



St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

2023-24

Ministries Booklet

*welcoming everybody to invite, connect, equip, and send*



## 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same God; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*

Every Sunday at St. Augustine's, we welcome everybody to share from the gifts God has given us. This bread and wine is nourishment for the journey of discipleship we walk together. We are a community that seeks to discern, both individually and together, how God invites, connects, equips and sends us out to be the Body of Christ in the world.

The passage above, from Paul's letter to the church at Corinth, reminds us that we all have gifts to offer. And it takes each one of us, sharing those gifts that God has given us, to live most fully as the Church God calls us to be.

What are your gifts? How is God calling you to offer them to the church and to the world?

Please take a look through the many ministries of St. Augustine's, and be open to the way God may be calling you to participate and to lead.

Is there something you wish for, but don't see? Perhaps you are being called to start a new ministry at St. A's!

## Invite:

*We invite people into the midst of the Church, which is the Body of Christ.*

**Ushers and Greeters:** Ushers are often the first people to welcome visitors and newcomers to St. A's. They open doors, offer bulletins, take the collection, and attend to people's needs during worship.

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**Hospitality Committee:** We have opportunities for parishioners to host fellowship gatherings throughout the year, from major celebrations to small social hours.

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**Buildings and Grounds:** The buildings and grounds team maintains church properties, keeping them hospitable and inviting to all.

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**Newcomer Committee:** This ministry serves to welcome, integrate, involve, and celebrate new members at St. A's.

Contact:

Carol Telling - [cibtelling@att.net](mailto:cbtelling@att.net)

# Connect:

*We connect with God and one another.*

**Altar Guild:** Members of the Altar Guild work in teams to prepare the linens, vestments, and vessels that we use in worship.

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Edie Stewart – [edie\\_stewart@icloud.com](mailto:edie_stewart@icloud.com)

**Assisting Ministers:** Assisting Ministers lead the procession, assist at the altar, and help with the distribution of communion.

Contact: Mary Senn – [marysenn@gmail.com](mailto:marysenn@gmail.com)

**Choir:** St. Augustine's Liturgical Choir leads and supports congregational singing. The choir gathers during the program year to rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 and Sunday mornings at 8:30.

Contact: Martin Kehe – [music@staschurch.org](mailto:music@staschurch.org)



**Home Communion Visitors:** These trained volunteers bring communion to share with parishioners who are unable to worship with us in person.

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**Good Samaritans:** Good Samaritans help care for parishioners in temporary need. They offer meals and other practical support.

Contact: Julia Joehl – [jujoehl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jujoehl@sbcglobal.net)



**Acolytes:** Youth acolytes assist in worship by carrying the gospel book or the candles. They help lead the procession and assist at the altar.

Contact:

Mary Senn – [marysenn@gmail.com](mailto:marysenn@gmail.com)

**Lectors and Leaders of the Prayers:** Lectors and Leaders proclaim God's word by reading lessons from the Bible and the Prayers of the People during worship.

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**Prayer Shawl Guild:** Parishioners gather to knit or crochet shawls to be blessed and given as an expression of comfort and love.

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Sue Nebel – [s-hnebel@comcast.net](mailto:s-hnebel@comcast.net)

**Funeral Receptions:** We offer to organize and host receptions to support family and friends after a loved one's death.

Contact:

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**Hybrid Worship Technology Team:**

Responsible for providing a livestreamed and hybrid indoor Sunday morning service, allowing those who cannot gather with us in person to be part of the worshipping community.

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# Equip:

*We equip ourselves as disciples.*

*Christian faith is not a destination we arrive at, but rather, a road we walk together.*

-The Rev. Nadia Stefko

St. Augustine's offers opportunities for all ages to learn and grow their faith within community:

- through study, questioning and reflection
- participation in liturgical and spiritual practices
- discernment on how to integrate faith through action into daily life

**Children's Formation:** From September to May, children ages 3 - 6th grade are invited to attend Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. worship service, leaving after *The Opening Prayer* and returning during *The Passing of the Peace*. We worship, share, learn, reflect and play together in order to nurture a relationship with God and one another. The curriculum is flexible and provides for diverse experiences to meet the evolving needs of our children.

Children also have the opportunity to participate in seasonal events, such as the Back-to-School Backpack Blessing and the annual Christmas pageant, and they can serve as worship leaders throughout the year.

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Becky Wright – [becky.wright@staschurch.org](mailto:becky.wright@staschurch.org)

**Youth Formation:** Our youth are encouraged to participate in service projects, social activities, faith-based discussions, and worship leadership throughout the year.

*Liturgical Ministries:* Grades 4 and above may serve as acolytes, as lectors, or on our hybrid worship tech team during the Sunday worship service (see previous page).

*Confirmation:* Grades 7 and above are invited to participate in our Confirmation program. In coordination with St. Luke's, St. Mark's and St. Matthew's Episcopal churches in Evanston, youth gather to explore, to question, and to



grow in faith. Our next session will be offered in 2024-2025.

