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*Our Parish Newsletter:
Spreading the news of Christ at work in our community.*

All Saints Youth Ministry Ensures the Vital Life of the Church in the Here and Now

When All Saints Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry Paul Bianchi first began his career in youth ministry, he would often hear people say, “Youth are the future of the Church.” Only 18 years old at the time and a young person himself, the phrase always struck Paul as being a bit misguided.

“I always thought that verbiage was a bit weird, thinking to myself, ‘Well, wait, I’m part of the Church *now*,’” Paul says. “And I think that’s the point where we’ve gotten to in youth ministry nowadays — it’s all about helping youth realize that they are a vital part of the Church now, providing them with opportunities to serve and be a part of parish life.”

Director of Junior High Youth Ministry and Faith Formation Chelsea Colomb adds that this newer philosophy really enables the youth of our community to feel like they belong within the parish. In turn, this makes them more willing to share their own unique gifts with the Church.

“We want our young people growing and seeing from an early age that they have gifts to share with the Church,” Chelsea says. “It helps them feel like they belong and builds an overall greater sense of community amongst our young people.”

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Youth enjoy time together at one of All Saints’ annual high school retreats.



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All Saints Youth Ministry

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Working to facilitate this process as much as possible, All Saints is blessed to offer parish youth a wide variety of ministry opportunities. For junior high youth, this includes a weekly Wednesday Bible Study called Ignite, occurring from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Upper Room. Always centered on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel, Ignite is designed to help youth apply the Scriptures to their own lives while also enjoying regular fellowship with their peers.

"We focus on how the Gospel is speaking to them personally, and then what it means for us collectively in our everyday lives," Chelsea says. "It's also just a time for fellowship for them."

All Saints Junior High Youth Ministry also offers Impact, a bimonthly large group gathering. Impact always takes place on a Friday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The meeting focuses on a designated theme and includes food, fellowship, prayer and fun.

"We'll gather for community and fun, just trying to allow them to come together outside of school," Chelsea says. "It's also a way to bring our parish and public school kids together, allowing them to form new friendships. We'll eat together, spend some time talking about the topic, pray, and then the evening wraps up."

Like the Junior High program, the High School Youth Ministry also offers a weekly Wednesday Bible Study for ninth through 12th-grade students. Teens usually begin gathering around 6:00 p.m. in the Upper Room, with the study formally taking place from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Also using

a lectionary-based approach, the study is designed to help youth better internalize the Sunday readings so that they may participate more fully in the Mass.

"We find that focusing on the upcoming Sunday's readings really helps the young people focus a little bit more on Sunday while sitting in the pews," Paul says. "It also gives them a little bit more information historically on the backstory of what is going on — helping them understand better the message that was being relayed to the people of that time and how we can apply that to our own lives today."

Additionally, high school youth may participate in Illuminate each Sunday following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Using the simple model of "gather, proclaim, break and send," these gatherings always include food, some form of witness or teaching, small-group discussions, and whole-group prayer.

These various Junior High and High School Youth Ministry programs are only possible, however, through the continued support of our parishioners. Whether it's joining the ministry's Core Team of adult volunteers, making financial contributions toward youth retreat scholarships, or serving "behind the scenes," there are so many ways for parents and adult parishioners to help support this ministry. This service, says Paul, goes a long way in both modeling Christianity to our youth and making them feel loved by the faith community.

"Every single person who reads this article should understand that they have a gift," Paul says. "There is always something you can share with our Youth Ministry. We have people who never want to be up front, so they work as part of the cooking team or man the sign-up table. We have people who help with audio-visual stuff, people who want to speak or come help lead prayer. One lady's gift is baking, and so she just drops off baked goods for us every week. There really is no excuse to not get involved, even if it's a one-time thing. And our teens appreciate it so much when people of the parish recognize that they are here and a part of All Saints."



One of the many blessings of youth ministry is it helps young people develop a sense of belonging here at the parish.

If you would like more information about All Saints Youth Ministry programs and how to get involved, please contact either Paul Bianchi at 972-778-0368 or Chelsea Colomb at 972-778-0330.



A Letter from Our Pastoral Administrator

Being Good Stewards of Our Personal Harvest

Dear Saints,

In the United States, October is the month that brings the completion of the harvest. Although many Americans live in urban areas and seldom ever see a farm, the foods we all eat — fruits and vegetables, meats, milk, and the grain for our bread — come from farms and ranches across America and around the world.

Some of us may feel completely detached from farm life and think that the harvest has little to do with us, but we are all connected with agriculture more closely than we realize. The success of the harvest affects the prices we pay — and if the harvest were to fail completely, there would soon be nothing available to put on our grocery shelves.

