

Time and Talent Opportunities

Holy Family Catholic Church



Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few"

Matthew 9:37



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Fall 2023



Time & Talent

Fostering Stewardship as a way of life

Stewardship is based on the understanding that all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God; our time, our talent, our money and even the gift of life itself. We show our gratitude by returning a portion of them back to God.

Our prayers, gifts of time, talent and treasure are concrete expressions of our faith; the way we give Glory to God. Through our stewardship of these gifts, we will **Not Be Afraid** to serve.

What will you give back to God from the blessings you have received?

Greetings,

The Church is everyone's business and we together either make it a good one or we just get by with the bare minimum. I ask that you prayerfully consider becoming involved in some aspect of your faith.

You are invited to be a Christian steward and use your God-given gifts. Listed within this booklet are many opportunities for your consideration.

Commitment forms for your household are located at the end of this booklet. Please help us and one another by getting involved.

Bring your completed commitment form with you to Mass and leave it in the basket at the Time and Talent table or drop it off at the office during the week.

Praise the Lord and all he has done for us!

I try and set an example every day for you as your pastor. Please help me make good things happen with your time and your talent.

In God's Love,
Father James Meyer



The 4 Pillars of Parish Stewardship

HOSPITALITY



Christian Kindness

HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES:

- ◆ Art & Environment Team
- ◆ Funeral Committee– Assist at Funeral Mass
- ◆ Funeral Committee– Luncheon
- ◆ Greeters
- ◆ Parish Event Bakers
- ◆ Sunday Coffee Gatherings
- ◆ Ushers
- ◆ WOW

PRAYER



A Heart to Heart with God

PRAYER MINISTRIES:

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- ◆ Prayer Angels (Prayer Line)
- ◆ Rosary Leaders

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- ◆ Adult Choir
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Love in Action

SERVICE MINISTRIES:

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- ◆ Spaghetti Dinner
- ◆ Technology Committee
- ◆ We Care
- ◆ Winter Gala





HOSPITALITY—CHRISTIAN KINDNESS



Art and Environment Team Member

These people gather together to enhance worship with art and creativity throughout the church.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Team members aid in the liturgical decoration of the church. Environment can foster various moods of festivity, penitence, anticipation but always of dignity and hospitality. No one person can do it all. Some lifting, carrying of various sizes of art and environment supplies is needed. Consultation with the Pastor is always practiced. Sign up on the commitment form located in the back of this book.

Funeral Committees

Funeral Committee—Assist at Funeral Masses

Funeral Luncheon—Prepare and serve meals or bake for the luncheon

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: To assist at funeral masses, you show up one hour prior to the Mass, be available to answer questions the family may have, help the readers and set up for the funeral Mass. To assist with funeral lunches, you show up to help set up, cook, serve and clean up. Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book

Parish Event Bakers

Bake for events within the parish. For example, funerals, missions, any social gatherings where baked goods are needed.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book.

WOW

The mission is to provide parishioners ages 55+ the opportunity for fellowship.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: WOW meets every third Wednesday of the month from 1:30—3:30 in the Gather room. Join us simply by showing up. Come and enjoy card games, board games, snacks and refreshments. Bring a friend also!

Greeters

Greeters welcome the people prior to the celebration of Mass and special liturgies or events—Greeters set the tone, lending their warm, welcoming presence. They assist in various roles such as bringing forward the gifts and distributing bulletins or take home materials.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: The ministry is open to families as well as individuals. Greeters are asked to arrive 20 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass. All ministers are scheduled according to their Mass preferences. Training is provided. Sign up on the commitment form located in the back of this book.

Ushers

These men and women make Mass at Holy Family an enjoyable and beneficial experience for all who attend. They are there to greet and seat people, pass out bulletins, direct Communion and assist with other needs during Mass. Other responsibilities include taking up the collection, straighten up pews after Mass, and assisting people with health emergencies.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Serving as an Usher is open to adults as well as young adults over the age of 14. Ushers are asked to arrive 20 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass. All ministers are scheduled according to their Mass preferences. Training is provided. Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book.

