

DASH 2 PARISH MINISTRY PROJECT

One of the desired effects of Confirmation is to better connect the student to their parish community. This happens through Mass, small groups/class, youth group, and service opportunities at the parish. Since the DASH 3 students all have a unique large group project, it is now time for DASH 2 students to have a special project. The personality of this D2 group (2025-2026) is better known by Ms. Julie from teaching last year. It is noted that many of you are active/energetic and wanted to act things out in class (and were part of school plays). There are some great speakers and several of you sing. So, this year, I'm asking this special group to help us reinstate something parishioners loved prior to the pandemic: Living Stations.

What is Living Stations of the Cross?

In past decades (this went back a VERY long time), the high school students enacted Stations of the Cross in mime form (*wearing black with white face paint and doing slow, purposeful movements to freeze in*) while someone read parts of the script. Interspersed throughout the Stations were different songs to offer music and prayer. This is an incredibly powerful experience for those watching and those who are a part of it. Ms. Julie has led both Junior High and High School students in this type of Living Stations several times. It's a great way to: gift the parish your talents, be involved, help others pray, and more importantly, be moved in prayer yourself.

This year, we could choose to do the "mime stations" or gift the parish with something unique and powerful which is Living Stations (acted and with Scripture passages and reflections) which came from another parish. It has many roles, including the crowd (which means you don't have to speak or stand out!) Right now, I am leaning towards this version (and options are listed below) **but we will see what is best and change directions from who signs up.**

Readers without Costumes: Reader 1; Voice of Mary; Meditation/Prayer

Readers with Costumes:

Isaiah – 3 readings	Peter – 1 reading	Matthew – 2 readings
St. Paul – 1 reading	Martha – 1 reading	Mark – 1 reading

Main Costumed: Jesus, Guard 1, Guard 2, Mary, Pilate, Simon of Cyrene, Veronica, Group of Women, John, Joseph of Arimathea

Other costumed characters: Joseph, Young Mary, Simeon in the temple, the Crowd

Practice times will be created by those able to lead their area (music vs actors/readers). There will be a final dress rehearsal for everyone.

Currently planned DATES for readers/actors

January 23 & 30	5 - 6:30pm	Church
February 6, 13	5 - 6:30pm	Church
February 27?	6:30 – 8pm?	Church
March 6	5 - 6:30pm	Church
Tuesday, March 17	4 - 6pm	Dress Rehearsal

Living Stations takes place on Friday, March 20, 2026 @ 7 - 8pm

S1. Actors who read **S2.** Actors who do NOT read **S3.** Singer just for Stations

While the above opportunity has space for almost 30 students to be involved (just in the acting, not including singers), other options are needed

Youth Serving Youth

Y4. **RE Classroom aide** - 12 spots available (as of June 18th)

Y5. **VBS** – in July 2026 and at least 15 youth are needed

Mass Ministries

M6. **Altar Server** *Training held in November, expected to serve at least 10x*

M7. **Jr. High Choir** *Practice on Wednesday evenings, sing approx. 1x a month at a Mass*

M8. **Children's Liturgy of the Word Team member** *at the 11am Mass*

Assist adult leader who leads children (PK through grade 4) in hearing the Scripture readings in a child friendly way.

M9. **Lector** (Proclaim the readings at Mass) – *For **exceptional** speakers, **approval** and training required before this is possible and going on the parish schedule.*

**PLEASE go to [this Google FORM](#)
to indicate your child's TOP 3 choices.**

If for some reason your child signs up, but does not complete their ministry project, they will be required to complete approximately 12 service hours in the community (not family oriented.)