



ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



St. John's Ministries

Everyone has a gift! The call to Christian service is never drudgery, but rather finding a ministry that fits your God-given gifts. It means serving out of your strengths and serving with joy.

The gifts mentioned in Romans 12:6-8 and 1 Corinthians 12:7-12 include:

- Evangelism: having the passion and gifting for leading people to faith in Christ.
- Prophecy: bold about speaking and teaching God's Word
- Teaching: able to communicate knowledge and truth
- Exhortation: a relational ability to encourage and admonish
- Shepherding: the gift of spiritually nourishing and growing believers
- Mercy-Showing: able to sympathize with and support others
- Serving: gifted with helping and serving in practical ways
- Giving: a capacity and desire to serve God with material generosity
- Administration: gifted in leading people and programs.

If you're not quite sure of your gifts, check out the free online assessment at www.freeshapetest.com.

This booklet provides information about St. John's many ministries. To volunteer for a specific ministry, go to the ministries page on our website (www.stjohnsepiscopal.org/serve) or click on the QR code. Alternatively, you can phone the Parish Office at 214-321-6451.

Worship Ministries

The beautiful liturgies offered at St. John's Episcopal Church require much preparation and the support of lay volunteers. Whether serving up front at the altar or behind the scenes, there are many opportunities for parishioners to serve God and the worshiping community, in a way that is personally enriching and fulfilling.

ACOLYTE

Acolytes assist the clergy during services, leading the procession with cross and candles, helping to set the altar for communion, ringing the bells and generally making sure things run smoothly. Acolytes play a vital role in our church's worship. Children 8 years and older and adults of all ages serve in this ministry. Training is provided.

Time Commitment: 1 to 2 hours per month.

For more information, contact Bob Hilton, bobhilton1958@yahoo.com.

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild's work consists of preparation for and cleaning up after every Eucharist, including baptisms, confirmation, weddings, and funerals, celebrated in the main church and the chapel. The Altar Guild also serves an important role in the church by caring for liturgical objects, linens, vestments, and altar hangings. They are responsible for cleaning and mending, polishing, and all other necessary tasks. Women, men, and youth (12+) are encouraged to participate. Training provided.

Time Commitment: Approximately 2-3 hours a month.

For more information, contact Susie Kiraly, susie_joneskiraly@yahoo.com.

CHOIR

St. John's Cantate Deo Choir is a beautiful ministry that seeks to sing to the glory of God with all heart and soul of its members. The choir leads St. John's congregation in worship by singing our liturgy and hymnody. The choir sings for Sunday 11:00 service throughout the year along with Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, and other feast days. The choir meets for mid-week rehearsals at 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening and 10:30 (1/2 hour prior to worship) on Sunday mornings. Everyone is welcome and there are no auditions. Enthusiasm and a desire to honor our Lord are the only requirements. Come make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Time Commitment: Approximately 3-4 hours a week.

For more information, contact Benjamin Kolodziej, bkolodziej@stjohnsepiscopal.org.

GREETER

Greeters serve a valuable role in welcoming newcomers to St. John's. You will be the first point of contact and help others become familiar with St. John's services, programs, and events. Greeters represent the "family" of the church as they welcome newcomers with warm friendly greetings, exchange names, and gather contact information so we can stay engaged with them and follow up after their visit. Greeters also offer newcomers a parish gift, invite them for coffee after services, connect them with other parishioners, and introduce them to the clergy. Families, youth, and adults are encouraged to join.

Time Commitment: Serve as a greeter 1 Saturday or Sunday a month, arriving 15-20 minutes before and after services; approximately 2 hours a month.

For more information, contact Keri Hissim, millbrookvacations@gmail.com.

LAY EUCHARIST MINISTER (LEM-CHALICE BEARER)

LEMs are specially trained and licensed to serve the chalice and read the Scriptures and the Prayers of the People at the Holy Eucharist. They also serve as Subdeacons at the Sung Eucharist, standing alongside and assisting the celebrant. As a LEM you would be responsible for attending periodic meetings, rehearsals, and refresher classes, usually held on Saturday Mornings. Training is provided.

Time Commitment: LEMs serve approximately once every 2–3 weeks. They arrive 30 minutes prior to the appointed service time and leave approximately 20 minutes after the service conclusion. Rehearsals and refresher sessions usually last approximately an hour.

For more information, contact Bob Hilton,
bohhilton1958@yahoo.com.

LECTOR

A Lector is a person who is trained and licensed by the Rector to read the Holy Scriptures during the Eucharist. Lectors serve at all of the weekend services as well as funerals special occasions.

Time Commitment: Approximately 1 service a month.

For more information, contact Carolyn Myers,
[McCormick, clanmccormick@hotmail.com](mailto:McCormick_clanmccormick@hotmail.com).

STREAM TEAM

The Stream Team broadcasts the 11:00 am Sung Eucharist live on Facebook and YouTube each week.

Time commitment: 1 Sunday per month.

