

# GRATEFULNESS

Stewardship Renewal 2018



**ST. ANNE**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



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“All good giving and every perfect gift is from above” (James 1:17). God’s gifts to us can be summed up in one word — *everything*. How easy it is to forget this truth in our fast-paced world where we have little time to “stop and smell the roses,” let alone be grateful to the One who created them for us!

Yet, gratefulness is both the key to a stewardship way of life, and the secret to a joy-filled life. When we do take a moment to reflect on God’s goodness and His passionate love for each of us, we cannot help but be filled with gratefulness and a surge of joy that comes from recognizing how abundant His blessings are.

Our annual Stewardship Renewal is that moment for us — as individuals and as a parish family — to pause and allow our hearts to be filled to overflowing with gratefulness to God who has spared nothing in His love for us, giving us even His own Son as our Savior. As this gratefulness overflows from us, it “demands” an outlet in our lives. Stewardship gives us that outlet. It offers us a concrete way to express our gratefulness to God, to thank Him with our very lives for every good and perfect gift.



*“A grateful heart is spontaneously impelled to serve the Lord and to find expression in a life of commitment to our work. Once we come to realize how much God has given us, a life of self-sacrifice, of working for Him and for others, becomes a privileged way of responding to His great love.”*

*— Pope Francis*

# STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

## *Grateful Moments*

Pope Francis says, “To be able to offer thanks, to be able to praise the Lord for what He has done for us: this is important!” Our good God has given each day to us as a gift, and He waits for us to turn to Him daily in prayer. There really is nothing more important or necessary than spending time with God. How much of my God-given time do I devote to Him each day? How often do I stop to think of Him, even briefly, to offer thanks for His constant care for me? Have I fostered a grateful heart by counting my blessings at the end of the day?

After time spent with God, my next priority of time should be for my loved ones. Here Pope Francis encourages us to “waste time” with our families — to set aside time to simply enjoy one another without distraction. This requires a commitment in our digital world. Can I commit to this use of my time?

- Try reflecting each morning on the daily readings of the Catholic Church (found at [uscba.org/bible/readings](http://uscba.org/bible/readings)) to ask God what He wants to teach you in the day ahead.
- Take a moment to pray in your car on the way to or from work or errands, offering your cares and your gratitude to the Lord.
- As a family, give each member a chance to say a “please,” “thank you” and “I’m sorry” prayer to God at the end of the day. End with an *Our Father* and *Hail Mary*.
- In addition to Sunday Mass, make Sunday dinner a priority as a time to reconnect before the start of a busy week.

*“We need simplicity to pray as a family: simplicity is necessary! Praying the Our Father together, around the table, is not something extraordinary: it’s easy. And praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And also praying for one another!”*

*— Pope Francis Homily,  
Oct. 27, 2013*

*“Praise the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.” — Psalm 136:1*



# STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT

## *Grateful Living*

Our good God has created each one of us with unique strengths, personalities, interests and challenges. All are His gifts to us. And all are meant for our good, the good of others and His glory. Isn't that an amazing truth! Consider these words the Lord is speaking to you today, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another" (John 15:16-17). During this moment of Renewal, think about the gifts the Lord has given you and your family and ask Him how you can use them to love others in gratefulness for His goodness to you.

- Spend some time prayerfully reading the ministry catalogue to consider an area of service that will truly stretch you or an area where you can provide a real strength.
- If you are already involved in one ministry, pray about an additional way you might serve. For instance, if you are involved in assisting with the Liturgy in some way, volunteer in an outreach to the community.
- If you are not active in a prayer or faith formation group, join one so as to become a more effective servant of the Lord.



***“Yet we cannot celebrate this free gift of the Lord’s friendship unless we realize that our earthly life and our natural abilities are his gift. We need to acknowledge jubilantly that our life is essentially a gift.” — Pope Francis, from his Apostolic Exhortation, On Holiness***

# STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

*“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven... For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”*  
— Mt. 6:19-21



## *Grateful Giving*

Just as time and talents are gifts from God, so too, are material things, or Treasure. And just as our time and talent are meant to be used for our good, the good of others and God’s glory, so too, is our treasure. Does this mean we serve a “greedy” God, who wants to give, and then take back what He gives? Of course not! Anything He asks us to do is meant to make our joy complete in Him. Returning a portion of our treasure to Him teaches us to depend on Him and brings a peace and contentment the world cannot give. Will you take a leap of faith to try it and see for yourself?

- Take a look at your current budget and spending habits, and assess what expenses are preventing you from giving more selflessly.
- Commit to giving a percentage of your income to God through the parish offertory and be faithful to your tithing commitment, even when you attend Mass elsewhere.



