SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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MINISTRY

Live Your Strength!

As each one has received a gift,
use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God's varied grace.
...in all things, God may be glorified.

~1 Peter 4:10-11

God has given spiritual gifts and natural talents to each believer. We received these Gifts of the Spirit through the Sacraments — each one building upon the next, until our strengths become usable for God's Will. These strengths are the specific ways in which you and I excel in the world. Sometimes, we think that because we aren't creative or musically inclined that we don't have a talent or strength, but that is far from the truth.

Strengths come in all sorts of disguises. They can be things such as: good communication skills, empathy for others, love for learning, problem solving skills, being optimistic, good at planning, following instructions, being hospitable, knowing when to be quiet, knowing when to be LOUD, being responsible, the ability to count, being carefree, being great at comforting people or even just being reliable. Your strength doesn't have to glitter and shine, but if you use your strengths wisely, you glorify God. That's more shine than anything! **The world is gonna' need sunglasses, baby!**

Now, we have been taught to be humble, and not boast about our talents and that still holds true. As my grandmother would have said, "Nobody wants to be around someone who breaks their own arm trying to pat themselves on the back." When you use your gifts for yourself, you aren't using them as God intended. What we are asking you to do, is share those gifts with your faith community. What we are doing is giving you every opportunity we can to Let Your Light Shine for God! So dig up those talents and put the flavour back in your faith!

The road to our salvation might be a little tricky at times, but together — WOW — what a bright and joyful path we will blaze. And maybe, if we live our strengths for God, we will help others find their way to Him too!

Discover YOUR Strengths

- **What things do you do with enthusiasm?**
- **What do you do well?**
- **What have been the five greatest achievements in your life?**
- **What kind of things do you do that make you lose track of time?**
- **Where do you want to make a difference?**
- **What energises you?**
- **Where do you see a need?**

When you answer these questions truthfully, you just might shine a light on what Ministry is the Best Fit for you!

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Miscellaneous Talents

To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one ...each according to their ability.

~ Matthew 25:15

Artwork
At times, different organizations will need assistance making posters and the like for upcoming events. If you hear the call to create — have the drive to draw — that panache to paint — the must to marker — this ministry is for you.

Baking
There are times when we have receptions, bake sales and other eating occasions, where it would be delightful to have cookies, cakes and pies. If you like to bake, this is a great area for you to assist.



Carpentry or Painting
Many times renovation or repair projects require one of these things or sometimes we need little items built. We are always looking for persons to assist in making our buildings look nice.

Certified Instructor
Do you have Certification to teach a subject that might help enrich the lives of our parishioners? Consider hosting a class or seminar to share your knowledge.

LIVESTREAM Liturgy
Once a weekend we Livestream our Liturgy on Facebook. This new offering helps those who are homebound stay connected to the community. One would need to be trained in OVS software (simple), basic Facebook Live usage and a little bit of computer trouble shooting.

Paper Folders & Bulletin Stuffers
Every Friday morning a small group of lively helpers gather in the Charbeneau room to help us fold our song sheets and other papers. They also stuff our inserts in the parish bulletin. If you'd like to join them they'd enjoy your assistance.

Sewing
Sometimes we need costumes — sometimes we need embroidery done on Baptism bibs and stoles — sometimes we need to make new Altar cloths — sometimes we need little repairs — so, If you are good with needle and thread or a master at the serger, stitch your name onto this list.

Photographer—Amateur
We have some great events here at St. Louis but those hosting the events don't always have time to snap some photos to share on Social Media or if there's a short video we'd like to put together. If you're an aspiring shutter bug or videographer this is the ministry for you.

Video Editor
Moving foreword with the evolving technology, we are looking towards ways to engage people over multiple platforms. We are full of ideas to get the Word out further into the world but need help putting the bits and pieces together into viewable content. If you have the know how and the time, consider this ministry.



Adopt a Family for Christmas
Every year St. Louis St. Vincent dePaul gets requests for Christmas help from local school families. We ask our parishioners to adopt a family, purchase and wrap the Christmas presents and drop them back off here on a specific date. This year we would like to offer to those of you who can't afford to adopt a whole family the opportunity to share a family with other parishioners. Just sign up on the sheet—SVDP Adopt a Family/ partial family.