In the Old Testament world, most people were farmers, and the Israelites were to bring offerings to God from the harvest of their fields and flocks. The success of the harvest directly affected their wellbeing during the next year. At their agricultural festivals, “the measure of your own voluntary offering which you will give shall be in proportion to the blessing the Lord, your God, has given you” (Dt 16:10) they were told.



The same holds true for us. We may not have a harvest of fruits or grains, but we do receive a return for our own labor, whether it is in a factory, an office or a classroom. We are also invited by God to return a portion to Him for His glory and our own spiritual welfare, in proportion to the blessings we have received.

It’s ultimately a choice we make. Are we going to hoard everything we get, or are we going to give back to God a portion of what He gives us? When we give back to God, will we return just what’s left over after everything else is paid, or will our gifts have a higher priority? Are we, as stewards, going to return the first fruits, rather than the leftovers, to God? What choice will you make?

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Alfonse".

Fr. Alfonse Nazzaro
Pastoral Administrator





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Representatives of

All Saints Parish is fortunate to have a dedicated staff of talented lay people, religious, and ordained deacons who assist our clergy. They are here to assist in the management and support of our parish mission and vision. Following are representatives of our Parish Staff who interact with our parish family on a regular basis. A full listing of the parish staff can be found on our website at www.allsaintsdallas.org/staff.



Susan Holmes

General Manager

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Susan is originally from Reynoldsburg, Ohio, and began working at All Saints in 2005 after spending 15 years in the marketing department of Frito-Lay. She is responsible for management functions at All Saints not reserved to the Pastoral Administrator. These include all matters for the Church and School in the areas of operations, financial, human resources, communications, delivery of services, facilities and Safe Environment.



Barbara Hammond

Executive Assistant to the Pastoral Administrator

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Barbara hails from Detroit and worked for IBM for over 20 years. Her volunteer efforts with RCIA and Vision Food Share led to a position as Parish Secretary. After 12 years at All Saints, Barbara provides administrative support to the Pastoral Administrator and General Manager including coordination of Fr. Alfonse's calendar. She is also responsible for marriage preparation and records, CRHP coordination and support for yearlong stewardship efforts.



Deacon Michael Bolesta

Director of Pastoral Services and Liturgy

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Deacon Michael came to All Saints in 2013. In July 2019 he joined the full-time staff. Responsibilities are myriad — giving direction to parish liturgy and pastoral ministry; tackling projects given by our Pastoral Administrator; working with altar servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, greeters, Stephen leaders and ministers; helping families through dying and death, including funeral planning; teaching and providing spiritual direction in a variety of venues. He is part of the Pastoral Administrator's leadership team.



Shana Druffner

Principal, All Saints School

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Shana Druffner earned her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and her bachelor's in music performance from Rutgers University. She will be awarded her master's in educational leadership from Creighton University in May 2020. This is her second year at Principal of All Saints Catholic School. Shana has been a teacher at the school for 15 years and a parishioner of All Saints since 1981. Shana and her husband, David, have four daughters, all of whom are graduates of ASCS. She is looking forward to an amazing year at ASCS!



Gabriel Moreno

Director of Advancement and Mission

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Gabe joined All Saints Catholic Community in 2016 as Director of Advancement and Mission. His duties include communication between the church and school campuses, as well as school promotion and fundraising. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and has spent nine years in Catholic education. He is a parishioner of All Saints Catholic Community and lives in Richardson with his wife, Rebecca, and daughter, Siena.



Our Parish Staff



Mary Davis

Pastoral Administrative Assistant
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Mary registered with the parish in 1994. She joined the staff over 12 years ago after spending 20 years in the print and publishing industry.

As the Pastoral Administrative Assistant, her responsibilities include greeting visitors at the Pastoral Office, directing phone calls, and maintaining the prayer list, Mass Intentions Book and the Sacramental Registers. She continues to volunteer as the coordinator of the Altar Server program, as well as serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and lector.



Mary Marchand

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Mary is originally from Michigan. She and her late husband, Darryl, were founding members of the parish. Mary volunteered in the library,

worship office, faith formation, engaged sponsor program, Golden Saints, and was a member of Wednesday Morning Bible Study. She began working for All Saints in March 1995 as Parish Secretary. Mary currently posts and updates contributions/pledges and processes accounts payable, all monthly invoices and reimbursements. Mary started the Mary Widows for Christ which meets once a month for brunch and fellowship.



Elizabeth Horsley

Director of Safe Environment
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Elizabeth joined the All Saints staff in 2016 and is responsible for all matters related to the Safe Environment Program for both the church

and the school. She also maintains human resources files and works on related projects. Elizabeth earned her Bachelor of Arts from Baylor University and a Master of Library and Information Science from University of North Texas. She and her husband, Michael, were married in July of 2015 at All Saints. They both serve as catechists for the RE program.



