

# PARISH STEWARDSHIP GUIDE

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#### STEWARDSHIP EXPECTATIONS

Discipleship calls us to more than membership; it calls us to active stewardship. To support all the ministries of the parish, we need every family's active stewardship in the parish.

What does stewardship ask of all members of the parish?

- **Commitment to pray.** That is, actively and regularly attend Mass on weekends and Holy Days of Obligation.
- **Commitment to participate.** That is, offer their talents and a portion of their time to serve the parish community and be a part of its fellowship and opportunities for ongoing Christian formation.
- **Commitment to sacrificially give.** That is, generously and proportionately pledge a portion of the "first fruits" of material treasure to support the operation and ministry of the parish church. The goal for Christians is the Biblical tithe (10%) and all are called to strive toward that goal.

All parish families are expected to enshrine these 3 sacrificial commitments through the completion of annual Catholic Stewardship Renewal forms. In addition, parish families must strive to stay current on their commitment in order to be considered active stewards in the parish.

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#### WHO WE ARE...

Following the example of St. Stanislaus Kostka, after whom our parish is named, our common goal and purpose as a parish is to dedicate our lives to Jesus Christ by loving God and our neighbor with our whole heart, mind, and soul. Several hallmarks of our parish are our Catholic School (established in 1883), our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament through our parish Perpetual Adoration Program, and the generous and faithful stewardship, gospel joy, and willing service that our parishioners strive to live out and share with others each day.

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#### MASS TIMES

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday8:00 amTuesday5:30 pmSaturday5:30 pmSunday7:30 am & 10:30 am

St. Stanislaus Parish live streams the 10:30 am Mass every Sunday on YouTube. You may watch this Mass by going to <u>ststanislaus.net</u> and clicking on the button marked "Church." From there go to the "Home" tab and choose "Mass Schedule" from the drop-down menu. Once on the Mass Schedule page, you will scroll down to find a gold "Livestream" button. Streaming begins 5 minutes before the 10:30 am Sunday Mass. You may also watch past Masses from this same tab. Please remember a live-streamed Mass does not fulfill the Sunday Obligation for people who are healthy and able to attend Sunday Mass in person.

#### FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

First Saturday of every month beginning at 7:00 am

On the first Saturday of every month, St. Stanislaus Parish honors Our Lady of Fatima by praying The First Saturday Devotion. Confessions begin at 7:00 am. The Rosary begins at 7:40 am and is followed by Mass at 8:00 am. There are 15 minutes of meditation on the Rosary after Mass. Everyone is welcome.

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the adoration chapel

St. Stanislaus Parish has been in perpetual Eucharistic Adoration for over 37 years. If you are interested in signing up for a private Holy Hour, please contact the parish office for a list of available hours. Public Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction is done on Fridays during the school year. Contact the school office for details on dates and times.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are prayed at 6:30 every Friday during Lent.

#### PARISH PICNIC AND FALL SUPPER

St. Stanislaus Parish hosts an annual picnic on the third Sunday of July and an annual Fall Supper on the second Sunday of October. These events are wonderful events and serve both social and community-building purposes in the parish. These events also serve as a means to showcase our wonderful community and to serve our guests from the wider community. A work list is available in advance of the events and lists the area and shift you are to work and contains a list of items to be donated. These are important events in our parish and the success of them depends on everyone assuming their assigned duties and responsibilities.

#### SCHOOL INFORMATION — ST. STANISLAUS SCHOOL

St. Stanislaus School is committed to providing a strong Catholic education that is rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and prepares students to live a life of faith, service, integrity, and leadership. The school endeavors to educate the whole child by developing the spiritual, emotional, social, intellectual, moral, and physical needs of the students.

#### St. Stanislaus School

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#### PARISH COUNCILS

#### **Pastoral Council**

#### Chair:

The Pastoral Council members, elected by all parishioners, provide leadership and serve as an advisory body to the pastor. Mindful of the spiritual and routine needs of the parish, Council members help to prioritize identified parish needs and set goals, objectives, and policies to meet those needs. Elected members serve three-year terms.

#### **Finance Council**

#### Chair: Brian Berhorst

The Finance Council is appointed by the Pastor as advisors with the primary purpose of reviewing monthly financial statements, conducting the annual parish budget formation process, and overseeing the parish's long-range financial plan. The council should include parishioners who have some training or knowledge in the areas of finance, accounting, property management, and/or planning.