Art & Environment
Plant the visual seed of worship in the minds of your fellow parishioners. If you have décor ideas and artistic skills and are good at implementing those ideas in appropriate art forms for church, we really want to hear from you.

Feeding the Hungry
WITH CHRISTIAN SERVICE



St. Vincent de Paul Intake

Work one afternoon a week (2:15 pm to 3:30 pm) interviewing and assisting those who need our help in our area. Don't worry — there is a training period.

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry

Work one afternoon a week (2:15 –3:30 pm) preparing food packages as needed for the clients being interviewed by the above folks. A little lifting, stocking shelves, marking cans and cleaning up the inventory may be involved too. You would work with a team.

St. Vincent de Paul Computer Intake

Work one afternoon a week (2:15 –3:30 pm). Each group of intake volunteers needs one person who is computer savvy and able to look up clients names and addresses and so forth.

St. Vincent de Paul Pick up or Unloading Food Bank Items

Every month, on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday morning. We pick up free food supplies to stock our SVDP Pantry. Sometimes there is a lot of lifting and unloading — sometimes we just need someone to pick up our order.

Panera Bread Donation Pick Up

Every Wednesday night, we pick up the days leftovers to be used in our SVDP Pantry. Then the product is brought here Thursday Morning for packaging.

SVDP Special Projects

Every so often we need assistance with special projects that can be accomplished all at once, so there is no reoccurring commitment.

Salvation Army Soup Kitchen

The first Wednesday of each month we serve a meal at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, on Church St., in Mt. Clemens. Volunteers are always welcome to help prepare and serve. You would need to be available on that day from 9:30am to approx. 1pm.

Community Meals

Local Churches host community meals on Sundays. Anyone who needs a meal is welcome! To help support this endeavor, they ask other churches and groups to volunteer to prepare and serve a meal or two. Twice a year we volunteer to donate, prepare and serve a meal at United Methodist in Mt. Clemens and occasionally at Zion Church in Mt. Clemens. The number of guests could be anywhere from 30 to 60 or more. We could always use help prepping the meal on a Saturday morning or serving it on a Sunday afternoon.



Men's Club

Men of the parish sponsor and participate in activities that provide support for the needs of selected groups, individuals or property, within the parish community. Meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. .

Our Lady's Circle



The objective of this organization is to practice and honor Our Lady, and unite the women of St. Louis Catholic Community for the good of its members and the welfare of the Parish. Meetings are the 1st Monday during the months of February through May and October through December, at 7:00 pm.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus (KofC) was founded to help support the families of fallen Knights in battle and has expanded their support to those in need financially, physically, and mentally. As the largest Catholic Fraternal Family organization in the world, the KofC has over 2 million members and over 14,000 Councils worldwide, and our principles of charity, unity, and fraternity allow us to help each of our communities in many various ways. Please consider being a member of this important organization and allow us to be part of your lives. More importantly, please join us to be a part of our charitable works and help those less fortunate through our many efforts.

Planning Committees

Education Commission

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 7 pm. We make interesting and creative plans to help teach the Good News to everyone at every level. Learning never stops and we would love your ideas and input to make sure All are Welcome to knowledge.

Christian Service Commission

Meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 pm. We gather to discuss the needs of the community and where we can step in and assist. We implement interesting ways to give parishioners ways to help all in need.

Stewardship Commission

Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Do you have a knack for business or marketing? Maybe you are great at fundraising or helping folks realize their gifts. Then Stewardship commission is the place for you.

Worship Commission

meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. We meet to share our thoughts on worship and prayer and to instill a deeper sense of community during liturgy and at parish held events, such as the annual Pet Blessing and the Ice Cream Social. We strive to involve parishioners and visitors in our weekend liturgies as well as special liturgies that are held throughout the year, such as the All Souls liturgy, Feast Day and holiday liturgies. We welcome the skills and talents of all parishioners, so this might be a ministry where you can use those attributes to make a difference!



Use Your Gifts!

Volunteer at Liturgy

Altar Servers

assist during liturgy by holding the Missal during the opening prayer, helping the priest receive the gifts as they are brought to the altar and by extinguishing the candles at the altar area after liturgy. This is also a ministry that couples or families can do together. Servers must be at least 9 years old. You specify which liturgy you would like to serve at and training is provided.

