

Liturgy and Worship

By reason of our baptism, all are called to participate in the ministries of the liturgy, offering service to the Christian community. Training is provided for these ministries.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Cross Bearer: Leads the entrance/exit processions.

Eucharistic Minister: Distributes Communion to the assembly

Gift Bearers: Brings up the gifts during the preparation of the gifts

Sacristan: Prepares the gifts before Mass and does the dishes after Mass.

Lector: Proclaims the 1st and 2nd readings and the general intercessions.

Mass Servers: Is the presider's assistant.

Care of Linens: Launders soiled linens from Mass.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Door Greeters: Holds the door open as people enter and offers a friendly welcome.

Program and Bulletin Distributors: Passes out worship aids before Mass and bulletins after.

Usher: Helps people find seats, takes up the collection, and attends to any "behind the scenes" issues or difficulties.

Hospitality Station: Prepares and serves simple refreshments (coffee, lemonade, cocoa) after a weekend liturgy.

Wine and Cheese: Sets up, serves and cleans up wine and cheese refreshments following the 4:30 p.m. Mass on the 2nd Saturday.

Donut Sunday: Makes coffee, puts out donuts and cleans up the kitchen for the 8:15 or 10:00 a.m. masses on 2nd Sunday.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Liturgy of the Word: A ministry for ages 6-9 during the first part of Mass to reflect on Sunday's Gospel at their own level of understanding.

COMMUNION TO THE NURSING HOME

Bring the compassion and communion of the church to the sick and the homebound.

Sunday morning: Following the 8:15 & 10:00 a.m. liturgies, ministers are sent to bring communion to our Nursing Home residents.

Weekday: This ministry offers an individual some flexibility as to when a visit is made to one of the nursing homes.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Singing in a music group, playing an instrument, ministering as a cantor or accompanist, or leading a music group are a few examples of ways to participate.

Sacrament Preparation

Our sacraments are gifts from God and are celebrated within the context of our community.

RCIA sponsor: A Confirmed Catholic who walks the journey with an RCIA candidate.

RCIA team member: A Confirmed Catholic who assists the RCIA coordinator.

Confirmation teachers: Any confirmed Catholic willing to journey with our 9th graders.

Marriage Mentor couples: Meet with engaged couples during the process of preparation for the sacrament of marriage

Parish Life

Holy Spirit parish is vibrant and alive because parishioners participate enthusiastically in opportunities to strengthen the community.

New Parishioner Evenings: Responsibilities include helping with hospitality and registration.

Desserts for the New Parishioner Evenings: Provides some refreshments for the New Parishioner gatherings

Welcome Phone Calls: Assist in phoning those who have recently registered in the parish.

Green Team: A group of parishioners who enjoy gardening and landscaping work to maintain plants, trees, and areas around the building.

Indoor Care of Plants: Parishioners care for and water the indoor plants on a weekly basis.

Office Help: These helpers answer phones, enter information into a parish database, prepare bulk mailings, assist with preparing materials for various programs (duplicating, filing, etc.)

Money Counters: Parishioners count the weekly collections and make the bank deposits.

Photography: Volunteers take digital photos and edit photos in Photoshop on an as-needed basis.

Knights of Columbus: Holy Spirit Council 11460 actively works to assist the Parish and School.

Women's Ministry Team: Volunteers lead a team in one of the areas of spiritual development, social activities, or community outreach.

Prayer Committee: Seeks to lead the parish into prayer for Stations of the Cross, Lenten services, adoration and prayer for specific parish needs.

Church Decorating: A variety of skills are needed including a willing hand (to iron, lift, hang, etc.), carpentry skills, seamstresses, or a desire to help as needed.

\$CRIP Committee: educates the parish about using \$CRIP and also coordinates and schedules volunteers to sell \$CRIP after Masses.

Social Justice/Outreach

The following ministries offer concrete ways of responding to the local and global needs of persons oppressed by violence, poverty, and lack of opportunity.

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN): IHN provides temporary shelter and meals to homeless families in the area. Volunteers can contribute food, driving time, cooking, hosting and overnight responsibilities.

Saturday Noon Meal: Food and fellowship is available for homeless and/or low income families. Holy Spirit participates once a year in December.

Channel One: Volunteers, using their own vehicles, deliver the food collected each week to Channel One no later than Tuesday.

Sunday Noon Meal: Six local parishes host Sunday lunch for low income families. The meal is served at St. Francis Catholic Church.

Friday Assistance: Assist with the welcoming and registration of those who meet with Fr. Don seeking assistance from the parish. This occurs on the last Friday of the month.

Fair Trade Monthly Sale: Assists with the sale of Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolates & nuts. Occurs on the weekend of the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Funeral Luncheon: Volunteers provide hospitality for the luncheon following a funeral.

