



Stewardship of Ministry The Gift of Our Time and Talent

“In a caring environmentand modeling the life of Jesus Christ”

Those words, taken directly from our own parish mission statement, call us to reflect, discover and share the special gifts given to each of us by God. These words can be our own challenge – our mission – to use our God-given gifts in service to one another and to our faith community.

By virtue of our Baptism, we are all called to be disciples of Christ. Stewardship, an expression of that discipleship, brings with it the power to change how we understand and live out our lives. As a member of the St. Thomas More faith community, each person possesses a special gift given by God.

A listing of many of the ministries operative with our parish follow. As we prepare for Stewardship of Ministry Weekend on Aug. 28-29, all parish members are encouraged to prayerfully reflect on God’s call to commitment and how to best respond.

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve on another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

1 Peter 4:10

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Assists with overseeing the physical plant, and makes recommendations on repair, replacement, grounds and planning for the future. Also, reviews plans for construction projects. Contact: George Gelpi, 272-6022

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Charged with the task of identifying and evaluating the communication needs of the parish and makes recommendations on the most effective means of delivering information to parishioners. Contact: Terry Bellon, 926-9682

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Develop and implement creative ways to involve all members of the faith community in a total stewardship program: prayer, financial support, and time and talent. Contact: Farrell Frugé, 927-2548

COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Church’s oldest men’s society. Its primary objective is the honor and glory of God and the personal sanctification of its members by acts of love and devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. Contact: Joe Macaluso, 929-9603

PARISH FESTIVAL

The annual parish festival is held in early May each year and has been a tradition for more than 25 years. Volunteer your time and talent by working in a game or food booth, or by assisting with setup and cleanup. See you under the big tent! Contact: Warren Davis, 274-8809

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Thomas More Council 5530 is open to all men of the parish who share its values of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The Knights sponsor numerous parish and diocesan programs to benefit youth, seminarians and the needy. Its work supports pro-life and other Catholic causes worldwide. Contact: Joe Marlborough, 275-5306

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

Adult female members who provide a network of spiritual, social and service opportunities. Members promote a sense of fellowship in the parish, and provide service and aid to those in need throughout our parish and the Baton Rouge community. Ministry sponsors the Angel Tree Project which allows parishioners to give in a smaller and anonymous way during the Christmas season. Contact: Gia Mashon, 753-6557

SENIOR MINISTRY

Seeks to strengthen a feeling of community among all parishioners 55 years of age and older. Planned activities for the year are announced in an annual newsletter and through a regular column in the Tower. Volunteers are needed to help plan and carry out our social, service and spiritual activities throughout the year. Contact: Marion Reilly, 272-1102

SINGLE SENIORS

Composed of men and women who have never married or have lost a spouse through death, divorce or separation, the ministry provides spiritual, emotional and mental support through a variety of spiritual and social activities. Our mission is to help any member with meals, doctor appointments, hospital/home stay or errands. Contact: Anne Stentiford, 273-9427

STM MEN'S CLUB

A social/service organization chartered for adult male members. It is committed to enriching the lives of its members by providing them the opportunity to fully experience the STM tradition of faith and fellowship. As a member of this organization, you will have the opportunity to meet fellow parishioners, make new friends, socialize with old friends and provide valuable services to our parish and school. The Men's Club will occasionally tackle projects around the church and school while remaining committed to celebrating all of its accomplishments. Contact: Paul Ross, 273-6009

FORMATION COMMISSION

Please note that all ministry which involves work with children requires that adult volunteers participate in Child Protection Requirements as detailed below. This requirement exists for all ministries marked with an asterisk (*)

Child Protection Requirements

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops instituted the Safe Environment Program for the prevention of child abuse. This program mandates that all volunteers and employees of Catholic schools and parishes complete the following:

1. Background checks for all employees and for adult volunteers working in an ongoing-unsupervised role with children
2. Child protection training ("Safe in Place") for all employees and for adult volunteers working in an ongoing-unsupervised role with children
3. Signed acknowledgement of the Code of Ethics
4. Completion of the diocesan application

*PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Provides continuing religious education for the children of our parish grades K-12th, primarily for those attending public or private non-Catholic schools. K-6th grade meet in the parish activity center on Tuesday afternoons from 4:45-6:00PM. 7th-12th grades meet at the parish Youth House on Thursdays from 7:00-8:30PM. We average 25-30 teens each week. 7th - 12th Grade PSR follows the 8 aspects of total Youth Ministry, Advocacy, Catechesis, Community Life, Evangelization, Justice and Service, Pastoral Care, Leadership Development, and Prayer and Worship to lead St Thomas More teens into a deeper, more meaningful relationship with Christ and an understanding of the Church's Teachings.

Contact: K-6th - Sarah Neau, 275-3940 7-12th - Ryan Foulon, 275-3940

Needed for K-6th PSR: Teachers, Participants, Helpers

Needed for grades 7-12 PSR: Guest Speakers/Catechists, Snack Volunteers, Chaperones

***YOUTH MINISTRY**

*JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

Provides opportunities for the 7th-8th graders to grow socially and spiritually. In addition to attending large events such as a Summer Fun Trip, the Diocesan Junior High Youth Rally, World Youth Day, and Abbey Youth Fest, Jr High Youth Ministry also sponsors the following:

Weekly Youth Group Meetings - follows the eight aspects of total Youth Ministry - Advocacy, Catechesis, Community Life, Evangelization, Justice and Service, Pastoral Care, Leadership Development, and Prayer and Worship - to lead St Thomas More teens into a deeper, more meaningful relationship with Christ and an understanding of the Church's teachings. Meetings also are opportunities to plan special events throughout the year. **Needed: Guest Speakers/Catechists, Snack Volunteers, Chaperones**

TGIF - Twice a month social event. 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. at the St Thomas More Youth House every other Friday during the school year. Teens are allowed time to share Christian fellowship with one another in a Christian environment through organized games and activities, free time in the youth house to play ping-pong, foosball, pool, air hockey, or just to hang out. **Needed: Adult Chaperones, Snack Volunteers**

Jr. High Lock-In - Twice a year social/spiritual event. Usually one in the fall and one in the spring. These are not traditional Lock-Ins as we usually end the event by midnight or 1 a.m. **Needed: Jr. High Lock-In Chaperones**

Youth Mass - The Jr. High and High School Youth Ministry has a St Thomas More Youth Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Youth choir members lead the music for the liturgy and are provided with dinner and games at the youth house after Mass. **Needed: Dinner Provider** - for an average of 30-40 teens after each Youth Mass.

Large Events: Summer Fun Trip, Diocesan Junior High Youth Rally, World Youth Day, and Abbey Youth Fest. **Needed: Chaperones, Drivers**

*HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Open to all 9th-12th graders to grow socially and spiritually. In addition to attending large events such as summer fun trips, World Youth Day, Diocesan Youth Conference, Abbey Youth Fest, and the Catholic Leadership Institute each year, youth ministry also sponsors:

Weekly Youth Group Meetings - follows the eight aspects of total Youth Ministry - Advocacy, Catechesis, Community Life, Evangelization, Justice and Service, Pastoral Care, Leadership Development, and Prayer and Worship - to lead St Thomas More teens into a deeper, more meaningful relationship with Christ and an understanding of the Church's teachings. Meetings also are opportunities to plan special events throughout the year. **Needed: Guest Speakers/Catechists, Snack Volunteers, Chaperones**

Summer Softball – St Thomas More Youth Ministry participates in a summer softball league made up of youth groups from other Catholic churches in the Diocese. Each team hosts a social after a home game. STM socials are held at the youth house. Games are on Mondays from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. and the social afterward from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. **Needed: Coaches, Social Volunteers, Drivers**

