

**ST. STEPHEN MARTYR CHURCH**

St. Stephen, Deacon and First Martyr of the Church  
As they were stoning Stephen, he called out,  
“Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice,  
“Lord, do not hold this sin against them”;  
and when he said this, he fell asleep.

Acts of the Apostles 7:59-60

Parish Directory &  
Stewardship Opportunities 2021

.....  
Saint Stephen Martyr  
Catholic Community

Dear St. Stephen Martyr Parishioners,

May the Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! This is how the early Christians greeted one another. This greeting is how St. Paul opened all his letters in the Bible as well. It meant more than simply, “Good morning” or “How are you?” that we are accustomed to. This greeting even meant more than having peace in your life. It meant; *May God give you all good things*. What a wonderful way to be greeted each day. We know that God is the giver of all good things and we as Christians recognize that everything we have is a gift from God. Thus, we too should desire to give back to God what he has given us.

We are excited to present to you our new Guide Book and Directory where you will find the most current information of our church family and opportunities to engage in activities that we offer allowing us to minister to one another. Please use this booklet as a resource for a wealth of information and activities that will give you the opportunity to get involved and participate in our parish community by the various ministries offered before you.

I ask that you prayerfully discern how you can get engaged in our parish. There are so many opportunities for you presented in this booklet. Your participation will serve our community and Jesus as well. Perhaps you would like to participate in our Sunday Masses by being a *Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, Greeter, Sacristan, Altar Server or Gift Bearer*. Maybe you could help children by *volunteering at school or coaching athletic teams*. Whatever you do is very much appreciated and needed. I want you to be involved and be an active member of our wonderful community.

By getting engaged you will find self-gratification and be helping others as well. You will meet so many wonderful people from our parish and have many new friends. Where better to spend time than at church? Please look over this booklet and find something that will get you involved with our parish. I'm certain you will be happy that you did.

May the Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus be with you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Harry Gelthaus

# St. Stephen Martyr Church

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am  
Monday through Thursday: 8:15 am  
Communion Service:  
Friday and Saturdays at 8:15 am

## Significant Church Dates - 2021

	<b>Holy Days of Obligation</b>
January 1, 2021	Solemnity of Mary
April 4, 2021	Easter Sunday
May 13, 2021	The Ascension of the Lord (celebrated Sunday, May 16, 2021)
August 15, 2021	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
November 1, 2021	All Saints
December 8, 2021	The Immaculate Conception
December 25, 2021	Christmas Day

## Sacrament Dates

Confirmation	Tuesday, April 20, 2021
First Communion	Sunday, May 9, 2021
Baptisms	By Appointment Contact Church Office 635-5813
First Reconciliation	Sunday, April 18, 2021 Sunday, April 25, 2021

## Stewardship Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for teaching me to be generous as you  
have been generous with me.

Thank you for showing me that all I am and have are gifts from you.  
And that these gifts from you, Lord, are meant to be shared.

Show me the joys of generosity. Help me to understand that others,  
perhaps unknown to me, depend on me for help.

Make me a gift to others in your name. Amen.

## Parish History

The Archdiocese of Louisville researched the Catholic population in the Audubon area during the mid-1940's and determined that there was a need for another parish. The area parishes responsible for meeting these families' spiritual needs were finding the situation burdensome. To alleviate this situation, a new parish was formed. Drawing from St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Our Mother of Sorrows and Holy Family, the new St. Stephen Martyr Church was established with about 350 families.

On November 4, 1948, Fr. Clemens Weiker moved into the Our Mother of Sorrows rectory and began preparations for building the new church and school. Future parishioners of St. Stephen Martyr dropped special envelopes into the Sunday collection at their churches. This money was to be used as a base for the building fund.

An old World War I hospital was available for the convent. The church and school would be built on an empty lot purchased by the Archdiocese right after World War I and was located at the corner of Hess Lane and Pindell Avenue. In addition, a home at the corner of English Avenue and Greenup was available for sale and was purchased for \$1,500.00. Construction of the parish church and school began September 9, 1949 by Thomas Nolan and Sons. The church/school combination was built in an "E" shape with a church seating capacity of over 600. The Dominican Sisters provided the teaching staff for our school.

October 23, 1949, Fr. John Lyons blessed and laid the cornerstone. The first Mass was said by Father Weiker on June 11, 1950 in conjunction with the first festival of St. Stephen Martyr. Open house was held on December 26, 1950, and St. Stephen Martyr Church was blessed and dedicated by Archbishop Floersh.

