



“WE HAVE SEEN THE LORD” (JOHN 20:25)

Christ is Risen—Alleluia

Stewardship begins with the personal experience of the Risen Christ in our midst and in our hearts. It is a vocation to discipleship—a personal response: the surrender of ourselves through grace and choice to follow Jesus Christ. Mature disciples made a conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ no matter the cost to themselves.

HOW WILL YOU LIVE OUT YOUR DISCIPLESHIP THIS YEAR?



## MISSION STATEMENT

*Nourished by the Sacraments, Sacred Scripture and Holy Traditions,  
we are called to love, forgive, and be merciful.*

### **UNDERSTANDING STEWARSHIP: Be a Christian Steward**

#### **A Summary of the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship**

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).

What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

#### A Prayer for Disciples

Generous and loving God,  
you call us to be disciples of your Son Jesus  
and good stewards of all your many gifts.

Open our minds and hearts to a greater  
awareness and deeper appreciation  
of your countless Blessings.

Transform us through the power of your Spirit  
to nurture a Stewardship way of life  
marked by faith-filled prayer,  
service to our neighbor  
and generous sharing.

Teach us to be faithful servants of your gifts.  
With Mary's help may we return ten-fold  
the gifts entrusted to us.

We pray through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen



**Stewardship**  
*A disciple's Way*  
*Of Living*

Please prayerfully review this Time & Talent Booklet. Each member of your household, age 9 years/4th grade and older, will receive a Time & Talent Commitment Form in the mail within the week. After prayerfully reviewing the booklet, please complete your Commitment Form indicating which ministries in which you are interested and/or would like to participate.

**EVEN IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN A MINISTRY YOU *MUST* RECOMMIT BY RETURNING YOUR COMPLETED COMMITMENT FORM.**

## **S**TEWARDSHIP OF **T**IME AND **T**ALENT 2020-2021

### **C**OMITTEE

#### **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

This is a leadership group devoted to discovering and communicating insights into Christian discipleship and its application of a Stewardship Way of Life.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Meetings scheduled with discernment by members.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Individuals willing to embrace a stewardship way of life and share with others.

**TRAINING:** Training will be ongoing.

### **A**DULT EDUCATION & FORMATION

#### **CROSSROADS**

This is an avenue of Adult Faith Formation in collaboration with our neighboring parishes: Holy Name of Jesus, St. Pius X, and St. Sebastian. This alliance allows us to offer a variety of opportunities in an array of times.

**YOUR PARTICIPATION DOES NOT REQUIRE A MINISTRY LEADER TO CONTACT YOU; SIMPLY WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR EVENTS. NO FOLLOW-UP WILL OCCUR.**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Desire to learn.

## **RCIA TEAM MEMBERS**

Individuals willing to share their faith with others who are seeking information about the Catholic Faith. Different positions and levels of commitment are available.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Minimal one year commitment. Weekly sessions and liturgical celebrations.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Fully initiated individuals.

**TRAINING:** Initial training will occur at an appointed time with on-going training throughout the year.

## **RCIA PARISH SPONSORS**

Individuals willing to share their faith, journeying one on one with an individual seeking to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Minimal one year commitment. The commitment will consist of meeting with the individual based on their schedule and your schedule and occasional retreat and liturgical celebrations.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Fully initiated individuals who are comfortable sharing their faith experience.

**TRAINING:** Initial training will occur at an appointed time.

# **I**NTER-GENERATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities for the entire parish (0 to 150 plus years old-single, married, divorced, widowed, children, no children) to come together for community building, fun, formation, fellowship and outreach.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**—Members would assist staff with planning events, doing preparation work and organizing workers.

**GIFT OF TIME:** A few planning meetings prior to event with opportunity to work on items from home.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Both creative and hands-on people are wanted.

**COOKS**—Members who are willing to prepare food on-site and/or from the comfort of your own kitchen.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Food preparation time.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Willingness to use your culinary gifts.

**SHOPPERS**—Members who are willing to shop to meet needs of a given event (with parish funds).

**GIFT OF TIME:** Time will vary.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Willingness to procure needs for event.

**SET-UP/CLEAN-UP**—Members who are willing to set-up prior to an event and/or clean-up following an event.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Time will vary.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Willingness to roll-up your sleeves.

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

**FOOD SERVERS**—Members who are willing to assist cooks in actually serving food at an event.

**GIFT OF TIME:** One hour per event.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Ability to follow food serving guidelines, be helpful, and be friendly.

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## **LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS INTERGENERATIONAL TEAM**

Individuals of all ages to provide a Lenten experience for the community of Holy Redeemer Parish. This involves acting, set/stage design, sound/lighting, etc.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Rehearsals prior to the performance depending on what role is taken.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Love for the arts and working with all ages, as well as a desire to bring to life Christ’s Passion.

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

# **P** **EEER MINISTRY**

## **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

This is an opportunity to join with others to study and reflect on Sacred Scripture while offering support to one another as Christians living in our world. (Childcare is available on Tuesday mornings if there are reasonable requests).

**GIFT OF TIME:** Tuesday mornings or evenings during the school year.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Desire to learn and share.

## **HEALING HEARTS—*FUN AND FROLIC*—WIDOWED/DIVORCED GROUP**

This group offers social opportunities, activities and fellowship with those who are on a similar journey.

**GIFT OF TIME:** General meetings are the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm and participation in activities of your choice.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Participants are any adults whose spouse is no longer present.

**TRAINING:** Your enthusiasm to make new friends and just do something fun.

## **MEN’S MINISTRY**

Men of the community of all ages are welcome and invited to participate in programs that encourage their spirituality at home, work, and social circles. Programs offered include: That Man Is You, Small Faith Sharing Groups, Exodus 90, Authentic Man Group, and a Breakfast/Speaker Series.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Join at your own pace and time frame that meets your schedule.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Men of all ages with a desire to foster meaningful friendships with other men, through prayer, scripture, and sharing of our Catholic Faith.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Join at your own pace and time frame that meets your schedule.

