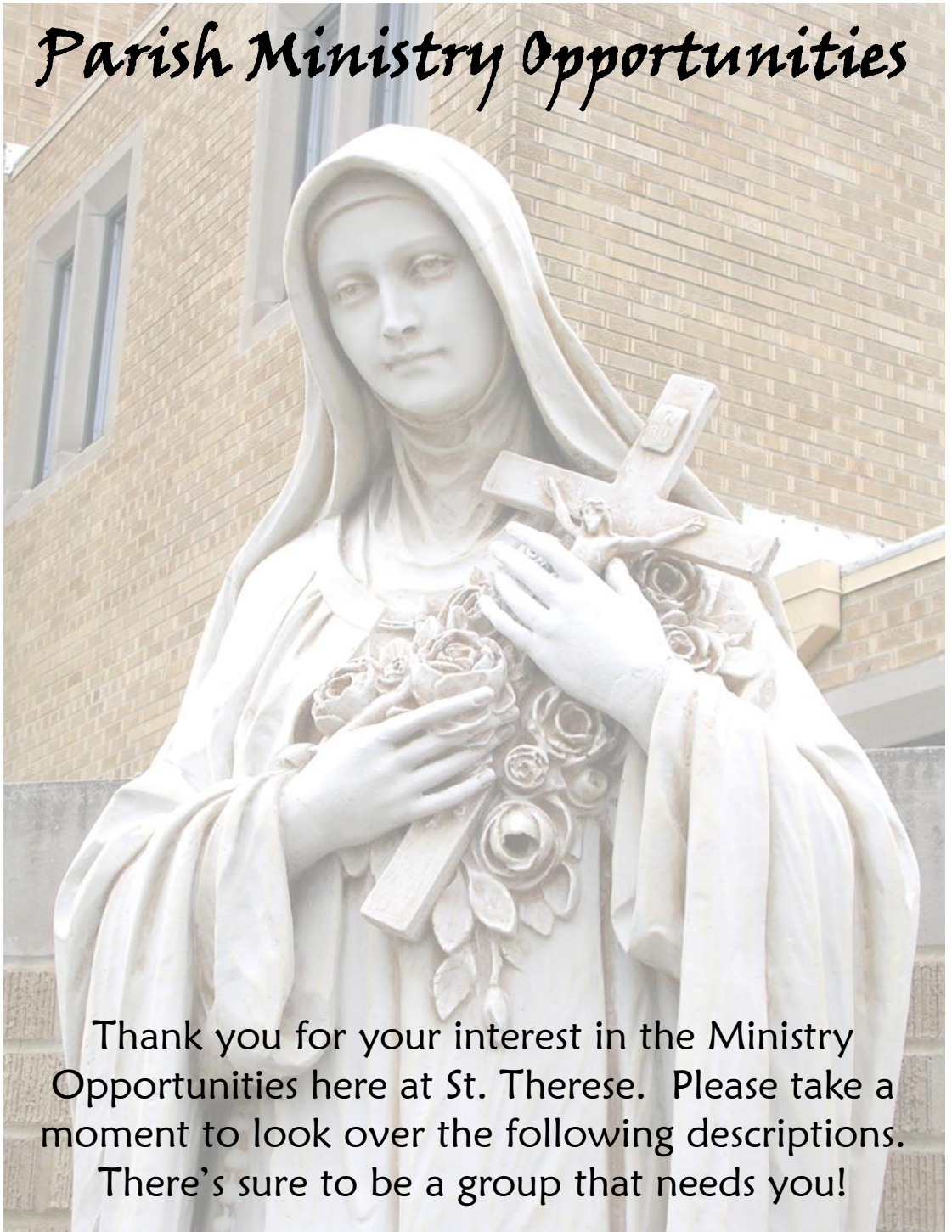


# *Parish Ministry Opportunities*



Thank you for your interest in the Ministry Opportunities here at St. Therese. Please take a moment to look over the following descriptions. There's sure to be a group that needs you!

1. Offer up a **prayer** for the good of our parish and its members.

## *Liturgical Ministries—(training provided)*

2. **Altar Servers** assist in the celebration of Eucharist. Servers are scheduled at Mass. Anyone—First Communicant through senior citizen, male or female—is encouraged to participate in this ministry of the altar.



3. **Eucharistic Ministers** assist in the distribution of the consecrated bread and wine at Masses. They also have preparation duties before and clean up after Mass. This ministry is open to any confirmed Catholic.