Sunday Coffee Gatherings

Each Sunday there is an opportunity for fellowship with members of Holy Family in the Social Hall. We need volunteers to pick up, serve donuts and clean up after.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book.



PRAYER—A HEART TO HEART WITH GOD



Eucharistic Adoration

This is a time to spend before the very presence of the Lord exposed in the monstrance. Adorers ensure our Blessed Sacrament is never left alone by spending time with Jesus praying, reading the Bible, contemplating acts of faith, hope and charity, giving thanks, praying the rosary, or sitting and saying nothing at all, being open to His love. Adoration occurs every First Friday beginning at 9:30am and ending at 1:00pm.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: People are needed to sign up for time slots so that every moment is covered. Sign up on the signup sheet on the big bulletin board in the commons

Prayer Angels (Prayer Line)

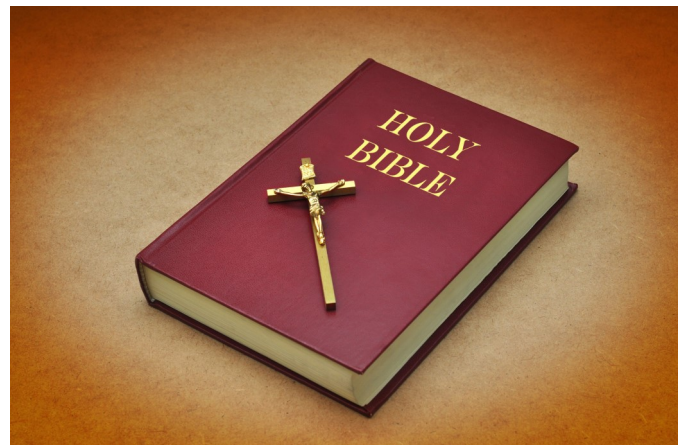
Do you have a prayer intention that you would like shared with our community of faith? We have a prayer chain to pray for you! Prayer Angels are needed to be part of the prayer line. We grow closer as a faith community when we share each other's hopes, joys, pains and sorrows through intercessory prayer.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book to become a Prayer Angel. Your name will then be placed on a "Prayer Line" list. You will be notified of particular intentions for you to reflect and pray for. The amount of time you spend is up to you and can be done at your convenience.

Rosary Leaders

The mission is to lead the rosary before all weekend Masses, nothing is better than preparing for Mass by praying to our Mother Mary.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Serving as a rosary leader is a wonderful ministry. You are asked to show up 20 minutes prior to mass and to be done leading the rosary 5 minutes before Mass is set to begin. Training will be provided and all ministers are scheduled according to their Mass Preference. Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book.





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Music Ministry

“The Holy Family Music Ministry mission is to serve our parish by enhancing the worship experience, touching hearts and assisting people to grow in their relation with Jesus Christ.”

Cantors/Song Leader

The primary function of the cantor is to lead the assembly in song during the Mass or other parish services.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Singing ability is required and knowledge of the Catholic Mass is preferred. You must feel confident and comfortable leading the congregation on hymns and mass acclamations. Cantors rehearse either one hour during the week or just prior to their scheduled Mass time with their accompanist. Cantors are expected to attend a training session. Commitment varies as to your availability and needs of the parish. Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book.

Accompanist (Pianist/Organist)

The primary function of the accompanist is to assist the cantor to lead the assembly in song during the Mass or other parish services.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Accompaniment skills are required and knowledge of the Catholic Mass is preferred. Rehearsals with cantors or singing groups occur one hour during the week or just prior to the scheduled Mass time. Accompanists are expected to attend a training session. Commitment varies as to your availability and needs of the parish. Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book.

Instrumentalists

Instrumentalists (guitars, woodwinds, strings, brass, and percussion) are always welcomed and will be incorporated to enhance the worship experience.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: The ability to read music is required. Rehearsals will occur one hour during the week or just prior to the scheduled Mass time. Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book.

