

***Diocesan Virtus training required.**

In the Diocese of Davenport all those working with children and vulnerable adults that have unsupervised contact with children are required to complete our *Protecting God's Children* program and clear a background check. The *Protecting God's Children* training program is assigned through VIRTUS which is an online training program. The background check is processed through a secure website called ESR.

St. Mary's local VIRTUS administrator is Samantha Ridder. If you have any questions about VIRTUS please contact her at the parish office (641)673-6680 or via email at oskystmarydre@diodav.org.

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STEWARDSHIP HANDBOOK



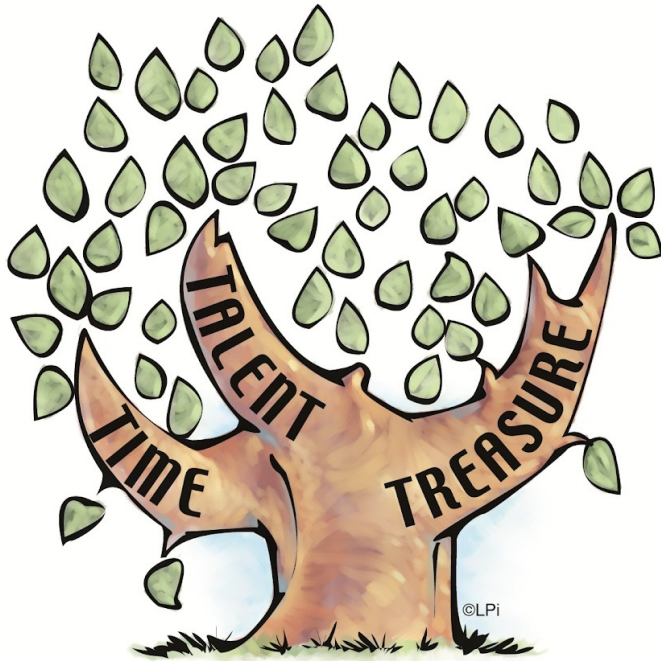
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FROM A HEART OF GRATITUDE WE SHARE OUR TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE



ONE BODY OF CHRIST

*“We are one body, one body in Christ,
and we do not stand alone.”*

These are the words sung by millions at the annual World Youth Day. It is truly a Catholic anthem, one which emphasizes that we are a universal church with room for every person.

Just as Jesus welcomes every person with open arms, we at St. Mary’s welcome the presence and involvement of all our members - whether they are longtime members, new families or just recently returning to the Church.

Part of being a welcoming community is being open to the gifts and talents of each member. This is why we invite all parishioners to make commitments of time, talent, and treasure. Your gifts are what make St. Mary’s a vibrant parish community.

LEADERSHIP

CORPORATE BOARD

The Corporate Board of St. Mary Oskaloosa (Bishop, Vicar General and two Lay directors from St. Mary Oskaloosa appointed by the pastor and then appointed by the Bishop) manages the assets of SMO: land, buildings and finances to enable the Parish to carry on the work of Christ.

FINANCE COMMISSION

This council meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. to consider and make recommendations concerning parish finances. They develop the yearly budget and supervise funding for the mission of St. Mary Oskaloosa. Members of this group are appointed by the Pastor in accordance with the Code of Canon Law.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is an elected advisory group for the pastor. It seeks to foster parish unity, assess parish needs, develop parish programs, coordinate parish activities, encourage parish participation in spiritual and apostolic life and provides a forum for parish dialogue. Members of the Pastoral Council are representatives of the various Parish Commissions. The council meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Term lengths are 3 years.

For more information on any of these leadership opportunities please contact the Parish Office (641)673-6680

ADMINISTRATION

BULLETINS/NEWSLETTER MAILING HELP

Our Sunday bulletin and periodic newsletter mailings are important tools for communicating with our parish family on a regular basis. Individuals are needed to stuff bulletins, prepare newsletter mailings, stuff envelopes, etc.

Call Parish Office (641)673-6680

MONEY COUNTER (REGULAR & SUBSTITUTE)

This a work of approved volunteers in this ministry who assist with money counting and bank deposits of Sunday offerings.

Call Parish Office - 641-673-6680

WEBSITE MINISTRY

Help update and maintain our parish website. The parish office could use you help keeping our website current. Content will be provided for you to upload.