Usher & Greeter

Welcome folks with a smile from the moment we step foot into the church. They assist in seating, the collection of the offertory, the communion procession and handing out bulletins after liturgy. In case of an emergency in church, they are there to respond and assist wherever needed. High School students on up are welcomed!

Minister of the Eucharist

(or EME -Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist) EME's distribute Eucharist to the community during Liturgy. Training provided. Confirmed high schools students and up.

Sacristan at Weekend Liturgy

They open the church and ready it before liturgy. They make sure that all assigned liturgical ministers are present, prepare for the distribution of the Eucharist and assist wherever needed to help make the liturgy go smoothly. They 'clean up' after the liturgy and lock up the church. This is a rewarding ministry that allows you to more fully appreciate Liturgy by being a part of what it takes to bring everything and everyone together to celebrate. Guidelines and training are provided.

Minister of the Word

(aka Lector) proclaims the weekly readings at liturgy each weekend. A workbook of the assigned readings is given to each lector, which emphasizes how to project so as to provide a deeper understanding and love of The Word. A clear , friendly voice that projects well is all that's needed! Confirmed High School students on up are welcomed!

Commentator at Liturgy

A Commentator guides us by introducing us to the parts of the liturgy and leading us in prayer. They start us off with a friendly welcome and send us off with the latest announcements. Again, a clear, friendly demeanor is all that's needed!



Parish Nurses/ Health Team

Nurses and those involved in all areas of Health Care are invited to join this group to assist our parishioners to stay healthy.

Blood Pressure Screeners

Once a month after the weekend Liturgies the nurses would like to offer free blood pressure checks. Anyone in the Medical field who is trained to take blood pressures is asked to join this ministry.

We always can use help tending the gardens on all the church properties — watering, raking, trimming, weeding etc. Whenever you have the time, please come and help us keep our landscaping beautiful and tidy.



Friday Mornings after 9 am Scripture with Communion Service. This group takes care of cleaning the altar area, chapel, sacristy, dusting and so forth. They help keep our Worship space friendly and bright.

Red Cross Blood Drive Volunteers

Help out at one of our three blood drives. From signing people in, to handing out juice and cookies, to helping make a meal for the volunteers.

Give Transportation (to liturgy or a dr. appt)

On occasion a parishioner might need a lift to a doctor appointment or would like to come to church for liturgy. If you have a car and a valid license and insurance consider signing up to help. If you haven't spent time with this person or are worried about contracting or giving Covid — mask up for safety.

Eucharist to the Homebound

There are those of our community that can no longer leave their homes to join in worship with us. Consider making weekly visits to let them know they are still a part of our world — not forgotten. If you would like to do this but aren't comfortable going alone, find a partner and go together. Just pick up a pix at church on the weekend from the sacristan after Liturgy. Of course, due to the pandemic, we strongly encourage visits to be shorter and that you protect those you are ministering to by wearing a mask.

Sick & Homebound



Assist the Grieving

Funeral Luncheons

At the current time we are not offering Funeral Luncheons. We will begin again as soon as we can get past this pandemic. But keep the following in mind, and sign up — then when we get ready to pick up this ministry again we won't have to start from scratch:

Set-up
Clean-up
Donate Jello
Prep-Food
Donate Dessert

Sacristan at Funerals

Helping a family through the final grieving process is a blessed gift that we can give. When funerals services are planned, many families get lost in their grief or become confused as to church formalities. A Funeral Sacristan helps make the process go smoothly for the grieving family in a very simple way. Funeral Sacristans set-up the church for a funeral and assist during the Liturgy. We assign two sacristans per service so that neither feels in the least overwhelmed by the process. Funerals take place Monday through Saturday around 10 am. Set-up through clean–up is about two hours. Guidelines and training are provided.

Funeral Prayer Service (Wake Service) Leaders

The best form of grief is the sharing of memories of our beloved — when we set aside time to remember their quirks, their likes and dislikes etc. A church service alone doesn't allow for the time we might need to send our loved ones on their way nor the opportunities to send them off "their way". This is where the beauty of a funeral prayer service comes in. Serve as a leader of funeral scripture in the funeral home, the evening before a funeral – usually services are scheduled for 7:00 pm or 7:30 pm and last about an hour. Training and materials are provided.

