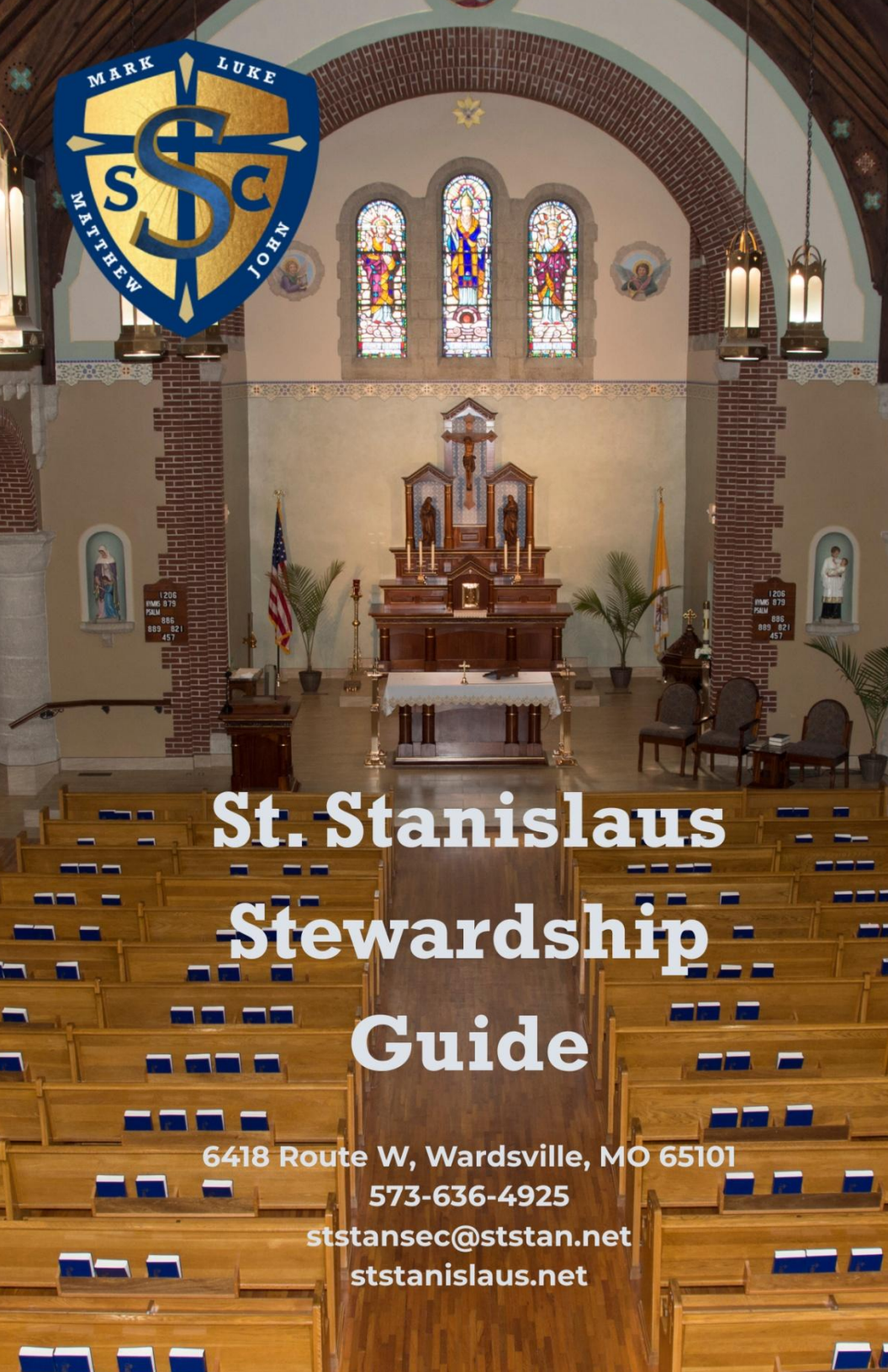

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ST. STANISLAUS PARISH

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 & Friday	8:00 am
Tuesday	5:30 pm
Saturday	5:30 pm
Sunday	7:30 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 ststanislaus.net 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, scroll down to find a gold "Livestream" button. Streaming begins 5 minutes before the 10:30 am Sunday Mass. Past masses are also available. Please remember a live-streamed Mass does not fulfill the Sunday Obligation for people who are healthy and able to attend 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 Mass is at 8:00 am. 15 minutes of meditation on the Rosary follows Mass. All are 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 40 years. If you are interested in signing up for a 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions can be arranged by contacting the parish office. At present, the offering is $10.00. You can request up to 10 masses, with no more than 3 masses scheduled on weekends or Tuesdays for the 2027 calendar year.

