

# St. Mary's Parish

## Ministry Opportunities

### “Celebrating Our Gifts”

“There are different types of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.

To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.”

- I Corinthians 12: 4-7



### Our Mission Statement

St. Mary Parish, rooted in Scripture and Catholic Tradition, will continue to grow for the glory of God with the guidance of the Holy Spirit through the celebration of the sacraments, life-long education, evangelization, social ministry and interaction with other churches in the area.

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Please, prayerfully consider any of these ministries and celebrate your gifts. Each person is asked to discern and complete her or his own **My Offering Sheet**.

**My Offering Sheets** can be dropped into the collection basket by December 16, 2018 or in a box at the doors as you leave the church.

“Truly I tell you,  
whatever you did for one of the least of these  
brothers and sisters of mine,  
you did for Me.”

Matthew 25:40

“Well done good and faithful servant!  
Come share in your Master’s Joy”

Matthew 25:23



### **Adult Faith Formation (AFF) Team**

The objective of the Adult Faith Formation team is to identify, create and offer a variety of faith building opportunities to all adult parishioners to help them: grow closer to God; grow in knowledge and love of our Catholic faith; and feel motivated and equipped to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to others. The 2018-2019 offerings are: three on-going Bible Studies which meet weekly (Men’s Saturdays 7 a.m. at St. Peters; Women’s Fridays 9:45 a.m. at St. Peter; and Adult Mondays 7 p.m. at St. Mary); small group study at various times throughout the year for a defined period of time; Days of Reflection; Women’s retreats; “A Moment with the Catechism” talks before Mass; Self-study Catholic resources to educate and renew faith (FORMED subscription, parish libraries, CDs); periodic field trips to spiritual places of interest. The AFF team is made up of interested parishioners from both parishes led by a lay minister and reports through the Coordinator of Religious Education. New team members are welcome at any time. Contact: Carol Adams (513) 515-3143 [cjadams1@fuse.net](mailto:cjadams1@fuse.net)

### **Altar Attendants / Servers**

Open to all girls and boys ages 10 to 18 or grades 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> who are interested in serving their parish and in participating more fully in the Mass. Being an Altar Attendant is an integral part of saying the Mass. The server becomes a role model for all those who are attending in how to respond to the prayers and different parts of the Mass. New servers are blended in with experienced servers and gradually given more roles to fulfill. All servers are scheduled on a rotating basis at the Mass time convenient for them.

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### **Altar Society**

The Ladies’ Altar Society is open to all ladies of the parish, 18 years or older, married or single. The Altar Society is a vital part of the support of our parish. The work and events pay for the missals, vestments, altar linens and much more. Come be a part of this fun committee! The meetings are the first Wednesday of each month September through May.

Contact: Madonna Cahall at (513) 734-4630

### **Bereavement Committee**

The members of this committee provide support to the families of parishioners when they have lost a loved one. They offer a luncheon to the parishioner's family on the day of burial. The committee follows up with the families with support, calls and cards. There are no monthly meetings to attend; members are called upon as needed. Fellow parishioners can submit their e-mail address to be notified through an automatic e-mail notification link.

Contact: Charlotte Thompson at (513) 734-4411

### **Catholic Charities (Mobile Food Pantry)**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month, St. Mary's Parish hosts the distribution of goods. Help our parish nourish and serve.

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### **Choir**

This ministry is open to anyone, male or female, ages high-school and older. Choir rehearsals are a joint venture with St. Peter's Parish.

Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings at

7:00 – 8:30 pm (only once a month during

summer). The choir sings at the 10:30 am

Sunday Mass at St. Mary's, Christmas and Holy

Week. Cantors sing at the 4:00 pm and 10:30

am Mass at St. Mary's. The music for Mass is rehearsed at the choir practice and reinforced by use of CD recordings. Raise your voice and sing praise to the Lord!

Contact: Gary Gunkel (513) 734-4041 [garygunkel@aol.com](mailto:garygunkel@aol.com)



### **Confirmation Preparation**

Confirmation is offered to high school students in the spring of every even numbered year (2020, 2022, etc.) with the exception of 2018, when Confirmation will be celebrated in the fall. The school year in which Confirmation will be celebrated contains Confirmation preparation classes, a Confirmation Retreat, and a few other preparatory activities. Prayerfully consider getting involved accompanying our youth along the journey of Confirmation preparation, inspiring them to be witnesses to Christ and assisting them in finding their way of participating in the mission of the Church.

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### **Education Commission**

The Education Commission is a joint commission between both St. Mary and St. Peter that assists in the formation of our parishioners primarily through discussion and advice with the Coordinator of Religious Education and the Pastor. The commission also assists in formation through the implementation and leadership of ministries, as needed. Membership on the commission is primarily representative of the families who are most affected by the Education Commission, as well as two at-large members from the parishes, and is established through a voting process.