Call Parish Office (641)673-6680

ADMINISTRATION

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

Our model for prayer is Jesus, who prayed with his disciples and often went aside to pray by Himself.

Have you ever noticed that couples who have recently fallen in love spend every possible minute together? Among the simplest ways to show love is to simply be with a person; to spend time with him or her.

Being a steward of time means making time for the things we love most. The Gospels admonish us: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and strength, and your neighbor as yourself." If we truly love the Lord, we will make time to be with him in prayer. If we love our neighbor, we will find ways to help our community. If we love our parish, we will seek out opportunities to spend time with other parishioners.

As to "Stewardship of Time," we maintain our primary focus on the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist, while we also look to how we spend time in common and personal devotions and in family prayer. Think about what you love most. If God and family are near the top of the list, resolve to make prayer - the lifeblood of Christian life - a part of your own daily life and the life of your family.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT

“Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as ransom for the many.”

-Mark 10-43:45

Most Catholics who attend Mass regularly also want to be involved in their parish during the week. Volunteering requires special and timely scheduling. Intuitively, we know that the Gospel preached on Sunday reflects the acts of service shared Monday through Saturday.

We all have different schedules, different abilities, different interests – but we all share a common obligation to be active members of the Body of Christ. A good steward is one who takes this obligation seriously and finds ways to put his or her talents to work.

In the following pages you’ll discover dozens of ministries – from faith formation opportunities to community outreach programs. You don’t need to be an artist or musician to have a “talent”. You don’t even need a special hobby or skill. All you need is the conviction that you do have the ability to play a role and the willingness to do it.

With many different ministries in the parish, there is a place

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT

Stewardship

is heart work



SPRING & FALL CLEAN UP

Help is needed to clean up the Fellowship Hall gardens, Church gardens and Rectory during the early spring and fall. Weeding, litter pick up, planting and mulching are some of the jobs to be considered.

Call Parish Office - 641-673-6680

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

St. Mary Cemetery Association is an independent corporation in fellowship with St. Mary Oskaloosa. The cemetery association maintains the cemetery grounds. Volunteers are needed for occasional seasonal maintenance.

Secretary Marianne, Cline - 641-660-4092

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMISSION

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Join the Stewardship Commission. This Commission is responsible for learning about, developing, implementing and coordinating the Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure within the parish.

Call Parish Office (641)673-6680

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMISSION

This committee meets as needed to review and plan facility and landscaping projects for the church.

Call Parish Office - 641-673-6680

PLANT & FLOWER CARE

Help take care of outdoor flowers with the seasonal planting, watering and weeding of planters, gardens and flower beds.

Call Parish Office (641)673-6680

HANDY SKILLS, PAINTERS, ETC.

Help is needed occasionally to do minor repairs carpentry, drywall, painting, etc. in the church and office spaces.

Call Parish Office - 641-673-6680

LAWN CARE

Help is needed to keep our outdoor church grounds groomed and for a beautiful presentation. Please help with lawn care!

Call Parish Office - 641-673-6680

STEWARDSHIP/BUILDING & GROUNDS

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

At St Mary's of Oskaloosa we are encouraging each other to be better stewards of our money, setting aside a generous offering to the parish each week. This is an essential part of parish stewardship.

Talking about money is always challenging. Jesus Himself spoke about money quite frequently, for the very simple reason that money plays a very large role in our lives. Precisely because of this, it needs to be aligned with our most deeply held beliefs.

After all, Jesus asks us to give Him our hearts; why should it be harder to give Him our dollars? "Where your treasure is, there also lies your hearts."

WHY GIVE A PERCENTAGE?

Why should we determine the amount of our gift based on a percentage of income? First, because the tithe (10%) is a scriptural benchmark which the Church has honored for centuries (see Malachi 3:10). Secondly, all giving is some percentage of income and it is a common-sense standard which offers some equitable measure of parish financial support from each, according to his or her ability.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

GUIDE FOR GIVING 5%

Annual Income	5% Weekly Gift	Annual Income	5% Weekly Gift
\$10,000	\$10	\$75,000	\$72
\$20,000	\$19	\$100,000	\$96
\$30,000	\$29	\$125,000	\$120
\$50,000	\$48	\$150,000	\$144

As a parish, St. Mary's breaks down the tithe as

Follows:

- 5% to the parish
- 1% to the diocese
- 4% to other charities

If the goals above seem difficult to attain, consider increasing your gift incrementally until you reach your goal. It may take a good period of time but eventually you can reach an amount that adequately reflects God's generosity to you.

