

SERVICE THROUGH ADMINISTRATION

*As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.
1 Peter 4:10*

Office Volunteers- Office assistance is needed at various times throughout the year – answering phone and door, assembling materials, stuffing envelopes, etc.

Finance/Stewardship Committee - Responsible for the budget and the program of Stewardship. Meets the 3rd Tuesday every other month at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center Conference Room. This committee is by pastoral appointment.

Fundraising Committee- Oversees the coordination and implementation of annual fundraising events outside of the parish picnic.

Parish Pastoral Council- Assists the Pastor in the pastoral planning and care of the Parish. Help provide leadership, set goals and coordinate parish activities. Membership is by nomination for a three year term. Meets the 4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center Conference Room.

SERVICE THROUGH WORSHIP/SPIRITUAL LIFE

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Psalm 150:6

Worship/Spiritual Life Committee- Works with the pastor to enhance the spiritual development of the members of the Parish. Spiritual development includes Sunday Worship, liturgical celebrations, devotions, significant prayer experiences, programs of spiritual growth as well as planning of the decorating of the church environment. Meets monthly at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center Conference Room.

Art and Environment Committee Member- Help with seasonal and monthly liturgical decorating of the church environment. Artist, seamstress, or flower arrangers are needed. Assist in design, setup and take down of decorations and/or care of flowers or plants in the Worship space.

Vocation Statue- It is to assist the promotion of vocations through prayer, especially the vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life. We ask that you take the Vocation Statue home on a designated weekend and pray for all vocations during that week. We will include a prayer card along with the Vocation Statue. We ask that you bring the statue and prayer card back the next week when you come for Mass so that it can be given to the next family to take home. Please place the Vocation Statue on the Baptismal Font.

Altar Server (3rd Grade through Adults) - Serves at the Lord's Altar for weekend, Holy Day, and Funeral Masses. A great way to be involved and to learn more about the Liturgy. Training is required.

Children's Liturgy Of The Word Catechist (21 years of age & older) – Responsible for proclaiming and explaining scripture readings on an age appropriate level to children, 4 years of age through Grade 2, at the 5:00 pm and 10:30 am Masses. Safe Environment training is required.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Helper (Middle School and older) – Provides additional support to the Children's Liturgy of the Word Catechist. Training is required.

Sacristan (Adults) - Arrives to Church early and prepares the necessary liturgical appointments for weekend Mass and Holy Days of Obligation. Training is required.

Cleaning Altar Linens- Launder all Altar linens, albs, corporals, and purificators. This is a monthly rotation.

Seamstress- Help to mend or to make altar linens, corporals, purificators, and other church items.

Minister of Holy Communion (9th grade Confirmed through adults) - Assists in the distribution of Holy Communion with reverence and dignity during weekend and Holy Day Masses. Must be confirmed and an active parishioner who has a deep love of our Eucharistic Lord and receives Holy Communion. Training is required.

Eucharistic Minister to the Sick and Homebound- Takes Holy Communion to the sick and homebound. Training is required.

Eucharistic Minister to the Nursing Home- Takes Holy Communion to nursing home residents. Training is required.

Lector (6th Grade through Adults) - Proclaims the Word of God at weekend and Holy Day Masses. Must be an active parishioner with a deep appreciation of God's Word. Training is required.

Usher (Individuals and Families)- Welcome and greet all who come to weekend and Holy Day Masses. You may be the only contact many parishioners have with our faith community. Assists in taking up the collection; distributing bulletins; and responds to emergencies that may happen before, during and after Mass. Training is required.

Gift Bearers- Your family represents the Church family by bringing our offerings to the Altar during weekend and Holy Day Masses.

Music Ministry- There are opportunities with our music ministry at each weekend and Holy Day Mass. All instrumentalists and singers are welcome.

- Parish Choir (Middle School through Adult)
- Cantor - The Cantor leads the assembly in sung prayer.
- Bell Choir
- Instrumentalists needed for all weekend Masses.
- Funeral Choir

SERVICE THROUGH PRAYER

*Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Bible Study Coordinator- There will be Bible Studies throughout the year, especially during Advent and Lent. Responsible for helping the Pastor organize and deepen these Bible Studies.

Prayer Chain- Prays daily for the special needs of the parish. Be part of the church family who receives prayer requests by phone, weekly by email or monthly by mail.

Rosary Leader- Lead the communal recitation of the Holy Rosary before a weekend Mass on Saturday starting at 4:30 pm and Sunday starting at 7:30 am & 10:00 am.

SERVICE THROUGH EDUCATION/FORMATION

How much better it is to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen above silver. Proverbs 16:16

Our Parish is blessed to have two excellent opportunities for Catholic Education for pre-school through high school:

1. Parish Religious Education classes for public school students; and,
2. Owensboro Catholic School System.

We require all families to take advantage of these opportunities to help fulfill their call to pass on the faith.

Parish Education/Formation Committee- Members are responsible for determining the goals and objectives to meet the faith formation needs of the entire community and for monitoring and evaluating the programs designed to carry out these goals and objectives. Meetings are held quarterly on Tuesday Evening at 6 pm in the Parish Conference Room.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults/Adapted for Children)- This process is for adults and youth who are interested in studying and learning about the Catholic faith. Age appropriate formation is available for children. Formation and training is provided for the role of sponsor. Gathering and sessions are held weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

RCIA Team Member- This ministry is involved in welcoming and forming new members (adults and youth) to our Catholic faith. A weekly commitment and ongoing formation is required. Gathering and sessions are held weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

RCIA Sponsor- Represents the Catholic Community and serves as a mentor to the RCIA participant. Formation is required. Gathering and sessions are held weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

RCIA Childcare- Will provide childcare on specific Thursday evenings for participants, as needed, from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Parish Center. Safe Environment training is required.

