

STEWARDSHIP 90 Days of Gratitude and Giving

Below are some brief descriptions of the Stewardship/Ministry opportunities¹ offered by the parishes.

ORGANIZATIONS

1. **Liturgy Team**—assists the pastor to schedule and plan regular and special liturgies (i.e. Eucharist, Reconciliation, etc.). Chairperson sits on the Pastoral Council.
 - a. Music subcommittee—assists with the planning of the music for parish liturgies.
 - b. Environment/decoration subcommittee—assists with the planning and application of decorations for our worship space.
2. **Parish Life Team**—assists the pastor with promoting a positive social and spiritual atmosphere within the parish and to the community at large. Chairperson sits on the Pastoral Council.
 - a. Welcoming Team—assists the pastor to welcome new members to our parish.
 - b. Social Concerns Team—assists to address and promote awareness of social needs in our parish, community, and world.
 - c. Stewardship Team—assists to promote good stewardship of the time and talents of our parish.
3. **Faith Formation Team**—assists the pastor and the Director of Religious Education to strengthen the faith formation we offer to our parishioners and community. Chairperson sits on the Pastoral Council.
 - a. K-12 Catechetical Team—assists the pastor and the Director of Religious Education to strengthen the faith formation we offer to our young parishioners in grades K-12.
 - b. Confirmation Team—assists the pastor and the Director of Religious Education to strengthen the faith formation we offer to our young parishioners preparing for Confirmation. Members must be confirmed Catholics.
 - c. RCIA Team—assists the pastor and the Director of Religious Education to prepare persons desiring to join the Roman Catholic Church. Members must be confirmed Catholics.
4. **Buildings & Grounds Team**—assists the pastor with the proper care and upkeep of our parish facilities. Chairperson sits on the Pastoral Council.
5. **Cemetery Team** – assists the pastor with the proper care and upkeep of our parish cemetery.
6. **Finance Council**—assists the pastor with maintaining proper fiscal care of the parish including assisting in collection campaigns and appeals. Chairperson sits on the Pastoral Council.
7. **Men's/Women's Club or Ladies Guild Officer candidate**—willing to run for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and/or Treasurer. One officer sits on the Pastoral Council. The Treasurer sits on the Finance Council.
8. **Knights of Columbus**—become a member of their fraternal service organization. Members must be in good standing with the Church.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES—training offered for all ministries.

1. **Altar Server**—assists the priest at the celebration of the Eucharist.
 - a. Adult—18 years +, male or female
 - b. Youth—in 5th grade +, male or female
2. **Cantor** (Song leader)—assists with the leading of the songs of praise.
3. **Choir**—assists with the leading our songs of praise at parish liturgies.
4. **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion***—assists the priest with the distribution of Holy Communion. Must be a confirmed Catholic in good standing with the Church, requires approval from the pastor, a mandate (special permission from the Bishop after requested by the pastor), training, and commissioning.
 - a. Saturdays/Sundays/Holy Days
 - b. Weekdays/Funerals
 - c. Communion Ministry to Homebound*—Additional training is required to be able to offer Holy Communion to those in nursing homes and those home bound.
5. **Gift Bearer**—presents the gifts of bread, wine, and financial contributions to the priest during the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass. Can be done as individuals, couples, or family.
6. **Greeter**—welcomes persons attending parish liturgies.
7. **Usher**—assists persons in finding seating if necessary, passes and collects the baskets for financial contributions, assists Gift Bearers with locating the gifts, hands out bulletins, straightens missals/etc. in pews after liturgies.
8. **Guitarist**—assists leading of singing with a stringed instrument.
9. **Organist/Pianist**—assists leading of singing with a keyboard instrument.
10. **Other musical instruments**—assists leading of singing with your favorite musical instrument.
11. **Reader of God's Word**—proclaims the Word of God at parish liturgies.
 - a. Adult—Saturdays/Sundays/Holy Days—confirmed Catholic, male or female
 - b. Adult—Weekdays/Funerals—confirmed Catholic, male or female
 - c. Youth—5th grade +, male or female
12. **Rosary Leader**—lead the rosary before the Mass
13. **Sacristan**—clean and help prepare sanctuary for weekend and weekday liturgies.

