

# SAINT ANTHONY CATHEDRAL BASILICA MINISTRIES

A caring Catholic Community celebrating and sacrificially sharing God's love with all peoples through spirituality, scripture, sacrament, stewardship, study and service."



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Baptism,

It is a great gift from God to serve you as pastor here at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica. I am deeply grateful to Our Lord for all our parishioners and especially for those who have labored with great love to provide us with this comprehensive booklet describing all our parish ministries, organizations, programs and services.

As you browse through these pages, you will see that our parish is a caring community of compassion that reaches out in every way possible to touch others with God's love. Our parishioners are leaders in going the extra mile in being faithful stewards! Animated by God's consecration and grace of baptism, we joyfully share our time, talents and treasures with others as our consistent way of life. This is what makes us a happy, welcoming and loving parish! Every ministry in our parish joyfully proclaims that we believe every gift comes from Our Lord's generosity and is entrusted to our care to be shared as a blessing with all God's people.

I daily thank God for all our parishioners who have faithfully responded to God's call and committed their time, talents and treasures to continue Christ's message and mission through our parish. It is evident that this response has deepened so many relationships with Our Lord and strengthened our parish solidarity.

This ministry book outlines the many ministries, organizations, programs and services that strengthen our parish's life in Christ and make each of us better disciples of Our Lord. Being such faithful and good stewards of Our Savior's many gifts brings each of us added blessings, eternal happiness and constant contentment in Christ. It is my very special prayer that you become actively involved in our vital parish ministries that bring so many great graces from God!

Together let us daily embrace every Divine grace and continue to build up God's household of faith as an ever stronger spiritual heritage of hope for future generations through being faithful stewards of God's many gifts as we serve others in Christ's name.

Through the prayers of the Holy Mother of God, I assure you of my special prayers for her beloved Son's blessing upon you, your family and your special intentions. Kindly pray for me and may we faithfully share in the joyful ministry of Jesus to others, especially to those who are in most need.

Love and prayers,

Msgr. Jeremiah J. McGrath  
Pastor - Rector

## † Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion serve primarily during Mass at Communion time assisting the Priest. The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion may help with either the host or the wine. In addition, some may also take Communion to the homebound. *Please understand Extraordinary ministers are discerned by our pastor to receive authorization to exercise this ministry.*

The following are requirements to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: attend a training session, attend Mass regularly, believe in the real presence, be confirmed, honor your commitment to serve, and be attempting to live a life of Gospel values.

After training you will be mandated by the Bishop and are then ready to begin serving the Parish community. If the Spirit leads you to seek service as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy communion, please contact our Ministerial Assistant, Flint Barboza, 409-833-6433; [lit@stanthonycathedral.org](mailto:lit@stanthonycathedral.org).

## † Lector – Proclaimer of the Word

Lectors are responsible for proclaiming the word of God during the celebration of the Liturgy. In practical terms, this consists of proclaiming the Hebrew Scripture and then the New Testament reading. The Lector has a responsibility to practice the assigned readings. Practice is required so that the Lector is able to proclaim the readings with genuine feeling. The Lector also emphasizes the important message that the writer of the passage intends.

Training will be provided to make you feel comfortable with this important ministry. After the training you will grow in confidence and skill. You will then be placed on the Liturgical Ministry schedule. If you have a love for the word of God, please consider this ministry for sharing your time and talent. *Please understand that Lectors are discerned by our pastor to receive authorization to exercise this ministry.* Kindly contact our Ministerial Assistant, Flint Barboza, 409-833-6433; [lit@stanthonycathedral.org](mailto:lit@stanthonycathedral.org).

## † Altar Server

Altar serving at St. Anthony Cathedral Parish is open to all boys and girls 12 years of age and older, who have made their first communion. Training is held several times through the year. Once training is completed and the children are ready to make the commitment, they will be placed on the schedule and will begin to share their time and talent with the Parish Community. After a few years of serving, a server may become an Episcopal server; which means they will be asked to serve at Masses for the Bishop. We have numerous celebrations throughout the year that require Episcopal servers; the need is great and very fulfilling. Kindly contact our Ministerial Assistant, Flint Barboza, 409-833-6433; [lit@stanthonycathedral.org](mailto:lit@stanthonycathedral.org).

## † Usher

Men and women are needed at all Masses to meet and greet people as they come to Mass. Be at Mass 15 - 20 minutes before Mass begins to assist people with the doors and help them find a pew. Ushers also take up the collections at Mass. The ushers ask for people to bring up the gifts during Mass and guide the gift bearers. At the end of Mass ushers give the bulletins to the departing assembly. Serving as an usher requires 1/2 hour extra time at the Mass for which they serve. If you are interested in serving any one of these capacities kindly contact our Cathedral Ministerial Assistant, Flint Barboza, 409-833-6433; [lit@stanthonycathedral.org](mailto:lit@stanthonycathedral.org).

## † Liturgical Ministry Scheduling

Current schedules for Mass servers, Lectors and Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers are in place at all times. Schedules, mailing labels and rosters are created every four months. The team strives to maintain current contact information for all members. Every effort is made to accommodate everyone's schedule. All roster members receive a final schedule, along with a transmittal letter via mail and email as appropriate. The current scheduling is also available on our Parish website. *Facilitators Mary Beth Jones (409-893-1566; marybethj@wrtexaslaw.com) Frank Maida (409-719-8201; fjmaida@aol.com)*

## † Music Ministry

This ministry is open to anyone, high school age or above, who is interested in sharing their God-given gifts with our parish community. Previous choir experience is always helpful but not necessary. The primary requirement is a sincere desire to participate in our liturgical celebrations through the wonderful gift of music. On many occasions, instruments are used to enhance the musical experience.