RCIA-ADULT

A process to provide Catholic information and formation to potential members who are searching for a faith home. Adults seeking possible membership in the Church and any parishioner who wishes to serve as a support team member are welcome. Meetings are held on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00PM weekly. Contact: Sarah Neau, 275-3940

Needed: Participants

RCIA-SPONSORS

Parishioners interested in being spiritual companions for those going through the RCIA process are also needed. No special requirements other than a desire to share your faith with someone seeking to know more about what it means to be Catholic. Attendance at mornings of reflection and Rites is mandatory. Attendance at weekly meetings with candidate is highly recommended. Contact: Sarah Neau, 275-3940

Needed: Sponsors

***RCIA-CHILDREN**

Adapted for children, a process to provide Catholic information and formation to potential members who are searching for a faith home. Classes are held on Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Contact: Sarah Neau, 275-3940

Needed: Participants

RCIA-TEAM

RCIA Team consists of parishioners with a strong background in Catholic teachings who are interested in sharing their knowledge with those seeking to join the church. Must be able to lead or help facilitate a Tuesday night session on specific topics as assigned. Prior knowledge or experience with the RCIA process is a plus but not required. Contact: Sarah Neau, 275-3940 **Needed: Team Members**

VOCATIONS COMMITTEE

Works closely with other parish ministries to promote a better understanding and openness to the priesthood and religious life. Acts as an advocate to support those in our parish and diocese in the process of discerning their vocation, those in active formation, and especially those priest and religious that daily, in faith, respond to God's call to live a radical life in Christ. Contact: Jeanne and Caesar Garcia, 275-4210 **Needed: Volunteers**

***BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS**

Parish chartered and supported, Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs build strong moral backgrounds and provides skills that will help young people function successfully in the "adult world."

Contact: Girl Scouts - Cherie Taylor, 405-0377

Boy Scouts - Cheryl and Jude Robert, 405-3309

Needed: Leaders and Participants

***SUNDAY NURSERY**

Provides babysitting for children (age 3 and younger) of parishioners attending 10 a.m. Sunday Mass. Volunteers work one Sunday a month or substitute as needed. Junior helpers in 6th grade and above are invited to assist. Contact: Sarah Kleinpeter 223-6705 **Needed: Adult Volunteers and Jr. Helpers**

***CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Children ages (3 year olds thru first grade) are dismissed from the 10:00 a.m. Mass to participate in a reading and sharing of the Gospel story twice monthly. Children return to join the congregation for the Eucharistic prayer. Adults are needed to share the Gospel with the children. Materials are provided to the leaders for each week that Children's Liturgy is held. Contact: Genny Gohn, 273-3728 **Needed: Participants, Adult Helpers and Junior Helpers**

***VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

A week long summer faith based program for children age 4 thru 5th grade. Bible stories, music, crafts, games and snacks are provided by adult and teen volunteers. Program is usually held during the third week of June. Nursery is provided for children of adult volunteers who are not old enough to participate in the program. Contact: Sarah Neau, 275-3940. **Needed: Participants, Adult Helpers and Junior Helpers**

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

The Study of Biblical or other religious books to promote a better understanding of our faith and to support Catholic beliefs. Contact: Marybelle Hardin, 275-3940 **Needed: Participants**

OUTREACH COMMISSION

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Provides spiritual, physical and moral support to families experiencing the loss of a loved one. Assist in the preparation of the funeral liturgy, family participation in the Mass, and if wanted, a rosary service at the funeral home. Members may also be called upon to read during the service if family members are unable. Provides food after the service and maintains contact with the family. Contact: Jo Ann Webre, 272-3751

STM MANNA GIVERS MINISTRY

Teams of volunteers cook and serve an evening meal at one of the three St. Vincent de Paul / Bishop Ott shelter location for homeless men, women and children since there are no kitchen facilities at the shelters. Most teams serve once a month; some every other month. Contact: Bipsy and Dane D'Aquin, 751-9320

BLOOD ASSURANCE PROGRAM

STM parishioners are covered by a blood assurance program administered by the Blood Bank at Our Lady of the Lake Medical Center. Blood drives take place twice a year. Contact: Art Landry, 275-2119