#### **School Advisory Council**

#### Chair: Leann Higgins

The School Advisory Council consists of members, elected by all parishioners, who provide leadership and serve as an advisory body for the pastor and school principal on matters related to the functions, policies, and procedures of St. Stanislaus School. Elected members serve three-year terms. The Chair is rotated annually and elected by the members.

#### **Stewardship Council**

Chairs: Gary & Dana Wilbers, dwilbers@goascend.biz The Stewardship Council is appointed by the Pastor to educate, engage and empower the parish community about the spirituality of Stewardship. The council identifies and communicates opportunities for parishioners to share their God-given gifts and supports parish ministries to successfully perform their work.

#### SACRAMENTS

#### Baptism

Parents are encouraged to have their children baptized within a few weeks of birth. There is a baptism class for those who are requesting baptism for their infant. Parents requesting the Sacrament of Baptism must be registered members of St. Stanislaus, if not, they must obtain permission of their pastor to have their child baptized at St. Stanislaus. Godparents must be practicing Catholics. If they are not members of St. Stanislaus, they need to obtain a letter of good standing from the pastor of their parish. If two godparents are chosen, one must be a man and the other a woman (Code of Canon law 873). Godparents must be confirmed and be at least sixteen years old. Adults seeking baptism or membership in the Catholic Church should contact the parish office.

#### Confirmation

Confirmation in the Diocese of Jefferson City is conferred on individuals who are in seventh grade. Confirmation is a completion of the sacrament of initiation that began at baptism. Preparation for confirmation takes place at St. Stanislaus School or in the PSR program. Confirmation candidates must provide a certificate of baptism and choose a sponsor. The sponsor must be a confirmed and practicing Catholic. If from a parish other than St. Stanislaus, the sponsor must provide a letter of good standing from the pastor of their parish.

#### Confession

All Catholics are required to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year to fulfill their Easter duty. Also, to receive Holy Communion Catholics must be in a state of grace. This means that anyone in a state of mortal sin must go to confession before they can approach the altar to receive our Lord Jesus in Holy Communion. Confession is available every Saturday from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. There is confession on the first Saturday from 7:00 to 8:00 am. There are communal penance services offered at St. Stanislaus during Advent and Lent. Msgr. Cox is available for confession by request as well. The children of the parish prepare for confession in the second grade either at St. Stanislaus School or in the PSR program.

#### **First Holy Communion**

The normal age for First Holy Communion is the age of reason or seven years old. Children are prepared for First Communion in the second grade at either St. Stanislaus School or in the PSR program. If for some reason your child missed this opportunity and you would like them to be able to receive this sacrament, please call the parish office and we will come up with a plan to prepare your child.

#### Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick is normally for those with serious illnesses or who are approaching death. St. Stanislaus has a communal anointing of the sick in February, or if needed, a person can contact Msgr. Cox at the parish office. If you are aware of upcoming serious surgery, please make arrangements if possible to be anointed before going to the hospital. If you are admitted to the hospital and in need of a priest, please contact the parish office as there is no way for us to know if you don't inform us. Please be aware that hospitals and nursing homes do not contact the parish unless you ask them to. Only a priest or bishop can do the anointing of the sick.

#### **Holy Matrimony**

Wedding dates cannot be confirmed until couples have talked with the pastor. Marriage is a very serious commitment so we ask for at least six months' notice. There is some preparation involved in this sacrament. The couple does an online "Prepare and Enrich" assessment and goes over the results with the pastor or a trained couple. The engaged couple will need to do a marriage information program. Most often this is the Pre-Cana program which takes a full day on a Saturday.

There is an introductory Natural Family planning session which is online. The couple chooses music and plans the wedding with the help of the pastor and the musicians who will be playing at the wedding. An engaged couple should contact the parish first to make sure that the church and/or the priest are available for the chosen date BEFORE booking any venues, catering services, or bands for the ceremony.

#### **Holy Orders**

The sacrament of Orders is the sacrament whereby a man becomes a bishop, priest, or deacon. The bishop is the minister of this sacrament. Bishops are successors of the Apostles and have the fullness of priestly power. Priests (presbyters) are co-workers of bishops and exercise true priestly authority in a lesser degree. They celebrate the sacraments, offer the sacrifice of the Mass, teach, and govern the Church in union with the bishop. Deacons are ordained for service and assist bishops and priests in works of pastoral charity.