# MINISTRY CATALOG

## HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES

### Greeter

The Greeters create a pleasant and welcoming environment for visitors by opening the doors, warmly greeting each visitor, and providing direction when necessary. The Greeters, along with the Ushers, help create a culture of hospitality before, during, and after Mass. The Greeters are asked to arrive at least 30 minutes before Mass begins.

*Mena Evans, mena001@cox.net;*

*Christi Lalicker, Christina.lalicker@gmail.com*

### Lenten Suppers

These gatherings are offered on Friday evenings during Lent for the St. Anne's community. Parish ministries are invited to bring their favorite meatless meal, serve the meal and clean up after the meal. The parish reimburses parishioners for any expenses incurred.

*Dcn. Tom Moyes, DeaconTom@stanneba.org*

### Newcomers Ministry

The Newcomers Ministry welcomes new members to the parish to foster a more vibrant and involved faith community. This team is responsible for hosting welcome events at the rectory.

*Cindy Ryan, cynthiaryan@clearchannel.com*

### Office Reception Volunteer

Office receptionists volunteer for three-hour shifts one day a week. The morning

shift is from 9-12 and the afternoon shift is from 1-4. Volunteers answer the phone, help with office mailings, greet visitors, and assist with other administrative duties at the Parish Office.

*Judy Lalicker, parishsec@stanneba.org*

### St. Anne Parish Feast Day Picnic

The parish festival is held each July around St. Anne's Feast Day. Volunteers are needed to help organize and run this community-building event.

*Emilee Galvez, emilie\_burnos@yahoo.com*

### Supper Club

All adults are invited to join other St. Anne parishioners for fellowship, food and fun. These are casual, potluck meals taking place in parishioners' homes and/or local restaurants once a month. Dinner sessions are held during the months of March through June and September through December.

*Mike and Tama Clark, miketamaclark@cox.net*

### The Gathering

Parishioners gather in St. Anne Hall after all weekend Masses to enjoy refreshments and fellowship. To ensure a smooth and successful gathering, volunteers are needed to setup, maintain, and clean up afterward. This ministry provides a great and simple way to get to know other parishioners.

*Nicole Hieger, hiegers@cox.net*

## Ushers

The ushers help create a welcoming environment by directing and seating parishioners as they arrive for Mass. They also help with the offertory collections and distribute bulletins. This ministry is open to men, women, and families. Volunteers are scheduled as needed.

*Joe Sicilia, joseph.sicilia@gmail.com*

## PRAYER MINISTRIES

### Eucharistic Adoration

As Catholics, we believe in the Real Presence of Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist. Worship of the Lord's Eucharistic presence draws us closer to Him and gives us a greater desire for Holy Communion with Him. Exposition of the Eucharistic Host, for adoration by all the faithful, takes place in St. Anne's Chapel, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Individuals making a weekly commitment of one hour on the same weekday each week to ensure that Jesus is never left alone make this ministry possible. Come spend an hour with the Lord!

*Gail Hobbs, GHobbs4@gmail.com*

### Prayer Line

These dedicated volunteers pray for intentions received by the Parish Office from our parishioners.

*Mary Lou Compton, 918-251-4000*

## Rosary Leader

This simple but prayerful ministry leads the gathered faithful in one decade of the Rosary 15 minutes before each weekend Mass. Also, the Rosary is prayed after daily Mass. Prayer leaders are needed to lead the Rosary for each Mass.

*Dcn. Tom Moyes, DeaconTom@stanneba.org*

## FORMATION MINISTRIES

### ALPHA

Everyone has questions. We believe everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view; wherever they are in the world. Consider going through our new Adult Faith Formation series called ALPHA. This 11-week series will be offered at multiple times during the week and a new series will be started at various times throughout the year.

*Fr. Sean O'Brien, frsean@stanneba.org*





### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Team**

Our Pre-K–first grade Faith Formation program uses a sacred space called an “Atrium” for its programming. This sacred space allows these young children to encounter our Good Shepherd, Jesus, in a deeper way than in a classroom setting. We need individuals to work with us to consistently keep the Atrium beautiful for the children. This includes preparing work material for the children, maintaining the plants and flowers in the Atrium, and preparing materials as we continue Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. We need things sewn, built, and painted.

*Becky Harris, bharris@stanneba.org*

### **Confraternity of Penitents**

The Mystical Rose Circle of the Confraternity of Penitents invites you to attend our monthly meeting on the third Saturday of each month. We meet for morning Mass at 8 a.m., followed by the Rosary, and then we meet from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in St. Anne’s Hall. We follow a rule, written for lay people in 1221, at the request of St. Francis, by Cardinal Hugolino, who later became Pope Gregory IX. “Penance means conversion.” It brings peace and joy!

