

St. Louis Parish
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Booklet

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Outreach Programs

MCREST

Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team

Every March, St. Louis Church hosts the MCREST program for one week. During this week, we are home to approximately 50 to 60 guests whom, without this shelter, would have little to no shelter at all. We provide a clean and safe, alcohol and drug free environment for the homeless registered in this program from 6 pm until 8 am. They are provided with breakfast, a sack lunch and dinner, warm sleeping areas, transportation to and from work, and laundry services, and it is in these areas that assistance is needed, as well as supervision.

Sign up will be a few weekends before the program is to take place. If you cannot physically help, donations and prayers are always helpful and needed.

Watch the Life & Liturgy for dates, times and needs.

Warming Center

St Louis Church is a host site for the Macomb County Warming Center for one week in the fall. The Parish Center is used to accommodate the guests during that week. Our responsibility as a warming center is to provide a warm and secure place to spend the night for those who would otherwise have no shelter. We provide a simple meal, hot beverages, breakfast foods, blankets, pillows, a place to sleep, our hospitality, our friendship, and our love. The hours of the warming center are from 9:00 pm to 7:00 am daily.

We need many volunteers to make the week a success. A few weekends before the shelter is scheduled at our parish we ask parishioners to sign up.

If it isn't possible for you to volunteer perhaps you can spend some time praying for a successful experience for all. If you are able to contribute toward this all funds will help defray the costs.

Watch Life & Liturgy for scheduled dates.

Parish Council

Purpose:

The Council is the unifying structure and cohesive gel of our parish community. It is the means by which the whole parish can voice their opinions and help make decisions on the various aspects of parish growth, in all forms. The Parish Council acts as a consultant to the Pastoral Team. It is called to bring forth the feelings and views of all parishioners. The members are called to guide the Parish in a direction that would benefit all.

Commitment:

Members serve for two years. Each commission or group has a representative on the council, plus we have six members-at-large who are chosen by a lottery. Parishioners who wish to be one of the members at large may indicate interest and have their names placed in a drawing on Pentecost Sunday (May/June). Members at large serve for two years.

Time:

The council meets on the third Tuesday of each month, September through June. Meetings are held at 7:00 pm and usually last less than two hours.

Special Information:

The council members include the Pastor, representation from each commission (Worship, Christian Service, Education, Stewardship), vicariate representative, six members at large and one representative from Our Ladies Circle, Men's Club and Seniors.

Good News:

Being a member involves you in all aspects of the Parish Community.

For more information contact Father Tony

Christian Service

468.8734 ext 101

Christian Service Commission Member

Purpose: The Christian Service Commission is a group of Parish Members whose resource and model enables the Parish to put into action the Social teaching of the Catholic Church. It's goal is to empower its members and members of the parish at-large to respond to human needs by carrying on the Church's mission of love, justice and peace for all, through participation in planned activities and prayer.

Commitment: For as long as you would like.

Time: This Commission meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm

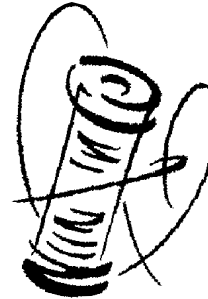
Special Information: Membership is voluntary and open to any one in the parish.

Good News: The scriptures remind us that, "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve." Matt 20:21

For more information contact Christian Service.

Serve at Receptions/Programs/Dinners

A few times a year, St. Louis hosts dinners, receptions and programs that require people to assist in the kitchen. Setting up refreshments, making coffee and punch, and so forth. So if you feel like the "hostess with the 'mostest'" this would be the perfect place for you to help us entertain our guests.



Sewing

Some times we need costumes for the Christmas Pageant — sometimes we need embroidery done on Baptism bibs and stoles — sometimes we need to make new Altar cloths — sometimes we need little repairs — so, If you are good with needle and thread or a master at the serger, stitch your name onto this list.

Notes:

Occasional Needs

If and when the occasion arises
and these services are needed: you will be contacted.

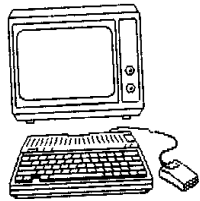
Artwork

At times different organizations will need assistance making posters and the like for up coming events. If you hear the call to create — have the drive to draw — that panache to paint — the must to marker — this is where you need to autograph the sign-up sheet.



Baking

There are also times when we have receptions, bake sales and other such occasions, where it would be delightful to have cookies cakes and pies. If you like to bake, this is a great area for you to assist.



Computer Software Services

Computer Hardware Services

The staff is pretty well skilled in how to utilize their computers but when the errors pop up — pop up — pop up — pop up and the temptation is there to gently tip the computer off the desk, they know it is time to call in persons much more skilled than they. If you have major amounts of computer savvy this is probably where you'd best help out.

