

2023 Goals & Objectives

Facilities

- Raise remaining \$350,000 and begin Historic Church Restoration Project.
- Replace walkway in front of 27th Street Church and parish office.
- Install video screens in 27th Street Church as worship aids.
- Improve signage at 27th Street Church.
- Upgrade phone system for parish office and school.
- Redesign the parking lot at 27th Street Church.
- Improve our physical plant by hiring a full-time groundskeeper.

Pastoral

- Improve participation at Mass using video worship aids.
- Develop a deeper love for the Eucharist in our parish.
- Show greater appreciation for our lay ministers and volunteers with an appreciation dinner.
- Hire two staff members for our Evangelization and Catechesis Team.

School

- Increase enrollment to 200.
- Increase parent involvement by re-establishing an active parents' group.
- Hire a full-time IT specialist.
- Grow our Scholarship Fund to make quality Catholic Education available to as many children as possible.
- Improve safety and security by expanding our security camera coverage at the school.

Supporting the Annual Stewardship Campaign

- Return the commitment card.
 - **Offertory** provides the necessary resources for daily operation of our parish.
 - **Historic Church Restoration** honors and preserves the legacy of our forebearers.
 - **Scholarship Fund** invests in our future by ensuring quality Catholic Education for the leaders of tomorrow.
- Use online giving to provide safe, secure, regular support which enables you to use a credit card that earns rewards.
 - Easy to set up.
 - Specify recurring or one-time gift and fund or funds to support.
 - Contact Deacon Phil for help with online giving.
- Consider increasing your 2022 commitment if you are able.

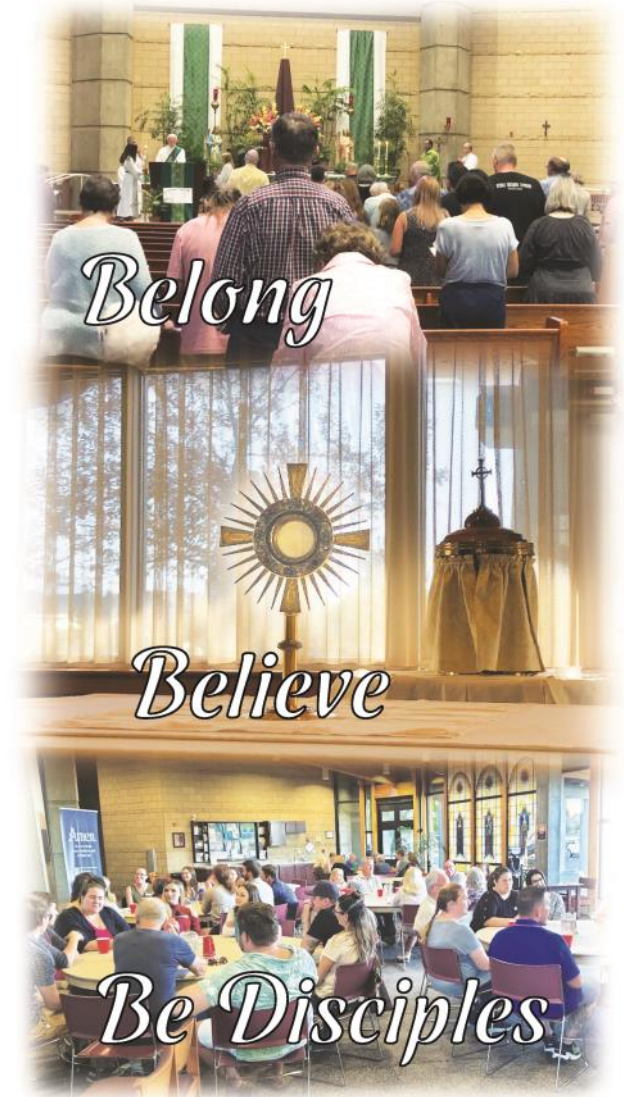


Tax Effective Ways of Giving

- Make a gift of long-term appreciated securities (stocks, mutual funds, ETFs, etc.). These gifts may be exempt from capital gains taxes and are deductible at their current fair market value.
- If you are over 70 ½, make a tax-free Qualified Charitable Distribution (QTD) from an IRA directly to the parish or school.
- Talk with your tax professional for more information on tax effective giving.
- Contact Deacon Phil or Jane Rude at the parish office for parish related instructions.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Annual Stewardship
Campaign 2023

Belong, Believe, Be Disciples

Together we *belong* to the community of believers, the parish of St. Francis of Assisi.

Together we *believe* in the teachings of Christ enunciated by the Catholic Church.

Together we grow to *be disciples* for Christ.

Belong, Believe, Be Disciples embraces who we are as a community and who we want to be. Guided by Fr. Jose's Vision 2025*, we are becoming a parish focused on our mission to be disciples for Christ.

This brochure highlights our accomplishments and goals in three key areas: Facilities, Pastoral, and School. With your generous support, together we will continue to grow and fulfill our calling to **Belong, Believe, Be Disciples**.

*stfrancisbend.org/vision2025

2022 Accomplishments

Facilities

- Completed construction of new rectory.
- Opened 3rd entrance to 27th Street Church.
- Raised 75% of funds necessary for Historic Church Restoration Project.
- Completed a security fence around the perimeter of the campus.
- Installed security cameras at the Church and School.



Pastoral

- Resumed full schedule of in-person Masses.
- Continued livestreaming all Sunday Masses from the 27th Street Church for those who cannot attend in person.
- Celebrated the Sacramental life of the Church:
 - 49 Baptisms
 - 46 Confirmations
 - 43 First Holy Communions
 - 17 Weddings
 - 33 Funerals



- Continued evangelization efforts with second and third Alpha.
- Resumed outreach ministry to the sick, homebound, and those experiencing a hospital stay.
- Improved outreach through social media.
- Resumed Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10:00 AM Mass.



School

- 12% increase in enrollment, now 182 students strong.
- Increased percentage of Catholic students enrolled from 70% to 85%.
- Made quality Catholic Education more available through Financial Aid:
 - \$90,250 in financial aid awarded.
 - 18 families benefitted.
 - 32 students benefitted.