## **PRAYER GATHERING**

People come together with so much to pray for, so much to be grateful for— an opportunity to unite our voices and hearts in prayer.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Second Monday of the month at 7:00PM in the Emmaus Chapel; summer months outdoors by the Blessed Virgin Mary Garden.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** People of prayer (or desire to be).

## **PARISH PRAYER CHAIN**

Members provide spiritual and emotional support through prayer for those who are in a time of need.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Daily prayer time.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Person of prayer willing to pray for particular needs for our faith community and be able to maintain confidentiality.

## **PARISH SHAWL MINISTRY**

People come together to knit or crochet prayer shawls for those in our community who need special encouragement...praying for the individuals who will receive their creations.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Third Wednesday of each month at 1pm.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** The ability to knit or crochet (or to learn) and be a person of prayer.

## **ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN**

On Saturday mornings at 9:30AM, we gather in the chapel or, if weather permits, on the mound in the circular drive.

**GIFT OF TIME:** As your schedule permits.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** People of prayer (or desire to be).

## **MARIAN GROUP**

Individuals/Families who honors Mary by praying the Rosary prior to Mass and with special devotions that bless our relationship with her.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Arriving 30 minutes prior to Mass and additional devotional opportunities throughout the year.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** All people of prayer, especially those with a special devotion to Mary.

# **C** COMMUNITY LIFE

## **GOLDEN REDEEMERS**

Men and women, over the age of 60, are invited to join for fellowship and fun at any or all monthly activities: first Thursday of the month is morning Mass followed by breakfast at a local restaurant; second Thursday at 1:00PM is a potluck meal and meeting in Shepherds Hall (bring a dish to pass); third Thursday is Game Day from 1:00-4:00PM to play cards or you can bring a favorite game to share.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Your participation.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Parishioners 60 years of age and older.

## **ATHLETICS**

**WOMEN'S WORKOUT:** 6:00-7:30PM Mondays, mid-September to end of May. Build flexibility, strength, and good health.

**SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL:** Men's church league offered in April. Watch bulletin for information and registration days and time.

**TRAINING:** Natural athletic ability, sportsmanship, and fun.

## **BLOOD DRIVES**

Interested individuals assist with set-up, clean-up, canteen help, or baking hospitality.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Depending on task and a willingness to help.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Depends on the task.

**TRAINING:** On the job.

## **BETWEEN THE LEAVES BOOK CLUB**

All adult parishioners who enjoy reading a variety of books may join. Each month a new book is chosen and participants are asked to read it and come ready to discuss the book. They meet once a month, year round, at a specified time and location.

**GROUP LEADER**—The group leader will help keep group discussions on track and help with book selections.

**PARTICIPANT**—Individuals who want to meet with others to discuss selected monthly books.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Responsible for reading the chosen book of the month, and approximately two hours for discussion.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Any adult parishioner who enjoys reading and discussions.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

This is a membership organization of Catholic men age 18 and older, that fosters lasting friendships with each other while reaching out to the Church, community and helping the less fortunate.

**GIFT OF TIME:** General membership meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM in classrooms 10-12. Some activities that the Knights sponsor are: Lenten Fish Fry, Tootsie Roll Drive (benefits local mentally challenged children and organizations), Right to Life Breakfast, and Memorial Day Parade & Picnic held on the church grounds. The men and their families can choose participation in any of the activities that interest them, using their time and talents.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Fully initiated practicing Catholic men who are 18 years of age or older. Elections are held for the board of officers positions. The families of the Knights may participate in a number of social and charitable activities.

**TRAINING:** Those involved in youth events are required to participate in a "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## **PARISH PICNIC**

Annual Parish Picnic is held the first Sunday afternoon after Labor Day which fosters hospitality among our parishioners with food, fellowship and fun!

**CHAIR COMMITTEE**—Member would help with planning, organizing workers and work at our Parish Picnic.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Five or six planning and recap meetings from April to September; two hours or more the day of the picnic.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Organized, ability to delegate and research, and work at the picnic.

**TRAINING:** On the job—Community Life Coordinator is available for questions or concerns.



**VOLUNTEERS** - Adults and Jr./Sr. High youth to help with set-up, take down and afternoon events.

**GIFT OF TIME:** 1-2+ hours prior to and/or at the picnic.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Willingness to help.

## **CHARITY FUNDRAISER EVENT VOLUNTEER**

Our annual adults-only Charity Fundraiser benefits a local charity. This typically takes place on a Saturday evening in October. Help is needed working the night of the event.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Adults 21 years of age or older.

**TRAINING:** Gifts you already have.

## **SUNDAY HOSPITALITY**

Coffee and Donuts Hospitality is offered following the 8:30AM and 11:00AM Masses in Shepherds Hall., fostering fellowship and community among parishioners.

**SERVERS**—Teams of adults and/or families able to work with others in preparing and serving coffee, donuts, and juice to fellow parishioners.

**GIFT OF TIME:** 1-2 hours inclusive—before and after Mass, on a rotating schedule from September to May.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Willingness to serve with a pleasant smile and cleaning up with a helpful attitude. Meeting and greeting parishioners is vital.

**TRAINING:** On the job or before initial commitment. Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

**DONUT PICK-UP**—Pick-up donuts and deliver to Holy Redeemer on Sunday mornings by 8AM.

**GIFT OF TIME:** 45 minutes - 1 hour on rotating schedule - pick-up donuts and deliver to Holy Redeemer on Sunday mornings.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Have transportation and willing to be at the donut shop between 7:30-7:45AM on Sunday mornings as scheduled.

**TRAINING:** Directions given prior to initial commitment.

## **KITCHEN COORDINATOR**

Volunteer willing to come on Monday mornings to put away utensils and kitchen supplies and restock items used over the weekend.

**GIFT OF TIME:** One or two hours a week, on Monday morning.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Any parishioner who can organize, put away and check for needed supplies.

**TRAINING:** As needed, initial procedures and duties.

## **WELCOME MINISTRY**

Adults and/or families become committee volunteers willing to meet with newly registered parishioners. New parishioners are contacted by committee volunteer and welcomed by sending a postcard, making a few phone calls, offering a tour of our facility and making themselves available to answer any questions the new family may have.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Varies depending on the number of new parishioners we have throughout the year.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Pleasant personality, outgoing, and comfortable talking with others. Able to engage with new parishioners making them feel welcome, comfortable, and excited to be part of our parish life.