Throughout the history of St. Stephen Martyr, the parishioners have shown their support through a variety of social organizations. Some of these included: Women's Altar Sodality, the Girl Scouts, Saint Bernadette Society and MOSS Club. During the late fifties and early sixties, the Marteen Club was formed under the direction of Fr. Prindiville and the PTA. As the Vatican Council impacted upon the church, St. Stephen Martyr rose to meet the changing needs. During the sixties a focus was placed upon adult education. Renewal missions based upon the new directives of the second Vatican Council were formed. Religious education study sessions were held in homes and at the church. The parish offered programs such as RCIA and Catholic Religious Education.

Due to the Council, in the early seventies, parishioners began to take a greater role within the church/school community. Lectors and lay ministers served at Mass. A parish council and school board were formed. In 1970, Mrs. Evelyn Kalbhin became the first lay principal. In 1972 Fr. Julian Pank became pastor. He only stayed until 1978 due to health reasons. April 3, 1974, a tornado came through the area and rebuilding began. 1978 brought Fr. Roy Stiles as pastor and parishioner Cletus Ratterman was ordained Deacon. On March 1, 1981, the parish decided to build a new church. Door to door campaigns were established, building fund pledges were conducted and the parish picnic was re-instituted.

On November 8, 1981, a groundbreaking ceremony was held, and the new church of St. Stephen Martyr was dedicated by Archbishop McDonough on December 19, 1982. The remainder of the eighties have focused upon improving interfaith relations with local churches and the needs of the parish. In 1984 the parish council made a decision to hire a Pastoral Associate and in October 1985 they hired Sister Mary Otho Ballard.

1988 brought Fr. Jim Lichtefeld as pastor. Mrs. Kalbhin, the principal, felt there was a need for an after-school program. Dora Beck was hired in 1989 and started the program with 16 children. Fr. Jim had the crucifix and risen Christ added to the church in 1993. Parishioner Syl Nitzken was ordained a Deacon in August of 1993 and began his ministry at St. Stephen Martyr. In 1995 the school added Kindergarten and extended daycare was available. In 1998 the Parish Council along with Fr. Jim, decided to build an Activity Center. Fund raising began and additional projects such as air-conditioning the school and renovating the old church into new junior high classrooms were added. The upper level of the new building was dedicated space for the daycare program. In 2001 kindergarten became full day and a 4-year-old preschool program was started. Fr. Jim retired in July of 2003 after 15 years of service to our parish. He continued to preside on Monday morning Mass and filled in when needed until his death on September 21, 2010.



Fr. J. Randall Hubbard became pastor in July of 2003. Barbara Miller, who had been the principal of the school for ten years passed away in July 2003. As surrounding schools began to close, we opened our doors to families offering parish rate tuition to those at parishes with no schools. Today St. Stephen Martyr school has 62 families from 12 other parishes attending our school. In 2004, together with the Parish Council's recommendation, Fr. Randy hired the first Business Manager of the parish. Late October of 2004 the parish purchased the home at 3017 Greenup for \$108,000 and that house was made the new rectory. The old rectory was then made into the parish Ministry House. In the summer of 2005, the windows were replaced in the school. In December 2006, the parish debt for the Activity Center and renovation was paid off and the parish created a capital "G.I.F.T" (growing in faith together) fund to help pay for future renovations and repairs of the facility. This was funded by the remaining funds of the organizations (PTO, MOSS Club and Athletics) along with continued building fund gifts. Several renovations were made to the flooring and ceiling tile in the school and Marteen Room in the summer of 2007. Parishioner Steve DaPonte was ordained a Deacon in August 2006 and joined Fr. Randy and Deacon Syl Nizken in serving our parish. In the fall of 2008, a new 3-year-old preschool program was added.

June 2011, Fr. Randy Hubbard was assigned to another parish and Fr. Harry Gelthaus became our 6th pastor at St. Stephen Martyr. He was chosen to come to this parish for various reasons, one of which was his dedication to Catholic schools.

In June 2012, St. Stephen Martyr was clustered with Holy Family Parish. The two parishes shared several parish staff members along with sharing our pastor until the cluster was dissolved in June 2015.

Today, the St. Stephen Martyr community is actively promoting the spiritual and social activities vital to our community.

