

# Peace of Christ Parish

## Description of Stewardship Opportunities

### LITURGICAL NEEDS

#### **Lector**

Lectors proclaim the Scriptures (Word of God) at Mass and other liturgical gatherings of the community. Training and materials are provided for this ministry.

#### **Eucharistic Minister**

Eucharistic Ministers distribute the consecrated Bread and Wine to those gathered at Mass. Training is provided before you begin.

#### **Usher**

Ushers greet people as they enter or leave church, welcome newcomers, care for any needs and take up the collection..

#### **Greeter Ministry**

Greeters are ministers of hospitality. This ministry involves the face to face greeting of people as they come to church on Sunday morning and other special occasions.

#### **Crossbearer**

Crossbearers are persons who carry the cross and lead the procession of ministers in and out of the worship space for each liturgical celebration. This ministry is open to all who can accept the responsibility and carry the cross without difficulty.

#### **Altar Server**

Altar servers assist the presider at liturgies. This ministry is open to all persons who have received first eucharist. Training is provided.

#### **Write Prayer of the Faithful for Mass**

Volunteers are responsible for preparing and writing the Prayers of the Faithful that are prayed at the weekend liturgies. Training is provided.

#### **Gift Presenter**

At each weekend liturgy, at least 2, 3 or more people represent the assembly by bringing forth the gifts of bread and wine to the Altar.

#### **Leader of Children's Liturgy of the Word**

is a ministry open to adults. This person would lead the children in praying, reading scripture and helping them understand God's Word, and finally applying it to their lives. Materials and training are provided.

#### **Assistant with Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Is a ministry open to older students. The assistant would be responsible to help the leader by reading from Scripture, escorting the children to and from our worship space, and various other activities that would be helpful. Training is provided.

### **Mass Sacristan**

Persons who volunteer for this ministry will do the immediate preparation for weekend liturgies and other special feasts. Help is needed to wash and put away all altar vessels.

### **Cantor**

Cantors are liturgical musicians who lead the congregation in song and proclaim the Word by singing the psalms and acclamations during Mass and other liturgical celebrations. This ministry is open to anyone with strong vocal music skills and the ability to learn and prepare music independently.

### **Instrumentalist**

Liturgical musicians enhance worship by performing instrumental music during celebrations. They may also accompany and add a beautiful touch to the regular music performed at Mass. Any and all instruments are welcome.

### **Contemporary Music Ensemble Member**

The Contemporary Music Ensemble consists of singers and instrumentalists who perform primarily contemporary liturgical music for mass and other celebrations. Singers and instrumentalists of any ability are welcome!

### **Choir Member**

The Choir consists of singers who perform both traditional and contemporary choral music at mass and other celebrations. Singers of any ability are welcome.

### **Junior Choir Member**

Children and youth ages 8-16 are welcome to participate in the Junior Choir. The group performs traditional and contemporary music at monthly liturgies and special celebrations.

### **Babysitter for smaller children**

A babysitting service is provided for children younger than 3 years old at the 9:00 and 9:45 masses, in the babysitting room. We invite teens and adults to volunteer.

## **SOCIAL MINISTRY**

### **Social Ministry Committee Member**

This committee promotes information and an awareness of the Catholic Social Teachings and the Gospel. It enables parishioners to respond to the Gospel challenges of justice, peace, Consistent Life Ethic and compassion. This is an opportunity both for direct service and advocacy.

### **Habitat for Humanity Ministry**

works twice annually to build/renovate houses

### **Haitian Outreach Ministry**

supports the parish's engagement with the St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Borgne, Haiti.

### **Human Rights Ministry**

participants respond to the Gospel challenges of justice and peace through support of local and global rights organizations, ideals and advocacy activities.

**Hunger and Harvest Ministry**

focuses on world and local hunger, poverty, and the plight of Farm Workers/Immigrants. Effort includes monthly food collection, Fair Trade Coffee, Christmas Baskets, Operation Rice Bowl and support of local soup kitchens and emergency food cupboards.

**Amnesty International Urgent Action Network**

disseminates information about network issues and actively advocates for the same.

**Hope Lodge Project**

Adults who assist the American Cancer Society in providing hospitality to cancer patients who are staying at their Winton Rd. lodge. Volunteers can provide transportation to doctor appointments, help with renovation projects, provide information and directions to local events, stores, restaurants, etc.