Adult Singing Choir
Singing and playing for the Lord is a wonderful way to share your talents with your parish!! Practices are on Wednesdays from 7pm - 8:30 p.m. in the church.

Handbells, Adult
Practices are on Mondays from 6:30 –8 pm. The Handbell Choir generally plays twice a month at varying weekend liturgies. They also play at many special Liturgies.

Handchimes, Adult
Practices are on Thursdays from 5:30--6:45 p.m. The Handchime Choir plays generally twice a month at varying weekend liturgies. They also play at many special Liturgies

Resurrection Choir
This choir leads the singing at Resurrection Liturgies and meets about a half hour before each funeral to practice for that particular Liturgy. Each member of this choir is contacted individually for every funeral. Members respond when they are available.

Instrumentalists
If you have the special talent of playing a musical instrument and wish to offer your service to play at weekend liturgies or special occasions, please let us know.



At the present time, Choir members are required to wear a mask/mouth and nose cover during performances and practices, regardless of vaccination status. Arrangements for non-masking must be made in advance with Pastoral Team. This enables us to space performers 3 feet apart and enjoy making beautiful music together.



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Jr. Handbells
Practices are on Thursdays from 7:15--8 p.m. This Choir is open to youth from ages 10 and into the teen years. (At least 6 people are needed to form a choir)

Jr. Handchimes
Practices are on Thursdays from 6:45-7:15 p.m. This Choir is open to youth from ages 5 - 12. (At least 6 people are needed to form a choir)

God's Angels Choir Singing and playing for the Lord is a wonderful way to share your talents with your parish!!! Practices begin in November, on Wednesdays from 6 pm to 6:30 pm in the church.

Instrumentalists If you have the special talent of playing a musical instrument and wish to offer your service to play at weekend liturgies or special occasions, this ministry is for you!



The Family Life Committee was created to plan activities for which parishioners and their families, of any size, could gather with the rest of the community to share fun and fellowship. One of it's main goals was to bring the age levels together to foster friendship — creating family out of our common love of Christ.

We invite **individuals who are single, married, younger and older adults, confirmed teens, seniors, new families and/or established families** to join this committee and help us plan events that bring us together at all age levels.

Let's get busy enjoying the Life God has given us!

- Fall Fun Night
- Craft Projects
- Senior DIA Trip
- Christmas Fun
- Easter Egg Hunt

A SAFE PLACE

Persons working with children, the elderly or those with special needs within the Archdiocese of Detroit, are required to have a Criminal Background Check and completion of a Protecting God's Children workshop within 6 months of beginning their Ministry. The Criminal Background Check results are confidential – Please contact Barbara, our Safe Environments Coordinator, for more Information 468-8734 ext 104.

At the present time, any ministry that brings you in contact with children we are requiring persons to wear a mask/mouth and nose cover during the entire time one is in contact with them, regardless of vaccination status. Right now they are the most vulnerable — we always do right by our children in this parish — keeping them as safe as we are able.

BE OUR GUEST

Hospitality & Fellowship



Fellowship Sundays

We will be attempting to bring our Coffee Social's back in a slow way, after the first of the year. It'll be a once a month effort but we will still need volunteers to make coffee and keep a safe-serve kitchen.

Pancake Breakfast Workers

Join us in January as we prepare and serve a free pancake breakfast for our parishioners. It might be a carry out effort this time but we are going to give it a try.

Golden Seniors Dinner Workers

Help us prepare and serve a turkey dinner in the beginning of November, to honor those over the age of 70. We are looking at an alternative way to host this to keep everyone comfortable and healthy.



Catechist (Teacher)

Catechists (teachers) share God's love with the youth of our parish. They must be willing to give a few hours of their time each week preparing and teaching. The work is very rewarding and most catechists return year after year, but there is always room for more. Many grades to choose from: 1st Grade through 8th Grade.

Children's Liturgy Bags

Due to space restrictions and Covid we have suspended CLW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) In lue of this, we would like to offer activity bags at liturgy to help our younger parishioners understand and be engaged in the Liturgy. We need peoples to coordinate and implement this effort.

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is for those adults who wish to become part of the Catholic Community or who never completed their sacraments of initiation. Sponsors and Catechists are needed to aid them in their journey.

