

of Jesus Christ.

For more information contact, Deacon Bob Lee @ (315) 594-9430.

STEWARDSHIP

- **Stewardship Committee**

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

As Christians, we are entrusted with the Good News of Jesus Christ and with active participation in his mission. In addition to being disciples and missionaries, we too as stewards, meaning, we place our God-given gifts – time, talent and treasure – at the service of God and His Church. Are you one who is thankful for your God-given gifts? Are you one who is happy to share your blessings with others? Consider joining the Stewardship Committee and help plan and implement strategies to promote generous sharing to promote the mission of Jesus Christ through our parish.

For more information, please contact Father Edison or Mary Capone @ (315) 594-9430.

PARISH COUNCILS

While the parish pastoral and finance councils are governed by diocesan guidelines and parish by-laws, membership is open through parish nomination and election processes or by invitation from the pastor, as in the case of the finance council. Often, it is the case that members of the two councils are already active participants in other parish ministries.

- **Parish Pastoral Council**

The Pastoral Council (PC) is a consultative body to the pastor. Its members help actively promote the mission of the parish by identifying parish needs and concerns and providing recommendations through attentive communication with the parishioners and the pastor. The diocese promotes the existence of pastoral councils in parishes. PC members are either elected by the parishioners or appointed by the pastor. Members must be active in parish life, committed to prayer, discernment and dialogue. The council meets once a month.

For more information, please contact Eileen Bielemeier @ (315) 594-2385.

- **Parish Finance Council**

In addition to providing spiritual care, the parish must look into attending to its temporal goods. The responsibility is entrusted to the pastor, with the parish finance council as a consultative body. To the council is entrusted the responsibility of helping the pastor plan, review and approve the budget and finance statements, care for the buildings and grounds, and promote stewardship in the parish. Members often have some background in finances, banking, business, investments or law. The council meets at least four times a year.

For more information, please contact Doug Jablonski @ (315) 594-6962.

Prayer for Discernment

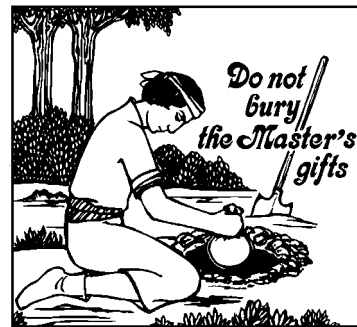
Lord our loving God and Father,
Grant that we may allow ourselves to be guided by you;
to follow your plans and to accomplish your will.

Help us to be open, to hear, to accept,
and to respond to your promptings of love
so that we may freely and willingly do your will.

Send your Holy Spirit to our parish -
in our minds, to show us what you desire of us;
in our hearts, to give us the courage to obey you;
and in our bodies, to love you and one another
with all our strength, every moment of our life.

May we be so open to your guidance
that we become living instruments of your healing love
and joyful and gentle presence in our world.

Amen.



If for whatever reason, none of the existing parish ministries enable you to use your God-given gifts and you are willing to explore the possibility of starting a new parish ministry, please contact Father Edison @ (315) 594-9430.

Be mindful that while it might be easier to do things on one's own, parish ministries must be done in the spirit of communion and participation - always promoting and seeking to invigorate the life of our parish at large.

Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord.
Where there is doubt, true faith in you.
Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light.
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master grant that I never seek!
So much to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
In giving to all men and women that we receive.
And in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF THE BLESSED TRINITY

Parish Ministries

We serve God and neighbor through our God-given gifts.

5. Stewardship (Parish Councils)

LITURGY AND SACRAMENTAL LIFE

- **Ministry of Hospitality** (Greeters and Ushers)

*Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you,
for the glory of God.* - Romans 15:7

To a visitor, a greeter/usher provides the first impression of what a parish might be. Greeters and ushers welcome all who enter the church, assist them in locating seating, take up the collection at the weekend Masses and also assist in handling the collection after Mass. Greeters and ushers must be attentive to the needs of the congregation during liturgical celebrations so that they may assist someone who becomes ill and call for medical assistance, if needed. A greeters/usher must be a welcoming person, able to greet graciously the Christ in others and is willing to sincerely engage with others.

For more information, please contact Dan Arcadi @ (315) 947-2034 or Cathy Immerman @ (315) 594-8574.

- **Ministry of Cantor**

*Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.* - Psalm 149:1

We are looking for cantors to lead our congregations in singing. Sung music enhances the religious experience of worshipers when praising God. If you were blessed with beautiful singing voice, would you consider leading the congregation in prayerful song? We so need you to share your talent with us.

For more information, please contact Dan Arcadi @ (315) 947-2034 or Cathy Immerman @ (315) 594-8574.

- **Ministry of Lector**

*The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue
that I might know how to speak to the weary
a word that will rouse them.* - Isaiah 50:4

At the Liturgy of the Word at Mass, we believe that God continues to speak to His people. As such, the Word of God must be proclaimed with care so that people may hear the God who comforts and challenges. Lectors must have an articulate, loud and clear speaking voice and must be willing to go over the readings and other resources that will help them prepare for the weekend Masses. Training and formation is provided. Children and youth are encouraged to lector both at the Youth Masses and Regular Weekend Masses.

