

“God has designated some people in the church to be...of assistance.”

Fund Raising

Archdiocesan Catholic Appeal

This annual collection, taken up throughout the entire Archdiocese of Saint Louis, supports a wide variety of ministries and services that are provided by the offices and parishes of the Archdiocese. This appeal usually takes place on the last weekend of April and the first two weekends in May. Volunteers are needed before and after all Masses to distribute pledge cards and to collect pledges.

A.C.E. Certificate Program (Aid Catholic Education)

The A.C.E. (Aid Catholic Education) program is an ongoing fundraiser for the school. Parishioners can purchase gift certificates for businesses such as Dierbergs, Shop N Save, J.C. Penney, Lowe's, Macy's, local restaurants and many more vendors. The parish earns a certain percentage from the sale of the certificates. Certificates are sold after the weekend Masses and at the parish office during normal business hours. Volunteers are needed to sell certificates after the weekend Masses.

Schnucks e-Scrip cards are another form of this program. If you do not have an e- Scrip card, just stop by the rectory and request one. You may also pick one up at the courtesy counter at a Schnucks store and designate St. Stephen Protomartyr as the organization to receive the credit.

Gala (Auction)

The Gala is one of our major parish fund raising activities. It is held every other year at the end of January. Many volunteers are needed for this activity that includes dinner, and among other things a silent and oral auction, raffles and baskets.

Fish Fries

The fish fries, another major fundraiser, are held on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent, except Good Friday. Money raised is used for school operating expenses. Parishioners are asked to bake cakes for desserts. Volunteers are needed the day before to set up tables. Many hands are needed the days of the fish fries to help serve, work in the dining room and for clean up.

Golf Tournament

The golf tournament is a third major parish fundraiser held the first Saturday of May. This annual event includes golf, dinner and an auction. The money raised is used for specific

projects in the parish and school. Volunteers are especially needed on the day of the tournament for a variety of activities.

Parish Picnic

The parish picnic is another major fundraiser that is held on the second Wednesday of June. It is a day of fun for everyone in the parish. There are games, rides, food and music. Volunteers are needed to set up, work booths and clean up afterwards.