



Church of
Sts. Anthony & Joseph
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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

OUR STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Almighty Father,

We thank you for all the gifts you have given us: our lives, our loved ones, in short all that we are and all that we have. Most of all, we thank you for Jesus, your son and our Redeemer, who came among us to show us the way to eternal life.

Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts, showing us that complete trust in you is necessary and that giving of self is a most important part of following Him.

Please help us to grow in your love and in the strength to give of ourselves to others so that we may follow your Son's example and help all people to complete His mission of Salvation.

Pray our offering of time, talents and treasure be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by His life and death for us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and Our Lord. Amen

We invite you to review the following areas of parish activity and check the specific area(s) of Parish Service that you may want to share your time and talent with. Thank you for your selfless sharing.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Each week our parish celebrates three weekend liturgies. Saturday liturgy is at 5:30 PM. Sunday liturgies are at 7:30 & 9:00 AM. These services require a great deal of planning and assistance by many different types of people. The **Parish Liturgy Committee** meets as necessary throughout the year. They discuss ways in which the liturgies can be enhanced and made more meaningful for the congregation. Special liturgies for the various seasons of the church year are thought out together. At each of our liturgy celebrations, **ushers, greeters, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers and music ministers** work together in order to bring us together with the Lord. Each of these ministries have separate coordinators who plan a revolving schedule of weekly Mass stewards. New stewards are provided guidance for the particular ministry they have been selected to participate in.

The **music ministries** perform at the 5:30 and 9:00 Masses. Current groups include: The Village Voices, Bill VanPatten & Co., John & Karen Reed, Lucy Giffune & Mike Moschetto, and Men's Glee Club.

Another way to help is with **altar decoration** and with the **laundering of the altar linens and altar servers' albs**.

You may also choose to assist at **Funeral Liturgies** as servers, lectors or Eucharist ministers. Also, after the service, assisting in **funeral hospitality** at the parish hall is a rewarding service to the grieving family.

Assistance is needed for the **family liturgy**. The whole family will be involved in this liturgy.

We also offer **prayer groups**, for those who wish pray in a communal environment.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The **Christian Service Committee** helps identify temporal needs of people within the parish and the surrounding community and recommends priorities and needs in the area. They help to involve others with the various service functions of the parish such as the **food pantry, transportation to mass, visiting the nursing homes and home bound**. Every year our parish's **Christmas giving tree** makes Christmas a little merrier for our needy parishioners and other members of our community. The tree is adorned with ornaments defining a child's age and type of gift desired. Parishioners select a "child" to whom they wish to give a gift.

EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION

Our parish Faith Formation team helps in the formation of the children of our parish. **Teacher/Catechists** are needed for Grades K-6 and Grades 7-10. If you feel that you cannot assist on a regular basis in this area, you might consider being a **Substitute Catechist**.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program is for people who are not Catholic or who have not received all the sacraments that they are eligible for, or who would like to know more about the Catholic Church. **The RCIA Team** shares the experiences of their faith journey with RCIA candidates who need help in their search. If your Catholic Faith has made a difference in your life and you would like to share that with other adults, come join the team.

The **children's homily** needs volunteers to help with projects and reading for the younger children of the parish.

We also offer the opportunity to become involved with **adult bible study, adult education and youth ministry**.

ADMINISTRATION/PARISH SERVICES

Our parish has four buildings: church, church hall, rectory and office. To assist in the upkeep of these **facilities buildings &**

grounds committee members are needed to help maintain the grounds. In addition, there are those endless light maintenance tasks that need to be done. Our parish office gets busy during certain times of the year so **office volunteers** may be needed for help with bulk mailings such as stuffing envelopes, sealing envelopes and sorting.

Our **Pastoral Council** meets once a month September thru June. To further the best interests of the parish in spiritual and temporal matters by giving advice and support to the Pastor and by making recommendations for the good management and proper development of the Parish.

Our **Parish Finance Committee** meets monthly. It reviews matters and recommends appropriate courses of action to the Parish.

PARISH GROUPS & SOCIETIES

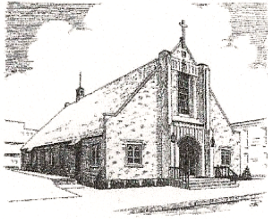
Another way of being a Steward is to become involved in one of the parish societies. The **Rosary Society** promotes spiritual and social events for the parish. The **Crusaders** is a service group for the parish men. **The Sacred Heart and St. Francis Societies** meet monthly to support the spiritual life of the parish. The **Craft Ladies & Auxiliary** are very active socially and in their support of parish goals.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

In the area of sharing of treasure, the weekly collection is the ordinary means of supporting the work of the parish. A sacrificial gift is one way of giving back to the Lord for what He has given to us. At this time of year, we ask you to consider increasing your weekly contribution in light of a sacrificial gift. This is vital for us to continue all of our parish programs. The gift should reflect our commitment to the work of Christ here in our parish family.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

"What return shall I make to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?" (Psalm 116)



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Evangelist Subscription

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

- 1. Usher
- 2. Greeter
- 3. Lector
- 4. Eucharistic Minister
- 5. Music Ministry
- 6. Altar Server
- 7. Communion to Homebound
- 8. Liturgy Committee member
- 9. Altar Decoration/Flowers
- 10. Altar Linen (Laundry)
- 11. Pray for the success of all parish programs
- 12. Resurrection Ministries (Funeral Liturgies)
- 13. Funeral Hospitality
- 14. Welcoming Committee

Mass

EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION

- 1. Teacher/Catechist- Grade K-6
- 2. Teacher/Catechist-Grades 7-10
- 3. Substitute Catechist-Grade _____
- 4. R.C.I.A. Team Member
- 5. Adult Bible Study
- 6. Youth Ministry (students, grades 7 –12)
- 7. Children's Homily
- 8. Adult Education

ADMINISTRATION/PARISH SERVICES

- 1. Building & Grounds Committee
- 2. Office Volunteers
- 3. Pastoral Council Member
- 4. Parish Finance Committee
- 5. Coffee And... (after 7:30 & 9:00 Mass)

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

- 1. Christian Service Committee Member
- 2. Food Pantry Volunteers
- 3. Visitation – nursing homes/homebound
- 4. Yarn Ministry
 - visitation/delivery – prayer shawls
- Special Projects
 - Spring – Easter Visitation
 - Fall – Back to School
 - Advent – Giving Tree
 - Christmas - Visitation

PARISH GROUPS AND SOCIETIES

- 1. Rosary Society (monthly, 1st Mon night)
- 2. Sacred Heart (monthly, 3rd Monday nite)
- 3. Crafty ladies & Aux. (Wed nights)
- 4. St. Francis Society (monthly, 3rd Thursday daytime)
- 5. Crusaders (monthly, 2nd Mon. night)

Please specify any other areas in which you wish to serve, or any special gifts which you are willing to share with your community.

