

GET INVOLVED
TIME &
TALENT

*Stewardship at
St. Thomas the Apostle*





LITURGY

GREETERS

As Ministers of Hospitality, greeters warmly welcome all who gather for liturgy. They reach out to newcomers and visitors, as well as those who attend Mass weekly. They make all who enter feel at home and invite them to participate fully. Greeters are informed and can answer questions about the parish and direct people to the appropriate resource.

USHERS

Essential to our Ministry of Hospitality, ushers greet people, take up the collection, guide the communion procession and see to the needs of the gathered community. They make sure all liturgical ministers are in place, and that all items needed for Mass are available. Ushers are informed and can answer questions about the parish and direct people to the appropriate resource.

ALTAR SERVERS/ACOLYTES

Altar Servers assist the presider and community at prayer. They possess knowledge of ritual action and ensure that it proceeds smoothly. This ministry is open to adults and to youth, grade 5 and older.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

The Communion Rite is the heart and center of the Eucharistic liturgy. Those called to this most beautiful ministry distribute the Body of Christ to the gathered body of Christ. They care about all who gather at the table, and show great reverence for the Eucharist and the People of God. Confirmed, practicing Catholics are invited to prayerfully consider this ministry.

LECTORS

The ministry of lector is to proclaim God's Word in the midst of the assembly. A lector must love, pray and study the scriptures. Beyond having a strong, clear voice, an ability to speak with ease and conviction, and good interpretive skills, a lector makes deliberate and careful preparation of the scriptures.

SACRISTANS

These ministers arrive early to prepare the items for the Eucharistic celebration. They set out hosts and wine, light the candles, turn on the sound system and lights. Sacristans make sure that all liturgical ministers are checked-in and communicate with them as necessary.

CROSS BEARERS

The Cross lead the processions of ministers into the sanctuary for Mass. Carrying the cross requires a good back and upper body strength.

SEASONAL DECORATING/SEWING

This ministry is perfect for busy people. It is very flexible, consisting of a short time commitment every few months. Decorating the church involves a wide range of jobs including designing, creating, installing, ironing, and sewing.

PLANT CARE

Tending to the greenery and flowering plants inside and outside the church provides a beautiful and welcoming environment. Materials are provided.

LAUNDER LINENS

Every week, these ministers pick up, wash, iron and return all the linens used for Communion.

CHILDREN'S LITURGIES PRESIDER OR ASSISTANT MINISTER

Using the Children's Lectionary and materials provided, the presider presents prayers and scripture readings of the day and facilitates age-appropriate discussions for children ages six and older during Sunday Mass. A training session at the beginning of this ministry is provided as well as yearly renewal sessions. The assistant minister helps the children to pray by overseeing the group and seeing to individual needs as they arise. The time commitment for both ministries is once monthly depending upon schedules.



FAITH FORMATION

SEEDS PRAYER LEADER

Using the Lectionary-based Seeds materials, prayer leaders serve in teams of two and minister to a group of 3, 4 and 5 year olds during Sunday Mass. The leaders present age-appropriate activities based on the week's reading that include stories, music and art. An initial training session is provided as well as yearly renewal sessions. The time commitment is approximately once a month, depending upon schedules and number of prayer leaders. Any parish member who is high school age or older is welcome.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL

Grounded in Scripture and Catholic Tradition, Faith Formation for All on Wednesday evenings offers children, youth and adults a program which respects

and values the life-experiences of each person on their faith journey. This is an opportunity to learn about and share our faith, form relationships and commit ourselves to share our gifts with one another in a spirit of charity and understanding.

CATECHIST

Catechists serve in teams of two, helping guide children in grades K-8 on their faith journey using the Faith First and Be My Disciples series of materials. An initial training session is provided as well as yearly renewal sessions. The time commitment is approximately two hours most Wednesday evenings from September - May. Any parish member high school age or older is welcome.



LEADERSHIP

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Advises the Pastor on the parish's spiritual growth and community involvement. The Council meets once a month for one to two hours. Council members are expected to attend the meetings, to serve on ad hoc committees when necessary and to welcome and encourage communication and participation from all parishioners. The term of a Council member is three years.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Advises the Pastor on all financial issues, including budget and asset management. A background in finance, accounting, banking, business, or investment is desirable. Estimated time commitment for this committee is one meeting per month.