Adult Praise Team

Adult Praise Team is a small group of musicians that praise God through Contemporary Christian worship music. The group welcomes vocalists, acoustic guitar, bass guitar, keyboard and percussion.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Open to adults 18 and older. Ability to read music is required. This group sings twice a month at various Mass times and at other parish services. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 6:00pm - 7:00pm and one hour prior to the scheduled Mass time. Sign up on the commitment form in the back on this book.

Adult Choir

The primary function of the adult choir is to enhance the liturgy and lead the assembly in song. The musical repertoire ranges from traditional hymns to spirituals and contemporary choral.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Open to adults 18 and older. This group sings twice a month at the 9:00am Mass from mid-Sept. thru mid-May and at the special liturgical celebrations throughout the year. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:00pm—8:15pm and one hour prior to the scheduled Mass time. New members are welcome to join at any time. You may join choir for Christmas and Easter only if you cannot commit for the entire year. Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book.





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Children's Choir

Choir allows children the opportunity to participate in the Mass and learn basic concepts of how music contributes to the liturgy. Most importantly, they will praise God through music!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Open to children in grades K—6th. This choir sings at Christmas Eve and Easter each year. Rehearsals are to be determined. Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book.

Faith Formation

The Church recognizes parents and guardians as their child's primary and principle educators. Faith Formation classes are offered for students in grades Preschool through 12th grade in order to assist parents and guardians in providing religious education for their children.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Registration for Faith Formation & Youth Ministry classes is held in August. Classes start in September and go through May. Class times are as follows: Wednesdays 6:30pm—7:30pm

Faith Formation Volunteers

Faith Formation Volunteers assist the Director of Faith Formation with events, hall monitoring, substituting when needed, and other needs that arise during the year.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Individuals may contact the Parish office or sign up on the commitment form located in the back of this book to be a Faith Formation Volunteer. Diocesan clearance and Safety Environment Training completion is required of all volunteers.

Youth Praise Team

Youth Praise Team is a small group of youth that praise God through contemporary worship music. The group welcomes vocalists and instrumentalists.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Open to youth in 7th—12th grades. This group sings once/month at the 11:00am Mass times. Members may join at any time. Rehearsal time will be determined by the group. Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book.

Catechists

A catechists is someone who will hand on their faith to others. Catechists need to have a good understanding of the Church's teachings, have the ability to share their own living faith and are willing to spend time with children and youth in a formal setting to carry out the work of catechesis; Instruction, Education and Faith Formation.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book to teach. Substitute teachers are also needed due to illness or other obligations of regular catechists. Training and materials are provided to catechists. Diocesan clearance and Safety Environment Training completion is required of all Catechists.





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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a ministry offered for young children during Mass where they learn about the Sunday scripture readings. Catechists read the Sunday readings, lead an activity based on those readings and close the session with prayer.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Children ages 3-6 are welcome to join us for the Children's Liturgy of the Word held during the 9:00AM Sunday Mass. Pre-registration is not required to attend. Individuals who would like to teach should sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book. Materials and lesson plans are provided. Teens are also needed to assist the Catechists and should also sign up on the commitment form located in the back of this book. Diocesan clearance and Safety Environment Training are required for all Catechists.

Youth Ministry Leadership (9-12 grade)

We reach out to the youth in the parish to help build a strong foundation for a mature faith and prepare them to "go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: 9-12 Grade students study the Bible and participate in service activities within the parish and community. Adult volunteers are needed to help lead classes, assist with service projects or help drive students to and from events. Diocesan clearance and Safety Environment Training completion is required for all adult volunteers. Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book to be an adult volunteer.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is a morning program offered for 5 days in June for children completing Kindergarten through 5th grade. VBS offers children an opportunity to learn more about Jesus' love for them through music, drama, games, and crafts. We end the week with a potluck dinner and program showcasing all that we've learned to our family and friends!

