

## **STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES---PEACE OF CHRIST PARISH**

### **MASS AND SACRAMENTS**

#### **Eucharistic Minister**

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

#### **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.

#### **Altar Server**

Altar servers assist the presider at liturgies. This ministry is open to all persons who have received First Holy Communion.

#### **Liturgy of the Word for Children**

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

#### **Sacristan**

Persons who volunteer for this ministry will do the immediate preparation and take down for the weekend liturgies and other special feasts. Training is provided.

#### **Greeter Ministry**

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

#### **Usher**

Ushers greet people as they enter or leave church, welcome newcomers, care for any needs as well as collect and place the collection in tamperproof bags and count the attending parishioners.

#### **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.

#### **Marriage Preparation, Pre-Cana, Fully Engaged**

Team members are married couples who provide preparation for engaged couples planning to be married. Pre-Cana sessions are provided twice annually. Fully Engaged facilitators receive special training in order to administer and interpret this marriage inventory.

### **Decorate Church**

Help with creating ambiance for special feasts and seasons.

### **Funeral Support**

Serve on a funeral team as an altar server, lector, minister of communion. You may also be trained to do a graveside service if needed.

### **Launder Church Linens, Altar Server Robes**

At least quarterly we need to launder the white altar server robes. This can be done in your own home. Weekly, we need altar linens to be picked up, laundered and returned to Church.

### **Sew Baptismal Robes/or other items**

We provide a pattern for you to make the small garments that are Baptismal Garments for our newly baptized. Other sewing involves the monitoring of simple sewing repairs.

### **Sacrament Preparation**

Adults who prepare young candidates for Confirmation, Eucharist and Reconciliation, are expected to mentor small groups of children for a pre-determined span of time. Materials are provided.

## **MUSIC**

**Adults**\_\_\_\_\_ **TEENS**\_\_\_\_\_ **CHILDREN**\_\_\_\_\_

### **Instrumentalists, Hand Bells**

Musicians to enhance the quality of our worship. Training will be provided.

## **FAITH FORMATION**

### **Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group Support**

Support includes drivers, coaches youth advisory board members, teen leaders

### **K-6 Catechists (teachers) Wed. PM**

Teachers for K-6 provide faith formation weekly. Materials and training are provided.

### **Vacation Bible Camp**

Adults/teens who assist with a one week catechetical program which teaches younger children how to share their faith. This usually occurs during July.

### **Adult Formation Development**

Adults interested in developing faith formation opportunities for adults in the parish.

### **RCIA Team**

Support for facilitators, catechumens and candidates and sponsors involved in the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults.

## **SOCIAL OUTREACH**

### **Social Ministry Team 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.

### **ROC Acts**

Adults interested in systemic change in cooperation with other communities of faith.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Works twice annually in cooperation with other communities to build and renovate houses.

### **Prison Outreach Committee**

This 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.

### **Respect Life Ministry---Crib of life—Grocery Collections**

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

Crib of Life---during Respect Life Month (October) this committee collects new infant clothing and supplies for those in need.

Grocery Collections—regular collections of groceries are transported by volunteers to pre-designated locations where they are used to serve the poor and hungry.

### **Parish Neighborhood Committee**

This 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.

### **Clothing Collections/St. Pauly Shed**

Clothing collections are made through a drop box at St. Ambrose. Volunteers regularly check the shed to insure that donations are bagged and positioned properly between pickups.

### **Peace and Justice Committee**

The Peace and Justice Committee seeks to provide a Catholic perspective on issues of peace and justice locally, nationally and globally. It does so by presenting speakers; organizing petition signing drives; holding prayer events; supporting other local organizations working on similar issues; and otherwise advocating for peace and justice.

### **Christmas Baskets**

This is an effort to reach out by helping to sort, and package food donations and deliver Christmas baskets and gifts to needy families.

### **Community Outreach Day**

An annual effort to reach out to neighborhood organizations, sites and homes in need of assistance with upkeeping tasks.

