

ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH - TROY

Ministry Guide 2016-17

**Please use this booklet to help you prayerfully discern your discipleship choices.
Turn in your commitment form at Mass on September 19/20 or to the
Parish Office or in the collection basket by October 12, 2016**

A note from our Pastor:

Greetings,

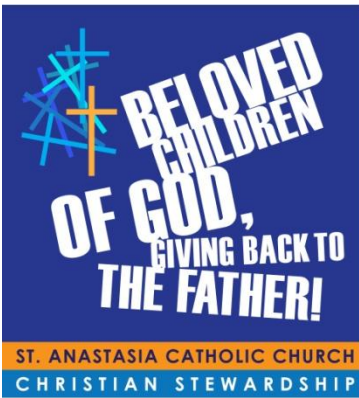
Just a quick note from your pastor to encourage and guide you in your decision to volunteer. Volunteering gives you the opportunity to change people's lives—including your own. It is a mandate from your baptismal call. If you are feeling frustrated or overwhelmed by life, giving of yourself can be a great way to cope and put things into perspective. To be a good STEWARD of the gifts God has given you, it is necessary that you "give back" by way of your time and talent.

So how do you begin?

- 1) Begin with prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you find what is right for you. Try to step out of your comfort zone and stretch yourself to try something that might not necessarily be your first choice.*
- 2) Find what fits your schedule. Ask yourself these questions. "What time can I afford?" "How much time can I give?"*
- 3) Expand your mind and soul. Realize that the people with whom and for whom you will be working are representatives of Christ himself.*

Thank you for your service and commitment. It will make the community of St. Anastasia a better place. Not only will you make friends, but also you will travel an incredible journey of faith as you walk in God's footsteps.

Reverend Steven A. Wertanen
Pastor



Please pray about and consider **choosing a NEW ministry** to get involved in!

We ask for at least a one year commitment.

Please contact your ministry coordinator if you have any questions.

Completing a **Protecting God's Children Workshop** is a requirement of the Archdiocese of Detroit for adult volunteers (18 and over) working with children in any capacity.

Workshops are always being offered somewhere within the AOD;
you must register at www.virtus.org.

Simply go to www.virtus.org and click on "Registration" and go from there. Teens that are 17 or younger and working with children need to complete a **Called to Serve Workshop** to volunteer. Many classes are offered all over the diocese. St. Anastasia usually offers this workshop in January. Contact the Religious Education Office no later than November 15 to sign up for this class (this workshop is included in the 9th grade confirmation curriculum).

Ministries marked with an asterisk (*) are
"kid/teen—friendly" or "family-friendly"
opportunities.

Please note that children under 13 years old
require parent supervision.

Ministry Opportunities



CHRISTIAN SERVICE

For Christian Service ministries, contact Kim Houseman at Ext. 112 or khouseman@stanastasia.org unless otherwise noted. *"Whoever has ears ought to hear."* (Matthew 11:15)

Advent by Candlelight Team

Be on the planning team for this wonderful Advent women's event in early **December**. We need help making copies, setting up and cleaning up (the week of the event).

Beaumont Hospital – Troy Communion Minister

Every Sunday, directly from 8:15 AM Mass, ministers bring Holy Communion to all Catholics who desire the Sacrament (140-170 patients) at Troy Beaumont. Sunday morning every 5-6 weeks is the time commitment. You are very much needed! Training is provided. You are usually back home by lunch time.

Blood Drives for Red Cross

We coordinate **four** drives a year. This involves donor recruitment after Masses in the gathering space the weekend prior to the event and/or attending the blood drive the "day of 1-7 PM". We are seeking a co-chair to share the workload. Training is available.

Clothing Drive*

Our parish sponsors a clothing collection twice yearly - in the spring and in the fall. Seeking co-chairs to assist with this effort. We need volunteers to receive the articles, and to **sort and box** the items in preparation for delivery. Volunteers are needed to deliver the items to Beattyville **in Kentucky**. You provide your time, willingness, gas money, and van. Contact John and Barb Vella at 248-879-9589. Clothing Drives are from 8 - 11:30 AM.