**TRAINING:** Meeting with the Coordinator of Community Life to review the process and exchange ideas. Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## **PLAYGROUP**

An opportunity for adults with children ages 6 months to 5 years to gather for fellowship, play time, and story time fostering friendship and fun.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Meets every other Friday of each month from September to May from 10:00 - 11:00AM in the Parish Nursery.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Participants are any adults with children 6 months to 5 years of age.

**TRAINING:** Your enthusiasm to attend.

# **F** **AI**TH **FOR**MATION **FOR** **CHILDREN**

## **CATECHIST**

Teams of 2-3 catechists provide religious instruction and formation for children in grades 1 through 6. The aim of the catechetical program is to provide sound instruction of Catholic teaching in an environment that will foster community and spiritual growth.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Catechists serve the children from September through May. Sessions will be held weekly on Wednesdays or Sundays and are 75 minutes in length. One can expect to spend at least one hour per week in preparation for class along with occasional curriculum meetings.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Catechists must be at least 18 years of age, fully initiated members of Holy Redeemer Parish, and celebrating Eucharist weekly.

**TRAINING:** Times for classroom training will vary, depending on when someone signs up to be a catechist. Ongoing formation and certification is essential; therefore, additional training and formation sessions are scheduled throughout the year. Diocesan and national training opportunities are also available. Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## **CATECHIST AIDE**

Catechist aides would assist the adult catechists in the religious instruction and formation for children in grades 1 through 6.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Catechist aides should plan to spend 75 minutes weekly on Wednesday or Sunday helping the Catechists to keep the children actively engaged.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Catechists must be at least 18 years of age, fully initiated members of Holy Redeemer Parish, and celebrating Eucharist weekly

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session complete standard paperwork.

## **FAITH FORMATION YOUTH VOLUNTEER**

Youth volunteers would assist the adult catechists in the religious instruction and formation for children in grades 1 through 6.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Youth Volunteers should plan to spend 75 minutes weekly on Wednesday or Sunday helping the Catechists to keep the children actively engaged.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A desire to share your faith and a love for children.

**TRAINING:** Youth under 18 years of age must fill-out the appropriate paperwork.

## OFFICE HELP

Office helpers assist with various projects, including inventory and assuring all classrooms are fully supplied.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Office helpers have a flexible schedule. One hour per week is suggested.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Flexibility and a willingness to help. Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## CHILDCARE PROVIDER

Teams of two workers provide childcare for toddlers and preschoolers of catechists who teach in our weekly religious education program or other Faith Formation Programs—VBS, Parent’s Night Out, Etc.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Workers are scheduled on a rotational calendar from September through April, based on the number of volunteers.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Childcare providers must be 18 years of age.

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a week-long adventure each summer, which brings the Bible alive for youth age 4 years through those entering 5th grade. Lively interaction, games, snacks, crafts, songs, decorating, and drama make this a memorable experience for all. VBS is usually scheduled mid June.to late July. Many volunteers, age 6th grade and up are needed prior to the event for set-up, during the week to facilitate, and afterwards to clean-up in order to make VBS a success.

**GIFT OF TIME:** The VBS leadership team begins preparation for this week-long event many months in advance. Additional volunteers are needed in the weeks before, during, and after.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Individuals must have a willingness to share God’s word through scripture with children.

**TRAINING:** All volunteers will be assigned where their time and talent can best serve the event with no additional training required. Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD Leaders and Assistants

This ministry is offered during the Sunday 8:30 and 11:00AM Masses to children in grades 1-5 from September through May. The leader proclaims the Scripture for the day, helps the children discover the meaning of God’s word in their lives, and leads them in prayer. *Leaders* lead the Liturgy of the Word. *Adult and Youth Assistants* help the children to stay actively engaged.

**GIFT OF TIME:** These ministers are scheduled on a rotational calendar and usually interact with the children 2 to 3 times a quarter.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Leaders must be at least 18 years of age and fully initiated members of Holy Redeemer Parish. Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork. Jr. and Sr. High students may now serve as assistants after completing Student Volunteer Form.

## **LIBRARY ASSISTANT**

The parish library is located in the Religious Education classroom wing. Volunteers assist with cataloging new books, videos, CDs, magazines, and check in returned items. One or two volunteers are needed to help in checking out materials during Sunday hospitality time following each Mass.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Assistants are invited to help on a rotating schedule during library hours of operation or when their personal schedule permits.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Organizational and/or computer skills are helpful, along with a willingness to help in keeping the library available during scheduled hours.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL CATECHIST**

A Sunday School Catechist helps children learn and grow in their faith. Catechists use creative means to make Gospel Readings, Bible Stories and Prayer come to life for the children. Using songs, puppets, figurines, story boards, and crafts, Catechists create an engaging learning atmosphere.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Sunday school may be held during the 8:30AM Mass/Sunday Morning Faith Formation/11:00AM Mass, 2nd Sunday of September through the 3rd Sunday of May (with holiday breaks).

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Catechists must be at least 18 years of age, fully initiated members of Holy Redeemer Parish, and celebrating Eucharist weekly.

**TRAINING:** Ongoing formation and certification is essential; therefore, additional training and formation sessions are scheduled throughout the year. Diocesan and national training opportunities are also available to interested individuals. Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL CATECHIST AIDE**

A Sunday School Catechist Aide would assist the catechists.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Sunday school may be held during the 8:30AM Mass/Sunday Morning Faith Formation/11:00AM Mass, 2nd Sunday of September through the 3rd Sunday of May (with holiday breaks).

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Catechists must be at least 18 years of age, fully initiated members of Holy Redeemer Parish, and celebrating Eucharist weekly.

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.



## NURSERY

The purpose of our nursery is to provide a safe, loving, fun, and comfortable environment during Sunday morning Mass times and Adult Faith Formation sessions. To accomplish this, childcare providers will walk, rock, read to, and play with children to insure that they are content. Our nursery is a co-op. The expectation is that families who utilize this service on Sunday will share in the care of the children by being put on a rotating schedule.

