



"LET US
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THANKS
TO THE
LORD
OUR GOD."

ST. PETER PARISH MINISTRY HANDBOOK

It is our hope that this St. Peter Parish Ministry Handbook will be of benefit to you. As you browse through the pages, please take some quiet time to reflect and pray on your call to be a "Disciple of Christ". As disciples, we are all called to live in grateful acknowledgment of the talents that God has given us by sharing these talents with one another and by returning them to God with increase. St. Peter, our patron saint, reminds us: "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10).

The St. Peter Parish Ministry Handbook is intended to be a resource for you and your family members who may be in need of our parish ministries as well as a resource for you and your family members for choosing a ministry in which you would like to serve.

There may be those in our parish community who think they have no special gifts or talents to share with others. Please remember that all that is needed is a genuine desire to serve God and His people. Our parish goal is 100% of the St. Peter parishioners actively participating in ministries. We invite you to become involved in the ministry life of our parish.

May God, the giver of all gifts and talents, grant us the spirit of generosity as we share our time, talent and treasure at St. Peter Parish.

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Consultative Ministries

Finance Committee: This consultative committee assists the pastor with the financial matters of St. Peter Parish by developing and overseeing the budget and the operational and capital needs of the parish. *Please note: Members are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry.*

Pastoral Council: The Pastoral Council is a consultative ministry to the pastor in parish matters. This consultative body provides recommendations for parish objectives in the areas of Worship, Word, Service, Materials Resource, Cooperation, and Vocations through the Catholic Life Parish Pastoral Plan. It also provides a means of communication between the church and school and among the various ministries. *Please note: The St. Peter Pastoral Council consists of six elected members, two appointed members and the Finance Committee Chair.* The Council meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

St. Peter School Board: In a spirit of service to the teaching mission of the Church and to the apostolate of the Catholic School, the members of the St. Peter Parish School Board commit themselves to sharing their gifts of time and talent with the Pastor and the school administration in helping establish sound religious, scholastic, fiscal, and disciplinary policies. There are nine members. At least two-thirds are elected. Non-elected members are appointed by the pastor in consultation with the board. There is one member of the parent's club appointed by the president of the parent's club as liaison with one vote. The Board meets on the second Thursday of each month.

Faith Formation Ministries

Adult Formation: The members of the St. Peter Parish Adult Formation Committee coordinate opportunities in the parish for adults to be formed in their Catholic faith. *Please note: Members are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry.*

Bible Study (Parish): The Parish Bible Study offers an in-depth study of the Word of God. Although emphasis is on Sacred Scripture, explorations are also made into the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the history of the church. The classes are open to teens and adults of all ages. *Please note: Dates of upcoming parish Bible studies may be found in the parish bulletin.*

Bible Study (Men): This Bible Study is geared to men who desire to grow in their knowledge of Scripture, the Catholic faith, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and related spiritual growth topics. The format is an informal "round-table" style Scripture review and discussion environment, facilitated by a layman who is selected by the Director of the Parish School of Religion (PSR). *Please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*

Bible Study (Women): This Bible Study is geared especially to women new to the faith or women who may feel their Catholic education is in need of updating. This ministry provides a framework for women to explore their faith and share their experiences in a receptive and loving atmosphere. Through the reading of the bible and relating its stories to their own life experiences, women are encouraged to explore how God has always acted in His world and continues to do so in their own lives. This ministry meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday morning of each month. *If interested in this ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (PSR): This is a method of religious formation offered for children that is rooted in the Bible, the Liturgy of the Church and presented through the educational principles, philosophy and methods of Maria Montessori. This ministry is available during the 9:30 AM and 11:30AM Masses. This ministry is for children ages three, four, five and six years old. *Subject to Archdiocesan safe environment guidelines, volunteers active in this ministry need to be registered parishioners of St. Peter Parish for at least six months. If you need more information, please call the Office of Religious Education at (985) 893-2446.*

K4J (PSR): This ministry is a Catholic educational organization focusing on the character formation of children incorporating parental involvement, entertaining mass media products and kids' club formation. This ministry is for girls and boys who are in first through fourth grade. *Subject to Archdiocesan safe environment guidelines, volunteers active in this ministry need to be registered parishioners of St. Peter Parish for at least six months. If interested call the Office of Religious Education at (985) 893-2446.*