Easter Food Baskets

This ministry needs volunteers who are willing to deliver food baskets during Lent on a Saturday morning, for those locally who go without. Jesus asks us to come follow Him and feed His sheep. Once a year function.

Focus: HOPE/Bethany Villa*

On the second Saturday of **each month**, supplemental food boxes are delivered to low-income senior citizens at Bethany Villa. You will deliver food (7-8 boxes per person 9:15-11 AM) from St. Anastasia; also backup positions are needed. Teams are rotated throughout the year so your assistance is needed 3-4 times a year. This ministry is great for family participation! Teens can help unload the truck. Boxes are heavy so volunteers must be able to carry.

Food Pantry Shelving & Organization

Volunteers are needed during the **winter months** to sort, check expiration dates and shelve the food in the pantry. Day of the week and time of day can be set by you. We can use your help for an hour a week of your time in Nov/Dec, based on your schedule and the amount of food collected that week. (Not on sign-up form – email khouseman@stanastasia.org).

(Funeral) Bereavement Letter Writer

You will be asked to send letters of encouragement and prayer to the families who have lost a loved one in the parish for a period of one year. You will send a note, approximately quarterly to let them know they are in our prayers. You will be on a rotation list. You would most likely receive about 4—5 addresses a year.

Garden of Giving*

Help feed the poor by planting and harvesting produce grown at home or on church property. In the summer, we need weeders, planters, and drivers to local shelters to deliver vegetables (May—Sept). This could take approximately one hour a week during the summer.

Giving Tree*

Special collections twice a year (Dec / Aug) for organizations that put our generosity to good use. Help needed with delivery of donations, donation management, packaging and sorting. Sorting takes place one day for 2 hours, and delivery is the next day to a local facility. This is a wonderful way to help people in need. Contact Jodie Montana at 248-689-6834 or JoAnn Mouch at 248-879-8899.

Communion to the Homebound

Once a week parishioners who are unable to participate in the Sunday Liturgy are visited and brought Holy Communion by a volunteer from the parish. The minister visits on the day of their choice, arranged in advance with the parishioners. The rotating schedule requires one half day of time every 4 to 5 weeks visiting 4 - 5 parishioners. Training is provided.

Martha Minister

We help in an emergency, or on a temporary basis, by preparing and delivering a meal for a family or senior parishioner. Light housekeeping and errands are areas in need of volunteers. Sometimes parishioners call and also need a ride to Mass on the weekend. Can you help parishioners in need on an occasional basis?

Military Letter Writing Campaign*

Volunteers needed once/twice per year, usually May and/or Nov. This is an excellent ministry for the entire family. We will have opportunities for those with a patriotic creative flair, setting out paper, pencils, envelopes, tablecloths, greeting parishioners, and encouraging them to participate in this ministry that brings comfort, love, peace, and joy to our parishioners and their family and friends so far away. This would occur on a weekend after Masses. Contact Florence Parent at Ext. 100.

No One Dies Alone Program

A wonderful program which provides companionship for the dying at Troy Beaumont. Training provided. One must be up to date on immunizations to participate. You would be notified via email if there is a patient who needs companionship and prayer. This time involvement is completely up to your availability. It could be one hour or three hours. Contact Mark Garascia (thru Kim Houseman—khouseman@stanastasia.org).

Parish Health Program

This group will provide healthy awareness and opportunities to our parish at large including: blood pressure checks, mini health fairs, bone density testing, speakers and news articles. We have a relationship with a local health facility to help with resources. We need health professional (current or retired) volunteers to help brainstorm and facilitate at events. (Events approximately quarterly). (Not on sign-up form – email khouseman@stanastasia.org).

Project Linus*

Be part of a national organization that provides comfort to children who are ill, traumatized or otherwise in need. Volunteers **make** homemade **blankets** (new, washable) or afghans. Help is also needed with **sewing tags, distribution, & blanket party hospitality**. We have two blanket making “parties” during the year (spring and fall 9 AM – 2 PM). **We are seeking new co-chairpersons, for support.**

Shelter Programs for the Homeless—South Oakland Shelter

We will assist a local church for the South Oakland Shelter program for **winter 2017 (end of Feb/ early March)**. Assistance is needed preparing and serving meals, making bag lunches, **driving guests** to and from the SOS office in Southfield and being **overnight hosts**.

