



Catholic Church and School

Ministry Catalog

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About this Ministry Catalog...

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We hope to keep this Ministry Catalog as accurate as possible so it will serve as a helpful resource for the entire Parish community. In the event you note an error or out of date information, please contact Tom Guinan (287-0595, tguinan@stasb.org) with the correct information.

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Lay Ministries

Altar Servers

Parishioners who have received First Communion (Grades 4 and above) may serve for the priest at the altar during Mass. Training will be provided and scheduled times are given on a rotating basis with other servers. Servers are asked to arrive 15 minutes before the start of Mass for dressing and preparation. This is a good ministry to help Mass prayer, involvement and understanding as well as fostering vocational growth in the priesthood and religious life (for men and women).

Contact: Jerry Siefring (282-2308; jsiefring@stasb.org)

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are provided education and training to assist in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass. They are helpers to the priest who is the 'ordinary' minister. Their own personal lives must be lived in the light of the sacramental character of the work they do and must therefore be practicing Catholics in good standing with the church, engaged in annual education and reflection as well as receiving a Diocesan minister card.

Contact: Father Dave (282-2308; father@stasb.org)

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are provided education and training to assist in the distribution of the Body of Christ to the sick, the hospitalized and the homebound. They are helpers to the priest who is the 'ordinary' minister. Their own personal lives must be lived in the light of the sacramental character of the work they do and must therefore be practicing Catholics in good standing with the church, engaged in annual education and reflection as well as receiving a Diocesan minister card. Ministers may distribute the Blessed Sacrament for Communion to family, friends and neighbors.

Contact: Deacon Brian Miller (282-2308)

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Because the Liturgy of the Word on weekends is focused primarily on the adult membership of the community, Children's Church is a way to give children, from age 4 to the 2nd grade, the attention they need at their level of understanding. Adult volunteers take their turn at 'reaching' the children at their level. This happens at the 9:00am & 11:00am Liturgies on Sunday morning.

Contact: Mark Mullaney (282-2151; mullaneyfamily@hotmail.com)

Proclaimers of the Word / Lectors

The call to proclaim the Word of God to the gathered assembly allows the Spirit of the Lord to work through the natural talents that an individual is gifted with. Good proclaimers make the Word of God present and alive to the attentive ear.

Contact: Volunteer coordinator needed

Greeters / Ushers

Acting in the name of the community, these ministers welcome all who enter the doors of the church, make them comfortable, and are available for special needs. They assist with specific liturgical movements needed from time to time.

Contact: Father Dave (282-2308; father@stasb.org)

Sacristans

These are adult parishioners perform necessary preparations for the celebration of Mass and other services. They generally work in teams on alternating weeks or months for one weekend Mass by coming 15 minutes early to prepare the bread, wine, vessels and lighting as well as remaining about 15 minutes after Mass to clean vessels, turn off lights and, for the last Mass of the day, lock the church doors.

Contact: Mary Froning (mfroning@nd.edu)

Lay Music Ministries

Adult Choir

The Adult Choir sings at Sunday liturgies on a rotating basis, Feast Days, and Holy Days throughout the year. High School students through adults are encouraged to join in this ministry to help enhance the Liturgies and create a welcoming worship environment for the congregation. Music reading is a benefit, but not a necessity.

Contact: Jessica Springer (jspringer@stasb.org; 282-2308)

Cantors

High School students through Adults who lead the congregation in song for Weekend Liturgies, Feast Days, and Holy Days. Must possess an ability to read music, and have a pleasant singing voice. Auditions with the Liturgical Music Director and Parish Organist are required.

Contact: Jessica Springer (jspringer@stasb.org; 282-2308)

Instrumentalists

Support the singing of the Assembly and enhance Liturgical celebrations through their musical talent at various times through the year. Open to High School students and Adults. Music reading is required. High School students must be currently taking lessons on their instrument to be considered to play during Mass. (Audition Required)

Contact: Jessica Springer (jspringer@stasb.org; 282-2308)

Children's Choirs

Contact: Jessica Springer (jspringer@stasb.org; 282-2308)

Beginning Children's Choir

- Supports the Assembly in song at select All-School Masses, select Sunday Masses throughout the year, and the following Liturgies: Christmas Vigil Mass, Easter Sunday, First Communion.
- Open to children in Grades 3-5 who have a love for singing.
- Students rehearse Tuesdays from 3:00pm – 3:30pm during the school year.

