



## *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.

1. Offer **prayers** for our parish, parish intentions, and parish members.

## *Liturgical Ministries— (training provided)*

2. **Altar Servers** assist in the celebration of Eucharist and are scheduled for masses. First Communicants through senior citizen, male and female, are encouraged to participate in this ministry of the altar.



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.

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MINISTERS



4. **Greeters** extend a welcome to everyone who enters the church, hand out seasonal hymnals, and assist visitors. Individuals or families with children can be greeters.





5.  **Eucharistic Ministers to the sick and homebound** bring Communion, which they have received at Mass, to those who are sick or homebound.

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



7.  **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, help lock the church at the end of the service, and secure the collection. Parishioners of all ages are welcome to be ushers.  
**USHERS**
8.  **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*

9. **Canticle Choir** primarily provides sung prayer leadership at funerals and special services. The choir also ministers at other liturgical services. They rehearse on Tuesdays during the day from September through May.
10. **Cantors** provide sung leadership at the 5:00PM 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.   
**CANTORS**
11.  **Cherub Choir**, for children ages 3-10 years, and they sing for the Intergenerational Christmas Liturgy and other liturgies throughout the year.

12. **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.





13. **St. Therese Sunday Choir** provides sung prayer leadership at the 9:00AM Sunday liturgy. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:30PM, September through May. High school students are encouraged to join.



14. **Sound Board Ministers** provide consistently good sound for liturgies. They operate the Sound Board in the choir loft. High school students are encouraged to join.

## Parish Catechesis

15.  **Christian Formation Committee** oversees the lifelong faith formation of all parish members. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month.

16.  **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)

17. **Catechists** 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.

18. **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Catechists** teach the Word for children during the 9:00AM Sunday Liturgy.
19. **Classroom Aides** assist the catechists during lessons on Sunday.

## *Administration*

20. **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, usually held in the Spring. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month.
21. 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

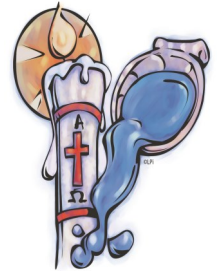
educate and empower our community to live as good stewards, sharing their time, their talent, and their treasure. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month.

22. The **Evangelization Ministry** promotes the church's call to a New Evangelization by providing information on Archdiocesan workshops and coordinating archdiocesan initiatives for the parish. Fellowship at liturgy, meetings, and outreach contribute to this ministry.
23. **Office Volunteers** assist in preparing mailings, stuffing bulletins, making and taking phone calls, and other light office duties as necessary.

## *Sacramental & Outreach Ministries*

### **Baptism**

24. **Candle-makers** create the candles used during Baptism. Prior knowledge and skills required.
25. **Baptism Assistants** greet the family preparing for baptism before Mass, set up and clean up materials used, and may assist during the Baptism.



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

## Marriage

27. **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

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



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

## Funeral Ministry

30. **Bakers** bake for funeral receptions and other events as needed during the year.




31. **Lunch Helpers** set tables, serve food and beverages, and clean-up after funeral receptions.



32. **Sacristans** prepare all that is needed liturgically to celebrate the funeral and clean up in the sacristy after the funeral rites.
33. **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. Funerals are celebrated any time of the day, evening, or weekend.

## Community Outreach

34.  **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


35. **Advent or Lenten Giving Volunteers** determine the recipients of St. Therese's outreach during Advent and Lent, and coordinate the entire outreach effort.
36. **Neighborhood Outreach Program** (*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.






37. **Earth Stewardship Ministry** is organized for the purpose of following Christ's teachings in regard to stewardship of the earth.




38.  **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!

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




40.  **St. Vincent de Paul Society** helps the poor in our community with food, clothing, furniture, and partial utility bill assistance. We collect household items and clothing during our Bundle Sunday weekends which are held in Spring and Fall. They meet twice a month on Mondays.

41.  **St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program** prepares a meal the first Wednesday of the month and serves it at the St. Vincent dePaul meal site.


42. **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.

43.  **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*

44. **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.
45.  **The Building & Grounds Committee** provides assistance in maintenance of building and grounds and gives advice for preventative maintenance of facilities. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month.



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



47. **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.

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

49. **Parking Lot Helpers** assist people in and out of church at the Bell Tower entrance/exit.

50. **Building Security Team** assists with securing the building before and after services and events.

## *Social Groups*

51. 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.

*A Community of Believers*



Thank you and many blessings to you!  
“Well done, my good and faithful servant...  
enter into the joy of your master.”

– Matthew 25:21

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