### **NURSERY AIDE**

Nursery aides would assist the nursery staff and parent volunteers in the nursery by interacting with the children in the nursery.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Nursery aides may be used during the 8:30AM Mass — Sunday Morning Faith Formation — 11:00AM Mass, 2nd Sunday of September through the 3rd Sunday of May (with holiday breaks).

There is also the opportunity to provide childcare during Adult Faith Formation sessions on an occasional basis.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A love for children! Jr. and Sr. High students may serve as aides.

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork. Jr. and Sr. High students must fill out volunteer paperwork.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

Relying on our entire Church Community, the ministry to our young people strives to inspire authentic and intentional discipleship that uniquely expresses each person’s call to holiness. “Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them: if prophecy, in proportion to the faith; if ministry, in ministering; if one is a teacher, in teaching; if one exhorts, in exhortation; if one contributes, in generosity; if one is over others, with diligence; if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.” (Rom 12:6-8).

### **JUNIOR HIGH CATECHIST**

Junior High Catechists helps 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders learn how to live a life an authentic and intentional life in and with the Church. These lessons are applied toward the Sacrament of Confirmation for 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Regular meetings are Wednesdays or Sundays for one hour and fifteen minutes, September to May. Catechists work with the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries to plan and gain approval for activities and materials for each meeting.

**QUALIFICATION:** Active participation in their fully initiated Roman Catholic faith, comfortable in interacting with young people, and have a desire to accompany young people as they discover more about Jesus through prayer, service, personal encounter, community, and discussion.

**TRAINING:** All catechists will have opportunities to be certified through Echoing the Gospel. Diocesan and National training opportunities are available for those interested. Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.



**JUNIOR HIGH CATECHIST AIDE** Catechist Aid members work with Catechists to facilitate the meetings, classes, and sessions necessary for the year.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Regular meetings are Wednesdays or Sundays for one hour and fifteen minutes, September to May. Catechists work with Catechists to implement activities and materials for each session.

**QUALIFICATION:** Active participation in their fully initiated Roman Catholic faith, comfortable in interacting with young people, and have a desire to accompany young people as they discover more about Jesus through prayer, service, personal encounter, community, and discussion.

**TRAINING:** Diocesan and National training opportunities are available for those interested. Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## **SENIOR HIGH CORE TEAM**

Senior High Core Team members are witnesses to the Gospel by living their daily relationship with Christ with authenticity, intentionality, and openness to the Holy Spirit. Team members form mentorship. They assist the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries to implement the teen developed ministry plan and events.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Regular meetings are Sundays for an hour and a half, September through May. The Senior High Core Team works constantly with the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult ministries for planning and updates on programs and volunteer opportunities.

**QUALIFICATION:** Active participation in their fully initiated Roman Catholic faith, comfortable in interacting with young people, and have a desire to accompany young people as they discover more about Jesus through prayer, service, personal encounter, community, and discussion.

**TRAINING:** All Core Team members will have opportunities to be certified through Echoing the Gospel. Diocesan and National training opportunities are available for those interested. Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## **TEEN LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Teen Leadership Team members work closely with the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, along with the Senior High Core Team, to implement the peer and self-developed ministry plan.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Regular meetings are Sundays for an hour and a half, September through May. The Teen Leadership Team works constantly with the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult ministries for planning and updates on programs and volunteer opportunities.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Active participation in their fully initiated Roman Catholic faith, comfortable in interacting with peers, and have a desire to learn more about Jesus through prayer, service, personal encounter, community, and discussion.

**TRAINING:** Members are highly encouraged to attend at least one ND Vision summer conference during their High School years. Ongoing meetings and training sessions are available for those interested.

Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## **LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS TEAM—SEE INTER-GENERATIONAL SECTION**

## **SENIOR HIGH RETREAT TEAM**

Senior High Retreat Team members help to create a space for high school teens to encounter Christ during overnight Retreats.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Members work closely with the Coordinator of Youth and Young adult ministries to plan, implement, and facilitate a weekend retreat Friday evening – Sunday afternoon.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A desire for facilitating an intimate space for teens to come deepen their personal relationship with Jesus. An open heart to prayer experiences, retreat activities, meditation, and reflection on Jesus, the Scriptures, and the Tradition of the Church.

**TRAINING:** Planning meetings before the retreat. Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## **CONFIRMATION RETREAT TEAM**

Confirmation Retreat Team members assist the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries in facilitating and overseeing the High School led Confirmation Retreat for 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Members work closely with the Coordinator of Youth and Young adult ministries to oversee, implement, and facilitate an overnight retreat.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A desire for facilitating an intimate space for teens to deepen their relationship with Jesus through the Sacrament of Confirmation. An open heart to prayer experiences, retreat activities, outreach activities, meditation, and reflection on Jesus, the Scriptures, and the Tradition of the Church.

**TRAINING:** Diocesan and National training opportunities are available for those interested. Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## **FOOD PREPARATION TEAM**

Food Preparation Team members work with the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for events that require at least one meal to be prepared.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Members work closely with the Coordinator of Youth and Young adult ministries to plan, shop, and prepare meals for retreats.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A desire for providing tasty meals for our youth.

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## **PARENT VOLUNTEER TEAM**

Parents and Volunteers who desire to be involved in the ministry, but work with a a very limited schedule. Some options can actually be done from your home (birthday card ministry and exam care packages) This group works closely with the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

**GIFT OF TIME:** This ministry has many options for time commitment.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A desire to assist (not lead) an intimate space for teens to come to know Jesus in a deeper way.. An open heart to prayer experiences, outreach activities, meditation, and reflection on God, Scriptures, and Traditions of the Church.

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## **YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY TEAM**

Young Adult Ministry Team members facilitate Young Adult activities (age 18-30).

**GIFT OF TIME:** Young Adult meetings may vary based upon events. Members will work closely with the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries to plan accordingly.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Active participation in their fully initiated Roman Catholic faith, comfortable in interacting with young adults, and have a desire to accompany young adults as they discover more about Jesus through prayer, service, personal encounter, community, and discussion.