Carpentry, Electrical or Painting

Many times renovation or repair projects require one of these three things. We are always looking for persons to assist in making our buildings look nice and stay in perfect running order.

Major projects are done by licensed contractors.

For more information call Mike Wortman 468.8734 ext 108

Blood Bank

Purpose: To assist the Red Cross in taking donations of blood. Volunteers help with registration, setting appointments, hospitality, and so forth.

Commitment & Time: We have two Blood banks per year. Time frame is usually from 3 - 9 pm.

Special Information: Training required and provided by the Red Cross.

Good News: Help others to save lives.

For more information contact Christian Service.



Catholic Caucus Representatives

Purpose: Catholic Caucus is an advocacy group for the poor and disadvantaged. The volunteers responsibility is to become informed about legislation concerned with taking away from those who need help most, then bringing and sharing that information with the Parish at large. They also help initiate responses and action programs.

Commitment: There is no time commitment — strictly volunteer.

Time: Meetings are once a month beginning at 10 am until noon and are held at St. James Church in Ferndale.

Special Information: Very informative politically — doesn't matter which side of the political fence you are on. Some legislators attend these meetings, and one has the opportunity to hear information and ask questions first hand.

Good News: This is an excellent way to respond and become informed about Catholic Social teaching.

**For more information contact Catholiccaucus@yahoo.com
Or call Christian Service.**

Coffee Social Sundays

Prepare Social Hall

Purpose: Prepare the Social Hall for serving Coffee & Donuts after the Sunday Masses.

Commitment: One year

Time: Before 8:30 and 10:30 Masses — arrive early enough for coffee to perk so it is ready before the Masses are over. (It takes about one hour to perk.)

Pick-up Donuts

Purpose: To provide a light snack for those growling stomachs and some time for fellowship after 8:30 and 10:30 Masses

Commitment: One year - which basically means you pick up donuts and bagels approximately 23 times per year.

Time: Pick up around 7:45 - 8:00 am - deliver to Social Hall - this allows set up persons time before 8:30 Mass. Donuts get picked up from Golden Donuts on Harper & Quinn - Bagels get picked up from Big Apple Bagels on Crocker and 16 Mile.

Good News: It takes less than 30 minutes to perform this task.

Serve & Clean up

Purpose: to serve the donuts and coffee after Mass and clean up

Commitment: One year.

Time: After 8:30 and 10:30 Masses

Special Information:

If you are not available on the date you are assigned to prepare, pick-up or serve and clean - you are provided with a list of names/ phone numbers of people on the committee who may be able to switch with you.

For more information contact Christian Service



St. Louis Seniors

Purpose: This group gives the Seniors (fifty-five plus) an afternoon of fun and friendship.

Commitment: St. Louis Seniors (men and women) is an organization that has been in the parish for years and years — sometimes under a different name — and our commitment is to keep this group going and growing for years to come.

Time: The Seniors meet the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm - September -June.

Special Information: Dues are 50 cents each time one attends. During the year, cake and beverage is served eight times at no charge. Nine times a lunch is served for a \$1.00. In June and December a fabulous lunch is served at no charge.

We donate to charitable groups, (MCREST, St. Vincent de Paul, Crop Walk, etc.). Deacon Don is our Spiritual Director, and in November we have a beautiful prayer service in memory of our deceased members.

Good News: Pinochle, Euchre, Dominoes and Scrabble are some of the games played. We make sure everyone is involved with some game. The room is filled with laughter and we know many go home with a light heart. We are growing in numbers and encourage seniors to join for a enjoyable afternoon.

For more information contact the Parish Offices.

Gardening Angels Club

Consists of parishioners who care for the parish grounds and the gardens around the Church, Rectory and Parish Center.

If you are interested, please contact the Office.



Groups & Clubs

Men's Club

Purpose: Men of the parish sponsor and participate in activities that provide support for the needs of selected groups, individuals or property, within the parish community.

Commitment: No time limits.

Time: Meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 pm

Special Information: They have cool shirts and hats!

Good News: They do nifty fun stuff—Tiger game—Posada—Golf and more.

For more information contact the Parish Offices.

Our Lady's Circle

Purpose: The objective of this organization shall be to practice and honor Our Lady, and unite the women of St. Louis Parish for the good of its members and the welfare of the Parish.

Commitment: No time limits.

Time: Meetings are the 1st Monday of the months February through May and October through December, at 7:00 pm. Meetings last 1 to 2 hours depending on devotions, speakers, etc..

Special Information: Members are asked to attend funeral Masses for the deceased. We wear blue stoles and participate in an Honor Guard at this Mass. We also accept yearly dues of \$5 for supporting members who are unable to attend meetings.

On a regular basis we:

1. Clean the altar each Friday after 9 am Mass and decorate for holidays.
2. Sponsor yearly Bake Sales and bi-annual Mom to Mom Sales.
3. Host receptions for various activities.

