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“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1 Peter 4:10

Thank you to those already serving in our cluster. If you feel God may be calling you to serve but aren’t sure where your talents can best be used, read on to find out more about our cluster’s many ministries.

Committees & Commissions meet regularly throughout the year to address the various needs of our cluster. While each committee has their unique focus, they often work together to accomplish these needs. Committees are looking for members to attend their meetings and to help in other ways that do not require regular meeting attendance. Below you can read about the committees and what they do.



The **Building & Grounds Committee** oversees the regular maintenance of our buildings and grounds. They ensure the utilities at our sites are operating properly and our buildings are presentable in appearance both inside and out. You may see them painting, trimming trees & bushes, mowing the lawn, and tending to regular repairs. At Our Lady of the Lakes, there is also a small group of volunteers who tend to our prayer garden.

The **Faith Formation Committee** works to ensure the Catholic Faith is shared with all those in our parish, that the Sacraments are made available and that proper formation is given prior to receiving them. They work together with the Director of Religious Education and other staff to plan formation opportunities for our children, youth, and adults. Properly forming Catholics in the faith equips them to share their faith with others and to be a visible sign of our Catholic faith in the community. If you are not able to regularly attend committee meetings, we could really use your help with religious education as a catechist/aide, hall/door monitor, or Vacation Bible School helper.



The **Human Concerns Committee** responds to our baptismal call to serve one another by educating people on social justice issues and by serving the poor, hungry, and others in need. Both the Divine Savior and Our Lady of the Lakes Committees work closely with area food pantries to respond to the needs of their clients. Each does a yearly Baby Bottle Collection for the Women’s Support Center in Milwaukee. They also see to the needs of our local shut-ins by sending them cards, flowers, and other items. The Our Lady of the Lakes Committee also coordinates blood drives with the Red Cross.



The **Outreach Committee** encourages parishioners to share of their time, talent, and treasure for the good of their parish. In conjunction with the pastor, staff, school, and parish, they plan various events that appeal to the different wants and needs of parishioners. Outreach Committee members try to be present at the different events of the cluster as well as those in the surrounding community. Both Our Lady of the Lakes and Divine Savior Outreach Committees collaborate to select gifts to be given at Christmas, Easter, Mother’s & Father’s Day, as well as to



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our new members and at other occasions throughout the year. This committee is also responsible for our Cluster Newsletters and other forms of media. Divine Savior's Committee also plans Ice Cream Socials, Coffee with Christ and/or Fr. Gideon, Outdoor Movie Night, and various other fun events. Our Lady of the Lakes Committee plans Family Game Nights, Women's Craft Nights, Sunday Hospitality, and is present at events in the Random Lake Community, including the Random Lake Fall Fest, Night of Lights, and Trunk or Treat. These are just some of the many ways you could help with Outreach.



The **Prayer & Worship Committee** works together to ensure a prayerful and reverent atmosphere at our liturgical celebrations, especially the Mass. Many components are necessary for the celebration of the Mass and each part plays a role in making the liturgy beautiful. The *Ushers* welcome people to our worship site, pass the baskets during the collection, ensure order and safety during the Mass, and hand out bulletins following the Mass. The role of the *Sacristan* is to set up the necessary items for the Mass and insure that these items are put back where they belong and ready for the next Mass. During the Mass, the *Altar Servers* assist the priest, bringing him the necessary items, corresponding to each part of the Mass. There is the *Lector* who proclaims the Word of God, the Prayer of the Faithful, and any announcements for the week. The *Eucharistic Ministers* assist the priest with the distribution of Communion. Some of these ministers also take Communion to area nursing homes and shut-ins. Then, there are *Musicians*, including the organist, who with the *Choir*, work together to ensure the music during the Mass is one conducive to worship. At Our Lady of the Lakes, there is the Adult Choir, *Voices of Faith* choir (comprised of children, youth, and adults), and a choir, which sings at the Christmas and Easter Masses at St. Nicholas in Dacada. Divine Savior also has a choir, which sings at Mass and other liturgical celebrations. Members from each of these choirs come together as they are able to sing at Funeral Masses within the cluster. There is also a new group that has formed, The Family of Faith Prayer group, which meets around a potluck, offers up prayers for intentions of the parish and its families, and discusses how to best share the faith in everyday life.