**TRAINING:** Diocesan and National training opportunities are available for those interested. Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

This ministry serves by encouraging the faithful to engage in worship in the music of the liturgy. The human voice - not the organ or piano - is the principle instrument of the church. This ministry ensures that the whole body of the faithful may be able to actively participate in songs which are rightly theirs. Vocalists and instrumentalists drawn from the community who possess musical skills and a commitment to scheduled rehearsals and liturgies are encouraged to utilize and share their talent.

### **ADULT CHOIR**

The choir enriches celebrations by adding musical elements beyond the capabilities of the congregation alone. It is a commitment from September to Pentecost for one weekend Mass three times a month, plus other scheduled Feast Day liturgies. We sing a blend of contemporary songs, traditional hymns and chant using both melody in unison and S.A.T.B. octavo arrangements.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Rehearsals are on Thursday evening from 7:00-8:45PM (with additional rehearsals for Christmas and Easter)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Singers should have the ability to blend with other voices. Having the ability to read music is helpful but not required. Anyone without previous choir experience may discern if this ministry is a good match by meeting with the choir director.

**TRAINING:** This is accomplished in weekly rehearsals and some outside workshops.

### **HAND BELL ENSEMBLE**

This ensemble is open to anyone 14 years of age and older and be able to obtain transportation. Obtaining an understanding of hand bell ringing is easier than it appears and can be accomplished in just a few rehearsals. To fully utilize our 4 ½ octave set, eleven to fourteen ringers are desired.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Rehearsals are Thursdays evenings from 6-7:00PM and the ensemble assists at a liturgy every four to six weeks. Extra rehearsals may be scheduled to prepare for Christmas and Easter.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Although having the ability to read music is useful, it is not required. However, you must be able to hold three to five pounds and stand for ten to fifteen minute periods.

**TRAINING:** This is accomplished in weekly rehearsals and some outside workshops.



## CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE

The Contemporary Ensemble leads worship on a regular basis (2-3 weekends a month for Saturday Masses and other Feast Day Liturgies). This ensemble is great for accommodating semi-proficient instrumentalists and vocalists with limited availability. The music encompasses hymns and contemporary songs to facilitate praise and prayer by utilizing a wide variety of instruments and vocal backgrounds. **Make this a Contemporary Ensemble by joining!**

**GIFT OF TIME:** Rehearsal is scheduled one Tuesday a month from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Possessing spirit and embracing praise through contemporary music is a significant component, while understanding the importance of preserving reverence and spiritual focus during worship.

**TRAINING:** This is accomplished through rehearsals and some outside workshops.

## RESURRECTION CHOIR

This choir is made up of adults who are available during the day to provide emotional support through music for funerals. We rehearse 30 minutes prior, and sing a blend of contemporary and traditional hymns that are familiar and requested by the family. The music is not difficult to follow, so if you are able to carry a tune and have daytime availability, this ensemble might be just for you.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Individuals give approximately two hours during the day as needed for a funeral.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Ability to sing familiar hymns.

**TRAINING:** No formal training required.

## CANTORS

This minister is a leader of liturgical song and a proclaimer of the Word. Cantors are needed at all Masses and are on a rotating schedule based on the availability of the participants. (Weddings and funerals are other services that need cantors as well.)

**GIFT OF TIME:** Rehearsals are 30 minutes prior to the Mass. Additional time may be scheduled based on availability of the cantor and director.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** You must be a fully initiated Catholic and an experienced singer with a strong voice who is able to read or follow music. Individuals interested must also realize the primary focus of the cantor is to proclaim the Word and encourage the community to actively participate to enhance the Liturgy. Those interested are eligible to join after meeting with the Director of Music.

**TRAINING:** This is accomplished in rehearsals as needed. No previous experience is required for weekend liturgies. Those interested in leading worship for weddings and funerals must meet with the director of music to determine eligibility.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

This choir is open to all children in grades 1 through 6 to sing at Masses scheduled periodically throughout the year. Our objective is to make music a direct extension of Children's Faith Formation. We find children possess the energy and spirit we require to inspire. **PLEASE SIGN-UP WHEN REGISTERING FOR FAITH FORMATION CLASSES.**

**GIFT OF TIME:** Rehearsals times to be determined in coordination with Faith Formation. A schedule of when the Children's Choir will be singing during Masses will be determined in September. Those who cannot participate all year still have the option of participating at Christmas **if they are able to attend rehearsals prior.**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Children who love to sing, have fun and want to actively participate and impact liturgy. The ability to read words is helpful but not required.

**TRAINING:** No previous experience is required.

## **YOUTH CHOIR**

This choir is open to grades 7 through 12 as an extension of Youth Faith Formation. We rehearse one Sunday a month from 12:15-1pm. This is an opportunity for youth leadership and early Cantor development through special courses with our adult mentors. Those interested in being a Cantor must be fully initiated members of the Church.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Participants must be available to rehearse one Sunday a month from 12:15-1pm (**attendance required to sing at Mass**) and one weekend Mass per month or other liturgies as scheduled.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Youth who love to sing and grow in their faith.

**TRAINING:** This is accomplished at rehearsals.

## **INSTRUMENTALISTS—SIXTEEN YEARS OR OLDER**

This is a opportunity to collaborate with other ensembles. Youth instrumentalists are encouraged to utilize their talent to enhance worship.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Participants must be able to rehearse at least 30 minutes prior to Mass or schedule a rehearsal for an alternate day prior to Mass.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Instrumentalists must be semi-proficient, reliable and able to transport themselves to rehearsals and Masses.

**TRAINING:** This is accomplished at rehearsals.

## **ADULT LEADERS FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND YOUTH CHOIR**

In order for the Children's Choir and Youth Choir to continue, at least one adult besides the music director must be present to facilitate rehearsals, share wisdom and provide a secure environment for our youth.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Assistants should be available for scheduled Children's Choir, Youth Choir or Youth Ensemble Rehearsals and Masses.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** **NO MUSICAL KNOWLEDGE NEEDED!!**

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

# **LITURGY & WORSHIP**

## **ART AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

This group plans, coordinates, designs, and oversees ideas and projects for the liturgical year. The use of the following gifts enhance worship: artist, seamstress, flower arranger, carpenter, designer, quilter, decorator, photographer, graphic artist, and those willing to do physical work.