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### **Eucharistic Ministers**

This ministry is open to anyone 18 years or older interested in serving the parish through the distribution of the bread and wine during mass. You select the mass time most convenient for you. Training is available. Ministers then meet 5 minutes before their scheduled mass in the Eucharistic Chapel for prayer.

Contact: Karen Moermond (513) 324-7814

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### **Finance Commission**

The nature of this commission is to manage the financial responsibilities of the parish and to insure sound, fiscal budgeting. When a seat on the commission becomes open, interested parishioner with experience and skills in budgeting, finance and/or accounting would be welcomed. Members are appointed to serve.

Contact: Jerry Cahall (513) 734-4630

### **GRACE Committee**

Offering the women of our parish some time to step back from our day-to-day demands and take some time to breathe freely, clear our minds, develop God's perspective, have moments of reflection, find balance in our busy lives and connect with other women of faith in order to build community, fellowship and friendships.

Contact: Deborah Davis (513) 734-1390 [davis909301@gmail.com](mailto:davis909301@gmail.com)

### **The Knights of Columbus**

Founded in 1882 by Fr. Michael J. McGivney, The Knights of Columbus has become a world-wide fraternal organization for

Catholic men. Our principles are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, the fundamentals we try to practice every day. Fr. McGivney's vision was to aid the needy and the outcast, the very thing that has remained constant for over 130 years. Doing God's work for others, this is our goal! Preserving and growing our Christian heritage in today's secular world is our intent. We serve our local communities and seven parishes in Clermont County. Our activities include serving our Youth, Community, Church and Veterans. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month. Need help? Want to join us? Want information on the Knights?

Contact: Jim Herweh (513) 509-0298 [jherweh@roadrunner.com](mailto:jherweh@roadrunner.com)

### **Lectors**

This ministry is open to anyone 18 years or older interested in serving the parish proclaiming the Liturgy of the Word.

Participants would select the mass time that is most convenient for them to attend. Training and workbooks are available. Lectors meet 5 minutes before their scheduled Mass time in the Eucharistic Chapel for prayer.

Contact: Karen Jones (513) 734-0841



### **Men of St. Joseph (Lenten Fish Fries)**

The men of St. Joseph come together each year to provide the parish and the community with the Lenten Fish Fries. Volunteers are needed on the Fridays throughout Lent to help serve food, clean-up or by donating a delicious dessert. The proceeds from this event help to support the parish needs related to grounds, buildings, equipment, etc. Meetings are scheduled as needed with a business meeting held once a year to review plans and finances for the upcoming year. All interested men (18 years+) are invited to be a part of this important ministry.

Contacts: Gary Donaworth (513) 734-6577

Jerry Cahall (513) 734-4630



### **Offertory Gifts**

This ministry can be performed as a family, with friends, or just anyone interested in bringing forth the gifts, wine and hosts at Offertory time. You may request a special date and time that is convenient for you. Otherwise, times are scheduled on a rotation basis. Check the bulletin for



your name and let the Ushers know upon your arrival at Mass that you are scheduled.

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### **Parish Library Ministry**

Our mission is to provide materials to enrich and inspire all ages (from children to adults) to grow into a deeper relationship with God in and through our Catholic Faith. Volunteers needed to: 1) review donated books and materials; 2) label and shelf books; 3) keep the library cart in the gathering space filled.

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Kathy Gloeckner 513-734-4306 [kathygloeckner@gmail.com](mailto:kathygloeckner@gmail.com)

### **Pastoral Council**

Pastoral Council members are elected by the parishioners and serve a three-year term. The Council meets on a regular basis to represent the people of the parish. Parishioners can voice their concerns and interests to any member of the Council to be acted upon.

Contact: Bill Shula (513) 739-8672 [shulawilliam@gmail.com](mailto:shulawilliam@gmail.com)

### **Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)**

This ministry assists parents of kids in grades K-6 in their role as primary educators of the faith. As parents teach their kids how to pray, how to live as a Christian, and how to follow Christ, our program supplements them with a more in-depth look at the theology of our faith. You can get involved in PREP as a teacher or teacher aide. PREP meets roughly every Sunday from around Labor Day to Memorial Day from 9:00-10:15am.

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### **Prayer Line**

Open to anyone in the parish who has a few moments to pray for those in need. A dedicated e-mail list is established so you only need to regularly check your e-mail inbox. Prayers and time would be of your own choosing.