Good News: Members are asked to do as much or as little as they are able.

For more information contact the Parish Offices.

Funeral Luncheons

Purpose: To give the bereaved family of the deceased parishioner a good hot meal after the funeral.

Commitment: There are different areas that require assistance.

1. Team Member — help with the preparation and serving of food.
2. Clean-up Crew - arrives as the funeral mass ends.
3. Donate Desserts and Jello — Desserts and Jellos can be dropped off on the morning of the funeral.

Time: Funeral Luncheons are served after the Mass or after interment at a local Cemetery. Funerals can be Monday through Saturday, usually at 10 am.

Special Information: There is no special training — just a willingness to help in any way to prepare the meal.

Good News: Fellowship with workers and the families appreciation of your efforts.

For more information contact Christian Service.

Homebound, The Sick & Infirm

Distribute Communion at Lakepointe Villa

Purpose: To visit and distribute Communion to the Catholic residents of Lakepointe Villa Nursing Home and to participate in Mass or a Scripture Service with them.

Commitment: There is no specific time commitment—we go when we can and let the person in charge know if we will be unavailable for any given week.

Time: Arrive at approximately 9:30 am on Tuesday Mornings. Service begins at 10:15 am. We distribute communion between 9:30 and 10:15 to those who don't or can't attend the service. We are usually finished about 11 am.

Special Information: Dress as you would for any daytime church activity.

For more information contact Christian Service.

Homebound, The Sick & Infirm

Communion & Visiting with the Homebound

Purpose: To take Communion and share fellowship with those who, because of illness or age, cannot make it to Mass each week.

Commitment & Time: Arrangements are made with the family or individual.

Special Information: There are procedures and training involved.

For more information contact Christian Service

Homebound, The Sick & Infirm

Communion & Visiting at Local Hospitals

Purpose: One would distribute communion and visit with parishioners admitted to local hospitals.

Commitment & Time: One would set up dates and times with Deacon Don.

Special Information: There are procedures and training involved. Main hospital is St. John's North Shore.

For more information contact Christian Service

Homebound, The Sick & Infirm

Respite Care

Purpose: There are times when caregivers need a "break", to run errands or just take sometime for themselves — that's where respite care comes into use.

Commitment & Time: Varies

Special Information: Some training may be necessary.

For more information contact Christian Service

Music Ministries

Jr. Handchimes

Purpose: For children to participate and enhance our liturgies with the use of handchimes.

Commitment: This choir practices every week for 45 minutes. The commitment is on a yearly basis, but it is hoped that members will return for several years to continue to grow in musical knowledge and skill.

Time: Practices are on Thursdays from 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Special Information: The Jr. Handchime Choir plays generally once a month at varying weekend liturgies. They also play at many special Masses such as Christmas Eve and Day, Easter, Pentecost and Thanksgiving. This Choir is open to youth from ages 5 - 12. When a certain level of proficiency has been achieved, a Jr. Handchime ringer may be invited to join the Jr. Handbell Choir.

Good News: Learning to play Handchimes is a very special talent, which children can share with each other and their parish! It's GREAT FUN, too!!

For more information contact the Music Director.

Music Ministries

Resurrection Choir

Purpose: This choir leads the singing at funeral Masses.

Commitment & Time: This choir meets about a half hour before each funeral to practice for that particular mass.

Special Information: Each member of this choir is contacted individually for every funeral. Members respond when they are available.

Good News: This is a dedicated group of adult singers who love to sing, inspire and comfort others at a time of grief.

For more information contact the Music Director.

Music Ministries -
Adult Handchimes

Purpose: This group enhances our liturgies with the use of Handchimes.

Commitment: This choir practices every week for an hour. The commitment is on a yearly basis, but it is hoped that members will return for several years to continue to grow in musical knowledge and skill.

Time: Practices are on Thursdays from 5:30--6:30 p.m.

Special Information: The Handchime Choir plays generally twice a month at varying weekend liturgies. They also play at many special masses such as Christmas Eve and Day, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost and other special celebrations.

Good News: This is a dedicated group of adult ringers who take their playing seriously, BUT, yet love to have lots of fun together!

For more information contact the Music Director.

Music Ministries
Jr. Handbells

Purpose: This group for children and youth to enhance our liturgies with the use of Handbells.

Commitment: This choir practices every week for 45 minutes. The commitment is on a yearly basis, but it is hoped that members will return for several years to continue to grow in musical knowledge and skill.

Time: Practices are on Thursdays from 7:15--8 p.m.

Special Information: The Jr. Handbell Choir plays, generally, once a month at varying weekend liturgies. They also play at many special Masses such as Christmas Eve and Day, Easter, Pentecost, Thanksgiving, and so forth. This Choir is open to youth from ages 10 and into the teen years. When a certain level of proficiency has been achieved, a Jr. Handbell ringer may be invited to join the regular St. Louis Handbell Choir.