As you move toward your goal, the most important thing is to choose a regular sacrificial amount to give each week or month, and be faithful to it. All amounts and percentages are objective. Sacrifice is always subjective and particular. Families who have made a sacrifice will tell you that it brings peace and blessing, because they know their charity reflects God's sacrificial love for each of us.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Members knit or crochet prayer shawls which are blessed by a priest. Parishioners are free to gift them to those going through a difficult time or a milestone in life. For those unable to knit or crochet, monetary contributions are accepted to help defray the cost of the yarn.

Call Parish Office (641)673-6680

LOVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST (LOVE INC.)

The Growing Hope Organization asks our commission two to four times a year to prepare and serve a meal during classes at the First Christian Reformed Church in Oskaloosa.

Call Jeannie Kingma (641)660-2135

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Christmas Giving Tree project coordinates with the Crisis Center, Pay It Forward Foundation, and parishioners to provide hundreds of gifts to brighten the holidays for individuals and families in Iowa, Oskaloosa, and at St. Mary's. It also provides gifts for home-bound and care center parishioners. Volunteers are needed in many capacities including shopping and wrapping.

Call Mary Beth Hunt - 641-660-4961

FOOD PACKING EVENT (STOP HUNGER NOW)

Annually, typically during or around the Lent Season, the commission will raise donations and ask for volunteers to pack meals.

Call Jeannie Kingma (641)660-2135

SOCIAL JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION

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The Social Justice Commission meets monthly to involve members of the parish in opportunities for service and to acknowledge and promote the work that is being done in the areas of social justice and peace, including legislative issues and political process. This commission oversees the following social action ministries that help those in need in our local community.

Call Parish Office (641)673-6680

ECUMENICAL CUPBOARD

Twice a month - on the second Wednesday and the third Friday, we have a team of volunteers packing food for clients at the Ecumenical Cupboard. The volunteers are there from 10:00 AM until 12:00 noon.

Call Carol Polkowske (641)295-4433
(641)672-2832

END OF MONTH MEALS

Monthly we donate a prepared meal with St. James Episcopal and St. Paul Congregational on Wednesdays. In the months of January, February and June, St. Mary's is a host site for the meal, held on the last week of the month Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Call Jeannie Kingma (641)660-2135

SOCIAL JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION

*A generous person will prosper;
Whoever refreshes others
will be refreshed.*

Proverbs 11:25



MINISTRY CATALOG

We are all called to the stewardship way of life, no matter how we sever the Church.

“Each viable faith community addresses six ministry areas as it lives out the fullness of our faith. These ministry areas include Church Life, Faith Formation, Family Life, Finance and Administration, Liturgy, and Social Action. These areas overlap. Concerns such as stewardship, evangelization, strategic planning and communication, for example, do not fit neatly in one ministry area but are shared by all ministries and all members of the body. These six ministry areas exist at the parish and diocesan levels. Some of the structures at these levels are established by Canon Law or local requirements known as particular law established by a synod or at the direction of the Bishop, the Pastor of our local Diocesan Church. The principle of subsidiarity, that decisions are to be made at the most appropriate level, undergirds all our activities as Church.”

Six Areas of Ministry
Most Rev. Martin Amos
Bishop Emeritus

MINISTRY CATALOG

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LITURGY COMMISSION

This Commission meets on the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. to learn more about the Liturgy and to prepare for the various liturgical seasons, feasts and special celebrations. It also recruits and trains liturgical ministers and promotes various forms of devotional prayer. The Commission oversees the following liturgical ministry areas listed below. Please consider joining an important ministry of this commission.

Commission Chair - Carolyn Dale
(641) 673-7187

ADORATION

Commit each week for prayer in the presence of our Lord. Every Friday from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Benediction is prayed at 5:30 p.m. on the First Friday of every month.