Little Flower Girls Club (PSR): The goal of Little Flowers is to create an environment in which the Catholic faith and virtues are nurtured. Mothers and daughters share this time together by participating in crafts, songs, and fellowship as they work together to grow in virtues. This ministry is for girls five to ten years old. *Subject to Archdiocesan safe environment guidelines, volunteers active in this ministry need to be registered parishioners of St. Peter Parish for at least six months. This ministry takes registrations the first week of August.*

Liturgy of the Word for Children (PSR): This ministry provides children with a specially designed time and place to "soak in" the Gospel message on a level that they can understand. The children are sent forth with catechists during the 9:30 AM Mass. This ministry is for all children three, four, and five years old. *Subject to Archdiocesan safe environment guidelines, volunteers active in this ministry need to be registered parishioners of St. Peter Parish for at least six months. If interested call the Office of Religious Education at (985) 893-2446.*

Vacation Bible School (PSR): Vacation Bible School provides a week of summer-time catechesis in the Catholic faith using skits, games, and crafts to help the children learn more about Jesus and His Church. Vacation Bible School is for children in kindergarten through 4th grade. Students in grades 5th through 8th are invited to participate as captains. This is held during the month of June. Subject to Archdiocesan safe environment guidelines, volunteers active in this ministry need to be registered parishioners of St. Peter Parish for at least six months. If you need more information, please call the Office of Religious Education at (985) 893-2446.

St. Peter Catholic School: St. Peter Catholic School provides students with a challenging academic formation grounded in the spiritual and moral teachings of the Catholic Church. The philosophy of St. Peter Catholic School is as follows: We strive: 1. To provide a favorable environment where children have the opportunity to live a life of faith, hope, and charity – a life marked with love of God and neighbor. 2. To provide a strong academic foundation, not solely for the sake of gaining knowledge, but for the sake of using knowledge for the betterment of humanity. 3. To provide teachers and staff who excel professionally and imitate Christ in their personal lives. 4. To assure opportunities for students to develop an awareness of their individual God-given abilities and talents. 5. To involve parents in the educational process in line with their responsibility to nurture the development of their child physically, academically, morally, and spiritually. *Please note: If you would like to register your child or need further information, please call St. Peter School at (985) 892-1831 of if you would like to sign up to volunteer at the school, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet.*

St. Peter Home School: Members of the St. Peter Home School Association help those who are interested in or involved in home education. They support the growth of a Catholic Home School community within St. Peter Parish by providing service and support in the form of education, guidance, and activities. *Subject to Archdiocesan safe environment guidelines, volunteers active in this ministry need to be registered parishioners of St. Peter Parish for at least six months. If interested in this ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*

Stewardship Committee: The members of this committee promote through example and instruction, a spirituality of discipleship in our church community through the use of time, talent, and treasure. *Please note: Members are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry.*

“Give and it shall be given unto you.”

Luke 6:38

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers: Altar Servers assist the celebrant and the entire worshipping community during the celebration of the liturgy of the Mass, during special liturgies, and during the celebration of sacraments. All boys in 4th grade and/or nine years old and up are invited to serve in this ministry. Training is provided and essential. *Subject to Archdiocesan safe environment guidelines, volunteers active in this ministry must be registered members of St. Peter Parish for at least six months. If you are a parent with a son interested in serving in this ministry, please see the youth sign-up sheet in this handbook.*

Altar Society: The Altar Society furnishes liturgical necessities for St. Peter Church. This ministry provides Baptismal garments for infants, washes and irons the purificators used at Mass, furnishes the flowers for Our Blessed Mother when needed and donates financially whenever possible. *If interested in this ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*

Baptismal Hospitality: The members of this ministry create an atmosphere of welcome at the St. Peter Parish monthly community parish Baptisms. They welcome parents, godparents, family members, and visitors alike with a friendly smile and assist as needed. *Please note: Members are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry.*

Environment: The members of this ministry help to prepare and maintain the worship space to reflect the season being celebrated by providing and caring for the plants, flowers, and décor. The purpose is not to decorate but to create an atmosphere for worship that invites the community into prayer. *If interested in this ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet.*

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: The members of this ministry assist in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ. *Please note: members of this ministry are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry and must be trained and given delegation by the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Parish training is also required.*

Hospitality: Hospitality Ministers welcome parishioners and visitors alike at our Masses with a friendly smile, assist those in need, help with special liturgies and other events in church, distribute the parish bulletin at the end of Mass, and ensure that the church is left in order after the Masses. *If interested in this ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*