Good News: Learning to play Handbells is a very special talent which children can share with each other and their parish! It's GREAT FUN, too!!

For more information contact the Music Director.

Homebound, The Sick & Infirm
Transportation

Purpose:

At times Parishioners don't have the means or abilities to obtain transportation to the doctor or to church on the weekends and that might be where your services would be appreciated.

Commitment & Time: Varies

Special Information:

A current driver's License and Insurance is required.



For more information contact Christian Service.

Jail Ministry

Purpose:

There are two separate ways in which you can donate your time to the Jail Ministry.

1. You can volunteer to go to the jail and assist with prayer services, communion services and bible studies. This though, is not done through our church, but rather through the jail Chaplain at the prison. For more information contact the Chaplain at 586.307.9326

2. St. Louis' Christian Service program assists the imprisoned by collecting donations of items the jail needs for its inmates.

Special Information:

The jail Chaplain notifies St. Louis of needs — items such as bibles, toiletries, socks and other miscellaneous items and Christian Service either donates the money for the supplies or organizes drives to collect the items needed.

For more information contact Christian Service.

Parish Nurses & Health Care Team

Purpose:

St. Louis Parish Nurses serve as members of Christian Service. They work to address body, mind, and spirit concerns using available parish and community resources while utilizing parish volunteers, spiritual caregivers and health counselors. They listen, give support and direction to our parish and community through the ministries of health and healing.

Time:

Meetings are once a month (excluding Dec, July, and August) and last approximately two hours. Nurses and volunteers also participate in the annual Health Fair in the Fall and four support groups each year.

Special Information:

Registered Nurses (RN) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) must complete a parish nurse preparation course.

We also welcome and appreciate non-nurse volunteers to assist the nurses.

Good News:

Feel the warmth of appreciation and positive feedback from your parishioners. The self-gratification in being able to help others is tremendously rewarding. An added benefit is Continuing Education Units (CEU) that are available for free, through your Parish Nurses Network.

**Please contact the St. Louis Parish Nurses
at 586. 783. 8280 for more information.**



Music Ministries - Adult Handbells

Purpose:

This group enhances our liturgies with the use of Handbells.

Commitment:

This choir practices every week for an hour and a half. In preparation for special celebrations, practices will last two hours. The commitment is on a yearly basis, but it is hoped that members will return for several years to continue to grow in musical knowledge and skill.

Time:

Practices are on Mondays from 6:00 -7:30 pm.

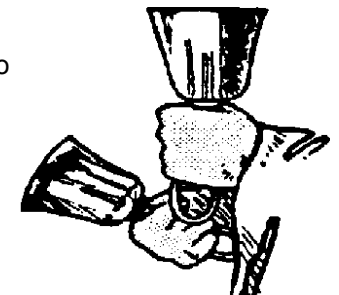
Special Information:

The Handbell Choir plays generally twice a month at varying weekend liturgies. They also play at many special masses such as Christmas Eve and Day, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost, Confirmation, Thanksgiving, and other special celebrations. This Choir is open to youth and adults who love to work as a team to create beautiful music.

Good News:

Total teamwork is the KEY to this GREAT choir! We have recently expanded our horizons and have started ringing with other Handbell choirs from the area. GREAT FUN!

**For more information contact the
Music Director.**



Music Ministries

Adult Singing Choirs

Purpose: These choirs lead the singing at all the masses and enhance the liturgy with preludes and other special music. Other instruments may be used to accompany some of the choirs i.e. flute, saxophone, drums, harp, etc.

Commitment: These choirs practice every week for 90 minutes. Additional practices may be held occasionally in preparation for holy days and special events. The commitment is on a yearly basis, but it is hoped that members will return for several years to continue to grow in musical knowledge and skill. Practices are on Wednesdays from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. in the church.

Special Information: A separate choir sings at each Mass, but all the choirs rehearse together. Combined choirs sing at many special Masses such as Christmas Eve and Day, Easter, Pentecost, Thanksgiving, Confirmation and so forth.

Good News: Singing and playing for the Lord is a WONDERFUL way to share your talents with your parish!! BESIDES, we have a lot of FUN being together!!

For more information contact the Music Director.

Music Ministries

God's Angels Singing Choir

Purpose: This choir promotes and nurtures in children the love of singing and playing God's music.

Commitment: This choir begins in October and ends around Pentecost. Practices are weekly for one hour. This choir will generally sing two times a month at various Masses, as well as, sing at special children's liturgies

Time: Practices are on Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. in the church.

Special Information: Calling all children ages 5-12 years of age.

Good News: With clapping hands and joyful hearts, we encourage children to sing and play praise to the Lord!

For more information contact the Music Director.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Purpose: To help the needy in our community.