PARISH FOOD DELIVERY

Transport food collected in the vestibule of the Church to St. Paul's Center. Contact: Joe Macaluso, 929-9603

PRISON MINISTRY

The Baton Rouge diocese runs a prison ministry program to help provide for the physical, spiritual, social and educational needs of inmates in our correctional institutions. Contact: Jim Pitchford, 274-8502

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

Serves the needy in our parish area. Volunteers committed to this ministry work in teams to visit and talk with the needy in an effort to find solutions to the problems many of them face and to provide for them the basic necessities of living. Contact: Henry Guidry, 275-7861

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Formed in order to be better prepared when our facilities are used as a shelter during a disaster, including loading and unloading supplies, entertainment and religious activities, donations of food and goods, electrical needs and security, and other activities as needed. Contact: Mark Jurey, 272-5826

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Works to eliminate poverty housing and make affordable, decent housing a matter of conscience and action. Habitat builds and renovates houses, working together with the future homeowners to improve living conditions and help foster a sense of community. Contact: Jerry Campbell, 275-6821

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

Volunteers are assigned to visit parishioners in one hospital - OLOL, Baton Rouge General Mid-City or Bluebonnet - once every three or four weeks. These visits are made on Monday, Wednesday or Friday and generally last no more than 5 – 10 minutes per patient. Contact: Suzanne Lavergne, 272-9748

INTERFAITH MINISTRY

Involves meeting and dialoging with members of other faith communities to create mutual understanding and respect. Activities involve visitations to other houses of worship, forums and dinners to brainstorm issues that affect us all; a community prayer breakfast and a community concert. Other opportunities for volunteers include caregivers who can drive clients to doctors, serving meals and tutoring at Kids Café, and helping during work weeks to repair home for the elderly. Contact: Eleanor Perret, 753-9844

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

At the Care Center and Capitol House Nursing Home volunteers assist with Mass and Communion for residents twice a week and Anointing of the Sick when possible. Also host five holiday parties each year.

Contacts: Irene Gyan (Capitol House), 275-8929 or Virgie Navo (Care Center), 275-8030

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Raise the consciousness of the parish on life issues that impact the Christian community. Through prayer, education and political action, the committee encourages personal involvement in restoring the respect for all life. Contact: Joan Dowd, 275-8135

RETROUVAILLE of B.R.

Designed to help couples experiencing serious difficulties in their marriages. It consists of a weekend of deep and concentrated communication between spouses, in accordance with a prescribed outline presented by a team of three couples and a priest. Six follow-up sessions introduce additional tools to help hurting couples rebuild the trust and communication in their marriage, making God the center of their sacramental relationship. Contact: Terry and Tara Messenger, 272-9111

WORSHIP COMMISSION

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Affords and opportunity to adore the Blessed Sacrament on a continuous basis, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Volunteers are asked to commit to the same on- hour period hour each week. Contact: Leven Lejeune, 928-2512

PRAYER CHAIN

Takes requests from the public for immediate and urgent prayers. Prayer requests travel by means of a telephone "chain" to spread urgent requests among the volunteers in a matter of minutes. Anyone with a telephone and a few minutes of time can help. There are no meetings. Persons with physical limitations or the homebound can be involved to help minister to others. In addition to daytime "chains", evening-only "chains" are established for those who cannot help during the day, but would like to pray in the evening. Contact: Lydia Pourciau, 216-2521

ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Internationally sanctioned devotional group gather the first Saturday of each month to recite the rosary, the Saint Padre Pio Chaplet and attend Mass. Contact: Janis Ashby, 275-8218

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ROSARY

Prays for peace in the world and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life each Wednesday night from 7 – 8 p.m. Contact: Carmelite Provine, 275-8218

LEGION OF MARY

An apostolic organization of Catholic laypersons whose objective is the sanctification of its members through prayer and active charitable works. Auxiliary members participate by prayer, but do no active work. Contact: Rose Mary Babin, 293-3975

