

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES



**"AS EACH ONE HAS RECEIVED A GIFT, USE IT TO
SERVE ONE ANOTHER AS GOOD STEWARDS OF
GOD'S VARIED GRACE" 1 PT 4:10**

VIRTUS TRAINING

Anyone, 16 and older, who volunteers for a ministry or organization that involves children at Nativity Parish or anywhere in the Archdiocese must participate in Virtus training. Participation in this training, completion of all the necessary paperwork, and a cleared background check are required at Church of the Nativity prior to interaction with children. Watch the bulletin for training dates, contact the Parish Office or visit www.virtus.org. The session lasts three hours.



Liturgy and Prayer

Altar Server - Nativity Altar Servers begin their training at the end of the fourth grade. Servers provide a direct service to the community by assisting at regular Masses, as well as weddings, funerals and school Masses. They receive the benefit of working directly with the priests and the Archbishop and learning more about the Mass and the Church. Contact: David Pope

Art & Environment - The Art and Environment Committee is made up of volunteers who plan and execute all the liturgical decorations for the church throughout the year. Volunteers of all skill levels are invited to participate. Working with the church environment is an opportunity to learn about liturgy and to make the church a more welcoming place for all the community to worship. Volunteers are always welcome and may join at any time during the year. Ages 17 and older are welcome. Contact: Dana Mullin

Cantor/Choir/Musician - Please share your musical gifts and talents with the parish. Choirs are open to all parishioners, including youth. Cantors, keyboardists and instrumentalists are also needed to enhance our liturgy in sung prayer. Contact: Vicky Neely

Eucharistic Adoration - Commit to a specific time for silent prayer. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is in the chapel every Thursday from 9:00 a.m.- 6:45 a.m. Friday. Sign up online at www.kcnativity.org. Contact: Deacon Ralph and Mary Kay Schramp

Eucharistic Minister - We serve the assembly by assisting the Priest in distributing the Body and Blood of Christ. Adults and youth who have received Confirmation are invited to serve. It is an honor to serve the Lord and our parish family as they receive the Eucharist and respond 'AMEN.' Contact: Mike Bartkoski

Greeter - Individuals or families who greet parishioners and guests as they enter the church for Mass. This ministry is a vital part of Mass. We are the first people to come into contact with

parishioners and guests. It is up to us to make them feel welcome and a part of our Church. The time commitment is minimal and the rewards are great. Contact: Denise Vedder

Lector - As a lector you are called upon to cultivate an active love for the Scriptures and become a continuing student of, not an expert on, the Scriptures. When you stand before your Nativity Family to proclaim God's word, it will come from your heart and mind more than your lips.

"Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart." --Hebrews 4:12. Contact: Teresa Wroblewski Mayor

Little Church Leader - Little Church is during the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses on Sundays throughout the year. Children ages 4 to 7 are invited to process to the Chapel for their Liturgy of the Word done at their level of understanding. Prospective leaders for this program are welcome to come in and observe. We encourage the parents of the participants to volunteer. You would only have to lead one session every two months. We also encourage teenagers to assist. Virtus compliance required. Contact: Suzy Meizenbach

Prayer Care Committee - This began as a telephone prayer committee and grew so big in membership and prayer requests that it became more efficient and convenient for emailed the prayer requests. Some members still prefer to be called. We pray for those who are grieving, in poor health, having financial or marital problems, looking for jobs, taking exams and for any other needs. The Prayer Ministry is open to all parishioners and requires no meetings, just a willingness to pray for those in need, by whatever method of prayer we prefer: Mass, rosary, novenas, favorite prayers, and sacrifices. Contact: Sharon Khoury

Rosary - Say "yes" to our Blessed Mother and become a Rosary leader! The Rosary is recited every weekend on Saturday at 4:40 p.m. before the 5 o'clock Mass and on Sunday at 8:40 a.m. before the 9 a.m. Mass. You will lead from the Ambo. Make this a family prayer, all are welcome. Contact Kathleen Saunders

Sacristan - The role of the sacristan is to prepare the altar for Mass and purify the sacred vessels after Mass. The sacristan arrives about 20 minutes before Mass to set up and stays about 10 minutes after Mass concludes to purify. The work of the sacristan is very important to the celebration of each Liturgy. Training will be provided. This is a ministry that your entire family could participate in together. I invite you to prayerfully consider becoming a member of the sacristan ministry. Contact: Scott Tampke

Usher - Help create and maintain a sense of welcoming and belonging for parishioners and guests to our church community. We are a group of men and women who volunteer our time to extend a warm greeting to our community, assist our priests in the celebration of the Eucharist, ensure a safe and focused environment during our liturgies and share the blessings our God offers each week. Contact: Vito Carabetta