### **WEAVE (Women Empowered Against Violence Everywhere)**

Knits gloves/hats/scarves for the needy . Also collects and delivers packages of toiletries to pre-designated persons and sites. Many recipients' lives have been touched by domestic violence.

## **PASTORAL CARE**

### **Communion Visits**

Volunteers visit and bring the Eucharist to the homebound on a weekly/monthly basis. Training is provided.

### **Funeral Receptions**

Volunteers prepare and serve funeral luncheons for bereaved families.

### **Card Writers**

Volunteers send greetings to aging, homebound, and bereaved persons.

### **Transportation**

Volunteers drive for City East Senior Transportation or drive seniors needing transportation to church services.

### **Nursing Home Visits**

Volunteers make a monthly commitment to bring communion with the other team members to the Catholic residents at Brighton Manor.

### **Prepare a Meal**

Volunteers provide meals for parishioners needing help because of hospitalization, bereavement, illness or loss.

## **COMMUNITY BUILDING**

### **Small Faith Sharing Groups/Bible Study**

Individuals interested in sharing faith might consider joining a Small Christian Community in the parish in the parish or taking advantage of Scripture study opportunities offered by Adult Faith Formation.

### **Social Events**

These include the Parish Picnic, Parish Cultural Celebrations, Soup Suppers, Pot Luck Dinners, etc.

Book Discussions

Occasional book discussions sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Committee.

### **Knights of Columbus/Ladies Auxiliary**

Initiate and assist with service projects and social events for the parish , school and community.

### **CYO Sports**

CYO Sports is part of the youth program for junior and senior youth an include softball, basketball and soccer. Coaches are always needed.

### **Audio-Video System Support**

Those knowledgeable in electronics, technology, assist with community events and programs.

### **Website, Network, PC tech help**

Members are responsible for the design, content and development of parish web sites. Knowledge of minor technology repairs would be useful. These volunteers augment programs needing such support.

### **Coffee Hour**

Be a member of a coffee hour team. Coordinate/bake for coffee hour after parish masses.

## **OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

### **Parish Office Support/Mailings**

Volunteer as a receptionist in the parish office. Training is provided. Help with special mailings when needed.

### **Money Counters**

Rotating teams serve to count weekend collections and prepare them for deposit. Training is required.

**Handy Man Help**---Specify Trade\_\_\_\_\_

### **Church Cleaning**

Teams work monthly as needed to keep each worship site in order.

### **Gardening and Plant Care**

Members care for gardens and also recycle altar plants into the landscape. This is a “hands on” group which gathers May through October. Individuals may also volunteer to care for the plants in church on a regular basis.

### **Facilities Committee**

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

## **PARISH LEADERSHIP**

### **Pastoral Council**

Members meet monthly to discern issues, projects of benefit to the parish and make appropriate recommendations.

### **Finance Council**

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 the stability of parish funds.

### **Fundraising Committee**

Volunteers may be adults and teens who are willing to be engaged in a variety of activities which supplement parish income: e.g. pancake breakfasts, pasta dinners, etc.

### **Stewardship Planning**

This group would be adults who organize strategies and communication vehicles to increase awareness of our use of parish resources and the values and priorities that govern such use.

### **St. John Neumann School Council**

Meets quarterly, as do its various committees to insure the viability of St. John Neumann School: Pre-K to Grade 5.

### **Communications/Publicity**

Needs individuals skilled in disseminating parish pertinent information to the wider community as well as communicating internally effectively. Photographers, videographers, writers and those with media expertise are also needed.

### **Liturgy Committee**

This committee creates and supports the prayer and worship life of the Peace of Christ Catholic Community and provides a suitable environment for worship.

## **OTHER**

### **Alumni Association (St. Ambrose, St James, St. John, St John Neumann Schools)**

Communicates with and plans events for our alumni. Works with the school in order to keep the Alumni Room current.

### **Archive Committee**

Keeps records of events from the Peace of Christ Community current. Also archives and disseminates these current events. Persons who have skills in photography, video, writing, organization and communications are welcome.