# The Mission Statement of Saint Stephen Martyr Catholic Community

We, the people of Saint Stephen Martyr, having formed a community of faith in the Roman Catholic Tradition in union with our Pastor and the Archbishop of Louisville, call one another to be faithful to our Baptism. We dedicate ourselves to living and spreading the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ and strive to establish a true spirit of family through Worship, Administration, Lifelong Formation and Education, Parish Life, Social Concerns, and Stewardship in order to address the needs of Parish members and our community.

We strive to be Good News Disciples to our neighbors so as to bring peace and harmony to our community. We are aware that without God we can do nothing. We ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the courage of Saint Stephen Martyr, our patron, so that all of our endeavors will reflect God's glory and honor. We commit ourselves to return thanks through responsible stewardship of all of God's gift.

## Values

In the pursuit of this mission we choose to emphasize these particular values:

- The goodness of God manifested in all creation.
- The dignity of the people called to wholeness in Jesus Christ.
- The power of our Parish committed to prayer, collaboration and service.

## Goals of the Saint Stephen Martyr Parish

- To make Saint Stephen Martyr a virtual center of worship and Christian community.
- To teach Catholic beliefs, traditions and values through Lifelong Formation and Education.
- To share our faith with all of God's people.
- To call forth Parishioners to develop leadership in our Parish and for our ministry.
- To work for social justice in collaboration with all people of good will.
- To exercise responsible stewardship of our human and material resources.

# St. Stephen Martyr Parishioner

An active, participating member in the Parish is one who regularly participates in the liturgical life of the parish (to the best of their ability), who is committed to stewardship of time, talent and treasure as witnessed by completing and turning in the annual Stewardship Commitment Form, and who lives up to his/her commitment.

This Guide Book and Directory has listed the many groups and activities that are actively involved in giving of Time, Talent and Treasure to their Community at St. Stephen Martyr. This parish guide is divided into the six categories that represent the many opportunities at SSM to GET INVOLVED. All committees report their group's activities to their representative on the Parish Council who then takes that information and reports it to the Parish Council and to the pastor. (Administrations, Lifelong Formation & Education, Parish Life, Social Concerns, Stewardship and Worship)

## Parish Facility Contacts

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Daycare & Preschool		
SSAC Activity Ctr.....	3015 Greenup Ave.....	635-3505
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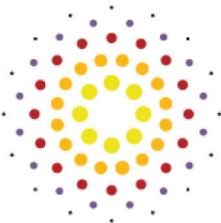
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Vice-chair - Open  
Administration/Finance - Ray Brown ..... 648-5667  
Social Concerns - Open  
Stewardship - Open  
Formation/Education - Open  
Parish Life - Patty Norton ..... 773-6356  
Worship/Secretary - Open  
Rob Greenwell ..... 314-4008  
Heather Schardein ..... 632-2142

**Administration & Grounds  
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**PARISH OFFICE VOLUNTEER**

Church Office ..... 635-5813

**PARISH SUMMER CHICKEN DINNER SOCIAL**

Patty Norton ..... 773-6356

**STRATEGIC PLANNING AND MARKETING**

Open

**TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

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## Life Long Formation & Education

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<b>INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION</b>	
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<b>MARRIAGE PREPARATION COUPLES</b>	
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<b>MEN'S FAITH GROUP</b>	
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<b>RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS</b>	
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<b>RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN</b>	
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<b>SMALL GROUP LEADERS</b>	
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## Parish Life Ministries

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<b>ALUMNI ASSOCIATION</b>	
Celeste Fautz .....	635-2890
<b>ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BOARD</b>	
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Asst. Athletic Dir. - Kris Denton .....	210-0198
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Treasurer - Beth Garr .....	523-8941
Intramurals Dir. - Kris Denton.....	210-0198
Concession Manager - Erika Ritchey.....	494-5174
<b>At-Large Members</b>	
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Joe Wright .....	802-8431
Brook Reichmuth.....	475-9825
Jason Cebe .....	599-3864
Rob Greenwell .....	936-0245
Kyle Lasley.....	821-1071
At Large Member/Fish Fry Coordinator - Bill Wieneke.....	419-3437

