

Many opportunities exist to volunteer in St Anthony Prison Ministries. Please see a brief description of the activities and the contact person for each.

\*Note the requirements for training at the bottom of this webpage. Additional training may be required for certain ministries as well.

### **Ministries at the Ferguson Unit in Midway, Texas:**

**1) Monday's 2:30 to 5:30 pm**

On 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, St Anthony helps the band members with practice and has informal fellowship time followed by a communion service at 5pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jerry at: [jstrzeciak@comcast.net](mailto:jstrzeciak@comcast.net)

**2) Monday's 12pm to 5:30 pm and Saturday afternoons 1:00pm - 2:00pm**

St Anthony serves communion and catechesis to men in highly isolated areas who rarely have visitors.

We are also seeking a build a new team for a bible study and bring live worship music to these men. If you are interested in participating in either of these, please contact Jerry at: [jstrzeciak@comcast.net](mailto:jstrzeciak@comcast.net)

**3) Monday's 6pm to 9pm**

St Anthony assists a local Deacon with RCIA classes. If you are interested in participating, please contact Steve Brown at: [sbrown4647@gmail.com](mailto:sbrown4647@gmail.com)

**4) Friday "Chosen" sessions from 5:30pm – 8:30 pm (Ferguson Chapel)**

On the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month, St Anthony serves men in the Unit with Praise and Worship music, fellowship, and episodes of "The Chosen" are played followed by small group discussion.

If you are interested, please reach out to Steve Brown at: [sbrown4647@gmail.com](mailto:sbrown4647@gmail.com)

**5) Saturday morning communion service 8:00 am – 10:00 am**

St Anthony serves communion to the Men In White twice per month on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays. If you are a trained EMHC or simply want to help out please contact Bill Bane: [williambane@gmail.com](mailto:williambane@gmail.com)

**6) Saturday morning Jeff Cavin's Course on the book of " Mathew" 10:00 am – 11:45 am**

The Bible Study series continues with the book of Mathew on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. Richard Olson and Gerald Villaver are leading a group of men through Matthew in the Bible Timeline Program inside the Ferguson. Knowledge of the book of Mathew and the TGA format would be helpful but is not necessary to sit in a small group. **If you are interested, please reach out immediately to:** Gerald Villaver at [gvillaver@gmail.com](mailto:gvillaver@gmail.com) or Richard Olson at [Richardinspore@gmail.com](mailto:Richardinspore@gmail.com)

### **St Daniel Prison Ministry:**

St Daniel's ministry is looking for volunteers to join a team to serve in our area. Within the boundaries of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston there are 26 State Prisons, 10 County Jails, One Federal institution, and countless county jails. At any given time here are 60,000-70,000 people in these facilities and 28% of the incarcerated men and women are Roman Catholic.

#### **How can you serve?**

Each visit requires a team of 3 people to serve together. **Couples are welcome** to serve together with another solo person. Each team will work with ministry leaders, Diann and Stan Ross, until trained and comfortable leading a class.

The current schedule is:

- 1) Monday night bible study/teaching DVDs 6:00-8:00pm with 30 men attending and**
- 2) 2nd/4th Saturdays are prayer and worship services.**

If you are interested in any of the St. Daniel ministries, please contact Stan Ross @ 281-757-0016 or Diann Ross @ 281-757-0006. Email (Stan): [Islandlover11@yahoo.com](mailto:Islandlover11@yahoo.com)

#### **Requirements:**

For participation in any of these ministries, you will need to **a)** seek to be approved as a volunteer from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) and **b)** once approved, be trained to volunteer by TDCJ c) obtain Safe Environment certification by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

**a)** Go here first to apply to be a Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) volunteer:  
<https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/divisions/rpd/volunteer.html>

**b)** Go here to be trained as a TDCJ volunteer (recertification every 2 years):  
[https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/php/prod/volunteer\\_training/](https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/php/prod/volunteer_training/)

**C)** Go here to be obtain Diocesan Safe Environment training (recertification every 5 years):  
<https://galvestonhouston.cmgconnect.org>