

and seasons. Facilitates training of new ministers. Studies and offers catechesis on liturgical documents.

Parish Council: Meets monthly to consider our parish vision and direction.

Social Life Committee: Organizes and prepares parish social events such as the Corn and Sausage Roast, potlucks, and receptions.

Stewardship Committee: Fosters an environment in which stewardship is understood, accepted, and practiced throughout the Parish. Organized Ministry Fair, prepares lay witness speakers, inserts or articles regarding stewardship to be included in the Parish bulletin.



Parish Ministry Catalog



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ers (a few times a year).

Hospitality: Provide snacks and food for the group on occasion (once a month or less).

Parish Support: Attend teens' sporting events, performances, etc. showing parish support.

Prayer Team: Formally commit to praying daily for about ten Little Flower teens by name and for the youth.

Service Team: Help coordinate and lead service opportunities (3-5 hours once a month or less).

Teen Affirmation: Support the teens by sending birthday, graduation, get well, and thank you notes (average 30 minutes/month).

Witness: Speak to the teens about your faith experience (once or twice a year).

General/Other: Miscellaneous help determined by the volunteer and the director of youth ministry.

Adult Formation

***JustFaith:** Meet in small groups over a six month period to discuss Catholic Social Teaching through the lens of poverty. These discussions lead to "border crossings" to become acquainted with service organizations in the area, ultimately leading to a more conscious devotion to social justice in our world.

RCIA: Adults who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith join in formation from late summer through spring. Sponsors are needed to join them on the journey.

Parish Office and Grounds Ministries

Bulletin Stuffers: Stuff bulletin inserts on Fridays as needed (done on a rotating basis).

Collection Counters: Count and prepare deposit, pick up receipt. Done as part of a team on a rotating basis.

Office Workers: Greet/assist persons coming to the parish office, answer and direct phone calls. (Time slots are chosen by you.)

Landscape and Grounds keeping: Assist with ongoing care of gardens including Spring and Fall cleanup of grounds.

Commissions, Councils, and Committees

Finance Council: Assist the Pastor and Parish Manager in preparing and presenting financial reports and the budget to the parish.

Liturgy Committee: Meets monthly to plan for upcoming liturgies

Senior Circle: A group of senior citizens who organize occasional outings, social and spiritual events.

***Young Adults:** For single or married adults in their 20's and 30's—social events, faith sharing, service, etc.

***Young Families:** Families of children school-aged and under. Visit their blog at <http://lfyoungfamilies.blogspot.com/>.

Wellness

Fit For Life: Strength training and flexibility exercises to improve physical fitness. Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 – 10:00 a.m. in the Wellness Room.

Faith Formation

Children's Religious Education

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Catechist: Teach and guide children as they grow in their faith. A teaching background is not required; training is provided

Substitute Catechist: Needed when regular catechist is not there.

Hospitality: Assist planning and set up for catechist's luncheon in December, First Reconciliation luncheon in January, and catechist's cookout at end of the school year.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for Children: Journey with a child or family as they prepare for Initiation into the Church.

Vacation Bible School: Works to plan and facilitate the yearly Vacation Bible School, held each summer. Needed: teachers, assistants, snacks, etc.

High School Youth Ministry

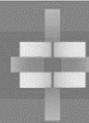
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Adult Youth Minister: Directly minister and mentor our teens! Commitment to attending Sunday youth nights and additional planning meetings required (3 hours/week).

Chaperone: Provide supervision for trips, retreats, etc (once or twice a semester).

Driver: Drive teens to special events such as retreats, FaithFest, and service days (once or twice a semester).

Fundraising Team: Oversee, plan and execute youth ministry fundrais-



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"I will spend my heaven doing good on earth." -St. Thérèse

Ministry Catalog

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Worship

***Adoration:** Spending an hour a week praying in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament either exposed in a monstrance or in the Tabernacle.

Altar Linen Cleaning: Collect used linens from the sacristy to wash and iron them at home. Done on a monthly rotating basis.

Altar Servers

Family Altar Servers assist the Presider at Mass.

Youth Serving Corps: Boy and girls ages 10-18 will be trained for special liturgies. They will dress in albs and will learn more of the details of the liturgy.

Art & Environment: Prepares the liturgical environment for the seasons of the liturgical year.

