

## **Gift of Securities**

Shares of appreciated securities are often an excellent asset to use for a charitable gift to St. Vincent Ferrer Church. Talk to your tax advisor to learn how you may maximize tax savings by receiving a charitable deduction for the fair market value of appreciated securities you donate to SVF, and limit capital gains tax.

To make a gift of stock or other securities to St. Vincent Ferrer Church, click the link below to get started. You will need two items:

(1) A letter you print and send to your broker (with a copy to SVF Church), and

(2) Instructions you print for your broker providing our DTC number and stock account number.

Click Here to get started!

Please contact Kathy Abele, parish Business Manager, for more information or if you have questions at 686-1119 or at [abele\\_k@svfchurch.org](mailto:abele_k@svfchurch.org).

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## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Volunteers make a big difference at St Vincent Ferrer. SVF offers many opportunities to be connected to the school & parish, and encourages you to consider volunteering. Please see below for descriptions of several volunteer options. Please contact the parish office and school for more information.

If you are interested in any of the ministries below, please fill out the form here. Someone will contact you from that ministry.

\* Please note that all volunteers need to comply with the Archdiocese VIRTUS program. [Read more here.](#)

## **ATHLETICS**

- ATHLETIC COMMISSION MEMBER - Serves on the commission that organizes and sets policy for the sports programs offered to the children of the parish.
- COACHES - Volunteer to coach or assist with boys and girls athletic teams of soccer, basketball, softball, baseball, volleyball, golf, cross country and track.
- FUND RAISING - Assist with fundraising events.

## **FUNDRAISING**

- BOOTH CAPTAINS (Festival) - persons needed to run booth and coordinate the volunteers schedule.
- BINGO - Volunteers are needed at every Bingo, held each Sunday from 12:30 PM to 5:00 PM
- MARDI GRAS - Volunteers are needed to plan and implement this springtime dinner event.

## **SCHOOL**

- LIBRARY VOLUNTEER - Assist librarian with maintenance of school library.
- LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEER - Help with hot lunches Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays.
- PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS - Adults to help supervise lunchtime recess.
- PTO VOLUNTEERS - Assist with fund-raising events.

## **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

- EUCHARISTIC MINISTER - Offers the Body and Blood of Christ to the assembly. Distributors are parishioners who are confirmed.
- MUSIC MINISTRY - Members of the Choir, Contemporary Ensemble, and instrumentalists provide an opportunity for prayerful worship at Sunday Eucharist and other liturgical experiences throughout the year.
- SACRISTAN - Prepare sanctuary and altar for Sunday Eucharist, weekdays, Holy Days, weddings, and funerals.
- SERVER - Assists the presider at Mass, 5th grade or older. Adult servers are also needed for weekday Masses and special liturgical feasts.
- USHER - Persons to welcome and seat congregation, direct the flow of movement during the liturgies and take up the collection.
- GREETERS - With ushers, provide welcoming for members of the assembly before Mass at the doors of the church at all weekend Masses. Singles, couples, and families, encouraged to participate.
- ART & ENVIRONMENT - A committee that provides for the seasonal decor of the Church.
- BEREAVEMENT MINISTER - Members assist the family of a deceased person with planning of the funeral liturgy and help to facilitate the funeral Mass.
- LECTOR - Proclaim the Word of God in Scripture for Sunday and weekday Masses, Holy Days and special liturgical feasts.

## **PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

- ALTAR SOCIETY - Group of people responsible for the upkeep of altar linens, vestments, sacred vessels. They pray for the living and the dead of the parish and make purificators and infant's baptismal bibs. Meet 2nd Monday of month @ 10:00 AM.
- BRIDGE MARATHON - Once a month, 3rd Tuesday. Flights are organized in August.
- FUN LUNCH BUNCH - Light lunch & cards once a month on the 3rd Thursday, September - May. Small fee. Reservations by Tuesday before.
- HAPPY WANDERERS - 55+ group. Meets last Friday of month @ 10:00 AM. Trips, speakers, luncheons, morning of reflection 1x year. Yearly dues, but everyone is welcome.
- LANDSCAPE/GARDENING TEAM - Gardening enthusiasts needed to be available for seasonal planting, trimming, mulching, etc. of parish grounds. Parishioners can also "Adopt a Plot."
- MEN'S CLUB - All men of parish welcome to join for service, fun, men's night out once a month, 4th Wednesday, 8:00 PM.
- ST. VINCENT for the POOR - Provides emergency financial and material aid to parishioners and persons living within parish boundaries. To aid in this outreach, they sponsor the collection of canned goods and aluminum cans and clothing drives 2x year. Meets on 3rd Monday @ 10:00 AM.
- WOMEN'S SOCIAL VOLLEYBALL - Every Tuesday, September - May, 8:00 PM for women of the parish.
- MOM'S GROUP - Parish Mom's who meet the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM. Meetings may include outside speakers or other planned events.

