



Pray, Serve, Learn

Live Like Christ

*With the
Holy Spirit
pouring the
love of God
into our
hearts, we
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St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
2023-2024 Stewardship
Ministry Booklet

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Linen Ministry

Wash and iron purificators and other altar linens used during Mass. Minimal training required. If you have **hand** or **machine embroidery skills**, we would also love to talk with you!

Church Environment Team

Our church décor/environment incorporates beauty and liturgical meaning. This team implements suggestions given by core group as well as add their own ideas for creating a welcoming, seasonal, sacred space. Some tasks include tending fresh flowers, assembling and arranging seasonal décor. Generally assist at Christmas and Easter.

Lead Stations of the Cross in Lent

Lead the assembly through the Lenten devotion of the Stations of the Cross on Tuesday evenings during Lent. Booklets and minimal training provided.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Assist the priest in the distribution of Holy Communion with reverence and dignity at Mass. Share the warmth of your smile. Must be an active and confirmed parishioner.

Lectors

Proclaim God's living Word at mass and other special liturgies. Bring the scriptures to life through your engaging delivery. Must be an active and confirmed parishioner.

Hospitality Ministers / Ushers

Christian hospitality draws people together, opens them to participation, and sets the tone for the liturgy. These men, women and youth should be comfortable meeting and greeting others. They must always extend a sense of welcome to others and make them feel at home. A GREAT FAMILY MINISTRY!

Sacristans

Assist before and after weekend and special liturgies by preparing and properly placing the items needed for each Mass, i.e. bread, water, wine, bowls, chalices, candles, etc. Must be at least 18 years old; younger family members may assist with parent or guardian supervision.

Altar Servers (Youth, Adults or Families)

Open to youth, 4th grade and older AND their parents, or other adults. Assist the priest with specific duties, in a reverent and prayerful manner, at weekend Masses and special liturgies. A GREAT FAMILY MINISTRY!

WEEKDAY Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Lectors, Altar Servers (Adult)

See previous descriptions; invited to serve at weekday and other special liturgies.

Sunday Experience Team

Evaluate the experiences relating to the liturgical life of the parish. This includes prayer, public worship, song, and environment. Responsibility includes recruiting and training liturgical ministers, as well as, preparation and evaluation of the seasons and events of the liturgical year. Meets quarterly or as needed. Membership is limited.

Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is our response to Jesus' love for us, whereby each of us is willing to spend a quiet holy hour of prayer in His Eucharistic Presence. Adoration is available in our Adoration Chapel 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. Questions, please contact the Parish Office.

MUSIC

Cantors/Musicians

Training is provided for those who exhibit a natural or formed talent in music, hospitality, and leadership. New cantors and musicians must actively participate in a larger group (Spirit Singers, LIT Band, or Voices in Praise) for at least one season prior to being considered for leadership at weekend or other special liturgies.

Spirit Singers

Participants must be committed to practicing with the group on a regular basis. Spirit Singers consist of men and women, age 16 or older, who sing unison to 4-part choral/hymn song with instrumentation as available. They lead music at Masses and special liturgies from September through May, rotating at each Mass time. Complete schedule available.

Voices in Praise (VIP)

The assembly truly responds to small groups of music leaders. VIP is an ad hoc group of musicians who gather to rehearse at least one hour before mass or special liturgies. Some additional instrumentation or part reading may be involved. Anyone age 12 or older is welcome to participate. This group leads at all Mass times on a rotating schedule. Complete schedule available.

LIT Music

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to participate in LIT Music group as singers or instrumentalists. Youth gather to share Christ through the prayer of music and comradery. Please come and grow in faith with us!

Choir for Christ

This choir is for youth in grades 2-6. They generally practice a couple of times a month and sing at all Mass times on a rotating schedule. Complete schedule available. All are invited to join this enthusiastic group of young musicians!

Funeral Choir

For those who have a flexible schedule during the day, you may enjoy sharing your gift of music with families who are grieving the loss of a loved one. This group sings, as requested, for funeral liturgies on weekdays and weekends.

Instrumentalists

Do you play an instrument? Share your talent by playing at weekend Masses and other special liturgies – especially at Christmas and Easter!!! This is for anyone grade 7 through adult.

PASTORAL CARE

Prayer Network Ministry by Email or Phone

Whenever there is a prayer or praise request, network members are set into motion via email or phone calling chains. Through network communications you would be asked to pray for those in need.

