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***Parish and Ministry
Directory***

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PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
 where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 where there is sadness, joy;*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
 seek to be
 consoled, as to console;
 to be understood, as to understand;
 to be loved, as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive;
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned ;
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*



SOCIAL MINISTRY

- Giving Tree
- Mission Trips
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NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

(drop in collection basket at church
or return or mail to Parish Office at
601 N. 8th St. Manitowoc, WI 54220)

Mission Statement

The Manitowoc Catholic Community exists as a sacramental body of Christ to love as Christ loved, by boldly proclaiming our faith, teaching our youth, spreading the Good News of Jesus, and serving one another and others in an ever changing community.



Important Information at your fingertips

Telephone: (920) 684-3718

Email: info@sfamanitowoc.com

Website: sfamanitowoc.org

Parish Office Hours

601 N. 8th Street

Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 Noon

Church Locations

Grand site: 1416 Grand Ave.

Marshall site: 1114 S. 21st St.

Waldo site: 1408 Waldo Blvd.

St. Francis of Assisi School

Elementary Campus: 1408 Waldo Blvd.

920-683-6892

Middle School Campus: 2109 Marshall St.

920-683-6884

Calvary Cemetery

2601 S. 14th St.

920-684-3646

www.calvarymanitowoc.org

I am interested in volunteering for or learning more about the following ministries. Please check all those that apply.

WORSHIP

Worship Commission

Lector

Altar Server

Eucharistic Minister

Sacristan

Arts and Environment

Media

Hospitality Minister

Altar Linens/Laundry

Church Cleaning

Liturgical Sewers

MUSIC

Choir

Cantor

Instrumentalist

FAITH FORMATION

F.F. Commission

Catechist

Youth Ministry

RCIA

Adult Formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Baptism Preparation

Marriage Preparation

PASTORAL MINISTRY OUTREACH

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Respite Care

Care Ministry

Bereavement Ministry

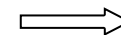
Lay Leader of Prayer

Vigil Keepers

Best Friend Ministry

Health/Wellness

Hospital Ministry



PRAYER, SERVICE AND SHARING

The Lord has blessed us all with special gifts. Everyone is encouraged to share these gifts with the parish and the community. We ask that you prayerfully consider sharing at least two (2) hours of your time each month in one or more parish ministries.

You will receive a phone call from a pastoral staff person in the near future. Please consider speaking with him/her about the areas of ministry you may be interested in.

Or contact one a staff members....

(Staff Directory on page 6)



Important Information at your fingertips

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm at Grand and Waldo sites

Sunday

Waldo site: 7:30 and 9:30 am
and 6:30 pm

Marshall site: 9:00 am

Grand site: 8:00 & 10:30 am

Weekday: 6:45 at Grand site

When traveling, find Mass times at www.masstimes.org

Reconciliation

Marshall site: Saturdays, 8:00-9:00 am

Grand site: Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00 pm

Waldo site: Saturdays, 3:00-4:00 pm

Staff Directory

Pastors

Fr. Doug LeCaptain	920-652-7808
Fr. Jose Lopez	920-652-7824
Fr. Bill Evans	920-652-7810

Deacons

Deacon Rich Bahnaman
Deacon Bob Beehner
Deacon Alan Boeldt
Deacon Mike Dolezal
Deacon Mark Knipp
Deacon Mark LeGreve

Parish Team

Ruthann Ross—Pastoral Associate	920-652-7804
Mark Knipp—Director of Worship	920-652-7815
Dan Berres —Coordinator of Music	920-652-7820
Elizabeth Fritsch—Youth Ministry Coordinator	920-652-7821
Michelle Peters—Religious Ed. Coordinator	920-652-7811
Dianne Vadney—Family Ministry Coordinator	920-652-7834
Kay Goswitz—Parish Nurse	920-652-7851
Patrick Brandel—Stewardship	920-652-7814
Deanne Kuenzi—Accountant	920-652-7817
Connie Heinzen—Communications	920-652-7825
Scrip Coordinator	920-652-7835

OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS

St Francis of Assisi Parish actively participates in these outside organizations.

Cursillo Movement

The Cursillo Movement exists to make Christ the prime influence in society. The transference of Christ's values to others in one's family, school, place of business, etc., is the Christianizing of environments which the Cursillo promotes.