Lectors: The lectors of St. Peter Parish proclaim the Word of God at each and every Mass. Training is required. *Please note: Members are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry.*

Liturgy Committee: The members of the liturgy Committee meet monthly with the Pastor and clergy to assist with planning all details pertaining to upcoming liturgies at St. Peter Parish. Following the liturgies, evaluations are conducted. The committee also oversees the scheduling and training of liturgical ministers. *Please note: Members are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry.*

Music: The members of the Music Ministry of St. Peter Parish encourage the assembly in song and enhance the prayer life of the community through the beauty and joy of music. Parishioners are invited to participate in the Adult Choir, Gospel Choir, Schola Cantorum (Chant Choir), 9:30 AM Mass Contemporary Choir, Teen Choir, Children's Choir, and Cantor Program. Subject to Archdiocesan safe environment guidelines, volunteers active in the Teen and Children Choirs need to be registered parishioners of St. Peter Parish for at least six months. *If interested in the music ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook or call the Office of Music Ministry at (985) 893-2525.*

Ushers: The members of this ministry pick up the collections, seat people and assist as needed at the weekend Masses. *If interested in this ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*

Marriage and Family Life Ministries

Annulment Pastoral Care: This ministry provides pastoral care, guidance, and support as needed for those seeking a church annulment. It offers assistance in obtaining required documents, in filling out forms, and in writing the testimony. *Please note: Members are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry.*

Divorce Pastoral Care: This ministry extends a helping hand in charity to assist those carrying the cross of divorce. An hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament is offered in the Adoration Chapel from 7:00-8:00 PM each First Sunday of the month for marriages having difficulty. *Moving Ahead in God's Ways*, a series of talks that addresses the social, physical, emotional, financial, and spiritual changes that one may experience following a divorce is offered periodically in the parish. This series is followed by the DivorceCare DVD series. *If interested in this ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*

“Do not neglect good deeds and generosity.
God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.”

Hebrews 13:16

Familia: The members of Familia work to reveal God’s plan for families and marriage. The primary focus of this ministry is to equip mothers with the knowledge and tools they need to form their families in today’s world. Through reflection on the Gospel, catechesis, and study of a document of the Church, the members strive to fulfill Christ’s call to serve others and promote Christian vocations. This ministry is open to all mothers. *If interested in this ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*

Knights of Columbus Council #12906: The Knights of Columbus is a national, Catholic, fraternal organization dedicated to promoting the ideas of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. St. Peter Knights of Columbus Council #12906 meets once a month in St. Mary’s Hall. It is open to Catholic men age 18 years old and older. *If interested in the Knights of Columbus, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*

Ladies Auxiliary: The Ladies Auxiliary’s main function is to support the Knights of Columbus Council #12906. They do this primarily by providing help at all Knights’ sponsored events. Open to women, 18 years old or older, related by blood or marriage to a Knight in good standing with his council or to a deceased Knight who had been in good standing. *If interested in this ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*

Mother/Daughter and Father/Son Programs: These ministries with the guidance of the Family Life Apostolate of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, seek to assist parents in providing formation in chastity and timely information regarding sexuality in a positive atmosphere of love, virtue, and respect for the gifts of God, in particular the gift of life. These programs respect the rights of both parents and child, considering different phases of development, privacy and modesty while presenting the truth and beauty of God’s gift of our fertility. *Please note: Members are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry.*

NAIM: The NAIM ministry provides spiritual, emotional and social support to those who have lost their spouse to death. The members of NAIM meet once a month. *If interested in this ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*

Natural Family Planning: Natural Family Planning classes offered at St. Peter Parish provide an opportunity for engaged and married couples to learn about God’s gift of fertility, and in doing so, help them to acquire an appreciation for His plan for married life regarding family planning. *If interested in taking NFP classes, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*

Pro-Life Committee: The members of the St. Peter Parish Pro-Life Ministry, in response to the Gospel of Life, are committed to prayer, education, and action in defense of life. The members of this ministry foster in our parish community an awareness of the dignity and sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death. *If interested in this ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*

Supper and Substance: This ministry supports, enriches and strengthens marriages in our parish. Married couples are given the opportunity to spend a romantic and affordable evening together enjoying a delicious meal and listening to an inspiring marriage journey presentation. *If interested in this ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet.*

