

Ministries of St. Simon of Cyrene

September, 2023

- i. **Spiritual Life – Angela Wilson & Rémy Spearman**
- ii. **Evangelization Commission – Mark Henderson & Mia Cornelius**
- iii. **Education Commission – Laquita Porter & Stacey Jasper**
- iv. **Parish Leadership – Carolyn Shumpert & Michael Williams**
- v. **Human Concerns Commission – Stella Palmer & Jan Peters**
- vi. **Parish Life – Michael Williams & Keynin Seabrook**
- vii. **Social Justice – Tanya Ball & Portia Parker**

+ LITURGICAL MINISTRIES +

Greeter – Welcomes everyone to church, assuring all have a weekly Bulletin and Worship Aid, assists with special needs of congregation members, connects with visitors, sharing information on the parish with them.

Contact: Keynin Seabrook kbahati@comcast.net
Jacqueline Veasey jacquelineveasey1@gmail.com

Commentator – Invites congregation to reverently participate in the Mass, leads Prayers of the Faithful, reads announcements.

Contact: Deacon Shumpert, gshumpert56@gmail.com, 773-637-6208

Lectors – Prepares and proclaims the sacred Word of God, honoring the 2000+ year legacy of preserving and proclaiming the Sacred Scriptures with freshness and relevancy

Contacts: 9:00 Mass Gloria Seabrook gloriaseabrook48@yahoo.com
11:00 Mass Marvin McCurry mmccurry@archchicago.org

Eucharistic Minister – Reverently offers the Body of Christ to the gathered body of Christ.

Contact: Gloria Seabrook 312-343-8648

Adrienne Curtis Adrienne_Curtis@yahoo.com
Jewel Austin jaustin04149@gmail.com

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Offered every Sunday (except 4th Sunday) as opportunity to hear and reflect on the Word of God at the children's age level.
Contact: Julie Richardson jrichardson.0903@gmail.com

Servers – Assist the priest and deacon at the altar.
Contact: Fr. Larry, Fr. Thad, Deacon Pouncy or Deacon Shumpert.

Choir – Offers the gift of their voices in prayerfully preparing and leading the congregation in participating in the praise and thanks to God expressed through the prayer of sacred song. Weekly choir rehearsals (Tuesdays), lead hymns at weekly Sunday Masses; sing for funerals as requested; attend outings to sharing parishes.
Contact: Mary Anderson, marylou144@yahoo.com, 773-682-7699.
Become a member by showing up on Tuesday or see Dennis Smith, bddsmith@msn.com, 708-243-5836

Cantor – Offers their talent in prayerful song, leading the congregational response to the Psalm between the First and Second Readings.
Contact: Dennis Smith, bddsmith@msn.com, 708-243-5836

Liturgical Movement – Prepares liturgical praise dance for special celebrations in this ancient and special form of praise and prayer.
Contact: Gricelda Chandler graphics@frackle.com.

Sacristan – Prepares all the necessary setup to celebrate Mass.
Contact: Jackie Ingram jmjingram@gmail.com
Liz Becnel 708-831-6167

Environment & Art – Creates an environment inside and outside the church to draw the congregation more deeply into the sacredness of each liturgical season. **Contact: Jackie Ingram** jmjingram@gmail.com
Alesia Nelson alesianelson@aol.com

Care Minister to the Sick & Homebound – Acts as ambassador from the Sunday assembly to bring fellowship and Communion to the sick and homebound who are unable to attend Mass on Sunday. Requires certification classes.
Contact: StA Vicki Tillman vickie.tillman54@gmail.com
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+ Bereavement

The Bereavement Ministry assists the family with the planning of the funeral mass and respast and provides resource recommendations to families. Follow-up is also provided for those grieving the loss of a loved one.

Liz Becnal 708-831-6167

Stacey Jasper sjasper27@gmail.com

Gloria Seabrook gloriaseabrook48@yahoo.com

+ FAITH LIFE/FORMATION +

Religious Education – Religion teacher and teacher’s assistant to children learning about faith and God in their lives. Also prepares youth for sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion (2nd Grade and older) and Confirmation (7th & 8th Grades and older).

Contact: Mr. Marvin McCurry mmccurry@archchicago.org,

Richard and Remy Taylor Spearman taylor.remys@gmail.com.

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Youth Center – Offers Pre-K through 8th Grade after school program Monday through Friday, as well as all day summer camp. Programs include tutoring, life skills, drumming, choir, dance and drama. Volunteers are needed in each curriculum area.

