



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

"Certainly children are a gift from the LORD..." Psalm 127:3

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church and School follow the Archdiocese of St. Louis Safe Environment Program (Protecting God's Children). The program is designed to help protect the youth, elderly, and vulnerable adults of our parish as they participate in activities within our community. This process also provides a layer of protection against the possibility of false accusations for those adults who are involved in our many ministries.

All volunteers and employees who work with children and vulnerable adults at St. Francis of Assisi Parish must be in full compliance with the Safe Environment Program. This includes:

- Attending a Protecting God's Children workshop.
http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theOrgID=14498&theme=0
- Undergoing an initial background check. The state requires you have an email address which you will provide on this form. Background checks will be updated in even-numbered years. <http://health.mo.gov/safety/fcsr/pdf/WorkerRegistration.pdf>
- If you have lived outside of Missouri within the past five years reading and filling out the American Checked form available through the rectory.
https://www.archstl.org/Portals/0/Documents/Child_Youth_Protection/Out%20of%20State%20Background%20Check%20Form.pdf?ver=2018-08-09-163206-857
- Signing the Code of Ethical Conduct.
https://www.archstl.org/Portals/0/Documents/Child_Youth_Protection/Code%20of%20Ethical%20Conduct%202014%20Current.pdf?ver=2018-08-09-163204-653
- Return **ALL** completed forms to SFA rectory office with a **one-time fee payment** of **\$14.25** (\$13 worker registration, \$1.25 processing). Make check payable to **SFA**.

If you have completed the FCSR Worker Registration at another Parish in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, you will need to complete it again as volunteers need to be in compliance at each location.

VOLUNTEERS UNDER THE AGE OF 18

If you are under 18 years old or still in high school, and wish to volunteer at SFA Church and School read and sign the Ethical Conduct for Minors form and return it to the rectory office.

https://www.archstl.org/Portals/0/Documents/Child_Youth_Protection/Code%20of%20Ethical%20Conduct%20for%20Minors%20012015.pdf?ver=2018-08-09-163207-357

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTING

Missouri Department of Social Services Children's Division Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline:
1-800-392-3738

For additional information related to reporting incidents of suspected abuse, please refer to the Archdiocese's Policy, Procedures, and Guidelines on Child Abuse and Neglect Reports or contact the Office of Child and Youth Protection at (314)792-7704.