



**Rooted in Christ,
Growing in Service**

*Saint Stephen Cathedral
Stewardship Directory 2026*



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A Message from Our Bishop

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In my fifteen years as the Bishop of Owensboro, I have been richly blessed to come to know many of you as I have come to our beautiful Cathedral often to celebrate Mass with you. I am often struck by the spirits of service and generosity among our Cathedral community. Thank you to each and every one of you for your service to our Cathedral, our Diocese, and our universal church.



The month of November always presents to us an opportunity to reflect with gratitude on the countless ways God blesses us. This season of Thanksgiving is a fitting time to renew your commitment to your annual *Prayer, Service, and Generosity* Stewardship drive.

Stewardship is far more than a campaign. It is the conscious, joyful, decision to recognize everything we have as a gift from God, and to respond by giving back to the Lord with trust, love, and devotion.

Your Stewardship theme- *Rooted in Christ, Growing in Service*- reminds us that discipleship touches every part of who we are. In Prayer, we nurture our personal relationship with God; in Service, we imitate Christ who came not to be served but to serve; and in Generosity, we offer our time, talent, and treasure for the proclamation of the Gospel.

Saint Stephen Cathedral, as the mother church of our diocese, has been a beacon of faith, hospitality, and sacrificial love. I am grateful for the leadership of your pastor, Father John Thomas, your Parochial Vicar, Father Christopher Grief, and for each of you who so generously share in the life and ministries of your parish. Your faithfulness strengthens not only our local community, but the entire church.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to pray earnestly. *Lord, how are you calling me to respond?* May your answer be rooted in faith, formed in love, and offered with joy.

Be assured of my prayers and deep gratitude for your witness.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend William F. Medley
Bishop of Owensboro

A Message from Our Rector

Dear Parishioners,

Grace and peace in Christ to you!

As members of Saint Stephen Cathedral parish, we are blessed to be part of a vibrant faith community rooted in Christ and called to grow in prayer, service, and generosity. Each day, we witness the fruits of God's grace through the prayers we offer, the service we provide, and the gifts we share. Our parish community has been so blessed with faithful, prayerful, and generous people. As we move into this new year of service, I invite you to reflect and consider your response to God's call.



PRAYER is the foundation of our stewardship. Through prayer, we deepen our relationship with Christ, discern His will, and respond with grateful hearts. Whether in quiet moments at home or gathered at the altar of Christ, we unite as one family, lifting our joys and struggles to the Lord.

SERVICE is our mission. Jesus taught us that true discipleship means loving our neighbors - feeding the hungry, comforting the lonely, and sharing the Gospel through our actions. Every act of kindness and every hour given in volunteerism, reflects the mercy of Christ to a world in need.

GENEROSITY is our response to God's abundant blessings. When we offer our time, talent, and treasure with joyful hearts, we participate in God's work of building His Kingdom. Your faithful support enables our parish to thrive - strengthening ministries, caring for those in need, and passing on the faith to future generations.

As we look ahead to our location's 100th Dedication Anniversary, I invite you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to grow in stewardship this year. Together, let us deepen our prayer life, seek Christ in all things, and serve with love, answering the needs of our parish and community. Give generously, trusting in God's providence.

Your commitment - whether through volunteering, sharing your gifts, or financial support - makes a profound difference.

May the Holy Spirit guide us as we continue to grow as disciples, stewards, and witnesses of Christ's love. Thank you, in advance, for your faithfulness and generosity. I remain

A Servant of the Lord,

The Very Reverend Father John M. Thomas

Rector/Pastor

Saint Stephen Cathedral

A Message from Our Parochial Vicar

Greetings!

As your Parochial Vicar, I am constantly inspired by the faith and generosity that breathes life into our parish. It is this very spirit of giving that leads us to reflect on our call to stewardship. Stewardship is at the very heart of our Christian journey. It is a beautiful reality and a wonderful, affirming acknowledgement that everything we cherish - our very lives, our unique gifts, and our material means - are a magnificent blessing from God! When we practice stewardship, we're simply joining in God's mission, not out of obligation, but out of deep gratitude and love. It is a joyful way of saying thank you by sharing a portion of what we've been given, specifically through our prayer, service, and generosity.



We live out this call in practical ways: dedicating our time to prayer and being present to our neighbors; sharing our service by teaching, singing, or helping in ministries; and offering our generosity to support the ongoing mission of the Church. I, too, strive to live this way, dedicating my prayer and service to the sacraments and offering my generosity for the financial health of our parish.

I want to say thank you for your very spirit of giving, for your devotion, and generosity. It is through your faithful stewardship that the mission of Christ continues to flourish.

May God bless you and your families,

Reverend Christopher E. Grief
Parochial Vicar
Saint Stephen Cathedral

5 Easy Steps to Completing Your 2026 Pledge Form

Whether you are new to the pledging process, planning to continue serving in your current ministries, or changing your ministry selections, please complete and return your 2026 pledge. Place your completed pledge in the collection basket at Mass, mail it to the parish office, visit www.ststephencathedral.org and click on the “Get Involved” link to complete an online pledge, or scan the “Get Involved” QR Code below. Forms are due by **November 23, 2025**.

