

Cathedral of the Assumption

2024 Ministry Opportunities

Stewardship, by definition, is the sharing of the time, talent, and treasure that God has given us. It is a way of life, an understanding that "God owns it all," the knowing that we are recipients of many unearned gifts, and a faith response based in gratitude. With that in mind, stewardship calls us to receive God's gifts, to be accountable and to share these gifts gratefully with others. Our offer of time and talent and treasure is greatly needed by our Cathedral parish. Worship, ministries, parish social events, and outreach cannot happen without the generosity of many. At its best, stewardship is that continuing circle of sharing and receiving for the health and wellbeing of our parish family and for each of us as individuals and as members of our faith community.

Worship

Altar Server - The server assists during the liturgies by performing tasks such as lighting candles and incense, preparing the altar, and holding the Roman Missal. Men and women wishing to be servers should be in seventh grade or older. They attend a training session and are committed to responsible service. Time Commitment: Weekends: serve when scheduled; arrive 25 minutes before Mass; responsibilities continue about 15 minutes after Mass. Weekdays: Serve when scheduled.

Cross Bearer/Candle Bearer - Cross bearers lead the liturgical procession by reverently carrying the cross. Cross bearers also assist with the Archbishop's crosier when he presides at Mass. During the liturgical procession, candle bearers carry the candles which surround the altar during Mass. Cross bearers and candle bearers attend a training session, must be in the sixth grade or older, and are committed to responsible service. Training is also provided so that participants in this ministry can serve as a crosier-bearer for the Archbishop, at Cathedral parish services. Time Commitment: Serve when scheduled; arrive 20 minutes before Mass.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Ministers serve the Body and Blood of Christ to those assembled for Mass. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are baptized and confirmed Catholics who have attended training and formation sessions and are committed to responsible service. Time Commitment: Weekends: Serve when scheduled; arrive 15 minutes before Mass. Weekdays: Serve when scheduled; forty-five minutes per Mass.

Lector - The lector proclaims the scripture readings during Mass. Lectors devote time to preparation and understanding the Word of God. Lectors attend initial training sessions, commit to private preparation for their ministry, and are committed to responsible service. Time Commitment: Weekends: Serve when scheduled; arrive 20 minutes before Mass. Weekdays: Serve when scheduled; forty-five minutes per Mass.

Minister of Hospitality – Ministers greet and welcome people to Mass. Hospitality Ministers assist with seating, take up the offering, and distribute worship aids and weekly bulletins. Hospitality Ministers are occasionally needed for special events that the Cathedral hosts, i.e. music events, evening prayer, special Masses. Hospitality Ministers attend a training session and are committed to responsible service. Time Commitment: Weekends: Serve when scheduled; arrive 30 minutes before Mass; responsibilities continue about 15 minutes after Mass. Weekdays: Serve when scheduled; forty-five minutes to one hour per Mass.

Sacristan - The sacristan prepares the Church for celebration of Mass, oversees the care of liturgical vessels and vestments, and secures the building after Mass. The sacristan attends a training session and is committed to responsible service. Time Commitment: Serve when scheduled; arrive 45 minutes before Mass; responsibilities continue about 15 minutes after Mass. There are both regular and occasional opportunities to serve in this ministry.

Art and Environment Committee – This committee envisions and coordinates the adornment of the Cathedral, following the liturgical calendar of seasons and celebrations. Members also water plants, arranging flowers, sew, and provide assistance in seasonal décor.

Music

Cathedral Choir – Provides traditional classical music for every 9:30 am Sunday liturgy from September through May. Musical talent, the ability to work on a team, and consistent attendance are essential for those who participate in this ministry. Time Commitment: Wednesday night rehearsal from 7 pm - 9 pm and Sunday warm-up and Mass from 8:45 am - 10:30 am.

Cathedral Singers - Provides contemporary music for every 5:30 pm Sunday Liturgy from September through May. Musical talent, the ability to work on a team, and consistent attendance are essential for those who participate in this ministry. Time Commitment: Tuesday night rehearsal from 6:30 - 8 pm and Sunday warm-up and Mass from 4:45 - 6:30 pm.

Social Concerns

Social Concerns Committee – This Committee serves as the hub for the various outreach ministries that fall under the overarching title of Social Concerns. The committee generally meets three to four times each year to learn of the ongoing activity and to plan for future events. We also provide opportunities for the parish throughout the year for local and global outreach and life-affirming activities. We oversee the 5th Sunday collections for House of Ruth. We are involved with the Archdiocese with Moving Toward Oneness, Catholic Charities Refugee Ministry, and Walking with Moms in Need. Anyone interested in any aspect of Cathedral outreach is welcome to attend.

Lunch Program - Support volunteers are needed to assist in the preparation and distribution of lunch 365 days a year to those living in poverty in the downtown area. Help is needed making sandwiches, processing and preparing donated vegetables, fruits and desserts, serving meals, and cleaning the kitchen. *Drivers* are needed Monday through Friday for pick-up and delivery of supplies and food to Sandefur Dining Room. Daily preparation times are between 10:30 am - 1:30 pm. Time Commitment: Varies from one to three hours per week/month or more if desired by volunteer.