4. **Greeters** extend a welcome to everyone who enters the church and hand out seasonal hymnals. Individuals or families with children can be greeters. They are expected to be present 20 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass.



5. **Eucharistic Ministers to the sick and homebound** bring communion to those who are sick or homebound after receiving Communion at Mass.



6. **Lay Presiders** preside at the Liturgy of the Word with Communion held in our chapel Thursday and Friday mornings at 8:00AM. They may also be trained to preside at Funeral Vigils and Funeral Committals.

7. **Lectors** proclaim the Scripture readings at Mass, and are expected to prepare through prayer and practice.



8. **Ushers** assist people in finding a place to sit in church, take up the monetary collections, and help people proceed in an orderly manner to receive the Eucharist. Ushers respond to emergencies, and also help lock the church at the end of the day. All ages of parishioners are welcome to be ushers.



9. **Prayer & Worship Committee Members** discuss and plan upcoming liturgical events as well as meet with the various liturgical ministry groups.



## *Music Ministries*

10. **Canticle Choir** primarily provides sung prayer leadership at funerals. The choir also ministers at other liturgical services. Rehearsals are the second Tuesday each month from September through May.

11. **Cantors** provides sung leadership at the 5:00PM and 8:00AM weekend liturgies. The schedule is flexible and rehearsals are planned at your convenience. There is a short audition for this ministry.



12. **Cherub Choir**, for ages 3-8 years, sings for the Intergenerational Christmas Liturgy and at the 10:30AM Liturgy on one Sunday in May.



13. **Instrumentalists** accompany all the liturgies. No matter what instrument you play well, St. Therese Music Ministry will find liturgies for you. High school students are encouraged to join this ministry.



14. **St. Therese Sunday Choir** provides sung prayer leadership at the 10:30AM weekend liturgies. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:30PM, September through May.

15. **Sound Board Ministers** provide consistently good sound for liturgies. 5:00PM Masses are especially in need of Sound Board Ministers.

## Parish Catechesis

16. **Christian Formation** helps implement programs to meet the needs of Lifelong Faith Formation.



17. **Library Committee** keeps the Parish Library current with updated books and DVDs on a variety of topics for adults and children.



## Catechetics (Age-Specific)

18. **Catechetical Aids** act as helpers for our catechetical programs, Tasks may include making photo copies, putting together packets, mailings, and making phone calls as related to age-specific catechesis programs.



19. **Catechists** lead catechetical programs for children and youth.

20. **CLOW Catechists** break open the Word for children during the 5:00PM and 10:30AM Masses.



21. **Small Group Leaders** lead small groups of students during catechesis sessions.

22. **Crafters** make banners, table cloths, and other miscellaneous items for the catechetical environment throughout the liturgical year.

## Finance/Administration


23. **Collection Counters** count the weekend collections. There are multiple teams who volunteer on a rotating basis. Background checks and confidentiality are required per archdiocesan rules.

24.  **The Finance/Administration Committee** oversees and maintains the budget and finances of St. Therese.

25. **Office Volunteers** assist in preparing mailings, stuffing bulletins, making and taking phone calls, and other light office duties as necessary.

## Sacramental & Outreach Ministries


### Baptism

26.  **Candle-makers** create the candles used during Baptism. Prior knowledge and skills required.


27. **Baptism Assistants** greet the family preparing for baptism before Mass, sets up and cleans up materials used, and may assist during the Baptism.

28. **Baptismal Garment Crafters** make white blankets used in Baptismal Rite.

### Marriage



29.  **FOCCUS Couples** (Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding, and Study) help engaged couples learn more about themselves and their future spouse as they prepare for marriage. They meet twice to discuss various aspects of married life—religion, values, in-laws, finances, life-style expectations, and problem-solving, to name just a few.

### RCIA



30.  **Sponsors** accompany adults as they begin or complete the initiation process of full communion into the Catholic Church.

31. **Team Members** help conduct formation sessions. Training is provided.




## Funeral Ministry


32.  **Bakers** bake for funeral receptions and other events as needed during the year.
33.  **Lunch Helpers** set tables, serve food and beverages, and clean-up and load dishwasher after funeral receptions.
34. **Sacristans** prepare all that is needed to celebrate the funeral and assist in putting the vessels away after the celebration.
35. **Altar Servers** assist at the altar for the celebration of funerals. They may be a regular altar server or choose to serve only at funerals. While most funerals are celebrated in late morning, they may occur any time of the day or evening.