**Prison Outreach Committee**

supports local in-prison spiritual and self-help programs that lead to improving the lives of incarcerated men, women and adolescents as they work towards their successful transitioning from incarceration into the community.

**Refugee Resettlement Ministry**

provides a welcoming with direct hands-on assistance and mentoring for refugee families to full acclimate and become responsible members of our community during their very difficult transition into this strange new land.

**Respect Life Ministry**

supports the Consistent Life Ethic and compassion from conception through aging. This involves support for the Parish's "Pledge for Life" Diocesan commitment, parish awareness of end-of-life care and advocating the moratorium on the death penalty.

**Food Collection Delivery**

provides food collection and transportation to various pre-designated destinations

**Health Care Ministry**

involves advocacy for healthcare support issues and concerns. PEACE OF CHRIST PARISH also assists Mercy Outreach Center.

**Parish Neighborhood Committee**

works to establish a mutually beneficial relationship with those residing within the parish boundaries: working with the residents of our neighborhood to promote dignity, respect and a high quality of life; and establish a working relationship with government, volunteer, business and church organizations with similar goals.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

**Liturgy Committee**

This committee creates and supports the prayer and worship life of the Winton-Culver Catholic Community and provides a suitable environment for worship.

**Bake Bread for Mass**

Volunteers are needed to bake the bread we use for special Eucharistic celebrations. We will provide the recipe.

**Sing in Resurrection Choir at Funeral Mass**

The Resurrection Choir is a volunteer group of parishioners who sing for funerals.

**Funeral Ministry**

Provides hospitality and support to family members and friends of those deceased. May include liturgical ministries and hosting receptions following liturgies.

**Call for Presenters of Offertory Gifts**

Volunteers are responsible for calling members of the community to carry the offertory gifts to the altar.

**Church cleaner**

These volunteers work with others to clean the church/chapel each week.

**Innovative Quilters/Banner Makers**

Innovative Quilters are parishioners interested in using their talents in sewing or quilting for special projects that benefit our faith community. In collaboration with the Liturgy Committee, banner makers may be asked to design and make banners.

**Launder Altar Servers Robe**

Quarterly, we need to wash the white Altar Server robes. This can be done Mon-Fri in your own home.

**Launder Church Linens**

Weekly, altar linens need to be picked up, laundered and returned to church.

**Sew Baptismal Bibs**

We provide the pattern for you to make these small garments for our newly baptized.

**Sew/Repair Altar Linens**

This involves the monitoring of simple sewing repairs

**Help Decorate Church**

help with creating ambiance for special feasts and seasons

**Make Church Decorations**

needs those with crafting skills to create/assemble simple decorations to enhance our celebrations

**Care for Flowers/Plants in Church**

needs those with green thumbs to water, maintain Plants/flowers

**OUTREACH/VISITATION MINISTRIES**

**Outreach Minister**

calls homebound parishioners to assess/relay needs

**Home Minister of Communion**

visits and brings Eucharist to the homebound on a weekly/monthly basis. Training is provided.

**Eucharistic Minister on a Nursing Home Team**

a monthly commitment to bring communion with other team members to Catholic residents at Blossom Nursing Home.

**Drive a Person to Church Regularly**

Drives seniors needing transportation to church services.

**Prepare a Meal in an Emergency Situation**

Provide meals for parishioners needing help because of hospitalization, illness or death.

**Prepare a Dish for Bereavement Ministry**

an outreach service to families experiencing death/loss

**Yard Work/Snow Shoveler**

providing seasonal help to seniors with yard upkeep and snow removal as needed

**Light House Cleaning**

helping seniors to remain in their homes by providing light housekeeping as needed.

**YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**Youth Advisory committee**

Volunteers work with our Youth Coordinator to plan and implement program opportunities for the young people of our cluster.

**Adult Volunteer for Youth Group**

Volunteer will assist with a specific planned activity.

**Driver for Teen Activities**

Volunteer will drive teens to activities and retreats.

**Softball and Soccer Coach**

Volunteers will teach the sport to youth and coach the team through playing season.

**Work with youth on a service or outreach project**

Volunteers will work with youth to accomplish an outreach project.

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Sacramental Catechist**

Adults who prepare young candidates for Confirmation, Eucharist and Reconciliation. Catechists are expected to mentor small groups of students once/week for approximately 8 weeks.