VBS is a wonderful ministry for adults, high school and middle school students looking for an opportunity to share their faith with young children. Youth volunteers supervise children as they attend different stations throughout the morning while adult volunteers lead each of the stations.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Registration for VBS is in the spring. Forms are available in the Parish office and website during this time. Youth volunteers are needed the week prior to VBS to decorate and prepare materials. Adult volunteers attend an evening training session. All adult and youth volunteers need to be available the mornings of VBS. Diocesan clearance and Safety Environment Training completion is required for all adult volunteers. Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book to be a volunteer.

That Man is You

That man is you! Honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Open to all men! You can join us anytime.



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Sacristan

Sacristans are behind the scenes prior to the celebration of Mass and special liturgies to make the Mass or other service meaningful, spiritual, and efficient. Assisted by the Priest, Sacristans take care of the set up for each liturgy. They do everything from turning on the lights to finding the correct readings for the day.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: This ministry is open to individuals as well as couples. Training is provided. Sacristans are asked to arrive to set up at least 30 minutes before Mass. All ministers are scheduled according to their Mass preferences. Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Ministers of the Eucharist share the Body and Blood of Christ with their fellow worshipers in the assembly.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Ministers must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic. These individuals must have a willingness to be of service to the community founded in the love of God. Every 3 years you must attend a mandatory training to renew your mandate. All ministers are scheduled according to their Mass preferences. Training is provided. Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book.

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee promotes the mission of our parish by fostering stewardship as a way of life within all aspects of the parish community. They recognize that stewardship is not about the Churches' need to receive but an individual's need to give.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Sign up on the commitment form located in the back of this book and you will be contacted with more information.

Lectors (Proclaimers)

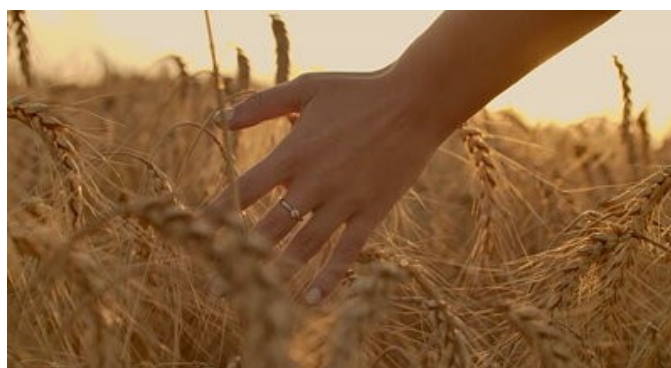
These ministers are responsible for providing a prayerful and powerful proclamation of the Word of God at Weekend Masses and for special liturgical celebrations.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: This ministry is for those of great faith and devotion to God's Word. Proclaimers are expected to have a clear voice and the ability to project their voice well. Ministers will be provided a workbook by the church to prepare for the readings of the day. All ministers are scheduled according to their Mass preferences. Training is provided. Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book.

Altar Servers

These young boys and girls come to assist the priest and deacons during the Mass. It is an opportunity for full, active, conscious participation in our liturgies. This is a great ministry for children to be involved in that will help them become more involved as they get older.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Servers must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. Training must be completed before they can serve. They should arrive 20 minutes before Mass. All ministers are scheduled according to their Mass preferences. Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book.





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Human Needs Committee

The Human Needs Committee meets quarterly or as needed to aid the Pastor in following the gospel mandate to meet the needs of the poor within our community, our nation, and the world. The committee coordinates the parish ministries listed below:

HUMAN NEEDS EVENT VOLUNTEER: The Human Needs Committee seeks the help of parishioners to aid with events throughout the year. Volunteers are contacted by a committee member to help as projects take place.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: If you are interested in being a member of the committee, or an event volunteer, sign up on the commitment form located in the back of this book.

Human Needs Projects

- Lenten soup suppers
- Partnering with Spaghetti Dinner Team fundraiser
- Baby bottle campaign for Women's Pregnancy Center
- Mother's Day Rose Sale
- Rummage Sale, partnering with Holy Family – St. Mary's School
- Share the Abundance Table partnering with Holy Family gardeners
- Angel Tree and Food Baskets for Christmas
- Bake Sale Fundraiser
- Monetary donations and assistance to support local, national and world organizations.



Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers an experience designed to give married couples the opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that they can use for the rest of their lives. It's a chance to look deep into their relationship sharing their feelings, hopes and dreams with each other and with God. The weekend provides a conducive environment for couples to spend time together, away from the distractions and tensions of everyday life, while encouraging them to focus on each other and their relationship. Every marriage deserves that kind of attention! Highly recommended by priests and couples in our parish.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Marriage Encounter weekends are organized and planned by the Diocese of Fargo. A married couple from Holy Family is needed to act as a liaison with the Diocese to learn more about and promote these weekends at our parish. Marriage Encounter weekends are held periodically in the Fargo area. There is a registration fee but no one is turned away for lack of funds. Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book if you are interested in becoming a liaison for Marriage Encounter.



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Pastoral Leadership on a Council or Commission

The pastor seeks advice and counsel from five leadership councils and commissions in order to guide the mission of the parish. Our five councils and commissions are: Pastoral/Finance Council, Stewardship Council, Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Commission, Human Needs Commission and Liturgy Commission. Each of these councils and commissions are responsible for an area of parish life and ministry. A council or commission is responsible for developing a strategic plan for ministries which fall under their responsibility, insuring that these plans are carrying out the mission and direction of the parish as set out by the Pastor and Pastoral/Finance Council.

Pastoral/Finance Council

The Pastoral/Finance Council is a consultative body that the Pastor can prayerfully reflect with and ask for assistance to guide the overall care and ministry of the parish, for recommendations for the parish's fiscal and temporal resources and for the enhancement of its mission. With the Pastor, the Council sets the mission and direction of the Parish.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book and you will be called when elections take place.



Outreach Ministry

Want to make a difference in someone's life ... Join us!

Outreach at Holy Family is an opportunity to use our gifts to serve and nourish our parish community. Outreach provides variety and "reaches in (stationary) and out (mobile)" by:

- Assist with Ministry of the Sick – communion visits to the homebound and hospitalized
- Assist with liturgy services (mass & communion services @ Valley Senior Living at 4000 & Cherry
- Provide activities for seniors:
 - WOW – social/play cards get together 3rd Wed each month
 - Speakers on topics: fitness, nutrition, dementia, etc.
- Grief support

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book.

MINISTER REQUIREMENTS: Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, hands-on training, Diocesan clearance and Safety Environment Training completion required.



SERVICE—LOVE IN ACTION



Launder Altar Linens

This responsibility is to provide clean altar linens for our Liturgies.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Volunteers pick up the altar linens once per week and launder them per instructions. The linens are returned and placed in the appropriate drawers located in the sacristy. Volunteers are scheduled monthly. Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book.

Baptismal Font Cleaning

This responsibility is to drain, clean and refill the baptismal font in the Sanctuary.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Volunteers drain, clean and refill the baptismal font per instructions. The font needs to be cleaned 4 times per year. Training is provided. Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book.

Office Angels

There are always plenty of things to be done to keep this parish community informed and running smoothly. This would include bulletin stuffing, preparing and assembling mailings, backup receptionist/assistant (answering the telephone and greeting visitors to the parish) and some computer work.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: This ministry takes place during normal working hours in the parish office. Training is provided. Time and commitment varies as needed. Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book.

Simple Stitches

This quilting group meets on the first and second Tuesdays of the month at 1:30pm

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book.

Baptismal Garments

A white baptismal garment is given to each child during their baptism at Holy Family. The garments are handmade by members of our parish.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Volunteers are needed to cut out and sew the garment. A pattern and fabric are supplied to you. Volunteers are also needed to embroider the small pater noster onto the baptismal garment. A pattern and thread are supplied to you. Sign up for either or both of these processes on the commitment form in the back of this book.

