

2026 Time & Talent Volunteer Opportunities

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Adult Leader for Children's Liturgy of the Word

8:30am Mass during the school year. With a partner, volunteers bring all K4-1st Grade children down to the community room for an age appropriate reading of the week's Gospel with an accompanying discussion and activity. Adult leaders plan and lead the session. Up to date Safe Environment Training is required. The CLOW coordinator will follow up with more details including preparation, expectations, safeguarding training, and scheduling on one or more dates.

Wedding Ministry

Wedding Ministry Volunteer

Open for Wedding Rehearsals and day of Wedding ceremonies/ Assist Presiding Priests / Assist Wedding Couple and their wedding party at both the rehearsal and ceremony / Lock up after rehearsals. Rehearsals are Fridays from 5-6pm / Weddings are Saturdays from noon -3:30pm. Must be 18 or older and because they will be serving as a representative of the Parish, they will need to be Safeguard Trained. Time commitment is based on your availability. Instruction will be provided.

Liturgical Ministry

Altar Servers

Ages 3rd grade and up who have made their First Communion can altar serve at school and/or weekend masses, weddings, funerals. Teens and adults are welcome. Commitment level can be as often as you'd like or once a month/quarter. We use an online scheduler and can request dates /masses you are available and ask for subs if needed.

Choirs and Musicians

Adult Choir Member

Members sing with the choir at the 11am Sunday Mass, practice from 6-7:30PM on 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Must be over 18 unless a parent is willing to join choir as well.

Choirs and Musicians

Cantor

Sings hymns, psalms, and antiphons for weekend Masses. Works with the accompanist to lead the congregation in singing. Scheduling is flexible and can be adapted to a singers preferences for frequency and Mass time. We need 3 new cantors for the 4:30 Mass time, 2 new cantors for the 8:30 Mass time, and 3 new cantors for the 5:30 Mass. Cantors must be strong singers and confident music readers. Must meet with Mari Sanchez to audition.

Choirs and Musicians

Musician for Mass

Volunteers will play their musical instrument for any Mass time, rehearsing at a set time with the music director beforehand. Preferably weekly, but there is a lot of flexibility. Must be over 18 unless a parent is willing to sit with them during rehearsal and Mass; must be a confident music reader and able to practice on their own or with a teacher. Otherwise, must set up a weekly practice time with the music director.

Choirs and Musicians

Children's Choir Co-Coordinator

Looking for 2 volunteers to co-coordinate the St. Robert children's choir in tandem with the music director. Would help develop a schedule of opportunities and help the music director with practices/Masses. The current commitment is for the Christmas Eve Children's choir (practices on Sundays in December), but would like to increase opportunities for children to sing at Mass. Very flexible and can be adapted to volunteers' needs. Requirements include Safe Environment training, previous experience with children, ability to help lead singing for practices.

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Engaged Couples (FOCCUS)

FOCCUS Couples

We need married couples to help with administering the Foccus pre-marriage program. We meet one on one with couples who are getting married. It is required for all couples to complete the Foccus. There is online training needed before you are certified to become a Foccus couple for the parish. We meet with 4 to 6 couples each year. It takes about 3 hours to meet. You set the time to meet - generally weekday evenings.

Youth and Young Adult Formation

Confirmation Catechist

Our Confirmation Catechists will accompany a small group of high school students through their year of Confirmation prep. The main responsibilities would be to co-lead discussion with another volunteer about the topics learned during large group activities. Volunteers needed twice a month on Sunday evenings, 7 - 8:30 PM. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and Confirmed in the Catholic Church. Safe Environment Training is required.

Youth and Young Adult Formation

Youth Ministry Volunteer

This role would help plan, prepare, and assist in running "Fellowship Nights" for our High School students. The evenings will consist of Mass, Dinner, and a fun activity. Volunteers needed one a month on Sunday evenings 5:30 - 8:30 PM. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and Safe Environment Training is required.

Human Concerns

St. Jude School Uganda team member

Consider that St Jude is a primary school in rural Uganda with students about the same ages as our St Robert school students. They study, play sports and pray just like we do. The one difference is that they are very materially poor. So we fund raise to help them pay for tuition, teacher salaries and more. Sign up to learn more about St Robert's long-time relationship with this school in Uganda and participate in our annual fund raising campaign. Annual fundraising is at the end of January or beginning of February and we prepare over a few weeks beforehand. Along with co-chairs help prepare in person, and over phone/email and present a "talk" at all Masses on one weekend.

St. Robert Fair

Fair Co-chairs in training

Learn the reins alongside long-time chair Kevin Casper who will remain involved but in a new role. Looking for a couple of parishioners who are interested in learning with Kevin's guidance and support this year, and providing leadership next year. Safe Environment Training is required. Signing up now is simply expressing interest in a conversation to learn more!

St. Robert Fair

Fair Sub-chairs

What's your favorite part of the fair? Chances are we could use your help to bring it back stronger than ever this year. Each area of the fair has a sub-chair that provides leadership and coordination - from communications, rummage sale, bookbin, and face painting to any of our delicious food areas - each one requires someone to help it shine. Safe Environment Training is required. Signing up now is simply expressing interest in a conversation to learn more!

St. Robert Fair

Day of Volunteers

Want to help out June 5 & 6? Day of volunteers will be in demand and shift sign ups will open closer to the fair. You can sign up now to be added to an email list to receive more information on fair shifts closer to the date. Safe Environment Training is required.