1. Complete the **Member Information** portion of the pledge form to provide us with your current family information.
2. Complete the **Prayer** portion. Your commitment to pray for our parish community is vital to the health of our parish and our universal church.
3. Complete the **Generosity** section of the pledge form and prayerfully decide on your annual financial support - a planned, proportionate, and sacrificial gift that expresses gratitude to God for His blessings. We offer two ways for you to easily contribute. However you choose to give, your support of Saint Stephen Cathedral is deeply appreciated.
 - WeShare is a safe and convenient way to put the Lord first by giving from your first fruits. Contributions can be made by debit or credit card, checking, or savings account. Special parish and diocesan collections are also available. Visit www.ststephencathedral.org and click “Give” to enroll, scan the “Give Online!” QR Code below or call 270-683-6525 for assistance.
 - Weekly or monthly contribution envelopes are available to place in the collection basket.
4. Complete the **Service** portion of the pledge form. Please review the ministry opportunities in this directory, and then select the ministries in which you and your family members choose to serve. Write the name(s) of family members next to the ministries that they wish to serve in on the form.
5. To include our children in this process, please take note of the **Stewardship for Children** coloring page on page 7 and 8. These coloring pages will be highlighted on our social media and in our bulletin.

Get Involved!

Online Pledge Form



Give Online!

WeShare



2026 Stewardship Pledge Form

Member Information

Help us keep your information current! Please provide the names of family members living in your household, and your contact information.

First Last Phone

Email

First Last Phone

Email

First Last Grade
Circle school: OCS/Public/Home

Mailing Address

City State Zip Code

Mass time you attend most often:

Saturday 4:30 pm _____

Sunday 8:30 am _____ / Sunday 11:00 am _____

Prayer

Your commitment to pray for our parish community is essential to fulfilling the mission of the Church. Please select your prayer commitment from the options below.

_____ Offer a Rosary weekly
_____ Attend daily Mass weekly
_____ Attend Eucharistic Adoration regularly
_____ Read Scripture on a daily basis
_____ Other (Please describe)

How can our parish team pray for you and your family?

Generosity

In prayerful thanksgiving for God's blessings, I/we hereby pledge my/our intent to contribute to the support of our parish, assuming my/our health and personal affairs permit (please select one):

\$ _____ per week / \$ _____ per month

\$ _____ per year / \$ _____ other

I/We prefer to use the following method of giving:

_____ Regular Contribution Envelopes
Circle: Weekly or Monthly

_____ Special Collection Envelopes Only

_____ Stock or IRA Contribution

_____ Online Giving via WeShare*

*If you choose to give via WeShare, do you wish to also receive contribution envelopes? ___ Yes ___ No

Pledges are effective from January 1 – December 31, 2026.
Return by **November 23, 2025.**

Service

Please review pages 10 - 25. Commit or recommit to the ministries listed below for 2026 by printing your name or any family member's names on the line next to the ministry. Forms are due by **November 23, 2025**.

+ indicates ministries in which youth are encouraged to participate.

Liturgical Ministries

_____ Art and Environment Committee
_____ Sacristans
_____ Eucharistic Ministers+
_____ Altar Servers+
_____ Hospitality Ministers+
_____ Lectors+
_____ Children's Liturgy of Word Leaders+
_____ Diocesan Event Welcomers (DEWs)
_____ Ministers of Care
_____ Pew Police+
_____ Livestreaming
_____ Funeral Mass Greeters

Music Ministries

_____ Cathedral Choir+
_____ Cantor+
_____ Funeral Choir
_____ Instrumentalist
_____ Substitute Organist/Pianist

Social Concerns & Outreach

_____ Social Concerns Committee
_____ Society of St. Vincent de Paul
_____ Soup Kitchen Team+
_____ St. Benedict Homeless Shelter Team
_____ Backpack Ministry
_____ Stephen Ministers
_____ Rosary Makers+
_____ Card Ministry+
_____ Community Garden+
_____ Detention Center Visitation Team
_____ Emergency Food Assistance Baggers
_____ Emergency Food Assistance Distributors
_____ Storm Refuge Team

Parish Family Life

_____ Parish Meals & Receptions Team+
_____ 100th Dedication Anniversary Celebration
_____ Parish Cooking Team
_____ Ice Cream Social+
_____ Fall Block Party+
_____ Cathedral Docents
_____ Parish Family Holy Hour Team
_____ Prayer Line
_____ Meal Train
_____ Welcoming Committee+
_____ Parish Photography and Video Team+
_____ Childcare Ministry
_____ Ministry of Praise
_____ Funeral Meals: Provide Food
_____ Funeral Meals: Set-up/Serve/Clean-up
_____ Parish Social Life Committee

Formation

_____ OCIA: Team Member and Sponsors
_____ Sponsor Couples
_____ Youth Ministry Adult Mentors
_____ Youth Ministry Core Team
_____ Youth Ministry Leadership Team+
_____ Faith Formation Catechists for K-5th
_____ Faith Formation Assistants for K-5th+
_____ Children's Ministry
_____ Vacation Bible School+

Parish Operations

_____ Buildings and Grounds+
_____ Monthly Church Cleaning
_____ Money Counters
_____ Parish Grounds Adopt-A-Spot+

Are there any other ways in which you serve that are not listed in this here? If so, we'd love to know!

