

MINISTRIES OUTSIDE OF THE LITURGY OF THE MASS

❖ Faith Formation Ministries (Evangelization)

The Faith Formation ministries guide and support others in the work of loving God and loving neighbor. They create opportunities for learning, spiritual growth, and community building.

○ Catechism

- *Adults serve as Catechists or Assistant Catechists and Youth serve as Assistants.*
- *The Catechism Program runs on Saturday mornings from 9:15 to 10:30 from mid-September to mid-May. Catechists are expected to arrive by 9:00.*
- *Catechists will use the Finding God Resource Guide to plan and prepare lessons at home, a one to two hour commitment.*

○ Youth

- *Adults serve as mentors to guide and support the youth in their faith journey, using the Journey of Faith Resource Guide for Teens to plan and prepare sessions.*
- *The Youth Program typically runs on Friday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30, but the time and day are flexible.*

○ Adults

- *Small groups promote ways for people to consider and study the Catholic faith, encounter Jesus and live as disciples within a supportive faith community.*
- *Small group studies could include a variety of topics, based on people's interests and needs.*
- *Participating in small groups is a way to expand and extend the church's presence through outreach, connection, relationship building and engagement with others.*

○ RCIA

- *The "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" is a structured program designed to accompany people in their encounter with God as they prepare to receive the sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion.*
- *The program begins in the fall and participants meet weekly to go through a series of studies, using the Journey of Faith for Adults Resource Guide.*
- *RCIA is the process that has been established as the way for adults to enter the Catholic Church.*

❖ **Altar Guild Ministry**

- *Volunteers are needed to care for the Altar Linens used in the Parish.*
- *Each volunteer is scheduled for a month, during which time they are responsible for washing, ironing etc. the items and must follow a standard procedure for doing so.*

❖ **Baptismal Preparation Ministry**

- *The members of the Baptismal Preparation Team are responsible for meeting with parents and godparents prior to the Baptism of their child.*
- *Group sessions are held once a month and during this time, the team discusses topics related to preparing for and receiving the sacrament, using the Baptismal Preparation Guidebook as a resource to follow.*
- *One of the team members is asked to be present at the child's Baptism to welcome the family and assist as necessary.*

❖ **Cleaning Ministry**

- *Members of the Cleaning Team are responsible for keeping the Church and Parish Centre clean so that our buildings are inviting to those who enter them.*
- *Teams can be scheduled to do the tasks at a time that is convenient for them.*
- *If there are enough teams to volunteer, they can be scheduled on a rotational basis.*

❖ **Communication Ministry**

- *Works with the various ministries to advertise events and activities, as well as share information through a variety of media (e.g. social media, bulletin, mass announcements, etc.)*

❖ **Funeral Reception Ministry**

- *This ministry prepares and hosts receptions in the Parish Hall following the funeral of a Parish member in the church.*
- *If there are enough volunteers they will be organized into teams, with specific tasks assigned to each member of the team.*

❖ **Liturgical Environment Ministry**

- *This ministry focuses on the preparation of a space for worship.*
- *The decorated space should invite the congregation to enter into the sacred beauty of the Mass while reflecting the theology of the liturgical season.*
- *The liturgical environment should elevate the community's prayer and worship.*

❖ **Maintenance Ministry**

- *Members of this ministry assist with general upkeep of the Church and Parish Centre, doing odd jobs and repairs.*
- *The time commitment varies, depending on availability and what needs to be done.*

❖ **Music Ministry**

- *The music ministry provides a platform for individuals in the church to share their natural and spiritual gifts to worship and praise God.*
- *Music ministers lead the congregation in singing.*

❖ **Social (Hospitality) Ministry**

- *Organizes events which help to build community. (e.g. Coffee Sundays, Game Nights, etc.)*
- *Works with the Feast Day Picnic Planning Team to put on this annual event.*

Feast Day Picnic Planning Team

- *Volunteers are needed to plan and organize the annual Feast Day Picnic.*
- *The commitment to this ministry is seasonal.*

❖ **Social Justice Ministry**

- *The Social Justice Ministry provides opportunities for all the members of our parish to participate in social justice activities that allow our hearts to be touched.*
- *Focus is on outreach to both the local and global communities. (e.g. Food Bank, Main Street Project, Development and Peace, etc.)*
- *Provides education and awareness of how to respond to the Catholic Social Teachings and the Corporal Works of Mercy, which are the foundations for the causes which we choose to support.*

❖ **Visitation Ministry**

- *The Visitation Ministry prays for those who are sick.*
- *Volunteers visit and bring communion to shut-ins at home or in the hospital.*
- *Members participate in monthly liturgies at Park Manor.*

❖ **Welcome Ministry**

- *The Welcome Team connects with new members to welcome and inform them about Blessed Sacrament Parish.*
- *The team prepares “Welcome Folders” to distribute to those who are new to the Parish.*