## Community Outreach

36. **College Connection** maintains a relationship with parishioners who are a way at college or in the armed forces. This relationship can include, but is not limited to, cards, email, holiday greetings, care packages, etc.
37.  **Prayer Shawl Coordinator (for Sick & Elderly)** organizes the making of lap-sized afghans or quilts given to those moving to a nursing home or hospice facility.
38. **Ride to Church Ministers** bring someone who lives within their area to the parish for mass once or twice per month. 
39. **Welcoming Committee** members reach out to new parishioners to make them feel included and welcome in our faith community.

## Human & Social Concerns

40. **Advent or Lenten Giving Volunteers** determine the recipients of St. Therese's outreach during Advent and Lent, and coordinate the entire outreach effort. 
41.  **Greater Tosa Interfaith Volunteers** minister to the elderly in the community. Volunteer opportunities include driving people to appointments and visiting.
42. **Green Team** cares for the environmental and ecological issues of our parish, parish property, and facilities with the guidance of Christ's teachings to be good stewards of the earth. Although this committee is a ministry of Human Concerns, it also reports to the Building and Grounds Committee since its concern encompasses the entire parish property and affects the parish budget. 

43.  **Prayer Network** members pray for others. Each month, a list of people requesting prayers is sent to members of the prayer network along with their intentions.

44. **Respect Life Committee** supports all forms of life and is committed to education and prayer for life.




45.  **St. Vincent de Paul Society** Visits those in material need and works with the St. Vincent de Paul Central Office in extending aid in the form of certificates, food or vouchers to those requesting help.

46. **St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program** prepares a meal once a month and serves it at the St. Vincent dePaul meal site.

47. **Sharing Sunday Committee** selects the recipient of our Sharing Sunday collections from the organizations that request assistance. They also arrange to have speakers representing that charity, and provide welcome and hospitality for the guest speaker.



48.  **Human Concerns Committee** guides parishioners to share gifts of ministry for the human and social concerns of our parish and for the wider community of God's people, especially the poor. This committee provides education on social justice issues and advocacy on behalf of the Gospel.

## *Building & Grounds Care*

49. **Art & Environment Committee** decorates and maintains the environment of the church for each liturgical season. Decor is created from the Liturgy of the Word in a welcoming and hospitable manner within the parameters set by the Catholic Church. They report to the Prayer & Worship Committee.



50.  **The Building & Grounds Committee** provides assistance in minor maintenance of building and grounds and gives advice for preventive maintenance of facilities. They report their recommendations to the Finance Committee for further review.

51. **Lawn Care Team** cuts and trims lawn for the church and parish house.




52. **Church Helpers** tidy up the church once a month. Duties include

straightening hymnals, replacing worship aids, and removing any trash from pews. Families with children are encouraged to join this ministry.

53. **Family Room Ministers** wash toys and sort through and recycle old coloring books and crayons in the Family Room once per month.

54. **Heck Hall Crew** sets up or takes down tables and chairs used in Heck Hall for parish events.

55.  **Kitchen Crew** cleans up following any events held in Heck Hall (including funerals and catechetical/other parish events) and makes sure the kitchen is clean and ready for the next group to use.



As a part of your thanksgiving to God for your gifts and talents, please consider volunteering for one or more of our parish ministries. Write the number of the ministry on the commitment sheet in the section with your name.

Thank you and many blessing to you!

**How can I repay the Lord  
for all the good God has done for me?**  
(Pslam 116:12)

# *Financial Suggestion Chart*

The following charts are provided for your convenience.  
The figures are suggestions only.

<b>Annual Family Income</b>	<b>Contribution Calculator</b>				
	<i>Weekly Support</i>				
	2.5%	3%	5%	6%	10%
\$10,000	\$5	\$6	\$10	\$12	\$19
\$15,000	7	9	14	17	29
\$20,000	10	12	19	23	38
\$25,000	12	14	24	29	48
\$30,000	14	17	29	35	58
\$40,000	19	23	38	46	77
\$50,000	24	29	48	58	96
\$60,000	29	35	58	69	115
\$70,000	34	40	67	81	134

<b>Annual Family Income</b>	<b>Contribution Calculator</b>				
	<i>Monthly Support</i>				
	2.5%	3%	5%	6%	10%
\$10,000	\$21	\$25	\$42	\$50	\$83
\$15,000	32	38	63	75	125
\$20,000	42	50	83	100	167
\$25,000	52	63	104	125	208
\$30,000	63	75	125	150	250
\$40,000	83	100	167	200	333
\$50,000	104	125	208	250	417
\$60,000	125	150	250	300	500
\$70,000	146	175	292	350	583