Christly Cleaners

Are you seeking some quiet time with God, yet want to help maintain His house? This solitude ministry would entail cleaning in the Church once a month as well as various other events and projects when we have to make God's house beautiful and clean.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Volunteers are needed once each month to dust, vacuum, clean windows, sweep, and mop as well as other various cleaning duties inside the church. Participation as a family is welcomed and encouraged. Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book.

Money Counters

Count the weekend collection Monday mornings after the 9:00am Mass.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book.

Winter Gala

The Winter Gala is a yearly fund raiser that benefits the Parish and school. Many opportunities exist for this event.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book to be contacted from a Winter Gala Committee member.



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Maintenance Martyrs (Grounds/Facilities)

Assist in keeping the grounds, buildings and equipment in such a way so as to provide the highest quality of safety and in a spiritually appropriate environment. If you have a special skill or talent, (carpentry, cabinet making, painting, electrician, etc.) there are often special projects that come up where an extra pair of hands would be helpful.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Individuals or groups of people would be called on to help with special projects as needed or as projects arise. Time commitment varies. Sign up on the commitment form located in the back of this book.

Bone Builders

A nationally recognized osteoporosis prevention exercise program for men and women of all ages. Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday's from 9:45am—10:45am in the Gather room

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Show up on one of the meeting days and participate

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization of Catholic men age 18 yrs. and up whose watch words are "Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism." The Knights support charities throughout the parish and community. They work with the parish priest and support religious vocations. **Meeting time:** first Thursday of every month at 7:00pm at Holy Family.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Simply become a Knight. Sign up on the commitment form located in the back of this book to be contacted about becoming a Knight.

Prayer Shawl Team

This group uses their creative skills to put together handmade lap blankets for a beautiful keepsake that is then given to someone in our parish who is seriously ill, grieving the loss of a loved one or just needs a little tender love and care.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: This work can be done at your home at your own convenience. We have yarn in the office for you, simply stop by, pick out your color of choice and crochet your best patterns. Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book.

Spaghetti Dinner

This annual event affords many opportunities to get involved. There are many ways for you and your family to serve others in this wonderful ministry.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Sign up on the commitment form located in the back of the stewardship book to be contacted to help with the Spaghetti Dinner held every spring.

Christmas Tea

Altar Society's only fundraiser has many volunteer opportunities including, but not limited to, committee work, donating baked goods, raffle ticket sales, clean-up, making lefse, etc.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book to be contacted from an Altar Society member.

Altar Society

Altar Society's purpose is to assist our Priest, the care of the sanctuary and the needs of the Eucharistic mass as well as encouraging fellowship in the many activities they host.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Sign up on the commitment form in the back of this book.

Home and School Association

Holy Family-St. Mary's Home & School Association (HSA) is made up of teachers and parents from Holy Family-St. Mary's Catholic School. The objectives of HSA are to support Catholic education and the welfare of all children in our school. HSA enhances the parent-teacher relationship by increasing knowledge of the education process and providing opportunities for parents and teachers to work together for the good of the children.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Sign up on the commitment form located in the back of this book to be contacted by a committee member.

Technology Committee

We are looking for technology inclined individuals who are willing to collaborate with others to help the school and church. The technology committee will be responsible for working with the Holy Family Church in the following areas: website, social media, live streaming, video/phone/network communications, and more. In addition, Holy Family—St. Mary's School could use help with live streaming and other various duties.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Sign up on the commitment form located in the back of this book to be contacted by a committee member.

Fall Dinner

This annual event to welcome back lake goers and celebrate the end of summer.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Sign up on the commitment form located in the back of this book to be contacted by a committee member

We Care

We Care is committed to the success of Holy Family-St. Mary's Catholic School by providing funds to enhance educational experiences for students and staff.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Sign up on the commitment form located in the back of this book to be contacted by a committee member

Building Committee

Baptism is the first Sacrament of Initiation. It is our entrance into the Church, when we become a child of God and receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit for the first time. Baptism can serve as a reminder to us that we are called to renew and deepen our faith through participation in the Mass, daily prayer and works of charity.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: The Church encourages parents to have their children baptized as soon as possible following their birth. The Baptism class can be taken before the child is born. Please contact Elizabeth in the parish office to arrange to take the preparation class and to schedule the baptism.