Chris Diaz

Director of Communications and Webmaster
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Chris is a native New Yorker who made the move to Dallas as part of a work relocation. He became a member of the All Saints Community

in 2000 and joined the staff in 2006. Chris is responsible for support and administration of our church management database, ministry scheduling tool and parish website. He also oversees all branding, marketing and media publications for the parish including the bulletin, newsletter, monitor announcements, social media and print advertising, as well as the multimedia archives of parish and ministry activities.



Jordan Peek

Director of Music, Organist
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Jordan grew up in Dekalb, Texas, in a musically talented family with both parents involved in the Church Choir. He followed suit and his passion

for music led to music degrees from Baylor and the University of Texas at Austin. He joined our staff seven years ago and oversees all aspects of the Music Ministry at All Saints Church. He directs the St. Gregory Choir and provides music for the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass. In addition to weekend Masses, Jordan provides music for weddings, funerals, and other special services.



Kathy McDermott

Director of Religious Education
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Kathy was born in Michigan and found her way to Dallas after stops in Washington state, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Rhode Island,

Massachusetts, Houston, Virginia and New Mexico. Kathy has been with us for 16 years and now coordinates Faith Formation classes for youth ages 3 through fifth grade and adults, as well as sacrament preparation classes for Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. She supervises children and adult ministries, as well as RCIA and Parish Resource Library personnel.

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Paul Bianchi

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
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Paul has been serving in youth ministry for 20 years. This is his sixth year with us at All Saints. He was instrumental in starting the Dallas Catholic Youth Conference and continues to help in the development and programming of the event. He is directly responsible for our high school programs and activities which include weekly Bible Studies, ILLUMINATE nights, as well as retreats, mission trips, conferences and youth stewardship. He also oversees other programs in the youth and young adult ministries. Paul and his wife, Danielle, have four children.



Sr. Mary Paul Haase

RCIA Coordinator
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Sr. Mary Paul was born in New York but came to Texas at age 5. She considers herself a native. She has been at All Saints for eight years and coordinates all aspects of the RCIA process for adults and children, including welcoming, leading Inquiry, coordinating catechists and organizing the rites with the Liturgy Coordinator. She is a trained annulment advocate. She lives in the convent of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth in Grand Prairie.



Chelsea Colomb

Coordinator of Junior High Youth Ministry
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Chelsea is a native of Baton Rouge, La., and joined the All Saints Staff in February of 2018. She previously worked for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, and also has experience in ministry at other parishes. Chelsea coordinates all Junior High Youth Ministry programs at All Saints. This includes weekly IGNITE Bible studies, IMPACT events, retreats, lock-ins, Mission Possible, and service outings. She organizes the weekly Junior High faith formation during the school year and the eighth-grade Confirmation preparation program. Chelsea also coordinates the adult volunteers in support of these programs.



Maria Isabel Lopes Garcia

Parish Resource Librarian
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Maria Isabel is a native of Lisbon, Portugal, but an American citizen as well. She received her bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Brown University in 1969 and a master's degree in Library & Information Science from the University of North Texas in 1985. She has been a member of All Saints since its beginning in 1976. She has worn many "hats" as a parish community volunteer, but her priority commitment has been the founding and directing of the Library Ministry since 1978.



Sheila Dolmas

Kamel Life Center Coordinator
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Although she's been in Texas for 25 years, Sheila, ever hopeful for a white Christmas, still has her snow boots from Western New York. Sheila coordinates the Kamel Life Center Facilities and Resource Information Management & Organization (RIMO) team. She, along with the RIMO team, is responsible for use, availability, scheduling and revenue of the KLC facilities. She oversees and maintains the All Saints Catholic Community master calendar. Sheila also works with parishioners and organizations to help plan events and develop new ministries.



Gina Rauker

Development Coordinator
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Gina has been a parishioner of All Saints Catholic Community since 2012 and began working for the parish as Advancement Assistant for the Church and School in 2017. She is currently Development Coordinator. Her duties include development/fundraising and is responsible for creating and maintaining the photo gallery in the hallway between the narthex and the KLC atrium at the church and organizing special events. Gina is originally from Quebec, Canada and is fluent in French. She resides in Plano with her husband, Bob, and has two daughters, Mallory and Gabrielle. *continued on back cover*



All Saints Catholic School Celebrates Grand Opening of PreK3 to Eighth-Grade STEAM Innovation Lab

All Saints Catholic School (ASCS) celebrated the Grand Opening of their new Kent and Jodi Foster Innovation Lab and enhanced STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) Curriculum. In attendance were leaders from Catholic schools, including Bishop Lynch, Christ the King, Jesuit, John Paul II and St. Joseph's, in addition to representatives from the Catholic Diocese of Dallas and members of the ASCS community.