For more information contact Rick Pittson,
erpittson@gmail.com.

USHER

Ushers welcome worshipers, help with seating, and attend to worshipers' needs during the service. They are part of our front line of hospitality for the visitor's experience. Ushers are vital to our parish's worship. They begin with greeting and welcoming visitors and parishioners, guiding people to their seats, directing the flow of the communicants to and from the altar, carrying the alms of the parish to the altar at the Offertory, lending assistance to any person, and answering questions about St. John's. Training is provided.

Time commitment: Approximately 2 hours a month.

For more information, contact Jane Atchley,
jane@janeatchley.com.

Christian Formation Ministries

St. John's has a rich offering of Christian Education opportunities for children and adults, including Bible studies, Sunday School classes, and midweek meetings. We are always looking for people with gifts in teaching or facilitating a class for young and old alike.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OR FORMATION LEADER

St. John's offers an array of Christian Formation for adults, including Bible studies, book studies, prayer groups, recovery groups, or classes on contemporary issues. Teachers who are gifted in instructing or facilitating learning can choose offerings in consultation with the Rector.

Time commitment: 4 hours a week for class and preparation.

For more information, contact Fr. David Houk, houk@stjohnsepisopal.org.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY COUNCIL

The CYMC is a team of volunteers dedicated to grow the hearts and minds of our children, raising them up with unfailing faith in the Lord. The Council considers classes and initiatives, recruits teachers, implements curriculum, and plans social events for young people and their parents.

For more information, contact Dawn Kinard, dkinardoi@msn.com.

CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Sunday School teachers help the Christian Formation ministry accomplish its mission by modeling an authentic Christian faith while facilitating courses that help develop mature disciples of Christ in thoughts, words, and deeds. The teachers are responsible for leading a Sunday School class, starting at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on a weekly basis for the agreed-upon duration of the course. This primarily consists of facilitating the curriculum and guiding the discussion. They should invest time each week to thoroughly prepare to lead the course and, as needed, converse with the church and/or CYMC staff members to receive encouragement, support, and training, as well as time for prayer and troubleshooting.

Time Commitment: 2-3 hours per week (1 hour in class plus 1-2 hours in preparation).

For more information, contact Ashleigh Leathers, ashleigh.leathers@gmail.com.

Outreach Ministries

We love our East Dallas community and seek to make a difference in the lives of others, even to the ends of the earth. Our outreach ministries seek to express the grace, mercy, and compassion of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

AUSTIN STREET CENTER SANDWICH PROGRAM

The sandwich program is a parish-wide activity in which participants young and old, men, women, and children/youth, reach out to the less fortunate in our immediate community and in the greater Dallas Area. Once a month, on the first Saturday of the month, the Sandwich Program volunteers meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall and prepare sandwiches to be transported downtown to the Austin Street Center.

Time Commitment: Volunteers serve on teams of 6 and serve approximately 1-2 hours a month 3 times per year.

For more information, contact Margery Hunter, margery@rudisteele.com.

REINHARDT ELEMENTARY

St. John's a long history with the Reinhardt neighborhood, with our parish's first service taking place at Reinhardt Elementary School in 1946. We continue to care about this school by supporting its needs. Opportunities include volunteering as readers, tutors, library and teacher helpers, event support, and providing items for the school's teacher and students.

Volunteers during the school day are needed Monday-Friday for 30-minute time slots between 8:30-10 am, on a case-by-case basis. Volunteers are needed throughout the year at special events, such as the Halloween Festival. In order to be a reader, tutor, or any type of volunteer inside the school and/or events you must sign up through DISD.

Time Commitment: approximately 1 hour per month.

For more information, contact Brita Bishop, Brita.bishop@att.net.

UGANDA MISSIONS

Mission trips are organized every few years, usually in the dry season (July) with youth and adults serving the ministries of the Kellermann Foundation in Uganda, including the Bwindi Hospital, the Nina Waits School, and the Batwa Development Program. Mission teams conduct fundraising activities, help plan the trip, and serve in Uganda. Along the way, they learn about African culture and make friends among our Anglican brothers and sisters in Uganda.

Time Commitment: Starting in the August 11 months prior to departure the group meets two times a month until departure, with additional meetings, as needed, with the Kellermann Foundation team, Rector, Finance Committee and Vestry Outreach Chairman.

For more information, contact Jim Waites, jbwaits7@gmail.com.

WHITE ROCK CENTER OF HOPE

The White Rock Center of Hope provides food, clothing, shoes, bus vouchers, gasoline vouchers, books, and toys to children. Additionally, they provide literacy classes, and rent and utility assistance to those who are struggling in our East Dallas neighborhood. This allows families aid to help provide for themselves. St. John's supports the center financially and with individual parishioners and volunteers at the WRCH, along with food and clothing donations. There is a need for thrift store volunteers, food service volunteers, tutoring, teaching, and events.

Time commitment: Approximately 1-2 hours a month, more if available.