**Summer Catechist**

Adult instructors who participate in the Summer Faith Formation Program. This week of catechesis complements the 6 family gatherings each year in the faith development program for children who attend public schools.

**Vacation Bible Camp Adult Leader**

Adults who assist with a one-week catechetical program in the summer designed for children ages 4 and up.

**Vacation Bible Camp Teen Leader**

Teens who assist with a one-week summer program which teaches younger children how to share their faith. They may assist an adult leader with crafts, music, recreational activities or religious instruction.

**Sunday Morning Pre-School Leader**

Adults and teens who teach 3, 4 and 5 year olds during the 9:45 a.m. Sunday Liturgy. This program is available September through May.

**OTHER MINISTRIES**

**Answer phones and do small tasks in office one day per week**

Answer doors/phones and other tasks as needed.

\_\_\_\_ Mornings      \_\_\_\_ Afternoons      \_\_\_\_ Evenings      \_\_\_\_ Weekends

**Help With Parish Mailings**

this involves facilitating mailings, booklet assembly or bulletin inserts as needed.

**Network of Prayer**

praying for persons who are ill or in need of prayer and calling assigned persons on the Network.

**OTHER COMMITTEES & SUB COMMITTEES**

**Communications Committee**

**Web Committee**

Members are responsible for the design, content, and development of the 4 Winton-Culver Catholic Community web sites: St. Ambrose, St. James, St. John, Winton-Culver. This Committee facilitates the flow of information among school and parish committees and groups.

**Publicity**

Individuals who disseminate pertinent information within the parish cluster from the parish cluster to the greater neighborhood community.

**Photographer**

Individuals who record parish activities on film or digitally for use on any of the 4 web sites.

**Community Life**

This committee seeks to stimulate hospitality, shared faith and community spirit within the cluster by providing various special activities during the year.

### **Special Events Committee**

Plans events such as pot luck suppers, square dancing, tea parties, etc.

### **Parish Picnic**

Organize the annual picnic at Ellison Park.

### **Seasonal Remembrances**

During the Christmas and Easter seasons, remembrances are sent to people in nursing homes and those who are shut-ins.

## **Dignity of Women**

Members help organize opportunities to support the role of women in the church and in society.

### **Women of Hope**

Provides opportunities to address the spiritual needs of women.

### **Domestic Violence Support Group**

Addresses the impact of domestic violence on women through education and service activities.

### **Book Discussion Group**

Participants select a book to read and meet on a monthly basis to discuss the selection.

## **Facilities**

Members analyze problems related to buildings and grounds and make recommendations to the pastor and Finance Committee.

### **Garden Club**

Members care for gardens and also recycle altar plants into the landscape. This is a “hands on” group which gathers from May through October.

## **Adult Faith Formation/Spiritual Development**

Provides educational and spiritual opportunities for life-long faith formation.

### **FOCCUS Facilitator**

Married couple will administer FOCCUS survey to engaged couples and discuss the results with the couple. Training is provided.

### **Member of Baptismal Team**

Team members help prepare parents who desire to have their child baptized. Training is provided.

### **Member of RCIA Team**

Team members help prepare adults to become members of the church by sharing their faith stories with the candidates. Training is provided.

### **RCIA Sponsor**

A sponsor supports a candidate through the entire RCIA process. The sponsor attends weekly sessions and, on occasion, may meet with the candidate between sessions. Training is provided.

### **Member of Pre-Cana Team**

Team members are married couples who provide preparation for engaged couples planning to be married. Pre-Cana sessions are provided twice a year. Training is provided.

## **Finance**

For adults with backgrounds in finance, accounting, law and business, along with members of the parish-at-large. Members oversee receipt and expenditure levels in terms of budget guidelines, communicate the fiscal condition to the parish annually, and ensure the financial controls necessary to maintain stability of parish funds.

**Festival Committee**

Parishioners of all ages collaborate for this “fun-raiser” which takes place one weekend early in June each year on the St. Ambrose grounds. There are a variety of opportunities to help with games, food, entertainment, publicity, set-up, etc.

**Fundraising**

Adults and teens who are engaged in a variety of activities which supplement parish income – e.g. Pancake Breakfasts, Pasta Dinners, etc.

**Stewardship Committee**

Adults who organize strategies and communication vehicles to increase awareness of our individual resources and the need to share these.