Advanced Children's Choir

- Supports the Assembly in song at select All-School Masses, select Sunday Masses throughout the year, and the following Liturgies: Christmas Vigil Mass, Easter Sunday, and First Communion.
- Open to children in Grades 6-8 who have a love for singing. Singing in harmony will be taught and encouraged.
- Students rehearse Wednesdays from 3:00pm – 3:30pm during the school year.

Children's Chime Choirs

St. Anthony Parish School students in Grades 4-8 are encouraged to join the Children's Chime Choirs. These choirs will play for select All School Masses, Sundays, Feasts, and Holy Days throughout the year.

Contact: Jessica Springer (jspringer@stasb.org; 282-2308)

Parish Advisory

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council serves as an advisory group to the Pastor, especially in matters affecting the spiritual life of the community. Service on this Council is for a period of 2 years and meetings are held monthly..

Contact: Father Dave (282-2308; father@stasb.org)

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee fosters an environment in which stewardship is understood, accepted, and practiced throughout the parish. This group assists the Pastor in educating the community about the proper use of time, talent and treasure...gifts of God to each one. Activities include coordination of the annual Ministry Fair and helping ensuring other ministries across the Parish remain vibrant and are adequately resourced.

Contact: Father Dave (282-2308; father@stasb.org)

Finance Council

The Finance Council advises the Pastor on matters pertaining to fiscal administration. Some of its responsibilities are the preparation of the general Parish Budget as well as the collaborative overview of the School Budget.

Contact: Brian Masterson, Chairperson (289-9510; btmcpa@aol.com)

Marketing and Communications Committee

The MCC advances the overall image and mission of the Church and School through creative communications via the press, e-mail, publications and other means as needed. The MCC is at the service of the Pastor and standing committees and groups as needed.

Contact: Maria Harding (271-0069; hardingm@sjrnc.com)

Vocations Committee

Realizing the responsibility of the laity to foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life of men and women, this Committee seeks out ways and means to assist in this important ministry through prayer and action

Contact: Volunteer coordinator needed

Education Ministry

Parish School

For over 60 years, families who value academic excellence grounded in faith have chosen St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School. Our patron saint's words echo in our daily work:

“Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak.”

At St. Anthony de Padua School we are dedicated to developing life-long learners who live their faith through stewardship, committed to Catholic values and academic excellence. We are proud of our students, our teachers, our families -- the traditions that reflect our past and the spirit that embraces our future. We invite you to become a part of St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School.

Below are the many ways in which parents and all students within the Parish can enrich their participation in the Education Ministry. Unless otherwise indicated, the contact for information on these ministries is Tom Hamilton, Principal (233-7169; thamilton@stasb.org). **General Volunteers (classroom readers, envelope stuffers, etc.) whether you are a School parent or not, are always welcome for the many activities during the School Year.**

School Board

The School Board's objectives are to establish and maintain those policies that will advance the philosophy of Catholic Education, and to provide a forum for the discussion of those policies, plans, and other matters pertinent to St. Anthony School. The School Board holds a minimum of eight meetings each year on the first Wednesday of the month.

Contact: Tom Hamilton, Principal (233-7169; thamilton@stasb.org)

HASA

Home and School Association (HASA) is a pro-active association that promotes cooperation between home and school to support student growth and development, while embracing the ideals of Catholic education.

The objectives of the Home and School Association are:

1. To promote enlightenment of the mutual educational responsibilities of parents and teachers.
2. To help parents and teachers acquire a profound appreciation of the ideals of Catholic education and the application to obtain these ideals.
3. To provide a clearer understanding of the problems and adjustments of child growth and development.
4. To promote, recommend, finance, and/or sponsor improvements in school facilities, including equipment, teaching tools, and recreational requirements.

Membership in Home and School is open to parents and guardians of children in school, faculty members, and interested members of the parish. The Home and School Association meets at 7:00 PM on the second Wednesday of each month.

Contact: Tom Hamilton (233-7169; thamilton@stasb.org)

Enrollment / School Tours

Ensuring that the Parish and wider community are aware of the excellence of our School and the School community is key to short and longer-term success of the St. Anthony de Padua. This group focuses on planning and managing the formal Open House events, informal tours and school visits, assisting in the registration and enrollment process and welcoming new School families to the School and Parish community.

Contact: Kim DeBoe, School Office (233-7169; admin@stasb.org)

Education Ministry (cont.)

St. Anthony Alumni Network

Through this ministry, we maintain and update our database of all St. Anthony School Alumnae. We will use this information to keep alive the connections amongst the various classes—past and present—across the years. Newsletters, reunions, community service, social events and School support will be the main areas of focus for alumni activities.