Secular Franciscans

The members of this group strive to follow in the footsteps of St. Francis by living the spirit of St Francis in their personal life, parish and community.

Serra Club of Manitowoc County

The goal of the Serra Club is to foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life and to further the members' own Catholic faith.

Catholic Woman's Club

This group unites Catholic women and promotes Catholic doctrine, charity and good will. The club provides spiritual development for members, furnishes scholarships for Catholic education and does charitable work for the less fortunate.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus provides spiritual growth and social support for its members. It has become a worldwide organization providing aid to those in need, youth activities and collection of donations for local, state and national programs.

OTHER PARISH HAPPENINGS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Fatima Group

This group prays the rosary for world peace every Wednesday from May thru October at 6 pm at the Marshall worship site. Benediction is held every first and third Wednesday of the month. Families and children are invited to participate in this Fatima rosary devotion.

Adoration of the Eucharist

Just as adoration of the Eucharist was important to St. Francis, it remains a central part of our prayer at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. There is adoration in front of the tabernacle at Holy Family Memorial chapel by the members of the Adoration Society held Monday—Friday from 6 a.m.—8 p.m. There is Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, Waldo rectory, North 14th street. Volunteers make a commitment of time to pray or anyone may stop in to pray at anytime. Please call the parish office or ministry representative for current dates and times.

St. Clare Society

This group fosters spiritual development, encourages fellowship, sponsors programs and participates in the parish fundraising events with proceeds being used for parish needs and charitable donations.

Parish Picnic

Come gather together as a church community to celebrate with games, food, an outdoor Mass and more! This event is held during the month of August at the Waldo site.

Scrip

Please support the parish and school by using Scrip!

What is Scrip?

A real and negotiable gift certificate from participating merchants – each merchant provides its own gift certificate exactly like the ones already sold in their stores.

Use just like cash to pay for your everyday purchases. There is no difference between scrip and cash when you go shopping – you just have a special certificate for that store.

How is income earned from the scrip program?

Income is generated by people using gift certificates rather than cash to purchase everyday items.

The gift certificates are purchased at a discount from the participating merchants and sold to you at face value. The discount becomes an ongoing source of income for our parish and school.

Example: A purchase of \$100.00 in Copps scrip at 4% generates \$4.00 of profit.

SCRIP HOURS

Scrip is available for purchase during these hours...

Following each Mass every weekend.

Monday thru Thursday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Parish Office

Fridays from 8:30 am to 12 Noon at the Parish Office

Have a special Scrip request? Contact the Scrip Office at 920-652-7835 or scrip@sfamanitowoc.com

WORSHIP

Provides for the spiritual development of members of the parish through liturgical celebrations and significant prayer experiences.

Worship Commission

Comprised of parish and pastoral team representatives, this group oversees the liturgical life of the parish.

Eucharistic Ministers

The Eucharistic minister assists the priest and/or deacon in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ. A Eucharistic minister is a confirmed member of the church, with a reverence for the persons being served and of the sacrament shared, and has participated in a training session for Eucharistic ministers with a parish commissioning.

Lectors

A lector proclaims the word of God during Mass. God's Word is alive and the lector is the person who brings it to life for the worshiping assembly. New lectors are invited to a training session.

Sacristans

The sacristan assists in the immediate preparation for Mass. General duties include the preparation of the bread and wine and books and vessels. The sacristan also assists liturgical ministers as directed. Training and mentoring is provided.

Scrip Program

Parishioners support the parish and school by the purchase of gift cards through this program. Gift cards are available for gas, groceries, dining out and more. The gift cards are purchased at face value and redeemed for face value with the various businesses giving a percent of sales back to St. Francis. More information and lists of businesses participating can be found on the parish website or by contacting the scrip office. Scrip sales are held after Mass each weekend and at the parish office on Mondays, Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings.

Office Help

Parishioners are able to volunteer by providing support to the parish office staff. Areas of opportunity include scrip sales, money counting, mailings and computer data input and front desk attendants.

Buildings and Grounds

The maintenance of our facilities is accomplished through the efforts of our maintenance staff along with many volunteers.