Meal Preparation: A ministry to fellow parishioners who are experiencing an illness in the family or an unexpected hardship.

Parish Leadership

The heart of a parish is its mission. Leadership groups in the parish take key roles in keeping the parish focused on its mission.

Pastoral Council

Finance Council

Stewardship Commission

Liturgical Commission

Social Justice Commission

Faith Formation (FiRE)

Holy Spirit Parish has always been on fire with the Spirit. Just as a fire needs fuel to ignite, so does our faith. FiRE – *FAITH REACHING EVERYONE* – is the fuel for whole parish faith formation.

FAITH FORMATION: SUMMER PROGRAMS

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Coordinators, Assistant coordinators, team leaders and many helpers, ages 11 and up, are needed for various positions during VBS week in June, 2010.

Middle School BLAST: Adults ages 21 and older are needed for various positions during the middle school summer BLAST in July, 2010. The BLAST camp will focus on Catholic Social Teaching and service.

Mission trip coordinators and/or chaperones:

Adults age 21 and older are needed to help plan, prepare and participate with parish high school youth on summer mission trips to either regional or international locations.

FAITH FORMATION: EARLY CHILDHOOD (SPARKS)

A Sunday School program for children age 3 through Kindergarten begins at the start of the 8:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses and ends at the conclusion of the Mass.

Catechist: Catechists teach weekly lessons. Catechists work in teams and have assistants.

Assistant Catechist: Responsible for helping the catechist during class time. There are two assistants per class.

Substitute: Available on short notice to teach or assist when another catechist or assistant is unavailable. Materials and support are provided.

Sunday Preparation & Close: Sets up before Mass and closes down classrooms after 10:00 a.m. Mass

General Support Volunteer: Help prepare craft kits, photocopy and assemble catechist materials and mailings. Work at home or at parish office.

FAITH FORMATION: GRADES 1-5

Catechist: This volunteer teaches the Knowing Our Faith station on Wednesday night.

Station Topic Leader: Leads a group of children in one of the following areas—music, faith in action, the mass or bible skills.

Wednesday Supply Supervisor: This person acts as general support on Wednesday night.

Community Service Coordinator: Works with the Faith Formation Coordinator to set up community service opportunities.

Activity Night Leader: This volunteer works with children on activity night. Leads a group in doing community service activities, and plays games with children.

Childcare: Childcare volunteers are needed from 6:00 - 7:45 P.M. on Wednesdays during FiRE

FAITH FORMATION: GRADES 6-12

Wednesday Catechist: Adults or older teens needed to lead class sessions twice a month.

Wednesday Assistant Catechist: Adults or older teens needed to help with class sessions 2x mo.

Wednesday Substitute: Substitute when a catechist or assistant is unavailable. Support is provided.

Wednesday Supply Supervisor: Help with set up and clean up. Be available during class to help find materials or answer questions.

Wednesday Large Group Leader: Enthusiastic adult or teen leaders to assist with large group openings, music, skits, games and activities related to night's faith topic.

Wednesday Snack Coordinator: Help plan and prepare snacks that relate to the lesson. Youth may help prepare.

First Sundays Large Group Leader: Enthusiastic adult or teen leaders to assist with large group openings, music, skits, games and activities related to the night's faith topic.

First Sundays Crew Leader: Teens or adults age 16+ to lead small groups in games and discussions.

First Sundays Meal Coordinator: Help plan, prepare, serve lunch & supervise clean up.

First Sundays Supply Supervisor: Help with set up and clean up. Be available during class to help find materials or answer questions.

FAITH FORMATION: ADULT

Group Facilitator: Works with a group as its facilitator (Bible Study, JustFaith, J-Walking, etc.)

Youth Ministry

Involvement in the lives of the youth of the Parish is believing in the present and the future of our faith community. By lending a hand or offering a listening ear, we give our youth the courage to explore new ideas or to discover and utilize their gifts and talents.

Middle School Youth Leadership Team: Youth leaders in grades 6-8 meet to plan spiritual, social and service activities for their peers.

High School Youth Leadership Team: High school teen leaders meet to create programs and activities that are relevant to youth and to implement these plans.

Chaperones for Youth Leadership Meetings: Adults are needed to attend the team meetings and assist youth with leading meetings in an effective manner.

Chaperones for Youth Group Activities: Adults age 21 and older are needed to supervise and perhaps drive for youth group activities.

Photographer/Multimedia Leader: Take digital photos and assist youth with taking photos and preparing slideshows or video storytelling projects on Wednesday nights, First Sundays, or other youth activities.

Director/Musicians-Praise & Worship Band: Adults with music experience to work with teen musicians to organize a praise and worship band. Youth musicians interested in forming a band. Guitars, Bass, drums and vocalists needed.