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**Adult Formation:** St. A's offers a variety of opportunities for adults to learn and deepen their faith: study/discussion groups, guest speakers, seasonal programs, and preparation for Confirmation.

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Juli Bergerud – [jl.bergerud@gmail.com](mailto:jl.bergerud@gmail.com)

**Inquirer's Class:** Opportunities to learn more about the Episcopal Church, its history, structure, and worship. Offered occasionally as warranted by interest.

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## **Inter-generational Formation:**

St. A's offers monthly inter-generational events to deepen our faith and community life as we learn with and from one another: service

projects, advent wreath making, our annual Christmas pageant, pizza and game nights, alternative worship services--all ages are welcome and encouraged to participate.

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Becky Wright – [becky.wright@staschurch.org](mailto:becky.wright@staschurch.org)



**Education for Ministry (EfM):** EfM, or Education for Ministry, is a study and reflection group for lay people who want to learn more about the Christian faith and how to shape their faith into action.

Contact:

Mark Farrell – [mhf60076@icloud.com](mailto:mhf60076@icloud.com)

**Endowment Committee:** Participants in the Endowment Committee work to ensure the sound investment of St. Augustine's resources in an endowment that promotes the mission of this parish.

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**Finance Team:** This group prepares St. A's budget, audit, and works with the vestry, wardens and rector to ensure financial transparency.

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**Columbarium:** We are blessed with a beautiful burial space outside the church. Please contact the rector with questions, to donate to the columbarium fund, or to make your end-of-life wishes known.

Contact:

Nadia Stefko – [nadia.stefko@staschurch.org](mailto:nadia.stefko@staschurch.org)

**Stewardship:** The goal of the stewardship ministry is to celebrate and maintain a ministry of financial giving within St. Augustine's to ensure our thriving community of outreach and fellowship.

Contact:

Juli Bergerud – [jl.bergerud@gmail.com](mailto:jl.bergerud@gmail.com)



# Send:

*We ask God to send us out in love and service to the world.*

**Monthly Food Collection:** Every month, we deliver non-perishable food to local area pantries serving hungry people.

Contact:

Linda Laatsch – [llaatsch@gmail.com](mailto:llaatsch@gmail.com)

**A Just Harvest Soup Kitchen:** This kitchen, located in Rogers Park, provides hot meals to people in need every day of the year. Volunteers from St. Augustine's are welcome to serve at the A Just Harvest kitchen on the fourth Monday of every month. Duties are serving in the food line, assembling paper items, serving tables, cleaning up and socializing.

Contact:

Mary Whiteley – [towsswim@comcast.net](mailto:towsswim@comcast.net)

**Family Promise:** In partnership with Family Promise, we offer shelter three weeks each year to families who are temporarily homeless.

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Julia Joehl – [jujoehl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jujoehl@sbcglobal.net)



**Outreach Grants:** Every year the Christian Outreach Commission distributes a portion of church funds in grants to local groups serving those in need.

Contact:

Linda Laatsch – [llaatsch@gmail.com](mailto:llaatsch@gmail.com)



**Christmas Baskets:** Through the annual Episcopal Charities' ReVive Christmas Basket Program, we help brighten Christmas celebrations for people in need.

Contact:

Hilary Kennedy – [kennedy3317@aol.com](mailto:kennedy3317@aol.com)

**Episcopal Diocese of Chicago:** We support the mission of the Diocese through our own common mission share, our pledged gift to the Diocese from the gifts that have been pledged to St. Augustine's.

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## *Pastoral*

### **Help during sickness or a personal challenge:**

Nadia Stefko or Sue Nebel

### **Meals or rides or other practical support:**

Good Samaritan on call: check the bulletin or Parish Life Connections e-news; or call the office (847-251-6922)

## *Communications*

### **Articles in weekly e-news and bulletin, adding/removing someone from the prayer list:**

Theresa Kimball

### **When and where is that church event?**

Try checking the church calendar linked on our website:  
<https://2327270.view-events.com/calendar/2327270/>

## *Administration & Building*

### **Reserving a space at church:**

Theresa Kimball

### **Special dates (birthdays & anniversaries):**

update in our directory at onrealm.com;  
or contact Theresa Kimball

### **Pledge Payments:**

Check your giving records by logging into onrealm.org;  
or email Athina Sato



# Leadership:



## **Vestry and Wardens:**

The Vestry and Wardens of St. Augustine's, together with the Rector, provide leadership and oversight of the church's mission and ministry. Members of the Vestry are elected at the Annual Meeting in January or by appointment if there are vacancies throughout the year. Each member serves a three-year term. Wardens serve as leaders of the Vestry. They serve staggered, two-year terms.

## **Current Vestry, 2023**

### *Co-Wardens:*

Carolyn Eby - [c\\_eby@sbcglobal.net](mailto:c_eby@sbcglobal.net)

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