Contact: Pam White (pwhite@stasb.org)

Pro Life Club

This ministry encourages students to recognize and enact the Church's teachings on the dignity of human life at all stages: the unborn, the elderly, handicapped, poor and physically or mentally ill. Specific activities include a dedication service as well as meetings, field trips, prayer services and public visits to facilities and events like Women's Care Center, The Life Center and 40 Days for Life.

Contact: Sister Mary Vianney Grau (smaryvianney@stasb.org), Tara Temple (ttemple@stasb.org)

SPICE—Special People in Catholic Education

SPICE, is a special funding program developed to address the variety of student learning needs within our parish learning community. This includes the needs of our typical, developmental and accelerated learners in our parish and school. SPICE supports teachers, catechists and staff at St. Andrew parish and school in the philosophy that every child is special, inherent in human dignity.

Contact: Volunteer coordinator needed

Panther Scramble

This is an annual golf outing in August to raise funds for various school and church projects as well as promote fun and friendship with the wider area community. Volunteers help to plan the event, solicit prizes and recruit individuals and teams to participate.

Contact: Amanda Bontrager (abbontrager@gmail.com); Michelle Kuehn (michelle_kuehn@hotmail.com)

Monte Carlo Night

This is an annual charity gaming night in February to raise funds for school athletics. It is conducted according to State of Indiana regulation and licensing. Volunteers are needed to organize this event through meetings, e-mails and phone calls beginning in the September timeframe and continuing with decorating and clean-up in the day or so before and after the event.

Contact: Damon Bittner (dbittner@stasb.org)

Outreach

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The local Parish membership is dedicated to serving the needs of individuals/families who are in temporary distress situations. On the last Sunday of each month, there is a FOOD DRIVE which helps to replenish the shelves of the Food Bank.

Contact: Bob Ramesh(rrrambo054@gmail.com)

Advent Giving Tree

This annual project provides the parish community with opportunities to share with the less fortunate of our neighborhoods through the contribution of gifts and food during the Christmas Season.

Contact: Kim DeBoe (233-7169; admin@stasb.org)

Pro Life

This ministry focuses on recognizing and emphasizing the Church's teachings on the dignity of human life at all stages: the unborn, the elderly, handicapped, poor and physically or mentally ill. Specific activities include:

- Communicate the 40 Days for Life Campaign and its activities, sponsored by St. Joseph County Right to Life, to the Parish in the fall and in the spring.
- Provide information to the church community through the bulletin announcements for pro-life events, masses, seminars, speakers, etc.
- Coordinate the Mother's Day Carnation Sale benefitting St. Joseph County Right to Life.
- Partner with other area churches in an effort to support Women's Care Center including:
 - Diaper and Formula Drive during the month of October - Respect Life Month
 - Pennies and Prayers for Life service project through the grade school. This involves the students offering daily prayer for Life during the 40 Days for Life Campaign and donating spare change in support of Women's Care Center.
 - Advent bulletin insert seeking Christmas offerings made to Women's Care Center
 - Spring Card Sale prior to Mother's Day, donations benefitting Women's Care Center
 - Solicit volunteers for Women's Care Center through Parish bulletin announcements
- Exploration of other service projects and efforts to help nurture and voice the respect and love of Life in the School, Church and Community.

Contact: Volunteer coordinator needed

Sack Lunches

This ministry coordinates the preparation and delivery of over 100 nutritious and delicious sack lunches for the homeless in our community 6 times each year.

Contact: Pat and Dan Fulcher (271-7208; littleddwolf23@yahoo.com)

Hannah's House Shower

Contact: Parish Office (282-2308; church@stasb.org)

Habitat for Humanity Lunches

Contact: Parish Office (282-2308; church@stasb.org)

Outreach (cont.)

Prayer Chain

Contact: Tina Masterson (282-2308; church@stasb.org)

Hope Rescue Mission

Contact: Volunteer coordinator needed

Meal Coordination Ministry

Contact: Jenny Miller (loujenmiller@gmail.com)

Prayer Blankets

Contact: Maureen VerVaet (vervaet4@sbcglobal.net)

Pastoral

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This is a process to which any adult inquiring into our Roman Catholic faith and way of life is invited. The interested group begins the process in the Fall and by Easter of the following year, each one makes the decision whether to be accepted into the Roman Catholic tradition through Baptism or, if already baptized in the Trinitarian formula, makes a Profession of Faith in the Roman Catholic tradition. Thereafter they receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation to complete the initiation process. Led by the a parish staff member, volunteers serve in the areas of sponsorship, support, prayer, teaching and hospitality. Class is held Tuesdays (7-8PM) from September through April. If you or someone you know is interested in the Catholic faith or wish to participate as a volunteer, see the contact info below.