CARONDELET SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

Members of the Carondelet Catholic School Advisory Board serve as an advisory council to the principal. Members are drawn primarily from the Christ the King and St. Thomas the Apostle parishes, with the majority of its members being parents or guardians of school students. Fr. Michael Reding, the Canonical administrator of the school, serves as an ex officio member of the board along with Principal Sue Kerr. The responsibilities of the board include: policy development, finance, and long-term development and planning. The time commitment includes monthly board meetings and committee work between meetings. The term of a board member is three years.



YOUTH MINISTRY

ADULT CORE TEAM

A group of Catholic adults who work with the youth minister to help plan a high quality ministry program. Adults who have been confirmed, who are able to be VIRTUS-trained and commit to one hour of in-person time per month are encouraged to apply.

PEER MINISTRY

Leadership development and service opportunities for youth ages 16-20 who have received the sacrament of Confirmation and who demonstrate strong ethics and skills in leadership, inclusivity, and peer-to-peer outreach.

SERVICE LEARNING

Opportunities for teens along with adult chaperones to serve both at church and in the wider community. Examples include: Habitat for Humanity, Crisis Nursery, Simpson Housing, and Feed My Starving Children.

RETREATS

Offered during the summer or over long holiday weekends. Teens and adult chaperones will take part in activities including music, listening to speakers, playing games, performing skits, and of course, eating great food. Adult volunteers are needed to chaperone these retreats.

OUTREACH

Recruit, invite, and welcome youth to form community in Christ. Youth ministry depends on volunteers who are willing to make calls, send emails, write postcards, and warmly greet youth. This commitment is very flexible.

CO-LEADERS

Social, easy-going volunteers age 21 or older, trained in VIRTUS who are willing to assist the youth minister at events and workshops. The calendar for youth events is set a month ahead of time, and volunteers may select from any of the scheduled events to co-lead.



MUSIC MINISTRY

PARISH CHOIR

All God's children have a voice in the choir! This fun, dedicated group of parishioners supports the our sung prayer. Members represent diverse ages, from high school to senior citizens. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, 7pm to 8:30pm.

CANTOR

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CHILDREN'S CHOIR

This ministry not only enhances our liturgies, it forms and shapes our children in the traditions, teachings and rituals of our faith. Children in grades 2-8 are encouraged to join. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays, 5:15-6pm.

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Musical art in all its forms serves God's people at prayer. Instrumentalists are welcome to join our music ministry. Play regularly or occasionally at any or all of the liturgies.



SACRAMENTAL PREP

BAPTISM

The Baptism Team consists of catechists who share the Church's teachings on Baptism with parents and godparents. Training materials are provided. The time commitment is approximately three 1-1/2 hour Wednesday evening meetings per year, along with serving as the Coordinator for the corresponding Sunday baptism. Anyone parishioner who has been Confirmed is welcome.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Preparation is held in the Fall for children in second grade or older who are also preparing to receive First Eucharist the following spring. Catechists are needed - parents of those in the program are encouraged to consider this ministry, though anyone is invited. Time commitment includes training sessions, Wednesday evening prep sessions, and the evening liturgy. Any parishioner who has been Confirmed is welcome.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Preparation begins after the reception of First Reconciliation (winter) for children in second grade and older. First Eucharist is celebrated soon after Easter Sunday. Time commitment includes training sessions, Wednesday evening prep sessions, and the celebration liturgies. Any parish member who has been Confirmed is welcome.

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation program begins in the Fall for students in 9th grade and older and extends into the following academic year. The sacrament is celebrated in January or early February of 10th grade. Preparation includes sessions on Sunday evenings, various parish and community service opportunities, and a mandatory day-long retreat. Time commitment includes training sessions, Sunday evening prep sessions, retreat support roles and participation in the celebration liturgy. Any parish member who is college age or older and Confirmed is welcome.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a personalized process for adults who are considering joining the Catholic Church. Parishioners can serve as sponsors, hospitality providers, or catechists.