Commitment: Forever or as long as you can.

Time: Meetings are the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month and last approximately a 1/2 hour.

Special Information: The St. Vincent de Paul Society that runs through St. Louis Parish takes calls seven days a week, 24 hours a day, per their voice mail system at the church. They assist those in need of food and other resources that many of us take for granted. The first weekend of each month they hold collections for food and funds.

Monday—Friday at 3:30 until 4:30 pm different scheduled groups of volunteers take care of walk in needs. Help is always needed.

Good News: Involvement in the surrounding community, doing hands on work for the Lord.

For more information contact St. Vincent de Paul.

Salvation Army Soup Kitchen

Purpose: To prepare and serve lunch, once a month, at the Salvation Army Facility, in Mt. Clemens.

Commitment: For as long as you wish to assist. You will be asked to help out several times a year, and would be called a week or so before the serving date to see if you are available.

Time: The 2nd Tuesday of each month, beginning at 9:30 am until approximately 1:00 pm.

Special Information: Because of Health Department Rules we are asked not to wear nail polish or rings (except wedding rings) on that day. We also must wear hair nets, aprons and plastic gloves — all of which are provided.

Good News: We are "Feeding the Hungry".

For more information contact Christian Service.

Faith Formation

468.8734 ext 104

Education Commission Member

Purpose:

Education Commission is responsible for setting policy and directory for the various aspects of education for all members of the parish.

Commitment:

At least one year or for as long as you wish.

Time:

Thursdays — every other month at 7 pm.

Meetings generally run about an hour, and there are projects or programs that we implement and host.

Special Information:

The Education Commission is composed of parishioners who are interested in the educational endeavors of the parish.

Good News:

We would be delighted to welcome new members.

For more information contact the Religious Education Office.

Funeral Sacristan / Server

Purpose: Funeral Sacristans set-up the church for a funeral and assist the priest during the funeral Mass.

Commitment: For as long as you can assist.

Time: Funerals usually take place Monday through Saturday around 10 am. Set-up through clean-up is about two hours.

Special Information: Guidelines and training are provided. This ministry is ideal for the retired, but anyone who is available during these mornings are more than welcome. This ministry is best done in teams of two. Appropriate Funeral attire is advised.

Good News:

For more information contact the Worship Coordinator.

Usher & Greeter

Purpose: Ushers are the people that greet you as you enter church.

They have several responsibilities - they hand out the song sheets before Mass and Life and Liturgy's after, they ring the Church Bells, help seat Parishioners when necessary, usher during communion, carry the cross and take up the collection.

Commitment: Commitment is for one year and there are schedules to assign volunteers specific dates to usher. It is hoped that you enjoy the commitment and serve more than one year.

Time: 1. You select the Mass you wish to serve at: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 8:30 am or 10:30 am. Schedules are made monthly. One should arrive fifteen to twenty minutes before Mass.

2. Ushers meet twice a year for prayers, enrichment and to brainstorm.

Special Information: There is a dress code: one wears a Navy-blue Blazers over their Sunday best.

Good News: You get the opportunity to meet many of your fellow Parishioners.

For more information contact the Worship Coordinator.

Minister of the Word

Purpose:

The Lector proclaims the readings before the Gospel to the assembled faith community, drawing them to a deeper, richer faith and a love of scripture.

Commitment:

You are commissioned for a period of one year, which is renewable. For ease of scheduling, you should select only one of the weekend liturgies to exercise this ministry. It is likely that you will be scheduled at least once every 4-6 weeks. There is one formation meeting during the year.

Time:

You should plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before the liturgy begins in order to look at the Lectionary, noting the markers, your page and the reading itself.

Special Information:

Diocesan guidelines recommend high school age as the minimum age for Lectors. There is no specific dress code, but you are expected to show good taste - wearing your "Sunday best". You are not calling attention to yourself, so clothing should not be sloppy, too short, too tight, etc. You should know how to use a microphone effectively and be able to speak so that the readings can be heard and understood. Begin by preparing your reading at least the week before your assignment, using the workbook that is provided and spending some prayerful time with Scripture.

Good News:

Answering the call to be a Lector means entering into a deeper relationship with God revealed in Sacred Scripture. It is an awesome responsibility to which one is called and into which one is formed. You are not just reading words - you are reading the Word - and sometimes, the Spirit of God just takes over! There is no way to explain it.

For more information contact the Worship Coordinator.

Bible Study & Faith Groups

Purpose:

Each group uses the sacred scriptures as their source of sharing. Prayer begins and ends each session. We call on the Holy Spirit to enlighten, inspire and give discernment as we share.

Commitment & Times:

Three faith sharing gatherings are presently active in our parish:

The evening bible study meets on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. They meet in sessions of six to eight weeks throughout the year, concentrating on chosen books of the bible.