St. Aloysius & Local Area Drivers

Our intake items for the homeless customers of St. Aloysius are abundant, so we need drivers to take the donations to their destination. This ministry occurs weekly. Drivers would be on a rotating schedule, every 5-6 weeks for about an hour of time during the day. In the summer we also serve two other local shelters who receive fresh vegetables.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)

SVdP offers tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis. It is this personalized involvement that makes the work of the Society unique. Vincentians bring a wide variety of gifts to share with each other and with our brothers and sisters in need. We are energized by the awareness that service to others is in fact an encounter with our Lord. Meetings are **twice a month** on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. All are welcome to attend and explore how you can assist the Society. Contact Margaret Preston, Chapter President, at 248-702-6373.

Stephen Minister Trainee

Provide a listening ear and loving heart to those in need of support and care. Stephen Ministers must submit an application, be interviewed, and commit to 50 hours of training at a cost of \$50 for the manuals. (Training will take place once a week from Oct - Apr). If you are interested in applying, please indicate as such on your registration form. We need men and women. Contact Julie Skotzke at juliemskotzke@gmail.com. Once you are commissioned, you would give care approximately once a week for an hour.

Veronica (Funeral Luncheons)

One of the long-time ministries at St. Anastasia is providing a meal for the family of deceased parishioners following the funeral liturgy. There are several jobs related to this ministry.

- **Callers** - If you like to work from home, this is the job for you! Callers contact volunteers who have signed up to help, to obtain fruit & desserts needed for the lunch. Guidelines are provided to assist you in determining how much food is needed. Calls would take about an hour.
- **Make/Donate Food** - You will be called on a rotating, as needed basis to donate a dessert or other item for lunch 3-4 times a year.
- **Help Set up, Serve and/or Clean Up** - Assist on the day of the luncheon. We ALWAYS need help setting up and serving, please consider volunteering.
- **Team Members** – Members are put on a rotating schedule to lead the Team and will be “on call” for a month at a time. When a lunch is requested, the team contacts other members to assist with set up, serving and clean up. They contact a “caller” to call for the needed dishes. They also shop for incidental items needed for the luncheon (i.e. cream, rolls) at Gordon Food Service on account. On the day of the luncheon the team for that month, oversees the serving of the meal. We contract with a caterer to provide the main portion of the meal. Coordinating with the caterer is handled by parish staff members. **WE NEED YOU!! Without enough Team Members, we will not be able to serve our bereaved sisters and brothers with this ministry. We would need your help approximately one morning a month or every other month.**



LITURGICAL MINISTRY

For liturgical ministries, contact Holly Michelcavage at Ext. 109 or hmichelcavage@stanastasia.org unless otherwise noted.

Altar Servers*

Dependable young people fulfill an important need by ministering as altar servers at weekend liturgies and holy days of obligation. Anyone who has started third grade and received first communion can volunteer. Three servers are scheduled for each Mass. The schedule does accommodate your preferred Mass times and servers are typically scheduled once a month. Christmas and Holy Week liturgies are scheduled on a volunteer basis. All servers attend a training session in the fall and a review session in the spring. Contact Fr. Jim at jgrau@stanastasia.org or Ext. 134.

Maintain Altar Server Albs

Help is needed to launder the altar server albs on an as needed basis. Albs are machine washable.

Baptismal Garments

Help welcome a child into the parish by providing the white garment used during the rite of baptism. Sew from a simple pattern with materials provided.

Baptism Assistant

Experience the joy of welcoming the newest Catholics into the Church. Assistants prepare the materials, greet the families and assist the presider during the baptism. Baptisms are done on the 2nd weekend of month at the 4 PM and 12:15 PM Masses. You will need to arrive approximately 45 minutes prior to the start of Mass. Baptisms are also scheduled on the 4th Sunday of the month at 1:45 PM, occasional assistance is also needed.

Children's Liturgy of the Word*

Sundays at the 10:15 Liturgy, for ages 4—Grade 4. The children meet to experience the Liturgy of the Word on THEIR level. Faith-filled adults are needed to prepare and lead presentations. Teens are needed to assist. Contact Elizabeth at espencer@stanastasia.org.