MARRIAGE

Individuals or couples are trained to administer the PREPARE Inventory to engaged couples and review the results with them. Meetings are arranged at times convenient for the participants. Time commitment is roughly 3-4 hours with each couple.



CARONDELET SCHOOL

Carondelet Catholic School is the parish school of St. Thomas the Apostle and Christ the King. Carondelet has become known for academic excellence, service to others. Our children receive a holistic education which engages them in spiritual as well as intellectual and physical growth.

Please feel free to stop in, call or check out our website at carondeletcatholicschool.com to learn more about becoming part of our parish school. We would love to get to know you whether you have young children, or just want to be involved with this exciting ministry.



S O C I A L & P A S T O R A L O U T R E A C H

SIMPSON HOUSING MINISTRY

For many years, we have partnered with Simpson Housing Services to provide items families need as they move into transitional housing, as well as opportunities to volunteer with Simpson and get involved in advocacy work to help end homelessness.

SIMPSON SHELTER MEAL MINISTRY

A group of parishioners work at Simpson Shelter preparing and serving meals once a month. For more information on our partnership with Simpson Housing Services, visit our web site www.stthomasmpls.org.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Each summer, St. Thomas the Apostle and Christ the King parishes work together for Habitat for Humanity. For one week, parishioners donate their time and skills to make affordable housing a reality for a family in our community. Tasks include fundraising, food preparation and serving, scheduling and coordination of the project, and construction work. Sign-ups take place in May or early June.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES BRANCH LUNCH

Provides meals to the homeless in our community on the fourth Friday of each month. Each team serves at one of the Branch locations on four Fridays per year; members may belong to one or all of the teams. The time commitment is about two hours per lunch.

MEALS ON WHEELS

A group of parishioners who meet once every six weeks and deliver lunches to elderly and infirm area residents. Up to 10 meals can be delivered between 11:30 and 1:00. Volunteers must have an insured car and a valid driver's license.

FUNERAL LUNCH

Host and serve meals to families after the funeral of a loved one. Volunteers may spend from two to six hours on setup, serving, and/or cleanup.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

A group regularly assists in the packaging of meals the second Monday of each month from 12:00-2:00pm. Dates and contact information is published regularly in the Bulletin.

PRAYER LINE

Unite with the parish community in prayer during times of need. Members inform each other by telephone or email of prayer requests related to death, illness, or other crises. Any parishioner willing to pray for others and to call and be called is invited to this ministry.

KNITTING MINISTRY

Gather to make prayer shawls for the sick, hats for the homeless and other charitable knitting. The group meets on the 4th Monday of the month at the Parish Center.

PASTORAL CARE MINISTER

These specially trained ministers visit our elderly, homebound and those recovering from illness or accidents. They may be called to bring communion to those unable to attend Mass. Adult parishioners are welcome to participate in this confidential, one-to-one ministry.



COMMUNITY LIFE

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

STA is over 100 yrs. old and we have the paperwork to prove it. We need individuals who would be willing to organize our history into files for our records. You can work individually or as a team. Records are all housed in a room in the Parish Center, so you would have to be able to work during office hours. If you have a love of history and organization, this ministry is for you.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Serve coffee, juice and donuts to parishioners once a month after the Sunday Masses, or cookies and juice after the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass. Volunteers may sign up for as many or as few weekends as they wish. September - May.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Members of the Welcoming Ministry are available in the gathering space after each Mass to answer questions and provide information about St. Thomas the Apostle parish, including how to become a member. Committee members phone newly-registered parishioners to welcome them and answer any questions they may have. New Member Committee members organize and invite our newest families to the New Member Blessing weekends.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Schedules and organizes between four and six social activities that give parish members the opportunity to meet and interact. Events include both family and adult activities. Members attend a yearly planning meeting and are asked to participate in some way at each event. Committee members should be genuinely interested in the social life of the parish and feel comfortable mixing and welcoming others.

SHORT-TERM SPECIAL EVENT HELPER

Want to help our parish community celebrate special events? Parishioners will help on an as-needed basis for a variety of projects.

OFFICE VOLUNTEER

Opportunities at the Parish Center include a variety of office tasks including answering the phone. If you are occasionally available for an hour or two and enjoy working with others, this is for you.