Calvary Catholic Cemetery & Chapel Mausoleum

Calvary Cemetery of Manitowoc, Inc. continues the Christian tradition of the Catholic Church by providing a sacred place for the burial and entombment of her faithful. At the present time this organization operates and maintains one mausoleum and four Catholic cemeteries in the Manitowoc area; Calvary Cemetery and Mausoleum, St. Mary's Cemetery, St. Peter's Cemetery and Maternity of Mary Cemetery. We offer to the community mausoleum entombments and burial spaces for both traditional and cremation services in serene and beautifully maintained surroundings. Mass is celebrated the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the chapel located at 2601 South 14th Street.

STEWARDSHIP (contd.)

Stewardship Service

The service team plans and conducts projects and events within our parish and the community at large which encourages parishioner involvement.

ADMINISTRATION

Pastoral Council

The purpose of this group is to work in close consultation with the pastor and staff to prayerfully discern and carry out the will of God for the parish, now and into the future. The method of selection for membership is acceptance of nominations and a random drawing from the nominees for the number of replacements needed.

Finance Council

The purpose of the finance council is to aid the pastor in the administration of the parish resources. The council is comprised of parish members at-large and those who have specific expertise in finance, insurance, law and/or buildings and grounds. The method of selection for membership is appointment by the pastor.

Parish Trustee

Trustees are legal officers of the parish, along with the bishop and pastor. They are required to sign checks and other legal documents pertaining to the business of the parish. The finance trustee attends the finance council meetings and the secretary trustee attends the pastoral council meetings. The method of selection is election by the members of the parish.

Altar Servers

An altar server assists the priest and deacon during the Mass and other liturgical celebrations. Because of the reverence and maturity needed for this ministry, the requirement is that the altar server be in the 4th Grade or older.

Altar Servers (Funerals) A funeral server assists the priest during a funeral Mass. A funeral server may be a child (grade 5 or older) or an adult.

Hospitality Ministers

The role of the hospitality minister is to serve God's people by warmly greeting and welcoming (all who enter the church building) parishioners and visitors as they gather for Mass. This person assists with seating, helps take the collection and facilitates the communion procession. After Mass, various duties are performed such as: handing out bulletins and straightening up areas.

Childcare Service This group cares for children ages 1-5 during the 9:30 Sunday Mass at the Waldo site. This service is available from mid-September through late May each year.

Worship Site Media This group of individuals helps to provide lyrics on screen for our worship services, parish announcements and other events. This work is done on a rotating schedule to help serve at Saturday evening and Sunday morning worship services.

WORSHIP (cont.)

Liturgical Art & Environment Committee

This committee is responsible for the preparation of the worship environment of the church. This includes decorating inside and outside the church for the various seasons of the liturgical year. The committee works collaboratively with the Director of Worship.

Liturgical Sewers & Linen Care

The liturgical sewers share their talents in sewing, ironing and mending vestments, altar coverings, palls, purificators, corporals and banners. They also make baptismal garments for the newly baptized. A group also launders altar linens.

Church Cleaning

Volunteers for church cleaning routinely assist in light interior church cleaning. Tasks include dusting, sweeping, mopping and vacuuming.

Music Ministry

This ministry offers many avenues to contribute to the musical expression of our parish in the following areas: choirs, directors, organists, pianists, song leaders, cantors, and other instrumentalists.

Stewardship Hospitality

The hospitality team provides a social setting for parishioners and visitors to chat while enjoying light food and refreshments. This group also helps at various parish events.

Stewardship Marketing

The marketing group enhances the entire stewardship program by utilizing marketing, public relations and communication techniques. The Stewardship Corner and reviewing Stewardship practices at other parishes are two examples of their efforts.

Stewardship Prayer

Prayer involves our relationship with God. This group works to enhance our prayer experience thru grateful acknowledgement of God's presence in our lives. It seeks to provide help as we all strive to engage in connecting prayer with our daily lives.

Stewardship Sharing

Sharing with others a portion of the gifts we have received stems from a spirit of gratitude for all that God has given to us. The sharing team seeks to increase parishioner awareness of the benefits of sharing with each other and the community.

EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION (cont.)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School

International Food Fair

This is an annual fundraiser that supports St. Francis of Assisi School. This event features food booths from different countries, a variety of silent auction items and an oral auction, and is held the first Saturday in November.

Roncalli High School 920-682-8801
2000 Mirro Drive, Manitowoc, WI 54220

STEWARDSHIP

The encouragement of parishioners to be grateful, prayerful, serve and generously share is the focus of this area.