PARISH FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

Parish facilities can be rented by parish members for wedding receptions, reunions, anniversaries, etc. on a first come first served basis. For further information contact the parish office.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Children in grades K-7 who do not attend St. Stanislaus School are invited to participate in our PSR program Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm throughout the school year. Each week students gather for enriching faith formation – learning about the lives of saints, deepening their understanding of prayer, and preparing for important sacramental milestones. This is a joyful opportunity for children to grow in their Catholic faith, build friendships, and feel connected to our parish community.

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 their success depends on everyone assuming their assigned duties and responsibilities.

SEE CITY DEANERY

St. Stanislaus Parish is a part of the Diocese of Jefferson City. Our diocese is divided into five deaneries and St. Stanislaus is a part of the See City Deanery. Parish leadership in the deaneries has been meeting regularly to improve pastoral collaboration and communication, and to facilitate the sharing of resources, activities, and pastoral initiatives. Events are offered by our sister parishes in the See City Deanery and are available to St. Stanislaus parishioners. Scan the QR code or visit https://diojeffcity.org/events/

PARISH COUNCILS

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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	Leanne Kampeter
Peggy Jensen	Luke Graessle
Glenn Reinkemeyer	Kathy Frese
Kathy Poff	

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.

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Chair: Gary Wilbers	gwilbers@goascend.biz
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Doug Kolb	Angie Kolb
Tony Luebbering	Patty Rackers

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.

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.

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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.

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The purpose of this parent and teacher organization is to foster improvement and understanding in our parish school. All parents with children in school are members. Three meetings are usually held during the school year with one held shortly after school starts in the fall. Such meetings are published in the parish bulletin and the St. Stanislaus Star from school. The organization helps students, parents, and teachers in communication and support.

ST. STANISLAUS STAR

The purpose of this publication is to provide parents with classroom information, schedules, meeting dates, etc. The school office publishes the newsletter once a week.

ATHLETICS PROGRAM

Athletics programs provided through the Parochial Athletics League (PAL) include boys and girls basketball (5th- 8th), girls volleyball (5th-8th), archery (4th-8th), cross country (4th-8th), and track (5th-8th). The PAL program also independently offers football to grades 5-8.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

This program offers supervised childcare for St. Stanislaus students on a daily or drop-in basis when school is in session. The after-school program begins at 3:00 pm and is available until 5:30 pm. For more information contact the school at 573-636-7802.

SCRIP

The scrip program is run by parent volunteers to help raise funds to benefit St. Stanislaus school. Gift certificate cards in different denominations are available from nearly a hundred vendors. A number of the frequently used vendor cards are kept on hand others can be ordered within a few days to one week. Many parishioners and school families purchase these as gifts or as use in their monthly spending. St. Stanislaus is able to profit by buying these certificates at a discounted value and selling them at face value. A portion of the profit goes toward the admission fee of the family purchasing the scrip (or a family they designate) the rest of the profit goes towards school funds. Forms are available at https://school.ststanislaus.net/scrip/ Requests can be obtained by sending in an order with school children or by stopping by the school office. The scrip program is also available via an app. Emily Bailey and Jill Mingucci run the program and additionally, the school office (573-636-7802) can be contacted with questions.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION & KROGER

Looking for a way to help the school? The Kroger/Gerbes app has a community rewards program where you can link St. Stanislaus School to receive funds every time you shop using your rewards card.

Box Tops now has an app to scan your store receipts for participating products and our school can earn cash with every Box Top product purchased. No more clipping Box Tops.

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 an 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 Msgr. Cox. 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 Msgr. Cox 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 OF ADULTS (OCIA)

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.

STEWARDSHIP

What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly is one answer and 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 time, talent, and treasure to strengthen these four pillars that support the parish community – your parish community.