Our parish is committed to promoting the value of ordained ministry and to helping boys and men consider becoming priests. Please contact the pastor or diocesan vocations director if you or someone you know is interested in exploring the possibility of a priestly vocation. Please pray for holy priestly vocations from our parish!

#### **Order of Christian Initiation**

It is a big decision to enter the Catholic Faith. In order to assist people in doing this there is a period of introductory classes to instruct people in the teachings of the Faith and explaining what the Church is about. If a person is then interested in becoming a Catholic there is a time of instruction and steps to becoming Catholic that begins in September with the goal of entering the Church the following Easter. If someone is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, they are encouraged to call the parish office.

# What is Stewardship?

What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others and return them with increase to the Lord.

We plant seeds, knowing they hold hope for the future. We lay foundations, knowing much building must follow. There is a sense of liberation, however, in realizing this. We can do something, and we can do it very well. We can take the first step in making a difference, knowing that we may never see the end of the road, the results of our actions, the recipients of our giving. We receive and offer the gift of hope. The harvest will come.

Many of our days are spent "growing dirt," preparing the soil for future plantings. That is an act of hope. We know we are only workers, not the Master Gardner. Accepting the gifts of silence, light, the guiding Spirit and hope, we are co-creators of the future, which is in God's hands.

# Pillars of Stewardship

The four pillars of stewardship are **Hospitality**, **Prayer**, **Formation** and **Service**. These pillars invite parishioners to experience, witness and live the stewardship way of life in response to their baptismal call to discipleship. Each baptized person is called to give of time, talent and treasure to strengthen these four pillars that support the parish community — your parish community.





# Stewardship Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

My parish is composed of people like me; I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly,

if I am.

Its pews will be filled,

if I help fill them.

It will do great work,

if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes,

if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship,

#### if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a parish with a noble spirit,

#### if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with Your help, O God,

I shall dedicate myself to growing our faith by being all things that I want my parish to be. Amen.



#### PILLAR OF HOSPITALITY "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for

"Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels." —Hebrews 13:1-2

We strive to make every parishioner and guest feel welcomed and appreciated in our parishes. We are one body — one community in Christ. The pillar of Hospitality brings parishioners together through social activities to foster fellowship and strengthen our union as a parish and with God. These activities help build relationships and encourage involvement in our parish ministries and service opportunities. In turn, Catholics grow in their faith and desire to evangelize and extend the same hospitality to those outside of our own community.

#### DONUT SUNDAY

This gathering after Sunday Mass provides an opportunity for parishioners to enjoy fellowship and conversation in a warm and welcoming environment. The Knights of Columbus sponsor this event on the 5th Sunday of each month. For other Sundays, volunteers are needed to organize the setup and food either on the parish lawn or the cafeteria.

#### GREETERS

#### **Contact: Parish Office**

Volunteers in this ministry greet and welcome all parishioners to Mass. This ministry requires arrival 30 minutes before Mass begins. Greeters will be stationed at the entrance of Church.

#### SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Volunteers in this ministry help in organizing events such as a summer fun event. Persons who enjoy entertaining and organizing would be an asset to the parish on this committee.

#### VISIT SICK AND ELDERLY PROVIDE MEALS FOR HOMEBOUND

In seeking to better fulfill The Corporal Works of Mercy which should be addressed in our parish and community, St. Stanislaus parish hopes to form a group to coordinate information and sharing of information on those in our parish and community in need of visits and meals. Both a coordinator and volunteers are needed for this program.

#### WELCOMING AND OUTREACH

Volunteers in this ministry visit or call newly registered members of the parish to give them a personal welcome and offer to help them enter parish life. Volunteers will also contact homebound and absent parishioners and will explore other ways to reach out to all members of the parish and to make our parish a welcoming community.



## PILLAR OF PRAYER

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." —Philippians 4:6

Prayer brings us closer to God. Spending time with God in prayer is part of being a Christian steward. Through prayer, Christian stewards place themselves in God's hands so He can direct their hands to serve according to His will. It is through prayer and participation in the Mass that we learn to recognize, receive, accept and share God's grace and giftedness in love of God and neighbor.

#### ALTAR SERVER

Altar servers assist the priest at the altar during the celebration of Holy Mass and other liturgical services. An Altar Server must have received First Holy Communion. Altar servers usually begin their training in the second semester of the third grade.