The vision of the Music Ministry is to bring the presence of God through song into every worship experience. Our Music Ministry believes that as God's people praise Him, God is enthroned on the wings of praise, coming with unconditional love, healing and salvation.

We are called as Ministry to proclaim the Good News, Jesus Christ, in our song and in our lives. Each choir is a part of the Body of Christ, caring for one another with charity and striving always for unity. Kindly contact *Facilitator Roger Bemis (409-842-3824; rbemis@mkchs.com)*

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament PTE

What is Eucharistic Adoration? Catholics believe that during the Mass the priest (during the consecration) speaks these words as he holds the communion host, "...He took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take this all of you, and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you". When the priest says "this my body", it is at that instant when, through the miracle of transubstantiation, the bread and wine which we offer as the bloodless sacrifice to our Lord truly become the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. It is His true Presence in the form of bread and wine. It is Christ.

What do you actually do during adoration? You may sign up to be an "adorer" which allows you to schedule yourself for 30 minutes to one hour on a Friday to pray before the very presence of Our Lord, exposed in the monstrance. It means that you can have some time alone with Jesus to recite your favorite prayers, read the bible, contemplate acts of faith, hope, charity, thanksgiving, reparation, pray a rosary or do whatever type of prayerful devotion that suits you before Our Lord. You can just sit and say nothing simply keeping Him company, just as you would with a dear friend. He is really there! "I myself Am the Living Bread come down from Heaven." (Jn 6:35) Opportunities are available each Friday, for 3 hours (12:10 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.). Volunteers are needed for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our parish chapel. Kindly contact *Facilitator Sue Ramirez* (409-866-1044; [sue.ramirez@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sue.ramirez@sbcglobal.net))



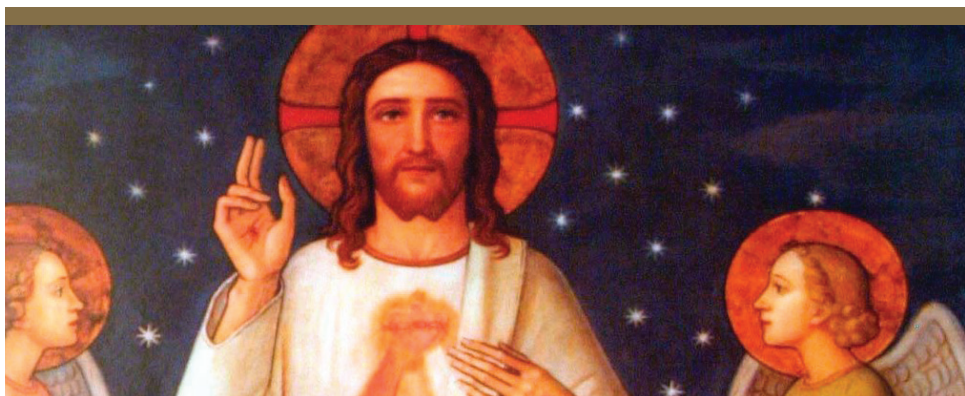


## Divine Mercy Committee

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated each year on the Sunday after Easter. Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked her to tell everyone in the world about His Divine Mercy - which is available to every soul. The Solemn Noon Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday is followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is sung at 3 p.m. followed by the Blessing of the Sick, closing Benediction, and veneration of relics. A come and go reception is provided in the Cathedral Center after Noon Mass until 2:45 p.m. and viewing of the award winning movie, *Time for Mercy*, is also available in the Cathedral Center during this time. Members of the Divine Mercy Committee are responsible for organizing the reception and participate by decorating, baking cookies, making finger sandwiches, punch, and serving at the reception.

If you would like to participate as a member of the Divine Mercy Committee, please contact *Facilitator Linda Domino* (409-866-5533; [lindadomino@twc.com](mailto:lindadomino@twc.com))