Questions? Contact Alex Reid at (270) 683-6525 or areid@sscobo.org

Thank you for your dedication to our parish!

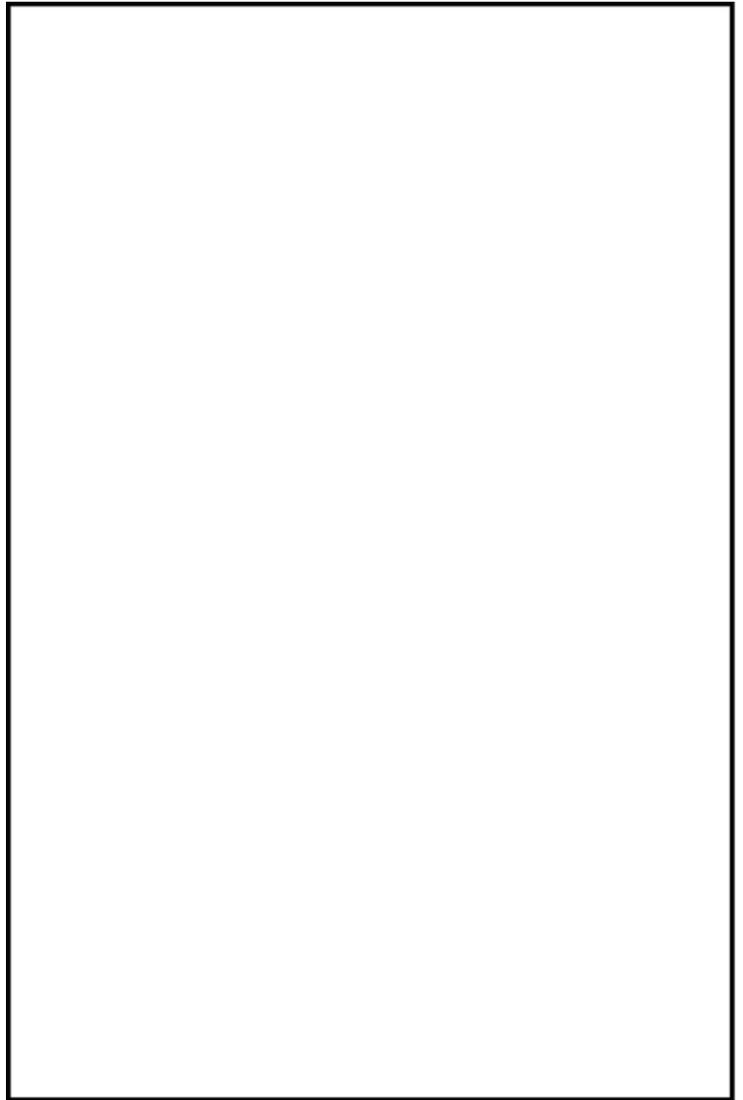
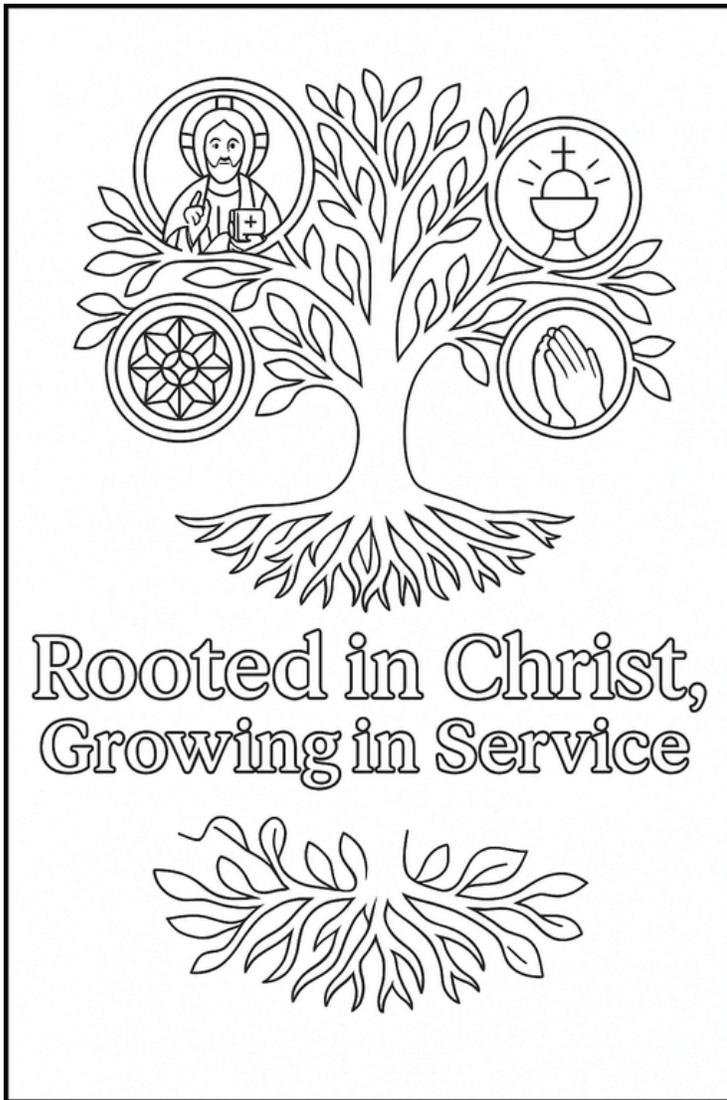
Stewardship for Children

Have your child tear out and complete this activity sheet below and drop in the collection basket or mail in with your Stewardship pledge. Submissions may be highlighted on our social media and in our bulletins.