**BROWN BAG TUESDAY MORNING GROUP**

Open

**CARING HANDS**

Church Office ..... 635-5813

**MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Open

**MEN OF ST. STEPHEN - MOSS CLUB**

Tim Frankrone..... 635-6114

**QUILTERS**

Mary Ford..... 635-5921

## Social Concerns Ministries

**Parish Council Rep - Open**

**BEREAVEMENT LUNCHEON**

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**HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS**

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To the Homebound/Sick - Stacey Smith ..... 635-5813 x227

**MARTHA'S COOKS**

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**RESPECT LIFE TEAM**

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**DARE TO CARE VOLUNTEER**

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## Stewardship Ministries

**Parish Council Rep - Open**

**NEW PARISHIONER WELCOMING COMMITTEE**

Open

**POWERPOINT PRESENTER**

Church Office ..... 635-5813

**RECEPTION COMMITTEE**

Open

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

Open

## Worship Ministries

**Parish Council Rep - Open**

**ADULT CHOIR MEMBERS**

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**ART & ENVIRONMENT VOLUNTEER**

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**INSTRUMENTALISTS**

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**LECTORS**

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**RESURRECTION CHOIR**

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Erika Ritchey  
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Carolyn Doyle  
Mary Waskevich  
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Amanda Thompson

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Secretary - Vacant  
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**Administration Ministries**

The purpose of the Administration Committee is to facilitate communication and guidance between the following Administration sub-committees and the members of the Parish and Parish Council.

**COLLECTION COUNTERS**

Parishioners gather on Monday morning to count the weekend Mass offerings and prepare the funds for deposit.

**FACILITIES AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

This committee serves the parish by providing professional oversight and guidance with regards to the ongoing needs, both immediate and long term, of facility and grounds maintenance.

**GROUNDSKEEPING & GARDENING**

This committee volunteers to work on parish grounds and facilities doing things such as gardening, weeding, watering, mowing, leaf removal, hedge trimming, painting, carpentry, electrical and plumbing.

**FINANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER**

The mission of this committee is to perform financial and procedural audits of Parish accounts and organizations. They report findings to the Financial Advisory Board.

**PARISH OFFICE VOLUNTEER**

Individuals possessing phone, computer or clerical skills volunteer their time to assist the Parish office as needed.

**PARISH SUMMER CHICKEN DINNER SOCIAL**

Parishioners needed to help with preparation for chicken dinner.

**SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD (SAC)**

This group is a consultative body, and serves as a policy review and development committee for the parish school. It is an advisory group to the pastor and principal.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING AND MARKETING (Long Range Planning Committee)**

This committee researches and develops a Strategic Plan for the parish and provides input on how parish events align with the Strategic Plan. This committee will also work to assemble a promotional calendar to support parish events, including the development of a communication plan for each event and identification of talent to support the event.

**TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Parishioners needed with expertise in computers, local area networks, telephone systems, website design and maintenance to serve as consultants for Parish and School technology issues.

**WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR**

This person would be responsible for updating current events and data into the various pages of our website. They would post the bulletin every week and make changes and updates to other information as needed.

## Lifelong Formation & Education Ministries

The mission of the Lifelong Formation & Education Committee is to facilitate communications and guidance between the Lifelong Formation & Education subcommittees and the members of the Parish and the Parish Council.

**ADULT ENRICHMENT TEAM**

Parishioners plan and coordinate adult educational and enrichment opportunities such as the annual Parish mission, Scripture study and other events.

**CRE (Christian Religious Education)**

This ministry provides assistance in teaching Catholic religious education to those children not attending parochial school.

### **INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Instruction of parents and godparents of children being presented for Baptism. Two sessions are held and include a rehearsal. Volunteers are also expected to be present for the Baptism and assist with preparation.

### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

Married couples mentor engaged couples that are scheduled to be married at St. Stephen Martyr.

### **MEN'S FAITH GROUP**

Join other SSM men for an hour of reading, discussion and prayer on living your Catholic faith as men, fathers, husbands, and brothers at work and at home.

### **PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)**

The purpose of this organization is to foster better communication and to establish a means for coordinating activities on the part of the total school community. The PTO is responsible for maintaining good communications between the home and school, for providing a vehicle through which parents can provide service to the school (i.e., volunteers and fund-raising) and for offering a mechanism for parent education.

