

Description of Areas of Ministry at Our Lady of Grace Church

Stewardship of Time

Prayer Ministries

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Pray the Chaplet with other people in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Fridays at 3:00 pm. Please feel free to come at anytime.

Eucharistic Adoration: Spend time in prayer during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Thursday 9:30 am-Friday 7:30 am) in our chapel. Can sign up for a special time to pray during the Exposition or simply come when it works for you. Contact person: Darlene Demars...852-3517.

Ministry of Praise: This ministry is more for parishioners who are not able to be involved in parish activities but who do pray often. A list of prayer intentions is prepared by Fr. Bruce and sent out monthly. Contact person: Jeanette Klier...839-6834.

Mom's Prayer Group: Join other moms to pray for children and grandchildren. Contact person: Christine Aberle...701-818-2605

Prayer Chain: Through email parishioners are informed as to who and what needs to be prayed for that day. Contact person: Jeanette Klier...839-6834

Prayer Partner: Take time as often as possible to pray for youth who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation or for adults in the RCIA program who are preparing to enter our church. Contact person: Deacon Steve...839-6834

Rosary for Peace: Pray all four sets of rosary mysteries with other people in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Saturdays beginning at 9:00 am. Please free to come at anytime.

Rosary Leader: Lead the praying of the rosary with parishioners before the 4:00 pm Saturday Mass or the 8:30 am Sunday Mass. Contact person: Leo Schaeffer...852-5754. Also, lead the praying of the rosary with parishioners before weekday Masses. Contact parish office...839-6834.

Stewardship of Talent

Outreach Ministries

Caring Hands: Provide a meal to families with a newborn or someone recovering from an illness. Contact person: Melanie Hostetler...340-1256.

Eucharistic Minister: Take communion to one or more of the following -- Homes, Hospital or Nursing Homes. Contact person: Jeanette Klier...839-6834.

Food Pantry Volunteer: To help with stocking our shelves, picking up food from local grocery stores, unloading food from trucks and storing in pantry warehouse or pantry, and distributing food to clients. Contact person: Joyce Sand...721-9221.

Grief Group: Assist Parish Outreach Coordinator with meetings for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Contact person: Jeanette Klier...839-6834.

Mass Assistance at Nursing Homes: Assist with getting people to Mass at either Trinity Nursing Home (Thursdays) or ManorCare (Tuesdays). Also assist with setting up for Mass. Contact person: Jeanette Klier...839-6834.

Ministry of Presence: Being with people who need someone to be with them. There are three specific areas: 1) Be a presence for those who are “alone” in our nursing homes. 2) Visit and extend friendship to people in their homes. 3) Respite: spend time with an adult who needs supervision while the spouse leaves the home for short periods of time. Contact person: Jeanette Klier...839-6834.

Transportation Assistance: Providing a ride for those in our parish who need a ride in order to attend Masses on a weekend. Contact person: Ruth Schaeffer...852-5754.

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers: Youth grades 4 and older who have received their First Communion can assist the priest during weekend Masses. Instruction is provided. Contact person: Deacon Steve...839-6834.

Altar Servers at Funerals: Adult men to assist priest during funerals. Contact person: Jeanette Klier...839-6834.

Commentator/Lector: Commentators read the announcements at the beginning and end of Mass along with the Prayers of the Faithful. Lectors proclaim the Word of God. Contact person: Deacon Steve 839-6834.

Eucharistic Minister: Adults and youth who have been confirmed assist the priest in distributing communion during weekend Masses. Contact person: Deacon Steve...839-6834.

Greeter at Funerals: Assist people attending funerals in our parish to find our elevator, restrooms, where the funeral Mass will be celebrated, and other needs they may have. Contact person: Deacon Steve...839-6834.

Music: Youth and adults are invited to sing or play an instrument to help celebrate Mass: Contact Person: Deacon Steve...839-6834.

Usher/greeter: Individuals greet people as they come to weekend Masses, assist with seating when necessary, taking up the collection; and cleaning up pews after Masses. Contact Person: Deacon Steve...839-6834.

Faith Formation – Adult and Youth

Adult Study Group or Bible Study Group: Several different groups are meeting in our parish. Please ask if you have questions or are interested. Contact person: Fr Bruce...839-6834.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word: Leaders and helpers share the Word of God with children in kindergarten through grade 5 during the 10:30 am Sunday Mass. Both adults and youth help with this ministry. Contact person: Tanya Watterud...839-6834.

Classroom Aide or Substitute Aide: For Pre-school through Grade 8. Contact person: Tanya Watterud...839-6834.

Hall Monitor or Chaperone: For Pre-school through Grade 8. Contact person: Tanya Watterud...839-6834.

