

Ministry Description

Title: Art & Environment team (A&E)

Servant Leader: Director of Liturgy

Description: The purpose of this ministry is threefold: 1) to help people participate at Mass; 2) to help people draw closer to God and 3) to help them develop a sense of awe in God's presence. These purposes are accomplished through the use of beauty, color, fabrics, florals, decorative arts, symbolism, and more.

Specific Tasks: Art & Environment ministers work predominantly in the background, though their efforts are extensive. Some manual labor is involved. You need to know the location of all storage areas used for your ministry as well as the layout of the entire church. Plans should be made well in advance of each liturgical season and tasks apportioned among the team.

Skills or Attributes Required: Anyone attending mass at St. Gall is welcome to join the A&E team, including younger parish members and those who may not yet be parish members. Art & Environment ministers need the gifts of cooperation, imagination, dependability, and the ability to commit to this sometimes time-consuming ministry. Willingness to welcome others into this ministry is crucial. A willingness to study church documents on liturgy is desired. Knowledge of design is a plus

Time Required: Weekly Saturday morning work sessions to do cleaning chores and décor setup (approx 2 hours per week). (Not all members are able to attend every single week.) For special feasts and seasons additional &/or longer work sessions are generally required. Periodic Update sessions are offered, including a 2 ½ hour annual Ministries Day.

Training: Mostly on the job training. Resources provided. Also a 2 ½ hour annual ministry-wide formation session.

Benefits (How does it fulfill the parish mission): Work on the A&E team leads both team members and the parish to a deeper appreciation and awe of God's many beautiful gifts. Awareness of the rich church liturgical heritage increases through this ministry work. Personal spiritual growth comes from applying the Gospel to our everyday life.