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Formation

Baptism Prep Leaders - The purpose of this ministry is to help prepare parents for the baptism of children. Couples who are willing to share your family's faith stories and pass on to new parents your ideas for raising their children in the faith are encouraged to consider becoming Baptism Prep Leaders. Contact: Karen McDonald

DNA – The Spiritual DNA of every person longs for a deeper friendship with God and more meaningful friendship with others. A DNA group helps foster these longings for deeper, more meaningful relationships with God and with others through intentional, hospitable and invitational small groups. Contact: Chad Pirotte

Marriage Prep Leaders - If you have been married for five years or more, would you consider being a mentor to engaged couples? This ministry requires a weekend training. Contact: Karen McDonald

Religious Education Teacher/Aide - The School of Religious Education assists parents in providing for their child's religious instruction and formation. Nativity provides a comprehensive program of religious education for all young people. Active parent involvement is crucial to the success of the program. Won't you consider helping in a classroom? We are always in need of parent volunteers to teach classes; teaching experience is helpful but not required. Virtus compliance required. Contact: Suzy Meinzenbach

Respect Life - The Respect Life Committee coordinates events and education to help Nativity Parish promote the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. Contact: Mike Bartkoski

R.C.I.A - The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults provides instruction and guidance for those wishing to become Catholic. RCIA Sponsors provide support for an inquirer through shared presence at each session. Sponsors begin sessions in September and are discerned and matched to inquirers within the first few months of the process. The first session will be training for sponsors only. Contact: Mary Lambrechts



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Ministries of Care

Blessed Margaret of Costello – We provide sensory items for use during Masses for those in need, such as booklets to follow Mass, a quiet toy to fidget with, hearing impaired listening devices, or sitting cushions. Contact Cindy Locke

Blood Drive - Donate blood or help during quarterly blood drives. Contact: Tom Garbach

Christmas Angel Project - Offered during Christmas, this is a chance to provide Christmas gifts for needy children through Catholic Charities; various opportunities to help. Contact: Mary Ellen Walton

Christmas in October - Help with home repairs, maintenance and clean-up for low-income families. This is an opportunity to be the hands of Christ. Time commitment is minimal; one time per year. Contact: John Brown

Clothing Drive - Our annual clothing drive sends clothes to Seton Center for free distribution and sale. Volunteers are needed at weekend Masses (before and after) to accept clothing and place it in a truck for delivery. This is a great way to earn volunteer hours. Contact: Bonnie Bonella

Food Drive - The Nativity Food Drive is held three times each calendar year. The sacks of groceries and other household articles that are collected go directly to benefit the Catholic Charities Food Pantries. We welcome and need volunteers and organizers: they are the essential ingredients in making each year more successful than the last! Contact: Tom Garbach

Funeral Lunch Preparation - Prepare or serve food for bereaved families. Time commitment is small and the rewards great. Sign up to get your name added to our list of helpers. Contact: Michelle Dehaemers

Guatemala Mission Trips - Catholic Social Teaching reminds us that we are one human family and our responsibilities to each other cross national, racial, economic and ideological differences. Church of the Nativity Guatemala Outreach Mission works to foster awareness of the values and needs of the people of San Andres Itzapa, Guatemala. Our goal is to assist in improving the lives of the poor, while both communities grow and benefit from each other on our shared journeys of faith, hope and love. We take two trips each summer to the same region in Guatemala. Working together with local individuals and families, we build stoves, gardens, fences, chicken coops and pig pens. When we deliver food and supplies to the elderly and sick, we spend time listening to their stories and laughing and praying together. Contact: Nancy Grasse

Hospital/Homebound Visitor - Do you enjoy talking with people? If you do, would you consider visiting parishioners who are in the hospital or are homebound? Spend an hour every week or two with these special members of our Nativity family. Contact: Tom Garbach

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to Nursing Homes/Hospitals - Parishioners interested in taking Communion to Catholic residents in the nursing homes and hospitals will be trained and conveniently scheduled to be a Care Minister at one of the ten retirement homes or two hospitals in the Nativity Parish. Contact: Tom Garbach

Respite Care - The Respite program provides a caregiver time away while their loved one receives care and companionship from trained volunteer parishioners. Volunteers receive six hours of training by health professionals in the skills necessary to provide care and companionship. Trained volunteers are insured against liability and serve in our parish area. We need men and women. Please join in this rewarding ministry! Contact: Pat Scheibel

St. Mary's Food Kitchen - Nativity cooks and serves meals on the third Sunday of each month. Volunteer as much or as little as your schedule allows. We serve approximately 350 meals each month. Pans and sign-up sheets are in the St. Joseph Room the weekend before Nativity serving. Contact: Mike and Pat Amos