The two morning faith sharing groups meet on Wednesday mornings from 9:45 to 11:45. These sharings usually begin in mid-September and continue through to Pentecost or mid-June.

Special Information:

Each group asks participants to bring their bibles and there is usually a nominal fee for material used during the course of the sessions. This can cost from five to ten dollars a year for the time spent together. This material is, of course, optional -- the mainstay is the bible brought from home.

One of the groups focuses on the coming Sunday scripture readings; the other group focuses aspects of our faith life according to the material used.

The common goal of these groups is to enhance the faith life of its members and to open their lives to the scripture and how it speaks to us today. The groups pray together, some sing together, and all remember many people of the parish family in their prayer.

Good News:

The outreach is considerable. Through these groups the poor of our parish and the world have been aided.

Members come to know and appreciate each other and the faith that each of us has been given. Sharing that gift, we go out into our worlds bringing the light and life of Jesus Christ. These faith sharings are open and everyone is welcome to "come and see."

For more information contact the Religious Education Office.

Catechist (Teacher)

Purpose:

To instruct the youth of our parish about our faith in creative and loving ways.

Commitment:

Catechists (teachers) love God and have a need to share that love with others. For one school year, they must be willing to give a few hours of their time each week preparing and teaching. The work is very rewarding and most catechists return year after year, but there is always room for more.

Time:

A school year runs from approximately the end of September through May. Sundays 10:30 - 11:30 am or Mondays 4:30 - 6:00 pm or Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm or Monday evenings 7 - 8:30 pm. Teachers are expected to be in their rooms fifteen minutes before the class begins.

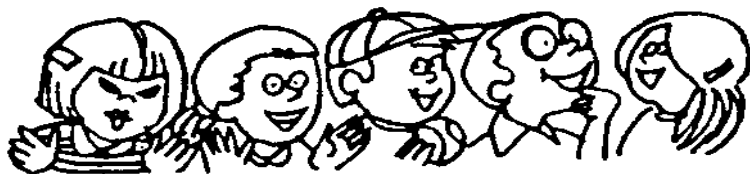
Special Information:

Catechists are supplied with a manual and ideas to teach each lesson. It is necessary that all catechists are urged to becoming certified through classes that they take over a period of time.

Good News:

The Good News is growth in your own faith and knowledge, by helping others to grow in theirs.

For more information contact the Religious Education Office.



Minister of the Eucharist

(EME) - Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist

Purpose: EMEs distribute Eucharist to the Parishioners during Mass.

Commitment: One year or longer

Time: You select the Mass you wish to serve at: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 8:30 am or 10:30 am. There is an in-service meeting once a year.

Special Information: You will be scheduled for certain dates and times, which are given out at the beginning of each month, as well as, being posted weekly in the Life & Liturgy. Again, there is no specific dress code, but you are expected to show good taste - wearing your "Sunday best".

Good News: One receives much joy sharing the Body and Blood of Christ with the Faithful.

For more information contact the Worship Coordinator.

Funeral Prayer Service Leaders

Purpose: To serve as a leader of funeral scripture or scriptural rosary services in the funeral home.

Commitment: For as long as you can assist us.

Time: The evening before a funeral – usually services are scheduled for 7:00 pm or 7:30 pm and last about an hour.

Special Information: The presider selects the type of service in conjunction with the relatives and close friends of the deceased immediately prior to the service. Generally you will serve in teams of two. Training and materials are provided.

Good News: One would be leading relatives and friends of the deceased in prayer and sharing

For more information contact Father Tony.

Commentator at Mass Are you the ultimate Host or Hostess? Are you articulate and well spoken, welcoming and friendly? Well you are just what we've been looking for. The Commentator introduces the faithful to the celebration of the liturgy, encouraging and inviting them to sing and pray together. The words of welcome and the announcements are part of the hospitality and the sharing of the community's news.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Purpose: During the 10:30 Mass, the children are called forth and led to sacristy by volunteers where they share in activities to help them better understand the Gospels and readings.

Commitment: It takes 1-2 hours to prepare the lesson depending on how elaborate the activity. It's on the job training observing other CLW volunteers until you're ready to plan a lesson on your own.

Time: CLW takes place during the 10:30 Mass each Sunday.

Special Information: Two volunteers are scheduled each week: one prepares the lesson and the other is the helper. Preparation guides are available in the section-heads' office to assist with ideas.

Good News: It is very rewarding to share faith with the children and see them grow in knowledge over time.

For more information contact the Religious Education Office.

Classroom Catechist Aide

Purpose: Classroom Aides are individuals who work in the classroom with a Catechist (Teacher). Often Levels 1-6 can have as many as 16-18 students, and with projects and singing, the Catechist is often in need of help.

Commitment: For the entire school year.

Time: A school year runs from approximately the end of September through May and classes are Mondays 4:30 - 6:00 pm or Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:00.