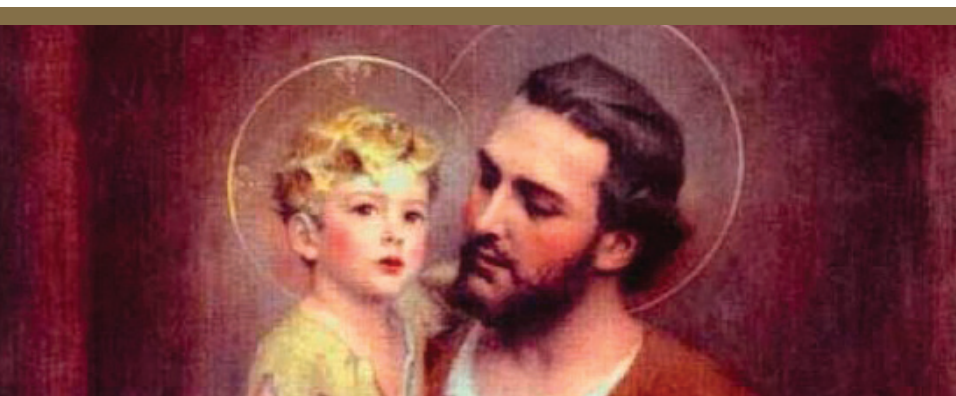
**“Jesus, I Trust in You!”**



## Saint Joseph Altar and Spaghetti Lunch

The purpose of the traditional St. Joseph Altar is to honor St. Joseph, the man chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus, the spouse of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the head and protector of the Holy Family. St. Joseph is a very powerful intercessor before God for us; he is known as the Patron and Protector of the Holy Universal Church and the Patron of the Dying. The St. Joseph Altar is known as a “Labor of Love” because it takes many days and hours of work to prepare for the event. Those who work to cook the special foods that will be served and bake the traditional fig cookies, biscotti, and other special cookies offer their work as a prayer of petition for their own personal special intentions as well as a prayer of thanksgiving for all of the many blessings they have received. The St. Joseph Altar and Spaghetti Lunch is held annually on or near the feast day of St. Joseph, March 19. Dates and times of baking sessions are listed in the parish bulletin during February and March. All parishioners are invited and welcome to participate. The St. Joseph Altar and Spaghetti Lunch at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica parish is a city-wide event and all are invited and welcome to attend. Traditional Pasta Milanese, Italian vegetables, and fried fish are served at the event; donations are collected at the door and take-out meals are available. Bagged fig cookies, biscotti, and other traditional Italian cookies and St. Joseph religious items are available for purchase. The St. Joseph Altar event also assists our brothers and sisters who are in need of our help. All proceeds are donated to local charitable organizations to help provide food and assistance to the poor in Southeast Texas.

For additional information or to join the St. Joseph Altar Committee kindly contact *Facilitator Linda Domino* (409-866-5533; [lindadomino@twc.com](mailto:lindadomino@twc.com))





## ACTS

The ACTS movement came to birth from the Cursillo Movement through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, in the Archdiocese of San Antonio, Texas. ACTS began in 1987 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Selma, Texas, and was brought to St. Anne Parish in Beaumont in September 2001 by ACTS Missions. Since that time the ministry has continued to grow throughout the Diocese.

ACTS is an acronym for Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service. It is these four themes that are the focus of activities for the three-day weekend lay retreats, patterned after the description of the early church in Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47,

“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to communal life, to the breaking of bread and to prayers... And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.”

Thousands of people have attended ACTS retreats sponsored by various parishes within the Diocese of Beaumont. Two retreats, one women's retreat and one men's retreat are held annually hosted by Saint Anthony Cathedral Basilica parish. Retreat teams are formed, led by a discerned Director, to guide retreatants through the 3 ½ day retreat experience. An ACTS Core Team is maintained within the parish to provide guidance and facilitate the ministry. *Facilitator Bill Gier (409-782-8221; [bill.gier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bill.gier@sbcglobal.net))*



## Adult Education

On-going bible studies are scheduled with the purpose of helping the faithful understand scripture, become better Stewards, be more informed Catholics, and provide continued spiritual growth for all those seeking to deepen their faith. Keep your eye on the weekend bulletins for study schedules. *Facilitator Kay Arrington (409-755-3885; 409-553-2924; karrington@cmaaccess.com)*

## New Evangelization

The goal of this ministry is to utilize every means possible, including cyberspace to reach the inactive Catholics, as well as those who may not know Christ at all.

St. Pope John Paul II coined the term “New Evangelization” with reference to efforts to “re-awaken” the faith in traditionally Catholic parts of the world that have fallen into secularism. This included the United States. In an effort to renew and re-energize the inactive Catholics, a new approach is needed. Evangelism is the responsibility and calling of the entire people of God. A three step approach to accomplish this goal includes: (1) Know the faith, (2) Live the faith, and (3) Share the Faith. For the new Evangelism to work, it is necessary for each of us as Catholics to engage in all three areas and to do so on a constant, unending basis. It is a challenge to continually grow in our relationship with Jesus and to help others do the same.

Please join us as we continue to follow Christ and lead others to Him. *Kindly contact Elbert or Sherly Fontenot (409-898-3245 or email [elbertfontenot@yahoo.com](mailto:elbertfontenot@yahoo.com) or [sgfontenot@yahoo.com](mailto:sgfontenot@yahoo.com)).*

## **Children's Ministry**

### ***Gather the Children***

Gather the Children provides parents and families with a child - centered Liturgy of the Word during the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Mass. This ministry centers on children having their own experience of God's Biblical Word through an age appropriate faith learning process.

### ***Catholic Formation / Education***

The Cathedral Catholic Formation/Education class joins parents and families in a partnership by offering learners formal religious educational instruction to strengthen the Catholic faith formation that parents and families provide daily for children. Our Catholic Formation/Education class is designed to help each learner integrate and daily live the Catholic faith. The Cathedral formal Catholic Formation/Education is intended to supplement what is taught by parents and families at home.

### ***Easter Egg Hunt***

This event is held yearly on Holy Saturday at 12:00 noon in the Cathedral Courtyard. Father begins by blessing our families Easter food and Easter baskets, then all children ages 10 and under are invited to enjoy craft activities, take a picture with the Easter Bunny, and join our Easter Bunny on a fun adventure of hunting for Easter eggs.

### ***Vacation Bible Camp***

This is a fun-filled week packed with action and adventure with great games, songs, bible stories, creative crafts and yummy food. Vacation Bible Camp continues to be one of the greatest evangelistic outreaches of the church and is held in this parish each year in June.