ALTAR SERVER

Assist at Sunday and daily Masses, holyday Masses, weddings, funerals and special celebrations. Open to boys and girls in grades 6th through 12th. Contact: Kay Fetterman, 272-4701

MUSIC MINISTRY

CONTEMPORARY CHOIR

Leads music at the 6 p.m. Sunday Mass in a way that inspires congregational participation. Interested singers and instrumentalists must be in the 8th grade or above. The choir practices from 7:15 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month, and from 5 p.m. until 5:45 p.m. every Sunday afternoon. Contact: Jim LaBauve, 295-3410

PARISH CHOIR

Helps to lead and enhance the liturgical celebration at the 10 a.m. Mass and at other Masses throughout the year. The ability to read music is not a requirement. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. before the 10 a.m. Mass. Contact: Janelle Couvillon, 275-3943

RESURRECTION CHOIR

Singers who offer their time and talent by providing music for funerals of STM parishioners. Members meet 30 minutes before funerals to rehearse. Contact: Janelle Couvillon, 275-3943

CHURCH DECORATIONS

Involved with the environment of the church throughout the liturgical year. Subcommittee responsibilities include banners, displays, plants and flowers. Contact: Marian Kumse, 275-7555

LECTORS AND COMMENTATORS Contact: Jacques Pourciau, 275-3940

WEEKEND MASSES

Open to all confirmed parishioners who have a desire to proclaim the Word of God and are willing to participate in training, practice and prayer to appropriately carry out the duties of this ministry.

WEEKDAY MASS MINISTERS

Open to all parishioners who have a desire to proclaim the Word of God by reading at daily mass.

SACRISTANS WEEKEND MASSES

Help prepare the altar, vestments and gifts. Also invite Communion ministers who are present to serve. Contact: Sharon Keaton, 275-5976

SACRISTANS

Involves routine tasks such as cleaning the chalice and wine goblets, refilling the holy water fonts, dusting the tabernacle, and straightening the books in the pews. Ministry can be provided alone or in rotating teams. A separate group of volunteers wash and iron the small church linens (purificators and corporals) used during Mass. Contact: Sharon Keaton, 275-5976

USHERS

Assist in seating the congregation, help the Communion lines move smoothly, see that the collection is passed in an orderly fashion, and handle the distribution of The Tower. Contact: Ron Marroy, 272-2523

GREETERS

Serve as ambassadors of good will at weekend Masses greeting church goers and making parish newcomers feel welcome. Contact: Jacques Pourciau, 275-3940

AN INVITATION TO SERVE...STM PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF MINISTRY & TALENT 2010-11

The commitments below are for one year. Please make a prayerful commitment to become or remain involved in at least one area of parish life. Place a check by the category you already belong to and wish to continue in or that you are interested in joining. Your name will be give to the chairperson . If you sign up for the Talent Bank, you will be called as the need arises. In order for this information to be entered in to the church database, you must be a registered parishioner. If you are not, but wish to participate, call the church office at 275-3940.

PLEASE NOTE: EACH FAMILY MEMBER SHOULD FILL OUT A SEPARATE STEWARDSHIP FORM



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK _____

CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

ADULT SIGN -UP SECTION

YOUTH SIGN-UP SECTION

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

- ___ 980 Building & Maintenance Committee
- ___ 997 Communications Committee
- ___ 998 Stewardship Committee

COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION

- ___ 192 Holy Name Society
- ___ 608 Festival Worker
- ___ 620 Knights of Columbus
- ___ 630 Women's Ministry
- ___ 640 Senior Ministry Leadership Team
- ___ 670 Single Seniors Ministry
- ___ 672 STM Men's Club