*Patricia Murray, 918-852-7071*

### **Cultivate: Youth Formation Catechists**

Do you feel called to disciple the youth in grades 6-12 of our parish into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church? If so, this ministry is right for you. High school disciple groups meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

*Jonathan Harris, jharris@stanneba.org*

### **Cultivate: Youth Ministry**

Sixth through 12th graders meet weekly on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Activities include dinner, a lesson, small groups, prayer, adoration, and service opportunities. They also meet weekly on Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:15 a.m. This is a time to discuss scripture and the issues facing young people today.

*Jonathan Harris, jharris@stanneba.org*

### **Discipleship Groups**

Do you ever feel you are living your faith alone? Are you looking for ways to grow in your relationship with Christ and with one another? Consider being a part of a discipleship group! These groups will meet in parishioners’ homes and/or at the church once a week on an ongoing basis. These groups will pray, study, and share life together.

*Fr. Sean O’Brien, frsean@stanneba.org*





## **Family Life Ministry**

The church and its traditions are a powerful reflection of family life, the domestic church. In this day and age, raising a family can be very challenging. The Family Life Ministry is a haven for our parish families. Formation and social opportunities will be offered throughout the year including events for the whole family and for parents. We look forward to getting to know you and your family!

*Allie Fenton, afenton@stanneba.org*

## **RCIA Support and Sponsors**

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults prepares adults for baptism and reception into full communion with the Church. We want our initiates to feel welcome at St. Anne and to be well formed in the Catholic Faith. Sponsors are needed to guide, pray for, and support the initiate. This is an excellent way for parishioners to enrich their own faith, get to know the initiates, and share their journey.

*Dana Funk, RCIA@stanneba.org*

## **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

Information and spiritual guidance is provided to adults who wish to know more about the Catholic faith and/or to join the Church. Meetings are Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

*Dana Funk, RCIA@stanneba.org*

## **Rooted: Children's Formation Catechists**

Do you feel called to disciple the children in Pre-K through grade 5 into a deeper relationship with Christ? Sunday morning catechists are needed to teach faith formation from 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

*Becky Harris, bharris@stanneba.org*

## **Secular Franciscan Order**

This is an order of secular members called to follow the gospel life after the example and manner of the Rule of St. Francis. Meetings are the second Sunday of each month from 3:30-5 p.m. in St. Francis Hall.

*Dee Hrankaj, august41@cox.net*

## **Vacation Bible School (VBS) Volunteers**

VBS is a short summer religion program for children in pre-school through the fifth grade. VBS includes music, games, Bible stories, and crafts. There are also service opportunities for older youth and adults.

*Becky Harris, bharris@stanneba.org*

## **Walking With Purpose**

Walking with Purpose is not your ordinary Bible study. This series was created just for women and is designed to help you build a deeper, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Sessions will be held throughout the year during spring, summer, and fall.

*Stephanie Schad, stephanieschad@gmail.com*



## Youth/Kids Food Volunteers

All volunteers will be added to an email group. Whenever there is a need for food items to be provided for our youth or kids, an email will be sent to the volunteers. If you are able to help provide an item or two, all you have to do is respond to the email with what you are able to bring. If you're busy and are not able to help out that time, no problem! This is a simple but powerful part of our youth and kids' ministry. Many hands make for light work! Please consider helping us provide the physical food for our young people as we continue to feed them spiritually.

*Jonathan Harris, [jharris@stanneba.org](mailto:jharris@stanneba.org)*

## SERVICE MINISTRIES

### Altar Linen Care

Altar Linen Care is performed weekly by volunteers. Each volunteer serves on a scheduled rotating basis. Duties include washing, ironing and folding of the small linens used during Mass, the purificators, corporals and finger towels.

*Judy Lalicker, [parishsec@stanneba.org](mailto:parishsec@stanneba.org)*

### Altar Servers

These boys and girls, fourth grade and older, assist with the celebration of Mass. Participants must have received First Communion. This ministry tries to accommodate family Mass preference.

*Jim and Gay Polovich, 918-810-9057*

*Erica Warwick, 918-261-0966*

### Bakers Ministry

Do you like to bake? Volunteers with this ministry will be called upon from time to time to provide baked goods for various church activities and receptions.

*Lauren Tran, [lalamarie555@gmail.com](mailto:lalamarie555@gmail.com)*

### Baptismal Garments

If you like to sew, we invite you to use your skills in making baptismal garments for babies and small children of the parish.