**GIFT OF TIME:** The Art and Environment Committee will meet quarterly and on an "as needed" basis.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Willingness to participate in hands-on work.

**TRAINING:** Occasional enrichment opportunities.

## **CAMERA/SOUND PERSON**

Individual to set-up and operate camera/audio equipment for Facebook live Masses.

**GIFT OF TIME:** One hour during Mass time, possibly on a rotating basis.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Ability/desire to sit in front pew and operate camera.

**TRAINING:** One-time training on how to operate equipment.

## **FACILITATOR**

This person ensures that the worship experience runs smoothly through the coordination and continuity of the various ministries involved with weekend liturgies.

**GIFT OF TIME:** As a facilitator you are placed on a schedule at the liturgy that you request.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Facilitators are fully initiated adults with liturgical knowledge as well as some knowledge of facilities.

**TRAINING:** Initial training will occur at an appointed time with occasional enrichment sessions.

## **USHER**

Ushers are responsible for the specific needs of the faith community before, during and after each liturgy. Ushers welcome people as they gather, assist with seating, pass the collection baskets, follow collection procedure, and facilitate the movement of the Communion procession.

**GIFT OF TIME:** As an usher one would be placed on a rotating schedule at the liturgy requested.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Great opportunity for individuals and/or families.

**TRAINING:** Initial training will occur at an appointed time with occasional enrichment sessions.

## **ALTAR SERVER**

Servers assist at the weekend liturgies and special Holy Day liturgies.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Servers are placed on a rotating schedule at the liturgy requested.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Open to all who are in the 4th grade and older.

**TRAINING:** Initial training will occur at an appointed time with occasional enrichment sessions.

## **LECTOR**

This person proclaims God's Word at weekend liturgies and on special Holy Day liturgies.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Lectors are placed on a rotating schedule at the liturgy requested. Initial training will occur at an appointed time with occasional enrichment sessions. In addition, lectors take time on their own preparing to proclaim the Word each time they are scheduled.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Open to all who are fully initiated and are in the 8th grade and older.

**TRAINING:** Initial training will occur at an appointed time with occasional enrichment sessions.

## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

These ministers assist in distribution of Holy Communion with reverence and dignity at parish liturgies.

**GIFT OF TIME:** As a Eucharistic Minister one would be placed on a rotating schedule at the liturgy time requested.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Open to all who are fully initiated and are 16 years of age or older.

**TRAINING:** Initial training will occur at an appointed time with occasional enrichment sessions.

## **NURSING HOME EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

These individuals are committed to bringing the Word, Eucharist, and the love of the Lord to the residents of nursing homes in Jenison and Hudsonville.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Sundays on a rotating schedule.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Prayerful adults who enjoy serving residents in a nursing home environment.

**TRAINING:** Eucharistic Minister training plus specific training for the nursing home ministry.

## **SACRISTAN**

A sacristan ensures that each week the worship space and all the resources that are used for liturgies are prepared for the weekend.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Once a week – can be set up on a rotating schedule.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Ability to work independently.

**TRAINING:** Initial training session at onset.

## **BAPTISM GREETERS**

Greeters are responsible for the specific needs of the faith community before, during, and after each baptism. They welcome and greet people, assist with the seating of people, hand out worship aides and meet any other needs that might arise.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Two hours on the day of baptism on Sundays, once every other month.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Willingness to be “community” to families celebrating baptism.

**TRAINING:** Initial training will occur at an appointed time.

## **FUNERAL ALTAR SERVERS**

Adults as needed to serve at funeral liturgies.

**GIFT OF TIME:** As a server one would be placed on a rotating basis, and be available two hours on the day of a funeral.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Flexible availability.

**TRAINING:** Initial training will occur at an appointed time.

## **ALTAR LAUNDRY**

Individuals to wash and iron altar linens used at weekly liturgies.

**GIFT OF TIME:** On a rotating basis.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Reliable and a desire to serve our community.

**TRAINING:** Your previous experience.

## **“NAME TAG SUNDAY” GREETER**

Greet and invite parishioners to create a name tag as they gather for weekend Masses.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Prior to the Mass you worship at the first weekend of the month from August through June.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Welcoming presence, reliable, and a desire to serve our community.

**TRAINING:** Your previous experience.

# **P**ASTORAL CARE

## **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

Ministers offer comfort and support to the bereaved or terminally ill persons/families in our parish by journeying with them through the grief process. They also help plan and implement support sessions a couple of times a year, including our Mass of Remembrance celebration.

**GIFT OF TIME:** One year follow-up per assignment with flexible time commitment.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Compassionate adults comfortable with death and dying that can be open to all people and who possess good listening skills are needed.

**TRAINING:** Initial training will occur at an appointed time with on-going enrichment sessions a couple times a year.

## **FRIENDS WHO CARE MINISTRY (Ministry to the Homebound)**

Adults who visit parishioners who are homebound.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Weekly or every other week to spend time visiting with the assigned person.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Caring adults or families with good listening skills and compassionate hearts.

**TRAINING:** Initial training will occur at an appointed time with on-going enrichment sessions a couple of times a year.

## **FUNERAL LUNCHEON COORDINATOR(S)**

This person(s) facilitates all aspects of overseeing and coordinating the funeral luncheon and purchasing of supplies.

**GIFT OF TIME:** A few hours of prep work prior to a funeral luncheon.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Reliable organized person/people with flexibility on short notice.

**TRAINING:** One time meeting with staff person.

## **FUNERAL LUNCHEON SERVING TEAM**

This group sets-up, serves, and/or cleans up for funeral luncheons.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Three to four hours: set-up, serving the luncheon, and clean-up.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Men and women with flexibility on short notice. **(Could team with other mothers with co-op on-site childcare.)**

**TRAINING:** Hands-on training from veterans.

## **FUNERAL LUNCHEON FOOD COORDINATOR(S)**

This person organizes and implements funeral luncheon food donors for each funeral luncheon.

