



# Parish Ministry Opportunities

As a part of your thanksgiving to God for your *talents*, please consider volunteering for one or more of our parish ministries. Please take the *time* to look over the following descriptions. Write the number of the ministry on the Parish Stewardship Form.

Thank you and many blessings to you!

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## Liturgical Ministries—(training provided)

1. **Altar Servers** assist in the celebration of Eucharist at masses and funerals as needed. First Communicants through adults, male and female, are encouraged to participate in this ministry.
2. **Eucharistic Ministers** assist in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ at Masses. They also have preparation duties before and clean up after Mass. This ministry is open to any practicing confirmed Catholic in good standing. Any parishioner is welcome to bring Communion to the sick and homebound.
3. **Lectors** proclaim the Scripture readings at Mass and are expected to prepare through prayer and practice.
4. **Hospitality Ministers** greet people as they arrive for mass, select people to bring up the gifts, usher people up to Communion, and help secure the collection after Mass. Any parishioner is welcome to join this ministry.
5. **Prayer & Worship Committee** members discuss and plan upcoming liturgical events as well as meet with the various liturgical ministry groups. They meet the 4th Tuesday of each month.

## Music Ministries

6. **Cantors** provide sung leadership at the 4:00PM and 9:00AM weekend liturgies. The schedule is flexible and rehearsals are planned at your convenience. High school students are encouraged to join. There is a short audition for this ministry.

7. **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.
8. **St. Therese Choir** provides sung prayer leadership at the 9:00AM Sunday liturgy. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 1:00PM and Sundays at 8:15AM, September through May. High school students are encouraged to join.

## Parish Catechesis

9. **Christian Formation Committee** oversees the lifelong faith formation of all parish members. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month.
10. **Library Committee** keeps the Parish Library current with updated books and DVDs on a variety of topics for adults and children. They meet on the second Tuesday of the month.

## Catechetics (Age-Specific)

11. **Catechists/Aides** lead catechetical programs for children and youth, in particular our preschool through 8th grade Sunday catechesis program, our High School catechesis program, and sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. All classes meet after the 9:00AM Liturgy from 10:15AM to 11:15AM.
12. **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Catechists** teach the Word for children during the 9:00AM Sunday Liturgy.

## Administration

13. **Parish Pastoral Council** members lead the parish by setting policy, providing direction, and planning for the future. Members must be registered, active members of St. Therese Parish who participate in the weekly Eucharist and are over 18 years of age. More importantly, members must be committed to serving the needs of the parish. Membership on the Council is determined through a discernment process. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month.
14. The **Stewardship Committee** promotes stewardship in ways that will help the parish community understand, accept and practice stewardship as a way of life which is critical to our faith. We accomplish this through efforts which educate and empower our community to live as good stewards, sharing their time, their talent, and their treasure. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month.
15. **Office Volunteers** assist in preparing mailings, stuffing bulletins, making and taking phone calls, and other light office duties as needed.

## Sacramental & Outreach Ministries

### Baptism

16. **Candle-makers/Baptismal Garment Crafters** Make the candles and white blankets used in Baptismal Rite. Prior knowledge and skills required.
17. **Baptism Assistants** greet the family preparing for baptism before Mass, set up and clean up materials used, and may assist during the Baptism.

## Marriage

18. **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 to discuss various aspects of married life—religion, values, in-laws, finances, life-style expectations, and problem-solving, to name just a few.

## RCIA

19. **Sponsors/Team Members** accompany adults as they begin or complete the initiation process of full communion into the Catholic Church on an as needed basis. Training is provided.

## Funeral Ministry

20. **Bakers** bake for funeral receptions and other events as needed during the year.
21. **Lunch Helpers** set tables, serve food and beverages, and clean-up after funeral receptions.
22. **Sacristans** prepare all that is needed liturgically to celebrate the funeral and clean up in the sacristy after the funeral rites. They may also help during other special liturgies throughout the year.

## Community Outreach

23. **Prayer Shawl Minister (for Sick & Hurting)** organizes the making of lap-sized afghans or quilts given to those with a special need. These needs include, but are not limited to illness, hospice care and surgery. Shawls are lovingly made by crafters and donated for this ministry.

## Human & Social Concerns

24. **Advent or Lenten Giving Volunteers** determine the recipients of St. Therese's outreach during Advent and Lent, and coordinate the entire outreach effort.
25. **ERAS** (*formerly Greater Tosa Interfaith*) minister to the older adults in the community. Volunteer opportunities include driving people to medical appointments, food shopping, and home visit help.
26. **Earth Ministry** is organized for the purpose of following Christ's teachings in regard to stewardship of the earth.
27. **Prayer Network** members pray daily for others. The list is sent out bimonthly. There are no meetings to attend. The prayer can be a Hail Mary, the Lord's Prayer, a Rosary, or just a quiet talk with God; it's up to you!
28. **St. Vincent de Paul Society/Meal Program** helps the poor in our community with food, clothing, furniture, and partial utility bill assistance. Since COVID, we have not cooked for the Meal Program, but are supporting that program with financial contributions.
29. **Sharing Sunday Committee** selects the recipient of our monthly Sharing Sunday collections from the organizations that request assistance. They arrange to have a representative from that charity speak at Mass. They also welcome and provide hospitality for the guest.
30. **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 oversees several outreach efforts and provides education on social justice issues and advocacy on behalf of the Gospel. The committee meets quarterly.

## Building & Grounds Care

31. **Art & Environment Committee** decorates and maintains the environment of the church for each liturgical season in a welcoming and hospitable manner within the guidelines of good liturgical practices.
32. **The Building & Grounds Committee** provides assistance in maintenance of building and grounds and gives advice for preventative maintenance of facilities.
33. **Lawn Care Team** cuts and trims lawn for the church and parish house.
34. **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.

## Social Groups

35. The **55+ Social Club** is a monthly gathering for the seniors of our parish. They meet for lunch, enjoy musical entertainment or programs with topics about health, daily living, or other enrichment. They network and enjoy each other's friendships.

