



ST. FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY

We, the Stewardship Committee, are kicking off our Annual Giving Campaign for 2024 by communicating the current budget with you, not through line items but through stories, narratives of impact here at St. Francis. As we reflect on the past year, we are grateful for all that we have accomplished with the help and commitment of our parishioners. It has been quite a year for St. Francis!

So many wonderful events and changes have happened, particularly the growth in physical attendance as well as the updated and evolving digital presence with our Facebook and YouTube channel. Our congregation has grown in its Prison Ministry as well as reaching out to the borders again to provide aide. We came together to provide hurricane and fire relief assistance for fellow churches, international aid for Christians abroad and we have been implementing change to educate ourselves on environmental care as well. We support programs for children by offering a free Vacation Bible School and we award scholarship dollars to students. We truly are a congregation that “Lives as Christ’s Heart and Hands.” It is our hope that this Narrative Budget illustrates not only how the finances are dispersed throughout the ministries but also the level of time and commitment that volunteers give to support our church.

Now, it is time to look forward. The season of Thanksgiving is upon us, and it is time to gather together to consider what our commitment to the mission of St. Francis will be for the 2024 calendar year. In recent years we have needed to draw from our reserve funds to supplement member giving to provide the same level of ministry that we love and enjoy at St. Francis. It is our hope that you will prayerfully consider increasing your pledge this year, if you are able, so that we may avoid a similar gap this year. If you have never pledged before, or if it has been a while, please consider beginning the spiritual practice of generous, consistent, and disciplined giving.

Along with the Narrative Budget you will find a Stewardship Data Sheet for St. Francis as well as a 2024 Estimate of Giving. We ask that you complete and return the Estimate of Giving by November 19, 2023. We pray that your giving comes from a deep abiding sense of gratitude for the gift of this community.

We extend a heartfelt THANK YOU for your past faithful support of St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church.

Faithfully,

The Stewardship Committee of St. Francis

EVERY DOLLAR YOU PLEDGE TO ST. FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY IS CAREFULLY, PRAYERFULLY, AND LOVINGLY INVESTED IN MINISTRY.

To show where your money goes, our Vestry and Staff developed this narrative budget, sorting 2023 operating expenses proportionally to four ministry areas.



WORSHIP \$226,038 | 34%

- Clergy
- Audio/Visual
- Worship Bulletins
- Altar Guild
- Lectors/Ushers/Acolytes/Greeters/Crucifer
- Organist
- Choir
- Music Instrument Maintenance/License Music
- Music Director
- Bell Choir Director/Bell Choir
- Altar Flowers
- Proportional (Maintenance/Grounds/Admin)



PASTORAL CARE \$111,673 | 17%

- Daughters of the King
- Lay Eucharistic Ministers
- Lay Home Visitors
- Memorial Receptions
- Prayer Chain
- Newcomers Ministry
- Columbarium
- Memorial Garden
- Pet Ossuary
- TeleCare
- Labyrinth
- Proportional- (Maintenance/Grounds/Admin)



- Hearts & Hands Ministry
- Border/Refugee Ministry
- Prison Ministry
- Imago Dei Partnership
- Boutique (Discretionary Fund)
- Community Facility Use
- Diocesan Mission Share
- Covenant Dinner
- Vacation Bible School
- Blessing of the Animals
- Halloween Event
- Proportional (Maintenance/Grounds/Admin)



- Adult Education
- Library
- Social Activities(Thanksgiving/Coffee Hour)
- Men's Group
- Solojourneers
- Communications (Newsletter/NFTP/Website)
- Memorial/Gift Ministry
- Vestry
- Finance/Stewardship/Personnel
- Trust Administration
- Proportional (Maintenance/Grounds/Admin)



OUTREACH \$117,158 | 17%

PARISH LIFE \$218,322 | 32%



Worship is central to our life in the church as a way to ultimately and entirely bring glory to God. Our parish receives over 5,900 volunteer hours in support of our Worship Ministry.



Pastoral Care is an essential ministry that provides spiritual support through prayer for our parishioners that need nurturing or are suffering through a crisis. Pastoral Care groups, Lay Ministers, and volunteers provide over 7,400 hours of service for others through prayer and actions.



Parish Life receives over 10,300 volunteer support hours annually. It nurtures Parish Life in the congregation and maintenance of our physical church.



Outreach & Mission provides spiritual, educational, and social events and activities throughout the community. These volunteers spend over 3,400 hours a year of their time spreading God's love to others.



Time, Talent & Treasure at St. Francis

Did you know???

- ❖ St. Francis in the Valley parishioners volunteer more than 19,000 hours in support of the ministries of our Parish.
- ❖ The value of those 19,000 volunteer hours is \$612,000.
- ❖ The Prison Ministry, Imago Dei School, Paws Patrol, Food for the Poor, Camp Genesis, Border Ministry, Casa de Los Niños, St. Stephen Nogales, GV Food Bank, Sahuarita Food Bank, Maui Fire Disaster, ERD, AA, Al-anon, and many others are provided support by St. Francis via effort, necessities, space, time, and/or dollars.
- ❖ 110 Member Households provided Estimates of Giving and an additional 50 Households regularly contribute. Thank You for your support!
- ❖ Contributions to Rector's Discretionary Fund provided financial support for emergency housing, food, and utility needs for over 25 individuals in our local community.
- ❖ Estimates of Giving totaled \$275,000 or \$2,500/Pledge vs. the average Episcopalian Pledge \$3,339.
- ❖ How much more we could contribute to the world by increasing our Estimates of Giving (both in numbers and amount) ... allowing us to put plans in place and take action steps for expanding our outreach.