Call Fran Kenyon (641) 672-1343
Bob Oberhauser (641) 673-9394

MUSIC MINISTRY—ACCOMPANISTS FOR MASS

Accompanying at Mass is open to high school students and adults who are proficient in the instrument that he/she plays, whether that be the piano, the pipe organ, wind, brass, or string instrument. Accompanists will need to practice with the cantor during the week prior to the Mass for which he/she plays. Accompanists will be asked to learn processional and recessional hymns as well as hymns during Offertory and

FUNERAL LUNCHEON WORKER

As a service to grieving families, our parish provides a meal immediately following the funeral service at the church. Often these luncheons can be quite large, so many volunteers are needed to prepare, serve the meal and clean up afterward.

Call Donna Tylkowski (641)660-4387
Call Carolyn Dale (641)673-7187

PHOTOGRAPHER

There are always many opportunities to capture images of our parish life. Individuals with their own cameras who attend these important events and who take photos are invited to share their pictures with the parish office.

Email the Parish Office at: stmosky@mahaska.org

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Women members of the parish serve this committee to plan and host an evening during Advent for the ladies of the parish consisting of dinner and prayer with a guest speaker. Open to the public by invitation.

Call Debbie Blunt (641)660-1937

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Be part of this Catholic men's organization, giving back to the parish, family and community through various charitable activities especially the November Turkey Dinner.

Call Tom Gaughn (641)780-2154

LITURGY COMMISSION

CHURCH & FAMILY LIFE COMMISSION

CARING HANDS MINISTRY

This group contacts and organizes parishioners for baked goods, salads or desserts for a variety of purposes within the parish. Examples would be bake sales, breakfasts, funeral lunches, special events, etc. The group consists of many talented parishioners who are willing to use their skills to help our community.

Call Carol Polkowske (641)295-4433
(641)672-2832

CARD MINISTRY

Greeting Cards are sent to parishioners on the occasion of a birth, illness or death to show support from the parish family. Parishioners can call the parish office or the care ministry contact to have a card sent to a parishioner or participate in this wonderful ministry.

Call Carolyn Dale (641)673-7187
Call Parish Office (641)673-6680

PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer requests can be sent to the prayer chain coordinator for distribution to e-mail prayer partners. Everyone is encouraged to support their fellow parishioners through prayer. Consider supporting your church family through this powerful spiritual opportunity. Contact the coordinator to become a Prayer Partner.

Contact Melanie Hirl via email at: mehirl@mahaska.org

CHURCH & FAMILY LIFE COMMISSION

Communion, Mass parts for four different Mass settings throughout the liturgical year, the Responsorial Psalm, and the Gospel Acclamation. Additional music may also be required for some Masses such as Easter or Baptisms. Accompanists go through a training program prior to beginning this ministry.

Call Donna Hasso (641)673-6839

MUSIC MINISTRY—CANTORS

Cantors lead the congregation in worship during Mass through the singing of hymns, the responsorial psalm and Gospel Acclamation, and the Mass parts. Cantoring is open to high school students through adults who have a good singing voice, are able to read music, and have the confidence to lead the congregation in song. Candidates go through a training program prior to starting this ministry.

Call Donna Hasso (641)673-6839

MUSIC MINISTRY—ADULT CHOIR

The adult choir is open to high school students and adults who have a good singing voice, are able to read music, and have some experience singing SATB music in a choir setting. Choir practice is held after the 8 a.m. Mass October through December and February through April. The choir sings during Advent, Christmas, and the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil) as well as several other occasions throughout the liturgical year when additional practices may be scheduled. We are also in need occasionally for an accomplished flautist.

Call Donna Hasso (641)673-6839

LITURGY COMMISSION

MUSIC MINISTRY—PRAISE BAND

This is a group of musicians/singers that play periodically. The band brings contemporary songs to Mass for congregational worshipping and for inspirational listening. If you have a gift and would like to sing/play in a band, this is the group for you! This group practices are pre-arranged and welcome School aged parishioners.

