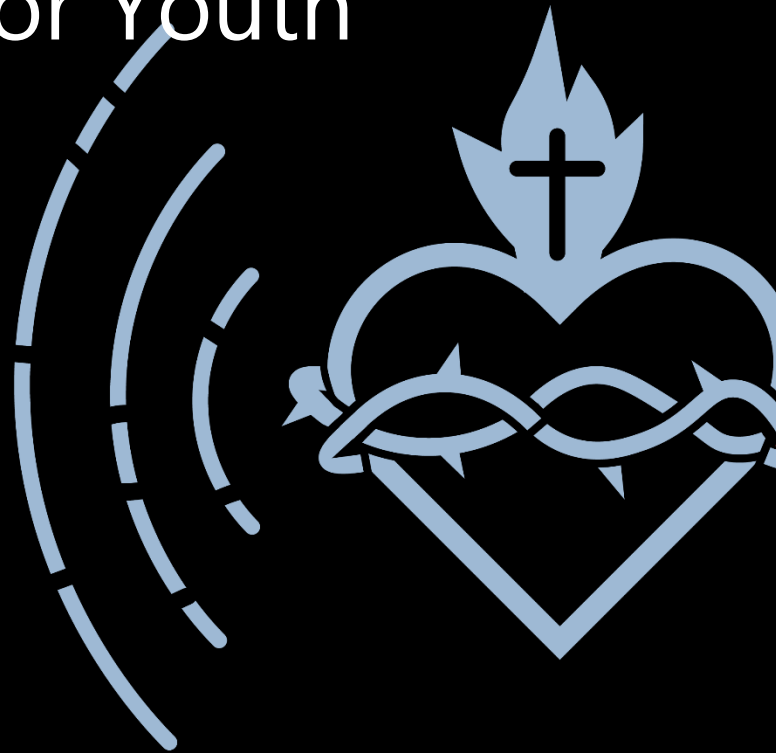


St. Anthony Servant-Leadership
Program for Youth





St. Anthony Youth Ministry

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Dear young person,

May the grace of God and good tidings be with you! I am so happy to see that you are interested in growing as a Catholic in such a unique way. Servant-leadership requires a commitment to following Christ and using your gifts to serve him! He needs your help to accomplish his many good works. Here at St. Anthony, the youth ministry wants to provide an opportunity for you to explore your giftedness and help you use them as a growing disciple. The goal of the program is to develop a strong sense of discipleship within you through various means, including help with the Confirmation Retreat, playing music for worship, leading prayer, formation in discipleship, service projects, and more! As the program grows, more opportunities will arise for you to use your gifts.

In order for us to better assess your fit for this program, we need you to do a few things first:

1. You need to fill out the **Information Form**.
2. You need to take the **Gifts Survey** provided in this packet (send a copy of results with forms) → this is not required for those who current members in the program.
3. You need to sign the **Servant-Leadership Program Agreement** on the **last page**.
4. Turn these three into the office, email them, or place them in the black box over the weekend and ***no later than Sunday, March 29, 2020***.
5. After careful prayer and discernment, you may be contacted for a short interview in April to determine if this program is for you.

You are special and God is calling all of us to serve him in our own unique ways. This program is not for everyone but you may be called to it. By taking the time to fill out this packet, you are discerning God's will for you. And this is a good thing! God bless you for taking this step. Please be sure to pray with this packet and the gifts survey – you will learn so much about yourself and our God.

Feel free to contact me with any questions and may Christ's peace be with you always.

Sincerely,

Matthew DePaula
Youth Ministry Coordinator

*Inspiring transformational growth in youth through experiences of God's compassionate love.
Community – Faithful – Learning – Loving*

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Purpose

This program has the mission of fostering a deeper sense of what it means to be a disciple of Christ in a community of fellow youth, children, young adults, and adults. Through regular meetings planning unique service opportunities and learning about discipleship, the program helps its members potentially experience transformational growth and empower them to communicate their experience of Christ to all people. The program also assists in the discernment of gifts and charisms to encourage their use and cultivation throughout the year.

