

St. Julian's Ministry Descriptions

Outreach: We have a thriving outreach ministry at St. Julian's whose call it is to love and serve our "neighbors near and far" (Mission Statement). That means identifying and serving God's beloved children beyond our walls. That involves things like working with our local Community Partner, Foundation Communities, helping plan our annual pilgrimages to Navajoland, participating in our advocacy work with Central Texas Interfaith, and identifying other areas that our congregation can serve and witness to God's love in the wider community. If you have a particular passion around justice, inclusion, and activism this might just be the spot for you!

Soul Care: This is the working title for what used to be known as Community of Hope. A certification in pastoral care will no longer be required to join the group. We are re-envisioning this ministry to include and emphasize caring, tangibly, for the members of our own community. In other words, this is the team that makes sure there is a meal train (casserole schedule) when someone is recovering from surgery, organizes baby showers for soon to be parents, and helps support our community during times of transition, grief, or crisis. If you are a natural caretaker and love making sure folks are fed, loved, and have what they need to weather and succeed this might just be the place for you!

Mission and Growth: The three buzzwords for this ministry are: **Invite**, **Welcome**, and **Connect**. This is the team that works to get the word out about the love of God in Christ shared and expressed at St. Julian's. Mission and Growth uses tools like social media, community events, radio ads, and good old fashioned word of mouth to **invite** our broader community to experience this special place and people called St. Julian's. This committee also makes sure that when newcomers enter our doors (or Zoom) they feel **welcome** and at home. Then, once newcomers begin to attend more regularly, this team makes sure to **connect** them with the St. Julian's community, ministry offerings that may be beneficial to them, and areas where they might be called to serve. This is also the team that is working to increase ways for us to grow in diversity and how we might become even more of a hospitable space for people of color, the LGBTQ community, and people of all abilities, etc. These are the kinds of folks who naturally look around and say, "who is missing from our shared life and how can we join with them?" I'd say if you have a passion for (scary word alert!!!) Evangelism and the inclusion of even more folks at St. Julian's, this might just be the spot for you!

Stewardship: This is the team that helps the clergy and staff organize and roll out our annual giving campaign, or in St. Julian's speak, the "Season of Giving Thanks." They work with Miles to encourage our community to give generously both financially and in terms of time and talent. The stewardship committee has also led such ministries as a "spiritual gift inventory" to help our community better discover our gifts and use them to serve God, neighbor, and the church. This is a group of encouragers who can help tell the story of why giving to St. Julian's matters, both as a spiritual discipline and the impact it has on the health of our community. If you are an encourager who readily sees the gifts in others and/or you know how to make numbers into compelling stories, this might be the place for you!

Adult Spiritual Formation: At St. Julian's we are uniquely privileged to have Dr. Tony Baker, (an actual professional theologian!) who leads and organizes our Adult Spiritual Formation program. The Adult Spiritual Formation Committee helps Tony create and implement plans for our Adult Education time on Sundays and other special events and offerings throughout the year. This is a team who likes to think and pray deeply about Spiritual Formation, who likes to reflect theologically, and wants to help our community develop greater "intimacy with Christ" by studying the Bible and theology and exploring spiritual disciplines! If you like bible studies, and talking theology, and hanging out with other theologians (that's what we all are when we talk and think about God), then this might just be the place for you!

Hospitality: The Hospitality Committee are perhaps the most fun of us all. They are our party planners in chief! This is the team that makes sure we have coffee and donuts every Sunday (truly important, sacramental work), provides the logistics and procurement for most of our parties, celebrations, and special events throughout the year, and supports other ministries in their event planning pursuits! If you love to throw parties, entertain, cook food, and have a heart for hospitality this might just be the place for you!

Congratulations! You made it to the end! **I'd love to chat** about any of these ministries that resonate with you. I'm grateful for the work that God is already doing and will continue to do through each of you!

Call, Text, and Email are all good ways to get in touch.

jonathan@stjuliansaustin.org

252-299-4070

Grace to you and Peace,
Jonathan+