Call Jenny Feudner 563)537-0123

MUSIC MINISTRY—CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's choir is open to all K-8th grade students. Students who wish to participate can practice with the choir during Faith Formation classes on the Sunday's leading up to the Children's Choir Mass. If your child(ren) is interested, we would love to add their voice to the choir. Adults are also needed to help organize the children and sit with them at Mass. Virtus training required.*

Call Samantha Ridder (641)673-0659

ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers assist the priest during Mass. This ministry is open to boys and girls in fourth grade through high school who participate in the appropriate training sessions and periodic enrichment experiences. Adults interested in serving may also contact Carolyn Dale. Virtus training required for adult servers*

Call Carolyn Dale (641)673-7187

ALTAR SERVER ROBE LAUNDERING

Volunteers are need to take home the server robes once a month to wash them. This needs to be done during the week

LITURGY COMMISSION

CHURCH & FAMILY LIFE COMMISSION

The Church Life Commission plans ways to develop a sense of community within the parish. This is done through welcoming newcomers, parish socials, dinners, etc. The Family Life Commission establishes opportunities that will facilitate the Christ-centered growth and family well-being in all its expressions and stages. Please consider joining this Commission to help build a more hospitable Parish Family and a stronger faith filled community!

Commission CoChair Marianne Cline (641)660-4092

Commission CoChair Debbie Blunt (641)660-1937

WELCOMING MINISTRY

This ministry welcomes new parishioners through personal contact. Help new parishioners feel at home in our parish family by joining this ministry.

Call Parish Office 641-673-6680

COMFORT MEALS

This group provides comfort meals for parishioners that are temporarily impacted by surgery, illness or death. Individuals will prepare and deliver a meal to the family in need.

Call Carol Polkowske (641)295-4433

(641)672-2832

CHURCH & FAMILY LIFE COMMISSION

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & FIRST PENANCE

Sacraments Camp is offered the last week of July for those students who have completed second grade faith formation and are seeking to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and First Penance. The camp last a week with participants celebrating First Penance on Wednesday night and First Communion at a weekend Mass.

Call Parish Office (641)673-6680

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated every Saturday at 10:30-11:30am or by appointment. Communal Penance Services are held twice yearly, during Advent and Lent.

Call Parish Office (641)673-6680

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please call the Parish Office from a year to nine months in advance of your wedding day to register a wedding date and to enter into formation for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Call Parish Office (641)673-6680

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is celebrated by request with the pastor and annually at a parish liturgy.

Call Parish Office (641)673-6680

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

when servers are not using the robes for weekend Masses or funerals. This is a very flexible ministry that one can do from home.

Call Carolyn Dale (641)673-7187

ALTAR LINENS LAUNDERING

Altar Linens are taken home weekly to wash. This is a flexible ministry that can one can do from home.

Call Carolyn Dale (641)673-7187

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

These ministers assist the priest and deacon with the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ during Sunday Mass. Ministers receive the opportunity for spiritual enrichment to help deepen their faith and reverence for the sacred presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Ministers of Holy Communion must be in full communion with the Church and must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Call Carolyn Dale (641)673-7187

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Join a group of adults who lead Children's Liturgy at the 8am Mass, every Sunday during the school year. The adult leader proclaims the Gospel in an age-appropriate manner and facilitates children's understanding of the Good News. All new volunteers will be partnered with a current volunteer until they are ready to be a lead volunteer. Virtus training required.*

Call Samantha Ridder (641)673-0659

LITURGY COMMISSION

READERS (PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD)

Readers proclaim the Word of God at Mass in an inspiring and meaningful way. They carefully review the Scripture passages and practice reading them aloud before coming to church.

Call Carolyn Dale (641)673-7187

GREETERS/MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Greeters assist the ushers in welcoming people with a smile and making visitors feel “at home” here at St. Mary’s. Individuals or families are invited to become greeters at the Mass they usually attend.

Call Carolyn Dale (641)673-7187

SACRISTAN

Sacristans are in charge of the sacred vessels and vestments and are responsible in setting up for Mass. Following Mass, it is their responsibility to return all liturgical items to the sacristy and in proper order for the next Mass.

Call Carolyn Dale (641)673-7187

USHERS

Many ushers are needed to provide hospitality for the congregation and assistance to the celebrant before, during and after each Mass. They assist with seating, taking collections, special needs and opening/closing of doors for parishioners as they arrive/leave Mass. Adults and youth are encouraged to be involved.

Call Parish Office (641)673-6680

LITURGY COMMISSION

idea for an adult formation event please contact that parish office.

St. Mary’s offers ongoing adult formation through the Men’s Group that meets on Wednesdays at 7pm, and the Women’s Group on Thursdays at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Center.