Please submit by November 23, 2025.

Color the Picture Below!

Draw a picture of what Prayer, Service, and Generosity means to you!



Name: _____

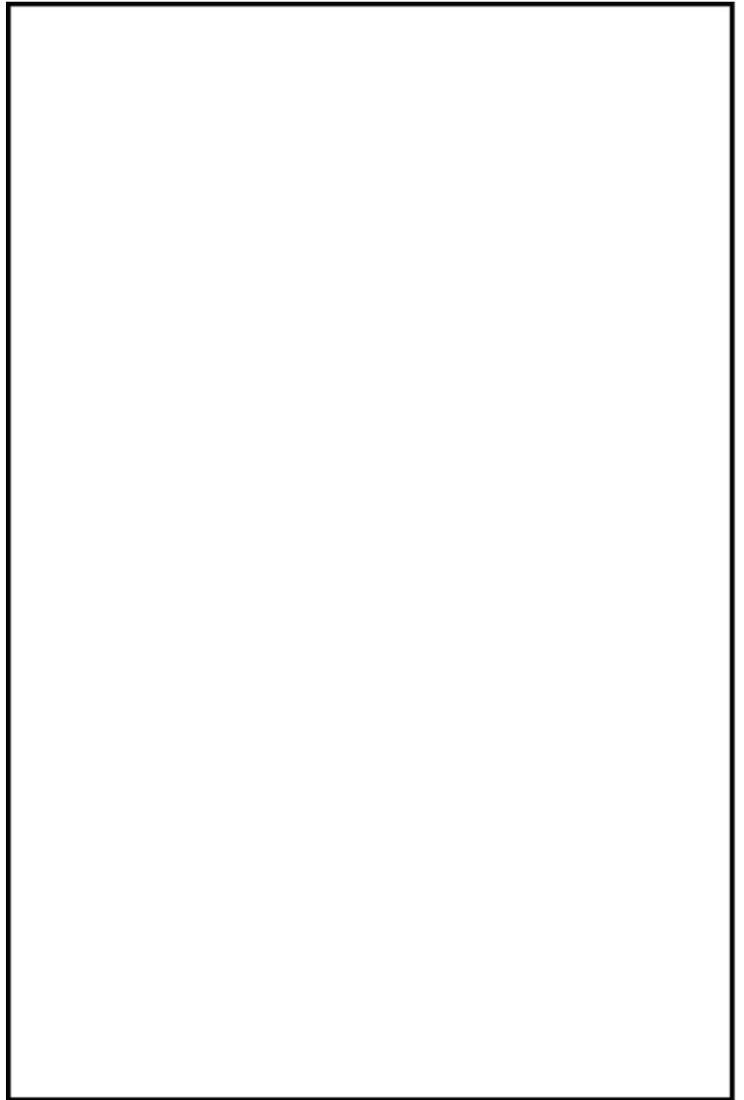
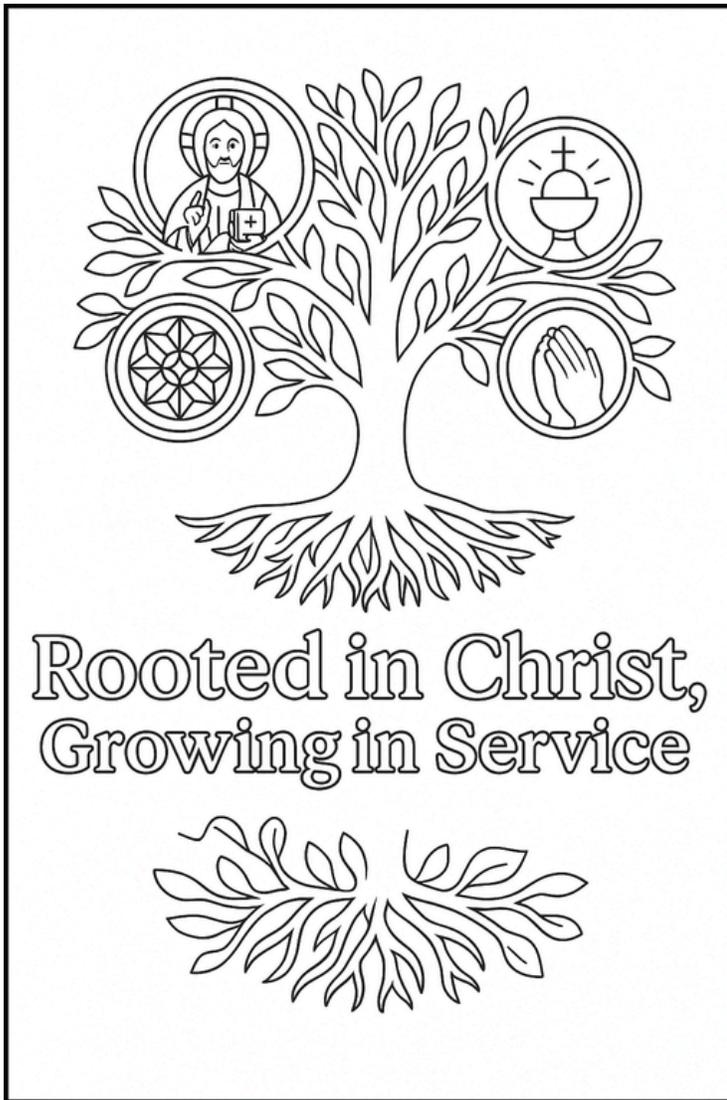
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Living Stewardship at Home: A Family Conversation Guide