Sonshine Youth Camp: Leaders and helpers work with youth who have completed grade 3 through grade 8 at a three-day camp in the summer at Lake Metigoshe. Counselors ages 16 and up also work at this camp. Contact persons: Chris & Stacy Ell...500-5558 or Deacon Steve...839-6834.

Teacher or Substitute Teacher: For Pre-school through Grade 8. Contact person: Tanya Watterud...839-6834.

Vacation Bible School: Helpers and leaders work with children ages 4 through completion of grade 2 for one week in the evening during the summer. Contact person: Tanya Watterud...839-6834.

Youth Group: Helper or chaperone for grades 3-12. Contact person: Maddie Thompson...822-3652.

Service Ministries

Altar Society: Women in our parish are invited to be part of this group. Within Altar Society, there are “circles” or smaller groups of women who get together. They serve funerals, bake bars, and help our parish in many different ways. Contact person: Verona Ferderer...852-8005.

Catholic Daughters of America: This is a women’s apostolic organization for Catholic women in the Minot area. Contact person: Jeanie Roman...340-0702.

Church Environment & Decorating: Especially during the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter, help is needed to decorate the church. Contact person: Deacon Steve...839-6834.

Electrician, plumber, grounds keeper/trees & shrubs, carpenter/woodworking and snow removal: People with these special skills can share these special gifts when needed in our parish. Contact person: Deacon Steve...839-6834

Fellowship Server: On Sunday mornings after both Masses, parishioners serve coffee, juice and donuts. The hope is that parishioners will take time to visit and get to know each other. Contact person: Gilma Cockram...240-997-6533.

Knights of Columbus Council 4894: Men in our parish are invited to be part of this group. They have breakfasts and other events to support activities in our parish and in the Minot community. They provide help when needed both to our parish and community. Contact person: Mark Vickerman...240-4626.

Minot Vocations Club: Group of people who work to foster and support vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and diaconate. Contact person: Bob McDonald...839-2548.

Nursery: Adults and youth provide the opportunity for parents of young children to have their child taken care of while their parents attend Mass. Adults and youth are needed to help with this program. They are put on a schedule and help about once every two months. Contact person: Catherine Mize...509-5061

Office helper: Help is needed to prepare bulletins for weekends, assist with parish mailings, etc. Contact person: Mary Jantzer...839-6834

Pre-Marriage Seminar Helper: Married couples assist couples who are preparing for their wedding at a Pre-Marriage Seminar weekend as table discussion leaders, speakers, and weekend leaders. Contact person: Deacon Steve...839-6834.

Sharing photography: We do not have a parish photographer; so we do appreciate when parishioners share their favorite digital pictures of parish events (Mass, baptism, weddings, bible camp, etc) with the office via email (church@olgminot.org), flash drive or disc. Contact person: Deacon Steve...839-6834.

Volunteer to clean in church: People are needed at various times to assist with vacuuming, dusting and other needed cleaning in our church. Contact person: Deacon Steve...839-6834.

Leadership Ministries

Adult Enrichment Committee: A committee of people who meet to discuss and secure on-going adult formation in our parish, like apologetics sessions, parish retreats, etc. Contact person: Koletta Ficek...838-4149.

Buildings and Grounds Committee: A committee of people who meet to comment and discuss any items that need to be addressed with our church buildings and grounds. Contact person: Deacon Steve...839-6834.

Marriage Building Committee: A committee of people who meet to discuss things we can be doing in our parish to affirm and support marriages. Contact person: Liz Larsen...852-9006.

Pastoral Care Committee: Group of ladies in our parish who do special projects for those in need. They put together the Thanksgiving food baskets, provide a caring tree during Advent to secure money for needs of various people at Christmas, prepare and serve the volunteer breakfast, etc. Contact person: Bernie Hager...839-4555.

Respect Life Committee: A committee of people who do many different projects during the year to keep our parish aware of the gift of “all human life”. Contact person: Leo Schaeffer...839-6379.

Stewardship Council: A committee of people who help our parish to be aware of their need to be good stewards of the gifts of time, talent and treasure that we have each received from God. Meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month in the parish office after the 7:00 pm Mass. Contact person: Mohn Koble...852-0697.

Worship Committee: A committee of people who meet with the priest to plan liturgies for our parish, like Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, etc. Contact person: Deacon Steve...839-6834.

Home/Family Ministries

We know that much stewardship occurs every day in our homes with our families, whether it be through:

1. Sharing meals with family or others
2. Recycling and taking care of the earth
3. Helping, visiting or caring for a loved one or neighbor
4. Encouraging children to be “helping hands” by doing their chores at home
5. Many other activities.

If you have questions, contact Deacon Steve at 839-6834.

Bishop Ryan Catholic School Ministries

If you are interested in helping out at Bishop Ryan Catholic Schools, please contact Deacon Steve at 839-6834, and he will get you in touch with a person at the school. There are many opportunities available to help.