

Campus Ministry and Service Newsletter

St. Teresa's Academy

September 2017

Save the Date

9/6 - Senior Mass

9/6 - Stars for Life Info Meeting

9/13 - Junior Mass

9/14 - Parent Daughter Mass

7:10 am in Chapel

All are welcome!

9/14 - Service Project
Information for Juniors

Presented at class meeting

9/20 - Sophomore Mass

9/27 - Freshman Mass

9/28 - Junior Service Fair

Periods 1-4 in Commons

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Welcome back to STA!

I hope that you had a great summer! My name is Ms. Essner and I'm the new Campus Minister. I am so excited to be here!

Faith and spirituality have always been a passion of mine - all the way back to my days at Incarnate Word, an all-girls high school in St. Louis. I was also super involved in Campus Ministry as a student at Rockhurst University and then followed my heart to serve as a Jesuit Volunteer in Nicaragua for two years.

Over the last 10 years, I've had a variety of work experiences from working in college admissions to teaching in an urban high school to working for a fast-paced startup. The common denominator? Pursuit of the greater good. I'm very much looking forward to sharing these experiences and lessons learned with students here at STA.

What I love about Campus Ministry is that it invites students to explore their spirituality through prayer, community and service - there is something for everyone! Here are some of the opportunities I'm excited to share with the girls:

- ★ Weekly grade level Masses
- ★ Monthly parent/daughter Masses
- ★ Weekly shared prayer in the Campus Ministry office
- ★ Community service opportunities at every grade level
- ★ Domestic spring break and summer service trips
- ★ CSJ Camp for students at the CSJ motherhouse in St. Louis
- ★ Grade level retreats
- ★ Retreat leadership opportunities
- ★ Kairos retreats for juniors and seniors
- ★ Peer Ministry formation
- ★ Praise Band
- ★ Stars for Life

No matter where a student is in her spiritual journey, I hope to make Campus Ministry a place for girls have deeper conversations about spirituality and discover how it can be an anchor in their lives.

I know there's a lot to keep track of so I'll be sending out a newsletter every month to keep you updated. Feel free to reach out and see how you can get involved: aessner@stteresasacademy.org or 816-501-0011 ext 233. I'd love to hear from you!

I look forward to getting to know you and being a part of St. Teresa's faith family.

All the best,

Andrea Essner

Director of Ministry and Service



Sharing the State of the Heart

every Monday
Activity 1 (11AM)
Campus Ministry (M210)



Join us every Monday to spend a few minutes reflecting on our lives!
This is an opportunity for students to slow down their busy schedules and come share about the highs and lows of life. The non-judgmental environment gives students a safe space to share how God is working in their lives and support one another. Don't want to commit to the whole semester? Simply come when you can! You are welcome to bring your lunch.

2018 Mission Trips

Stay tuned in our next newsletter for an update on locations and times of our 2018 Spring Break and summer mission trips.

"The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace."

~ Mother Teresa



Stars for Life

Interested in learning more about what a Star for Life stands for? Stars for Life is a student-led group that supports loving, respectful, educational, and prayerful discussions on life issues within the STA community.

Want to learn more?

Join us for a Stars for Life Party on Wednesday 9/6 during Activity 1 & 2 in M210

Community Service

Presidential Service Award

All students are welcome to apply for this award in the spring. Students are encouraged to start working on their hours now if they plan to apply. For more information click [HERE](#).

Junior/Senior Service

- ★ **Juniors** will be introduced to STA's graduation requirement for volunteer service at their Sept 14 Class Meeting. Project details can be found [HERE](#).
- ★ **Juniors** will attend the Service Agency Fair on Sept 28. This is a great way for students to meet agency representatives and learn about the volunteer opportunities that await.
- ★ **Seniors** should be finished with Phase 2 hours, giving them a total of 60 hours. Senior privileges begin Sept 1 for students who have completed Phases 1 & 2.

Praise Band

"Sing and make music from your heart"

~ Ephesians 5:19



Praise Band leads the STA Community in song at Masses and prayer services. Students of all musical abilities (vocal or instrumental) and faith backgrounds are welcome to join. Enthusiasm and love for music are the only requirements.

When: Mondays Act 2

Where: Chapel

Lunch? Praise Band members eat during Act 1 in the choir room



Community Service Opportunities



Kansas City Irish Fest

In our Children's Area, we entertained 25,000 children in 2016, and are expecting an increase in that number for 2017. We rely on all volunteers to make this happen. We have a rich program for our children, and are indebted to our student volunteers who share their community service hours with us, and actually enable us to offer so many fun and entertaining projects for the children.

You can sign up directly at [Kansas City Irish Fest | Sept. 1-3, 2017 | Crown Center](#).



Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

The DAR is hosting a tea fundraiser on Saturday, September 30th to raise money for the Veterans Community Project. We are looking for volunteers from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. (shifts available). If interested please contact Alecia Evans at [816-808-2298](tel:816-808-2298).



Jerusalem Farm

There are many projects around the Farm we could use help with. This includes: gardening, composting, food processing/preservation, cleaning, yard work, construction on the new house.

If you are available any day Tuesday - Saturday between 9am-5pm to assist with these projects, please email us at volunteer@jerusalemfarm.org. If you join us for the full day, lunch will be provided.



STEAM Studio

STEAM Studio is located within the Kansas City architectural office of Gould Evans. The non-traditional, loft-style learning environment is an "anti-classroom" that helps kids unleash their creativity. It doesn't "feel like school!"

If you're interested in helping STEAM Studio set up their space and coordinate schedules, please e-mail steamstudiokc@gmail.com.

Parkville Women's Clinic @ Vintage Market Days

Parkville Women's Clinic is looking for volunteers to help staff Vintage Market Days Friday, September 29 - Sunday, October 1. Jobs include event registration and ticketing.

All volunteers will be able to shop Vintage Market Days before or after their shift for FREE! If interested, you can sign up [here](#).



If you would like to post a service opportunity or nominate someone for volunteer of the month, email information to aessner@stteresasacademy.org