from their Quilter’s Boutique in December.

Special Services

From time to time, the parish is in need of special services. This may include money counting, telephoning, copying, shredding, bulk mailing, bulletin stuffing, shopping, painting, repairs, small construction projects, working with computers, serving as receptionist, sewing, etc. If interested, please call parish office or fill out a volunteer form online.
Affiliated Organizations

Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary
Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, fraternal, family-oriented organization dedicated to serving the Catholic Church and the community. Membership offers the opportunity for fellowship with those who share the same beliefs and service to God, family, and neighbor. Membership is open to men 18 and over. For more information about our Mount St. Francis Knights of Columbus Council #12228, visit our website: http://saintfranciskofc.org/

The Ladies Auxiliary is a support group to the Knights of Columbus and is involved in occasional fund-raising events in support of local charity organizations.

Scouts
Troop 366 is chartered by the parish and is dedicated to building character, instilling ethics, and developing self-reliance in boys grades 6-12. In addition, they are taught conservation and provide community service.