Vocations Committee: The members of this committee assist in creating an atmosphere in the parish to help identify and assist individuals in discerning their baptismal call to holiness as lived out through a religious vocation in the priesthood, diaconate, sisterhood or brotherhood. *If interested in this ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*

Wedding Coordinator: Those who will celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Peter Parish have the benefit of a Wedding Coordinator who provides guidance according to the liturgical guidelines for Catholic weddings. The coordinator provides assistance as needed but particularly at the rehearsal and wedding. *Please note: Members are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry.*

Pastoral Care Ministries

A Helping Meal: The members of “A Helping Meal” Ministry serve parishioners of St. Peter Parish who need help on a **short-term basis** with meals. Their hope as they offer a hot meal or several hot meals is that the person will know that they are remembered by their faith family when going through a time of difficulty. *If interested in this ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*

Bereavement (Food): The members of this ministry offer an outreach of care and support to those who have lost a loved one by providing food for the bereaved families and friends following the funeral. *If interested in this ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*

Bereavement (Liturgy Planning): This ministry provides comfort, care and support to the bereaved of St. Peter’s Parish in planning their love one’s funeral in a way that is fully sensitive to their grief and responsive to their needs. *Please note: Members are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry.*

Hospital (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion): Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring the Holy Eucharist to the Catholic patients at St. Tammany Parish Hospital. *Please note: Members of this ministry are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry and must be trained and given delegation by the Archdiocese of New Orleans.*

New Mom's Meals: This ministry supports expecting families (mothers, fathers and siblings) in a very practical way by supplying meals after the birth of a child or when mom experiences complications during the pregnancy. *If interested in this ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*

Nursing Home (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion): Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring Holy Communion to the Catholic residents in the Forest Manor Nursing Home after 8:30 AM Mass on Fridays. The ministers bring the Eucharist to the rooms of Catholic residents who are immobile and assist with the Mass offered for the residents who are mobile or in wheelchairs. *Please note: Members of this ministry are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry and must be trained and given delegation by the Archdiocese of New Orleans.*

Homebound (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion): Parishioners who are homebound and unable to attend Mass are brought Holy Communion by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This outreach of care and support to our elderly and/or sick of our parish nourishes the person with the Body of Christ and provides a visible connection to our parish community. *Please note: Members of this ministry are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry and must be trained and given delegation by the Archdiocese of New Orleans.*

Prayer Ministries

Eleventh Hour: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion offer this ministry for the dying and recently deceased parishioners of St. Peter Parish. When the coordinator of the ministry is informed that there is a dying or recently deceased parishioner, calls are made to three (or more) of the prayer ministers who are asked to pray, in appropriate manner, for the dying or recently deceased person. The Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet are the most frequently used forms of prayer. Prayer ministers additionally offer prayers for all of our deceased members of St. Peter Parish. *If you know a parishioner of St. Peter Parish who is dying or has recently died, please notify the parish office or answering service.*

Enthronement of the Sacred Heart: This devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus assists in restoring faith in the merciful love of the Redeemer for those most dear to His Heart- the family. This ministry makes arrangements for parishioners requesting the Mass and an Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary in their homes. *If you are interested, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in the handbook.*

Eucharistic Adoration: This ministry offers the opportunity for quiet prayer and reflection in the presence of the Holy Eucharist in the St. Peter Parish Adoration Chapel. *All parishioners are invited and encouraged to sign-up and commit to one hour (the same hour) in the Adoration Chapel each week. If interested, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in the handbook.*

Lay Apostolate of Jesus Christ the Returning King: The lay apostles of this ministry seek to be united to Jesus in their daily work and through their vocations, in order to obtain graces for the conversion of sinners. This prayer ministry meets once a month. *If interested in this ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*

Lord, Teach Me to Pray: This ministry offers a three-part Ignatian prayer series developed to meet the desire of women for on-going spiritual growth, as they respond to the call to holiness and to a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord. *If interested in this ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*

Thursday Night Charismatic: This prayer ministry provides a time and place where anyone can experience the power of the Holy Spirit, through His gifts of praise, worship, intercession, scripture sharing, witnessing, and evangelizing for the glory of God. *If interested in this ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in the handbook.*

Tuesday Morning Intercessory: If you or anyone you know is experiencing problems such as health, financial, family, marriage, emotional, etc., the Tuesday Morning Prayer Ministry provides prayer immediately following the 8:30 AM Mass each Tuesday morning in Church. The prayer team not only prays with those in need but also prays for any intention that is brought to their attention. If you have special intentions to be prayed for, please meet with the prayer team members after 8:30 Am Mass on Tuesday Mornings.