- R.C.I.A. (Process for Christian Initiation of Adults) Be a sponsor for an adult learning about the Catholic faith (RCIA). Meetings take place on Tuesday Evenings throughout fall, winter and spring. PRAYER PARTNER - Person who prays for a specific inquirer throughout the initiation process.

### **PRAYER & REFLECTION OPPORTUNITIES**

- BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUPS - Meet: 7:30 PM Thursdays, 10:00 AM Fridays, 7:30 PM Sundays mid-September thru mid-May.
- ROSARY - Parishioners gather 25 minutes before daily Mass to pray the rosary.
- SOLEMN EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Immediately following the Monday morning Mass, until 5:00 PM, in the chapel, excluding holidays.
- PRAYER CHAIN - A group that prayer for parishioner intentions.
- MEN'S PRAYER GROUP - Men who meet for prayer and reflection the 1st Saturday of the Month, September through June, from 9:00 to 10:00 AM

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

- ADULT FORMATION TEAM - Members plan Adult Education events, evening meetings vary.
- CHILDREN'S R.C.I.C. TUTORS (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) - Be a tutor for a child who may not have received formal religious education. Meetings take place at SVF. Time and day availability to be determined by student/parent/tutor.

- P.R.E.P. - Religious education classes for children (Kindergarten – Grade 8) are held Sundays from 9:30-10:45 AM. Volunteer opportunities exist for individuals interested in teaching as Catechists, Substitute Catechists, and Classroom Assistants.
- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LIBRARY - Persons to assist with organizing and cataloging books and media for the parish library.
- WEDNESDAY EVENING FAITH SHARING GROUP - meets regularly at 7:30 PM in the chapel for reflection on the upcoming Sunday scriptures.

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH**

- BLOOD DRIVE - Volunteers needed to give blood and assist with project, 2x year.
- BREAD RUNNERS - Pick up breads and pastries and deliver to area agencies that provide for the poor.
- CHRISTMAS TURKEYS - Provide turkeys for St. Francis Seraph Soup Kitchen through preparation or donations.
- EASTSIDE COALITION FOR HABITAT - Applications to volunteer will be sent prior to next building project.
- MEATBALL MINISTRY - Donations provide for purchase of meatballs for St. Francis Seraph Soup Kitchen.
- SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION - Oversees parish outreach. Brings justice issues for parish action and awareness and education. Sponsors the paper-recycling program.
- ST. VINCENT for the POOR - \*\*See description under Parish Organizations

- URBAN MISSIONARIES - Prepare and serve dinner for Over the Rhine residents at Nast-Trinity United Methodist Church on Sunday in February or March, once a year.
- TENDER MERCIES - Monthly dinners for 40 people provided and served by parish teams, Mondays or Thursdays.
- THANKSGIVING TURKEYS - Provide turkeys for St. Francis Seraph Soup Kitchen through preparation or donations.
- APPALACHIA PROJECT -A ministry trip to Appalachia to refurbish homes in Spring

### **PASTORAL CARE**

- ARDEN COURTS - Ministers needed to provide Rosary prayer on Tuesday mornings or a Communion Service on rotating basis. Training provided.
  - CARRIAGE COURT - Ministers needed to provide Communion Service on Friday mornings on a rotating basis. Training provided.
  - COMMUNION CALLS TO HOMEBOUND - Visit parishioners who are unable to attend Mass on a regular basis with Eucharist and prayer of the community.
  - COMMUNION CALLS TO JEWISH HOSPITAL of KENWOOD - Visit Catholic patients with the Eucharist on weekdays on a team-rotating basis. (Multi-parish effort coordinated thru OLSH)
  - DRIVING MINISTRY - Provide transportation for parishioners who are unable to drive to church, doctor appointments, etc.
  - FLOWERS TO THE HOMEBOUND - Team of people needed before Christmas and Easter to deliver flowers to parishioners who are homebound.
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**Buy Your Groceries at Kroger and Kroger sends money to SVF! Find out more how [here!](#)**