Family Stewardship Prayer

Dear God, thank You for all You've given us—our faith, our family, and our future. Help us to pray with open hearts, to serve with joyful hands, and to give with grateful spirits. Let our family be a sign of Your love in the world. Amen.

Prayer – Talking and Listening to God

Prayer helps us grow close to God. It's like calling a friend—we talk, we listen, and we feel loved. We can pray at Mass, before meals, before bed, or even during a quiet moment.

Talk about it as a family:

1. When is your favorite time to pray?
2. What's one thing you want to thank God for today?
3. How can our family make time for prayer together this week?

Try this at home:

Make a Prayer Jar – Write down prayer intentions on slips of paper. Pick one each night and pray for it together.

Service – Helping with a Loving Heart

Jesus showed love by serving others. We can do that too—by helping at home, church, school, or in our community.

Talk about it as a family:

1. What's one way you helped someone this week?
2. Who needs help in our neighborhood or parish?
3. How can we serve together as a family?

Try this at home:

Family Service Day – Choose a simple act of service: deliver cookies to a neighbor, help at church, or write cards to someone who is sick.

Generosity – Giving Back with Joy

Generosity means sharing our gifts—our time, talents, and even our money—not because we have to, but because we want to. God is generous with us, so we're generous in return!

Talk about it as a family:

1. What gifts has God given each of us?
2. What's something you've shared that made someone happy?
3. What can we give back to God as a family?

Try this at home:

Start a Blessing Box – Each week, write down one blessing or one thing your family shared with others.



Liturgical Ministries



Art and Environment Committee

The Art and Environment Committee helps to maintain the beauty of our worship space by assisting in the set-up and removal of seasonal decorations and caring for flowers or plants. If you enjoy flower arranging and can assist on days when placing and/or removing decorations takes place, we welcome your participation.

Time commitment: varies with the liturgical season.

Sacristans

Sacristans work behind the scenes to prepare the vessels and altar, ensure that liturgical ministers are present and that the sacristy is tidy after the liturgy. Sacristans are needed for all weekend Masses and other liturgies throughout the year.

Time commitment: approximately 1.5 hours per Mass.

Eucharistic Ministers+

Eucharistic Ministers assist in distributing the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass. High school youth who have been confirmed are welcome to serve.

Time commitment: varies based on scheduling.

Altar Servers+

Altar Servers serve for weekend Masses and other liturgies. This is open to youth ages 2nd grade and older who have received First Communion. Adult servers are also needed and welcome for both weekday and weekend Masses.

Time commitment: approximately 1.5 hours per scheduled Mass.

Hospitality Ministers+

Hospitality Ministers welcome everyone arriving for Mass. They distribute worship aids and bulletins, assist with seating, recruit gift bearers, facilitate the offertory collection, and maintain awareness for anyone needing assistance. Hospitality Ministers are needed for all weekend Masses.

Time commitment: approximately 1.5 hours per scheduled Mass.

Lectors+

Lectors proclaim the appointed Scripture Readings at liturgies. High school youth who have been confirmed are welcome to serve.

Time commitment: varies based on scheduling.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Leaders+

Adult leaders and youth assistants are needed during the 8:30 AM Sunday Mass to guide children through Scripture using a Children's Lectionary. Volunteers help our young parishioners grow in faith in a meaningful way.

Time commitment: once per month.

Diocesan Event Welcomers (DEWs)

DEWs serve as ambassadors for our parish by welcoming all who attend diocesan-sponsored Liturgies as well as Arts at the Cathedral concerts. DEWs distribute worship aids/programs and provide hospitality as needed.

Time commitment: approximately 2.5 hours per event, 5-6 times per year.

+ indicates ministries in which youth are encouraged to participate.

Training is provided for all Ministries. Any ministry involving the supervision of children or youth or working with vulnerable adults requires Safe Environment certification. See Page 23 for more information.

Ministers of Care

Ministers of Care visit and take Holy Communion to parishioners who are homebound or reside in nursing homes. Home visits take place on Friday mornings; nursing home visits usually take place on Sundays.

Time commitment: approximately 2-3 hours each week.

Pew Police+

At the end of each liturgy, Pew Police keep our worship space looking beautiful by ensuring that pews are orderly. This includes organizing the hymnals and picking up any items left in the pews. Volunteers are not scheduled but are encouraged to serve at any liturgy they attend. Please note: service in this ministry does not fulfill ministry expectations for OCS school families.

Time commitment: 20-30 minutes after each liturgy.

Livestreaming

The 4:30 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, as well as other liturgical events, are livestreamed. This ministry is good for anyone with an interest in computers and technology.

Time commitment: approximately 2 hours per event, approximately twice per quarter.

