

# 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.

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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 a funeral and clean up in the sacristy after the funeral rites. 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** 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.
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.

7. **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.
8. **Christian Formation Committee** oversees the lifelong faith formation of both parishes. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month.
9. **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.
10. **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 other month.
11. **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 Wednesday of each month.

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## Other Ways to Get Involved with the Parish

### Office Volunteers (#12)

#### Music Ministry

13. Cantors
14. Instrumentalists
15. Choir

#### Catechesis

16. Library Committee
17. Catechists/Aides
18. Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Catechists

#### Sacramental & Outreach Ministries

19. Baptism Assistants
20. Candle-makers/Baptismal Garment Crafters
21. FOCCUS Couples
22. RCIA Sponsors/Team Members
23. Bakers
24. Lunch Helpers
25. Prayer Shawl Ministry

### Human & Social Concerns

26. Advent or Lenten Giving Volunteers
27. Earth Ministry
28. Prayer Network
29. St. Vincent de Paul Society/Meal Program
30. Sharing Sunday Committee

### Building & Grounds Care

31. Art & Environment Committee
32. Building & Grounds Committee
33. Lawn Care Team
34. Church Helpers

### Social Groups

35. 55+ Social Club

**Call Me If You Need Me (#36)** - 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!

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Interested in learning more about any of these ministries? Write the number of the ministry on the Parish Stewardship Form.