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## **Online Giving / WeShare**

Use [WeShare](#) to ensure that St. Vincent Ferrer Parish receives your regular Sunday Collection gift and any other donation to SVF. WeShare makes donations even more safe, convenient and reliable. With WeShare there are no checks to write and nothing to mail. Even if you don't want to go on line, the parish office can take your information over the phone. WeShare is quick, confidential, safe, and easy, and even saves your church time and money!

### **What is WeShare?**

WeShare allows you to go on line at the parish web site to make a donation to St. Vincent Ferrer Parish or to pay St. Vincent Ferrer School tuition, PREP tuition, and other fees.

### **How do I get started?**

Click on the WeShare [here!](#) The St. Vincent Ferrer Parish secure donation page opens, and you are ready to go. Just follow the instructions.

### **What are my payment choices?**

You have several payment choices with WeShare. You can pay with your credit card or debit card, or you can pay with an electronic withdrawal from your checking or savings account.



**What if I want to make a repeating donation once a week or once a month?**

No problem! You select whether you are making a one-time donation or a repeating donation. You select the day you want to make the donation. You select how often the donation repeats.

**What if I want to change or stop a WeShare donation I previously set up?**

With WeShare, you are in the driver's seat! You can change or stop any donation that you have scheduled in the future. You can also change or update your payment information (for example, when you get a new credit card).

**Is my WeShare account secure and private?**

Yes! The first time you make a donation, you will be asked to create your secure and private St. Vincent Ferrer WeShare account with a unique user name and password. The WeShare website is 100% protected with the latest security technology.

**Why is St. Vincent Ferrer offering WeShare?**

Many people now go on line to make gifts or pay bills. WeShare offers you a safe, secure and confidential means to donate to SVF Parish or pay tuition. No checks to write, nothing to mail, nothing is forgotten or lost. If you decide to make a repeating donation, such as to the Sunday Collection, you have the comfort of knowing that your donation will be made even if you are out of town. The parish saves money because it doesn't have to receive, handle, count and deposit checks or cash.

**Will I get tax credit for my charitable donation to St. Vincent Ferrer on WeShare?**

Absolutely! Your end of year tax letter will include all donations made using WeShare. You also will receive an email confirmation

of each gift or payment, and you will have a record on your bank or credit card statement.

**What if I want to use my checking account or my credit card, but I don't want to go on line?**

Just call the parish office and give your information over the phone.

**Can I still donate to St. Vincent Ferrer by check or with cash?**

Of course! WeShare is an option for those who want it, but the traditional methods of giving are still available.

**What happens to my church envelopes when I use WeShare?**

There is a box on your church envelopes to check if you donate using WeShare. Just put the empty envelope in the collection basket. You also can use your envelopes any time for special or additional gifts (Christmas, Easter, Holy Days, etc.).

**Does WeShare cost me anything?** WeShare is free. There is no cost to you to use WeShare.

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**Planned Giving**

What is planned giving? Planned giving means a number of ways to support Saint Vincent Ferrer Church in the future, while at the same time supporting the present well-being of your family. For instance, planned giving includes leaving a gift to SVF in your will, including SVF as a beneficiary in your retirement plan, or naming Saint Vincent as owner or beneficiary on a life insurance plan.

Not only are these ways to give convenient and easy, but you may benefit as well.

- Have the satisfaction of making a difference.
- Avoid capital gains tax on gifts of appreciated property.
- Reduce income tax through a deduction for a gift.
- Eliminate federal estate tax on property donated to charity after death.
- Retain life income for yourself and other beneficiaries.
- Reduce costs and time in estate settlement.
- Fulfill philanthropic goals.

For more information, contact Kathy Abele, parish Business Manager, at or 686-1119.

*All donors are urged to seek the advice of a competent legal or tax professional as to the consequences of their gift prior to entering into a Planned Gift Arrangement.*

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