Contact: Father Dave (282-2308; father@stasb.org)

Religious Education

Elementary-age students not registered in Catholic School are invited to attend religious education especially in the two years leading up to sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation). Volunteers are needed to teach and assist with classes each Sunday from September through May from 9:15am .

Contact: Henry Loranger (282-2308; henryloranger@att.net)

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is an annual summertime activity for students ages 4-9 lasting one week (Monday thru Friday) for about 3 hours each day. The program is arranged to afford the children an opportunity to learn more about their Catholic faith and tradition in a fun-filled, casual approach. Creative play, music, arts, crafts and snacks are based on specific Scripture, Catechism, saints and Church teaching.

Contact: Janet Lattez (292-2400; jlattrez24@juno.com)

Faith Formation / Bible Study

Our love for the Word of God in Sacred Scripture prompts arranged sessions on specific sections of the Old and New Testaments and matters of faith using the Catechism of the Catholic Church as a guide. Watch the Weekly Bulletin for these announcements.

Contact: Volunteer coordinator needed

Group and Social Ministries

Athletics / Coaching

For decades, St. Anthony's has enjoyed one of the strongest athletic traditions in the Catholic schools system. The emphasis, however, is not on winning, but on giving all interested students an opportunity to participate in wholesome, competitive activities. Sports offered are football (with other schools), boys' and girls' soccer, girls' softball, boys' and girls' basketball, volleyball, baseball, and girls' track. Co-educational intramural programs are offered in soccer and basketball for students in Grades K-4.

Contact: Damon Bittner (282-2308; dbittner@stasb.org)

Parish Picnic Feast of St. Anthony

Contact: Amy McGuire (mcguireamy@comcast.net)

Parish Welcome Committee

We welcome new families and individuals to our Parish and School community with great joy. This committee provides basic information to the new Parishioners. Specific representatives from the Committee proactively make themselves available to new Parishioners to answer any questions or point them to specific areas of interest. New School families will be offered "Panther Buddies" for their school-age children. Panther Buddies are classmates who will make special effort to ensure new students feel welcome and at home in their new school.

Contact: Parish Office (282-2308; church@stasb.org)

High School Youth Group

High School-age youth are encouraged to participate in the Youth Group programs and activities. The group meets weekly one to two hours throughout the year and is open to newcomers at any time. The Weekly Bulletin will list specific activities related to Youth Group.

Contact: Volunteer coordinator needed

Young Adult Group

Single and married young adults gather on second and fourth Wednesdays in the church for Adoration, fellowship, catechesis and refreshments. The group welcomes newcomers at any time. The Weekly Bulletin will list specific activities related to Young Adult Group.

Contact: David Byrne (dbyrne@nd.edu)

Golden Years

This is an organization for our senior Parishioners, age 55 and over. Members meet each month (except Jan. and Feb) for activities.

Contact: Volunteer coordinator needed

Group and Social Ministries (cont.)

Scouting

Developing tomorrow's leaders and exemplary citizens is one of the main objectives of St. Anthony School, and our American Heritage Girls and Boy Scout programs play a part in helping to meet those objectives. Through scouting, St. Anthony's offers its students an enjoyable way to grow mentally, physically, and spiritually.

Contact: Girls: Volunteer coordinator needed

Boys: Katie Cybulski (Kathleen.A.Merz.3@nd.edu)

Donut Sunday

To enable a spirit of friendship and hospitality to grow within the community, once a month we arrange for refreshments after each Sunday morning Mass in the Church Meeting Room around which we meet new friends, renew old acquaintances and strengthen the faith practice of one another.

Contact: Ann Schmiedeler (243-9145; acarey@comcast.net) ;

Christmas Craft Bazaar

Annual event held the first Sunday in November in the gymnasium and parish hall. Volunteers are needed throughout that Saturday and during the months leading up to the event beginning in July with contacting vendors via letter, phone and e-mail as well as planning for table arrangement and procurement.

Contact: Michelle Kuehn (michelle_kuehn@hotmail.com)

Christmas Cookie Sales

Annual event held in December in the church vestibule after weekend Masses. Volunteers are needed during the week beforehand to bake cookies as well as table arrangement and selling after each Mass.

Contact: Tina Masterson (282-2308; church@stasb.org)

Church Service Groups

Art & Environment

This ministry involves the time and talent of men and women who keep the Church sanctuary appealing, safe and orderly for those who gather for worship.