Funeral / Bereavement Ministry

Ministers are needed to assist the presider at the funeral liturgy and then accompany the family to the cemetery to lead final prayers of Committal. Training will be provided. Time commitment is on an 'as needed' basis and is approximately 2 ½ hours each funeral. Contact Holly Michelcavage at Ext. 109.

Lead Prayers at Funeral Wake

Ministers are needed to lead prayers at the funeral home the evening before a funeral. The ministry of the Church during the days leading up to the funeral liturgy is one of gently accompanying mourners to the adjustment of the fact of death and the sorrow it entails. One way we offer support is through our prayers that the one they have lost may have eternal life. Training is provided. Time commitment is approximately 2 hours per service and is on an 'as needed' basis. Contact Holly Michelcavage at Ext. 109.

Ministers of Holy Communion*

Any active confirmed member (teens and adults) may serve as a minister of Holy Communion. Ministers offer their services at whatever Mass they are attending. A banner near the stained glass window indicates a need for ministers for that Mass. Training is provided for all new ministers. Contact Holly Michelcavage at Ext. 109.

Communion Team Leaders

Team leaders are assigned to a Mass of their choosing on a rotating basis. They prepare the vessels and other supplies for communion. You are asked to arrive 20-25 minutes prior to the start of Mass and training is provided.

Church Environment - Indoors

Committee member – members meet several times throughout the year to plan the church environment for the liturgical seasons. At Christmas (generally Dec 22-23) and Easter (Good Friday) the church is decorated requiring approximately 6 hours of time.

Environment assistant – assistance is needed to prepare the church for the major liturgical seasons under the direction of the committee members. Christmas (Dec 22 or 23) and/or Good Friday for 6 hours each is the time commitment.

Watering assistant – this is a year-round ministry that assists with watering of the plants and flowers in the church. Approximately 1 hour per week on a rotating basis is required.

Sewing assistant - occasional help is needed to sew various materials to be used in church decorating.

Carpenter – occasional help is needed to construct items to be used in church decorating.

Lectors

Lectors are the ministers that bring the Scriptures to life for all to hear. **Mastery of public speaking is essential for proclaiming the Word of God.** Lectors rotate between the weekend Masses; frequency will depend upon the number of volunteers. Contact Joan Ruttan at 248-879-1662.

Mass MC: NEW MINISTRY

The MC extends the warm hospitality of St. Anastasia to the congregation at the beginning of Mass and makes the announcements at the end. Public speaking with an easy, engaging, friendly manner is essential along with the ability to improvise and ad lib as needed. Audition required.

Sacristans - Welcome to the one of the hidden ministries of the Church. Contact Anne Lamont 248-879-0588.

- **Laundry sacristans** are needed to launder the altar linens. Scheduling is also on a rotating, monthly basis. Each week of your assigned month, linens need to be picked up from the Sacristy, taken home, washed, ironed and returned for the next weekend.
- **Weekend sacristans** are charged with the care, cleaning, and preparation of the sanctuary for weekend Mass. Sacristans are scheduled on a monthly, rotating basis. The time commitment is approximately 1 ½ hours each weekend of your assigned month. The preparation can be done at your convenience anytime between Friday and 3 PM on Saturday.

Ushers

Ushers are ministers of hospitality. They share the love and peace of Christ with others by being friendly, helpful, and hospitable at weekend liturgies. You will be assigned to a team at a Mass of your choosing and serve every third or fourth week. New ministers are required to attend a training session. Contact Glenn O'Connell at 248-689-7965.

Young Adult / Confirmed Teen for Sunday 5 PM Mass Assistance*

High school-age parishioners and young adults are invited to proclaim the Word of God as **Lectors** and serve as **Ushers** at the Sunday evening liturgy. Training is provided and you will serve every two or three weeks, depending upon the number of volunteers.



MARRIAGE PROGRAM

Marriage: God's Love Made Visible

The mission of this ministry is to strengthen the communication and spirituality of married couples and help enhance the time they spend together. The team offers several programs throughout the year and assistance is needed in a few areas.