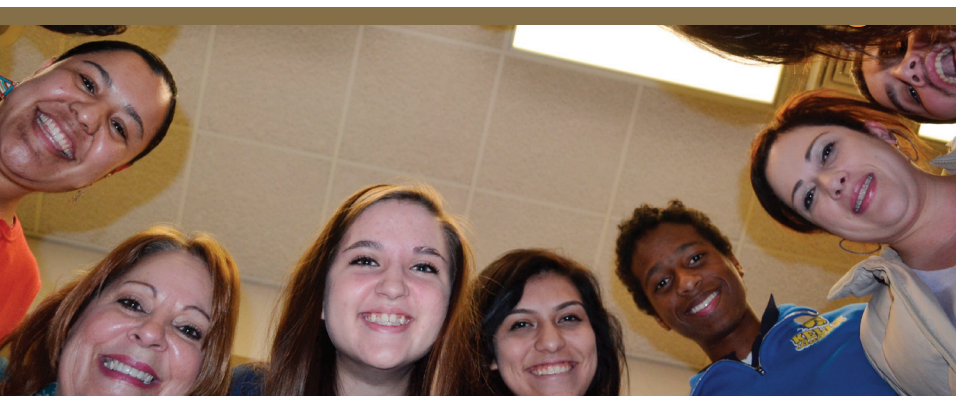
Kindly contact our Ministerial Assistant for Faith Formation & Youth Ministry, Yasmin Mani, 409-833-6433 or [edu@stanthonycathedral.org](mailto:edu@stanthonycathedral.org).

## ***Rite of Christian Initiation for Children and Teens***

The Cathedral joins with parents and families of school age children and teens who are non-Catholic and wish to learn more about the Catholic Church without any commitment to becoming a Catholic, as well as those who wish to become Catholic. The Rite of Christian Initiation is intended for unbaptized children and youth (third grade through high school) and for children and youth baptized in other Christian traditions. For questions about youth education and or sacraments, kindly contact our Ministerial Assistant for Faith Formation & Youth Ministry, Yasmin Mani, 409-833-6433 or [edu@stanthonycathedral.org](mailto:edu@stanthonycathedral.org).

## **Baptismal Preparation**

Our Cathedral Basilica Parish is always happy to welcome new members into the Roman Catholic Church. Parents who wish to have their child or children baptized attend a class held to explain the sacrament of baptism and the responsibilities of the parents in raising their child in the Roman Catholic Church. Along with this sacrament is the grace to enter into the person of Jesus Christ who calls us not as servants but friends. It is also entrance into the family of God and into the love which God has for those who stand with Christ. If you wish to embrace for your child or children this friendship with Christ and membership into God's family, you are most welcome to do so at our parish. May your child find Christ here among us. May your child learn to pray and serve with us. May your child become a sister or brother with us as together we stand at the table of our God. Godparents are also asked to attend this class. Classes are usually held on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 PM in the Chapter Room. For additional information and or to help with baptismal classes please contact *Facilitator Lucy Restivo* (409-753-2279; [lucyanddon@cmaccess.com](mailto:lucyanddon@cmaccess.com))



## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This ministry guides individuals who are seeking more knowledge of the Roman Catholic Faith. It seeks to join their journey of faith with ours through the initiation sacraments (Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation) at Easter Vigil Mass; and continues the journey to a lifelong seeking out and living the gospel values in association with the Roman Catholic Church. Weekly meetings, during formation, consist of instructions on the scriptures, teachings, doctrines, traditions, sacraments, and liturgy of the Roman Catholic Faith. Please call *Facilitator Kay Arrington* (409-755-3885; 409-553-2924; [karrington@cmaaccess.com](mailto:karrington@cmaaccess.com))

## Cathedral Basilica School

Our Cathedral Basilica School provides excellence in Catholic education and Gospel Values to children and their families in our area. While the school buildings remain as property of the Cathedral Basilica parish the school administration, finances and academic standards are under the Diocesan Office of the Superintendent of School. Our parish supports Catholic Education through a monthly second collection, annual giving campaign, annual Mardi Gras Gala, yearly golf tournament, and other fundraising efforts lead by wonderful parents, administrator, faculty, staff members, students and organizations at Saint Anthony Cathedral Basilica School. If you would like to be part of our Catholic Schools support please contact *Geneva Peters* (409-832-3486; 409 673-3153) [gdixon@stanthonycathedralschool.org](mailto:gdixon@stanthonycathedralschool.org).

## Youth Group Ministry

Our youth group invites other youth to live and share their faith with one another. Our youth ministry program is made up of parish teens and led by parish youth. Events and activities for the social, service and spiritual growth of the youth are the ministries main focus. Through parish, diocesan level events, and activities such as community service projects, sporting events, retreats, youth convention and our mission work our youth grow in faith and awareness of community. Kindly contact our Youth Group Minister, *Yazmin Mani* 409-833-6433; [edu@stanthonycathedral.org](mailto:edu@stanthonycathedral.org)

## Girl Scout Ministry

The Girl Scouts have been helping young women build self-confidence, personal character and courage. This organization has had a hand in helping millions of girls grow and develop over the course of its history. We are currently forming a troop for our parish. Anyone interested in Girl Scouts please contact *Facilitator Marie Chapman* (409-899-1797; [rosemariechapman@att.net](mailto:rosemariechapman@att.net))

## Cub Scout Ministry

Cub Scouting is fun! No matter what grade you are in, first through fifth, it can be a blast. You can learn to tie knots, set up a tent, and shoot a bow and arrow. Cub Scouts is designed to build character, physical fitness, practical skills and service. They can earn badges and emblems. One of the emblems is "The Light of Christ" The purpose is to help the Cub Scout develop a personal relationship with Jesus. With parents' active assistance and participation in this program, it is hoped that the Cub will come to see Jesus as a real person and his friend. Contact *Facilitators-Michelle Wollschleger* (409-338-2201; [micmac2n2@yahoo.com](mailto:micmac2n2@yahoo.com)) or *Amy Young* (409-550-3476; [amyy1010@yahoo.com](mailto:amyy1010@yahoo.com))