“But let our people, too, learn to devote themselves to good works,
to supply urgent needs, so that they may not be unproductive.”

Titus 3:14

Sacramental Preparation

Baptismal Seminars Ministry: The members of the Baptismal Seminars Ministry prepare young families as they seek the Sacrament of Baptism for their children. Realizing the evangelizing moment of this sacred time in their lives, this ministry provides not only details pertaining to the Baptism ceremony but provides catechesis to the parents concerning the responsibility of raising their child in the Catholic faith. While providing this formation to the parents, the members help the parents to recognize that they are the primary educators of their children in the faith. Two Seminars are required: Informational session (offered on the 1st Tuesday of the month) and Catechetical session (on the 3rd Tuesday of the month). *Please note: Members are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry.* Call the Rectory at (985) 892-2422 in advance to register.

Confirmation Preparation: The St. Peter Parish Confirmation ministry is comprised of three steps: 9th grade PSR, 10th grade PSR, and sacramental preparation for Confirmation. At each step the ministry encourages a fuller participation in the liturgical life of the Church and a growth in personal faith. At the high school level, catechesis focuses on that growth necessary to become an adult Catholic confirmed in the Faith. Classes meet on Sunday evenings following the 5PM Mass. *Subject to Archdiocesan safe environment guidelines, volunteers active in this ministry need to be registered parishioners of St. Peter Parish for at least six months. For more information, please call the Confirmation Office at (985) 893-2047 or please see the Youth Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook. Please note: Members are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry.*

Parish School of Religion (PSR): The St. Peter Parish School of Religion assists parents of pre-school and primary grade children of the parish in their role as primary catechetical educators of their children's faith. Supported by prayer and frequent reception of the sacraments, our Parish School of Religion provides a systematic and organic catechesis of the Catholic faith that prepares the student for the Catholic spiritual life on earth, which in turn will prepare him for eternal life in heaven. The St. Peter Parish School of Religion meets on Wednesday evenings. *Please note: Members are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry. Subject to Archdiocesan safe environment guidelines, volunteers active in this ministry need to be registered parishioners of St. Peter Parish for at least six months. For more information, please call the Office of Religious Education at (985) 893-2446 or please see the Youth Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): This ministry is for adults who are unbaptized or baptized in a Christian denomination interested in becoming Catholics or for baptized Catholics in need of First Communion and/or Confirmation. This process culminates in the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation. The RCIA meets on Wednesday evenings. *If you need further information about this ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook or call the RCIA Office at (985) 898-0346.*

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC): This ministry is for children (seven years old or older) who are unbaptized or baptized in a Christian denomination to prepare to become Catholic. It is also for baptized Catholic children (seven years or older) in need of First Communion who are at least two years behind in catechetical instruction. The RCIC meets on Monday evenings. *Subject to Archdiocesan safe environment guidelines, volunteers active in this ministry need to be registered parishioners of St. Peter Parish for at least six months. If you need further information about this ministry, please see call the RCIA Office at (985) 898-0346 or see the Youth Sign-Up sheet in this Handbook.*

Service Ministries

Emergency Preparedness: The members of the Emergency Preparedness Ministry commit to serve the parishioners by seeking to prepare, develop, implement, and monitor an effective emergency response plan for our parish church, school and community. *If interested in this ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*

Garden: This ministry provides opportunities for beautifying our gardens around St. Peter Church, the Adoration Chapel, and St. Mary's Hall. Volunteers in this ministry are asked to "adopt" a small section of the gardens for beautification and upkeep. Open to families or individuals. *If interested in this ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*

Men's Association: This ministry seeks to develop fellowship among the men of the parish, to work in association with the Pastor for the well being of our church community, and to draw men closer to God through prayer and various activities. All men in the parish are invited. *If interested in this ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*

Money Counters: Members of the Money Counters Ministry strive to correctly count and reconcile the church collections weekly or as needed, and to prepare the correct and necessary banking and Archdiocesan forms required of this Ministry. *Please note: Members are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry.*

