

How will you serve?

Take a look at the many areas of ministry listed below, and select those in which you are interested. Don't see a focus area you think we should embrace? Let us know that, as well. Please complete the form and place it in the offering plate, mail it to the office, or e-mail your responses to fatherethan1@gmail.com.

Lead Participate

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Serving at the altar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading Sunday lessons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher/greeter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Altar guild/sacristy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual practices (eg. Rosary, meditation, Bible study) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir/Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Threshold Choir |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Flowers/Liturgical arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's formation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult formation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality/Coffee Hour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach/Evangelism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Fellowship events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Social media/Communications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Boy Scouts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Kung Fu |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Building maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Service on vestry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising/Finances |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish administration/Clerical |

The area I'm most excited about:

Other areas of interest at St. Helena's:

You are a member of our community, our family. If you are thankful for St. Helena's, please be as generous as you can, and offer your time, gifts, and financial resources to help us build a wonderful future for the parish.

Your contribution matters!

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

My pledge for the 2018 operating budget is:

TIME

_____ hours

By the week / month / year

(please circle one)

TALENT: My ministries for this year will be

TREASURE:

\$ _____

By the week / month / year

(please circle one)



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"How Can I Serve?"



"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

1 Peter 4:10

We at St. Helena's have just entered a new chapter in our history, full of hope, excitement, and challenges. In a small parish like ours, the contributions of every person make a big difference in our success, and so it's more important than ever that all of us do what we can. We must all dedicate our time, talents, and financial resources to support our current ministries and help us to grow and thrive. We must all ask, "how can I serve?"

At the heart of stewardship is gratitude. If you feel that St. Helena's has been a blessing in your life, I hope that you will be lavish in both your gratitude and generosity, and invest in our future together.

Abundant blessings,
Fr. Ethan+ and the Vestry

Time

**"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."
Ecclesiastes 3:1**

Few of us seem to have enough time. We also know that time is an investment we make in St. Helena's, one that pays spiritual dividends for years to come. Recognizing that some of us have more to spare than others, we ask you to consider how you can best use the hours you can give. Perhaps you have time to clean the church on Saturday afternoon. Maybe you have the time to distribute leaflets about the church in the surrounding neighborhoods. Perhaps you love gardening, or posting on social media, or polishing silver. No matter how much or how little time you have, there are creative ways for you to be involved. Time is a vital gift to offer God, and a vital tool for parish growth.



Talent

**"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord."
1 Corinthians 12: 4-5**

We each arrive at St. Helena's with diverse backgrounds, interests, and passions—and these gifts enrich and enliven our church. Some have a gift for welcoming visitors, while others have a background in accounting or fundraising. Some sing like angels, while others are hard workers who mow the lawn, repair the building, or print service bulletins. The truth is that a church cannot thrive if it relies only on the gifts of a few people. We need each other. During our recent Celebration of New Ministry, it was inspiring to see all the members of the parish working together, using their unique gifts by welcoming visitors, reading the lessons, cooking, cleaning, organizing, singing, decorating the church, and countless other important tasks. It was a vision of the Kingdom of God at work.



Treasure

"He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.'" Luke 21:1-4

We recognize that we've all been blessed differently when it comes to money. Some can write a big check every week, while others have more limited finances. Whatever your financial circumstances, we hope that you will choose to be generous. A pledge is a sign of commitment, that a person cares and that he or she has a stake in the parish's well-being. If you can afford a large financial, pledge, you can ensure that St. Helena's has a priest, musicians, electricity, and a Website. But even a small pledge makes a bold statement about your personal investment in the financial health of St. Helena's.

