

“There are different forms of service but the same Lord.”

Service Ministries

MCU — Metropolitan Churches United

MCU is a faith based community organization of Catholic, Christian and Jewish congregations established for the purpose of fostering and maintaining quality neighborhoods in south St. Louis. Our Core Team is involved in activities in the neighborhood, throughout South St. Louis and in the metropolitan area. The core team meets every other month. New members to the core team are always welcome.

Friends in Faith

This ministry is a way to help parishioners who are homebound and nursing home residents remain connected to the parish. At Valentine’s Day, Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and during the summer, parishioners remember seven or eight “friends” with a card or a greeting. It can be a “Thinking of You” note or card so that the homebound or nursing home resident feels remembered by their parish.

Gardeners

Persons interested in gardening are needed to help care for the outdoor plants and shrubs. This may include planting seasonal flowers, trimming shrubs and watering the plants and shrubs.

Heavenly Dusters

A group of organized volunteers who come on Saturdays to dust and clean the church.

Lydia’s Household Ministry

Lydia ministry members are the “Welcome Wagon” of the parish. Members call newly registered families, introduce themselves to the family and welcome them to the parish. Lydia members try to arrange a visit to the new family and bring them cookies or a small welcome gift.

Mailing Volunteers

This group helps with parish bulk mailings on an as needed basis. They might stuff envelopes, affix mailing labels or seal envelopes. Work is done at the rectory during business hours.

Maintenance Committee

The maintenance committee is a volunteer group of parishioners who do various maintenance projects in the parish buildings and on the parish grounds.

Martha's Group

Martha's Group is a parish outreach to those who mourn the death of a loved one. The ministry provides and serves a luncheon to family members, friends and parishioners on the day of a loved one's funeral. Currently, Martha's Group is comprised of approximately 40 members broken down into two teams. New members are welcome to join this ministry to prepare a dish, help serve, clean up, or do all three!

Money Counters

This appointed group of parishioners helps count the Sunday stewardship offering.

Nursery

Free childcare is available in the rectory basement, during the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass. Parents and other parishioners volunteer to staff the nursery. Children ages one to four years old are welcome. Parents are required to sign children in and out. Completion of the Safe Environment Program is required for all volunteers over 18 years old.

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

The Parent Teacher Organization provides the opportunity for teachers and parents to meet for the purpose of fostering communication between parents, teachers and the principal. Appropriate and informative guest speakers are invited to make presentations at the meetings. It is also a fund-raising organization; money raised supports various projects and activities of the school. Volunteers are needed for the Trivia Night and Breakfast with Santa.

Prayer Tree

Ministers of prayer are contacted either by phone or by email to pray for those in need. Parishioners may contact the rectory with prayer requests.

Pro-Life Committee

The Pro-Life committee is an extension of the Archdiocesan Pro-Life committee. The group works to facilitate education, promote prayer and influence public policy regarding life issues from conception to natural death.

Quilters

The Quilters meet Monday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the basement of the school. If anyone would like to learn to quilt, the quilters would be happy to teach you. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend. Any amount of time is appreciated.

St. Patrick Center Chili Preparation

Different parishioners make a batch of chili for the clients of St. Patrick Center once every three months. They then bring the frozen chili to the rectory on the designated weekend. Containers for the chili are provided. Other parishioners deliver the chili to St. Patrick Center. Parishioners may volunteer to cook more often if they wish.

Sts. Peter and Paul Lunch Program

Parishioners serve the noontime meal for the homeless and low-income people at the shelter at Sts. Peter and Paul Church Hall on the first Saturday after the 11th of every month. Other parishioners provide the food that is served.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a group of men and women of the parish who volunteer their time to respond to the various emergency financial and other needs of people who live in our neighborhood. The St. Trinity Lutheran / St. Stephen Protomartyr / CCBF Food Pantry is a major distribution center for food for the benefit of our neighbors.

School Helpers

Parishioners help the school in a variety of ways. Some areas where help is needed are:

- playground duty
- lunch room duty

Completion of the Safe Environment Program is required for all volunteers over 18 years old.

South Grand Senior Ministry (SGSM)

South Grand Senior Ministry (SGSM) is a partnership of churches in South St. Louis providing a variety of support services for older adult members of the partner churches as well as any senior living in the service area. Currently, there are six member churches including Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Cecilia, St. John the Baptist, St. Pius V and St. Stephen Protomartyr. Our services and programs include: medical transportation, educational workshops, day trips, spiritual opportunities, Stephen Ministry, exercise classes, parish nurse and social worker support and a bi-monthly newsletter. SGSM offers meaningful volunteer opportunities. For more information, contact Leigh Manalang at [314-481-1133 ext. 307](tel:314-481-1133) or leighsgsm@gmail.com