Special Information: Classroom aides should be present whenever there is class scheduled; arriving a few minutes before time to see what needs to be done, and staying a few minutes after class to help with clean-up.

Good News: This is exceptional training for anyone who is thinking of becoming a catechist.

For more information contact the Religious Education Office.

Pre Marriage Program Facilitators

Purpose: Facilitators prepare engaged couples for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Commitment: One to two weekends per year. (March and/or September)

Time: One planning meeting before each program and usually a follow-up gathering to critique each program. A weekend program is Friday 7-9:30 pm. and Sat. 8:30 am. to 4:30 mass.

Special Information: Five married couples share presentations and lead group discussions for the engaged couples. Leader's guides, couple packs and training are provided.

Good News: It is a well organized program that helps develop communication skills and builds strong foundation for a happy, successful marriage. Both the married couples leading the program and the engaged participating in the weekend come away blessed.

For more information contact Religious Education Office.

RCIA Sponsors

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Purpose: The purpose of the Sponsor is to be a witness from the Parish Community to the Catechumen and Candidates. They need to be available to those who are beginning their Faith Journey; to welcome them on behalf of the Community; to share their Faith with them; to pray over them and with them, as well as, to counsel them when called upon. The Sponsor is a helpmate to them.

Commitment & Time: The commitment of the Sponsor is varied but during the process of the Catechetical instruction period it is important that the Sponsor is available and willing to share their time. Many times the relationship develops into a long term friendship with one another.

Special Information: The Sponsor must be a practicing Catholic in good standing and a model for future new Catholics who are coming to Faith.

Good News: Sharing your faith and learning along with the catechumen.

For more information contact the Religious Education Office.

Altar Server

Purpose: Altar Servers are expected to give the priest assistance during Mass.

Commitment: It is asked that you commit for at least one year, and we are hopeful you will return year after year.

Time: You may select the Mass you and your family always attend and then you will be scheduled for particular dates to serve.

Special Information: This ministry is open to anyone ages nine and up. There is a training period involved.

Good News: An outing is planned every year to thank you for your assistance.

For more information contact the Worship Coordinator.

Art & Environment

Purpose: To aid the parishioners visually in their worship of God.

Commitment: Per project — per season.

Time: Again, it is per project, per season

Special Information: If you have décor ideas and artistic skills and are good at implementing those ideas in appropriate art forms for church, we really want to hear from you.

Good News: In a quiet way you help plant the visual seed of worship in the minds of your fellow parishioners.

For more information call the Worship Coordinator.

Bread Baking Holy Thursday

Purpose: To bake small loaves of bread to hand out to the congregation on Holy Thursday at the close of that evening's Mass.

Commitment: One day out of the year

Time: Holy week you'll pick up your supplies, take them home and bake the loaves, then return them to the church before Holy Thursday Mass.

Special Information: Everything needed to make the bread is provided — each volunteer makes approximately 20 loaves.

Good News: The parishioners are taking home these little loaves and breaking bread with their families.

For more information call the Worship Coordinator.

Worship

468.8734 ext 110

Worship Commission Member

Purpose: The Worship Commission coordinates the spiritual programs and activities within the parish, to create a liturgical environment that brings all your senses into the worship experience.

Commitment: You are asked to share your talents for one year, but most members have found it to be such a rewarding experience that they continue their participation for additional years.

Time: The commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month from September through June.

Good News: Each of us is blessed with a unique combination of abilities and life experiences that are meant to be used for others. If we reflect prayerfully on our gifts, we may discover that we are called to do something special that no one else can do.

For more information contact the Worship Coordinator.

Altar Care

Purpose: Come and clean God's house. The group takes care of cleaning the altar area, chapel, sacristy, watering the plants, dusting the piano and so forth. We all pitch in – everyone does a little.

Commitment: For as long as you wish to assist.

Time: Every Friday – after the 9:00 am Mass.

Special Information: All are welcome.

Good News: You work with the greatest bunch of gals. You do a little cleaning and then go out to lunch.

For more information call the Worship Coordinator.

RCIA Catechist

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Purpose: The RCIA Team assists the new catechumens in their journey to become fully initiated Catholics. The responsibility of the Catechetical Team is to teach the inquirers in the Faith of the Church. This requires that the Catechist (Teacher) be certified by taking courses that are presented by the Archdiocese.

Commitment: One year.

Time: Classes are Sunday Mornings beginning at 10:30 Mass followed by instruction until noon, running approximately from September - June. Catechumens will be initiated at the Easter Vigil Mass, on Holy Saturday, during which they will take part in the Sacramental Rites.

For more information contact the Religious Education Office

Youth Group Leaders

Purpose: The Youth Group gathers to engage our youth in all ministries of the parish life and to allow them to have a place where they can share and grow in their faith life through prayer, worship, education and socializing.