Contact: Mr. Chuy de Leon, Executive Director, jdeleon@bsyc.org, jdeleon@archchicago.org. Also need Board members, (7 members a year) and helpers for fund raising and grant writing.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – Education and formation for adults (18 and over) to be baptized or confirmed in the Catholic Church. Volunteer presenters needed on different topics.

Contact: Fr Larry, denispadre@aol.com, 773-522-3050

Deacon Shumpert, gshumpert56@gmail.com

SMdeP Marvin McCurry mmccurry@archchicago.org

Sacramental Prep – Baptism – Meets with parents and sponsors who are having a child baptized in the Church; conduct Baptismal Prep for parents and godparents.

Contact: Deacon Shumpert gshumpert56@gmail.com

Deacon Pouncy wpouncy@archchicago.org

Sacramental Prep – Marriage – Meets with couples to go through Marriage Inventory process required to be married in the Church. Time commitment: training and two-three couples to work with each year for two meetings each. **Contact: Fr Larry,** denispadre@aol.com, 773-522-3050

Fr. Thadeo, tmgimba@archchicago.org 773-287-0206

Prayer Partners/ Ministry of Praise – Connect on a regular basis to meet in prayer, reflect and share on the Scriptures. Goal is to deepen the faith life of parishioners. Pray daily for the general needs of the parish and any special needs. Volunteer to be a pray-er.

Contact: Cynthia Boone, 630-209-9238, Mattie Dillard, 773-638-4523, or Jacqueline Gray, 773-722-0996

+ SOCIAL OUTREACH +

“We Miss You” Ministry – Reaching out to those who are ill, homebound, or we have missed seeing at church. We call and/or send cards to those who have been away, as well as birthday and holiday cards to those confined at home or in a hospital/nursing home.

Contact: StA Gloria Seabrook, 312-343-8648; Cynthia Boone, 630-209-9238; Margaret Porter Oliver, 773-768-1704.

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ALSO, you can fill out a “We Miss You” card at the back table and give it to any of these ladies, or drop it in the offering basket.

Food Pantry – Provides food for needy area families,
Tuesday at St. Agatha 9:30 – 11:30

Contact: Ms. Refoncia McGowan, 773-522-3050 x 220;

Wednesday and Thursday at St. Martin de Porres, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Contact: Deacon Pouncy wpouncy@archchicago.org

Knights of Peter Claver

Mission is to render service to God and the Church, render aid and assistance to the sick and disabled, and promote social and intellectual association among our members.

Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Peter Claver
Stella Palmer stellalete@yahoo.com

The Learning Center – Located at 2153 S. Millard Avenue, the Center provides free tutoring for area residents seeking their GED high school equivalency, or learn English as a second language (ESL). Need tutors, help with fund raising.

Contact: Executive Director: Angie Brady (773) 277-3111

2153 S. Millard Avenue Chicago 60623 thelearningcenter@tlcchicago.org

Dreambuilders Community Dinner – Free dinners and fellowship for church members, families and community members held at St. Agatha every other Monday from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Contact: Jack Jackson jack@chicagodreambuilders.org

Holistic Health Ministry – Spiritual, Emotional, Physical Health – Assists in promoting programs for physical and mental health education for the parish and community. Volunteers needed for committee.

Contact: Jack Jackson (773) 766 – 5403 jack@chicagodreambuilders.org

Jackie Ingram, 773-456-3982 jmjingram@gmail.com

Janice Henry (773) 879-6182

Need to reestablish: West Side Catholic Domestic Violence Outreach – Education, advocacy and support for awareness and support of victims. **Call 773-522-3050 for more info.**

+ SOCIAL ACTION +

Faith in Action Committee – Plans social action and engagement in St. Agatha community in community organizing in affiliation with the Community Renewal Society and other organizations needing support. Meets second Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

Contact: Gloria Seabrook, gloriaseabrook48@yahoo.com, 312-343-8648

Jacqueline Veasey jacquelineveasey1@gmail.com

Dreambuilders, LLC – Nonprofit encompassing all mutual empowerment externally funded programs: News School, M.U.S.I.C., Inc. Restorative Justice outreach, Parenting Classes and Parent-to-Parent Supports, Street and Jail Outreach, Mentoring Youth and Families, Financial Literacy, Ministry to Returning Citizens.