#### COMMUNION MINISTER FOR SHUT-INS Contact: Kathy Linnenbrink, 573-496-3813

Communion Visits are made by Eucharistic Ministers who take communion to the homebound and those in nursing homes. The extraordinary minister of Holy Communion is a layperson delegated by the proper authority to distribute Holy Communion. Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion assist those who are ordinary ministers (bishops, priests, and deacons) when necessity requires it. All new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will have a training session prior to being assigned.

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

#### **Contact: Donna Bernskoetter**

#### (donnabernskoetter@gmail.com or 573-680-1470)

St. Stanislaus Parish has been blessed with Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration for over 37 years. If you are interested in signing up for a private Holy Hour, please contact the parish office for a list of available hours. Public Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction are done on Fridays during the school year. Contact the school office for details on dates and times.

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION

An extraordinary minister of Holy Communion is a layperson delegated by the proper authority to distribute Holy Communion. Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion assist those who are ordinary ministers (bishops, priests, and deacons) when necessity requires it. All new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will have a training session prior to being assigned. To be considered for this ministry the volunteer must be a Catholic in good standing. It also requires the ability to stand for a period of time and to be able to go up the steps into the sanctuary as well as have a certain dexterity with fingers in order to handle the host.

#### LECTOR

Lectors proclaim the Word of God at all Masses and need to reveal our Faith with simple and natural delivery. Volunteer lectors are needed for both daily and Sunday Masses and must be confirmed. Orientation and training are provided for Lectors.

#### LITURGICAL COMMITTEE

This ministry organizes the various parts of our Mass service including liturgical season planning with an extra emphasis on special days and celebrations. Volunteers in this ministry will work with and under the advice of the pastor.

#### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

**Contact: Donna Halbrook (**<u>dkhalb@hotmail.com</u> or **573-230-5141)** Music enhances the Mass by supporting the active participation of all who are gathered through song and response. Music, together with praise and worship, enables our parishioners to experience God's presence in the Mass and take the love of Jesus Christ to the world. The musicians provide music leadership for Mass.

#### **OFFERTORY GIFT BEARERS**

Families and individuals in our parish are invited to volunteer as gift bearers. Gift bearers will present the gifts at the altar during Mass.

#### PRAYER LINE

# Contacts: Kay Stockman (573-536-8777) & Karen Schenewerk (573-635-3943)

The Prayer Line volunteers are members of the church who provide prayerful support for parishioners and others. Requests to place someone on the Prayer Line are done by calling one of the coordinators. The coordinators then send notices of these requests to Prayer Line Members of which all parishioners are encouraged to participate. Respect for privacy for these intentions is vitally important to the successful functioning of the prayer line.

#### **ROSARY LEADERS**

The Rosary is prayed before all weekend Masses. Leaders will need to be at church 25 minutes before Mass time.

#### SACRISTAN

The role of the Sacristan is to assist with setting up before Mass and cleaning up after Mass. Volunteers are needed for both daily and Sunday Mass. Training will be provided.

#### SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

#### Contact: Mary Markway, Anchoress

#### (maryj.markway@gmail.com or 573-690-5284)

Seven Sisters Apostolate is a group of seven women who commit to pray a holy hour solely for the benefit of our parish priest. They commit to one hour per week for one year. While it is encouraged to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament, the hour can be done anywhere at any time of day as long as it is on the assigned day. The contact, the Anchoress, will help if a substitute is needed to fill in for those who may be unable to complete their assigned time.

#### USHER

This ministry will be responsible for taking up the collection at each Mass as well as taking a count of all parishioners in attendance.



# PILLAR OF FORMATION

"I, the Lord, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go."

—Isaiah 46:17

To grow as Christian stewards, all Catholics, young and old, must receive ongoing education (formation) in the faith. An understanding of stewardship is essential to bringing us closer to God because stewardship leads us to holiness. Formation of each individual becomes part of the formation of the parish community. As members of the Body of Christ, the parish recognizes it has a call from God to give and share His giftedness. Inherent within each individual is the need to give – to move from selflessness. Formation helps ignite and inspire a life-long journey of conversion. As one grows more deeply in formation, the more deeply one loves as God loves us. This is true for the individual steward and for the stewardship parish; as individuals grow in God, so too does the entire parish.