***Audio/Visual:** Assist in running of sound board and occasional lighting during liturgy.

Cantor: Leads the liturgical assembly in song, either with the choir or without. This person proclaims the Responsorial Song during Mass or other liturgical events.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Distributes the Body and Blood of Christ during liturgy. Training is provided. Assigned on a rotating basis.

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick: Distributes the Body of Christ to those who are sick and homebound. Training is provided.

Gift Bearer: Represents the assembly in presenting our food, bread, wine and monetary gifts.

***Greeter:** Greet parishioners as they enter church, ensuring they feel welcomed, offering needed information.

Instrumentalist: Joins with other music ministers to support the song of the liturgical assembly. Rehearsal time is typically required

Lectors: Proclaims the Word of God at parish liturgies. Training is provided.

Mass Coordinator: Oversees all liturgical ministers at a set liturgy one month at a time.

***Prayer of the Faithful Writer:** Composing weekly Prayers of the Faithful for weekend liturgies. Training will be provided and you will be scheduled in monthly blocks.

Singer/Choir Member: Joins with the choir and instrumentalists to lead and support the singing of the liturgical assembly at Sunday Mass and other liturgies.

Usher: Pass collection baskets, help gift bearers, help distribute bulletins, and help with any needs in the assembly.

***Wedding Coordinator:** Work with couples and their needs regarding flow of the liturgy and use of facilities. Will be present at the wedding to ensure proper flow of the liturgy and to aid in communication between the wedding party, the Presider, and the musicians.

Prayer

***Altar/Rosary Sodality:** Meet as a group to pray the rosary in support of the parish. Develop ways to support the Pastor and Liturgy Committee in the procurement of vestments, altar appointments, and other needed items.

Healing Prayer Team: Meets to study and pray with scripture related to the healing power of God and prays for the healing of all parishioners in need.

Prayer Tree: You are notified by email of prayer requests. Prayers can be requested by using the online Prayer Request Form or by calling the parish office at 574-272-7070.

Outreach

Outreach Ministries

Assistance Counselor: Receive training and then meet one-on-one with someone seeking financial assistance while offering them compassion and hope. The counselor assesses the situation of the person in need, recommends a solution and/or referrals, and works with Deacon Greg in implementing the assistance and referrals. Volunteer once a month at a time that is convenient for you.

Center for the Homeless Casserole Program: Prepare a large casserole every other month for clients at Center for the Homeless.

Corvilla Residents Transportation: Assist with transportation of Corvilla Residents to 9:30 Mass.

Funeral Luncheons: A.) Prepare a salad or dessert for a grieving family on the day of the funeral. B.) Set up and serve at funeral luncheons.

Habitat for Humanity: Eliminate poverty housing through the Matthew 25 home, which is built and funded by local churches. You can donate and/or help build the home.

Home Improvements: We occasionally need a person who is handy with home repairs.

Hope Ministries: Help prepare/serve a meal at Hope Rescue Mission several times a year.

Prison Ministry: Minister to those imprisoned at Indiana State Prison in Michigan City through visits, correspondence, periodic attendance at Sunday liturgy, etc. Interview and training required and provided.

Respect Life Ministry: Seeking to transform society into a Culture of Life where every human being is valued and protected from the moment of conception until natural death.

Food Pantry

Christmas Food Drive Help: Help pick up and sort food donated at Christmastime.

Computer Entry: Help to enter information in computer during Food Pantry hours.

Food Pick Up: Pick up donated food from the local Food Bank or other sources.

Food Sorters: Help sort the food donations given during weekend Masses.

Notre Dame Football Fundraising: Help staff a concession stand during home games at the University of Notre Dame.

Pantry Workers: Help to distribute food during Pantry hours

Social Life

Coffee and Donuts: Pick up donuts and set up coffee/donuts after 9:30 Mass on Sunday. Done on a rotating basis.

Knights of Columbus: Catholic men, age 18 or older join for camaraderie and service in support of Church, community, and family life.

Knit & Crochet: Meets Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Learn from others and share your knowledge. All levels of experience welcome.

Kris Kringle Craft Show: Help with set-up, clean-up, food service at November boutique.

Men's Prayer Breakfast: Meets 1st Saturday of each month.