### **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)**

RCIA is the process through which adults and children age 8 and over are fully initiated into the Catholic faith community. They are prepared to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

### **RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation—Children)**

RCIC is the process by which a child is taught (catechized) and welcomed into the Church as a full member. The goal is to bring children of catechetical age (7+) into full Communion with the Church. Some children, due to their age, are asking for Baptism, others for First Eucharist and Confirmation. Volunteers are needed.

### **SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES**

Volunteers are needed to give of their time by assisting with various tasks in the school. Individuals are always needed to serve food in the cafeteria and to perform tasks in the office.

### **SCHOOL STAFF VOLUNTEERS**

Under the direction of school staff or faculty, volunteers are needed to assist the students of St. Stephen Martyr in living out their Catholic faith. This is done by providing quality instruction in a friendly, caring environment.

### **SMALL PRAYER GROUPS**

Parishioners join together to learn more about their faith journey, Catholic teachings, and to devote time to group prayer and praise.

## Youth Opportunities

The youth of the parish are invited to inquire about joining the following ministries when age appropriate. This fosters stewardship within our young members of our faith community by encouraging them to give of their time and talent. Youth of SSM serve their fellow parishioners and community by joining in giving of their time and talent.

### **Parish Stewardship Opportunities**

- Alumni Events
- Babysitting (for parish events)
- Fish Fry Helper - seasonal
- Grounds Clean-up/Watering Plants
- Parish Summer Chicken Dinner Social Volunteer
- School Events
- Sports
- Stewardship Events

### **Worship Opportunities**

- Altar Servers
- Cantors
- Choir
- Daily Prayer
- Hospitality Ministers
- Prayer Services
- Servers
- Youth Choir

## Parish Life Ministries

The mission of the Parish Life Committee is to facilitate communications and guidance between the Parish Life subcommittees and the members of the Parish and the Parish Council.

### **ALUMNI COMMITTEE**

This group of graduates from SSM meet together to keep all of the past and present SSM alumni informed and involved in their school. They plan fun events to help current SSM students and provide opportunities to reconnect with SSM.

### **ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER**

This committee is responsible for recruiting coaches for all athletic teams and ensures that CSAA rules are followed. Members direct and provide financial support for all athletic programs.

### **BROWN BAG TUESDAY MORNING GROUP**

Senior members of the parish meet for socializing, entertainment, enrichment and visiting the homebound. This includes a brown bag lunch at 11:30 and card games at 12:00.

### **CARING HANDS**

Our purpose is to respond to the needs of people in our parish. We make prayer lap quilts, desk caddies, white baptismal garments, hospitality baskets for newcomers, etc.

### **FISH FRY HELPER—SEASONAL**

Each Friday during Lent the parish hosts fish fries in an effort to promote family fun and fellowship. Volunteers are needed to assist with set-up, food preparation, serving and clean up. Contact any member of the Athletic Board to volunteer to help.

### **MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT**

This committee will help market St. Stephen Martyr School & Church.

### **MEN OF ST. STEPHEN MARTYR—MOSS CLUB**

The MOSS Club is committed to Christian stewardship within the Roman Catholic tradition. Our mission is to assist the needs of the parish and school by sharing our resources. We gather the third Monday of each Month in the Marteen Room and schedule various social and fund-raising events annually.

### **QUILTERS**

Members gather weekly to make quilts for fundraising raffles. No experience is necessary to participate as members are excited to share their artistic abilities. We meet at 9:30 Tuesday mornings in the SSAC-Mtng Rm #1.

## **Social Concerns Ministries**

The mission of the Social Concerns Committee is to facilitate communications and guidance between the Social Concerns Committees and the members of the parish and the parish council.

### **BEREAVEMENT LUNCHEON—FOOD PREPARATION, RECEPTION SET-UP, CLEAN UP**

This group prepares a buffet luncheon for the families of our deceased parishioners following the funeral service. The ministry includes coordinating and receiving the food prepared by parish members, setting out the food at the appropriate time, and cleaning up the area afterwards. (*Set-up and removal of tables and chairs is not included as part of this ministry and is the responsibility of parish staff.*)

### **HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS: To Audubon Hospital and/or SSM Homebound**

Individuals involved in this ministry take Communion to patients at Audubon Hospital and also to the sick and homebound members of the Parish Community.

### **MARTHA'S COOKS**

Dedicated to the patroness of cooks, St. Martha, this ministry provides an evening meal to those parishioners unable to prepare their own. By offering food and companionship we are reminded of the connection we all share with one another. We are all “active” vital members of the SSM Parish Community.