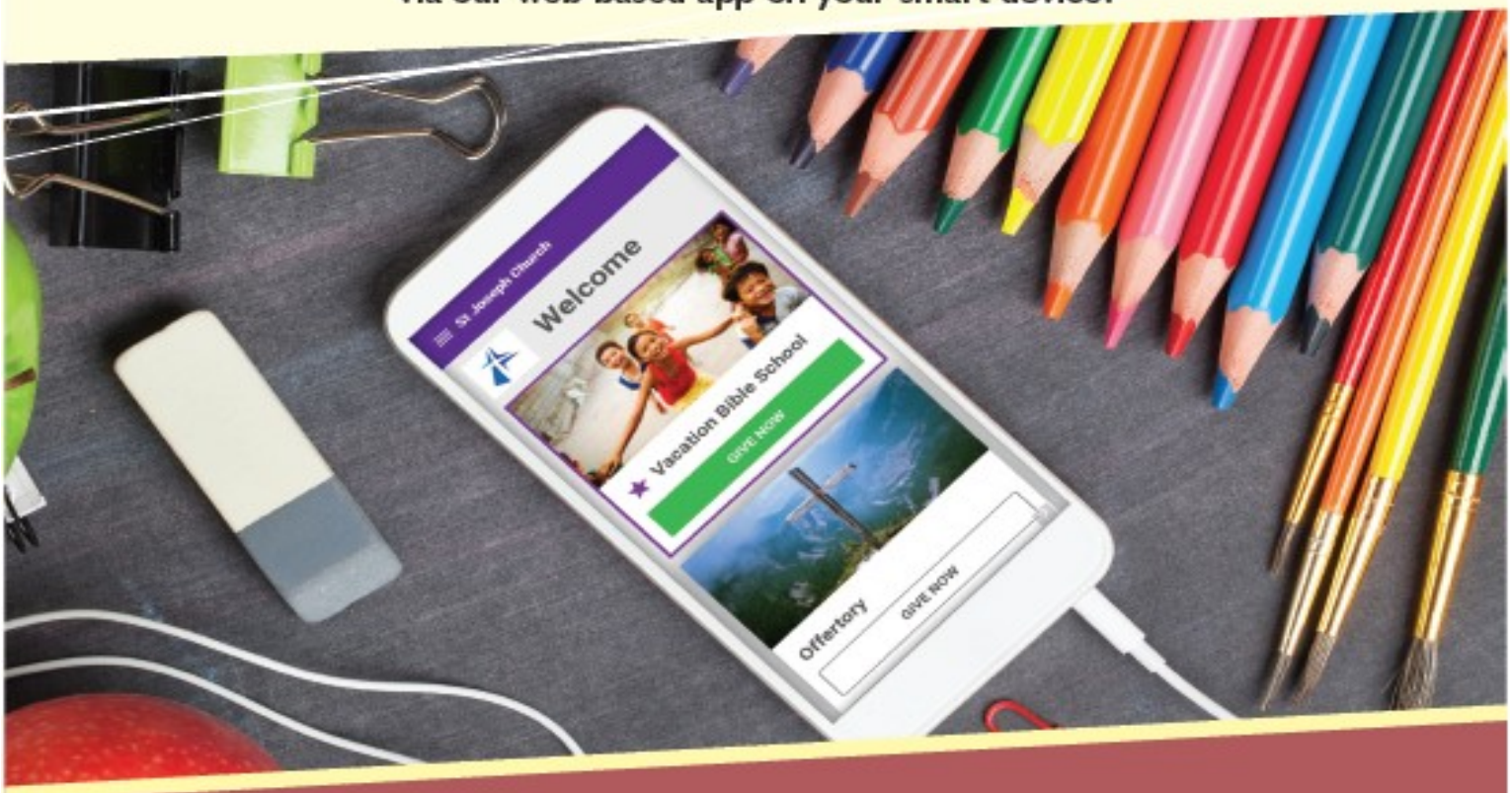
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Schools are back in session, and we're all adjusting to a new normal. The ability to support and participate online is more important than ever. That is why our church offers Online Giving as an option to support our continued mission and ministries. Our church is a spiritual home for all of us which relies on our time, talent, and treasure in order to fulfill that mission. It is time to come together now and moving forward to keep our faith, so that we can continue to offer hope and healing to those around us.

Online Giving allows you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device or computer to our church.

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