FORMATION COMMISSION

- ___ 149 Sunday Nursery (9:15 a.m.)
- ___ 330 Small Christian Community
- ___ 345 Children's Liturgy Adult Helper
- ___ 350 RCIA Candidate—Adult
- ___ 355 RCIA Confirmation—Adult
- ___ 360 RCIA Team
- ___ 370 RCIA Sponsor
- ___ 373 RCIA for Children Volunteer
- ___ 380 Vocations Committee
- ___ 495 Vacation Bible School
- ___ 420 PSR PreK-6th grade Teacher
- ___ 421 PSR 7th-8th grade Teacher
- ___ 422 PSR 9th-12th grade Teacher
- ___ 423 PSR Substitute Teacher PreK-6th
- ___ 424 PSR Helper
- ___ 690 JH Youth Ministry Volunteer
- ___ 695 HS Youth Ministry Volunteer
- ___ 824 Boy/Cub Scout Leader
- ___ 825 Girl/Daisy Scout Leader

- ___ 900 Accountant/Bookkeeper/CPA
- ___ 901 Artist
- ___ 902 Attorney
- ___ 903 Babysitting
- ___ 904 Baker
- ___ 905 Bank/Teller

OUTREACH COMMISSION

- ___ 510 Bereavement Ministry
- ___ 512 STM Manna Givers
- ___ 542 Blood Drive Volunteer
- ___ 543 Parish Food Delivery
- ___ 550 Prison Ministry
- ___ 525 Emergency Preparedness
- ___ 537 Habitat for Humanity
- ___ 538 Interfaith Ministry
- ___ 539 Hospital Ministry
- ___ 540 Nursing Home Ministry-Care Center
- ___ 541 Nursing Home Ministry-Capitol House
- ___ 560 Respect Life Committee
- ___ 562 Retrouvaille of B.R.

WORSHIP COMMISSION

- ___ 196 Perpetual Adoration/Existing Adorer
- ___ 197 Perpetual Adoration/New Adorer
- ___ 195 Prayer Chain
- ___ 198 St. Padre Pio Prayer Group
- ___ 193 Legion of Mary
- ___ 120 Contemporary Choir
- ___ 125 Parish Choir
- ___ 128 Resurrection Choir
- ___ 130 Church Decorations
- ___ 135 Lectors & Commentators/Sunday
- ___ 136 Lectors & Commentators/Weekday
- ___ 145 Sacristans
- ___ 146 Sacristans-Weekend Masses
- ___ 155 Ushers
- ___ 160 Greeters

TALENT BANK - ADULT

- ___ 906 Calligrapher
- ___ 907 Carpenter
- ___ 908 Chef/Cook
- ___ 909 Decorator
- ___ 910 Dentist
- ___ 911 Doctor (MD)
- ___ 912 Electrician

COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION (Youth)

- ___ 608Y Festival Worker

FORMATION COMMISSION (Youth)

- ___ 345Y Children's Liturgy Helper
- ___ 373Y RCIA for Children Participant
- ___ 420Y PSR PreK-6th grade Student
- ___ 421Y PSR 7th-8th grade Student
- ___ 422Y PSR HS Student
- ___ 495Y VBS Junior Helper (6th gr. and up)

OUTREACH COMMISSION (Youth)

- ___ 512Y STM Manna Givers
- ___ 537Y Habitat for Humanity (age 16 and up)

WORSHIP COMMISSION (Youth)

- ___ 149Y Sunday Nursery (6th grade and up)
- ___ 810Y Youth Music Ministry
- ___ 815Y Youth Mass Lector/Commentator

TALENT BANK - ADULT

- ___ 913 Engineer
- ___ 914 Florist
- ___ 915 Handyman
- ___ 916 Journalist
- ___ 917 Landscaping/Lawn Care
- ___ 919 Nurse
- ___ 920 Office Help/Mailings
- ___ 921 Pharmacist
- ___ 922 Photographer
- ___ 923 Plumber
- ___ 924 Police Officer/Security Officer
- ___ 925 Reception Helper
- ___ 926 Second Language
 - ___ Spanish
 - ___ Vietnamese
 - ___ Other _____
- ___ 927 Sewing/Tailor
- ___ 928 Sign Language Interpreter