Stewardship Commission

This commission, through its committees, is working to increase awareness of the importance of prayer, service and sharing as an expression of gratitude for God's countless gifts.

Stewardship Parish Contact (Calling Committee)

Calling team participation involves reaching out to parishioners via the telephone. A script and a list of contact names are provided. These calls are made a maximum of three times per year.

Choirs

This ministry is open to parishioners who wish to sing in a group. Our parish offers seven adult choirs and one children's choir. Choirs sing regularly at Mass and occasionally on feast days.

Directors

Directors lead the parish choirs and conduct regularly at Mass. Directors also have the opportunity to conduct the Resurrection Choir at funerals.

Organists/Pianists

Open to those who play the organ or piano and wish to play at Mass. Opportunities include accompanying a choir or a song leader at Mass.

Song Leaders/Cantors

Open to those who wish to lead the congregation in song from the front of church. Cantors sing the Psalm and Alleluia and Song Leaders lead all of the music during the Mass.

Instrumentalists

Our parish is always looking for instrumentalists to add to our music ministry. If you play an instrument and wish to get involved, there are many facets in which to participate, especially at large holy day celebrations.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

This area promotes the dignity of human life as it seeks to carry out the Social and Pastoral mission of the Church through social justice and charitable works.

Respect Life Group

This group works to promote the consistent ethic of life, striving to instill respect for human life at all stages. Participation is encouraged in various LIFE activities: campaigns, Holy Hour for Life, youth participation in the March for Life in Washington, DC, and legislative LIFE issues.

Hope House

Hope House of Manitowoc County empowers homeless families and individuals to progress toward self sufficiency one household at a time. This is an ecumenical venture among several congregations in the county to house and feed needy families. They work with the director to find housing, employment, daycare, and apply for government assistance.

The Haven

The Haven's Mission is to live the Beatitudes in providing food, clothing and shelter to homeless men while educating and engaging others to confront issues of homelessness with compassion and mercy. Our goal is to firmly establish an emergency housing option for homeless males in Manitowoc County. Our purpose is leading by example of living simply, loving joyfully, giving generously and taking shared responsibility for the common good of all people.

Family Ministry

Family Ministry aims to connect with and engage families of all ages with the life of the Church. Through a combination of fellowship, service and spiritual programming, the emphasis is on helping families meet others, build relationships and grow into positive involvement in the parish community. Programing includes Vacation Bible School for 3K through 4th grade, Choice Wine couples fellowship and study group, Elizabeth Ministry, Play at the Park, St. Francis Fryers co-ed adult soft ball team and more.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School has two campuses, 3K—8th grade. There may be times that volunteers are needed (Virtrus training required.) Please check with the school office for more information.

St. Francis Elementary Campus, Grades 3K—4th

Kyle Kapinos 683-6892 kyle.kapinos@sfamanitowoc.com

St. Francis Middle School Campus, Grades 5th—8th

Steve Thiele 683-6884 steve.thiele@sfamanitowoc.com

St. Francis of Assisi Board of Education

This group gives direction to the educational mission of the parish school of St. Francis of Assisi. The method of selection for membership is appointment by the pastor.

St. Francis of Assisi School Parents In Action (PIA)

Parents in Action is an organization of parents whose objective is to support the families and staff of our parish school. It is designed to support the school and assist in making the school experiences positive and enriching. Every parent, teacher and support staff is a member of this organization.

EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION (cont.)

LifeTeen

LifeTeen is the combination of youth ministry and high school faith formation for our parish. The mission is to empower and draw young people to a responsible participation in the life, mission and work of Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith community. LifeTeen leads teenagers closer to Jesus Christ, and provides them with Catholic adults to mentor them in faith and life. A safe environment is provided for high school teens to grow, share and pray with one another on Sunday evenings during the school year.

Confirmation (High School)

High school students, in their junior or senior year are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, and every year many students make that decision. Our confirmation preparation at St. Francis aims to bring teens into a lively relationship with the Holy Spirit, and help them respond to a renewed sense of discipleship. Adult small group leaders walk with teens to help them on their journey to the sacrament.

