

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Ministries

Our parish is in need of volunteers for the various ministries. The following descriptions will give everyone an idea of our needs and we hope, give you an idea of what YOU could help with to share your talents. Together, we will continue to build and EVANGELIZE to each other and to the entire world. For most ministries there is minimal time commitment. His Holiness, Pope Francis, often reminds us that we are to build church family together, and from our parish family, we help each other, love each other, and find a renewed sense of happiness in our baptismal call as Catholics. We respectfully ask you to prayerfully discern what you could assist with. **Remember this ... never let fear hold you back from trying something new. We will train you in a new ministry if necessary, and help you along the way.**

Altar Servers: There can NEVER be too many altar servers! Involving our youth is critical to our Parish family. Serving at Mass is a wonderful way to get our youth involved and make them feel they are contributing. (must have received First Communion to serve)

Sacristan: This important ministry is one of care and love. Sacristans prepare for the Mass by setting the 'table of the Lord'. Within this ministry is the wonderful opportunity to learn more of the liturgical calendar and all the rich symbolism and traditions of the Mass.

CWL / K of C: Our K of C men and CWL ladies are integral and important for the life of this Parish family. They both have many years of joyful service. Both organizations are pillars of our family. Much joy, friendship and faith are found in the K of C and CWL.

Pastoral Parish Council: Our PPC members are those who want to help with the decision making and concerns within our church. This council helps to keep our church vibrant and running smoothly. They are your voice, your council, to be called upon with any suggestions or concerns you may have. Positions currently open on council are Altar Server Coordinator and Pastoral Care / Eucharistic Ministry.

Collection Counting: Our parish requires volunteers to help count the Sunday Collection. In doing so, we can all take an active part in our Parish finances. The commitment is minimal and is on average once every 4 weeks.

Décor: This ministry comes together to provide the appropriate décor for our Liturgical seasons within the church year. They beautify the house of our Lord in a loving, caring manner. Many hands make this ministry light and fun at the same time.

Welcomers: Do we make others feel welcome when they enter our church? Do we welcome our brothers and sisters and embrace them with a warm smile and loving handshake? Hospitality is a very important part of who we are as a church and Parish family.

As well, welcomers have the responsibility to gather up the collection of each family and bring them to the altar of our Lord as a sign of thanksgiving for all God does for us and for the welfare of our church. It is an outward sign of love, generosity and church support of the Parish community.

Offertory: This ministry is a representation of the entire Parish as you bring the bread and wine to the priest to become the body and blood of Christ. We offer up these gifts to the Lord on behalf of the entire congregation. What an honor.

Rosary: Our Parish has the wonderful tradition of praying the Rosary 30 minutes before Mass. This rich and meaningful devotion helps us to focus on Christ through his Mother.

Communion / Cup Ministers: What a joy, honor and great privilege it is to serve the Body and Blood of Christ to your Parish family members. The great miracle of the Eucharist distributed by your own hand. Training is provided for this ministry.

Readers: What an honor to proclaim the Word of the Lord and lead our intentions. At the beginning and end of Mass the First Reader will process with the Lectionary and Second Reader will process with the Cross. Training is provided for this ministry.

Music Ministry: Sing to the Lord! Where would we be without our music ministry teams? While the Eucharist is the most important, our choirs are important as they sing to the Lord and enrich our Mass. Music brings an added awareness and beauty to our Mass, and an integral part of our celebrations. What talents are you hiding? God gave them to you to be used.

Vision Committee: Vision Committee takes its mandate from the "Rooted in Christ" Diocesan Vision Statement adopted in 2008. These six priorities for our Church's life and mission are: Evangelization, Ongoing Faith Formation, Liturgy and Worship, Building and Sustaining Community, Justice and Peace and Strengthening the Unity of our Diocese. Planning and hosting events related to these priorities are a part of our journey into the future as a parish, firmly rooted in Christ. Join this enthusiastic group that enjoys a rewarding ministry with evening meetings that include "social & lunch" benefits!

Visiting the Sick and Shut-ins: In this ministry of compassion and service, you will have the great joy of giving joy to others. Our sick and shut-ins are still part of our Parish family, and as such, they must know they are cared about. You can have the honor of bringing them Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Children's Liturgy: Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me ...' During the readings and homily, children will be invited downstairs to learn about Jesus. What a privilege to share the love of Jesus with the little children of our parish.

Catechism: Catechism is a very important aspect in our children's faith journey. Classes are taught by parent volunteers who want to share their faith with the youth. The yearly program begins in September and is completed in May. Classes are 45 minutes in length, before or after mass depending on mass time. Please prayerfully consider teaching the youth, the future of our parish.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: "Whatever we do ..." we reach out to all those in need in our community and Diocese and answer to the call of our Bishop to help the greatest needs within our Diocese. In this ministry funds are collected from our Parish and lovingly shared.

**If you would like to
volunteer or require more
information, please call
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**'Take the gifts that God has
given you and let them flow
into other people's lives.'**