## Boy Scout Ministry

This ministry is centered on teaching life skills to young boys in a faith based environment utilizing the Scout Oath and Law as the guiding principles. Parental participation is encouraged to foster a family environment as young boys become young men. Scouting develops leadership skills in their quest to reach Eagle Scout, the pinnacle of the Boy Scout program. Contact *Facilitator-Mike McFarland* (409-899-2442; [mmcfarland@gt.rr.com](mailto:mmcfarland@gt.rr.com))





## Cathedral Ladies

St. Anthony Cathedral Ladies is a ministry that strives to promote Christian Charity, love of God and neighbor and Christian family life. Some of our activities include weekly cleaning of the church, providing for the altar and its immediate needs including purchasing the bread and wine for communion. We host Parish receptions and provide a meal through our Bereavement Committee after parish funerals. Dues are \$10.00 a year. Monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month, September-May. Four of these meetings are at 10:00 AM and four are at 5:30 PM. Other annual events are a Christmas Party, two covered dish dinners and a Ladies Day of Prayer. The Cathedral Ladies are members of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. We invite all women of St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica Parish to enrich their lives and ours by joining the Cathedral Ladies. For additional information or to join contact: *Facilitator-Lucy Restivo (409-753-2279; lucyanddon@cmaccess.com)*

## Cathedral Men's Club

The Cathedral Men's Club mission is to minister to others by providing support and services to our church, community, and our school. Providing assistance to the St. Joseph Altar and Spaghetti Lunch is only one of the many activities we aid in. We have great fun in supporting various groups in the church as well as outside our Catholic Family. All men 18 years and older are invited to join. Contact *Facilitator - Joey Kressman (409-504-5868; kressmanj@gmail.com)*

## Cathedral Office Assistance

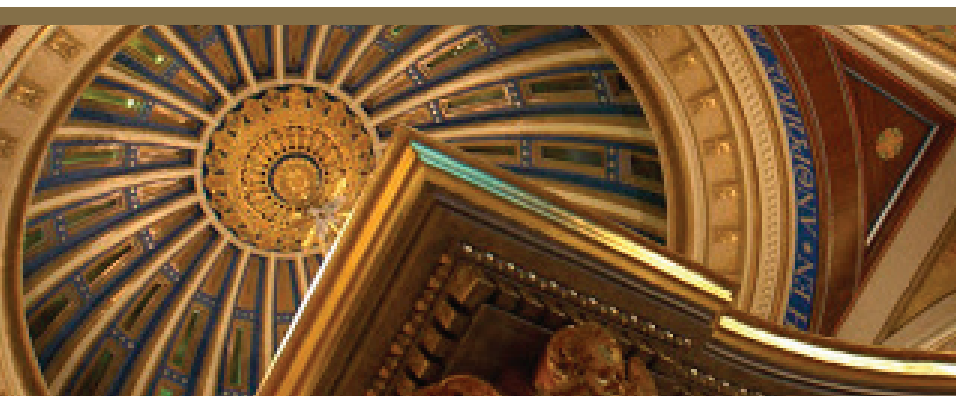
An enormous amount of work goes into maintaining the administrative side of our Cathedral Basilica Parish. By giving your time and talents, which make the Cathedral community the special sacred place that it is, you can make a difference:

Front Desk Assistance-answering the phone/directing visitors to the appropriate people and places/mass mail preparation.

Help is needed to insure that the weekly bulletins are prepared with the appropriate inserts placed inside. This activity takes about 2 hours per week. *Contact: Ministerial Assistant for Support and Stewardship -Mavis Fore (409-833-6434; support@stanthonycathedral.org)*

## Docent Ministry

Docents give informational tours of St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica. The history, art, icons and the elements of worship are explained in detail to groups of people of all ages and religious backgrounds. Tours are scheduled through the Pastoral Office and then docents are notified about the date, time, and group information. Docents then volunteer for each tour individually. Training for new docents is conducted on a one on one basis at the request of the individual desiring to become a Docent. This is a very rewarding ministry; to see pilgrims embrace their faith more deeply and to see understanding in those of other faiths. Kindly contact Facilitator: *Kay Arrington (409-755-3885; 409-553-2924; karrington@cmaaccess.com)*



## Catholic Charities Ministry

The overview of the Catholic Charities is charged by the Diocese of Beaumont to defend and insure the preservation of human dignity. Catholic Charities “Provide Help and Create Hope” through the social services of seven different programs servicing about 6,000 Southeast Texans annually. Most of these services are offered to recipients at no cost. Each program places special emphasis on serving families or individuals with low to moderate incomes. It’s the Catholic Connection for many non-Catholic people in our community. Programs are available to all residents of Southeast Texas, regardless of religious affiliation or preference. Catholic Charities currently operates seven programs: Asset Building Case Management (ABC), Counseling Service, Elijah’s Place (Grief Support Services), Disaster Response, Hospitality Center (Soup Kitchen), Immigration Services, and Parish Social Ministry. Become a Volunteer! Assisting those in need is a rewarding experience. Come be a part of our team and volunteer today. For more information on Catholic Charities visit our webpage [www.catholiccharitiesbmt.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesbmt.org) or kindly contact *Facilitator-Carol Fernandez* (409-924-4412; [cfernandez@catholiccharitiesbmt.org](mailto:cfernandez@catholiccharitiesbmt.org))

## Food Bank Ministry

*Leading the fight against hunger in Southeast Texas*

### ***Family Box Day***

This activity can accommodate individuals as well as groups of up to 25 people. The ministry assists in forming an assembly line of volunteers who each take part in filling boxes of food for distribution in rural counties to families in need. The food boxes are delivered the following day by other volunteer participants.