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Liturgical Ministry

Caretakers of our Liturgical Linens

On assigned weekend (~once monthly) pick up used linens, launder at home, iron and deliver back to sacristy by the following weekend. Approximately 10-15 minutes to examine each item for stains, wash machine time, then about one hour of ironing time. It does not matter which mass time you attend on the weekend of pickup. Training provided.

Arts & Environment

Thursday Morning "Feather Dusters"

Straighten up the pews in church for an hour on Thursday mornings after 8:15am Mass. Replenish holy water fonts and candles. It takes 30 minutes or so. Instruction will be provided.

Human Concerns

Respect Life Committee Member

The Respect Life Committee coordinates the activities of the parish related to Catholic teaching on the sacredness of human life from conception to natural death, particularly as it relates to the issue of abortion. Activities may include organizing prayer hours, submitting special intentions, distributing educational materials, hosting guest speaker events, and conducting donation drives to support local pregnancy centers (with an emphasis on Respect Life Month in October). We are looking for some parishioners who are passionate about Respect Life issues and would like to grow this committee.

Human Concerns

Advent Giving Tree Co-Chairs

The Advent Giving Tree Leads will coordinate the parish's long-standing tradition of participating in this effort to provide Christmas gifts to families in need. Training will be provided.

Homebound Ministry

Homebound Eucharistic Minister

Bring Communion to the homebound at a local nursing home one Sunday per month (typically after the 8:30am Mass). Safe environment training is required and then volunteers will be trained individually.

Meal Program for St. Vincent de Paul Society

Once monthly meal team

Team members are assigned one food item to prepare or purchase once a month for the St. Vincent de Paul Harambee Meal Program. On the first Thursday of each month you drop your assigned food item to a parishioner's home in Shorewood by 3pm when it is all delivered to the Meal Program in time for dinner that evening. We are looking for 3 - 5 additional members to cover some new menu items.

Arts & Environment

Coordinator - Christmas Lights on Capitol

Volunteers decorate the outside of school and church on the Capitol Drive using white lights and carved wooden angels. We are looking for someone to coordinate this project including installation before Christmas and take down after the Christmas season (before Lent begins). Coordinator would work with parish staff to set an install date, recruit a team of helpers, and be on hand to guide volunteers both for set up and take down.

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Bereavement Ministry

Funeral Attendance

Assist Bereavement Ministry members in setting up the church before funerals, greet and guide family and guests and cleanup after the Funeral Mass. Volunteers represent St. Robert Parish. Help is needed several times a year, with short notice, based on funeral arrangements. Volunteers must be comfortable in a funeral setting, know the physical layout of the church and be willing to approach bereaved family and guests. Instruction provided.

St. Vincent de Paul Society (St. Robert Conference)

Charity volunteer

Parishioners visit people in need in our neighborhood community who apply for assistance through Milwaukee SVDP. Home visits are made in pairs. The conference meets monthly to pray, reflect on scripture, discuss recent visits and other business. Safeguarding Training through the Archdiocese and SVDP is required. Signing up now is simply expressing interest in a conversation to learn more!

Finance Committee

Finance Council member

Looking for a couple of additional members to advise on parish finance related matters. We meet on the Third Thursday of the month, 6-8pm in the parish community room. Finance/accounting/business background needed.

Liturgical Ministry

Ushers

Greet parishioners, guests, and visitors upon arrival at Mass. Hand out orders of worship before Mass and bulletins afterwards. Coordinate the collection. Guide parishioners during communion. 2 for 8:30 2 for 11:00 2 for 4:30. It takes about 10 minutes before and 10 minutes after Mass. Weekend Masses and Holy Days. Training will be provided. Open to teens and adults.

Hospitality - Pray and Play Preschool Group

Co-Lead Volunteer

Help lead the pray and play preschool playdates for a group of kids 4 and under and their caregivers. We meet once a month in the St. Robert Community Room, where we have toys and crafts set up, and provide healthy pre-packaged snacks and coffee from 9-11:15am on the 2nd Friday of the month during the school year. Safe Environment Training required.

Stewardship - SCRIP

Gift Card Sales

Looking for 1-3 parish volunteers to sell and promote SCRIP gift cards after Masses on weekends and at special school/parish events throughout the year. Flexible schedule - sign up to help when you can. Training will be provided. Volunteers will meet with Kathy to discuss the sales process. Also looking for volunteers to help promote this fundraising program to the parish and school in creative ways. Sign up to learn more and find out how you can help us raise more dollars for our parish!

St. Robert Gardens

Gardening Team Members

Seasonal gardeners wanted to help maintain green spaces around campus during spring to early fall - volunteers will help with spring clean up, and ongoing weeding and watering depending on rainfall. No experience required. Hours are flexible based on your availability.

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Buildings & Grounds

Handyman/carpenter

We could use someone to help out with minor repairs to the kneelers and pews in the church. Carpentry skills or general handyman experience needed. Time commitment is flexible - could be a one-time project or ongoing based on your availability. Please sign up if you are interested or know someone who could help and we will follow up with you.

Parish Life

Photographer

We are looking for parishioners who are involved in parish life and would be comfortable and skilled at taking high quality photographs to share via our parish social media, website, weekly print & online communications, and print materials.

Religious Education

Catechist

We are still looking for a couple of catechists to teach our Religious Education students on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 am this academic year. No teaching experience is needed - just a desire to help teach young children ages K3 - 8 about our Catholic faith. We have several catechists in the program who have taught Religious Education for many years and can be mentors as you take on this role. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and Safe Environment Training is required.

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Server Alb Launderer

We are looking for a couple of people who would be willing to clean the altar server albs on a regular basis. Frequency and schedule is flexible - you can work with parish staff to coordinate based on your availability.

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