For more information, please contact Kathy DeMass @ (315) 754-6203 or Pat Younglove @ (315) 594-9958.

I am only one, but still I am one.

*I cannot do everything, but still I can do something;
and because I cannot do everything,*

I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.

- Pledge to the Lend-a-Hand Society

Why do we promote Parish Ministries?

Because we recognize the generosity of God who has given each of us unique gifts and talents - that each of us could and should use to serve God and neighbor. Our parish ministries exist because we must recognize the needs in our parish and local communities, and afterwards, seek to timely and generously respond to these needs through our God-given time, talents and treasure.

How should I get involved in Parish Ministries?

First and foremost, *pray*. Ask God to help you become more aware of the gifts that He has given you—time (availability), talents (serving, teaching, organizing community activities, welcoming, reading, etc.) and treasure (how do you support the mission of Jesus through our parish - monetary, goods?).

Second, take the time to *visit the 'ministry tables'* in the parish hall during the ministry fair on the weekends of May 9-10 and 16-17. You may visit before or after the weekend masses. Ask ministry representatives what their ministry is about, what they do, and the time commitment. If interested in one ministry or two, please sign-up, and a ministry coordinator will contact you regarding the next steps. [Otherwise, you may go over this list to know what ministries are available in our parish. Then, contact a ministry coordinator.]

What is the time commitment when getting involved in a parish ministry?

Good question! At times, people choose to stay in one ministry or two. But it is good that after three years of active involvement in a parish ministry, one should start exploring other parish ministries. One should never stop exploring what his/her God-given gifts are and he/she can do with these gifts.

Note that on this list, our parish ministries are classified according to the five areas of parish life:

1. Liturgy and Sacramental Life
2. Membership and Community Life
3. On-Going Faith Formation
4. Social Ministry and Outreach

- **Altar Server**

Serve the Lord with gladness... - Psalm 100:2

Serving at the altar is open to boys and girls in the parish who have completed 3rd grade and have received their First Holy Communion. This ministry enables our youth to gain deeper understanding and greater appreciation of the Mass – the source and summit of the Christian life – where they witness, close at hand, the self-sacrificing love of Jesus. This ministry teaches out youth responsibility, service and leadership

During training, potential servers become familiar with the parts of the Mass, and the roles they undertake. Servers are scheduled for the weekend Masses. During the summer months and holy days, servers are encouraged to offer their time for our liturgical celebrations.

For more information, please contact Dick Campbell @ (315) 587-2342.

- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.

- Matthew 25:35-36

While bishops, priests, deacons and acolytes are the Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, there are instances when assisting ministers are called to help in distributing communion. For example: unduly long communion lines, inability of the priest to distribute communion, bringing communion to the sick. Communion ministers must be baptized and confirmed, and are in good standing in the church. Formation, training and certification is provided.

For more information, please contact Father Edison @ (315) 594-9430.

- **Sacristans**

Others were appointed to take care of the utensils and all the sacred vessels, as well as the fine flour, the wine, the oil, the frankincense, and the spices.

- 1 Chronicles 9:29

As Christians, we find ourselves privileged to be invited to partake in the Supper of the Lamb. That the People of God may be properly nourished with Word and Sacrament, we prepare the sacred space where the liturgies are celebrated. Are you one who likes to prepare the table, a meal for your loved ones? Consider being a sacristan at daily and/or weekend Masses.

For more information, please contact Marilyn Gowers or Kathy Sanzotta @ (315) 594-9430.

MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNITY LIFE

- **Membership and Parish Life Committee**

Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith.

- Galatians 6:9-10

God calls each of us as unique members of His family.

The presence of one is a gain for the entire faith community. Each has God-given gifts that could truly enrich our parish. It is for this reason that we nurture membership and parish life through our fellowship and friendship with one another. We plan and carry out activities like the Parish Picnic, Weekend Coffee Hour, Movie Night, Saint Joseph's Table, Saint Patrick's Dinner, receptions for liturgical and sacramental celebrations, and sending welcome packets to new members. If you like to organize social events and to meet new people, this committee is for you!

For more information, please contact Pat Younglove @ (315) 594-9958 or Dick Campbell @ (315) 587-2342.

- **Coffee Hour Volunteers**

Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.

- Hebrews 13:2

We welcome parishioners and serve at the Coffee Hour after the weekend Masses. Do you have hospitality time and talents? Looking to meet other parishioners? This might be for you. We are in need of volunteers to assist at the Coffee Hour. We work on a rotating basis, usually on a monthly basis, to set-up, serve as well as clean-up. We always appreciate helping hands.

For more information, please contact Dan Arcadi @ (315) 947-2034 or Cathy Immerman @ (315) 594-8574.

- **Martha Ministry**

I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," said the Spirit, "let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them."