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. What does stewardship ask of us?

- **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.

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.

PILLAR OF HOSPITALITY

"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

Contact: Yvonne Wilbers (yvonnewilbers57@gmail.com or 573-680-1951)

St. Stan Assist is dedicated to serving the sick, elderly, and homebound members of our parish community. We offer a warm and supportive presence through regular visits, providing companionship and spiritual support to those who may feel isolated. Additionally, we prepare and deliver nutritious meals to ensure that our homebound parishioners receive the sustenance they need.

By joining this ministry, you have the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others, offering comfort, care, and the love of Christ to those who need it most. Whether through a kind conversation, a prayer, or a home-cooked meal, your acts of service will bring light and hope to our community.

WELCOMING AND OUTREACH

Contact: Dana Wilbers (573-619-8701)

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.

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

Contact: Parish Office

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 or kathylinnenbrink@gmail.com) and Lisa Hopkins (573-659-0507)

Communion Visits are made by Eucharistic Ministers who take communion to the homebound and those in residential and 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 40 years. If you are interested in signing up for a private Holy Hour, please contact the parish office (573-636-4925) or Donna Bernskoetter (573-680-1470) for a list of available hours. Public Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction are done on Fridays during the school year. Contact the school office (573-636-7802) for details on dates and times.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Contact: Parish Office

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

Contact: Parish Office

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 daily, Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation Masses. Volunteers must be confirmed. Orientation and training are provided for Lectors.

LITURGICAL COMMITTEE

Contact: St. Stanislaus needs a leader for this 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 (dkhalb@hotmail.com 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

Contact: Parish Office

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

Contact: Parish Office

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

SACRISTAN

Contact: Parish Office

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

Contact: Parish Office

This ministry assists parishioners in finding seating as they arrive for Mass, takes up the collection during Mass, and counts the number of 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 (sommersl353@gmail.com or 573-635-8393)
Mary Markway (maryj.markway@gmail.com 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.

COR – Catholic Men's Formation Group COR, meaning "heart" in Latin, is a Catholic men's ministry focused on prayer, formation, and fraternity. Men gather to grow in faith, strengthen relationships, and encourage one another through prayer, faith-based discussion, and fellowship. All men are welcome, whether attending regularly or exploring the group for the first time.Come join us and experience the power of authentic Catholic brotherhood. COR meets on the **4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM** at the **Wardsville/Osage Bend Community Center (KofC Hall)**. Contact Gary Wilbers with questions (573-619-8700)

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Contact: Msgr. Cox

Baptism is an important step in a family's faith journey. Individuals serving in this ministry journey with a family during the faith preparation classes to help them receive the most from 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. Leaders will assist the team from the formation of a confirmation class through the administering of the sacrament of Confirmation. This position helps organize the academic/ Catechesis, stewardship, social and service element of this Sacrament.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION MENTOR COUPLE

Contact: Msgr. Cox

This ministry allows married couples in the parish to mentor engaged couples. Mentors and engaged couples meet 2-3 times prior to the wedding to visit about daily life in marriage. The hope is for the couples to make a connection that helps the engaged/newly married couple to feel 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-7. Catechists are needed for the program and are required to have Safe Environment training available at https://virtusonline.org/virtus/

YOUTH GROUP

Contact: Parish Director of Religious Education St. Stanislaus Parish has a Youth Group for students in 8th -12th grades. Please encourage your youth to attend to grow their faith. Adult volunteers are needed as well

OCIA (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Contact: Parish Director of Religious Education

OCIA 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 OCIA 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) or Melodi Graessle (melodiandluke@gmail.com or 573-690-1400)

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 provide an enjoyable experience. There is a Grade School Program (1st – 6th grades) and a Junior High/High School Program (7th -12th grades). The goal is to put youth in contact with the Lord so they can develop a deep personal relationship with Him. There is a night of Adoration, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, catechetical instruction, witnesses on topics important to young people, and a night of fellowship. Volunteers are needed to assist with the check in, help with snacks, and host the Totus Tuus team. All volunteers 18 and older must have Safe Environment training available at https://virtusonline.org/virtus/

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, cuts back bushes, rakes and haul off leaves, and spreads 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 (sdmertens96@gmail.com 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 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