RCIA Refreshments- Providing refreshments for the participants in the RCIA process on a specific Thursday evenings during the year. Sessions are held weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

Religious Ed. Catechist & Aide- Faith Formation program for those Catholic students in public school, preschool through the 8th grade. Catechist and volunteer aides are needed. Classes are held on Wednesday at 6:45pm, during the academic year, in the Parish Center. Safe Environment training is required.

Sponsor Couple Mentoring- Married couple meets in their home with engaged couples to help them prepare for the vocation of marriage. Minimum of 10 years of marriage and training is required.

Vacation Bible School- Help with a one week religious education program for children preschool through 6th grade from 9:00am-12:00pm in the Parish Center. Safe Environment training is required.

Youth Group- Activities are planned bi-weekly (4:00-6:00pm) focusing on service, prayer, catechesis, and social. For Middle and High School youth.

Provide Food for Youth Ministry Activities- Our parish family provides a family-style meal to our youth each time they gather. You will be scheduled in advance to provide all or part of a meal for an activity, generally feeding 15-20.

SERVICE TO THE PARISH COMMUNITY

For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Romans 12:4-5

Parish Picnic Volunteer- Our annual parish picnic, first Saturday of June, brings our parish family and the surrounding community together. There are many ways to help with this picnic including set-up, clean-up, food service, managing stands, facilitating games, working in our various booths, bringing cakes, and more.

Sacramental Receptions- Assist at receptions three times a year that are special occasions for the parish family by bringing food, set-up, clean-up, helping to plan and decorate.

Coordinator for New Family Gatherings- Ever time we have 5 new families joining the parish we will have a New Family Gathering in the Rectory to welcome them. These gatherings may be scheduled quarterly. We need volunteers to coordinate and organize the meal for these gatherings.

Coordinator for Rectory Gatherings- The Rectory is the house of the people. Occasionally we have gatherings like Wedding Anniversary Celebration, Appreciation Dinner, Open House, etc. We need volunteers to coordinate and organize the meal for these gatherings.

Coordinator for Priest Meals- This may happen only twice a year. We need volunteers to coordinate and organize a meal for 6 to 8 priests in the Rectory.

Coordinator/Volunteer of Advent Giving Tree-We need volunteers to coordinate and organize the Advent Giving Tree. Prepare ornament for the tree, sort gifts to be picked up or delivered to families and organizations such as Birthright, Nursing Home, etc.

Parish Men's Club- Fellowship and cooking activities for men of all ages that benefit the faith community.

Funeral Meal- Our parish family provides a meal following the funeral for the family of a deceased member. The need is to provide a dish when called upon. Parishioners are also needed to help with set-up, serving the meal and with clean-up.

Social Justice/SVDP Committee Member- Coordinate social justice on efforts locally and globally. Meetings are held monthly on the second Monday beginning at 5:30 pm in the Parish Center Conference Room. SVDP helps people in need. They provide assistance with groceries, rent, utility bills and medications by way of donation from the parish.

Family/ Social Life Committee- Serve as a member to help identify the interests and needs of our parish families and coordinates socials and potlucks for the faith community. Meetings are held quarterly.

St. Benedict Homeless Shelter- The parish hosts an evening meal at the shelter on the 5th Saturdays of the month from 6:00-8:30 pm. This ministry includes food prep., serve the meal, fellowship, and clean-up.

SERVICE THROUGH MAINTENANCE

Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. Galatians 6:9

Church Cleaning- Help with various aspects of the cleaning of the church. This is a weekly service that a family and individuals can do together and usually serves 2-3 times per quarter.

Parish Hall/Classroom Cleaning- Help with various aspects of the cleaning of the Parish Hall and Classrooms. This is a monthly service that a family or individuals can do together.

Building and Grounds Committee (Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry, etc.)- Responsible for effective maintenance and repair of parish facilities and property.

Gardening/Weeding- This is a service that a family and individuals can do together. You can pick the time and day to weed, etc. This is on a weekly rotation system through Spring, Summer, and Fall.

SERVICE TO THE LARGER COMMUNITY- Interest will be forwarded to the appropriate organization.
“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” Matthew 18:20

Knights of Columbus- KC's is the largest Catholic fraternal service organization and is open to Catholic Men.

Borrowed Hearts- an organization to help foster parents and children with necessary items, managed by Amanda VanBussum.

St. Vincent de Paul- Volunteer to help at the Thrift Store.

Serra Club- A lay organization of Catholic faithful who assist the Church in supporting and nurturing vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The group meets and prays each month and host numerous diocesan events.

Help Office- An ecumenical effort that networks with other area helping agencies and provides a variety of services.

Daniel Pitino Shelter- A ministry of outreach to homeless women and families. The shelter houses a medical clinic and a soup kitchen.

Birthright- a Catholic organization that exists to support unwed mothers in need.

St. Gerard Life Home- A ministry of Catholic Charities, provides free shelter and services for pregnant women ages 18 and older in a crisis pregnancy.

St. Joseph Peace Mission- is a Catholic residential facility for neglected, dependent and abused children, pregnant teens and sibling groups.

Oasis- is a women's shelter is a Domestic Violence Program and licensed Women's Substance Treatment provider for battered women and/or homeless, chemically dependent women and their dependent children.

Right to Life of Owensboro- organized is to encourage among the general public an understanding of the dignity and worth of each human life, whatever his or her state or circumstances.

Good News Jail and Prison Ministry- faith sharing/Communion service with inmates in the local detention center.