The planning team is looking for couples to join in the brainstorming for future events. If you like to work from home, perhaps you would be interested in **making calls from our bakers list** to request baked goods for one of the programs. Help is also needed with **publicity and marketing** to help get the word out about upcoming events. Day of event help is needed in **set up and clean up**, and attending to the audiovisual equipment. Shoppers work from a pre-determined list to pick up needed supplies. Contact Regina Simony at Ext 120.

Wedding Liturgy Assistant

Meet with engaged couples to plan their wedding liturgy, direct their wedding rehearsal, and be present the day of their wedding to see that all runs smoothly for their special day. Your commitment is for approximately 4 weddings a year. Each wedding requires 6 hours of time divided between the initial meeting with the couple, the rehearsal and the wedding day. Training is provided. Please consider this joyful and fulfilling ministry and being a part of this wonderful wedding liturgy team! Contact Linda Porter at 248-844-8237.



PARISH LIBRARY

Library Aide

Library helpers are needed to be present and available after the weekend Masses. Commitment time is 20 minutes after each weekend Mass of your choice. Training will be provided.

Library Helper

We welcome volunteers to help in processing new materials, maintain the appearance of the library and/or work on short term projects. Commitment is weekly on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday for 2 hours.



ADULT FAITH / RCIA

If you have any questions regarding Adult Faith/RCIA volunteer opportunities, contact Regina Simony at Ext. 120 or rsimony@stanastasia.org.

Administrative Support

Needed during the day on Tuesdays and/or Wednesdays. Can you spare an hour or two to help out?

Adult Faith Commission

Do you like planning and promoting programs which will be helpful in enriching your faith journey and that of your fellow parishioners? We are seeking leadership and support. We meet for 1 ½ hours on the third Thursday of the month.

Bible Study Leader

Lead / facilitate a group in the study of Scripture. You and your group decide the topic; we help with the resources. 2 hour time commitment – once a week or twice a month – 8 – 12 week studies. All based upon your availability.

Small Group Leaders in Adult Faith

Lead a small group in a variety of different faith formation studies that would help others grow in their faith. Time commitment based on your availability.

Donate Food for Adult Faith / RCIA

There is a great need for food donations for the Adult Faith and RCIA programs. We want to welcome our new members into the Church in a warm atmosphere filled with mentoring, and share a light meal. We meet weekly and would appreciate occasional or weekly food donations.

RCIA Easter Vigil Reception

Help with planning and/or serving at the Reception following the Easter Vigil. Easter Vigil is the evening before Easter Sunday. An afternoon of set up on the day of – along with clean up at the end – approximately 5 – 6 hours of your time.

RCIA Hospitality

Coordinate and organize refreshments for the RCIA participants. Recruit food donations, set up and clean up for Sunday RCIA class. A couple of hours once a week while classes are in session.

RCIA Sponsor – Journey with and mentor a candidate or catechumen as they learn about the Catholic faith and enter the Church at Easter. Attend Sunday RCIA classes – once a week for 1 ½ hours.



YOUTH MINISTRY (BASIC)

For High School grades 9—12 contact Andy Cipolla, Youth Ministry Coordinator at Ext. 108 or acipolla@stanastasia.org.

Administrative Support for BASIC Youth Ministry

During the week at your own convenience—help keep us on task!

Meals for BASIC

Be a team leader to cook at a BASIC night 2-3 times per year. Recruit a team (or we will help fill your team), plan a meal, shop for the food, prepare the meal, and serve to the teens (for approximately 40 people)! Don't want to lead a team? Sign up to also to join a team! Time commitment – 2 hours at a time. Contact Loretta Belardi at 586-997-6544.

Service Leader / Chaperones

Adult leader needed to seek out opportunities for BASIC service projects. Plan and organize service projects throughout the year. Attend and chaperone service days. Approximate time commitment – a couple hours to research service opportunities and 3 – 4 hours on a Saturday morning 2 – 3 times a year.



EDUCATION / FAITH FORMATION

Preschool - 9th Grade contact the Religious Ed Office at Ext. 111 or mbrani@stanastasia.org unless otherwise noted.