Contact: Parish office will direct you to the funeral luncheon leader

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 or kathylinnenbrink@gmail.com)

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 or kathylinnenbrink@gmail.com) & Jan Frazier (573-301-3138)

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 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) &
Dorothy Thessen (573-635-4861)

The Ladies who quilt at St. Stanislaus Parish are a very important part of our community. They are a group of dedicated women who 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)
- Athletic Committee
- Sports Program (Coach)
- Assist with After School Care

SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

LEGION OF MARY

Norma Wieberg (573-690-5398)

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 Friday of the month. The gathering begins with the Rosary at 11:00 am, followed by a carry-in lunch. 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 event ends at approximately 2:00 pm. Annual dues are $5.00.

WOMEN OF WARDSVILLE CREATIVE MINISTRY

Mary Kay Hoelscher (Hoelscher.mary.kay@gmail.com or 573-230-6227)

The Women of Wardsville (WOW) Creative Ministry meet every Wednesday of the month after the 8:00 am Mass in the Parish Center. This group meets to socialize and all crafts are welcome. Some activities include knitting, crocheting, and embroidering 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 through 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 members of the Parish
- Sponsor the “Boxes of Joy” outreach project
- And so much more

SODALITY OF OUR LADY

President: Donna Halbrook (dkhalb@hotmail.com or 573-230-5141)
Vice-President: Darlene Luebbering
Secretary: Peggy Luebbert
Treasurer: Ruth Fisher

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 7:30am 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: Chris Hentges (573-694-3312)

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.

ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA (1550-1568)

St. Stanislaus was a Polish novice of the Society of Jesus, deeply admired for his extraordinary spirituality, unwavering faith, and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Infant Jesus. Born into a noble family in Rostkowo, Poland, Stanislaus was the second of seven children. Even as a child, he was marked by his deep piety and strong desire to serve God, which set him apart from others.

At 14, Stanislaus and his older brother Paul were sent to study at a Jesuit college in Vienna. The conditions there were difficult, as the Kostka brothers lived in a boarding house run by a Lutheran landlord hostile to Catholic practices. Despite enduring harsh treatment, isolation, and frequent bouts of illness, Stanislaus maintained his spiritual fervor. He immersed himself in prayer, fasting, and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. During a severe illness, he experienced two significant visions: one of St. Barbara bringing him Holy Communion and another of the Blessed Virgin Mary with the Christ Child. In this second vision, Mary placed the Infant Jesus in Stanislaus's arms, a moment that deepened his resolve to join the Jesuits.

Stanislaus faced strong opposition from his family. Nevertheless, he courageously fled Vienna, embarking on a journey of over 450 kilometers to Augsburg and then to Dillingen, where he found refuge with St. Peter Canisius, a prominent Jesuit. Eventually, he reached Rome, where he was accepted into the Jesuit novitiate.

Stanislaus’s time as a novice was brief but characterized by profound faith, humility, and an intense love for God. His devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Christ Child was central to his spirituality. On August 15, 1568, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Stanislaus fell gravely ill. He passed away early the next morning at just 17 years old. His death on the Feast of the Assumption was seen as particularly significant, given his deep devotion to Mary.

Stanislaus was canonized in 1726, and his feast day is celebrated on November 13. He is the patron saint of youth, students, and novices, inspiring many with his purity of heart, steadfast determination, and profound love for the Christ Child and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

ST. STANISLAUS PARISH HISTORY

Prior to 1880, the people of this area were members of the St. Francis Xavier Parish of Taos, Missouri. During those years mass was said once a month, first by Fr. Helias and later by Fr. Gruender, in a small log church on the Frank Schrimpf farm. As the number of Catholic families in this area grew, the people wanted to have their own parish. As the result of this sentiment, a meeting was held in Taos to formally discuss the subject. Mr. Edward Ward, being one of the first settlers to the area and seeing the Baptist settlement disappearing, offered four acres of land for the site of the church.

On November 9th of 1880, under the direction of Fr. John J. Kain of the St. Louis Diocese, the St. Stanislaus Parish was established. The first church was an abandoned Baptist church that was relocated to the new parish. The first pastor was Fr. Henry A. Hukestein who was ordained June 4, 1876. Fr. Hukestein lived in a room added onto the log church and took his meals with the John Tellman Family.