There are also Committees that form and operate on an ad hoc basis, responding to necessary circumstances that arise in parish life.



The **Safety Committee** was formed in response to the deadly acts of violence in public venues, including places of worship, and the need to ensure our worship sites are places where people can feel safe. The committee established safety guidelines to be used for the day-to-day use of our facilities, in instances where someone is injured or becomes ill, and in the unlikely event of an active shooter or another person intent on violence.

Another committee that formed to respond to a need was the **Fundraising Committee** at Our Lady of the Lakes. This committee formed to plan events to help pay off the debt from the renovations done to the Random Lake Chapel in 2017-2018. Though the renovation debt has been paid off, the Brat Fry & Silent Auction organized by this committee has become an annual event.

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During the COVID-19 pandemic, we had to find ways to share the Mass with our parishioners virtually. Several parishioners with technology expertise came forward to help provide the best experience possible for our parishioners joining us virtually or those in our overflow space. This group is referred to as the **Technology Committee**.

In addition to these ad hoc committees, are councils in which members are discerned on, or chosen because of, their particular talents and leadership skills.

Members of the **Pastoral Council** are responsible for directing and advising the pastor regarding how to best minister to our parishioners. Members must be baptized, practicing Catholic members of our parish, active in our parish worship life and at least 18 years of age. In addition to attending the council meetings, each member is also assigned as a liaison to another parish committee. Members in this council are nominated, and discerned, by the parish as a whole.

Finance Council members ensure that the parish's financial resources are being used in an efficient manner. The members decide how much money to allocate to the various ministries of the parish as well as to the maintenance of parish property. An understanding of business and finances is necessary to be part of this council.



There are also ministries that have formed, which don't fall under any one of the aforementioned committees.

The **Christian Women's Society** is a group of women who plan events during the year both for its members and for others in the parish. While there are meetings throughout the year, there are many ways to be involved that don't require regular meeting attendance. Just some of their events include speakers, a bake sale, Ladies Craft Nights, a reception for our graduating students, a Christmas party, hospitality at funerals, and a Soup & Salad luncheon. The Our Lady of the Lakes society also donates funds to the Annual Ham Dinner.

The **Holy Name Society** is a group of men who gather throughout the year for mustreipen breakfasts and a Christmas tree sale at the St. Nicholas site. This group also donates funds to Our Lady of the Lakes Annual Ham Dinner.

That Man Is You! is a group of men who meet in the Divine Savior School Cafeteria prior to the school day. Their sessions equip men to grow in their relationship with Christ and to be faith-filled leaders in our modern world.



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The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** is a group of people focused on providing assistance to those in need, through home visits, helping the local food pantry, and doing other works of service. This group relies on the donations from generous donors and their local St. Vincent de Paul Store. Both Divine Savior and Our Lady of the Lakes have a chapter, which ministers to those in their corresponding area.



There are also many events occurring in our cluster that are only possible because of the hard work of our volunteers. Some of these events are once a year including the **Brat Fry & Silent Auction, Ham Dinner & Fall Fest** (both at Our Lady of the Lakes), and the **Parish Picnic** at Divine Savior. Others occur regularly throughout the year like Hospitality following the Sunday Masses as well as after funerals both at Our Lady of the Lakes and Divine Savior. At major events and celebrations, including Easter and Christmas, there is often a need to **set up and take down overflow** to accommodate our parishioners and their guests. Not



only do these events contribute to the livelihood of our cluster, but they also contribute to the financial stability of the cluster.

Our cluster is blessed to have a school, Divine Savior Catholic School, which plays an integral part in the life of our cluster. As you can imagine, many volunteers are needed to keep the school running efficiently. There is the **Recruitment & Retention Board**, which helps to best market the school in our community. The school also has fundraising events such as the **Dinner Beer & Wine Festival**, and their **Lenten Fish Fries**, all of which require many volunteers to ensure their success.



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As you can see, our volunteers contribute to our cluster identity and work to ensure we remain a vibrant community focused on our relationship with Christ and one another.

Thank you for attending our Ministry Fair! We hope that you will prayerfully consider serving in our cluster.