This activity is conducted at the Food Bank on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. We are grateful for the passion you are bringing to supporting our efforts. Kindly contact: *Facilitator - Deacon Willy Posey* (409-474-0282; [wposey@sasbmt.com](mailto:wposey@sasbmt.com))

## Homebound Care Giving

Homebound care brings the Church to our parish members who are sick or homebound. Ministry members visit with our parishioners, pray with them, and administer Holy Communion. Eucharistic Ministry training is required. Kindly contact: *Facilitators - Mary Helen Johnson (409-892-5609; mhj3455@sbcglobal.net) or Patti Russell (409-842-0826; lewruss03@sbcglobal.net)*

## Parents Night Out

Parents' Night Out will be held twice per year (dates to be determined), on a Saturday evening beginning at 4:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. Parents are encouraged to drop their children off in the parish center and attend 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica. After Mass, parents can enjoy an evening out reflecting how God's message relates to their life and how they can grow as a spiritual leader to their family. Parents are offered four hours of free time- this allows children of the parish to meet and foster friendships, thus creating Community early.

- Reservations are HIGHLY encouraged for activity planning and refreshments
- Supervision will be provided by St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica Youth (providing them with service hours)
- Pizza will be served to the children at 6:00 p.m. in the Center

Kindly contact Facilitator: *Brooke Morrow (409-718-8847; brookemorrow12@yahoo.com)*

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### Grow in Christ:

*Excerpts from "Varied Graces" articles on our Diocese web page [dioceseofbmt.org](http://dioceseofbmt.org)*

Stewardship Reflection: Stuff is good. It shelters us and warms us and gives us delight. We take joy in its abundance. The Gospel admonishes us many times to grow our gifts and use them well. But it also tells us that there is a time to let go and a time to share.

Stewardship Challenge: What stuff is "owning" you? Is it time to share it with someone who has a need for it?

## Rosary Maker Ministry

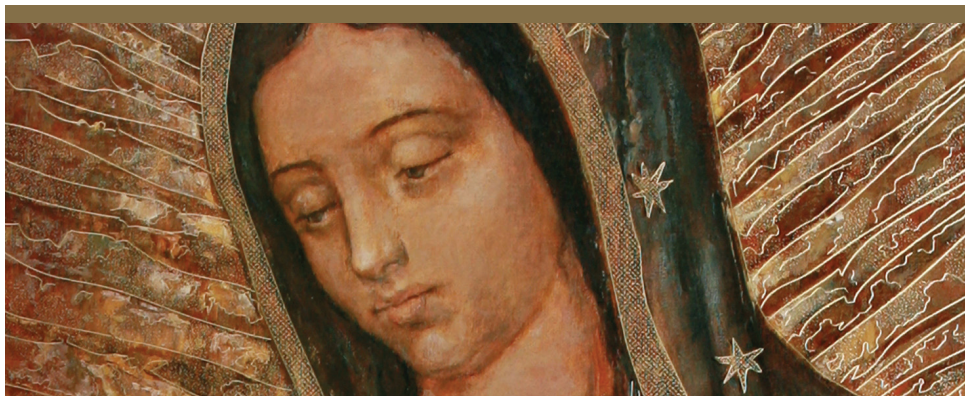
We make Rosaries! The Rosary is one of the Catholic Church's most Powerful Prayers. We make them for prisons, nursing homes, hospitals, and many more organizations. Many of our Diocese priests use the Rosary as a tool to promote our Catholic Faith. This is a great way to encourage devotion and dedication to our Blessed Mother. Workshops will be scheduled to teach any new members on how to make the Rosaries. Most of our members, in their spare time, make them at home. We need many volunteers in order to fill the demand. All ages are needed and welcomed. If you are interested in making rosaries please contact *Michelle Martinez* (409-656-0412, [ayalamartinez1997@gmail.com](mailto:ayalamartinez1997@gmail.com)) or *Lauren Rogers* (409-658-2493, [LaurenRogers@gmail.com](mailto:LaurenRogers@gmail.com))

## SACB Prayer Line....How May We Pray For You?

The Prayer Line is a special ministry that exists so that people of our Parish can experience the power of prayer and blessings that God extends to all of us who put their faith in Him. Once a prayer request is received it is sent out to more than fifty people who participate in this Ministry. The members of the Prayer Line understand that we all have many cares and needs in our life for which prayer and help from the Lord is needed. Let us pray for you, or join the line and become a prayer warrior. Kindly contact Facilitator: *Debbie Gier* (409-866-1337; 409-781-6782; [dlcg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dlcg@sbcglobal.net))

We always pray for you....

2 Thessalonians 1:11



## Religious Articles Ministry

This ministry's key focus is the increase of adult Catholic religious education in the St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica community. This ministry provides a broader scope of spiritual awareness of religious resources through the availability of religious and spiritual treasures to our Cathedral Basilica community. The sales of these items assists in providing financial and spiritual support for our parish youth, and support their annual mission trip and other faith activities. Once a month the ministry has religious articles available for sale after each Mass and on many special events such as Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Parish youth group provides assistance with this activity. Pamphlets, prayers, and other materials available at the back of the church are also provided by this ministry. This ministry welcomes your ideas, recommendations, and suggestions regarding resources or religious articles. Kindly contact facilitator: *Rose Williams (409-842-6181; ragw87@sbcglobal.net)*

## Respect Life Ministry

The Respect Life Committee promotes the Catholic Church's teachings on respect for and legal protection of every human life from conception to natural death. Coordinating educational, spiritual, pastoral, and public policy advocacy efforts to protect those threatened by abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, and unethical advances in scientific technology. Please join us as we work to protect life in this secular culture that promotes death. For additional information or to join us in this important effort please call: Facilitator - *Nedra McGee (409-898-1336; nmmagee@sbcglobal.net)*



## Sunday Sack Lunch Ministry

Every Sunday morning volunteers meet in the Cathedral Center kitchen to prepare 80 sack lunches and then take them to Some Other Place for distribution. This ministry is a great way to serve our community and it is one that is very much appreciated!