#### ADULT FAITH FORMATION— FAITH SHARING/BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Contacts: Gary Sommers (<u>sommersl353@gmail.com</u> or 573-635-8393) Mary Markway (<u>maryj.markway@gmail.com</u> or 573-690-5284)

Bible Study/Faith Sharing small groups offer a place to connect with other believers in fellowship and to grow in understanding the Bible and their Catholic faith. Group leaders are needed to help facilitate discussions. Information on faith-sharing opportunities will be shared in the bulletin for those desiring to join as participants.

Gary Sommers' "Faith Chips" group meets the fourth Sunday of most months (depending on when the holidays fall) and every Sunday of Advent and Lent. Watch the bulletin for details.

#### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Baptism is an important step in a family's faith journey. Individuals serving in this ministry help to journey with a family during the faith preparation classes to help get them to make the most of this gateway Sacrament of our faith.

#### **CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS**

#### **Contact: Parish Director of Religious Education**

Help inspire young people to passionately pursue the Faith! Confirmation group leaders are needed to help the next generation of confirmed prepare for the sacrament. Group leaders must be baptized, confirmed, and practicing Catholics. Group leaders will be involved in assisting the team from the formation of a confirmation class through the administering of the sacrament of Confirmation by the Bishop. This position would help organize the academic/ Catechesis, stewardship, social and service element of this Sacrament.

#### MARRIAGE PREPARATION MENTOR COUPLE

This ministry allows married couples in the parish to mentor engaged couples. Mentors and engaged couples meet about two or three times prior to the wedding to visit about daily life in marriage. Meetings can take place wherever the couples feel comfortable – at home, restaurants, or Church. The hope is for the couples to make a connection that helps the engaged/newly married couple to feel more engaged in their church family, form a relationship where they can discuss the realities of marriage and encourage each other to grow in faith. The mentor couple will help the engaged use the results from their assessment in everyday life as well as give advice and encouragement.

#### PSR — PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION CATECHISTS Contact: Parish Director of Religious Education

The Parish School of Religion (PSR) is open to all students, grades K-8. Catechists are needed for the program and are required to have Safe Environment training.

#### RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) Contact: Parish Director of Religious Education

RCIA is the process by which adults who are interested in the Catholic faith journey toward full Communion with the Catholic Church. Ministering as a sponsor is a great opportunity to help bring others into faith by witnessing to, and sharing your own faith. In journeying with one's catechumen or candidate, the sponsor's faith and prayer life also deepens and is renewed. Being a sponsor is like being a bridge into the life of the parish for the RCIA candidate. A willingness to share your lived faith is the essential dimension of being a sponsor. No experts needed!

This position is not about lesson planning; education materials are already provided. Volunteers are needed to facilitate guest speakers and social events.

#### **RENEWAL/RETREAT TEAM**

#### Contact: Gary Wilbers (gwilbers@goascend.biz or 573-619-8700)

The Men's and Women's Retreat Ministry is creating opportunities for those in our parish who are seeking to discover what's missing in their lives and what to do about it. The team will let members of our parish know about weekend spiritual retreats and also mini one-day spiritual renewals. If you feel that you have this nagging feeling something is missing in your life--you are right! Maybe you just need to attend a spiritual retreat and get reinvigorated by spending time with God.

#### TOTUS TUUS

#### **Contact: Parish Director of Religious Education**

The focus of the week is to deepen each child's love and understanding of the Eucharist, devotion to Mary, catechetical instruction, vocational discernment, and providing an enjoyable experience. The Grade School Program is for children 1st through 6th grades. Junior High and High School Program is for teenagers, grades 7 through 12. The goal during the "evening program is to put youth in contact with the Lord so that they can develop a deep personal relationship with Him. There is a night of Adoration, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, catechetical instruction, witnesses on topics important to young people, and a night of fellowship with the team members. Volunteers are needed to assist with the check-in of participants, help with snacks, and host the Totus Tuus team. All volunteers 18 and older must have Safe Environment training.

#### YOUTH GROUP

St. Stanislaus Parish hopes to start a Youth Group for students in 8th through 12th grades. A coordinator is needed. Leaders are required to have Safe Environment training.



## **PILLAR OF SERVICE**

"If I, therefore, the Master and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do." —John 13:14-15

We strive to be servant ministers to the needs of our parish members, the wider community and Church. We strive to serve compassionately those who are hurting or in need, lost or alone, or suffering in any way. We give thanks to God for all the gifts we have received, and we celebrate the special events in the lives of parishioners.

