

PLANNING MINISTRIES

*None of these ministries need special training or experience.
All that is truly needed is a desire to serve and a willingness to serve!!*

PASTORAL COUNCIL (Staff Rep. Fr. David Howell)

On Pentecost Sunday four of our registered and Confirmed members are chosen by lot to serve on Pastoral Council. The Council works with our pastor and the various ministry teams to guide our parish according to our Vision Statement. Specifically, council members seek to grow through their own continuing education. Secondly, we send members as liaisons to each of the ministry teams. Thirdly, we create opportunities for all our parishioners and ministry teams to participate in discerning the needs of the parish and in the setting of goals and projects to fulfill these needs.

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TIME & TALENT COUNCIL (Staff Rep. Fr. David Howell)

The Time & Talent Council is composed of parishioners committed to the Biblical concept of stewardship. They recognize that our time, our gifts, our talents and our treasure ultimately come from God, and they thank the Lord by returning to God, some of what they have received. More importantly, the T & T Team is committed to helping all of our parishioners to become good stewards.

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All who sign up for any of the following ministry teams are asked to make a ONE year commitment.

WORSHIP TEAM (Staff Rep. Diane Kubus)

The Worship Ministry Team plans and coordinates the Liturgical celebrations of our parish. Bringing together our Liturgical ministries, pastoral musicians and members of the Art & Environment team, they work to plan and coordinate prayerful celebrations of the Liturgy. They also strive to enrich our people's understanding of the Mass. *This Ministry Team has about 9 meetings a year (on the first Wednesday of the month).*

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM (Staff Rep. Fr. David Howell)

The Spiritual Development Team is committed to the spiritual development and growth of our parishioners; to awaken and enhance a desire for a deeper relationship with God. Members plan and coordinate opportunities through a variety of prayer forms, studies, encounters and experiences in response to the needs of parishioners. *This ministry team meets approximately 5-6 times over the year.*

MARRIAGE MINISTRY TEAM (Staff Rep. Devon Wolfe)

The Marriage Ministry is composed of parishioners who are dedicated to supporting strong, loving marriages and families. The team plans and coordinates programs, prepares informational materials, and sponsors and promotes events that relate to marriage. They also support programs and outreach to those who are divorced or separated. *The Marriage Ministry meets on Thursday evenings throughout the year.*

COMMUNITY LIFE TEAM (Staff Rep. Sr. Joyce Hoile)

In a sense, this ministry team might be called the ministry of fun and frolic! This team is committed to enhancing the social and communal life of the parish through an assortment of gatherings throughout the year, including the September Picnic, as well as fun events for families and adults.

This Ministry Team has about 9 meetings a year. It works with other volunteers to plan and put about 9 events over the course of the year.

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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (Staff Rep. Margaret Callaghan)

Adult men or women are welcome to be a part of this exciting ministry. Our Youth Group meetings are Sunday evenings, September to mid-June. The adult team is made up of people who want to stay involved with what their teenagers are doing and a few kid-free adults who just have a love for sharing their faith. We look to these adults for input, advice, and help with behind the scene things that need to be done. You will have a positive impact on their journey through these important years of a teen's life and formation. Our adult team meets with our high school youth leadership team about twice a month Sunday mornings between Liturgies in the youth room and are a part of the 33 weekly Youth Group meetings, plus optional participation in retreats, diocesan wide events, overnight planned meetings, Cedar Point trip in the summer, work service trips and community service.

(Virtus training and a back ground check are necessary for this ministry.)

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (EDGE) (Staff Rep. Margaret Callaghan)

This team is committed to creating a spiritual and accepting home for middle school students in grades 6, 7 and 8. EDGE provides a safe place for middle schoolers to learn who they are and to be community to one another. We provide a place of refuge away from the stress of school and family and share our Catholic faith to aid in the middle school student realizing that our faith can be fun! This team meets 8 times a year to plan for 14 meetings.

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RELIGIOUS FORMATION TEAM (YOUTH) (Staff Rep. Roxanne Hundsrucker)

The Formation Ministry Team looks for ways to develop communication between the parish, youth and our families. We are committed to embracing our children as our younger brothers and sisters in Christ. Our mission is to support a strong Religious Education program and our Youth Groups that will excite our youth into learning and sharing our faith fully.

This ministry team meets once a month, usually on the third Monday, 9 times a year.

PARISH WELLNESS TEAM (Staff Rep. Fr. Dave)

This is a ministry team of health care professionals and other caring, service oriented people whose concern is the care and well being of our parishioners. They coordinate services to those in need (food, transportation, light housework, etc.). They also share their knowledge with the community through a variety of informational and service programs geared to our better health.

This ministry team meets once a month, usually on the third Monday, 6 times a year.

CHARITY & JUSTICE TEAM (Staff Rep. Deacon Gary Prise)

The Charity & Justice Ministry Team plans and coordinates our parish's effort to reach those in immediate need by providing assistance and works toward building a more just society. Major social teachings of our Catholic faith are promoted through parish education, prayer, and by joining our greater community in events that promote and provide justice.

This Ministry Team has about 10 meetings a year (on the second Tuesday of the month).

ACTIVITIES TEAM (Staff Rep. Margaret Callaghan)

Our Activities Team supervises schedules and coordinates the use of our gym and playing fields. They oversee the activity supervisors and recommend appropriate equipment.

This ministry team meets about six times a year.

TECHNOLOGY TEAM (Staff Rep. Diane Kubus)

The Technology Team reviews the technology (hardware and software) used in our parish and works to plan and coordinate ways in which we use our equipment and systems to enhance parish liturgy and life. They recommend and install appropriate updates where needed and also recommend updates for our parish website.

Members of this ministry only meet a couple of times a year, but are asked to work on our computer system when their assistance & expertise is needed.