### **RESPECT LIFE TEAM**

The mission of this organization is to educate, inform and bring awareness to the importance of the sanctity of life with the utmost respect and dignity from conception to grave. At the same time, it gives parishioners the opportunity to respond to the various needs of the people to whom we minister.

### **ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY**

This organization leads men and women to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering, making no distinction to those served, because in them, members see the face of Christ.

### **DARE TO CARE VOLUNTEERS**

The Dare to Care Food Pantry is open on Wednesdays from 4:00 - 5:30 pm to distribute free food items provided by the Dare to Care Food Bank. Other parish groups and parishioners can help to broaden the food pantry selection with donations of paper products (toilet tissue, paper towels, Kleenex, etc.). Volunteers are needed on Wednesdays to help with set-up, clean up and distribution of food pantry items and to assist pantry guests in loading items into their cars.

## Stewardship Ministries

The mission of the Stewardship Ministries is to assist in creating an environment for parishioners to Understand, Participate and Volunteer in the many activities of the parish.

### **NEW PARISHIONER WELCOMING COMMITTEE**

This group welcomes new parishioners and connects them with our community. This may include a welcoming phone call, sending a card, etc. Members also plan and participate in a welcoming brunch/gathering in which they present themselves and their families to the new parishioner families in an effort to become acquainted with one another.

### **POWER POINT PRESENTERS**

This group is responsible for creating a Power Point slide show for parish events and a calendar that is shown on the monitor in the gathering space of the church. This requires a weekly Power Point Presentation which is made from bulletin insertions, and the volunteers alternate each month.

### **RECEPTION COMMITTEE**

The members of this committee assist with the set-up and serving of food, as well as clean up following parish gatherings and receptions.

### **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

This group facilitates communication and guidance between the Stewardship Sub-Committees and the members of the parish and Parish Council. This group hopes to create an environment for parishioners to share their Time, Talent, and Treasure, and to have ongoing ways to invite, recognize, and thank all volunteers in all parish ministries. This group prepares all the stewardship materials such as directories, mailings, and hospitality weekends to name a few.

## **Worship Ministries**

The mission of the Worship Committee is to facilitate communications and guidance between the Worship subcommittees and the members of the Parish and the Parish Council.

### **ADULT CHOIR MEMBER**

The Adult Choir ministry allows those with abilities and interest in music to provide a special service. The choir enriches our liturgy with music and encourages the Community through their gift of song.

### **ALTAR LINEN LAUNDERER**

These volunteers launder and press the altar linens.

### **ART & ENVIRONMENT VOLUNTEER**

This committee creates a visual expression of the liturgical seasons of the Church through art and floral design.

### **CANTORS**

The cantor leads our assembly in song and encourages active participation.

### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

The Youth Choir sings during the School Mass and other times during the year. There is no audition and reading music is not required.

Please consider joining us if you like to sing and raise your voices to The Lord.

### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADER**

Leaders are needed for this program which provides young children the opportunity to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in language designed for them.

### **CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEER**

This ministry strives to enhance the worship experience, whether it is at Mass or other services, by keeping the church clean and inviting.

### **GIFT BEARERS**

Families and individuals bring forth the gifts of bread and wine as well as the offering collected at the Masses.

### **HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS**

As a Holy Communion Minister, you are entrusted to perform a special function for members of our parish family. A Holy Communion Minister helps and assists the priest in the distribution of Holy Communion, either at Mass or any other time.

### **HOSPITALITY MINISTERS**

This ministry provides a welcoming environment and provides information for those who are attending Mass.

### **INSTRUMENTALISTS**

The instrumentalists enhance music of the Mass by providing musical support. This includes instruments such as strings, brass and wind instruments.

### **LECTORS**

A Minister of the Word enhances the liturgical experience by proclaiming the Word of God in a clear and understandable manner.

### **RESURRECTION CHOIR**

This ministry is composed of men and women who come together to provide music for funeral services.

### **SACRISTANS**

These ministers assist the priest by setting up all that is necessary in preparation for Mass. They need to be present twenty minutes before each Mass.

### **USHERS**

This ministry greets Mass attendees as they arrive. They assist parishioners with the flow of events at Mass such as taking up the gifts, donation baskets, holding the door, etc. Ushers assist attendees in finding a seat or locating the restrooms, bulletins, etc.