

# ***VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES***

## ***AT ST. STANISLAUS PARISH***

### *Liturgical Ministries:*

- † **Altar & Rosary Society** – Maintains the altar linens and cleans the sanctuary. Promotes praying the Rosary.
- † **Altar Servers** – Assist the priest and deacon during the Mass. Children in grades 4 and above are invited to serve in this ministry.
- † **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** – Assist with distribution of the Eucharist at parish Masses and also take the Eucharist to the homebound and those who are in nursing homes.
- † **Hospitality** – Includes ushers and greeters at our Masses each weekend and also those who help with special parish events outside of the Mass.
- † **Lectors** – Adults and high school youth who proclaim the Word of God at Mass.
- † **Music** – Adult and youth music groups, cantors and adult and children's choirs who lead us in worshipping through song at Mass.



### *Outreach Ministries:*

- † **Respect Life Committee** – Promotes programs on all life issues. Sponsors the Right to Life March in Washington, DC in January.
- † **Bereavement Ministry** – Holds gatherings in conjunction with Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish to assist those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.
- † **Gardeners** – Plant and care for the flowers that are in the gardens around the church (including weeding!). They meet every Wednesday at 8:45am from Easter to Halloween.
- † **“NewStan” Parish Newsletter** – Written by volunteers on a quarterly basis and sent to all registered parishioners.
- † **Red Cross Blood Drive** – coordinate blood drives in our parish several times a year.

### Spiritual Ministries:

- † **DeSales Society for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing** – meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month from September to June for a Mass in Sign Language in the Chapel, followed by fellowship in the Lobby Room. The 9am Mass all other weekends also has an ASL interpreter.
- † **Evangelization** – Plans events and distributes materials to encourage ongoing faith formation and a deeper relationship with Christ.
- † **Prayer Line** – Takes prayer requests and sends them out via email to those in the prayer line group for special prayer intentions.
- † **Perpetual Adoration** – Members provide coverage of the St. Katharine Drexel Adoration Chapel 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Parishioners commit to one hour per week so that someone is always with Jesus. He can never be left alone!
- † **PREP** – Parish Religious Education Program – Provides Religious Education classes for the children who attend public school. All catechists and aides are volunteers.
- † **Vacation Bible School** – Held annually in June after school is over. Runs for one week. Student volunteers help with the activities for the younger children.



### Other Ministries:

- † **Bingo** – held every Thursday night in the school gym. Benefits Mater Dei Catholic School.
- † **CYO – Catholic Youth Organization** – Fosters full participation of our parish children in CYO Youth Ministry and CYO Athletics. All coaches for CYO Athletics are volunteers as well as many parents who help in the snack bar, scorekeeping, etc.
- † **Parish Festival** – Annual 5-day parish event each August. Requires MANY volunteers to cover all of the booths during the festival and for setup and take down.
- † **Scouts** – Our parish hosts Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girls Scout troops.

*For more information about who to contact for any of the organizations listed, contact the Parish Center at 215-855-3133. Your teachers or the PREP office may also be able to assist in directing you to someone to interview.*