

**Welcoming Ashley McNichols as the new president of the SPC Women's Group -  
Come join her in leading and serving the women of the parish!**

We are thrilled to announce that Ashley McNichols will serve as the new president of the SPC Women's Group (The Apostolate of Women). Ashley and her husband Steve, a Chicago police officer, have been parishioners since 2023. They have two young children—a son who is a preschooler at SPC, and a daughter, who's excited to attend next year. As a working mother balancing a career in technology and active involvement in the school community, Ashley brings energy, empathy, and a love of movement—whether running, playing basketball, or lifting. A convert to Catholicism through RCIA, she's passionate about living out her faith in service to others. Ashley hopes to lead the Women's Group in fostering connection, welcoming women of all ages and backgrounds to grow in faith, friendship, and purpose.

Since 1941, the SPC Women's Group has been a vibrant part of our parish and community, helping us grow in our faith, establish lifelong friendships, and help those in need. Our mission is simple yet powerful: *to work together with our Pastor to make the kingdom of God come alive in our community.*

Our work is rooted in three key pillars - Spiritual, Service and Social - and carried out both through group-wide initiatives as well as small groups called guilds that operate independently yet under the umbrella of the Women's Group. They each have their own mission and focus; some have been around for decades and others were more recently formed.

Together is better! Ashley will need the help of fellow parish women to serve with her. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who want to get more involved, grow in their faith, and give back in a meaningful way. These roles only take a few hours each month, from September – May. The open roles are listed below.

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**Vice President:** The Vice President assists the President and serves in the President's absence (alternatively, there can be co-presidents).

**Communications Chair:** The Communications Chair keeps the minutes at all Women's Group meetings and is responsible for communicating important news and events to the general membership via the Women's Group e-newsletter, parish bulletins, parish Facebook posts, etc.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer is the custodian of all funds raised by the Women's Group. She deposits funds from members and makes disbursements and reimbursements per Women's Group guidelines. She records all receipts and expenditures and communicates balance sheets to the guild treasurers and the Women's Group Executive Board.

**Membership Chair:** The Membership Chair works with the parish to welcome new members to the Women's Group. She coordinates the annual membership registration and payment of dues, ensuring payments are received and recorded in coordination with the Treasurer. She keeps an up-to-date list of current members and shares all new and updated contact information with the Communications Chair.

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Some of the Women's Group initiatives that the Executive Board supports: Women's Retreat, Honor Guard, volunteer opportunities (such as Feed My Starving Children, Uncle Pete's Ministry and Our Lady of Angels), Parish Fish Fry (with the Knights of Columbus) St. Nick's Party, and Donut Sunday.

Whether you are new to the parish or have been involved for years, this is a unique chance to play a key role in shaping the future of a group that has brought faith, friendship, and service to life for generations.

Join us - there is a place for you. If you are interested or have questions, please email us at [aow.spc@gmail.com](mailto:aow.spc@gmail.com) or call/text us directly – we'd love to talk with you. Past co-presidents, Melissa Poindexter (312-804-3316) and Jessica Armour (312-543-5633) or our new president, Ashley McNichols (312-590-5514)