First Eucharist/Reconciliation

Preparation for the Sacrament of Eucharist and Reconciliation is an important time for the children of the parish. It is a time for the entire family to understand the deeper meaning of the Eucharist in their lives. Preparation takes place in the second grade. The preparation for Eucharist and Reconciliation is a parish-based experience and celebration.

Marriage Preparation

Facilitating Open Couple Communication Understanding and Study—The FOCCUS program guides an engaged couple through a conversation about the full range of circumstances that they may encounter in life as a married couple. A FOCCUS couple journeys with the engaged couple through this process as peer-mentors, encouraging them in their conversation and sometimes even offering them personal witness.

Lakeshore Ecumenical Outreach—LEO

Lakeshore Ecumenical Outreach is a faith based organization based out of St. Francis of Assisi parish whose members of many different faiths are dedicated to answer Christ's call of serving our brothers and sisters who find themselves in need of support physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Vincent de Paul provides assistance to needy persons and families: food, rent money, utility bill assistance, prescriptions, furniture, clothing and household items. This is handled through referrals to the organization, the food pantry, and the St. Vincent de Paul store.

Jail Ministry

The goal of this ministry that takes place in the Manitowoc County Jail, is to bring the presence of God to people of all faiths in a way that provides the hope and encouragement of the Gospel message.

Bassinets Project

This is a once a year project to provide baby items for The Crossing and the Domestic Violence Center. Bassinets are placed at all three worship sites to collect baby items. The event coincides with the Roe vs. Wade anniversary in January.

Kids and Necessities—KAN Cool for School

KAN Cool is a group of civic organizations and churches who have joined together to collect and distribute school supplies to needy children of our public and parochial schools.

SOCIAL MINISTRY (cont.)

Giving Tree

This is a project providing parishioners with an opportunity to spread Christmas joy to the needy in our area by the giving of gifts. The needs of individuals and families in our community are written on paper stars and hung on a Giving Tree at all three worship sites. Parish members purchase the gifts listed on the stars and return them. Volunteers help sort and distribute the gifts.

Sunday Supper

This is an ecumenical venture in which several churches take turns in providing a meal for the needy of the area on the last Sunday of each month. The churches involved get volunteers to assist in preparing and serving a meal and offering fellowship for the needy who attend.

Relay for Life

Relay for Life is a life-changing event that brings together people every year to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost and empower individuals and communities to fight back against cancer. Teams of people take turns walking or running around the track in a “relay for life.”

Social Services Outreach/Good Shepherd Fund

Our parish provides assistance for needy people who have exhausted help from all the other agencies. This is done with monies donated to the Good Shepherd Emergency Fund. Assistance is provided mainly with rent and utility bills. There is collaboration with Lakeshore Community Action Program, St. Vincent de Paul, Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, Manitowoc/Two Rivers Police Departments, Hope House & The Haven.

Holy Hour for Life

Participants in the Holy Hour for Life meet every Wednesday after the 7:15 a.m. Mass at the Waldo site. They pray together in the Eucharistic Chapel with prayer consisting of: the rosary for life, prayers before the Blessed Sacrament for the Gospel of life, and the Divine Mercy chaplet.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

During the last morning Mass at each worship site, children of ages 5 to 8 are invited to participate in the Liturgy of the Word for children. An adult leader proclaims the scripture for the Sunday and discusses it in terms that the children can understand.

Baptism Program

Baptism is a community celebration which welcomes a person into the faith community. The Baptism program provides catechesis to parents who are bringing their child into the catholic church through the waters of Baptism.

Religious Education Grades 1-5

The Religious Education Program provides quality Catholic education to the children in our parish who attend public school. The classes help form children in the Catholic faith through scripture, doctrine and tradition, while assisting parents and children in the understanding and value of the sacramental life of the church.

EDGE Program Grades 6-8

Students in grades 6-8 attend EDGE, the middle school counterpart to LifeTeen. EDGE provides middle school students with a diverse community of students from public and private schools to learn about their faith, pray together, and have fun. Adults lead small groups throughout the year and help middle school students come to a deeper understanding of Jesus Christ and our Church.

Bible Study Groups and Spirituality Groups

There are several groups (men, women and mixed groups) that meet regularly at the parish to share the Word of God in prayer and study using books, commentaries and various Biblical resources.

EVANGELIZATION (cont.)