Goals

Empower members to testify Christ by their life within the St. Anthony community and beyond.

Strengthen members' relationships with Christ and His Body.

Develop a deeper understanding of discipleship among members.

Expectations

Program participants will

- continue to grow as a disciple of Christ through consistent prayer, Mass attendance, and frequent attendance at Life Nights
- continue to learn and live out the teachings of the Church to the best of their ability
- commit to making as many meetings as possible and notifying the Youth Ministry Coordinator of any foreseeable absences
- strive to use their gifts virtuously for the benefit of others to bear fruits of the Holy Spirit
- enter this program with an open heart: learning the depths of discipleship, helping my fellow servant-leaders in their journey as a young Catholic, and being docile to how God may be calling them to serve the St. Anthony community
- respect the guidance of the Youth Ministry Coordinator, who will respect my voice as a young Catholic at St. Anthony

Design

*This program is **free** for all accepted members.*

- The program is open to all Confirmed 9th through 12th grade youth
- Two meetings per month on Wednesday nights from 7:15-8:15pm in the Old Church (dinner provided)
 - o Usually 1st and 3rd Wednesdays
 - o One meeting planning opportunities within the St. Anthony community
 - o One meeting will be formation using *When God Wrecks Your Romance* by Amanda Vernon & Matt Fase, CSC
- Opportunities within the program include:
 - o Helping assist the execution of the annual Confirmation Retreat
 - o Leading activities during Life Nights and/or Confirmation Sessions
 - o Participation in praise and worship opportunities
 - o Helping take leadership roles in service projects
 - o Assisting the Youth Ministry Coordinator in the development and execution of the youth ministry strategy at St. Anthony

Dates for 2020-2021:

- Fall 2020:
 - o Sat. August 29 (Day Retreat)
 - o Sept. 16 and 30; Oct. 7 and 21; Nov. 4 and 18; Dec. 2 and 16
- Spring 2021:
 - o Jan. 6 and 20; Feb. 3 and 17; Mar. 3 and 24; Apr. 7; May 5



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Information Form

Youth Applicant Information

Full Legal Name: _____

Date of Confirmation: ____/____/____

Date of Birth: __/____/____

School Grade for 2019-2020: _____

Youth Email: _____

Parent or Guardian Information:

Father/Guardian Complete Name: _____

Father/Guardian Cell Phone: _____

Father/Guardian Email: _____

Mother/Guardian's Complete Name: _____

Mother/Guardian's Cell Phone: _____

Mother/Guardian's Email: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Please return all forms by Sunday, March 29, 2020. You may drop them in the black box, bring them to the office, or email them.

For Office:

Youth Ministry Coordinator Signature

Date Received

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Gifts Survey

This survey can be accessed online at:

<http://sgi.churchdb.com/staustinsgi/StAustinIntro.asp>

*You can screenshot and email your results to the
Youth Ministry Coordinator (matthew@saint-anthony.com)*

*Note: A PDF version for you to print can be
found at*

<https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/1096/documents/2015/10/SGIPublic.pdf>

Administration—The Holy Spirit enables some individuals to motivate, direct and inspire God's people in such a way that they voluntarily and harmoniously work together to do the Church's work effectively. This gift involves being able to put things together, tie up all the "loose ends" and get things done and setting a pattern for others to follow. Adeptness at financing, planning, organizing, delegating responsibilities and problem-solving can be indications of the gift of administration. **Hebrews 13:7, Judges 3:10, Exodus 18:13-16**

Apostleship—To exercise the gift of apostleship is to perceive and accept God's call to lead others in their spirituality, and to be instrumental in acknowledging God's grace and authority in the life of the Church. This gift involves being able to lead others wisely and compassionately and training others in spiritual matters. Apostleship includes a combination of wisdom, discernment, leadership and teaching. **Matthew 4:18-22, Acts 14:21-23**