- Revelation 14:13

Through the Martha Ministry, our parish accompanies those who, through death, have lost a loved one. Our presence and service seek to bring comfort to the family of the deceased in a time of grief. We fulfill the last of the corporal works of mercy by assisting at the funeral liturgy, and, if requested, we help prepare and serve at the reception after the funeral mass. For the reception, members of the Martha Ministry may need to supply the following: salads, assorted breads and cookies, casseroles, relish trays and condiments.

For more information, please call Pat Younglove @ (315) 594-9958 or Kathy DeMass @ (315) 754-6203.

- **Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA)**

Whatever is hidden or plain I learned, for Wisdom, the artisan of all, taught me. For in her is a spirit intelligent, holy, unique, manifold, subtle, agile, clear, unstained, certain, never harmful, loving the good, keen, unhampered, beneficent, kindly, firm, secure, tranquil, all-powerful, all-seeing, and pervading all spirits, though they be intelligent, pure and very subtle. For Wisdom is mobile beyond all motion, and she penetrates and pervades all things by reason of her purity.

- Wisdom 7:21-24

Founded in 1903, the CDA is one of the largest national organizations of Catholic women in the world dedicated to strengthen women's spiritual life through Christ and his Church, support the Holy Father and the Clergy, encourage

vocations, participate in right to life activities, promote educational contests, support women and children in need, promote patriotic activities. We meet once a month for planning and update.

For more information, please contact Pat Younglove @ (315) 594-9958.

- **Praying Our Losses**

Blessed are those that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

- Matthew 5:5

Are you dealing with a loss of any kind? We have a parish-based peer support group to assist in coping with your loss. Through prayer, reflection and support, we help one another through our losses. In Christ, we experience suffering and death; in Christ, we, too, hope for the resurrection. The group meets on the third Monday of the month, 5 PM at the St. Mary Magdalene Parish Hall.

For more information, contact, Cathy Immerman @ (315) 594-8574.

- **Men's Group**

I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

- Romans 12:1-2

Our parish men's group is a gathering of men—fathers, sons, grandfathers, who get together in the spirit of fraternal charity to talk about life's joys and challenges in the light of our Catholic faith and to share their faith and wisdom gained from personal life experiences in the hope of inspiring and encouraging one another to celebrate and persevere in the journey to Jesus Christ. By the grace of God, we are our brother's keepers.

The men's group meets once a month. For more information, contact Deacon Bob Lee @ (315) 594-9430.

ON-GOING FAITH FORMATION

- **On-Going Faith Formation Committee**

Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.

- 1 Peter 3:15

To love God and to learn about Him and His Church is a journey of a lifetime. It is a journey we take under the guidance of Jesus Christ, the best revealer of who God is and he himself not only instituted the Church, he even closely identifies with her. Are you one who is fascinated by the Christian faith? Have you experienced concrete and valuable lessons in your journey of faith that might help others in their own journey? Consider being part of the On-Going Faith Formation Committee, to help plan and implement timely, meaningful and practical programs (parish retreats, soup suppers, book clubs, Bible Study (lectio divina), Vacation Bible School) for all parishioners – adult, youth and children.

For more information, please contact Kathy DeMass @ (315) 754-6203 or Susie Gallo @ (315) 594-2114.

- **Catechists**

(Religious Education, Sacramental Preparation, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults [RCIA])

And what you heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will have the ability to teach others as well.

- 2 Timothy 2:2

We receive the valuable gift of faith, like a baton, and it is passed on from one generation to another. It is by our lived faith in Jesus Christ that we are transformed to become light of the world and salt of the earth. Catechist may work with children or teens for religious education and sacramental preparation, or with adults for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). [RCIA also caters to needs of children who have reached the age of reason, about 7-8 years old.] Supervision and resources are provided. Catechists must have profound gratitude for the gift of our Christian Catholic faith and must joyfully give witness to the same faith.

For more information, please contact Father Edison or Deacon Bob Lee @ (315) 594-9430.

- **Youth Ministry**

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

- Matthew 19:14

We are blessed with the presence of teens in our parish. The Youth Mass has drawn a number of them to not only be at Mass but also to serve in liturgical ministries. We seek to offer our youth a program that understands their needs and seeks to respond to them. Sharing resources with other parishes enables us to offer a concrete curriculum to our youth, plan and implement youth retreats, and attend national and diocesan youth conferences. You may assist our youth minister at certain sessions, and if needed, may have to drive teens to events. Volunteers need to be CASE trained.

For more information, please contact Corey Ginnet @ (315) 594-9430.

SOCIAL MINISTRY AND OUTREACH

- **Social Ministry Committee**

Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.

- Matthew 25:40

In Christ, we live not for ourselves but live for and serve others. Through the Parish Social Ministry, we are able to engage in our local communities: to know and seek to address the needs of our brothers and sisters. We coordinate parish participation in Care Net, March for Life, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Health and Hygiene Collection for Schools, Handyman Ministry, Financial Assistance, Winter Hat and Mitten Drive, Food and Clothing Drives, Advocacy, Migrant Ministry, Visiting the Sick and Home-Bound, and Environmental Stewardship and Education. We promote parish education and reflection through the Just Neighbors Series. Be the hands and feet