Rosary Makers Guild

The Rosary Makers Guild meets once per month at the Grand Site to make rosaries. Approximately 1000 rosaries per year are assembled for: The missions—It adds to the spiritual growth in foreign lands as well as US. Rosaries are also sent with Appalachian volunteers. First Communicants receive a rosary, rosary booklet and card.

EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION

This area is responsible for the educational needs of all members of the parish including adults, young adults, youth and children in both Catholic and public school and preschool.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Commission

The Faith Formation Commission strives to enrich the lives of our children, youth, parish families, and adult members through formation opportunities and prayer experiences that enliven discipleship. The commission sets long range plans for faith formation and develops resources for ongoing catechetical formation.

The Bill Zimmer Forum

The forum is named after Fr. Bill Zimmer (1934-1999). He was an ecumenical leader, a champion for social justice and a catalyst for the Hmong and Hispanic ministries in the Manitowoc area. Once a month, September through December and February through May, on the second Tuesday at Silver Lake College from 12:00-1:00 PM. A book is presented from a wide array of speakers, representing all faith denominations. It is an opportunity for spiritual, intellectual and moral enrichment.

PASTORAL MINISTRY OUTREACH

Pastoral Care is a personal response to God's unconditional love. Pastoral Ministry actively brings the love of God into people's lives by providing supportive care to those who face crisis, trauma, loss or personal dilemmas.

Care Ministry

Care Ministers are specially trained people who visit parishioners confined to their homes, assisted living facility, community based group home, or nursing home. Care ministers bring Holy Communion, prayer and a listening presence to their visits.

Grief Support

The program serves the needs of the bereaved through continuing support and encouragement. Small group sessions are facilitated by trained volunteers and are open to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one.

Hospital Ministry

Through the ministry of lay volunteers, we bring the healing comfort and care of Jesus to those who are experiencing challenges to their well-being. Trained volunteers visit with parishioners who are hospitalized at Holy Family Memorial Medical Center or Aurora Medical Center. Although not required, out-of-town hospital visits may be requested.

Respite Care

Respite Care is a volunteer program which gives a caregiver a short interval of rest or relief from caregiver duties. The break provided by a trained Respite Care volunteer helps the caregiver maintain a positive well-being while caring for a loved one in their home.

PASTORAL MINISTRY OUTREACH (cont.)

Vigil Keeper Ministry

No one should die alone. Vigil Keepers are trained volunteers who provide a caring presence at the bedside of a dying person when family members are not available or need time away. Vigil Keepers do not provide physical care, but may pray, read, play music, or sit quietly at the bedside.

Lay Leader of Prayer

This ministry includes spiritual care of those confined to care facilities. Lay volunteers are trained to conduct Liturgy of the Word with Communion services for larger groups of residents at facilities. The priests celebrate Mass at the facilities and share the Sacrament of Anointing as requested.

Parish Nurse/Health & Wellness Ministry

Following the mission of Jesus Christ the Parish Nurse ministers with care and compassion to the body, mind and spirit of parish members to promote harmony and health within the faith community. Professional and lay volunteers are needed to guide and actively support the Parish Nurse Ministry.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The members of this group knit and crochet shawls to be blessed and given to people for comfort at difficult times, or to celebrate times of joy in their lives. Members do not need to be at meetings to take part in this ministry, but may make shawls at home and bring them to the parish office for blessing and distribution. The group meets at the parish office on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Funeral Dinners

The funeral dinner volunteers reach out to families at the time of the death of a loved one. The volunteers provide hospitality, table setting, and food service for funeral meals.

EVANGELIZATION

Ensures that evangelization is at the center of parish missionary efforts. It promotes efforts that make disciples; build lives of intentional discipleship and send parishioners out into the world to share in the Good News of Jesus Christ so that conversion of hearts and growth in discipleship continue to take place.

Christian Experience Weekend

CEW weekends are times of adult renewal held separately for men and women, 18 years of age or older and are intended for anyone looking to live life more fully as an adult Christian.

Prayer Network

Requests for prayer can be made by contacting the coordinator of the Prayer Network. This group prays for persons and intentions for which prayers are requested.

Nurturing Other Mothers As Disciples – NOMADS

The NOMADS mission is to support women in their vocation of motherhood. Book-based Bible studies are used for discussion. Childcare is provided for moms with young children.