Caregiving—The Holy Spirit empowers some persons to willingly bear the burdens of others and help them in such a way that they can do their tasks more effectively. To exercise the gift of caregiving or helping is to give assistance or relief from distress where it is needed. This gift involves a willingness to help others even when the jobs may be messy or involve getting into close proximity with people who are

sick or distressed. **Matthew 25:34-40, Acts 6:2-4**

Craftsmanship—To exercise the gift of craftsmanship one must have or develop a skill, be it a hobby or a vocation and must be willing to share this ability with others either in finished products or in teaching others the skill. This gift involves any art or craft or skill, from painting to pottery, to woodwork or weaving, computer skills or photography—any art or craft that can be used to the glory of God. **Exodus 28:3-4, Jeremiah 18:1-6, Exodus 35:35**

Discernment—The Holy Spirit enables some of us to discover the will of God. To exercise the gift of discernment is to distinguish between truth and error, to identify whether something is of God. This gift involves wisdom and prayerfulness. **Proverbs 17:24, Hosea 14:8-9, Acts 5:3-6**

Evangelization—The Holy Spirit enables individuals to share the Gospel with others in such a way that they come to know God. To exercise the gift of evangelism is to share one's faith within and beyond the parish. This gift involves an unabashed willingness to share the Good News and one's personal faith journey. **Acts 8:26-40, II Timothy 4:5**

Encouragement—Empowered by the Holy Spirit, some persons are called to stand beside other people who are in need and bring comfort, counsel and encouragement so they feel helped. To exercise the gift of encouragement is to call forth the best from others. This gift involves helping others to be more dedicated in living out their faith, bolstering them up when they are discouraged or downhearted and challenging them to see the goals to which God calls them. **Acts 11:23-24, Acts 14:21-22**

Faith—The Holy Spirit provides individuals with extraordinary confidence in God's promises, power, and presence so that they can take heroic stands for the future of God's work in the church and faith community. This gift involves a healthy prayer life, sensitivity to the will of God and a firm trust that God will come through, even when there is no concrete evidence. **Hebrews 11**

Generosity—The Holy Spirit enables people to offer energies, abilities and material resources for the work of the church with exceptional willingness, cheerfulness and generosity. To exercise the gift of giving one operates out of a spirit of selflessness, requiring no recognition or reward for their giving. This gift involves offering one's time, talent and treasure. **2 Corinthians 8: 1-5, Matthew 6: 1-4**

Healing—The Holy Spirit leads some individuals to aid in restoring people who are sick. To exercise the gift of healing is to pray not necessarily for a cure but for God's help for the sufferer, that something of good may come out of the distress. This gift involves a healthy prayer life, confidence in God's power to provide courage in suffering, and wellness of spirit regardless of the condition of the body or mind. **James 5: 13-16, Luke 9: 1-2 , II Kings 5: 1-3, 9-14**

Hospitality—A concern for the comfort of others may be a manifestation of the gift of hospitality. This gift involves having a knack for making people at ease, enjoying being in the presence of strangers and a welcoming spirit. **Hebrews 13:1-2, Genesis 18:1-8**

Intercession—Evidences of the gift of intercession would be having the mindset for being instantly in prayer for a person or situation, having confidence that God acts in response to our prayers, being patient and persistent in prayer even when change is not evident and having a continuing sense of responsibility to pray for people and situations. **1 Thessalonians 3:10-13, 1 Timothy 2:1-2**

Knowledge—To exercise the gift of knowledge, one enjoys learning, probably from childhood and on into adulthood. This gift may include knowledge of facts and relationships, of scripture and of the tradition of the church and knowledge of the ways of sharing this learning gracefully. **Ephesians 3: 14-19, Hosea 6:6**

Mercy—The Holy Spirit provides individuals with exceptional empathy and compassion for those who are weak or suffering so that they can devote large amounts of time and energy to alleviate these conditions. To exercise the gift of mercy is to relate to others in kindness and compassion. This gift involves continual readiness to forgive those who have erred, comfort the bereaved, help those who face a crisis, minister to the sick, become a peacemaker or offer assistance to those in need. **Luke 10:30-37, Micah 6:8**

Mission—To exercise the gift of mission is to faithfully and mutually share what one has learned about God. This gift involves a willingness to be with and share with people of different heritage, customs, economic background, experience, or manner of speaking, as much a willingness to listen as to speak and an awareness that God loves all people. **1 Corinthians 9: 19-23, Mark 16: 15-20**

