



St. Therese Parish

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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. If you are interested in joining one of these ministries, please contact either Parish Office.

Thank you and many blessings to you!

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Liturgical Ministries:

Please consider joining one of these ministries. There is a great need for all ministers. Training is 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. **Sacristans** prepare all that is needed liturgically to celebrate Mass and funerals and clean up in the sacristy afterwards. They may also help during other special liturgies throughout the year.
3. **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.
4. **Lectors** proclaim the Scripture readings at Mass and are expected to prepare through prayer and practice.
5. **Hospitality Ministers/Ushers** greet people as they arrive for mass, select people to bring up the gifts, usher people up to Communion, and take and secure the collection. Any parishioner is welcome to join this ministry.
6. **Cross Bearers** lead the procession into Mass and out of Mass.

Combined Parish Committees: All of the standing committees and the Parish Pastoral Council are combined committees. This means that there are members from both St. Therese and St. Vincent Pallotti. All of our committees are in need of additional members.

9. **Prayer & Worship Committee** members discuss and plan upcoming liturgical events as well as meet with the various liturgical ministry groups. They meet the fourth Thursday of each month.
10. **Christian Formation Committee** oversees the lifelong faith formation of both parishes. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month.
11. **The Stewardship Committee** promotes stewardship in ways that will help the parish communities 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 communities to live as good stewards, sharing their time, their talent, and their treasure. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month.
12. **Human Concerns Committee** guides parishioners to share gifts of ministry for the human and social concerns of our parishes 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 every month.
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 or St. Vincent Pallotti 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 Wednesday of each month.

Music Ministries

14. **Cantors** provide sung leadership at the 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.
15. **Instrumentalists** may play at any of our liturgies. If you play an instrument well, please consider adding to our worship in this way. Musicians high school age and above are welcome.
16. The **Choir** provides sung leadership of prayer regularly at weekend Masses. Singers high school age and above are invited to join. No audition is necessary to join this group.
17. The **Funeral Choir** provides sung prayer at funerals. Members DO NOT have to be part of the regular choir. Rehearsals happen shortly before the funeral.

Catechesis

18. **Library Committee** keeps the Parish Library current with updated books and DVDs on a variety of topics for adults and children.
19. **Catechists/Aides** Catechists/Aides help lead catechetical programs for our children and youth in collaboration with St. Jude the Apostle Parish. Classes are held on Sundays and on Monday evenings, mostly at St. Jude.

18. **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Catechists** teach the Word for children during the Sunday Liturgy on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

Sacramental & Outreach Ministries

21. **Baptismal Garment Crafters** Make white blankets used in Baptismal Rite. Prior knowledge and skills required.
22. **Baptism Assistants** greet the family preparing for baptism before Mass, set up and clean up materials used, and may assist during the Baptism.
23. **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.
24. **OCIA 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.
25. **Bakers** bake for Birthday Sunday, funeral receptions and other events as needed during the year.
26. **Event Helpers** set tables, serve food and beverages, and clean-up after funeral receptions and other parish events.

Human & Social Concerns

27. **Advent or Lenten Giving Volunteers** determine the recipients of both parishes' outreach during Advent and Lent, and coordinate the entire outreach effort.
28. **Earth Ministry** is organized for the purpose of following Christ's teachings in regard to stewardship of the earth.
29. **Prayer Network (Call 414-810-9844 to Join)** 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!
30. **Prayer Shawl Ministry (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.
31. **St. Vincent de Paul Society/Meal Program** helps the poor in our community with food, clothing, furniture, and partial utility bill assistance. We support the Meal Program with financial contributions.
32. **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.

Building & Grounds Care

- 33. **Art & Environment/Decorating 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.
- 34. **The Building & Grounds Committee** provides assistance in maintenance of building and grounds and gives advice for preventative maintenance of facilities.
- 35. **Lawn and Garden Care Team** cuts and trims lawn for the church at St. Therese Parish and helps maintain the grounds (weeding, planting beds, bushes, etc.) at their respective parishes.
- 36. **Church Helpers/Cleaners** Duties include straightening hymnals, replacing worship aids, removing any trash from pews, and general tidying of the church.
- 37. **Tech Helpers** livestream Mass, run videos, presentations, and/or help with any tech needed for meetings. They would be trained and used on an as needed basis.

Social Groups

- 38. The **55+ Social Club** is a gathering for the seniors of our parish who meet for lunch, network and enjoy each other's friendships.

Call Me If You Need Me

- 39. Occasionally, a need arises for a special project, an ad hoc committee, or other one time need. If you are willing to serve in this manner, please let us know!