For some people, this sack lunch may be their only meal of the day. We provide the meal with a cheerful disposition while extending a helping hand to those who are less fortunate, for whatever reason. Join us every Sunday if you would like to help answer a definite need within our community!

For anyone interested in participating in the Sunday Sack Lunch program, I would like to personally invite you to come join us. You are welcome and needed every Sunday. Many hands make light work! This is a wonderful opportunity to live the Saint Anthony Cathedral Basilica mission statement. This ministry is easy to work into your busy schedules, since time commitment is minimal. Individuals can volunteer or volunteer as a family. Contact facilitator: *Mary Beth Jones (409-893-1566; marybethj@wrtexaslaw.com)*

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### Grow in Christ:

*Excerpts from "Varied Graces" articles on our Diocese web page [dioceseofbmt.org](http://dioceseofbmt.org)*

Stewardship prayer: God, help me see that my acceptance of others often has more to do with me than with them. Show me how to let go of my fear of those who are different. Grant me the grace to see that though we have many differences, we are one in You. Give me the gifts I need to steward your Church. And let me delight in your purpose!

Stewardship Challenge: For the next two week, watch your interactions with your fellow parishioners who are different than you, especially those who are new to your parish. If you are organized, observe how you react to those who are not. If you are creative, watch how you interact with those who are methodical. Now see if you can delight in the differences as you work together to build the familiar community of believers.

## Stewardship Committee

Stewardship means “Becoming Partners In God’s Work”. This committee’s main mission is to help grow stewardship as a way of life within our homes, our parish, and throughout our greater community. Committee members aid in stewardship formation and the annual renewal of our Parish’s stewardship by communicating the joy found in returning God’s gifts. Throughout the year this committee facilitates various parish events towards this goal through awareness, communication and commitment. We continually search for ways to answer God’s constant call to conversion. Let us remember that stewardship is expressed as a lifestyle and not as a single action or a number of actions. Stewardship asks us to offer our presence to each other as well as express gratitude in actions. If you would like to aid in this effort or volunteer by serving on a subcommittee or helping with the logistics of Ministry Feast, please contact: *Facilitator-Monique Slaughter (409-893-8317; gatorbite01@aol.com)*

*Please add the prayer below in you and your family’s prayer life.*

### ***Stewardship Prayer***

*Praised are you, O God, our loving creator and giver of all good gifts. Bless our parish, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian stewardship so that we may give generously of our time in worship and prayer, our talent, and our treasure to the spread of Your kingdom here in our Church and throughout the world. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord, who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen*

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**STEWARDSHIP**  
A WAY OF LIFE



## **Vocation Ministry**

*Sometimes the most needed help is prayer*

Vocation is a Calling. It's a calling to priesthood. It is God's invitation, His call to each person to love and serve Him and His Church in a particular state or way of life. Each person's vocation flows from the grace of Baptism. This ministry promotes Catholic Vocations to the priesthood and other religious vocations. You can help with prayer. The frequent prayers by all parishioners greatly sustain current Priests, Sisters, Brothers and Deacons, and encourages candidates and their families to "hear the call" in service to Christ's Church.

The Vocation Ministry acts as a liaison with the Serra Club and the "31 Club". Serra Club consists of men and women who promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood in the Catholic Church as a particular vocation to service, and support Priests in their ministry. The "31 Club" prays for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life and also for those who presently serve as Priests. For more information please contact Facilitator-Carol Fernandez (409-924-4412; [cfernandez@catholiccharitiesbmt.org](mailto:cfernandez@catholiccharitiesbmt.org))

## **Traveling Chalice**

The Traveling Chalice is a Vocation's Ministry. Requesting the Chalice offers families or individuals a week long opportunity to pray daily at home for God's guidance and openness of family, friends and the community to open their hearts to God's call to religious life. On weekend Masses, after our go forth message the Traveling Chalice is entrusted to volunteers to pray at home for an increase in vocations. Please call our Parish secretary at 833-6433 to sign up. If you are interested on how to serve our religious leaders and learn more about the Vocation Ministry kindly contact Facilitator Carol Fernandez (409-924-4412 [cfernandez@catholiccharitiesbmt.org](mailto:cfernandez@catholiccharitiesbmt.org))

## **Special Events/Seasonal Decoration Church Environment**

At various times throughout the year the church and/or parish center is prepared for special celebrations and receptions. No special decorating skills are required...just a love for the Lord and a willingness to work with others. This is a fun ministry, not very time consuming, and a great way to meet and share fellowship with others in our Cathedral family. Facilitator-Louise Gonsoulin (409-899-2323; [algons@aol.com](mailto:algons@aol.com))