Musicianship—The Holy Spirit enables some to praise God through various forms of music and enhance the worship experience of the parish community. To exercise the gift of music may involve some skill in singing or in playing an instrument but may also include the ability to select appropriate music for a worship service or parish event or program. **1 Corinthians 14:26, Psalm 98: 1, 4-6, Psalm 150:3-6**

Servant Leadership—The gift of servant leadership allows individuals to assume responsibility for the leadership and guidance of a group within the church. It includes leading, facilitating, counseling and providing a pastoral presence for various parish programs. **1 Peter 5: 1-11**

Trust—The Holy Spirit empowers some individuals to accomplish much toward achieving God's will in our church and community. In some versions of Scripture this gift is called the working of miracles. This gift involves a firm and faithful relationship with God, courage in the face of adversity and a willingness to trust in the power of God. **John 14:11-14, Micah 3:8, Acts 1:8, 2 Timothy 1:5-7**

Prophet—The Holy Spirit empowers some individuals to interpret and apply God's revelation in a given situation. This gift involves a keen sense of the dignity of all people, a sense of call, a sense of timing and some knowledge of Scripture and church teachings. **1 Corinthians 14:1-5, 1 Corinthians 14:30-33a, 1 Corinthians 14:37-40**

Service—To exercise the gift of service is to identify closely with the needs and problems of others, not providing answers or solutions, but being willing to work with them, no matter how small or how big the task may be. This gift involves a willingness to "pitch in" and do whatever is needed, no matter how detailed or tedious the task. **Galatians 6:1-2, Philippians 2:3-8**

Teacher—The Holy Spirit enables some individuals to communicate so that others can learn. To exercise the gift of teaching one effectively imparts information or proclaims precepts of our Catholic faith either orally, visually or by example. **Hebrews 5:12-14, Isaiah 28:9-10**

Communication—The Holy Spirit enables some of us to communicate or to understand in forms or communication beyond the ordinary. To exercise the gift of communication be familiar with or understand a foreign language or anything (such as ASL, Braille, art, music and more) other than our own native language. **Acts 2:5-11, Psalm 104:2b-35**

Wisdom—Some individuals have an understanding of God's will and work as it relates to the living of life. To exercise the gift of wisdom is to help others to discover the wisdom they have within them. This gift involves knowledge of God and of Scripture, discernment of God's will, and skill in analyzing the problems and dilemmas of life. **Sirach 1:14-19, James 3:13-17, Ecclesiastes 9:13-18**



Servant-Leadership Program Agreement

Youth Applicant: By signing below, I agree to all of the following:

- That I will continue to grow as a disciple of Christ through consistent prayer, Mass attendance, and frequent attendance at Life Nights
- That I will continue to learn and live out the teachings of the Church to the best of my ability
- That I will commit to making as many meetings as possible and notify the Youth Ministry Coordinator of any foreseeable absences
- That I will strive to use my gifts virtuously for the benefit of others to bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit
- That I will enter into this program with an open heart to learn the depths of discipleship, helping my fellow servant-leaders and youth in their journey as a young Catholic
- That I will respect the guidance of the youth ministry coordinator, who will respect my voice as a young Catholic at St. Anthony

Parent/Guardian of Youth Applicant: By signing below, I agree to all of the following:

- That my contact information will be the main form of communication and will be placed into a Flock Note Group for the St. Anthony Servant-Leadership Program for Youth.
 - o If an email is provided for my youth, I will always be copied in accordance with Diocesan Safe Environment Guidelines
- That I will continue to assist my youth in their journey as a Catholic through consistent prayer and Mass attendance, thereby growing in my own discipleship
- That I will communicate any foreseeable absences to meetings with the Youth Ministry Coordinator
- That I will foster the virtuous use of my youth's gifts on a regular basis
- That I understand that as my child grows, their faith becomes their own responsibility with guidance by me, their parent/guardian.

Youth Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

For Office:

Youth Ministry Coordinator Signature

Date Received

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