#### **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE (DREAM TEAM)**

In our everyday use of our facility, the buildings incur wear and tear. We need painters, plumbers, electricians, general handyman repair, and other services. Please consider this ministry if you have expertise in any of these areas or a desire to help as needed and would like to volunteer your talent.

This ministry also maintains flower beds, cut back bushes, rake and haul off leaves, and spread mulch.

#### **CEMETERY UPKEEP**

The St. Stanislaus Cemetery upkeep is done by volunteers of the parish. The volunteers donate their time and use of their equipment to keep the grounds beautiful while also keeping costs low for the maintenance of the Cemetery.

#### **CHURCH CLEANING**

**Contact: Suzette Mertens (**<u>sdmertens96@gmail.com</u> or **573-291-9713)** Church Cleaning volunteers are to dust the church and sacristy, empty trash receptacles, vacuum/sweep floors and clean the bathroom. Additionally, a deep cleaning of the church is done prior to Easter and Thanksgiving. Volunteers in this ministry donate their time to keep our Church looking beautiful while also keeping costs low for our parish.

#### CHURCH DECORATING

#### Contact: Pam Stonner (573-291-6673)

The Church decorating group will assist with decorations inside and outside of the church in the liturgical spaces based on specific seasons/holy days. This may include meetings to discuss and plan for upcoming items on the calendar, as well as purchasing or creating materials required. This group will ensure volunteers are available to help carry out the decorating.

#### FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

Volunteers in this ministry will help in serving a meal following a funeral. Volunteers will help set up and clean up the church hall. This ministry helps our parish serve those grieving the death of a loved one. A member is also needed to call parishioners to check that food will be provided.

#### LINENS

#### Contact: Kathy Linnenbrink (573-496-3813)

Volunteers in the Linens Ministry wash/iron purificator clothes, corporals, hand towels, altar linens, server's cassocks, and Father's Alb, as needed. They also do minor repairs such as fixing buttons and wax removal.

#### LUNCH FOR QUILTERS

#### Contact: Kathy Linnenbrink (573-496-3813)

Members of the parish volunteer to provide lunch to the quilting group on Tuesdays.

#### PARISH OFFICE VOLUNTEER

#### **Contact: Parish Office**

The parish office is the hub of the communications for the parish. Volunteers are welcome to help with tasks to help support the running of the parish office.

#### QUILTING GROUP

#### Contact: Pat Carrender (573-634-7555)

The Ladies that quilt at St. Stanislaus Parish are a very important part of our community. They are a group of dedicated women that have been quilting together for many years (some have been in the current group since 1959.) Each year they create beautiful works of art that are auctioned at our Summer Picnic. These auctions have raised thousands of dollars over the years, making a huge impact on our parish. The ladies quilt every Monday & Tuesday in a special room set aside for them in the school building. Other ladies of the parish provide lunch for them on Tuesdays as a thank-you for all their hard work.

#### SCHOOL VOLUNTEER

#### Contact: School Office (573-636-7802)

The gift of your time is a wonderful way to support the children of St. Stanislaus School. We really do count on you and need your help! A few of the ways you can help out:

- Assist with the Scrip Program (Placing/filling orders, bookkeeping, selling after mass)
- Coordinate and mail labels (ex: Box tops, Best Choice)
- Athletic Committee
- Promotion (Marketing) Committee
- Sports Program (Coach)
- Classroom helper for 1 hour a week in Early Childhood or Kindergarten
- Book Fair
- Volunteer in the Library
- Assist with After School Care

# Service & Fellowship Groups

#### LEGION OF MARY

#### Carolyn Schnieders (573-635-5126)

The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization in the Catholic Church, with well over 3 million active members in almost every country of the world. It has been active in the United States since 1931, has been approved by the last 6 Popes, and was endorsed by the Second Vatican Council. The main purpose of the Legion of Mary is to give glory to God through the sanctification of its members, and praying, evangelizing, and performing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The St. Stanislaus Legion of Mary meets every Monday morning in the Parish Center following the 8:00 am Mass to share prayer, discussion, and their faith.

#### OVER 50 CLUB

#### Leon & Hilda Eichholz (573-635-8560)

The St. Stanislaus Over 50 Club is an organization open to all parishioners over the age of 50. The Club meets in the Parish Center on the third Wednesday of the month. The evening begins with the Rosary at 5:45 pm, followed by a carry-in dinner at 6:00. After enjoying all the wonderful food, Bingo and Cards are played by those wishing to participate. Chances for a 50/50 cash drawing are sold each month. The evening ends at approximately 8:30 - 9:00 pm. Annual dues are \$5.00.

