
Parish Life is family life on a larger scale. Everyone, great and small alike, plays an integral part in sustaining well being and growth, while nurturing a healthy environment. The purpose of this flyer *How Can I Support the Life of My Parish* is to give you some ideas as to the vast tapestry which Parish Life supports, and to ask you to share in that Life. We hope that you will take the time to read carefully, to pray over, and then to apply your human talents and spiritual treasures to help our Parish family of three churches - St Francis of Assisi (Frankford) ; Sacred Heart of Jesus (Batawa); St James Minor, Stirling.

How to Contact Us

We're Ready Whenever You Are

Whether it is your time, talent or treasure (or all three) which you wish to donate to the Parish, the simplest ways by which to contact us are either by speaking in person to the pastor (Father Don Oberwarth) after the weekday or weekend Masses, or by calling the parish secretary

(Mrs. Donna Kerby) at 613-398-6745, or by sending us an email at assisi@sympatico.ca

How Can I Support the Life of My Parish?



St. Francis of Assisi, Frankford
St. James the Minor, Stirling
Sacred Heart of Jesus, Batawa

Time

Sharing Your Seasons!

Each person has been given the gift of life bound by time. As our church-going population ages, many former volunteers are no longer able to assist the Parish. If you have time and a desire to help your Parish family, please consider offering your time to collaborate in parish ministry by joining:



The Parish Pastoral Council

The Property and Finance Committee

The Catholic Women's League

The Knights of Columbus

The Legion of Mary

The Liturgy Committee

The Ladies of the Sacred Heart

The Souls On Fire Youth Group

These committees are the supporting pillars of the spiritual and financial edifice of the Parish. Committee work usually requires an evening meeting to discuss what is needed, and then working in small groups or independently to get the job done.

Talent

Sharing Your Gifts!

Holy Scripture reminds us that each person has been given skills to be used for the greater glory of God and His people. Holy Mother Church needs all of her children to lend a helping hand to maintain what has been wrought by past generations and to foster new ideas and growth for future generations. What skill-set could you put at the service of your Parish Family? If you like to work with others, you may wish to consider joining one of the groups mentioned under 'Time'. If you are not drawn to working on a committee, you may wish to minister in the church as:

Sacristan

Mass Server

Lector

Extraordinary Minister of Communion

Musician

Choir member

Greeter

These ministers are concerned primarily with the spiritual life of the Parish, by serving in their chosen field to support and enhance the liturgies of the Parish. These liturgies include Weekend Masses; baptisms, generally held on Saturdays; weddings generally held on Saturdays, funerals, generally held on weekdays.



Treasure

Sharing Your Good Fortune!

Many people today are blest financially, while others barely scrape by. If you belong to the first group, this message is first and foremost for you. The lifeblood of our Parish Family is both spiritual and financial. Spiritual by way of the people who come to church regularly, who participate in the various liturgies, devotions, and workshops, and who pray for the well-being of the Parish in general, for the greater community at large, and also pray in particular for the parishioners past and present. Without their spiritual support, there would be no need for the financial.

The financial support given ensures that the physical structures are in place to receive the faithful who wish to avail themselves of both the spiritual and community life of the Parish Family. Each church also has its own hall. The three churches equally assist in the maintenance of a rectory in which the pastor lives, and are also responsible for the care and maintenance of two cemeteries located next to the churches of St. Francis of Assisi, Frankford, and St. James the Minor, Stirling.

Please support our Parish financially:

by making a Special Donation to be used at the discretion of the Pastor
by actively supporting the fundraisers advertised in the weekly parish bulletin
by bequeathing to the Parish a donation to be received upon your death

Financial support is tax-deductible.