Funeral Mass Greeters

Volunteers support bereaved families by serving as greeters during funeral Masses, welcoming all who arrive, distributing worship aids, and providing hospitality as needed.

Time commitment: approximately 1.5 hours.

View Past Liturgies!

YouTube Channel



View Your Schedule!

Ministry Scheduler Pro





Music Ministries



Cathedral Choir+

The Cathedral Choir's function is to enhance the liturgy and lead the assembly in sung prayer. The choir sings music representing a wide variety of styles from traditional hymns, spirituals, and historic sacred music. The Cathedral Choir sings at Mass on Sundays and at special celebrations throughout the year.

Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings. To be a member of the choir, one does not have to be able to read music, but it is helpful. The Cathedral Choir is open to high school youth to participate.

Time commitment: 2-3 hours per week, when scheduled.

Cantor+

A cantor is a leader and facilitator of congregational song. The primary function of the cantor is to encourage the assembly in sung prayer and to proclaim the psalm through song. An audition is required. The ability to read music is very helpful in this ministry. High school youth are welcome to be a part of this ministry.

Time commitment: generally 2 hours per week, when scheduled.

Funeral Choir

The funeral choir sings at funeral liturgies on an as-needed basis. The funeral choir rehearses prior to the funeral and leads music during the funeral liturgy.

This group consists of anyone who may be available during the day to sing at a funeral liturgy.

Time commitment: varies by funeral.

Instrumentalists+

The role of an instrumentalist is to enhance the music at the liturgy. A variety of instruments—such as flute, trumpet, or violin—may be used to accompany the music. Auditions are required. Instrumentalists collaborate with the Director of Music to create a schedule and rehearse.

Time commitment: varies by event.

Substitute Organists & Pianists

The role of the substitute organist & pianist is to fill in when the Director of Music is unavailable and occasionally to accompany the choir(s).

Time commitment: varies by event.

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Social Concerns & Parish Outreach



Social Concerns Committee

This committee coordinates parish social concerns efforts and develops strategies for effective action on behalf of those in need, including coordinating collections throughout the year to benefit outreach ministries and local organizations.

Time commitment: meetings are scheduled approximately 4 times per year and last about an hour; times vary for specific projects.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)

Volunteers speak with clients by phone to help arrange financial assistance for essential needs such as shelter, rent, and utility bills. If you are a good listener and have a compassionate heart, SVdP needs you!

Volunteers are also needed to assist with data entry. The SVdP office, located inside the parish office, is open on Monday and Thursday mornings.

Time commitment: 3 hours per scheduled day, 1-2 days per month.

Soup Kitchen Team+

A meal is served every day at the John and Kathy Wright Soup Kitchen (located at the Pitino Shelter).

Our parish team prepares and serves the meal on the 3rd Sunday each month. Cooking begins at 10:30 AM; serving begins by 1:30 PM. Volunteers are needed for cooking and serving/clean-up. Youth (12 years of age and older) are welcome with adult supervision.

Time commitment: approximately 2.5 hours per month.

St. Benedict Homeless Shelter Team

St. Benedict is a year-round homeless shelter serving men. Our parish team volunteers the 3rd Friday of each month from 8 PM Friday through 8 AM Saturday, working in two person teams for four hours each. Adult volunteers, male and female, are needed and welcome. Meal teams are also needed; this is a great opportunity for a family or a group of friends. Meals can be anything from casseroles to pizza to tacos and more, and can be homemade or store bought.

Time commitment: 4-hour shift for companion volunteers (working in groups of 2), or 1-2 hours if assisting with providing a meal.

Backpack Ministry

This ministry provides weekend packs of food for children in need at Hagar Preschool. Volunteers serve on a rotating basis to bag food in the parish office and deliver it to the preschool. Please note: new volunteers will be contacted in August for the 2026-2027 school year.

Time commitment: approximately 1.5 hours every 12 weeks.

Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministers provide one-to-one confidential care to those experiencing a crisis or difficult time in life by listening, encouraging, praying, and providing emotional and spiritual support.

Time commitment: varies by minister.

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Rosary Makers+

Volunteers create corded, beaded, or chained rosaries at home or in a small group setting. Rosaries are donated to individuals or groups and are made available in our church vestibule during May and October. Volunteers meet as needed at the parish office to pick up supplies or work together on projects.

Time commitment: varies

Card Ministry+

Volunteers spread good cheer by sending cards to parishioners who are homebound, those who reside in nursing homes or assisted living facilities, or those going through a difficult time. Youth volunteers (with parental guidance) welcome.

Time commitment: approximately every other month.

Community Garden+

The Community Garden (located at the corner of 7th and Cedar Streets) provides free produce for our local community each summer. Volunteer gardeners are needed for preparing, planting, weeding, and continued care of their assigned garden box. Youth are welcome with adult supervision.

Time commitment: varies

Detention Center Visitation Team (Jail Ministry)

Volunteers visit and share Scripture with detainees in the Daviess County Detention Center. Male and female adult volunteers are needed; training and background check are required through the detention center.

Time commitment: approximately one hour per visit, generally on Sundays, on a 3-month rotating schedule.