*Carol Waszak, [carol.ok@cox.net](mailto:carol.ok@cox.net)*

### Bereavement Meal Ministry

When the need arises, this group provides support and comfort for the family and friends of the deceased by offering a funeral meal in the parish hall or their home.

*Bunny Coscia, [cosciabunny@gmail.com](mailto:cosciabunny@gmail.com)*

### Boy Scouts Troop 903

#### (Boys ages 11-17)

Boy Scouts learn the value of hard work, and experience the thrill of seeing it pay off as they work toward earning Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout. Service, community engagement, and leadership development are important parts of the program as the youth lead their own activities to explore new places and dive into the rugged world of outdoor adventure. Scouting gives boys the valuable experience they need to become men.

*John Krzmarzick, 918-455-5284*

### **Cub Scouts Pack 903 (Boys, Kindergarten–fifth grade)**

Cub Scouts learn duty to God, citizenship, leadership, respect of the outdoors, team building, community service, and healthy habits while taking part in fun opportunities to learn in the areas of art, science, sports, and history. The scouts enjoy adventure and fun activities with direction from the Pack and active involvement from their family for their growth. There are also volunteer opportunities for adults to be a leader, committee member, or provide assistance with events.

*Scott Pollard, 918-830-6824,  
pack903ba@gmail.com*

### **Choir**

This ministry enhances the liturgy by providing music on Sundays and special celebrations. All are welcome to join and no prior experience is required. The St. Anne Choir has always been an important part of our weekly liturgy. It is well supported and provides a strong family like atmosphere to produce music for God's glory. New members typically enjoy this friendly atmosphere and often stay many years. Practices are Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in Dabrowski Hall.

*Jon Grigson, choir@stanneba.org*



### **Culinary Angels**

Do you like to cook? Do you like to provide hospitality? These volunteers will host and cook a quarterly luncheon during the week for our 50 and older parishioners on a quarterly basis.

*Angie Gallant, okgallant@yahoo.com*

### **Divorce Support**

This ministry provides help, healing, and growth for those who are divorced or have filed for divorce. The reading materials and group discussions foster a spirit of understanding and offer the support of a community with shared experience (10-week program).

*Pam Soltis, pasoltis912@gmail.com,  
918-357-3083, 219-921-9388*

### **English as a Second Language Classes**

Our free English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are individualized according to each person's needs and abilities. Classes are in the Secular Franciscan Room in Dabrowski Hall. Beginner classes are Monday evenings from 5-6:30 p.m. Intermediate classes are Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. Advanced classes are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help teach these classes.

*Ann Marie Neuok, 918-640-8153*



## **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

These dedicated parishioners assist the celebrant in distributing Holy Communion during Mass. These ministers must be committed to weekly Mass attendance, the celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation, and strive to be a model of Christian living at all times.

*Dcn. Steve Creed, DeaconSteve@stanneba.org*

## **Gatesway Ministry**

Gatesway in Broken Arrow provides for the many needs of these special need residents. St. Anne's parishioners provide these kind and appreciative residents with a Praise & Worship service at 3 p.m. the first and third Sunday of every month. It is the only "church" many residents can attend because of transportation difficulties. Jesus said, "Whatever you did for the least of my brethren, you did for me" (Mt 25:40).

*Dcn. Tom Moyes, DeaconTom@stanneba.org*

## **Haiti Mission Team**

The Haiti Mission Team organizes projects and medical missions throughout the year to support the Kobonal Mission in Haiti.

*Jeff Gallant, jgallantok@yahoo.com*

## **Health Care Ministry**

The purpose of the Healthcare Advisory Council is to convey the love of Jesus, as well as facilitate and support the individual parishioner, parish community

and surrounding community in their journey towards physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.

*Ceci Grimes RN, parishnurse@stanneba.org*

## **Home Improvement Ministry**

The Home Improvement Ministry organizes parish workdays every other month in support of parishioners who are in need of assistance with minor home repair due to age, mobility, finances, or other disabilities.

*Tom Hufnagel, burgerday@cox.net*

## **Knights of Columbus (Men 18 years and older)**

The core principles of the Knights of Columbus are charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The local Council 6606 provides family, community, and church support through prayer, service, fundraising and sponsoring community activities. By becoming an active member, you will strengthen your faith and grow in community with other Catholic men.

*Paul Gorniak, 918-810-0897*

## **Lectors**

Those who commit to this ministry have the special privilege of proclaiming the Word of the Lord during the Mass. Lectors must feel comfortable in front of the congregation and use the provided workbook. Lectors should arrive at Mass 10-15 minutes early. Ministers should be committed to weekly

Mass attendance, the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and strive to be a model of Christian living at all times.