In her opening remarks in the chapel, School Principal Shana Druffner stated, "We wanted our students to take learning outside of the classroom and into the real world... a learning environment that the kids can acquire the 21st-century skills of coding, robotics, graphic design... in a state-of-the-art facility, where they can grow, learn and experiment."

After prayer, Fr. Alfonse Nazzaro, Pastoral Administrator, blessed the new lab — then he, Kent and Jodi Foster marked the occasion with a ceremonial ribbon cutting.

Student ambassadors quickly took to the various stations of the room, demonstrating to the guests the new computer programs that were being incorporated into their lessons and showing off some of the equipment that they would be using in their course, such as merge cubes, 3D printers, and Mbots.

The lab features state-of-the-art equipment and a designated Innovation Lab director who will guide the students in all age groups. With this heightened STEAM experience for students, even the 3-year-olds will attend two classes a week with lessons focused on coding, color theory, computer skills and introductions to the design process. As the students progress, the curriculum will incorporate graphic design, project management, robotics and 3D printing. Additionally, this space promotes extracurricular STEAM learning, with clubs and family programming to make this a community-wide initiative that promotes cross-curricular learning.

Fr. Alfonse commented, "That the STEAM lab that is in the center of our school, truly brings all disciplines together. It brings in the theology and the philosophy of the human person; it brings in science and mathematics; it brings in art; it brings everything."

All Saints Catholic School serves students in PreK 3 through eighth-grade and provides a faith-filled, nurturing environment coupled with a rigorous academic program. The small-classroom setting enables teachers to work closely with students to achieve excellence in faith, academics, service and character. All Saints is a two-time recipient of the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award, and graduates of All Saints are consistently ranked in the top of their high school class.



ASCS students show attendees some of the equipment that they would be using in their courses in the innovation lab.



(From left) Director of Advancement and Mission Gabriel Moreno, School Principal Shana Druffner, Kent and Jodi Foster, and Pastoral Administrator Fr. Alfonse are flanked by ASCS Ambassadors following the ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Jodi Foster, Kent Foster and Fr. Alfonse explore one of the merge cubes in the lab.



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TALKING TO KIDS ABOUT CYBERBULLYING

No matter the online platform or how much or little kids or teens engage in social media, establishing an openness to talk about what they are doing online, who they are interacting with, and what sites and apps they are using is key to setting the tone for potentially more difficult conversations. It is OK to express support for their technology use and acknowledge the value in it for them. As we all know, technology is here to stay. Set age-appropriate limits and discuss expectations. Allow them to negotiate and collaborate on an agreement. By doing this, they will be more likely to take ownership of their behavior and you will have a more solid foundation upon which to hold them accountable. Let

them know that you, as their parents, reserve the right to look at their devices, if you feel there is a concern about their safety or if they demonstrate an inability to use technology safely. Connect expectations to your family values. Use language that reflects facts (something that was said or something you heard or observed), statements of consequence (certain actions are helpful or hurtful, effective or ineffective), or personal preferences (“I didn’t like seeing that”). Refrain from judgmental language (e.g., good/bad, stupid, nice, etc.). These kinds of evaluative words can heighten emotions and shut down open communication.

Please visit Stopbullying.gov to learn more.

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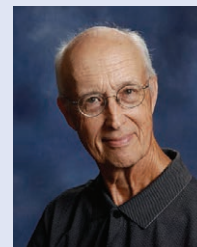
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Rachel is a Native Texan and has worked at All Saints for four years. She coordinates the nursery which serves parishioners for the 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses as well as certain special events. She is responsible for use, availability, scheduling and revenue for the nursery. She oversees and maintains the nursery facility and ensures the team provides a great first impression to our youngest parishioners.



Darrall Flowers
Facilities &
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The Baltimore native joined the All Saints staff 20 years ago after working for Emery Enterprises, a real estate company. He is responsible for the maintenance of all the facilities on the Meadowcreek Campus and helps prepare for special liturgies, funerals and other events.



Dan Eckelkamp
Special Projects
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Dan was born in Wichita Falls, Texas, and spent 25 years in the telecommunications industry. He has been at All Saints for 19 years, where he is currently responsible for special projects, the phone system and facility improvements, as assigned by the General Manager.

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Weekend Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 p.m. | Sunday, 7:15 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. | Teen Mass, 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Liturgy: Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. | Saturday, 9:00 a.m.