Administrative Support

Needed at all grade levels (Preschool—9th Grade), during the day—Mon—Fri. Come and help prepare for class by preparing craft projects, copying lessons, sorting and distributing supplies, setting up classrooms, or helping with mailings and special projects. One – two hours a week when classes are in session or based on your availability.

Catechists (Adults & Teens)*

Many confirmed adults and confirmed teens are needed to share the love of God with our young people as catechists. Please consider sharing your gifts, talents, and faith as a catechist. Detailed lesson plans and all materials are provided. 2 hours a week while classes are in session. Schedule for Sep – Apr: Mon 4:45 and 6:45 PM – Grades K—5; Tue 4:45 PM – K – 5; Wed 4:45 and 6:45 PM and Thu 4 PM – Grades 6 – 8; Sun 11:30 AM – Grade 9.

Assistant Catechists (Adults & Teens)*

Each classroom needs an assistant to take attendance, rehearse the Bible verse with the students, get them started on the day's activity, monitor pick-up procedures, support the catechist, and/or provide even more one-on-one attention to the students. This position could be a shared one, with rotation. 1 ½ hours weekly while classes are in session.

Substitute Catechist (Adults)

Willing to be called on short notice should a regular catechist be unable to be present. Based on your availability.

CYO Athletics

Seeking CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) coaches and assistants for 5th-8th grade students. Girls Volleyball; (Aug-Oct) including playoffs, and Basketball; boys and girls (Nov-Mar) including playoffs. Time commitment would be 2 to 3 days a week for practices and games on weekend. Local travel for games to other Catholic churches. Adults must complete Protecting God's Children workshop. Contact Jeff Green at jgreen2@wideopenwest.com.

Middle School Ministry—EPIC (Endless Possibilities in Christ)

6th - 8th graders gather once a month for an evening all their own. The evening begins with attending 5 PM Mass Sunday evening followed with fun, faith, fellowship and dinner. Help is needed in the following areas: food; activity/content planning; decorations; set up/clean up. Time commitment would be 2 – 3 hours once a month for 5 – 6 sessions. Contact Terri Kress at Ext. 117 or tkress@stanastasia.org.

Vacation Bible School*

Adults and teens are needed to make this event a success! Volunteer sign up forms will be available in the spring for a June or July VBS! (Sign up not available on commitment form—please watch for forms in the spring).



PARISH LIFE

Contact Brenda Kozlowski at Ext. 103 or bkozlowski@stanastasia.org unless otherwise noted.

Greeters!*

We need greeters for each Mass at each door. You can sign up for every week or once a month. Arrive 20 minutes before Mass and put on a smile!

Coffee & Donuts - Sunday Hospitality*

Serve coffee and donuts after the 8:15 and 10:15 Sunday Masses. Rotating teams of individuals and/or families set up, serve and clean up approximately once a month. Contact Wayne Messing at 248-689-7460.

Decorating for Social Events

We are always looking for creative people to share their talents and help decorate for all of the fun events we have here at St. Anastasia. We need volunteers who are willing to take the lead and volunteers who are willing to follow the directions of others. Commitment days and times vary.

Fundraising

Do you have passion, confidence and creativity? Do you love to help organize and plan things? We need a few good people who would love to help with creative ways to help raise money for St. Anastasia.

Photography Team

Do you enjoy taking photos? Have you been told that have a “good eye”? We need a team of photographers (not all at the same time!) to cover Confirmation, 1st Communions, religious education activities, and Parish Life events. You need your own digital camera and the ability to upload your photos to secure websites.

Social / Parish Event Planning:

A variety of events enhance the development of friendships and a strong faith community. Many people are needed to help these events run smoothly. If you would like to help plan dances, family events, or any of these social activities please sign up.

Tablecloth Maintenance

Seeking individuals to wash up to a dozen tablecloths a *couple* times a year. Many hands make light work.

Welcoming Ministry

This ministry requires only 15 to 30 minutes a month and is a great way to meet new people. If you can commit to volunteering for one Mass per month to make visitors and new parishioners feel they are *Always Loved and Always Welcome*, please contact Sharon or John Carry at 248-879-6708 or sharoncarry@ymail.com.