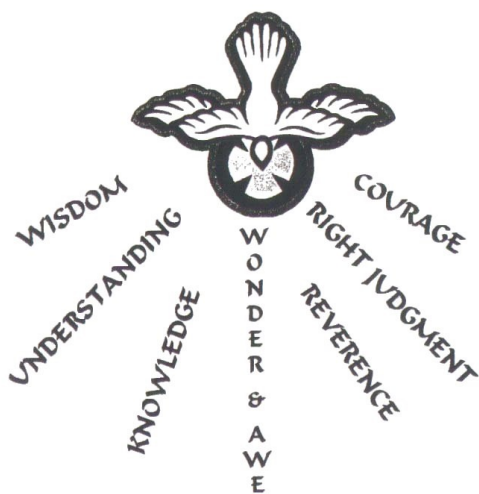


SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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First Reconciliation

Jesus gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a gift of His mercy and love to overcome our sins and be reconciled with God and His Church, the Body of Christ. In the 2nd grade, children prepare for and receive this sacrament. Students and parents prepare for First Reconciliation in several concrete ways that will help them come to know God as a forgiving Father who we seek regularly to forgive our sins.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Parents register their child for the sacraments when they register for Faith Formation classes in the fall. Information regarding the preparation and reception of the sacrament is given to them at this time.

Confirmation

Confirmation is the second of the Sacraments of Initiation and linked closely to the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. Confirmation completes and deepens the grace of Baptism. Because of the close relationship between these three sacraments, the Diocese of Fargo restored the ancient order of receiving the sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. In the 3rd grade, children prepare for and receive Confirmation and Eucharist. The reception of both sacraments is held in the spring. Students in 4th-12th grades who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation prepare for and receive this sacrament in the fall.

All students and parents preparing for Confirmation receive a basic understanding of the Holy Spirit, the gifts and fruits we receive from the Holy Spirit and how we are to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Eucharist (First Communion)

The Eucharist is the third of the Initiation Sacraments. The Eucharist is the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ; it is Christ Himself (CCC 1324). In the 3rd grade, children prepare for and receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. The reception of both sacraments is held in the spring. Students and parents preparing for their First Communion receive a deeper understanding of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

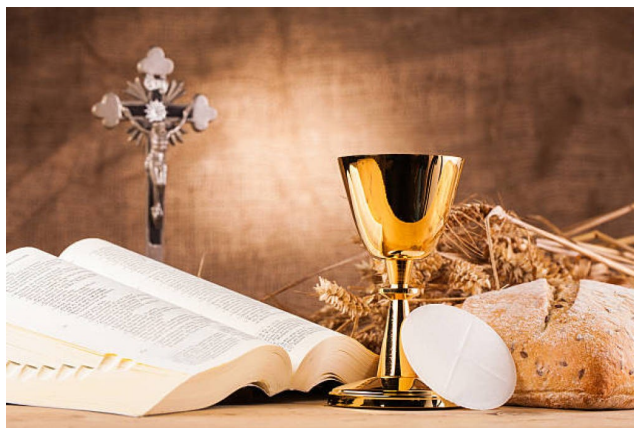
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Matrimony

The mutual love and fidelity promised in the Sacrament of Matrimony gives witness to the faithful love of God for his people. This sacrament is the basis for Christian family life. Couples preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony learn that unselfish love is the foundation for a happy marriage and a happy family.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Couples wanting to prepare for and receive the Sacrament of Matrimony need to contact the parish office to reserve their wedding date and to receive a packet of information needed for preparation. The priest will then contact you for a meeting and direction.