Communion Service Leader

Express your values and beliefs by being a Leader of a Communion Service at a local assisted living facility or at our parish on weekdays. Training is provided.

Communion to the Homebound

Extend the table of the Lord to our parishioners unable to come to Mass on Sunday due to illness or disability. Training provided. Flexible schedule.

Communion to the Hospital

Take communion to the sick in the hospital. Eucharistic training provided if not already a Eucharistic Minister. Training also provided by the hospital for patient visiting procedure.

Visit our Parishioners in the Nursing Homes

Be a friend to our parishioners in nursing homes. Help them feel connected to our parish again. Flexible schedule.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you have a talent for crocheting or knitting and have compassion and empathy for others, consider making prayer shawls/lap robes for the elderly or those with serious illnesses. As you knit or crochet, pray for the person who will receive the shawl. When a shawl/lap robe is given, the person receiving it will be wrapped in your prayers.

Dinner of Remembrance (Early November)

Organize dinner for families who have lost a loved one recently. Serve 25-30 people. Celebrated after 10:00am Mass the first Sunday in November

HOSPITALITY

Hospitality Team

This team exists to inspire and ignite a culture of hospitality within St John's Parish. A resource for the Pastor, staff, ministries and volunteers.

Event Bakers—Bake Treats

Occasionally bake cookies or cakes for receptions and small events and Simon Ministry.

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

We celebrate our parish community as we remember our patron saint. This celebration takes place the end of June (around June 24) and includes an outdoor Mass and celebration.

***Event Set-Up (tables, benches, décor)**

***Food prep/service**

***Event clean up**

Set Up/Serve at Faith Formation Events

Occasionally help Faith Formation Staff with set-up, serving and clean-up at Faith Formation Events.

St. Pat's Dinner

We celebrate our Irish heritage the Sunday before St. Patrick's Day with a traditional ham dinner. There are several opportunities to serve:

***Event Set-Up**—Set up dishes, centerpieces on tables.

***Food Prep**—Help cook/prepare food.

***Food Server**—Serve food buffet style. Keep buffet tables filled with food.

***Event Clean-Up**—Clear tables. Wash tables, put away clean dishes, etc.

***Dishwasher**— Load, start and unload automated dishwasher.

Training provided.

All volunteers must complete a background check, sign a Code of Conduct and, if involved with children and vulnerable adults, must complete VIRTUS Training.

LEADERSHIP TEAMS

Building and Grounds Committee

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is a group of parishioners who gather to discuss and prioritize a plan for repairs on and around our campus here at St. John's. We try to meet once a month to figure out the next steps to be taken on the upkeep of our buildings and grounds.

Finance Council

Do you like to figure out all the pieces and resources to effectively accomplish goals. If you like working with numbers, consider being an advisory member of the Finance Council and assist the parish in expenditures, balancing the budget and other financial issues affecting the parish. Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6pm.

Parish Leadership Team (PLT)

This team is specifically selected to serve in an advisory capacity to the Pastor. Establishes effective structures and policies for the parish, as needed.

PARISH ASSISTANCE

Money Counters

Count weekend parish collection after 8:15am Monday Communion Service. Once every three weeks. **Additional screening required.**

Office Work

Update records, typing, photocopying, assembling kits/learning centers or other assistance as needed. Must be available during the day.

Parish Mailings-Stuffing Envelopes

For mailings or bulletin inserting. Must be available days.

Adopt A Garden Ministry

St. John's is well blessed with beautiful landscaping and gardens around the campus. Some of the areas can easily be taken care of by one person, while others may need a group of people to maintain them. Some areas will require regular weekly or monthly maintenance, others only require maintenance once or twice a season. If you would be interested in this ministry, please sign up and we will let you pick your garden to care for at your convenience for the season.

FUNERAL MINISTRY

Help a fellow parishioner in their time of grief. Provide support for funeral luncheons. On call basis.

Baking

Bake desserts occasionally for funerals.

Monthly Co-Host

Share the responsibility of coordinating funeral luncheons one month a year. Training provided.

Luncheon Support

Set-up, clean-up or serve at the funeral luncheon. Typically 2.5 hours per funeral. On call.