**GIFT OF TIME:** A few hours prior to each funeral luncheon.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Reliable organized person with flexibility on short notice.

**TRAINING:** One time meeting with staff person.

## **FUNERAL LUNCHEON FOOD PREPARATION**

Individuals provide prepared dishes upon request to be served at funeral luncheon.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Prepared in your home as needed.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Flexibility on short notice.

**TRAINING:** You already have it.

## **WASH & IRON FUNERAL LUNCHEON TABLECLOTHS**

Individuals wash and iron round tablecloths after they are used for funeral luncheons.

**GIFT OF TIME:** A few hours after each funeral.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Reliable and enjoy ironing.

**TRAINING:** Your previous experience.

## **MEALS FROM THE HEART COORDINATOR**

This person organizes, maintains, and implements fellow parishioners committed to providing meals for families that are recovering from an illness/surgery, suffering a loss of a loved one or other family hardship.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Flexibility on short notice...sporadic time commitment.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Good organization skills and people skills.

**TRAINING:** One time meeting with staff member.

## **MEALS FROM THE HEART FOOD PREPARATION**

Committed individuals/families provide meals for families recovering from an illness/surgery, suffering a loss of a loved one, or other family hardship.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Called on a rotation basis.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Ability to prepare and deliver a meal.

**TRAINING:** You already have it.

## **HEALTH MINISTRY**

Parishioners who provide the parish with information and opportunities on how to maintain over-all health and management when health issues do arise.

### **HEALTH MINISTRY TEAM**

This group plans and implements opportunities that promote learning about the psychological, physical and emotional well-beings of individuals. The goal is to provide parishioners with educational programs that promote wellness and the management of illness and disease.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Occasional planning of meetings and occasional time on projects as needed.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Nurses and non-medical volunteers willing to help achieve the above.

**TRAINING:** Life experience.

### **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENER**

People who can offer parishioners the opportunity to have their blood pressure screened.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Once a month after weekend Masses. Offered on the third weekend of the month. You choose when you wish to be scheduled.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Nurses and non-medical volunteers willing to help achieve the above.

**TRAINING:** Life experience.

### **FIRST RESPONDERS**

Assist if a medical emergency should arise at Mass.

**GIFT OF TIME:** At weekend Masses. You choose when you wish to be scheduled. Simply sit in an assigned pew and be available should the need arise.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Those who are qualified to offer assistance in emergency situations

**TRAINING:** First Aid Certified.

# **R**EDEEMERS OUTREACH

## **REDEEMERS OUTREACH COMMISSION**

Acknowledging the presence and the power of God, and grounded in a desire to serve in the Spirit of the Gospel, we work in ways which motivate people of different backgrounds to work together, become a voice for the voiceless, promote greater justice in community affairs, and help people share what they have with others.

**GIFT OF TIME:** They meet Wednesday evenings several times throughout the year. Each individual can decide the extent of participation.

## **EARLY LIFE ISSUES COMMITTEE**

This group upholds the Catholic Church's teaching on the Sanctity of Life at the moment of conception while supporting young parents after the birth of their child. Some of the activities that this committee supports are: a bi-annual crib drive, 40 Days for Life, and assisting at the Help Pregnancy Center.

**GIFT OF TIME:** You may assist at the Help Pregnancy Center any Monday-Thursday from 9:30AM-2:30pm. The bi-annual crib drive and 40 Days for Life are seasonal and your time commitment may be whatever you have to give.

## **FOOD PANTRY (Monthly)**

This ministry provides groceries to families of our parish and the local community who are struggling to meet the daily need of feeding their families. *Individuals in this ministry are coordinators, packers, greeters or shoppers.* Coordinators oversee the pantry operations and prepare the schedules for packers and greeters. Packers, following a prepared list, will pack the groceries from the pantry shelves making it available for families to pick up. Greeters will be available to welcome the clients as they arrive at our door to pick up their groceries. Greeters will also help the client load the groceries into a vehicle. Shoppers purchase the perishable items requested by our clients for the week with a Meijer gift card (provided by the parish) or on our Family Fare parish charge.

**GIFT OF TIME:** One to two hours per month.

**TRAINING:** Minimum. Must sign confidentiality agreement with Love INC.

## **OPERATION BOUNTY (November)**

While reaching out to families who are economically challenged, this ministry provides a food basket that contains the Thanksgiving Meal for these families. *As a volunteer family* (adults and children), you will gather with other volunteers on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. You will be assigned one of the families for which you will assemble a decorative food basket from an assortment of items provided by the parish at large. Once assembled, you and your family will then deliver the items to the family residence.

**YOUR PARTICIPATION DOES NOT REQUIRE A MINISTRY LEADER TO CONTACT YOU, SIMPLY WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR EVENTS. NO FOLLOW-UP WILL OCCUR.**

## **GIVING TREE (December)**

By reaching out to families who are economically challenged, this ministry provides a food basket that contains the Christmas Meal for these families. *As a volunteer family* (adults and children), you will gather with other volunteers on the Saturday before Christmas. You will be assigned one of the families for which you will assemble a decorative food basket from an assortment of items provided by the parish at large. There will also be Christmas gifts tagged for each member of the family. Once assembled, you and your family will then deliver the items to the family residence.

**YOUR PARTICIPATION DOES NOT REQUIRE A MINISTRY LEADER TO CONTACT YOU; SIMPLY WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR EVENTS. NO FOLLOW-UP WILL OCCUR.**

## **OPERATION EASTER JOY (March-April)**

Reaching out to families who are economically challenged, this ministry provides a food basket that contains the Easter Meal for these families. *As a volunteer family* (adults and children), you will gather with other volunteers on the Saturday before Palm Sunday. You will be assigned one of the families for which you will assemble a decorative food basket from an assortment of items provided by the parish at large. Individual Easter baskets for the children of these families are also prepared. Once assembled, you and your family will then deliver the items to the family residence.

