



Sharing Time & Talent in

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

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Altar Server (ages 10+)

Contact: Marsha Eagleton

Serve at Mass on Sundays and other Holy Days/celebrations. Training provided.

Eucharistic Minister

Contact: Marsha Eagleton

Distribute Communion during weekend Liturgies and Holy Days. Training provided.

Lector

Contact: Marsha Eagleton

Proclaim the Word at liturgies; attend rehearsals for special liturgies. Get a substitute when necessary. Training provided.

Art & Environment

Contact: Marsha Eagleton

Assist with decorating the church for major feasts: Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, etc.

Usher

Contact: Frank Ruggirello 248-625-1442

Greet people as they enter church; help them find seats; assist the elderly/physically challenged; set up/take down chairs in narthex; take "count" during Mass in your section; clean your section after Mass; collect worship aids. Assist with special areas during seasonal liturgies: Christmas, Easter, Holy Week, etc.

Greeter

Contact: Marsha Eagleton

Singles, couples and families (all ages) needed. Arrive 20 minutes early for Mass and greet people at the doors; assist newcomers.

Adult Altar Server

Contact: Marsha Eagleton

Adults are needed to serve at Funeral Masses and certain Holy Day Masses. Must be available during the day. Training is provided.

Presider for Special Liturgies

Contact: Marsha Eagleton

Lead prayer when no priest is available or when it is not necessary for a priest to lead prayer. Prayer presiders may be called on to lead prayer at various occasions outside of Mass. Training provided.

Choir Ensemble

Contact: Marcello Rossi 586-899-0935 or mrossi@stdanielclarkston.org.

The choir is the hardest-working ensemble of the music ministry. The choir singers are volunteers and serve as leaders of the assembly in song. They also usually provide a solo at Mass, normally at the time of the Preparation of the Gifts. The choir meets once a week for practice on Thursdays in the church at 7:30 p.m. They normally sing at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. The choir ministry season begins in September and ends at Pentecost. The ministry recesses for the summer months before assembling again in September. Prospective choir members will meet with the Music Director for a quick audition if needed at the discretion of the director.

This is a warm and welcoming ensemble that not only provides excellent music support to the assembly, but prayer support to all who request it. Join us!

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Cantor

Contact: Marcello Rossi 586-899-0935 or mrossi@stdanielclarkston.org.

This ministry is of great importance of leadership to the assembly in song. A strong, clear, welcoming voice; experience leading congregational song; and a familiarity with the Catholic repertoire is needed. Usually one who has choir experience along with solo singing experience makes the best candidate. A meeting with the Music Director and a short audition is required. The cantor plays a role of song leader when other leadership ensembles are not present (i.e., Choir and Youth Song Leader ensembles). Principally, the Cantor leads in the Psalm, Gospel Acclamation, and Lamb of God parts of the Mass, along with dismissal acclamations and baptismal acclamations. Along with the Masses on the weekend, Cantors are also afforded the opportunity to lead at Baptismal Services on certain Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

Because of the many Cantors currently in rotation, they are usually assigned one Mass per month. Music and mp3's are provided for practice two weeks before the scheduled Mass weekend, and Cantors are required to rehearse with the Music Director 20 minutes before the Mass.

Instrumentalist

Contact: Marcello Rossi 586-899-0935 or mrossi@stdanielclarkston.org

Praise God with flute and horn! Instrumental musicians have many opportunities to serve in the music ministry. The instrumental ensembles perform at the 5:00 p.m. or 11:00 a.m. Masses per weekend. Some are requested to perform with the choir on special occasions at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All ensembles meet one hour or so before the Mass they are scheduled to play for rehearsal. Music is scanned and emailed to them one week before their Masses to practice well before the rehearsal. Because of the number of musicians involved, the musician will be placed in an ensemble that will play basically once per three weeks. All availability requests are made before each schedule is made to ensure participation. The ages appropriate for this role are 12 years to adult. A degree of proficiency is required for this ministry.

After a short audition with the Music Director, it will be determined if the instrumentalist is ready for this role. We'd love to have you share your talents with us!

Youth Song Leader (YSL) Ensemble

Contact: Marcello Rossi 586-899-0935 or mrossi@stdanielclarkston.org

This vocal ensemble is a song-leading ensemble that is a wonderful opportunity for teens of 6th grade and older in the St. Daniel community to lead the 11:00 a.m. Sunday or 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass in song. The ensembles will be made up of three or four people. In contrast to a choir, all will sing melody. The goal is to foster more assembly song participation. The group will sing the songs for Gathering, Preparation of the Gifts, Communion, and Recessional parts of the Mass. The group will meet one hour before Mass to run through all the hymns of that day. To join this program, a short audition is required with the Music Director. The participant is required to be able to sing in tune and have a grasp of rhythm. Choir experience is advantageous, but not necessary.

Launder Altar Linens

Contact: Marsha Eagleton

Wash towels, purificators, albs, and other linens. Pick up laundry during workweek and return for weekend usage. Specific instruction sheets provided on how to launder and treat stains.

Make Baptismal Garments

Contact: Marsha Eagleton

Buy fabric, cut out baptismal garments, sew and decorate.

Artist for Specific Projects

Contact: Marsha Eagleton

Do you have special talents that could help with special projects? We sometimes need the advice or expertise of people with the gift of art for a specific event or celebration (examples: Pentecost, Ecumenical Services).

Seamstress for Special Projects

Contact: Marsha Eagleton

Sew baptismal garments, altar cloths and, sometimes, vestments, special drapery for seasonal environments, etc.

Office Assistance

Contact: Marsha Eagleton

Assist in the Worship Office with copying, making telephone calls, helping with mailings, filing, or general office work, on an as-needed basis.