Dishwasher

Load, start and unload automated dishwasher. Training provided.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH GROUPS

Council of Catholic Woman (CCW)

We endeavor to help provide for the spiritual, social and physical needs of the parish members and to participate in efforts to promote a Christian environment for all people. This is a good place to start to become more involved in your parish.

Knights of Columbus

This is a Catholic family, service organization dedicated to serving the church, the communities in which members live. The Knights stand steadfast in support of the needs of others by supporting and fostering many programs in defense of all life. They assist persons with physical and mental challenges; morally and financially support seminarians and postulants & promote Christian family life.

FAITH FORMATION

Small Group Mentor

Facilitate small groups for youth of various ages, using provided resources. Training is provided.

Facilitators for Small Group Adult Formation

Need leaders for a variety of adult faith formation sessions, i.e. Bible Study, Catholicism and more

JOURNEY TO JUSTICE AND SERVICE COMMITTEE

Experience solidarity with the suffering, struggling, in the world around us. Anchored in prayer, the Parish Social Ministry Committee works to integrate the social mission of the church in all aspects of parish life.

Our committee supports and sponsors involvement in pro-life activities, service to the poor, environmental issues, and legislative activity. We are involved in assessing, strengthening, and broadening the work of charity and justice in our parish.

Meeting time includes prayer, education, and planning for participation in various justice activities in our parish and community.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Piece Makers

Our sewing group shows love to those in need by providing quilts for comfort and warmth. While working together to spread the love of Christ, a great bond of friendship is formed with all who come. No matter what your sewing skills, there is something for everyone to do. We meet the first and third Tuesday of each month from 1:00 PM to 3:00PM in Matthews Hall.

Simon Ministry

Our purpose is to lighten the burdens of people in need within our parish, neighborhood and city. We offer some food and drink, personal care items, cleaning products, HyVee cards and bus tokens depending on parish donations. As a volunteer you will be asked to help with set up and take down, along with offering hospitality, supportive listening and prayer. Volunteer as a hospitality minister Thursday mornings, we are open year around. Training provided.

CONNECTIONS Shelter

This is an ecumenical effort to provide emergency shelter to those experiencing homelessness in our neighborhood. Volunteer to prep, serve food and clean up after.

Recycling/Composting Advocate

This area is really a sub-set of Stewards of the Earth but in a practical, hands-on way. We need people to help us teach others in the parish at any of our events how and where to put any of our waste, so that we can change our habits and do more to protect our Earth from the damage we have done. This is for hands-on volunteers.

All volunteers must complete a background check, sign a Code of Conduct and, if involved with children and vulnerable adults, must complete VIRTUS Training.

SACRAMENTS

Confirmation Sponsor

Be a mentor to a young person, whom you already have a connection with, prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Spend time with him/her, accompany to rituals and Learning Centers, encourage them in their faith, pray with and for them, and of course, be present at the rehearsal and Confirmation Liturgy. Schedule, materials, and encouragement provided!

Requirements: Fully initiated practicing Catholic, willing to journey with and encourage candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Christian Initiation Sponsor / Sponsor Family

Witness to your spiritual values and hospitality and be a mentor to an adult or child going through the initiation process. Spend time with them, pray with them, learn with them, and walk with them as they become a part of our faith community. At least one participating family member must be a fully initiated practicing Catholic.

Marriage Preparation

Consider becoming a mentor couple helping engaged couples begin the early stages of marriage preparation. Couples are from St. John's parish. Training is provided.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

When: 10am Sunday Liturgy - Generally every Sunday at the 10:00am Mass, during the school year. Please check calendar for exact dates. **It is for: Children Pre-K through K.** The Children's Liturgy of the Word is a **Parish Co-op**. Parents who send children are asked to make a commitment to help on a rotating schedule.

Additional volunteers are also needed.

Liturgy Leader /Teacher

(1 person/week): Proclaim the Scripture readings and explain them at a child's level. A leader's guide walks you through each session, and training is provided for all volunteers.

Liturgy Assistants/Crowd Control

(1-2 people/week): Assist in bringing the children to and from the main assembly and help the children focus on the Liturgy of the Word.

Scout- Alert the status of Liturgy in the church and the time for those downstairs to return after the homily.

Set up/Clean up - Arrive 30 minutes before Mass; put out Children's Liturgy flag; set-up carpet squares in Matthews Hall, etc.

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