YOUTH

1. **Youth Ministry Team***—assists the pastor and Director of Religious Education with promoting parish programs for the youth of our parish—especially those in 7-12th grades. Requires completion of background check and Virtus training.

¹ NOT ALL OPPORTUNITIES ARE CURRENTLY OFFERED AT ALL PARISHES...PERHAPS IN THE FUTURE.

2. **Youth Ministry Leader***—serves as the leader of the Team. Requires completion of background check and Virtus training. Sits on the Pastoral Council.
3. **Youth Ministry Worker***—assists the Team at various planned Youth Ministry events. Requires completion of background check and Virtus training.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE

1. **Bereavement Committee**—assists the pastor in reaching out to parishioners who are suffering from the loss of a loved one due to death or divorce. [Training will be provided.]
2. **Funeral Lunches helper**—assists with providing lunches to families and friends who gather at the parish for a funeral
3. **Homebound/Hospital/Nursing Home visitor**—assists the pastor in visiting the sick of the parish in hospitals, nursing homes, and homes. [Training will be provided.]
4. **Prayer Chain**—joins the Prayer Chain to help pray for the needs of the community.

FAITH FORMATION

1. **Adult Education and Enrichment presenter**—assists the pastor and Director of Religious Education with providing faith formation opportunities to the adults of the parish.
2. **Bible Study Leader**—assists the pastor and Director of Religious Education with providing bible faith formation opportunities for the adults of the parish.
3. **Faith Formation Catechist***—assists the pastor and Director of Religious Education with providing faith formation for the youth of the parish. Requires completion of background check and Virtus training.
4. **Faith Formation Catechist substitute***—assists the pastor, the Director of Religious Education, and Catechists with providing faith formation for the youth of the parish when the regular Catechist is unable to be present. Requires completion of background check and Virtus training.
5. **Faith Formation volunteer***—assists the pastor and Director of Religious Education with providing other faith formation opportunities for the youth of the parish, including assisting with events and projects. May require completion of background check and Virtus training depending on the type of activity and involvement.
6. **R.C.I.A. (sponsor)**—assists the pastor and Director of Religious Education with providing faith formation for a specific candidate who wishes to join the Roman Catholic Church. Person must be confirmed and in good standing with the Catholic Church as one must be a godparent for baptism or sponsor for Confirmation.

OUTREACH/SOCIAL MINISTRY

1. **Emergency Help** (food, childcare, etc.)—assists with providing special needs. May work with the Social Concerns Team.
2. **Transportation** to church, doctor, etc.—if you have a car/truck/tractor/etc. and time to be a chauffeur to those unable to get to important places—now is your chance to help!

OCCUPATIONAL HELP

1. **Ground Maintenance**—assists the Buildings and Grounds Team with the care of parish facilities. Name your favorite desires (flowers, shrubs, lawn, snow removal, etc.) and help keep our parish facilities beautiful.
2. **Professional**—assists the Buildings and Grounds Team with the care of parish facilities that require some expertise beyond the do-it-yourself Saturday mechanic tinkerer. Name your favorite expertise (carpentry, plumbing, electrical, etc.) and help keep our parish facilities from falling into disrepair.
3. **Other**—assists the pastor, one or more Teams, committees, councils, or other persons with various needs. Name your favorite hobby or activity (sewing, indoor plant care, etc.) and help keep the parish a strong community.

OFFICE HELP

1. **Collection Counter**—assists with the counting of the collection. Training will be provided.
2. **Office Help/Parish Mailings**—assists the parish staff with various tasks including large mailings
3. **Promotion of Parish activities**—assists the parish staff and parish organizations with getting the good word out of what we are up to!

OTHER—Have we forgotten something you like to do—name your favorite gift you would like to offer the parish and be prepared for many happy returns!

*REQUIRES SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING, AND APPROVAL

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Peter 4:10)