Contacts: Kathy Gloeckner - (513) 734-4306

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Linda Faulhaber - [lindajohn@roadrunner.com](mailto:lindajohn@roadrunner.com)

### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and Children (RCIC)**

The RCIA (individuals who are teenage and beyond) and the RCIC (children aged seven through twelve) are the official manner through which people enter the Catholic Church. The RCIA meets every Tuesday from the week after Labor Day until Holy Week. The RCIC requires enrollment and attendance in the Religious Education Program (REP) as well as meeting regularly with Deacon Jerry. Both the RCIA and the RCIC are formation programs where the individual is provided experiences and material for him or her to further develop her or his relationship with God.

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### **Rosary Group**

Each Tuesday morning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, anyone interested in praying the rosary can meet in the Eucharistic Chapel to recite five decades of the rosary.

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### **Sacristan**

This ministry is open to both men and women of the parish interested in helping to make the necessary preparations for Mass. Sacristans insure that items needed for mass such as the wine, hosts, cups, cloths, etc. are prepared and ready. You would select the Mass most convenient for you to attend. Sacristans are scheduled on a rotating basis.

Training is available.

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### **Shut-Ins / Visiting Nursing Homes**

This ministry is open to anyone who has the time and wishes to spend time with someone who may not have anyone to visit them. You are expected, but not required to distribute Eucharist to the person when you visit. Training is available and guidelines are supplied on how to accomplish this. This is not a one-time ministry, but one which should be undertaken at least monthly. There are no meetings to attend after the initial training unless a meeting is requested.

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### **St. Vincent dePaul Conference (Food Pantry)**

The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Mary's Parish consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Spiritual Advisor and general membership. Meetings are on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Fr. Lewis Center. St. Vincent DePaul sponsors the Food Pantry. Parishioners can help by donating non-perishable items. Donations should be brought to church on the third weekend of each month; however, donations will be taken at any time. Just drop them off in the church gathering space. St. Vincent DePaul assists those in need with food, rent, heat, electricity, medicine, transportation, counseling, etc., by working with other agencies in the area and in the state. There is no financial outlay for this service.

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### **Ushers/Greeters**

This is a very important ministry open to anyone 18 years or older. Ushers greet parishioners and guests as they enter the church and assist in finding seats if necessary. The Ushers distribute the song books and help with the collection, the offertory gifts and traffic flow during communion. After Mass, they collect books and close the doors. Ushers are scheduled for service at a mass time most convenient for them. Training is available.

Contact: Sue Hesselbrock (513) 307-8029

### **Worship Commission**

Worship Commission members are elected by the parishioners and serve a one to three-year term. Open to any member of the parish interested in working with others to plan and prepare the liturgical celebrations. The commission meets every other month: September through May.

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## Young Adult Ministry

This ministry serves young adults who are discerning their vocation through retreats, special events, and a ministry of presence through the school year. We all have a calling--a vocation--from God, so all young adults who haven't yet figured out where God is calling them are invited! Prayerfully consider serving our young adults by being part of our Youth Adult Ministry Core Team.

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## Youth Ministry

Our program serves grades K-12 and is subdivided into three specific ministries (information for each ministry is below):

- **K-6 Youth Ministry:** This ministry consists of Vacation Bible School and the K-6 Youth Nights. Youth nights are 2 hour events filled with games, pizza, a spiritual reflection, and time for prayer. The focus is teaching and inspiring kids in K-6 to embrace and live out their faith. These events also serve as a preparation for 7-12 grade youth ministry, where students will dive deeper into what it means to be a Christian, our theology, and being a witness to Christ in our world.
- **7-12 Sunday Youth Ministry:** This ministry is the catechetical class for our youth in grades 7-12. With a curriculum based on the USCCB's guidelines for high school religion classes, we dive deeper into the theological concepts of our faith using the Bible as our textbook and small group discussions. We spend time building up our relationship with God in prayer and adoration. We also have activities and games geared to build up community between the youth to encourage supporting one another in the faith in school and other places beyond the parish. Sunday Youth Ministry meets roughly every other Sunday from around Labor Day to Memorial Day from 11:30am-1:30pm.
- **7-12 Special Youth Ministry Events:** These events are designed to deepen a component of Sunday Youth Ministry. Several through the year are geared toward building community and offering some spiritual thoughts; while others, such as retreats, mission trips, and the March for Life trip are opportunities for youth to embrace a deeper relationship with

Christ and a more meaningful and active participation in the mission and ministry of the Church.

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## Prayer of Discernment:

God of my life,

I give You thanks and praise that I have life, and that my life is filled with touches of Your love. You have given me a heart that wants to be happy, and You have placed in me a desire to make a difference.

Allow me to serve others with the special gifts You have given me.

Quiet the fears and distractions of my heart long enough for me to listen to the movement of Your Spirit, to hear Your gentle invitation to serve others.

Reveal to me the choices that will make me happy. Let me understand how best to use the gifts You have so lovingly lavished upon me in preparation for our journey together.

And give me the courage to choose You as You have chosen me.

Lord, hear my prayer.