Circle Keepers/Restorative Justice – Assist with restorative Peace Circles and Talking Circles with youth and parents. Formal training required.

Contact: Derek Brown 773-310-1743 derek.brown76@yahoo.com

Jack Jackson jack@chicagodreambuilders.org

Parent-to-Parent Parent Support and Engagement

“From Stressed to Blessed” Parent Enrichment, Communication, Conflict Resolution

Contact: Heather Johnson Brown, heatherhj23@yahoo.com

+ SOCIAL/SPIRITUAL LIFE/OUTREACH +

Evangelization Ministry – Deepening the faith, commitment and the natural desire to share the power of faith in Jesus Christ with others and the importance of a supportive and mutually empowering faith community

Contact: Fr. Thadeo Mgimba tmgimba@archchicago.org

Hospitality/ Relationship Building Committee – Plans and conducts events that bring parishioners together socially to build strong relationships within the overall parish and extend welcome and engagement to our surrounding communities.

Contact: Diane Levy dianetlevy@gmail.com

Golden Age Group – Social/Educational Group for Seniors (Age 60+). Meet 3rd Monday at St. Agatha Church Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Ms. Catherine Jones (773) 379-2582

Women’s Group - Plan social events, faith enrichment specific to women. Assist with community events, outreach, where needed.

Contact: Cynthia Boone

Men’s Group – Plan social events, faith enrichment specific to men. Assist with community events, outreach, where needed. Every man of the parish is considered a member.

Contact: Charlie Casper

Knights of St. Peter Claver – Builds fellowship among members , supports parish events and outreach.

Contact:

Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St. Peter Claver – Gathers in mutual support of the Knights of Peter Claver. Supports various outreach efforts, financial support of parish and coordination of monthly community dinners,

Contact:

To be developed... Youth Ministry – Supports faith life and development of teens through social activity, prayer activity and volunteer projects benefiting the parish and neighborhood. **Contact:**

Young Adult Ministry – Group meets for social, spiritual and outreach activities monthly.

Contact: Stacey Jasper jasper.stacey@yahoo.com

Mia Cornelius miajcornelius@gmail.com

Poetry & Drama Club – Group of all ages preparing and performing works of poetry and drama on occasion for parish and community. Meets 1st and 3rd Sundays after 10:30 Mass for 45 minutes.

Contact: Mrs. Teresa Blomquist, tfblomquist@hotmail.com, (708) 488-9769

+ OTHER ESSENTIAL MINISTRIES +

Parish Pastoral Council – Advises the pastor on matters regarding the life and ministry of the parish, helps set a vision for the parish. Meetings held monthly on 4th Wednesday. Representatives of each parish group are expected to attend. **Contact:**

Council Chair: Keynin Seabrook kbahati@comcast.net

Secretary: Remy Spearman taylor.remys@gmail.com

Parish Finance Committee – Advises the pastor and business manager on matters involving the income and expenses of the parish in order to ensure good stewardship of the monies contributed by parishioners. Pastor appoints and approves members of the Finance Committee.

Finance Committee

Co-Chairs:

Caroline Morris clpmorris05@gmail.com

Philippe Beauzile pbeauzile@aol.com

Count Team – Serves as one of four teams that rotates throughout the month to ensure proper counting of the weekly offering, approved by the pastor and Finance Committee.

**Contact: Cynthia Smith, Operations Director cdsmith@archchicago.org
(773) 522-3050 x 223**

Internal Building Maintenance Assistance – Assists with upkeep of the buildings belonging to the parish.

**Contact: Cynthia Smith, Business Manager, cdsmith@archchicago.org
773-522-3050 x 223**

Landscaping/Outside Maintenance – Assists with upkeep and landscaping of building exteriors.

Contact: Cynthia Smith, Business Manager, cdsmith@archchicago.org, 773-522-3050 x 223

Parish Fund Raising – Assists in fund raising for the parish

Contact: Philippe Beauzile (Pheauzile@aol.com)

Lavetta Beauzile (starfirstmortgage@yahoo.com) 708-404-2011

Diane Levy dianetlevy@gmail.com

Grady Anderson Guild

Contact: Julie Richardson Juliearichardson@comcast.net

Grant Writing – Assists in writing grants for programs that support the outreach mission of the parish.

Contact: Cristine Pope cristinepope@yahoo.com

St. Simon of Cyrene Travel & Entertainment Committee

Contact: Joyce Riley riley_joyce@hotmail.com

+ TIME/TALENT/TREASURE +