

Ruth's Ministry (412)

Overview: To provide fellowship where widows come together to share their grief, their stories, and provide strength for each other.

St. Joseph Ministry

Overview: To assist with the care and maintenance of the church grounds and buildings. A time commitment of whatever you can share to keep our facility beautiful/operational.

Grounds/Building Maintenance (001): General upkeep and maintenance of the parish buildings and grounds.

Adopt-a-Garden (003): To help with the maintenance of the flowerbeds and shrubs. Help with the planting of Easter and seasonal flowers after they are removed from the Church.

Parish Clean-up Days (011): To participate in the seasonal clean-up of the church grounds. **This is a service opportunity for all 7th and 8th Grade Students.**

Snow Shoveling (018): To help with clearing the footpaths to the entrances of our buildings.

Tricky Tray Parish Support Fundraiser

Overview: To help plan, organize and set up for our annual Tricky Tray by donating prizes and materials, soliciting donations from businesses, wrapping, selling tickets, and promoting the event.

Vacation Bible School Team (319)

Overview: To help organize, set up, and help at our annual Vacation Bible School, held in July. We need many volunteers in areas such as Bible stories, games, crafts, snacks and music.

Welcome Ministry (702)

Overview: Welcome new parishioners, assist them to register in the parish and provide information on opportunities to serve and be served in our parish.

XYZ Club (Seniors) (407)

Overview: Opportunity for parish seniors to celebrate life through friendship and prayer. We meet the first Wednesday afternoon of the month at 1:00 PM from March to December.

Youth Ministry (730)

Overview: Open to **ALL** high school teens. Program meets September thru June.

Youth Music Ministry - Singer (111)

Overview: Lead and support the assembly in song prayer.

Youth Music Ministry - Instrumentalist (111A)

Overview: To provide music during our liturgies and times of meditation.

*I will guide you along
the best pathway for your life.*

*I will advise you
and watch over you.*

Psalm 32:8



**"When I stand before God at the end of my life,
I would hope that I would not have a single bit
of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything
you gave me.' "**
— ERMA BOMBECK

Stewardship Renewal Ministry Booklet 2020

Commitment Weekends

October 12-13, 2019
October 19-20, 2019

Commissioning

October 26-27, 2019



*Seek God's will in all you do, and
He will show you which path to take.*

Proverbs 3:6

For more detailed information, check the kiosk in the atrium with brochures on each individual ministry.

Additional Covenants (Pledge Cards) for Adults are located in the back of the Church.

Cards for the younger members of our parish are available through Religious Education.

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Adult Education Core Team (209)

Overview: Invites adult Catholics to deepen their relationship with God and the church in the world today through presentation and discussion experiences. Sessions are independently offered throughout the year, everyone is welcome!

Antioch Retreat Adult Team (308)

Overview: Adults working with post confirmation teens to plan retreats for Grades 9 & 10.

Antioch Retreat Team (309)

Overview: Post confirmation students who plan retreats for Grades 9 & 10, during a series of meetings and then facilitate the retreats.

Altar Linen Care (118)

Overview: Mission: To help with the washing and pressing the altar linens as well as clean altar cloths and vestments when needed.

Altar Servers (103)

Overview: Assist before, during, and after weekend and special liturgies. Grade 4 through High School. Time/Training: Mandatory training at the beginning of each ministry year is required.

Art and Environment (120)

Overview: To help decorate and maintain the church, sanctuary, atrium and gathering spaces throughout the year with appropriate seasonal displays.

Baptismal Preparation Team (410)

Overview: Help prepare parents for their role as teachers of faith as they look forward to the baptism of their child.

Baptismal Gifts (119 and 119A)

Overview: To welcome our newest family members with a commemorative certificate and bib.

Certificates: (119) To help with cutting boards/coloring or assembling certificates.

Bibs: (119A) To help with cutting, adding lace or edging or gluing a cross to the fronts of bibs.

Bible Study (206)

Overview: To gain a deeper knowledge of God's Word through the study of scripture in a small group environment. Meets once a week for 6-8 weeks, in the Spring and the Fall.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (112)

Overview: To share the weekly readings with our youngest members during the 10AM Mass. Readings are geared for children K thru Grade 3.

Circle of Friends (712)

Overview: A quilting and craft ministry where women can come together to relax, talk, and get away while working on individual craft projects.

Communication Ministry (601, 611, 709, 710)

Overview: To keep parish members informed of news and events through bulletin boards, newsletter and other media.

