

St. Louis is looking for **More Than a Few Good Men and Women**

This week's parish bulletin has a diocesan announcement concerning a training session for new ministers to the sick. The date is Saturday Aug. 5, 2017 from 8:30 to 1:00 pm at The Catholic Center. We encourage all of you to prayerfully give this ministry your consideration as we reach out to all parishioners—homebound or in the hospital—to bring them the body of Christ during the times they are sick and unable to come to Mass. Specifically this will involve:

- A minister and homebound person, or two, in a one-on-one relationship for spiritual needs
- A minister to visit a hospitalized parishioner
- The visits not to be burdensome on either party. It should not take more than one hour per week including travel time. We anticipate only once a week visits.
- The minister to regularly liaise with the parish Deacon/Priest/lay minister in charge of the ministry updating the status of the parishioner
- We are updating the list of ministers. Each minister will be given a list of other ministers in order to be able to find a substitute during a week they may not be available.

For current ministers we will have a mandatory refresher course here at St. Louis. We will schedule an evening session, as well as a weekend morning session, for your convenience. These will be in August.

Many of us do not like hospitals. There are sick people there. This ministry is both a corporal and spiritual work of mercy. The compassion to do it is a true gift from God. One of its great joys is seeing a patient's eyes shine when a minister comes in to their room, prays with them and offers them the Body of Christ. Please pray over this and contact me if any questions.

God bless you and your families,
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