

PRAYER GARDEN COMMITTEE

Leadership and Volunteer Gardeners Needed

The **Prayer Garden Committee** (approximately 20 volunteers) maintains the prayer garden flowers and plantings around the Church. The Committee volunteers do a Spring Clean-Up before planting the new flowers after the first of May. Committee members then maintain the flowers and planting areas over the Summer. After the first frost the volunteers do a Fall clean-up to prepare the planting areas for the Winter.

The Spring and Fall Clean-Ups and the Spring plantings are usually done on Saturday mornings. This involves approximately 2-3 hours of work on each of the days.

After the Spring planting through to the first frost, weekly maintenance is done by teams of two people. Weekly the teams pull weeds, dead head flowers, and remove litter in the planting areas. Team members work together to schedule when they do the work (it's flexible!), striving to perform the maintenance during the latter part of the week so the gardens look good for the weekend masses. Generally each two-person team does weekly maintenance 2-3 times during the summer and fall.

MAINTENANCE AREAS:

- Prayer Garden
- Planting on the north side of the Church—around the flag poles, in front of the St. Mark statue, and by the entry doors
- Plantings on the east side of the Church - between the sidewalks from Lee's Summit Road to the front doors of the church
- Plantings in the two concrete urns by the chapel doors and the one urn by the south entrance benches
- Plantings in front of the sign facing Lee's Summit Road
- Flower plantings at the entrance to the rectory
- Plantings in the area between the office and the sidewalk south of the prayer garden.

With the start of a new planting season we are looking for one or two people to serve as leaders of the Prayer Garden Committee. Pat and Larry Mlnarik are stepping down from leading the committee, but they left behind a good system in place for the new leadership. We are also looking for additional volunteers who love gardening to serve on one of our planting teams this year.

I want to thank both Pat and Larry for all of their dedication and hard work leading and working for the Prayer Garden Committee over the years!!!

If you are interested in learning more about leading the Prayer Garden Committee or being a gardening volunteer please contact Sharon Norman at snorman@stmarksparish.com or 816-285-8355.