Confirmation Adult Core Team (310, 321)

Overview: Provide focus and education for Confirmation candidates (1st & 2nd year) through faith formation, service and discussions to allow the youth to better understand their faith.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group (205)

Overview: To pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and prepare for the annual observance of the Feast of the Divine Mercy on the Second Sunday of Easter. Daily after the 8:30 AM Mass.

Emmaus (Men's Group) (711)

Overview: Platform for men to come together for fun, service projects, and to tackle issues facing us as Christian men, husbands, and fathers.

Eucharistic Ministers (101)

Overview: To provide hospitality at the Lord's table. Eucharistic ministers share the Body and Blood of Jesus with fellow parishioners, at all our liturgies throughout the year. Ministers serve once or twice a month on a rotating schedule. Participants must be confirmed. Membership is through the counsel of the pastor.

Family Promise (812)

Overview: Volunteers to help with guests in our homeless shelter for people who find themselves temporarily displaced by providing meals, interacting with the families or spending an evening. We have guests two weeks a year.

Funeral Support Ministry (121)

Overview: To provide support for families attending funerals at St. Francis by greeting and assisting them as they arrive.

Health & Wellness (911)

Overview: To help with taking blood pressures on hospitality weekends and to help promote preventative health care for our parishioners. Nurses and health care professionals welcome!

Homebound & Nursing Home Ministry (903)

Overview: To bring Eucharist each week to individuals who are in nursing homes or homebound. This is worked out through a weekly schedule with others in this ministry.

Host Ministry (701)

Overview: To provide hospitality to parishioners and visitors by sponsoring monthly gathering after Mass (Bagel Sunday). Arrive early and stay late for one weekend Mass a month.

Lectors (102) Daily Mass Lectors (102A)

Overview: Proclaim the Word of God at liturgies and special services. Lectors are needed for daily Mass also. Time/Training: 1 or 2 Masses a month; attend an annual workshop each year.

Liturgy Committee (116)

Overview: To assist the pastor in coordinating themes and special related activities that take place before, during and after Mass as well as seasonal celebrations. Meetings are once a month.

Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry (803)

Overview: To package groceries for people coming to our food pantry for assistance. Food is given out from the Food Pantry on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Time/Training: A few hours a week stocking pantry.

Men's Retreat Core Team (207)

Overview: To plan and organize the yearly weekend retreat for the men of the parish.

Ministers of Hospitality — Usher (105)

Overview: To assist in helping maintain appropriate decorum during worship, seating members of the assembly, and assist in any way needed. Ushers help facilitate details for all liturgies. Participants must be confirmed. Proper attire is required. Please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to Mass.

Music Ministry—Cantor - Leader of Song (106)

Overview: Lead and support the assembly in song prayer.

Music Ministry—Adult Choir (107)

Overview: To sing at one Mass each week. Rehearsals are throughout the year. Choir meets 1/2 hour before Mass to prepare. Members should be Confirmed.

Music Ministry—Children's Choir (110Y)

Overview: To sing at Mass during the Advent/Christmas seasons and special celebrations, such as Family Advent Day. Rehearsals are Mondays from 4:15 to 6:00 PM.

Music Ministry - Librarian (109)

Overview: To help with the organization and filing of liturgical music for the choirs and music ministry in general.

Office Assistants (604, 605)

Overview: Help out with parish clerical work, answering phones, Mass cards, mailings, and copying.

Picnic Core Team (706)

Overview: Help plan, organize and set up our annual parish picnic.

Prayer Shawl Ministry (805)

Overview: Make shawls to support the sick of our parish and community. Time/Training: Tuesdays 9:30 AM; or make shawls on your own.

Office of Sacristan (117)

Overview: To help with the preparation of the altar and credence table for Eucharistic celebrations including daily Mass, Weddings, Funeral Masses and other special occasions.

Pre-Cana Core Team (402)

Overview: To plan and facilitate a one-day retreat for engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

R.C.I.A. Core Team(213)

Overview: To help prepare Catholic and non-Catholic adults for the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Religious Education (303, 308, 310, 311, 318)

Overview: To help support parents in sharing the Catholic faith to the children of the parish by assisting in our Religious Education program as a Teacher, Aide, Hall Monitor, Baby Sitter, Traffic Control or Office Coordinator. Our program runs from Sept. to April and follows the Vernon Twp school calendar. **Must be PGC Compliant.**

Rosary Makers (804)

Overview: Spread the message of Mary's prayer by making and distributing rosaries to the sick and missions. We meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 AM or you can make them at home after training.