Parish Life

Athletic Council / Coaching / Catholic Youth Organization Sports - CYO Coaches Needed: Please consider lending your time and talent to coach one of our CYO teams. Nativity has football, volleyball, cross country, basketball and track teams. Virtus compliance required. Contact: Jim Sheedy

Boy Scouts/ Leader - Scouting provides programs that build character, foster mental and physical fitness, teach good citizenship and foster spiritual growth. Scouting offers a variety of programs designed to meet the needs of boys through 21 years of age. Please consider helping with our troops here at Nativity. Virtus compliance required. Contact: Boy Scouts - Tom; Cub Scouts - Marty Erwin

Facilities Commission - The Facilities Commission assists the Pastor and staff on building and grounds improvements and maintenance issues. Background in building trades, engineering and architecture helpful but not required. Contact: Mark Hyde

Fall Festival or Auction- The Fall Festival and Auction are celebrations and fellowship that raise vital funds for our parish operating budget. Volunteers are always needed at the events or join the planning committee. There are many areas and levels of time commitment to help put on these important and fun events for our parish. Contact: Kelly Samuelson

Finance Council - The Finance Council serves as an advisory board to the pastor. Members serve three-year terms and are appointed by the Pastor. Please submit your name if you would be interested in serving. Contact: Steve Clifford

Knights of Columbus - The Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their church. From running Lenten Fish Frys to selling Tootsie Rolls to support special needs children to raising funds to support our seminarians, the Knights are always busy with activities for all interests. Contact: Gene Zwolinski

NPS Lunchroom Volunteer – Help serve lunch to the students in our parish school. Contact: Kelly Henderson

Lamplighters – A neighborhood representative who connects with Nativity parishioners in their neighborhood; shares Nativity events and information and extends invitations. Contact: Liz Hagen

Men of Nativity - The Men of Nativity, MON, provide a spiritual forum for all men of the parish. Each week we meet following the 6:45 a.m. Wednesday Mass. We discuss piety, study our faith and actions we have taken during the recent week/month to better know Christ and His mystical body. Every man of the parish is invited to join us on Wednesday mornings; after all, you are already members. Our dues structure cannot be beat! Contact: Bill Oades

Mothers of Young Children - Mothers of Young Children (MOYC) is a parish ministry group for women with at least one child in first grade or younger. MOYC provides fellowship through monthly meetings, spiritual enrichment, philanthropic work and a variety of social functions for moms, children, couples and families. It is our goal to provide a network of friendship and spiritual support to Nativity mothers with small children while offering opportunities to participate in an

array of fun, meaningful and rewarding activities with other Catholic families in our parish.

Contact: Courtney Raupp

Nursery - The nursery is open during the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday. Volunteers are welcome and encouraged. Virtus compliance required. Contact: Parish Office

Pastoral Council - The Pastoral Council serves as an advisory board to the Pastor. Each year four positions open and a discernment process is held. If you would like to be included in this process, please submit your name. Pastoral Council members serve a three-year term. Contact: Tami Titus

Parish Office/School Office Volunteer - If you have a few spare hours, would you consider helping in the office? Duties vary but could include providing front desk relief, mailings, or other clerical duties as projects arise. Contact: (Parish Office) Jane Burgett (School Office) Sondra Gustafson

PTO Board - Assist parents and teachers with various events and projects at our parish school. Contact: Emily Gencarelli

School Council – Assist the principal to develop, review and evaluate school programs and progress. Contact: David Kearney

Women of Nativity - Make new friends and reconnect with past friends while enjoying social activities, spiritual events and community work; for ALL women of the parish. Contact: Kathleen Saunders and Martha Estrada-Robinson

Youth Groups - The Nativity Youth Program is one that fosters youth involvement in parish life; opportunities including social activities, service projects, and catechesis. All activities are developed to nurture a love for the Catholic faith. We welcome all high school youth to sign up to participate as members of the youth group. Volunteers are needed to provide any of the following: dinner on a Sunday night, chaperone an event, provide music for gatherings, present a topic or teach a craft to the kids. Youth, age 13, through mature adults are invited to serve in youth ministry at Nativity. It is an opportunity to experience true energy in the life of the church, and support a cornerstone of God's kingdom on earth. Virtus compliance required. Contact: Liz Hagen



Stewardship

Ignite Nativity Council - Our mission is "To inspire and engage our Nativity parish through open communication among ministries, clergy, parishioners, and the Ignite Nativity Council by using

positive energy to perpetuate the vitality and growth of our faith and the Nativity community.”

Contact: Cathy Anderson

Welcoming Committee - Help welcome and integrate new parishioners in a variety of ways. If you have a gift for hospitality and an outgoing spirit, this ministry is for you. Time commitment is minimal. This committee reports to the Stewardship Commission. Contact: Susan Ackerman