

# Stewardship: A Disciple's Response

## Ministry Spotlight:

### Art and Drama

Children benefit from the arts in innumerable ways. Whether drawing, painting, sculpting, singing, playing a musical instrument or performing on the stage, the arts help develop a child's self esteem and resilience. Through the arts, children can experiment with ideas and make important self discoveries.

Parishioners can support the arts at St. Sebastian School in several ways. They can donate money or much needed art supplies to the program. Paint, paper, brushes, wood pieces, fabric, buttons and any other craft materials will be put to good use.

"We would love to have artists and craftsmen of all types (i.e. quilters, painters, woodworkers, textile artists, calligraphers) come to share their skills with the children," said Katrina Stoneman, who has taught art at St. Sebastian for 10 years.

Adult volunteers are also needed to help with the school's annual play. Costume makers and set designers are always needed, but adults shouldn't feel as if they need an art, sewing or theater background to get involved. Anyone willing who enjoys being around children and the creative process is welcome.

Under Stoneman's direction, the school's Drama Club has staged such productions as "Fiddler on the Roof," "Annie," "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," and the Wizard of Oz" over the past 10 years. This spring's show has not yet been selected, but auditions and rehearsals will begin sometime in January.

"It's extremely rewarding to see how this experience changes children," Stoneman said. "I've seen painfully shy, reluctant children just blossom."

One of Stoneman's dreams is to launch a teen production as well. She would like to assemble a cast of St. Sebastian School alumni and Youth Ministry members to perform in a production, such as "Godspell."

If you would like to get involved in either the day school art program or the performing arts, contact Stoneman at 330-869-8705.

## Faith in Action:

### Katrina Stoneman

Katrina Stoneman was blessed with the gift of artistic talent, as well as the gift of how to bring out the artistic talent in children.

One of her greatest joys is introducing children to the world of live theater with the annual spring plays produced by the St. Sebastian Drama Club.

"It's exhausting work – very long hours, but I love it," she said. "Everyone working on the play becomes such a close-knit group – a family, really."

Katrina has learned all aspects of live theater production by volunteering at Weathervane Community Theatre and Hoban High School.

She takes pride in knowing that her young thespians will gain valuable skills, such as becoming confident public speakers. They also learn the importance of teamwork. A few of her performers have gone onto bigger and better things, such as appearing on Broadway and landing a record deal in Nashville.

#### Thoughts on Stewardship

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."  
Philippeans 4:6-7

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