

WORSHIP TEAM

Liturgy (Mass)

- **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Assists in sharing the Body and Blood of Christ with the faithful. Must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Training is provided.
- **LECTOR:** Confirmed, high-school age and adults who proclaim the Word of God and Prayers of the Faithful at weekend and weekday liturgies. Must be able to read well and speak clearly. Training and resources are provided.
- **ALTAR SERVER:** 4th grade through adults who serve and assist the priest during Masses. Training is provided.
- **USHER:** High-school age through adults to welcome and guide parishioners to their seats, collect offertory gifts, guide parishioners as they come forward for communion, and hand out books and bulletins. Training and mentoring is provided.
- **SACRISTAN:** The Sacristan prepares and puts out the necessary vessels, hosts, and equipment needed for Mass and then purifies and puts them away after Mass. This is available both for the weekend and daily Mass.

Sacramental Support

- **BAPTISM SUPPORT TEAM:** Assists with private Baptisms, scheduled ahead on Saturday mornings for the rehearsal and assisting at the Sacrament on Sunday afternoons. Training will be provided.
- **MARRIAGE PREP (FOCCUS COUPLES):** Qualified couples with good faith-based marriages meet at least twice with couples considering marriage to administer and discuss the FOCCUS (Facilitating open couple communication, understanding and study) Inventory. Training required.
- **FUNERAL SUPPORT:** Adults seeking to help parishioners who are experiencing loss by serving as funeral ushers/greeters at the Visitation/Mass.
- **SACRAMENTAL RECORD ASSISTANT:** Hand writes information into the sacramental books that are the official record of the parish. Must have neat handwriting. Schedule is flexible according to the availability of the volunteer.
- **RECONCILIATION SUPPORT:** Welcomes parishioners and guides them to the confessor of their choice at Thursday 5pm Reconciliation. Sets up and tears down confessional areas.
- **HOMEBOUND COMMUNION MINISTER:** Adults bring Communion on a rotating basis to members of the parish who cannot be present to worship with us in person.

- **WEDDING CEREMONY SUPPORT:** Wedding Support Ministers will be available to the engaged couple and their families at both the rehearsal and the day of the wedding. They will assist in the set-up of the sanctuary for the service and the clean up afterwards, and be present to the wedding party and guests and assist as needed.

Choirs

- **YOUTH CHOIR (GRADES 3 & 4):** Singers in 3rd and 4th grade rehearse Mondays September - May to lead music at the Tuesday morning school Mass and once a month at a weekend Mass.
- **JUNIOR HIGH SCHOLA (GRADES 5-8):** Junior-high students in 5th through 8th grade practice after school on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. to lead music for the Thursday morning school Mass and once a month at a weekend Mass. We also do special events such as singing the National Anthem at sporting events, Christmas caroling, and Heart of the Nation televised Masses.
- **CANTOR/P SALMIST MINISTRY:** Cantors are skilled singers who lead the singing at Masses. Psalmists lead the psalm response from the ambo. Rehearsal includes a coaching session and a 30-minute rehearsal before Mass. Resources are provided to aid in preparation.
- **ADULT CHOIR:** Sing three times per month (September through May). Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings. A beautiful community is formed by sharing music, prayer, and fun. Music reading is not a requirement, and no audition is required.
- **FUNERAL CHOIR:** Singers enjoy the beautiful ministry of helping families pray and sing at a funeral Mass for their loved one, praying with them to receive the joy of the resurrection. We sing on an "on call" basis, whenever funerals happen, so it's a great group for a person who wants to minister through music but can't fit regular rehearsals into their schedule.
- **MEN'S CHOIR:** This all male group (ages high school and up) rehearses once a month on Wednesday nights (September through May). They share prayer, good humor, music, and camaraderie as they prepare to lead the parish in sung prayer. Special events include singing at the Men of Christ Conference.
- **WOMEN'S CHOIR:** Female singers (high school and adult) come together to rehearse, form community, and pray. They meet once a month on a Wednesday evening, and then sing the following weekend for Mass. Sometimes we do special appearances, such as Women of Christ, or Heart of the Nation Masses for television.
- **PRAISE GROUP:** Singers and instrumentalists (7th grade and up) lead music at the 6:00pm Sunday Life Teen Mass. Rehearsals are at 4:30 pm on Sundays. Music reading is helpful but not required.

Musical Opportunities

- **HANDBELL CHOIR:** Multigenerational ensemble (youth - adult) provides bell instrument accompaniment to Mass once a month. Note reading is a plus but not required. Rehearses Wednesday evenings from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- **INSTRUMENTALIST:** Musicians of all ages who play instruments of all types (guitar, flute, violin, woodwinds, etc.) are encouraged to accompany at Mass. Rehearsals vary.
- **MUSIC FILING:** Assists in organizing the music for choirs, cantors, and musicians. Includes making binders, filing away music, and scanning music into PDF's for digital use according to appropriate copyright.

Worship Support

- **TECH SUPPORT FOR MASS:** Run the soundboard, projectors, lights, and cameras in the worship space. We need tech support for Masses and for special events such as concerts. Training provided.
- **WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAM:** Parishioners with a love for Liturgy and knowledge of Catholic Liturgical Worship are invited to evaluate, plan, and improve Worship at St. Charles. Meets quarterly.
- **WORSHIP SPACE CARETAKER:** Bi-annually gather to deep clean the worship space including the Altar and Sanctuary, music space, Chapel, statues and relics. On rotation, cares for linens by cleaning, purifying, and ironing.
- **CHURCH ENVIRONMENT:** Plans and decorates the church for Liturgical seasons. Includes installing and removing decorations, creating floral arrangements, watering plants and flowers, etc.