For more information, contact Emily Cassady, emcas123@att.net.

Pastoral Care Ministries

As outreach focuses on those beyond our church community, our pastoral care ministries serve the needs of our members, providing love, encouragement, and sacramental support to parishioners of St. John's.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CARD MINISTRY

This ministry sends personalized greeting cards to parishioners celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

Time commitment: 1 to 2 hours per month.

For more information, contact Gwen McAllen,
gnmcal@sbcglobal.net.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Order of the Daughters of the King is an international order for women in the Episcopal Church. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the mission of the order is to know Jesus Christ, to make him known to others, and to become a reflection of God's love throughout the world. A Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service, and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of our parish.

Time commitment: In addition to daily personal prayer, approximately 2 hours per month.

For more information, contact Jacqueline Hall,
jacque.hall@sbcglobal.net.

LAY EUCHARIST VISITOR

A Lay Eucharistic Visitor is a lay person authorized by the bishop to Holy Communion to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, are unable to be attend church. LEVs are commissioned by the priest after communion. LEV assignments are made by the month and reminders are sent out on Fridays. If possible, visits are made on Sundays but can also be scheduled during the week. Training is provided.

Time commitment: 1 to 2 hours per week.

For more information, contact Brita Bishop,
Brita.bishop@att.net.

Fellowship and Events Ministries

The “hands and feet” of the Body of Christ are those who set up, serve, and clean up. Serving in a fellowship and events ministry makes possible our times of celebration, keeping our community joyful and strong.

COFFEE/BREAKFAST TEAMS

The Coffee Teams serve coffee and refreshments for worshipers following the 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. service each Sunday, providing a place for community building and fellowship within the Body of Christ. They arrive before the service to brew coffee and set out snacks, as well as cleaning up after the Coffee Hour.

Time Commitment: approximately 2 Sundays (3–4 hours) per month.

For more information, contact Amy Maceo, macewooten@sbcglobal.net.

DECORATING TEAM

Do you have great taste, and decorating skills, or just want to assist in transforming the church rooms and Parish Hall into something spectacular for special events and holidays? Come be part of a creative team to carry out the design and decoration.

Time Commitment: 1–2 hours per month, if events are scheduled.

For more information, contact Lane Sciple, lanesciple@gmail.com.

DINNER GROUPS

Dinner Groups offer a delightful way to meet others or renew friendships in a relaxed, fun, and informal way. Everyone takes a turn as “host” and decides on the menu and format for their month. It could be dinner at home, but it could be a restaurant, or even a picnic in the park. Being creative is part of the fun.

For more information, contact Susie Kiraly, susie_joneskiraly@yahoo.com.

FLOWER GUILD

The flower committee organizes the weekly flowers for church services and funerals and the seasonal flowers that decorate the altar during Christmas and Easter. Flowers are then repurposed and sent out for pastoral visits.

For more information contact Charity Cornelius, rubysbigdeal23@gmail.com.

MEN’S CAMPING GROUP

Founded in 1994, the St. John’s Men’s Camping invites all men of the parish to participate in the “Food, Fun, Faith, and Fellowship.” The highlight activity is the annual fall extravaganza camping trip to such locations as Big Bend, Fort Davis, the Texas Hill Country, and the Arkansas Ozarks. The camping is easy, and the meals are gourmet. The trips are structured for adults over 21 years old. Other activities include service projects for the parish.

For more information, contact Mark McCaffrey, mark@summerhillpools.com.

RECEPTION TEAMS

Members of the Receptions Ministry seek to serve parishioners by seeing to the details involved in creating a reception for the church family and friends for various occasions. Volunteers are called upon when receptions are requested at both weddings and funerals, in addition to parties, potluck meals and parish-wide meetings. From preparing food, setting up tables, to cleaning up, volunteers help make parish hall special and unique for every occasion.

For more information, contact Susie Kiraly, susie_joneskiraly@yahoo.com.

Building and Grounds Ministries

St. John's has a beautiful campus and we love our church building, designed by O'Neil Ford. If you are handy or earthy, there are important ways to help us maintaining our facilities and grounds.

GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION

This ministry helps organize the parish grounds clean-up once a year.

For more information, contact Bill Kiraly,
bill.f.kiraly@verizon.com.

GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club helps beautify the garden areas surrounding the church to reflect God's beauty in the world. Members of the gardening club assist in maintenance tasks and in the planting of flowers as their schedule allows. Some team members agree to be responsible for the gardening needs of a particular area. Members also participate in campus clean-up events and attend committee meetings.

Time Commitment: Participation in clean-up events takes 3-4 hours, and gardening activities take as much time as the team member's schedule allows.

For more information, contact Gwen McAllen,
gnmcal@sbcglobal.net.

VEIL COMMITTEE

This committee is responsible for the veiling of the cross during the holy seasons.

Time Commitment: 1 hour twice a year, at the beginning and conclusion of Lent.

For more information, contact Mark McCaffrey,
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For more information, please contact
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Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

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