GENERAL ADMIN AND HOSPITALITY

Bake for Hospitality*

Do you have a favorite cookie or cake recipe? Would you be willing to bake something for a catechist meeting, sacrament receptions or other special parish gatherings? We need your culinary creativity. We will call when the need arises, approximately 5-6 times a year – based on your availability.

Daytime Clerical Assistance

Are you available **DURING THE DAY**? There are times during the year when a project needs many hands for stuffing envelopes, collating papers or preparing mailings. Would you be willing to be on an “on call” list 5-6 times a year for 1-2 hours?

Garden Angels (outside)*

We need volunteers to help clean the flower beds in both the fall and spring, plant flowers in late May/early Jun, maintain the flower beds throughout the summer, and water the containers. This can be done on your own time schedule in an assigned area. This is a good “family friendly” activity. The time commitment can be tailored to few hours once a year, monthly or weekly. Contact Carol Corbin at 248-689-0333 or corbin.carolj@gmail.com.

Handy Helpers

Are you always impressing people with your DIY home improvements and/or passing white-glove inspections with flying colors? Then we have a way for you to use those skills! Our church home is in constant need of maintenance, repair, re-arrangement, and cleaning. This includes plumbing, electricity, painting, cleaning bathrooms, washing windows, emptying trashcans, and more. You can participate at your own skill level and on your own schedule. Contact Jim Coakley at Ext. 119.

Stuff Bulletins*

Your name will be on “as needed” list to stuff flyers in the *Good News* bulletins. The bulletins are stuffed on Saturday morning at 9 AM. Many hands make this load lighter. Children under middle school age must be accompanied by an adult. This service takes less than 2 hours to complete depending on the number of volunteers. Your commitment is based on your availability.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Music is an integral part of our liturgical celebrations. Please contact the Music Director, Evelyn Schuette at Ext. 133 or eschuette@stanastasia.org if you wish to participate in the following ensembles.

Adult Choir

This ensemble sings regularly at the 10:15 Sunday Mass, and for special liturgies and vicariate choral festivals throughout the year. Choral music of all periods and styles is performed with great finesse! A major choral work with orchestra is also performed every year for Midnight Christmas Mass. A **serious commitment** to the rehearsal and performance schedule is required. Rehearsals are Wed evenings 7:15 - 9 PM, Sep—May.

Adult Handbell Choir

Adults who are interested in the art of handbell ringing are encouraged to participate in this ministry. Music reading skills and an ability to carry heavy objects such as tables and bell cases are necessary. Ten adults are needed to ring our 3-octave, 37-note set of handbells. **Serious commitment** to the rehearsal and performance schedule is required. Handbells ring for special liturgies and weekend Masses, including the yearly Bereavement Mass in November.

B.A.S.I.C. Youth Band*

The Sunday evening, 5 PM Youth Mass offers a contemporary style of music as well as some hymns—the Youth Band Director is looking for teens and young adults (ages 16—40) to use their musical abilities to help at this Mass. We are looking for pianists, a drummer, male and female vocalists, and other instrumentalists (saxophone, violin, trumpet, guitar, etc.). You must be willing to learn songs by chords, by ear and improvise. Contact Josh Ross at jross@stanastasia.org.

Cantors

Confident singers who wish to lead the assembly in song-filled prayer are **encouraged to audition** for this ministry. Vocal experience and music reading skills are **necessary**. Time commitment based on your availability.

Celebration Singers

This ensemble performs a repertoire in styles ranging from worship to *a cappella* SATB, at the 8:15 AM Mass. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings 7:30 - 9 PM.

Instrumentalists

Members of St. Anastasia Church who are talented at playing a musical instrument are welcome to share their gifts. Orchestras for Christmas and Easter services are comprised of many of our own talented musicians!

Resurrection Choir

This ensemble sings at the funeral and memorial liturgies as well as anointing of the sick on First Friday. Members of this choir must have mornings free. Rehearsal is held prior to each service and is on an on-call basis.



PRAYER and ACTION GROUPS

American Heritage Girls

AHG is a non-profit organization dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. The organization offers badge programs, service projects, girl leadership opportunities, and outdoor experiences to its members. It broadens social development through extra-curricular activities. It is a program intended for girls ages 5 to 18 years old. Contact Heather Siekierski at ahg@siekierski.com.