Emergency Food Assistance Baggers

Baggers work in the parish office during office hours to prepare food bags to be given to members of our community who may need emergency food assistance. Volunteers are scheduled on a weekly rotation. Daily check-ins to the office are often necessary to ensure we have enough food bagged for the day. New scheduling for this ministry will begin in January

Time commitment: varies by availability of volunteers.

Emergency Food Assistance Distributors

Food distributors work from the parish office to distribute food bags to members of our community who need emergency food assistance. Distributors are responsible for processing IDs and handing out food. Food distributors are scheduled for morning or afternoon shifts in the office.

Time commitment: approximately 3 hours per shift.

Storm Refuge Team

The Storm Refuge Team provides a safe and welcoming space for members of our surrounding community seeking shelter during tornado-related weather events, particularly for those without access to secure housing. Open times are coordinated with Daviess County Emergency Management and communicated to team members. Volunteers are needed to serve during these designated times.

Time commitment: varies



Parish Family Life



Parish Meals & Receptions Team+

Volunteers are needed to work in conjunction with the Social Life Committee to coordinate foodservice for social events. Times vary and may include midday, evening, or weekend gatherings. This is a wonderful ministry for those who enjoy planning, cooking, baking, serving, or hosting.

Time commitment: varies by event.

100th Dedication Anniversary Celebration Team

On September 6, 2026, we will joyfully commemorate the 100th anniversary of the dedication of our church building. Volunteers are needed to assist with a variety of tasks, including dinner planning, set-up, serving, and clean-up. Many hands will make this celebration a success!

Time commitment: varies by event.

Parish Cooking Team

The Parish Cooking Team prepares and serves food for parish events such as the Fall Block Party, Fall Chicken Sale, and the Holiday Turkey Cook-Off. They also host BBQ sales and fundraisers, providing delicious meals for both the parish and the surrounding community. All are welcome to join the team!

Time commitment: varies by event.

Ice Cream Social+

This event on June 20, 2026, follows the 4:30 PM Vigil Mass and celebrates the “half feast day” of Saint Stephen (December 26). It will feature an evening of fellowship and delicious ice cream treats. Volunteers are needed to help plan, gather supplies, set-up, serve, and clean-up.

Time commitment: varies

Fall Block Party+

This event on the afternoon of October 25, 2026, offers families a place to gather in fellowship for chili and hot dogs, and Trunk or Treat. Children are invited to wear costumes and trick-or-treat at each vehicle. Volunteers are needed to help set-up, serve food and refreshments, participate in the chili cook-off, and clean-up.

Time commitment: varies

Cathedral Docents

Volunteer docents extend a warm welcome and provide Cathedral tours to individuals or groups throughout the year.

Time commitment: approximately 1-2 hours per tour, several times per year.

Parish Family Holy Hour Team

Support our parish family holy hours by helping with Eucharistic Adoration set-up, hospitality, and light meal preparation following this time of prayer. This team ensures a prayerful, welcoming environment for all who come to adore Christ in the Eucharist and connect in fellowship afterward.

Time Commitment: varies, including set-up and post-event assistance. This is a monthly event.

Prayer Line

Our Prayer Line offers intercessory prayer for those in our parish and community facing illness, financial hardship, job loss, or other life challenges. Requests received by the parish office are shared via text or email with prayer line participants. If you are committed to prayer and supporting our parish family through prayers for comfort, peace, and support, this may be a ministry for you!

Time Commitment: varies

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Meal Train

This ministry provides meals to parish families on a short-term basis following major life events.

Volunteers prepare and deliver meals to those in need through our meal train. Donations of restaurant or grocery gift cards, which can be used for take-out meals, are also greatly appreciated.

Time commitment: varies

Welcoming Committee+

This committee helps welcome new members to our parish family through quarterly New Member Receptions and monthly Welcome Sunday events. If you enjoy meeting new people and sharing your love for our parish, this ministry may be for you.

Time commitment: varies

Parish Photography and Videography Team+

Volunteer photographers take photos and videos at events, ministry functions, or special liturgies. The parish photography/videography team ensures that all parish activities are digitally captured for the use of parish content creation and historical documentation. If you enjoy taking photos or videos, this is a great ministry for you!

Time commitment: varies based on photo/video needs.

Childcare Ministry

The Childcare Ministry provides care for children primarily on Wednesday evenings from 5:45 PM to 7:15 PM during choir rehearsals and OCIA, August through May. Volunteers may also be needed at other times throughout the year for special events.

Time commitment: varies based on event.

Ministry of Praise

This prayer ministry invites you to offer your daily prayers, joys, sacrifices, and sufferings to God for the intentions of the parish, diocese, and universal Church. Volunteers receive a monthly letter from the pastoral team with prayer intentions to help guide their offering. Because this is a remote ministry, this would be a great way to stay involved if you are homebound, elderly, or ill.

Time commitment: varies

Funeral Meals: Provide Food

Funeral meals, served in the Community Center following parish funerals, offer comfort and hospitality to bereaved families. Volunteers are contacted by coordinators as the need arises and are asked to prepare and bring dishes to the church in support of these meals. This ministry is a beautiful way to offer care through the gift of food.

Time commitment: varies based on funeral needs.

Funeral Meals: Set-up/Serve/Clean-up

Volunteers in this ministry assist at funeral meals by setting up the Community Center, serving meals to family and guests, and cleaning up after the gathering. This behind-the-scenes support helps create a welcoming and compassionate space for grieving families.

