

Parish Life, Continued

Adult Bible Study Leader

Grow in your own faith and closer to your fellow parishioners by leading a small group Bible study. Materials, topics of interest and courses may be suggested by parishioners, but will need to be approved by the pastor. Time Commitment: depends on the chosen course, typically a few hours once a week for about 6 weeks.

Deanery Dinners (St. Teresa)

This ministry is a great opportunity for someone who loves to cook. Our local deanery meets at St. Teresa about once a month during the school year. We need someone to prepare and serve a dinner for 8-15 priests. Time Commitment: Meal prep as needed, one afternoon and evening to serve and clean up the meal. Any items food items purchased to cook the meal will be reimbursed. 2 people is recommended.

Gardening/Grounds

If you love being outdoors, this is a wonderful ministry for you. Planting, watering and weeding shrubs and flowers on parish grounds, trimming bushes etc. Plantings in spring and fall clean up. Time Commitment: A few hours a week during the warm months, times are flexible.

Parish Office IT Support

Technology support is needed on an infrequent basis for both PC and Macs. A firm IT knowledge necessary, i.e. installing updates and software, connecting basic hardware, setting up and trouble shooting networks, etc. Time commitment is very flexible.

Youth Faith Formation

Catechist: weekly or substitute

Catechists are volunteer teachers for youth Faith Formation classes. We have classes for kids from Pre-K until 11th grade. As a catechist, you would have class one hour a week, typically Wednesday evenings. Our catechists are expected to lead our kids in the teachings of the Catholic Church, engaging them in the teachings and getting them excited about their faith. As a catechist, you will work closely with the Faith Formation director to plan lessons and curriculum. Time commitment: Class 1 hour a week, lesson planning roughly 1 hour a week.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Catechist:

CGS is a catechetical program for children ages 3-12. It is a reflective-based program of religious formation that helps a child to further develop his/her relationship with God in a developmentally appropriate way. It is rooted in Sacred Scripture, the Liturgy, and the educational philosophy of Maria Montessori. CSG currently offers classes at St. Joseph during the school year on Sunday afternoons for ages 3-6.

Totus Tuus volunteer

During the week of Totus Tuus at our Tri Parish, we need various volunteers for classroom aides, meal prep, daycare assistance, snacks, etc. Specific volunteer duties will be explained when the time comes closer. Virtus training is required for adults, teenagers are encouraged to assist to earn service hours. Time commitment: 1 week, Sunday-Friday, during the summer. Which week will vary summer to summer.

Housing for Totus Tuus Team

Totus Tuus is an annual camp that is put on by the diocese, hosted at our parish. A team of missionaries comes in to lead a week long camp for kids grades 1-12. To host this camp, two families are needed to house the missionaries for the week. The host families will give them a place to sleep for the whole week, Sunday-Friday, during the summer. They also will be asked to provide two meals for those staying with them. The rest of the meals for the week will be provided by other volunteers. Time commitment: 1 week, Sunday-Friday, during the summer. Which week will vary summer to summer.

Volunteer/chaperone for youth

Youth group does various activities and attends various camps throughout the year. As a chaperone, you would need to be present and available at the activity or camp to assist the youth and provide adult guidance. Examples of chaperoning opportunities would be Steubenville, Catholic Heart Workcamp, Camp Summit, and Totus Tuus. Other activities such as tubing at Mount Kato or hiking at Seven Mile Creek will also need adult chaperones. Time commitment: varies depending on the activity.

Parish Governance and Committees

Pastoral Council (tri-parish)

The council is the unifying structure within the Tri-Parish which guides the liturgical, social, ecumenical, education, and administrative activities of the parish. The Council acts as a forum to provide communication between the parishes, parishioners, the pastor and staff. Membership is by the Pastor's appointment. Time Commitment: 4 Meetings a year for a 3 year appointment.