Exposition of the Eucharist

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Church's life and ministry. As Catholics, we believe that Christ is truly and substantially present in the Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament is given the same adoration and devotion that is accorded to Christ. Understood simply, Eucharistic exposition is adoring and honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. Each Monday following the 9:30 AM Mass the Eucharist is exposed in the chapel until Thursday morning at 6:45 AM.

Additionally, on the first and second full weekend of each month, the Eucharist is exposed following the Friday morning Mass until Sunday morning at 8 AM. Dominic Bologna, dominicbologna@wowway.com, 586-731-8192.

- **Acolytes** are needed to assist the priest or deacon either at the exposition of the Eucharist or at Benediction; time commitment is approx. 1/2 hour on a rotating basis. Training will be provided.
- Sign up to be a **"scheduled adorer"** which allows you to schedule yourself for one or more hours each week or month to pray before the very presence of Our Lord.
- **Hourly coordinators** are needed to sign up adorers, make reminder calls and find substitutes when necessary. The time commitment is approx. 1/2 hour per month.

Homeschoolers

We welcome families of all different stages of homeschooling life. We meet for gym day weekly after Wednesday Mass during the school year and also have field trips, liturgical parties and park days. An active member of our group is defined as: volunteering, contributing, planning, organizing, bringing supplies, helping, praying, communicating and serving in our events and activities. Contact Laura Green at 248-524-2188.

Knights of Columbus

Catholic gentlemen who provide for the St. Anastasia Community through charitable acts for our Parish and other local Catholic causes that are focused to bring us closer together as one family of God. We support our Clergy, Parish and Community. We assist the community through stewardship and many fun-filled activities that are geared to enhance your personal, family, and religious life through life-long friendships. Contact Jay Jackson at jacksowi@att.net.

Legion of Mary

A formation program in which ordinary lay Catholic men and women (18 and older) pursue holiness of life through weekly meetings, communal prayer, and active outreach to those in need of consolation and/or evangelization. The meetings are on Thursdays, 10:15—11:30 AM. There is also auxiliary membership, which supports the Legion with daily Rosary and Legion of Mary prayers. Contact Carol Tardiff at 248-689-1936.

Men's Group

The men's group would meet occasionally, led by Fr. Greg Piatt. Seeking men who are striving to explore their Catholic masculinity.

MOMS Group

We would like to start a MOMS group dedicated to faith, fellowship and service. Meet during the school year for book clubs, speakers, prayer, devotion time and fundraisers. We are seeking co-chairs to plan events and meet once a month.

Pax Christi

A national Catholic organization that promotes Christ's peace and social justice through a combination of prayer, study, and action. Meet once a month from 7:00-8:30 PM. Contact Mike and Mary Kay Martin at 586-254-0258.

Prayer Shawls

This ministry meets once a month to create knitted or crocheted items for others. Some members knit or crochet on their own item, and bring the items for delivery. They meet at Faith@Work 12—2 PM and 7—9 PM on the first Wednesdays of month. Contact khouseman@stanastasia.org for dates.

Respect Life Committee

Foster awareness of all issues concerning the dignity of the human person from *conception through end of life issues*. We are seeking members who seek social justice for our local senior community and the people that have now chosen life and need support – Mother & Unborn Baby Care (MAUBC), Bethany Christian and Mary's Mantle. Committee members provide educational info, host activities in support of life issues (i.e. Christmas card sale - support Right to Life Lifespan; Mother's Day carnations; prayer support). Seeking a new co-chair. Contact Jenni Jaworski at jjaworski3@gmail.com. 4-6 events per year.

Seniors Group

Join the seniors as they meet for fellowship and social activities. We like to meet one Thursday a month—for in house cards/dice and go out for lunch. We will be planning a few field trips: service projects, speakers, Greektown, and social outings. If you would like to help plan outings contact Kim Houseman. Watch the Good News bulletin for the many ways you can get involved!

Teams of our Lady for married couples

This group meets every 4-6 weeks at group member's homes, to share a meal, pray, reflect and deepen relationships. For more information, please contact Carl & Marie Weber at cmvonweber@yahoo.com.