Time commitment: varies based on funeral needs.

Typically in early afternoon and approximately 1-2 hours.

Parish Social Life Committee

This new committee provides opportunities for fellowship and community engagement to the parish. Volunteers are needed to help create new and maintain current events that increase social opportunities for the parish community. Examples of events include Advent Wreath Making in November and Candle Making workshop in January.

Time commitment: varies based on ministry needs.



Formation



OCIA Team Members and Sponsors

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the way in which the Church incorporates those Christ has called into Her life. Catechists, team members, and sponsors are needed to walk this journey with those discerning their new life of faith.

Time commitment: weekly on Wednesdays for 1.5 hours from August to May.

Sponsor Couples

Married couples sponsor engaged couples, sharing the wisdom and grace they have gained through their own Christian marriage. Their role is to accompany and support the engaged as they prepare for a lifelong, Christ-centered union rooted in self-giving love through the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Time commitment: five 1-hour long sessions before wedding and two 1-hour long sessions afterwards.

Youth Ministry Adult Mentors

Adult mentors are needed to support our Youth Ministry programming (grades 6-8 and 9-12). Volunteers are needed for Sunday youth nights, to lead small groups, and to help with retreats and outings, etc. No prior experience is needed, just a love of youth and accompanying them on their journey to Christ. You do not have to be a parent to make an impact in the lives of our youth!

Time commitment: varies

Youth Ministry Core Team

This team of adults works with the Director of Youth Ministry to vision and plan for the Youth Ministry Program in the parish. This group will meet regularly to ensure that we are working to meet the spiritual needs of all youth in the parish and leading them to a relationship with Christ.

Time commitment: varies

Youth Ministry Leadership Team+

This leadership team is comprised of youth work with the Director of Youth Ministry to help with planning for the Youth Ministry Program in the parish. Youth on this team are expected to be involved in youth ministry opportunities in the parish. This group will meet regularly to ensure that we are meeting the needs of all youth in the parish and leading them to a relationship with Christ.

Time commitment: varies

Faith Formation Catechists K - 5th

Faith Formation catechists and substitute catechists (21 and older) help young children come to know, love, and follow God and the teachings of the Church. Faith Formation meets on most Sundays from 9:30 AM to 10:50 AM from September – May. Substitute catechists fill in as needed and receive the same training and support.

Time commitment: approximately 1.5 hours per week during school year with some minimal prep time.

+ indicates ministries in which youth are encouraged to participate.

Training is provided for all Ministries. Any ministry involving the supervision of children or youth or working with vulnerable adults requires Safe Environment certification. See Page 23 for more information.

Faith Formation Assistants

K - 5th+

Faith Formation assistants (6th grade and over) help catechists in the classroom by preparing supplies, supporting activities and crafts, and engaging with children during lessons. Faith Formation meets on most Sundays from 9:30 AM to 10:50 AM from September – May.

Time commitment: approximately 1.5 hours per week during school year.

Children’s Ministry

Adult volunteers are needed to help support our Children’s Ministry (Preschool - 5th grade).

Children’s Ministry gathers from time to time for fun and learning. Past events have included Children’s Cooking Class, Breakfast with Saint Nicholas, our annual Easter Egg hunt, and periodic children’s movie nights. Adult volunteers are needed to help with small group activities.

Time commitment: varies

Vacation Bible School (VBS)+

Leaders (21 and older) and assistants (6th grade and over) provide 5 days of learning, singing, games, and crafts for children ages four years old through 5th grade. VBS traditionally occurs mornings for one week in June. Volunteers are needed the week of VBS to serve as small group, game, music, and snack preparation leaders.

Time commitment: three hours each day the week of event.

Diocesan Safe Environment Compliance

Any ministry involving the supervision of children or youth or working with vulnerable adults requires Safe Environment certification. Training can be completed online through the Diocesan Safe Environment office. Training takes approximately one hour to complete. A background check is required to become compliant. Certification must be renewed every five years.

Diocesan Safe Environment Website



Safe Environment Training





Parish Operations



Buildings and Grounds+

Volunteers assist with tasks throughout the year such as landscaping, gardening, painting, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and more. Spring and fall clean-up days are planned for landscaping work and other projects around the church campus. Clean-up days are usually scheduled on a Saturday from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM. Youth are welcome with adult supervision. Clean-up days are Saturday, April 25, 2026 and Saturday, October 24, 2026.

Time commitment: varies depending on the project.

Monthly Church Cleaning

Volunteers in this ministry help maintain the beauty and reverence of our worship space by performing general housekeeping tasks. Cleaning days are scheduled in advance, typically during the morning on the third Thursday of each month.

Time commitment: approximately 2 hours per month..

Money Counters

Money counters serve on one of four teams to count weekly parish collections on either Sunday afternoons or Monday mornings. New volunteers must have pastor approval.

Time commitment: approximately 1.5 hours per scheduled week on a monthly rotation.

Parish Grounds Adopt-A-Spot+

We are blessed with a beautiful campus and need volunteers to help ensure our Cathedral grounds remain well maintained. Volunteers assist with weeding flower beds, caring for gardens and shrines, and trimming shrubs and bushes. Areas of responsibility are assigned based on availability and interest.

Time commitment: varies

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