Pet Food Pantry Coordinator – The pet food pantry that provides for the emergency food needs of the 4-legged companions of our daily lunch guests would benefit from a volunteer a few days each month to prepare containers of food and stock the pantry located in Sandefur Dining Room.

Parish Life

Parish Life Parish Life Committee – This group coordinates and hosts activities of the varied areas of parish life: New Members Dinner and annual events (Filipino Festival, Feastday Fest, Chrism Mass and Easter Vigil Receptions), Sunday morning coffee and doughnuts, parish potluck dinners, and other receptions. The group meets as needed to plan the events. The events provide many opportunities to serve the parish and socialize.

Docents – Trained volunteers give tours of the Cathedral and the Archdiocesan History Center in the Patterson Education Center to Archdiocesan parish and school groups and other visitors. Time Commitment: A training session will be required; then, time will vary according to need for tours and to docent's availability.

Bereavement Ministry - This ministry involves preparing a dish, providing hospitality after funeral Masses, and hosting the annual Service of Remembrance close to All Souls Day. Time Commitment: Varies, as needed

Cathedral Golden Stars - The Cathedral Golden Stars is a ministry organized to meet the needs of our senior parishioners. The Golden Stars meet several times throughout the year to share in social activities, day trips, service projects, and spiritual enrichment.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound - Ministers take Holy Communion to those unable to come to church. Volunteer opportunities include taking the Eucharist to individuals in their own homes while they recover from an illness or to those who are unable to come to church because of chronic conditions. This ministry is open to commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion or to those willing to be commissioned.

Prayer Ministry - Ministers of Prayer spend time alone, or with others, praying for the members of the Cathedral and for special intentions. They will be called upon to pray for specific needs through the prayer network. This is a ministry that can be done from home but has far-reaching impact on those who request our prayer intercession.

Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry – Participants in this ministry knit or crochet prayer shawls to be given to members of the Cathedral who are sick or grieving. The prayer shawl is a way to tangibly show members of our faith community that they are loved, cared for, prayed for, and surrounded by God's presence. There are no meetings to attend.

Formation

RCIA Sponsor – From Fall to Easter, those discerning and preparing to join the Catholic Faith attend RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes weekly. Sponsors are members of the faith who commit to walk that faith journey with the Candidates and Catechumens as they prepare. Classes meet on Sunday mornings after the 9:30 Mass. Time Commitment: Sunday mornings, Fall through Easter.

Children and Youth - Children's Religious Education Classes meet on Sunday mornings from 10:30 am to 11:45 am, August through May. Preparation for the Sacraments of First Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation is provided as part of the formation classes. Adult volunteer catechists (teachers) in the weekly education and sacramental preparation classes are the backbone of the Religious Education program. They commit to an entire school year, creating and carrying out lesson plans at the Sunday morning classes. Volunteers may also be needed to work with children with special needs or to assist Catechists for class activities. All volunteers who work with children are expected to have a background check by the Cathedral, and take part in a brief workshop to ensure the safety and protection of children in any program at the Cathedral. Time Commitment: Catechists – One-hour class time plus preparation time per class. Training is available. Teacher assistants - may be needed to help in classrooms, and substitute teachers may be needed as well. There are opportunities for one-time event or longer-term involvement.

Administration and Finance

Parish Office – From time to time, help is needed to prepare bulk mailings, bulletin stuffing, and other large projects. Time Commitment: Varies according to activity, but falls within the 9 am-4 pm Monday through Friday.

Buildings and Grounds – The historic buildings and grounds that comprise the Cathedral Campus in downtown Louisville require ongoing maintenance. There are times when volunteer help is needed. If you have a specific skill to offer, please contact our office.

Feed My Neighbor Fundraiser - The Feed My Neighbor program benefits the good work that takes place at the Cathedral's Daily Lunch Program in Sandefur Dining Room. Its goal is to care for our neighbors by serving up dignity one meal at a time. The annual fund-raising event, Let's Dance Louisville, occurs each year in June. There are many and varied tasks in preparation for the event as well as on the evening it occurs.

Technology Team – The Cathedral is blessed to have solid team of volunteers with expertise in technology. They set up, maintain, update, plan, and guide us in all things technological – phone system, internet, computer, server, web site, software. If this is an area of your expertise, please let us know.

Technician for Live Streaming of Liturgical services in the Cathedral – For the past few years, the Cathedral has been live streaming, via YouTube, Sunday Liturgies and other significant worship events in the Cathedral. Active members of this team will train volunteers who wish to be part of the rotation for this ministry.

Stewardship

Stewardship Committee – This committee supports the theology and practice of stewardship by identifying opportunities and inviting the parish to make commitments of time and talent, including the annual Stewardship Renewal Campaign. The committee works to support all other areas of ministry at the Cathedral.

What you choose to do by way of ministry should be as fulfilling for you as for our parish community. If you have any questions about these ministries, please call the parish office.

Beside the ministries mentioned here, you may offer other skills that you wish to offer for the growth and health of our parish family. Please contact the parish office to discuss.

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