

THE EXTRA NEWS



SAINT POLYCARP CLASSIFIED JOB SECTION

There are so many opportunities offered here at St. Polycarp that benefit so many people and organizations that there must be something of interest for everyone. It takes more than *a few good men/women*. It takes lots of men and women and young people all pulling together, especially in this difficult economic time, to make sure that the needs of our parish are fulfilled.

Stewardship is recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God. We can take credit for nothing. Everything we have and everything we do is a result of some gift that God has placed into our hands. Stewardship is living a life of gratitude -- taking the time every day to recognize the gifts that God has given and to be grateful for them. Stewardship is returning a portion of our gifts to God. The gifts we return are our time, our talent and our treasure. We return these gifts not because God or our Church needs them but because we feel an overwhelming need to show our love and gratitude to God.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the following listed positions or would like additional information, either contact the parish office (302) 653-8279, any member of the Pastoral Council, or the current chairperson of the ministry.

ALTAR GUILD -- Everyone enjoys a well-kept home, and the Lord's house is no exception. Light housekeeping duties to keep the Lord's house a special place are needed. A chairperson and more volunteers are needed. Cleanliness is next to godliness. Can you help to keep the "Household of the Lord" a place fit for a *King*?

ALTAR SERVERS -- Can't get very much closer to the Lord than by serving on the altar. By serving you are helping the priest and your fellow worshippers to praise God. By helping the priest and people carry sacred objects and carry out special ritual actions at Mass, you are really showing your love for God. Altar servers -- young men or young women -- from grades 4th thru 8th, give some thought to becoming a part of this ministry.

BULLETIN BOARD COORDINATOR -- Organizing postings on all bulletin boards and coordinating with the parish office what is appropriate for the bulletin boards. Remove all outdated information or information that has been on the bulletin board for an extended period of time. Creativity is a plus.

ELECTRICIANS -- Are you a retired electrician or just someone who is willing to volunteer some time in this field for minor electrical work or electrical problems in the church and church buildings? Many electricians will not take on a small job, but small jobs still need to be repaired.

EVENT PLANNER -- Do you enjoy planning for special events? Work with couples planning a wedding or a baptism or an anniversary to make sure all details are taken care of and carried out according to church policy.

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION -- It is both an honor and a privilege to serve in this ministry. An EM assists in the distribution of Holy Communion to the faithful during Mass, to homebound persons and to nursing homes. A significant responsibility and challenge to grow more like Christ and to live a more selfless life dedicated to service.

FUNDRAISING -- Enjoy making money? Have ideas that would generate much needed funds for our church? Always looking for unique ways to make money for our operating fund and increased expenses. Any and all ideas appreciated.

HANDYMEN -- Tinker around the house? Enjoy fixing things or taking things apart and putting them back together? The Building and Maintenance Committee has a "*Honey Do List*" that they would be willing to share with you. Many minor projects are just waiting for the right people.

LANDSCAPING -- No need for a special "green thumb," just someone willing to prune a few trees and some general lawn work. The recent storms left a mess on our property, but with the proper equipment the clean-up job can be easily accomplished. Can you help make our property an inviting place for worshipers?

LECTORS -- What better way to bring *The Word of God* to the congregation than by volunteering to be a reader at Mass. No experience necessary -- just a desire to share the scriptures with others.

LIBRARIAN -- Maintaining our library by cataloging new books, making sure returns are properly shelved, and just general library work. Work at your pace.

MUSICIANS -- Do you like to sing? Do you play an instrument? Then the music liturgy is the place for you. Share your musical talents by giving praise to the Lord. And if you are a fan of the *Voice*, you will notice that so many of these performers got their start by singing/playing in church.

PHOTOGRAPHER -- Do you enjoy taking pictures? Have you checked out the pictures on our parish website? Do you enjoy scrapbooking? Then this may be the job for you. One photographer is nice -- two are even better, to make sure we don't miss anything and preserve parish history.

PLUMBER -- Sometimes the hot water is cold; sometimes the cold water is hot; sometimes it is just a minor leak that needs to be addressed. If you can help to fix a dripping faucet, you could prevent a future flood. Avoid having to build an ark.

PRAYER CHAIN -- Prayer chain requests are made by phone or email to the Prayer Chain leader and then distributed through the chain members who then pray for your special intention. All parishioners welcome. It is easy -- and no meetings to attend.

PSR -- "*Bring the children to Me.*" No better way than to be a catechist, an assistant, children's liturgy of the word helper, receptionist. Volunteer to help bring our most precious gifts closer to the Lord.

PUBLICIST -- Maybe writing is your passion. Looking for people who will generate and manage publicity for our church, and work with our local newspapers to get the publicity that other churches get. The saying "*Gabriel blows his horn*" -- maybe we should start blowing our horn.

RECEPTIONIST -- An opportunity to serve and minister at St. Polycarp Church by answering phones, taking messages, greeting guests and other small tasks that assist the office staff. Morning shifts and afternoon shifts are available. Also a great opportunity to see what it takes to efficiently run the Parish Office.

RICA CATECHIST -- Become a member of a ministry that welcomes people who are interested in becoming Catholic. Journey with them as they grow closer to Jesus.

USHERS -- A few good men -- and women -- are needed for this task. Ushering is more than just passing the collection basket. Welcome people to our church, answer questions, provide assistance. And with the current security issues, just to keep a vigilant eye to insure the safety of our worshipers.

VOCATION CHALICE -- A different parish family each weekend takes home the vocation chalice after Mass. They can place it on their kitchen or dining room tables and during meals do faith sharing about "vocations." Instructions and prayers are included.

WELCOME COMMITTEE -- "Hi, my name is _____. Welcome to St. Polycarp." That's all it takes. Greeting people and making them feel welcome as they come to worship at St. Polycarp is what brings them back. Welcome Committee works hand in hand with the usher ministry.

Lastly, volunteering time or talents may not be for everyone, but stewardship also involves sharing our treasure. By sharing our treasure, we are giving back to God what He has blessed us with. So, if you have the desire to do something to help our parish financially -- or maybe there is something you know of that you would like to donate -- please share it with us! There are always things that are needed to enhance the Mass, improve our campus and to grow our faith. Contact any member of the Pastoral Council or contact the office at (302)653-8279 or office@saintpolycarp.org.