Finance Council (Each Parish)

The Finance Council provides advice and guidance to the Pastor in the administration of Parish assets. The Council prepares the Parish budget, reviews financial statements, monitors the financial condition of the Parish (including regular financial reviews/audits), reviews any indebtedness of the Parish. The Finance Council is appointed by the Pastor. Time Commitment: 4-5 meetings a year for a 3 year appointment.

During Mass (Funerals, Weddings, Weekdays)

Musician/Instrumentalist/Choir

Bring your musical gifts to the parish. Musicians are needed for Sunday Mass and are used at major holidays and when requested for funerals, weddings, etc. Practices are scheduled as needed prior to the seasonal events. If you play an instrument and would be willing to serve the Tri-Parish if needed at different times throughout the year, please write down what instrument you play next to your name.

Cantor

A cantor is needed at each Mass and leads the congregation in the music liturgy. An experienced cantor plans out the music liturgy based on the readings and resource recommendations. A new cantor would work with an experienced cantor until comfortable with the music liturgy.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The role of the Eucharistic or Extraordinary Minister is to assist the smooth execution of the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ. They do this only at the time of Communion, and during the rest of the Mass they participate throughout as a member of God's priestly people.

Lector

Confirmed Catholics skilled in proclaiming Scripture in public. Lectors read for the first & second readings at Mass. The lectors should study the readings in advance, to become familiar with them and to practice sufficiently. A schedule is provided. The time commitment for lectoring at Mass is about once every 5-8 weeks.

Hospitality/Greeter

Greeters are those parishioners who dispense a special sense of hospitality that reflects the graciousness of the Lord who invites us to the Eucharistic Table. These ministers greet everyone coming to Mass. This is a very simple ministry that requires only a warm smile and a friendly manner. Time commitment is to arrive at church 25-30 minutes prior to Mass time about every 6-8 weeks or so depending on how many volunteers we have. This is a wonderful family ministry. Please fill in your name or your family's name.

Altar Server

Anyone in the 4th grade and older can serve at Mass. The role of an altar server is to assist the priest at Mass. Becoming an altar server is an excellent way for a child or young adult to learn more about the Mass and the love of the Lord; as well as the importance of offering one's talent to God and serving one another in love. Training is provided. Time Commitment: training is a few hours, arrive to Mass 15 min early to prepare for Mass and help the priest and sacristan if needed.

Sacristan

The sacristan plays an important liturgical role preparing both the sacristy and the sanctuary areas for the celebration of the daily and week-end liturgies. The role of the sacristan is to prepare and make ready the vessels and linens needed for Mass and clean up after. This includes vessels, linens, and liturgical books. Training is provided. Time Commitment: Arrive at least one half hour before Sunday Mass.

Parish Life

Altar Linen Care

Help keep our church linens clean and fresh. Volunteers pick up linens each week, then wash, iron and return them during the week in their own homes. This is a very simple, yet very important ministry. Volunteers advise the Tri-Parish administrator when new altar linens need to be purchased. Time Commitment: Varies based on the number of volunteers; currently volunteers rotate every 3 months.

Money Counters

Count parishioner contributions and special collections with at least one other person, that is not related to you. You will be scheduled with an experienced counter to start with. Time Commitment: An hour or so every few weeks after Mass or during the week.

Environment and Decorations

Help set up for Holy Days, special feast and liturgical seasons including Easter and Christmas. Procure and arrange flowers, water plants, and change out decorations for the seasons. There is a coordinator for each parish who arranges the requirements for the decorations. Time Commitment: A few hours a month as needed.

Communion to the Homebound

Our home-bound and nursing home residents are in need of outreach from the Tri-Parish. Visitors can bring the Sacrament of Eucharist, or simply minister as a caring friend. Ministers should be comfortable with end-of-life or declining health issues and have the willingness to share a short prayer upon completion of the visits. Time commitment is flexible. Open to confirmed adults. Training session will be provided.

Provide Childcare for family or adult events

For those who love children, this is the perfect ministry for you! Your role would be to supervise the children while the parents attend their meeting or event. A background check and Virtus training are required for adults, teenagers are encouraged to assist to earn service hours.