*Tim Smith, tstephen56@att.net,  
918-607-1988*

### **Lenten Missionary Disciples**

These dynamic disciples invite our neighbors to attend Mass at St. Anne to experience a deeper relationship with Jesus. There are many ways to be involved in this ministry to bring the light of Christ to those in our community. You can go door-to-door to visit with our neighbors or you can offer prayers for the disciples.

*Dcn. Tom Moyes, DeaconTom@stanneba.org*

### **Meal Train**

The meal train ministry extends love to families in a time of need or transition. Whether a new baby, an illness or hospitalization, or a familial or vocational crisis, those involved will sign up to bring a meal on a specified date.

*Stephanie Miller, stephanieD571@gmail.com*

### **Men's Ministry Leadership Team**

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another” (Proverbs 27:17). In order to provide an enriching and strong community experience for the men of our parish, we need men who are willing to plan, prep, and oversee the many events throughout the year.

*Dcn. Steve Creed, DeaconSteve@stanneba.org*

### **Ministry of Compassion — A Partnership with Catholic Charities**

The St. Anne Ministry of Compassion offers financial assistance, food, prayers and a listening ear to those in need. This ministry serves both parishioners and those who live in our community. We are also positioned to make referrals for further extended services available at the Catholic Charities campus. Volunteers are needed to assist in interviewing clients, working in the food pantry, and picking up and shopping for food from the Tulsa Food Bank. Volunteers are also needed to help during office hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 9-1, Tuesday evenings from 6-8, and the first and third Saturdays each month from 9-noon. The Ministry of Compassion oversees the Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets as well as the Christmas Angel Tree Gift Drive. The entire parish is invited to participate in these events and signups will be made available in November and December. Volunteers are needed to help with collecting, sorting, and distributing the donated items.

*Becky Wisdom,  
bwisdom@catholiccharitiestulsa.org*





### **Needle Arts Ministry**

Do you like to crochet, knit, or sew? Would you like to learn how? Men and women are welcome to participate to use their talents to share God's love and create items for the needy and infirm.

*Margarete Galster, 918-261-8073*

### **Pastoral Care Ministries**

This group of dedicated volunteers takes Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. They visit them in their homes, nursing homes and hospitals. Each volunteer creates their own schedule, with the convenience of the parishioner in mind, and does not already need to be a commissioned Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

*Dcn. Tom Moyes, DeaconTom@stanneba.org*

### **Prime Timers**

This dynamic group of parishioners age 50 and up gathers for potlucks, game nights, retreats and other outings in order to build community and grow in faith.

*Chris Harrell, CHarrell5761@yahoo.com,  
918-671-5964*

### **Rosary Guild**

Parishioners gather together for the purpose of making rosaries to send to the missions. Conversation and fellowship is an added bonus. Meetings are at noon on the second Monday of each month in Dabrowski Hall.

*Evelyn Boucher, jackevb@cox.net*

### **Sacristans**

Sacristans are responsible for cleaning the sacristies after all Masses on a scheduled rotating basis. Sacristans work quietly behind the scenes to ensure our liturgies run smoothly. Training is provided to prepare the sacred vessels, linens, and vestments needed for the liturgy, and also clean and store all items.

*Jack Boucher, 918-355-1450*

### **Theology Uncorked Planning Team**

Theology Uncorked meets monthly in the parish hall to learn about a wide variety of theology topics and wine. Following wine tasting, there is a theology presentation with an opportunity for discussion. Volunteers with the planning team coordinate the volunteers for food, decorate the tables, set up, clean up, and provide hospitality for each month. For adults 21 and older.

*Tracy Baxter, monrow22@gmail.com*



### **Transportation Ministry**

Often the church receives calls from parishioners who need assistance getting to and from church, doctor's appointments, or the grocery store. A ride might be for a one-time event, a temporary need for a short period of time, or long-term for someone who can no longer drive. When the need arises, we turn to the volunteers in our Transportation Ministry. The more drivers we have the smaller the commitment of time. Help us help those in need of a ride.

*The Parish Office, 918-251-4000*

### **Via Dolorosa Ministry**

This ministry maintains the grounds and landscaping throughout the Via Dolorosa.

*Don Stacey, 918-638-0811, Don1932@cox.net*

### **Women's Ministry Leadership Team**

All women of St. Anne are always invited to attend the Women's Ministry events; however, in order to provide an enriching and strong community experience for the women of our parish, we need women who are willing to plan, prep, and oversee the many events throughout the year.

*Mary Frances Holland, mfwholland@yahoo.com*





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