Contact: Volunteer coordinator needed

Decorating for Special Events

Volunteers meet as needed generally quarterly in church on the weekend for a few hours for decorating for events like Christmas, Easter, First Communion or Confirmation to make the Church sanctuary appealing for those who gather for worship. Responsibilities may include arranging flowers and setting up Christmas trees.

Contact: Maureen VerVaet (vervaet4@sbcglobal.net)

Altar Linens

A group of parishioners takes care of laundering the altar linens on a regular weekly basis. The Parish furnishes any supplies needed for the task.

Contact: Elsie Billisitz (259-6215; ebillisitz@yahoo.com)

Church Cleaning

Teams of volunteers help keep the sacristy, sanctuary and Church neat and clean. This is a weekly responsibility and takes about an hour of one's time.

Contact: Elsie Billisitz (259-6215; ebillisitz@yahoo.com)

SCRIP

SCRIP is a term that means "substitute" money. When you purchase SCRIP, you are purchasing prepaid cards/certificates that are used just like cash. You can use SCRIP to purchase everyday items such as groceries, gas, clothing, prescriptions, toys, as well as other essentials. The SCRIP program offers online purchasing and re-loading of gift cards and is open to all Parish families. Those with no grade school children can make a tax-deductible donation of their rebates to the Parish.

Contact: Donna Bittner (dbittner@stouffer.net)

Funeral Luncheons

To afford family and friends of a deceased the opportunity to gather and share memories following a funeral service, we offer our parish facilities to registered and active parishioners. The committee provides a potluck meal with dishes provided by volunteers in the Parish.

Contact: Jeannine Wildeman (282-2308; church@stasb.org)

Offertory Counters

Approved parishioners are assigned to teams for the purpose of counting Sunday collection. Having processed the monetary offerings of the community at worship, two of the group are responsible for depositing the funds in the Parish safe or bank account.

Contact: Parish Office (282-2308; church@stasb.org)

Church Service Groups (cont.)

Buildings and Grounds

Parishioners, young and old, are occasionally called upon to assist in routine maintenance and landscaping. Examples include advisory meetings for large projects, annual Spring Clean Day for outside grounds, assisting in school classroom preparation over summer, assisting in preparation for School Open Houses and similar short term projects.

Contact: Damon Bittner (282-2308; dbittner@stasb.org)

Landscaping: Wanda and David Shock, Tara Temple; Andrew Turba

Knights of Columbus—Santa Maria Council 553

Contact: John Ryal (John_M_Ryal@Praxair.com)

Devotional

Eucharistic Adoration

It has always been a wholesome tradition of the Church to honor and worship the Body of Christ outside of the Mass in Adoration. This practice keeps the faithful soul close to the source of all good, Jesus Himself. During the time when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance on the altar, we are in the personal presence of Jesus in prayer. His heart touches our hearts. His life encourages our living.

Meets in church at following times:

9:00am-10:30am Friday (weekly after Mass)
7:00pm-8:00pm Sunday (weekly with Medjugorje meeting)
2:00pm- 5:00pm First Sunday monthly (except May)
10:00pm-6:00am First Thursday before First Friday monthly (Nocturnal Adoration, one hour slots)
7:00pm - 8:00pm Second and Fourth Wednesdays monthly, Young Adult

Contact: Father Dave (282-2308; father@stasb.org)

Deacon Brian Miller (288-4573)

Cindy and Kevin DuBree; David Byrne

Novena to our Patron Saint, Anthony of Padua

The Novena is prayed each Tuesday after 5:30pm evening Mass.

Contact: Father Dave (282-2308; father@stasb.org)

Nocturnal Adoration

From 10PM-6AM starting on the eve of the First Friday of each month, Parish men and other men from the area keep hour-long vigils in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Groups of men are assigned to specific hours that rotate each month.

Contact: Deacon Brian Miller (288-4573)

Rosary

The common praying of the Rosary is done after the weekday morning Mass and before 4:30pm Saturday vigil Mass. There are also occasional Patriotic Rosaries after Masses on civil holidays like July 4th and Thanksgiving.

Contact: Volunteer coordinator needed

Legion of Mary

Active members attend a weekly meeting and engage in two hours of apostolic work each week. Auxiliary members pray the rosary. The Legion prays daily invoking the intercession of Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our heavenly Mother. Members devote themselves to prayer and ministry by contacting active and inactive Catholics and parishioners. They also provide information about the faith to interested persons. Weekly, Wed. mornings 9:15-10:15 Church Meeting Room.

Contact: Elsie Billisitz (259-6215; ebillisitz@yahoo.com)

Medjugorje

This group gathers weekly and shares common devotional prayers and hymns through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God. Weekly—Sunday evenings 7-9PM Church Meeting Room

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