Commitment: 9th grade to 12th grade

Time: 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month and some weekends for youth experiences together.

Good News: Joining with other youth in the parish who share the same interests and desire to grow together as a group in their faith life journey.

For more information contact the Religious Education Office.

Stewardship

Stewardship Commission Member

Purpose:

The Stewardship Commission reviews and oversees the financial position of St. Louis Parish -- this includes bingo, offertory, and all other revenue. We discuss the stability, the maintenance and up-keep of the Parish buildings. We offer financial recommendations to Parish Council.

Commitment:

The commitment to Stewardship is one year, beginning in September and ending in June. Stewardship elections are held in June.

Time:

Stewardship meets the third Monday of every month (September to June), beginning at 7:30 p.m. until approximately 9:00 p.m.

Special Information:

Although no special training or education is necessary to be a member of Stewardship, it is important that one has a general business background, financial and/or banking understanding.

Good News:

Stewardship Commission plays a vital role within St. Louis Parish. One of the many factors Stewardship offers is to oversee the financial condition of the Parish; moreover, Stewardship brings forth new and important ideas that impact the stability and longevity of St. Louis.

Fund Raising Activities

Mom to Mom Resale

No Longer Available
 Purpose: The Mom to Mom gives parishioners an opportunity to resell new and slightly used child clothing, toys and accessories.

Commitment: Per Sale

Time: Sales are held twice a year — once in the spring and again in the fall — usually on a Saturday from 10 am until 1 pm

Special Information: We need help with advertising, kitchen work, registration, set-up and take down in the big item room and just browsing to see that the aisles are clear and answer any questions.

Good News: Everyone benefits—sellers, buyers and St. Louis Church.

For more information contact the Parish Offices.

Parish Picnic

Purpose: The purpose of the Parish Picnic Committee is to plan and coordinate the food and events for the picnic. The committee members are given one area to coordinate.

Commitment: The total commitment is about 2 1/2 months.

Time: Approximately two meetings (one in July and then August), and then, on the actual day of the Picnic, members arrive early to assist in set-up.

Special Information: Committee members need to be willing to help at the picnic, but we generally have enough volunteers so that the committee members can enjoy the picnic as well.

Good News: It is fun and not real time consuming. It is great to see fellow parishioners have a good time.

For more information contact the Parish Offices.



Fund Raising Activities

INFO COMING SOON!!!!!!!

Golf Outing Organizing

Budget Committee

Purpose:

The Budget Committee is a group of people who meet once a year to review proposed commission budgets and to coordinate them so that the budget balances as a whole, for the upcoming fiscal year.

Commitment: Per fiscal year.

Time: One meeting — in the spring.

Special Information:

The pastor will select from persons who, as the Stewardship Commission requested, have a general business background, financial and/or banking understanding.

Fund Raising Activities

Bingo

Purpose: To assist as professional and courteous ticket sellers, floor workers and callers at Bingo.

Commitment: One Thursday per month.

Time: Thursday Nights 5:30 pm — 10:00 pm

Special Information:

This activity is a recreation for many parishioners and non-parishioners. No experience is necessary to volunteer your time.

Good News:

1. Meet quality fellow Parishioners.
2. All proceeds go directly to St. Louis Parish



Fund Raising Activities Raffle Ticket Committee

Purpose: The raffle is a major annual fund raiser for St. Louis. This committee takes care of the legalities, distribution and collection of the raffle

Commitment: From early May to the weekend of the Parish Picnic in September.

Time: 1. Tuesday Mornings 9:30 am—noon to prepare ticket envelopes, count and keep records of ticket receipts, and hold 100% drawings

2. Three weekends in June, after all Masses, to aid parishioners in obtaining their tickets.

AND 3. Hold the Raffle drawing at the Parish Picnic

Special Information & Good News: Monies from the raffle help St. Louis Parish fund special and ongoing projects.

For more information contact Stewardship.

Fund Raising Activities CSA

Purpose: The Annual Christian Service Appeal (CSA) is a major source of funding for the Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Commitment: April—June

Time: CSA begins in May for the Parishioners — for the committee it begins in April.

Special Information:

A Committee is needed to Coordinate this drive

For more information contact Stewardship.

Fund Raising Activities NEW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Euchre Tournament -

once a month:
Admission \$10 includes 8 rounds of Euchre and beer.
A 50/50 raffle & pizza slices sold at break.

Need 8 to 10 volunteers to man scoring table, serving beer, working floor, running 50/50.

Brad Bilen. Chairman

Fund Raising Activities NEW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Parish Dinner & Auction -

we'll have a silent auction before and after dinner.
Bidding ends 30 minutes prior to event end.
Prizes will be awarded and money collected that night.
A catered dinner is served. We may also have a live auction.

**Need 20 Persons for the Committee
Meetings Jan—March**

Lee Hillis, Chairman