



COS LENTEN CAMPAIGN

Year 2024

Amare et Servire cum Laetitia

To Love and Serve with Joy



During Lent we usually have a fundraising campaign for an outside charity, as a token of our solidarity with those in need.

For our Lenten activity this year, besides prayer and fasting, we would like to focus on a “**COS Got Talent**” campaign. This idea was born out of the fact that many of our groups have been operating with the same volunteers for a long while, and need some extra new helping hands, new ideas, and fresh energy!

Our annual “Meet the Parish” Sunday in September brings us some new volunteers because they themselves come forward. However, there are many other new parishioners who do not sign up during the year, but who would like to help with certain tasks or events.

If our community wants to be sustainable for the future, then we need to invest in the internal maintenance of our own groups and events. Therefore, this year, we are launching this solidarity campaign for our own parish; not by raising funds, but by inviting talent from new volunteers to strengthen our parish activities.

When I think of groups like our Hospitality Team, Maintenance Team, Liturgical Ministries, Food Fair, Ushers, Communications, etc., I see lots of hard work being done by very dedicated volunteers for many years. Many of them would welcome extra support with their tasks.

During this Lent, we hope to invite parishioners to “apply” for available jobs in the parish, and during the 40 days of Lent we hope to recruit 40 new volunteers.

I wish you a blessed Lent and hope and pray that by Easter, our parish will gain new life and energy in our parish groups and activities.

- Fr. Sjaak de Boer

ALTAR SERVERS TEAM SUPPORT

- Two** volunteers needed for:
- ✓ Helping during the training period from September until December (Saturdays only).
 - ✓ Checking on Altar Servers in the morning and evening services in the sacristy depending on your availability.
 - ✓ Helping to organize and wash the Altar Servers' wardrobe (once a month).
 - ✓ Helping to organize the Annual Recognition Day on 1st November and arrange games etc. during the Summer Picnic and Christmas party.
 - ✓ Helping with preparing schedules for the Altar Servers.

COMMUNICATION TEAM

- Three** volunteers needed:
- ✓ Interviewers/writers for our COS Newsletter once every 3 months
 - ✓ Help to collaborate with the team to create content for the social media of our parish - Instagram, Facebook, etc.

COS LUNCHROOM

- Four** volunteers needed to:
- ✓ Lead and coordinate the lunchrooms throughout the RE school year with the coordinator determining how many lunchrooms will take place from as little as once a month to as many as 20.
 - ✓ Work with parishioners to develop themes for the lunchroom (i.e. Italian, Spanish, Indian etc.), to make and sell warm, easily consumed food, soups etc. after the morning mass.

Time needed for coordinating, accounting, staffing etc. is about 3 to 5 hours a week when there is a lunchroom.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Looking for **four** experienced (at least with some experience) flower arrangers to help make the floral arrangements for the COS Easter Masses.

Amount of time required:
10AM-3PM (roughly 4-5 hours)
on Saturday, 30 March 2024

PRAATCAFE

- Looking for **four** volunteers to help with:
- ✓ The set up of the atrium/COS loft to welcome our guests.
 - ✓ Prepare tea/coffee.
 - ✓ Support & guide the guests in a 1:2 /1:3 group setting (1 volunteer: 2/3 guests) with: conversational Dutch, reading, study/homework, preparing for interview, or depending on the need of the guests that come in.

Requirement: COS parishioners that speak/read/write Dutch B2/C1 level)

Amount of time required: max. 2 hrs per week (based on your availability - we set up a roster)

CHURCH LINEN

Two volunteers needed to take care of the church linens.

Laundering and ironing of purificators and towels used during Mass. The used linens are to be taken after Mass on Sunday, laundered, ironed, and returned the following Sunday. A few hours every other week.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Four leaders and assistants needed.

- ✓ Leaders prepare and teach the lessons to the children. They interact with the children and get their attention.
- ✓ Assistants help set up the atrium for the lesson and distribute the colouring pages and word searches. They also accompany the children from and back to church after the lesson.

Amount of time needed: 45 min on Sunday morning. Includes setting up, leading, and assisting as well as tidying up after the lesson.

We have a roster! Summer break is from 15/7 to 15/9.

CONFIRMATION TEAM

Two volunteers needed to:

- ✓ Help teenagers prepare for Confirmation
- ✓ Help organize and prepare meals during the Confirmation Retreat. Once a year, usually on a Saturday: lunch, dinner, snacks and on Sunday: breakfast.
- ✓ Give the candidates a short talk (about 15 min.) about your life as a Christian, share and testify your Christian faith.

SACRISTANS

Two sacristans needed for Sunday Evening mass 1x per month.

USHERS

Four ushers needed:

- ✓ To be in church 20 min before Mass (evening Mass)
- ✓ To greet people and point them to available seats, if needed.
- ✓ To do the Offertory collection.
- ✓ To help guide people for Communion.

Time required: approximately 2 Sundays per month.

ENGLISH CHAT CAFÉ

Learn to speak English with confidence! Schedule: Tuesday evenings 19:00-20:30 at Church of Our Savior.

The English Chat Cafe needs **two** volunteers:

- ✓ Teachers to practice Conversational English with members of the refugee community and parish members eager to improve their English skills.

No teaching experience required. All accents are welcome and both native and non-native speakers are also welcome.