**YOUR PARTICIPATION DOES NOT REQUIRE A MINISTRY LEADER TO CONTACT YOU; SIMPLY WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR EVENTS. NO FOLLOW-UP WILL OCCUR.**

## **HOLLAND RESCUE MISSION OUTREACH** (up to six times per year)

Holland Rescue Mission is a homeless shelter for men, women, and children. We have an opportunity to “Feed the Hungry” as Jesus call us to do.

We prepare the meal on Saturday at Holy Redeemer Parish and then serve the meal on Sunday at the Mission. You can sign up to help one day or both days. Families are welcome, but children must be at least 12 years old.

**GIFT OF TIME:** One to two hours on Saturday for food preparation and/or three hours on Sunday for serving.

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** (Monthly)

Habitat for Humanity transforms lives of millions of people around the world by helping families escape from unsafe, unhealthy living. Members of Holy Redeemer participate with Habitat for Humanity of Ottawa County on various home building projects. It is an opportunity to participate with others in providing a decent housing for families. Our current schedule is the third Saturday of the month—morning and/or afternoon. No building experience is needed and is open to men, women and youth 18 years of age.

**YOUR PARTICIPATION DOES NOT REQUIRE A MINISTRY LEADER TO CONTACT YOU; SIMPLY WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR EVENTS. NO FOLLOW-UP WILL OCCUR.**

## **HIKING IN THE CITY** (Monthly)

Spreading the “*Good News*” through action, individuals walk the streets of the Grand Rapids Heartside area carrying backpacks filled with drinks, snacks, and sundry items needed by the homeless. Our current schedule is the third Sunday of the month for two hours in the afternoon. As Church, the volunteers will interact as they listen to many cares, concerns, and life stories.

**YOUR PARTICIPATION DOES NOT REQUIRE A MINISTRY LEADER TO CONTACT YOU; SIMPLY WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR EVENTS. NO FOLLOW-UP WILL OCCUR.**

## **PICNIC IN THE PARK** (June-August)

This ministry gives us the opportunity to show our care and concern to those living on the street. In a picnic setting, volunteers will socialize and serve a warm meal to the homeless in downtown Grand Rapids. This event takes place June through August every Thursday evening (except July 5th) from 5:00-6:30pm in Heartside Park, located on Ionia Avenue. The event will typically take place every week, the schedule will be determined. Watch the bulletin for dates. Volunteers are needed every Wednesday evening for food prep in the parish kitchen, Thursday afternoons for final prep and packing up, and Thursday evening for serving and cleanup. Volunteers are also needed for shopping prior to the cooking, transporting, and clean-up upon return.

**ANYONE IS WELCOME TO COME TO THE PARK AND SERVE—SIMPLY WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR THE EVENT. SIGN-UP IS NEEDED AND TEAMS ARE SET-UP FOR THE SHOPPING, COOKING, CLEAN-UP, TRANSPORTATION AND PREPARATION. VOLUNTEERS CAN HELP MULTIPLE DATES.**





## **HAND2HAND MINISTRY** (September-June)

This ministry is a resource for children facing hunger over the weekend by providing healthy food so they have a greater opportunity to succeed academically, emotionally, and physically. This is done simply by placing a sack with food in the child's locker for him/her to take home on Fridays. In collaboration with Hand2Hand Ministries, Holy Redeemer will partner with a local school to provide help to the students in need. Currently the packing is done in conjunction with the Faith Formation Classes. Volunteers are needed to deliver to Jenison Jr. High on Fridays between 9:00 and 9:45am. Prepared bags are picked up at church and placed in student lockers while students are in class.

**GIFT OF TIME:** One hour on Friday mornings twice a month.

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork. In addition, complete Jenison Public School's requirements.

## **MIGRANT OUTREACH** (July & August)

This heartwarming and fun ministry works with children and young adults at Ottawa County migrant camps. It combines religious formation/sacrament preparation (under the guidance of the Diocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry) with games and crafts. Volunteers work in teams. Materials, lesson plans, snacks and carpool rides are provided.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Two to three hours per week for six weeks.

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## **PARISH TWINNING**

This ministry will foster the continued growth of our twinning relationship with our sister parish in Mexico, *Santiago Apostol of Camotlan*. There is the opportunity to visit the villages to understand the culture of the indigenous people. This ministry is expected to promote, educate, and broaden the view of our parish community and its understanding of the universal church.

**YOUR PARTICIPATION DOES NOT REQUIRE A MINISTRY LEADER TO CONTACT YOU; SIMPLY WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR EVENTS.**

**GIFT OF TIME:** Various avenues of participation.

# **M**ISCELLANEOUS OPPORTUNITIES

## **COLLECTION COUNTERS**

This group secures collections, accurately accounts for funds received at each weekend liturgy and safely deposits funds.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Monday mornings for approximately 2½ hours on a rotating basis.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Adult with accurate counting skills.

**TRAINING:** Hands-on training from team.

## **HOSPITALITY**

Individuals provide desserts or appetizers for hospitality at special parish events and workshops.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Your discretion.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Enjoyment of preparing food.

**TRAINING:** You already have it.

## **OFFICE ASSISTANCE**

Individuals assist on special projects involving parish mailings, bulletin stuffing, data entry, and general office assistance.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Would vary depending on the project.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Willingness to use the skills you have to offer.

**TRAINING:** You already have it.

## **CHILDCARE PROVIDER**

Teams of two workers provide childcare for toddlers and preschoolers for parish events, such as Bible Study, Adult Formation opportunities and for children of Funeral Luncheon Servers.

**GIFT OF TIME:** As needed depending on event.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Childcare providers must be 18 years of age.

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## **GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION**

Individuals pull weeds, top flowers, and facilitate various projects from time to time to help maintain our beautiful landscaping.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Primarily spring and fall when your schedule allows.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Enjoyment of gardening and/or working outdoors.

**TRAINING:** Your previous experience and the desire to enjoy God’s beautiful creation.

## **ARCHIVIST**

This would be an individual or group of individuals who are willing to collect, organize, preserve, and maintain control over items that show the history of our parish.

**GIFT OF TIME:** On-going as you are aware of events that are taking place in our parish.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Organized and a love for this type of task.

**TRAINING:** Your previous experience.

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