



Stewardship Opportunities

2019

Taking our abounding love for Jesus and turning it into action that brings Glory to God, recognizing that all we have is a gift from our Lord and Savior.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

A1—Prayer & Worship Committee: Work with and support liturgical ministers (listed below) who help lead people to God through the enhancement of worship at Mass and at other prayer opportunities.

A2—Cantor/Choir/Instrumentalist: Support the community in musical prayer. The adult choir usually sings at the 9 a.m. Mass and rehearses weekly, with summer off. Cantors lead the sung prayer of the congregation and rehearse as needed. Instrumentalists are welcome at all Masses and rehearse as needed.

A3—Resurrection Choir: Offer song and support during funeral Masses. Rehearses monthly.

A4—Liturgical Environment: Create an environment that encourages worship and enhances church atmosphere throughout the liturgical seasons. Some parishioners also wash, iron and maintain the holy linens used at Mass.

A5—Altar Servers: Youth (grade 4 and older) and adults assist the presider with various duties during Mass. Training is provided.

A6—Ushers and Greeters: Greeters welcome parishioners and guests and help orient them to our churches. Ushers help people find seats, arrange the presentation of offertory gifts, respond to any emergency occurring during Mass and take up the collection.

A7—Proclaimer: Voice scripture readings and lead the general intercessions during weekend Mass and occasionally on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and at other prayer services. High-school-age and adult parishioners are welcome.

A8—Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Prayerfully distribute the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ at all Masses. Brief initial training is required.

A9—Sacristans: Prepare elements before Mass and prayerfully handle vessels afterward; provide other services like keeping the sacristy clean and in order, cleaning the altar and maintaining the vigil candles and sanctuary light.

MINISTRY OF WORD/FORMATION

B1—Christian Formation Committee: Christian Formation is a lifelong process aimed at personal conversion and growth in faith. The committee is advisory to the staff in the implementation and evaluation of formation programs from preschool through adult education.

B2—Evangelization Committee: Assist parish community to **confidently** “Go and Make Disciples of All.” They strive to bring about enthusiasm for living our faith in Jesus Christ by joyfully sharing it with others. The committee also reaches out to other denominations, engages new parishioners, and oversees Small Group experiences.

B3—Small Group Leader-Adult or Youth (subgroup of the Evangelization Committee): Attend training, learn skills, and deepen relationships with the Lord. Connect with others in our community through Small Group experiences and relationship-building. Some adult groups meet only during Advent and Lent, while others gather throughout the year.

B4—Catechist or Co-Catechist: Facilitate faith formation sessions for grade school (1st-5th) Wednesday afternoons, or middle school, high school, and Confirmation on Wednesday/Sunday evenings from September to May. A catechist is a faith-filled person willing to share their faith, teach and learn with others while seeking to deepen their relationship with God. A Co-Catechist assists the lead Catechist on a consistent basis in the classroom. Special training is needed to be a leader of the **Catechesis of the Good Shephard** program which meets on Sunday mornings for pre-school and kindergarten children, with fun, hands-on learning activities focusing on God’s love. Per Archdiocesan guidelines, all catechists, co-catechists and leaders must attend Protecting All God’s Family training and have a background check.

B5—Liturgy of the Word with Children: On the third Sunday of each month (September-March), lead preschool through first graders in music, prayer, and reading the Gospel during the first half of Mass; meets in the Gathering Space during 9 a.m. Mass.

B6—Adult Formation: Help facilitate and enhance learning experiences for adults, as needed.

B7—Work Camp Summer Mission Trip: A week-long experience for teens restoring the homes of people who are facing financial/physical struggles, at locations throughout the country, while keeping Christ at the center of every day. Teens are joined by adult chaperones who meet monthly for prayer, planning, and/or fundraising before the trip.

B8—Vacation Bible School (VBS) is set for July 15-19, 2019, in the North Lake Parish Center. VBS offers many areas of ministry, including music, Bible stories, set-up preparation, crafts, refreshments and games.

MINISTRY OF SERVICE

C1—Christian Concerns Committee: Focuses on following the teachings of Jesus by loving our Church and our neighbor through meaningful service, giving to the poor, caring for the sick, and defending the unborn, destitute, and elderly.

C2—Prayer Chain: Reach out with prayer for those suffering life's challenges or in thanksgiving for prayers answered. Intentions are sent regularly via email to those offering to pray. Email jacyntha@voyager.net to request prayers or to join the Prayer Chain.

C3—New Threads of Hope: This is a collaboration among retailers and manufacturers, faith-based organizations and other non-profit groups. Retailers donate their surplus inventory of new apparel, footwear and household items. New Threads provides warehousing for the goods, and coordinates volunteers who sort, process, and distribute goods to those in need.

C4—Pine Ridge Mission: Located in the poorest county in the nation, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, is an important mission for the Christian Concerns Committee. School supplies are gathered for students in grades K-8 and a collection of toys, household articles, health-care items, blankets and clothing for children and adults are donated through our parish "Giving Tree," and other community organizations. These items are delivered to Pine Ridge in December.

C5—Loaves and Fishes Meal Program: Two times each year, our parish is involved with providing a free Sunday meal at Cooperating Congregations' Hope Center in Waukesha. The food is prepared and donated by parish members. Volunteers from the parish deliver the food, set up and serve the meal, and clean up afterwards.

C6—St. Vincent de Paul: The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) operates the North Lake Food Pantry in the basement of the Parish Center, providing some rent and utility assistance, clothing and furniture vouchers for local SVdP stores, food gift cards and cards for other needed services. They also take on many other ministries during the year.

C7—Funeral Ministry: There are opportunities to become greeters/ushers at funerals, send out cards to the bereaved, and assist with hospitality during luncheons/dinners or evening dessert receptions held at the parish in conjunction with funerals.

MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION

D1—Pastoral Council (by nomination): Provide leadership for the parish. As a consultative body and the primary visioning group in the parish, the Council ensures that the parish is carrying out its stated mission and that the pastoral needs of all parishioners are met.

D2—Stewardship Committee: As needed, this group encourages parishioners to embrace stewardship as a way of life with time spent in prayer, talent shared with the parish and financial support.

D3—Office Help: Assist with general office duties, as needed.

D4—Finance Council (by nomination): Oversee financial operations for the parish; financial background preferred.

D5—Money Counter: Assist in tabulating contributions collected over the weekend. The process involves cash, checks and coins and completion of a detailed list of totals. Often counters are coordinated in teams.

D6—Building and Grounds: Oversee the maintenance and upkeep of parish property, buildings and cemetery grounds and plan for future needs and capital improvements. Coordinate parish clean-up days.

MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY BUILDING

E1—Parish Life Committee: Help coordinate special events, including a church festival, volunteer appreciation event and other parish-wide social gatherings. They also coordinate or assist with one-time events such as the 175th anniversary of the Monches church.

E2—Parish Festival (subcommittee of the Parish Life Committee): This group of enthusiastic volunteers make sure that this family-friendly event is a success. Many hands are needed in various roles.

E3—Volunteer Appreciation Event (subcommittee of the Parish Life Committee): Lend a hand at an event to thank everyone who shares their talents with St. Teresa of Calcutta. The gathering is usually held in spring.

E4—Bakers: Periodically, for parish social gatherings, funeral luncheons or other events, provide home-baked goods to share.

E5—After-Mass Fellowship: Provide a welcoming environment after Mass with friendliness, food and beverages at North Lake or Monches.

E6—Seasonal Social Events: Work with the Parish Life Committee to coordinate various seasonal events.