RELIGIOUS ITEMS SHOP

Two volunteers needed to take care of the shop after Mass - a.m. and/or p.m. Approximately 30 minutes once or twice a month.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The RE program needs:

- ✓ **over 30 volunteers** to operate all its classes for children ages 5 to 12. We strive to put at least 2 teachers in every classroom, which helps with the managing of the classroom as well as accommodating teachers that need to travel for work or leisure on days when we have a scheduled RE class. We supply comprehensive leader guides for each grade that work in conjunction with the student's workbooks.

Amount of time required: 45-minute class time, about 20 classes in the school year.

VIDEO STREAMING TEAM

In need of **four** volunteers to:

- ✓ help with operating cameras and sound system for the Church and streaming system during the Sunday morning Masses and other big occasions.
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MAINTENANCE TEAM

IN-HOUSE TEAM

We need six volunteers to help with smaller tasks that require more immediate attention e.g.:

- ✓ Replacing lights with LED lights.
- ✓ Sorting the flooding issue in the building
- ✓ We are presently in the process of upgrading the Youth Group room.
- ✓ Twice a year on a Saturday we need help to do a big cleanup all around the church.
- ✓ We need someone who can help with maintenance admin/budgeting/quotes

GENERAL SAFETY & SECURITY

Two volunteers needed: Once a year we need help to:

- ✓ Arrange for regular inspections and maintenance of fire alarms and fire equipment.
- ✓ Arrange for regular inspection of A.E.D. equipment.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Four volunteers needed. Once a year we need help to:

- ✓ Put up and take down Church and Pastoral Centre Christmas decorations.
- ✓ Organize the storage of all the decorations.

EVENING CHOIR

Ten volunteers needed.

Vacancies on a weekly basis:

- ✓ Vocalists (tenors, basses, and altos) with some singing experience or a basic understanding of musical notation.
- ✓ Instrumentalists (any instruments of intermediate to advanced level of skill)

Vacancies on project basis (for special feast days or church events):

- ✓ Vocalists (male or female) who want to sing with the choir occasionally. Willing to take a simple audition.
- ✓ Instrumentalists: guitarists and other string instruments (violin/cello/bass), woodwind, (flute/ recorder/pennywhistle) and brass players (trumpet, trombone, and horn).
Percussionists: timpanists, drummers, or other percussionists.

RCIA

In need of one volunteer who can:

- ✓ Help the RCIA Coordinator with administration.
- ✓ Organize the course for adults entering the Church.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' HIGH TEA

One volunteer needed to set up a team and invite senior parishioners to this event once a year.

LECTORS

Two volunteers needed:

- ✓ To read at the evening Masses. Good command of English required and some public speaking experience. Duties include reading the Scripture readings along with the Prayers of the Faithful. Must be present 20 min before Mass. Roster schedule: once every 4 weeks.

Audition is required.

SOUP KITCHEN

Four volunteers needed to come and help at the Rotterdam Soup Kitchen on a semi-regular basis (twice per month on average).

Tasks include:

- ✓ Preparing the vegetables prior to the cooking by the sisters.
- ✓ Lifting and carrying some light and heavy boxes of fruits and vegetables.
- ✓ Anyone with access to a car, and willing to drive occasionally would also be very helpful.

Tuesdays from 9.30-12.30

PARISH CAR

One volunteer needed. Twice a year, we need help to take care of the parish car in terms of maintenance and taking it to the garage for APK and an annual check -up.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Five volunteers needed to:

- ✓ Organize Parish Dinner evenings according to nationalities - 1x every 2 months.
- ✓ Help organize the annual Gala Dance 1x per year
- ✓ Organize social gatherings after evening Mass. - 1x every 2 months.

NEWLY MARRIED NETWORK

Two volunteers to help with organizing and preparing meetings for newly married couples. 3x per year.

VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATION COORDINATOR

One volunteer needed to

- ✓ Organize a reception for volunteers once a year and set up a birthday calendar for recognition.

FOOD FAIR

Six volunteers needed to help with:

- ✓ General organization and execution of Summer Food Fair. 1x per year.
- ✓ Support for Food Fair Team

SHOPPING SUPPLIES

Two volunteers needed to help with the grocery supply shopping needs of COS social events and the pastoral centre 1x per month.

GARDEN AND CLEANING

Six volunteers needed to help with:

- ✓ Taking care of the church and parking lot garden e.g. plant trimming and weeding as needed 1x per year.
- ✓ Cleaning up the church tower and pastoral centre 1x per month.

WELCOME DESK

Four volunteers needed to:

- ✓ Welcome new parishioners to the Church.
- ✓ Be available for questions from parishioners.
- ✓ Assist with ticket sales for all Church events.

Time: 11.00 -11.15 or
18.30-18.45(after Mass)

PASTORAL COUNCIL SECRETARY

One volunteer to

- ✓ Assist the coordinator with notes and minutes.
- ✓ Help with the preparation of annual pastoral council social event and meetings.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

One volunteer to

- ✓ Help with contracts/rentals/insurance/etc.
- ✓ Liaise with the Parish Board Secretary

PARISH BOARD

Three vacancies open for:

- ✓ HR & Communications
- ✓ Social Events
- ✓ Secretary

General support of parish organization. Requires frequent contact with team and pastor.