MONEY COUNTER

They are responsible for tallying the proceeds of the weekend Mass collections. They work on Monday mornings for four months of the year; time commitment is approximately an hour each week. All money counters must have a background and credit check, per Archdiocesan policy.

MEAL PREPARATION AND CLEAN-UP

Our Wednesday evenings begin with a simple family meal in Dillon Hall. Volunteers are needed to prepare, serve and clean-up. Form your own team or join an existing group and meet new people. Meals are served most Wednesday evenings from September to May. All ages welcome!

FLAG SEWING AND REPAIR

The outside flags need to be replaced regularly because of damage from sun, wind and rain. Fabric, thread and instructions are provided.

ST. THOMAS GARDEN CLUB

Join fellow parishioners during the gardening season to plant flowers, trim bushes, pull weeds, spread mulch and various other tasks needed in the many gardens at St. Thomas. Work dates are scheduled in advance, approximately 1-2 times per month. Come as often as you can. Green thumbs not required.

SAINTS MEN'S CLUB

All men who are registered parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle, Christ the King or who have kids at Carondelet Catholic School are potential members of the Saints Men's Club. This club is the place for you to build a network with other men within your community and give back.



STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

What are your gifts?
What talents do you want to share?
How would you like to get involved?

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR GIFTS,
TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF!

Please fill out this form and return it in the weekend collection,
the ministry box in the gathering space,
or mail it to the Parish Center.

ONE FORM PER PERSON PLEASE

Your Name

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email



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SACRAMENTS

- Baptism Prep Leader
- Baptism Gown Sewing
- 2nd Grade Sacrament Catechist*
- Confirmation Catechist*
- RCIA Sponsor
- RCIA Team member
- Marriage Prep Leader

CHURCH OPERATIONS

- Church straightening up books
- Chapel cleaning
- Church dusting
- Church cleaning
- Vigil Light cleaner
- Grounds Clean up

LITURGY/MUSIC

- Greeter
- Usher
- Altar Server
- Communion Minister
- Lector
- Lay Presider
- Cross Bearer
- Launder Linens
- Care of Plants
- Church Decorations

LEADERSHIP

- Parish Pastoral Council*
- Finance Council*
- School Advisory Board

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

- Presider or Assistant Minister*

MUSIC MINISTRY

- Parish Choir
- Children's Choir
- Youth Ensemble
- Instrumentalist
- Bells

FAITH FORMATION

- Seeds Prayer Leader*
- Faith Formation Catechist*
- Meal Prep/Clean Up

YOUTH MINISTRY

- Chaperones*
- Peer Ministry (Gr 10 & older)
- Youth Leadership (Gr 11 & older)

OUTREACH

- Simpson Shelter Meal
- Simpson Housing Ministry
- Simpson Shelter *
- Simpson Tutor*
- Catholic Charities Branch Lunch
- Meals On Wheels*
- Funeral Lunch Ministry
- Feed My Starving Children
- Prayer Line
- Knitting Ministry
- Pastoral Care Ministry *



COMMUNITY LIFE

- Archives Committee
- Coffee & Donuts
- Great Gathering Fundraising
- Parish Photographer
- New Member Welcome
- Hospitality Committee
- Event Helper
- Office Volunteer
- Money Counter
(BACKGROUND & CREDIT CHECK)
- Thomas' Garden Club
- Art & Environment
- Flag Sewer
- Saints Men's Club

CARONDELET CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- I would like to learn more
- I would like to volunteer
- School Advisory Board

SKILLS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting/Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Analyzing | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Artwork | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assembling | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caring/Compassion | <input type="checkbox"/> Printing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry/Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Promoting Ideas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clerical skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Recording/sound systems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Recruiting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Researching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorating | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Designing | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign Making |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Desktop Publishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Group Facilitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Editing | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education Background | <input type="checkbox"/> Summarizing/synthesizing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitating | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching/Training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising | <input type="checkbox"/> Team-building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephoning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Videographer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Visioning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Visiting Others |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Web Design |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interviewing | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Video Production |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Listening | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical Work | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing | _____ |