



Saint Paul Catholic Church

Saint Francis Ministry

Quarterly Newsletter

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St. Francis of Assisi Ministry

Our mission is to promote compassion for all God's creatures and to encourage caretakers/pet owners with love and to support all who care about animals with prayer and action.

Our motto is
Prayer and Action.

Regular meeting time for our ministry:

Second Saturday of every month at 9 AM.

Our Regular Events

- ◆ *Weekly Eucharistic Adoration – 7:00PM to 8:00PM on Tuesday evening*
- ◆ *Pet owner consolation and prayer*

St. Francis Ministry Preliminary Annual Calendar of Events

October 5th – Annual Blessing of the Animals and Walk-about Social – 9 – 11am

November (Signature Event) – Animal Fair and Prayer Service – TBD

Fundraiser Date TBD

“We can never thank you enough for all of your prayers as we said good-bye to Angel ... Your presence brought us so much peace and grace.”



Our ministry was born from the love of God's creations. We need your prayerful support to provide comfort and aid to the sick, neglected, dying and in-need pets of our community.

Featured Pet – Rescue Cat By Chris Thompson

At this very moment, somewhere in the wilds of the Northdale area, there is a cat- white of fur, with eyes of blue and golden yellow- who's more likely than not...chasing a lizard.

Though known to her loved ones by many affectionate names, her true given name is Isis Ashlie Thompson. Her middle name is the gateway to her story, as it was my

sister's ex-boyfriend's girlfriend

Ashlie, who one day in May, found an abandoned kitten by an old tire and took her in. She



named the kitten for the Egyptian goddess of healing, protection, and magic- and though she loved the kitten intensely- had to find her another long-term home. That's how Isis came to us a little more than 3 years ago, with love and a promise.

Even when she was small enough to fit in one hand, I would take her outside to become familiar with the world, and she quickly grew to become a savvy cat and a scourge of the local lizards. She's a fan of sweeping and being brushed by a broom, running up palm trees, and diving for treats. And when we're all on the couch, wrapped in our blankets watching Game of Thrones, she would rather cuddle by your side and fall asleep gazing at you. She's slow to trust others, maybe from early trauma, but she brings us lots of joy, and is definitely our favorite four-legged family member.

St. Francis of Assisi Mass for Grieving Pet Owners

St. Francis of Assisi Ministry held its second annual mass for grieving pet owners this past July. Celebrating this special mass was

Fr. Bob and concelebrated by Fr. Clement and Fr. Prakash. St. Francis Pet Rescue was the beneficiary of the love offering.



Blessing of the Chickens

Walker Middle Magnet School in Odessa has started an Ag Club with 12 hens and two rambunctious rooters.

The St. Francis Ministry participated in the annual Walker Spring Animal Shelter Fair so the club requested a special blessing of their chickens and



was honored when Fr. Bob offered to bless them. Of course they loved him and he even made friends with "Goldie" (below), the most standoffish of the group!