## Yarn Ministry

Our Yarn Ministry was started on a whim, as an offshoot of our Sunday Sack Lunch Program. We have an ever-evolving group of ladies who meet whenever they can to knit/crochet and enjoy fellowship. Our primary project is to knit/crochet scarves for our Sunday Sack Lunch people, to go in special Christmas bags that we prepare for them. We have also made lap blankets for shut-ins. Our philosophy is that whatever anyone wants to knit/crochet, we will take and find the proper group in need of it's donation. The needs in our city are great and our Yarn Ministry ladies are generous and caring. Everyone is welcomed. We have ladies from a number of Parishes who join us, and we have a number of ladies who continue to knit/crochet for our projects in their homes. This is truly a work of the Holy Spirit, as we trust that we will have enough of whatever we need when the time comes. That has always been the case. Come join us. We meet every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Ana's Bakery on Calder. Don't know how to knit or crochet, that is okay. Bring your needles and yarn and we will show you how! *Kindly contact facilitator: Mary Beth Jones (409-893-1566); marybethj@wrtexaslaw.com*

## Welcoming Committee

The members of this ministry contact all new members of the parish and those who have expressed an interest in joining our parish. They arrange to meet with them and introduce them to other parishioners as well as Cathedral activities. They extend an invitation to the new parishioners to inquire about ministries they may be interested in joining. This ministry also provides a welcoming gift to all visitors as they exit the church from a regularly scheduled Mass. A Joyful heart is the only requirement for this group. *Kindly contact Facilitator Brown Chapman (409-550-2029 rridrw@yahoo.com) or Helen Francis (409-201-9440 sweetmisc@aol.com)*



## FAITH ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR PARISH

### ***Daily Mass***

Monday-Friday 12:10 Chapel

### ***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament***

Every Friday, 12:10-3:00 p.m., Chapel

### ***Divine Mercy Chaplet***

Every Friday 3:00 p.m., Chapel

### ***Confession***

Every Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m., Cathedral Basilica

### ***Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help***

Saturday, 3:45 p.m., Cathedral Basilica

### ***Weekends Mass Schedule***

Saturday 4:00 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon

### ***Holy Rosary***

Every Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Cathedral Basilica

### ***Bible Study***

Throughout the year, see our Cathedral Bulletin for details

### ***Missions***

During our Advent and Lenten Seasons, see our Cathedral Bulletin for details

### ***Wednesday Faith Formation for Adults***

For Spanish speaking adults 5:45 to 7:00 p.m.

*Don't forget to keep your calendars open for our annual Advent mission in December and our Lenten Mission before holy week. Dates will be announced in our parish bulletin.*

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

It is our sincere hope that you find this ministry booklet as a helpful guide through the many ministries, organizations and activities that our parish community offers. We are so blessed to have such a supportive Pastor and parish staff. We welcome you to our Basilica church family and are so very pleased you chose our parish to be your home.

Know that your fellow brothers and sisters are in prayer for you and pray that the Holy Spirit guides your heart as you read through this booklet. Use this as a guide to help you as you prayerfully consider how you would like to express your faith in words and action.

As we are all on this faith journey together, we all look forward to personally meeting you and working side by side to build up the kingdom of God. Together we can give thanks for the many gifts our heavenly Father bestows on us. Feel free to contact anyone of us if you have questions, or need any assistance in any way, or just to have a friendly visit.

Many blessings to you and your family,  
Your fellow sisters and brothers in Christ,

*Saint Anthony Cathedral Basilica Stewardship Committee*

*Feel free to contact me if you have any questions, and / or suggestions -  
moniqueslaughter (409-893-8317; gatorbite01@aol.com)*

“...As generous distributors of God’s varied graces,  
put your gifts at the service of one another, each in  
the measure he has received.”  
(1 Peter 4:10)





- 1 Main Cathedral Entrance – Entrada Principal de la Catedral
- 2 Cathedral Office and Chapel – Oficina y Capilla de la Catedral.
- 3 Parish Center – Centro Parroquial
- 4 Parish Chapter Room – Centro Capitular Parroquial
- 5 St. Anthony Cathedral School – Escuela de la Catedral de San Antonio
- 6 Frances Quinn St. Anthony Cathedral Education Center  
Early Childhood Development  
Centro Educativo Pre-escolar  
"Francis Quinn" de la Catedral ed San Antonio
- 7 St. Anthony Cathedral School Gym  
Gimnasio de la Escuela de la Catedral de San Antonio
- 8 Pastoral Center – Centro Pastoral
- 9 Main Parking Lot – Estacionamiento principal
- 10 Extra Parking Area – Estacionamiento extra
- 11 Pastor Residence – Residencia Sacerdotal

*Special Thanks and Prayers  
to our  
Pastoral Leaders and Lay Pastoral Team*

**CLERGY**

Most Rev. Curtis J. Guillory, S.V.V., D.D.  
*Bishop*

Reverend Monsignor Jeremiah H. McGrath  
*Pastor – Rector*

Rev. George Kalappura, C.M.I.  
*Priest in Residence*

Rev. Joseph Kattakkara, C.M.I.  
*Priest in Residence*

Deacon Larry David

Deacon William Posey

**LAY PASTORAL TEAM**

Flint Barboza  
*Ministerial Assistant to the Pastor*

Roger Bemis  
*Ministerial Assistant for Sacred Music*

Rafael Orozco, Jr  
*Ministerial Assistant for Business Matters*

Yasmin Mani  
*Ministerial Assistant for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry*

Paul Holliday  
*Ministerial Assistant for Organ & Piano*

Abigail Dueppen  
*Ministerial Canter for 4 p.m. Vigil Mass*

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Kris Hayes  
*Ministerial Assistant for Facilities*

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*Ministerial Assistant for Priest Residence*

Mavis Fore  
*Ministerial Assistant for Support and Stewardship*

Maribeth Morris  
*Principal for St. Anthony School*

