

SPIRITUAL LIFE MINISTRY

Adult Choir: For the musically gifted who enjoy leading the assembly in prayerful song. Ability to sing in tune, follow directions and attend regularly. The Gospel Choir has Wednesday practice and sings at two or three Sunday liturgies per month.

Cantors: Cantors lead the congregation in song.

Children's Music and Dance: Children's opportunity to participate a few times a year in song and dance.

Servers: Volunteers from fourth grade through high school prepare liturgical items before the liturgy, assist the priest and deacon during Mass and return items to the sacristy after Mass.

Lectors: Proclaim the Word of the Lord for the assembly. Lectors must be active members, willing to arrive early for Mass for final preparation, and must be able to read, comprehend well, and to speak distinctly. Training is required for new lectors and a yearly short mini-retreat for continuing lectors.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers): Distribute the Body of Christ, Communion, and the Eucharist to others at Mass. Ministers must be active members and willing to arrive early for Mass for final preparation. Training is required for new lectors and a yearly short mini-retreat for continuing lectors. The **Homebound Eucharistic Ministers** bring Holy Communion to those confined to their homes, hospitals or nursing homes.

Evangelization Committee: Evangelization is spreading the Good News. First we learn the Good News, second live the Good News, third we share the Good News. To spread the Good News we begin in our families and church family. Then we feel compelled to share our gifts with those who have left the church and the unchurched. We welcome all. And let them know they belong and are needed as we all walk deeper into conversion. Evangelization is a call for participation by all. This group composed of active members will develop and grow a welcoming spirit in our parish community. As we grow an engaged church among our parishioners, we invite the return of those who have become inactive, and reach out through invitation to those with no church home. This committee will also encourage the welcoming vibrant spirit of spreading the Good News, informing others of our RCIA program, catechesis, and new or renewed membership in our parish.

Ushers: Friendly and helpful people needed to arrive before Mass to greet and sometimes seat people, gather collections and distribute bulletins—for one weekend Mass a month at a time.

Arts & Environment: Volunteers that organize and display proper liturgical symbols, flowers, and seasonal decorations to enhance the worship space in the sanctuary and

throughout the church. The art and environment decorum flows from the Liturgy and into the Liturgy weaving a seamless garment.

Sacristans: Many volunteers prepare the church for the Mass. They prepare, organize, clean, articles and items, candleholders, vessels, the credence table, altar, caring for church linens, candles, cleaning the church proper and sacristy, returns items after Mass, etc.

Liturgy Committee: At seasonal meetings, members plan for seasonal liturgical celebrations, music, the church environment, training of cantors, lectors, ushers, altar servers and Eucharistic ministers. Plans are based on parish tradition, archdiocesan directives and creative ideas within these guidelines.

Christ Renews His Parish-Men: Retreat type environment to deepen spirituality and encourage parish community for men each year. Volunteers lead sessions, prepare rooms, provide food, offer prayers and support.

Christ Renews His Parish-Women: Retreat type environment to deepen spirituality and encourage parish community for women each year. Volunteers lead sessions, prepare rooms, provide food, offer prayers and support.

Other Ministries: Your suggestions for an additional program or ministry you are interested in starting and developing are welcome.

Each of the six ministries will have an annual commission meeting, headed by a parish council representative and chairpersons from the different committees, groups or ministries.