Parish Library: Our Parish Library, located in the St. Peter Parish Ministry Center, offers an opportunity for parishioners to check out books, videos, or DVDs for spiritual enrichment. A large inventory is available for adults and children. *Please check the cover of the parish bulletin for parish library times.*

Welcoming New Parishioners: The Welcoming New Parishioners Ministry sends a handwritten note extending a warm welcome to all new members who have joined our parish family at St. Peter Catholic Church. A follow-up letter is then sent from the Coordinator of Ministries personally inviting the family to participate in a parish ministry. *All parishioners are needed in this ministry to extend a warm St. Peter welcome to our new parishioners. Some suggestions:*

- Invite them to an upcoming parish activity.
- Tell them about our parish ministries available
- Introduce them to our priests, staff or other parishioners
- Show them the location of St. Mary's Hall, St. Peter School, Rectory, Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, Ministry Center, Youth House, and The Upper Room.

Social Ministries

Angel Tree: The Angel Tree ministry provides a service at Christmas in which parishioners are given the opportunity to reach out to those in need. Gifts, chosen for age and gender appropriateness, are anonymously given and received in the spirit of Christian charity. *If interested in helping someone in need at Christmas, look for the Angel Tree in Church during the Advent Season.*

Prison: Men and women of all Christian denominations are incarcerated at the St. Tammany Parish Jail in Covington, Louisiana. Male inmates are visited once a week for two hours and because of the different faiths, scripture reflections are emphasized. Catholic theology is the basis for interfaith discussions. Catholic and other inmates frequently ask for special prayers and are provided with bibles, holy cards and rosaries. The female inmates are ministered to by Catholic religious and lay ministers from other Northshore parishes. *Please note: Members are asked by the Pastor of St. Peter Parish to serve in this ministry.*

Latino Outreach: The Latino Ministry brings pastoral services and socioeconomic aid to the Spanish speaking constituents of Western St. Tammany Parish. It ministers in partnership with Catholic Charities, the Hispanic Apostolate of New Orleans, and St. Jane de Chantal Parish. *If interested in this ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*

Youth and Young Adults Ministries

High School Youth (T.O.R.C.H. “Taking On Radical Christian Holiness”):

This ministry is for high school students to come together for God and each other to foster the total personal and spiritual development of each young person as they grow in Truth and integrate into the sacramental life and mission of the Church. This ministry is for students 8th through 12th grades. *Subject to Archdiocesan safe environment guidelines, volunteers active in this ministry need to be registered parishioners of St. Peter Parish for at least six months. If interested in the ministry, please see the Youth Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook or call the High School Youth Office at (985) 892-8994.*

Crusaders for Life (High School Youth T.O.R.C.H.):

The members of Crusader’s for Life promote respect for life from conception to natural death through prayer, education, and action. *Subject to Archdiocesan safe environment guidelines, volunteers active in this ministry need to be registered parishioners of St. Peter Parish for at least six months. If interested in the ministry, please see the Youth Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook or call the High School Youth Office at (985) 892-8994.*

Jr. High Youth (R.O.C.K. “Really Outrageous Catholic Kids”):

This ministry helps to guide the Jr. High Youth of our parish into a deeper relationship with God and to help them to begin to live a life devoted to the teachings of the Catholic Church through Scripture, the Sacraments, Service and Community. This ministry is for students in 5th through 8th grades. *Subject to Archdiocesan safe environment guidelines, volunteers active in this ministry need to be registered parishioners of St. Peter Parish for at least six months. If interested in this ministry, please see the Youth Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook or call the Junior High Youth Office at (985) 892-8994.*

Challenge (Jr. High Youth ROCK):

This ministry focuses on the value of forming an apostolic heart in young girls. Members of this ministry use their leadership skills to help re-Christianize society by organizing various projects to answer the needs of today’s world. This ministry is for girls in grades 5th through 7th (at least 10 years old). *Subject to Archdiocesan safe environment guidelines, volunteers active in this ministry need to be registered parishioners of St. Peter Parish for at least six months. If interested in this ministry, please see the Youth Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*

Young Adults:

This ministry is open to all young adults married or single (ages 18-40...). It offers opportunities for prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, service and fellowship. Inspired by the lives of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and St. Gianna Molla, the members strive to radiate Christ to each other, our families, our Parish and to the world. *If interested in this ministry, please see the Ministry Sign-Up Sheet in this handbook.*