Under Fr. Hukestein's direction plans were made for the erection of a brick church. As the result, the cornerstone was laid on September 7, 1881, by the then Vicar General Fr. Muehisiepan. The brick for the new church was fired on the John Tellman farm. Most of the labor that was needed was furnished by the members of the parish. On October 10,1883, the new church building was blessed by the Reverend Herman Wigger, under the patronage of St. Stanislaus Kosta. After the completion of the new church, the old log church was used as the school and parsonage.

On September 14, 1898, a new two-story school building was completed at the cost of $4,000. The second floor was used as the residence for the sisters who taught at the school. In 1905, the parish added a new room to the school building. This new addition was used as a classroom and a chapel during the winter.

In 1922, the old church became inadequate to serve the needs of the parish, and a new church was designed by The Ludwig & Dreisoener Architectural Firm of St. Louis. The cornerstone of the new church was blessed on June 17, 1923. The RT. Reverend J.J. Tannrath celebrated

the formal dedication of the new church on June 28, 1925. The splendor of the new structure was short-lived, for on July 28, 1928, lightning struck the steeple. The fire was battled in vain and in the end, only the walls and the stonework of the steeple were left standing. The sisters' house, rectory, and school were saved by the efforts of the parishioners as well as the rain that fell. In June of 1929, reconstruction was completed and services resumed. Although the outside of the church looked much the same as before the fire, a new décor was used on the interior. Windows were installed on both sides of the sanctuary to provide more light. Alters and background of the sanctuary were fashioned of carefully blended woods. The old pews were cleaned, refinished, and re-installed. A hand-carved crucifix and two accompanying statuary figures were purchased and shipped from Germany.

On October 26, 1958, a new school building was dedicated. Originally, this school had four classrooms and a basement that was used as the cafeteria. An addition was added to the west side of the existing structure providing additional space for the school. In the early 1980s, a gymnasium was added to the school facilities. In later years another addition was added to the west end of the gymnasium. The upper floor of this two-story addition provided the parish with a meeting room while the lower floor was used for storage.

In 1991, the St. Stanislaus Church was renovated. New electrical services and central air conditioning were installed. The hardwood floors were stripped, sanded, and resealed. The church pews were refinished. New carpeting was laid in the entryway and sacristy. In 1994, the need for additional class space led to the conversion of the parish meeting room into the kindergarten room. The last unfinished part of the school basement was made into a classroom and an art room during the summer of 1996.

In early 1997, the former convent was torn down to make room for an addition to the school. The addition included seven additional classrooms and restroom/athletic locker facilities off the gymnasium. The project also provided restrooms. The estimated cost of $750,000 as well as the majority of the labor necessary was furnished by the families of the parish and local businesses. In 2001, another expansion was

completed to furnish a new home for the library and additional classroom space.

In 2005, with the generous support of parishioners and the guidance and planning of the parish cemetery committee, the parish built a mausoleum on the parish cemetery grounds.

Most recently, a renovation of the church was done to brighten the interior and open up the sanctuary area providing a new high altar to centrally house the Tabernacle.

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;

- agree to a national background screening through the National Sex Offender Registry completed by chancery personnel);and
- read and consent to the Code of Pastoral Conduct.

1.3.1. This category of volunteer must always be accompanied by someone who has completed all requirements for volunteers who work with minors (group 1.2).

1.4. Safe Environment Requirements for Volunteers Whose Duties Do Not Involve Contact with Minors and Who Volunteer No More Than One Time Per Calendar Year

All volunteers whose duties do not involve contact with minors and who volunteer no more than one time per calendar year must accomplish the following prior to volunteering in any Church-related activities:

- agree to a national background screening through the National Sex Offender Registry, completed by chancery personnel);
- read and consent to the Code of Pastoral Conduct; and
- complete the Single Occasion Volunteer Form that is available at ***diojeffcity.org/safe environment.***

1.4.1. This category of volunteer must always be accompanied by someone who has completed all requirements for volunteers who work with minors (group 1.2)

Source: Diocese of Jefferson City, Safe Environment Policy, updated February 23, 2022; diojeffcity.org/safe-environment.

Stewardship

GROWING OUR FAITH

"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