Call Samantha Ridder (641)678-0659

MARRIAGE PREPARATION/SPONSOR COUPLE

This ministry is a parish-centered ministry through which married couples work closely with the pastoral staff in preparing engaged couples for marriage. Married couples in this ministry receive diocesan training and meet with an engaged couple to discuss various aspects of married life from the perspective of their married life.

Call Parish Office (641)673-6680

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at the weekend Mass that the family usually attends. Attendance at a Baptism formation class is required.

Call Parish Office - 641-673-6680

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated annually. Preparation classes start in the fall and are open to anyone 7-12 grade. If you are an adult interested in the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the office as preparation for adults is different from that of our regular Confirmation classes.

Call Parish Office (641)673-6680

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

EVENT CHAPERONES

Youth from the parish are invited to attend different parish, diocesan, and national events. Chaperones are needed to accompany our youth to these many different events. If you are interested in accompanying our youth as a chaperone please contact the Parish Office. Diocesan Virtus training required.*

Call Samantha Ridder (641)678-0659

FAITH FORMATION FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Different fundraising events are held throughout the year to help cover the cost of our many different formation programs. If you are interested in chairing an event, volunteering for, or donating to one of our fundraising events please contact the parish office.

Call Samantha Ridder (641)678-0659

SECRET PRAYER DISCIPLE MINISTRY

The Secret Prayer Disciple Ministry is group of individuals who have committed to praying in a very special way for one of our High School students. Every adult is paired with an incoming freshman in the fall. They will then pray daily for their students and send 3-4 cards/notes of encouragement to them throughout the year. This is an anonymous ministry with the goal of letting our high school students know they are cherished members of our parish family.

Call Samantha Ridder (641)678-0659

ADULT FORMATION/PARISH MISSION

There are different opportunities for adult formation throughout the year. Volunteers are needed to help organize and host these events. If you are interested helping or have an

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

FUNERAL MINISTERS

Servers, Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are needed to assist at funeral Masses with only a short notice. Adults should consider serving in these rolls.

Call Carolyn Dale (641)673-7187

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

This ministry is necessary to take Communion to members of our community who are unable to attend Mass due to age, illness, or other circumstances. This ministry involves taking the Eucharist to people in their homes. Virtus training required.*

Call Carolyn Dale (641)673-7187

LITURGY COMMISSION

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

The Faith Formation Commission meets on the second Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. The Commission serves the parish by developing, implementing and evaluating programs that enrich the faith life of everyone in the parish from our youngest to oldest members. This is achieved by continually seeking ways to better provide for the spiritual needs of our parish. Please consider joining this faith-filled Commission.

Commission Chair - Shanna Smith
(641)660-9614

FAITH FORMATION CATECHIST/SUBSTITUTE (K-8TH GRADE)

Through formal education and by their example, catechists aid parents in bringing their children into a full understanding of our Catholic Faith. Classes are held throughout the school year on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 a.m. There are many different opportunities for volunteers. Catechist are needed to teach weekly classes for our K-8th grade students. Substitutes are also needed to fill in when one of our regular teachers are unavailable. If you are interested in assisting in Faith Formation, there are many different ways you are get involved and share your faith with our students. Diocesan Virtus training required.*

Call Samantha Ridder (641)673-0659

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

FAMILY DAYS, FAITH FORMATION (K-8TH GR.)

On the first Sunday of each month the entire family is invited to participate in Faith Formation. At these monthly gatherings we will have different activities to engage the entire family while learning and living our faith together. Volunteers are need each month to help with these activities. Diocesan Virtus training required.*

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INITIATION OF ADULTS INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH (RCIA)

Sponsors aid in the initiation of catechumens and candidates. They help to answer questions about the Catholic Faith and provide support throughout the initiation process.

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F.R.O.G. (FULLY RELY ON GOD)

Middle School students are invited to F.R.O.G on the third Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:45 p.m. F.R.O.G gives students the opportunity for fellowship outside of Faith Formation class. Volunteers are needed to help organize monthly games and activities as well as prepare snacks for the youth who attend. Diocesan Virtus training required.*

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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

High School youth groups meets on Sunday nights from 6:15-7:45 p.m. The evenings consist of formation and fellowship as our high school students come together to grow deeper in their faith with peers. Diocesan Virtus training required.*

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