#### WOMEN OF WARDSVILLE CREATIVE MINISTRY

Mary Kay Hoelscher (Hoelscher.mary.kay@gmail.com or 573-230-6227) The Woman of Wardsville (WOW) Creative Ministry meets on Wednesdays after the 8:00 am Mass in the Parish Center. The members knit, crochet, and embroidery items to be sold in the Country Store during our Summer Picnics and Fall Suppers. A special project has been the creation of Prayer Shawls to be donated to anyone going thru chemo or having any health difficulties. All are welcome to join this group.

#### **PRO-LIFE MINISTRY**

#### Jenny Lamb (jenlsmb15@gmail.com or 573-694-1153)

The St. Stanislaus/St. Margaret's pro-life group meets every other month in the St. Stanislaus Parish Center. All parishioners from both parishes are welcome. The Pro-Life group sponsors and supports many Life Affirming events in our community.

- Annual Walk for Life every Fall
- Lead a monthly Witness Walk for LIFE Runners
- Host a Valentine's Day Party for the older member of the Parish
- Sponsor the "Boxes of Joy" outreach project
- And so much more

#### SODALITY OF OUR LADY

# President: Donna Halbrook (<u>dkhalb@hotmail.com</u> or 573-230-5141)

#### Vice-President: Darlene Luebbering

#### **Co-Secretaries: Kathy Linnenbrink and Pam Stonner**

#### Treasurer: Alice Bartlett

The Sodality Mission is to foster the love, devotion, and reverence of the Blessed Mother and our Catholic Church. To spread the love for our Blessed Mother and Catholic Church throughout our community and the world and to provide support for our church and our community monetarily and spiritually.

Meetings are Scheduled for the First Sunday of every other month except June. Meetings are held in the Parish Center following the 7:30 am Mass.

All women of the parish are considered members of the Sodality and are encouraged to participate in the meetings. Annual dues are \$10 and are requested from every member.

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

#### Grand Knight: Al Savage (573-230-2907)

If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith, or obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. The K/C holds fish fries during Lent to raise money.

# Safe Environment

The Safe Environment Program of the Diocese of Jefferson City was developed to ensure the safety of minors, as required by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's (USCCB's) "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People." There are distinct requirements for parents, volunteers, employees, priests, deacons, religious brother and sisters, seminarians and deacon candidates. Each category and the requirements are listed below.

1.1. Safe Environment Requirements for Adult Employees, Priests, Deacons, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Seminarians and Deacon Candidates

All adult employees, priests, deacons, religious brothers and sisters, seminarians and deacon candidates must accomplish the following prior to engaging in any Church related activities or employment for the diocese:

- complete a Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) workshop in-person or online and agree to ongoing online training;
- agree to complete a national background screening that evaluates any history related to criminal charges, and agree to automatic rescreening every three months;
- complete the state Family Care Safety Registry background check form; and
- read and consent to the Code of Pastoral Conduct by providing an electronic signature.

#### 1.2. Safe Environment Requirements for Volunteers Whose Duties Involve Contact with Minors

All volunteers whose duties involve contact with minors must accomplish the following prior to volunteering:

- complete a Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) workshop in-person or online;
- agree to a national background screening that evaluates any history related to criminal charges, and agree to automatic rescreening every three months; and
- read and consent to the Code of Pastoral Conduct.
- **1.2.1.** All K-8 Catholic school parents/guardians are required to complete the requirements in 1.2. Parents/guardians who fail to complete these requirements will not be allowed to enroll their children in Catholic schools. In some instances, the Catholic Schools Office in collaboration with the Office of Child and Youth Protection may grant exemptions to this rule.

#### 1.3. Safe Environment Requirements for Volunteers Whose Duties Do Not Involve Contact with Minors

All volunteers whose duties do not involve contact with minors must accomplish the following prior to volunteering in any Church-related activities:

 complete a Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) workshop in-person or online;



"The fact we are Catholic is not only manifested in the beauty of our churches; it is in our daily living as generous stewards. I invite you to consider the ways in which you make room for God in your life through your personal, ongoing faith formation; by your active charitable works; and by personal prayer and active participation in Mass. Be not afraid to give yourself to Christ by being a generous steward. You will not regret it."

-Bishop W. Shawn McKnight



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