R.C.I.A./Inquiry

Christian Baptism for individuals age 5 and older is accomplished through the R.C.I.A. which is an acronym for the Roman Catholic Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This is the process the church uses to prepare anyone who has never been baptized for entry into the Roman Catholic Christian Faith. This catechetical process is also designed to prepare and welcome baptized members of other Christian denominations who wish to become Catholic and Catholics who have been away from the Catholic faith and wish to return, or just want a refresher on our Catholic faith, including those who wish to receive any missed sacraments needing to be in full union with the Church.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: There is always need for parishioner participation in this process. Sponsors are needed to share their time and talent with the formation team and with the candidates. Sign up on the commitment form located in the back of this book to join RCIA as a candidate or to be an RCIA sponsor.





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THE CATHOLIC THEOLOGY OF STEWARDSHIP

“As members of the Church, Jesus calls us to be disciples. This has astonishing implications:

Mature disciples make a conscious decision to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost.

Christian disciples experience conversion—life-shaping changes of mind and heart—and commit their very selves to the Lord...

Jesus’ disciples and Christian Stewards recognize God as the origin of life, giver of freedom, and source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another...

Jesus calls us, as his disciples, to a new way of life—the Christian way of life—of which Stewardship is part.

But Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually, by name. Each one of us = clergy, religious, lay person married, single’ adult, child—has a personal vocation. God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan...

This mission—proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church...

The challenge, then, is to understand our role—our vocation—and to respond generously to this call from God... Christ calls each of us to be stewards of our personal vocations, which we receive from God...

We must ask ourselves: Do we...wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ and Christian Stewards of our world and our Church?”

Excerpts from Stewardship: A disciple’s Response,
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Pastoral/Finance Council	N C L			
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<u>FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES</u>				
Children's Liturgy of the Word Catechist	N C L			
Faith Formation Catechist	N C L			
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Vacation Bible School Volunteer	N C L			
Youth Ministry Leadership	N C L			
<u>HOLY FAMILY MINISTRIES</u>				
Prayer Angels (Prayer Line)			N C L	
Prayer Shawl Ministry			N C L	
Human Needs Committee Member			N C L	
Human Needs Event Volunteer			N C L	
Simple Stitches			N C L	
Altar Society			N C L	
Outreach Ministry			N C L	
Parish Event Baker			N C L	
Funeral Committee—Luncheon			N C L	
Funeral Committee—Mass Helpers			N C L	
We Care			N C L	
Home and School Association			N C L	

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WORSHIP MINISTRIES

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Cantor/Song Leader	N	C	L
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Adult Praise Team	N	C	L
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Eucharistic Adoration	N	C	L
Greeters	N	C	L
Lector (Proclaimer)	N	C	L
Sacristans	N	C	L
Ushers	N	C	L
Rosary Leader	N	C	L

WORSHIP MINISTRIES CONTINUED

Altar Linens (Launder)	N	C	L
Art & Environment Team Member	N	C	L
Baptismal Font Cleaning	N	C	L
Baptismal Garment—Sewing	N	C	L

SOCIAL EVENTS MINISTRIES

Knights of Columbus	N	C	L
Sunday Morning Coffee Gathering	N	C	L
Spaghetti Dinner	N	C	L
Christmas Tea	N	C	L
Winter Gala	N	C	L
Fall Dinner	N	C	L

PROFESSIONS, SKILLS, AND TRADES MINISTRIES

Maintenance Martyrs	N	C	L
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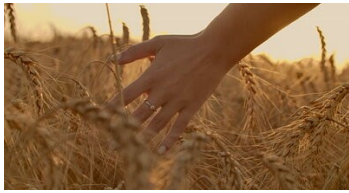
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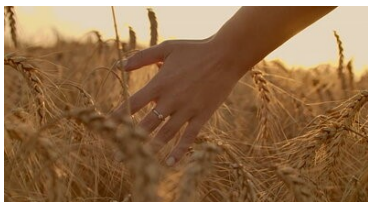
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Stewardship Prayer

Lord God, you alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of our universe and the mystery of human life. We praise your tender, faithful love. Everything we are and have is your gift and after having created us you have given us into keeping of your Son, Jesus.

Fill our minds with His truth and our hearts with His love that in the Spirit we may be bonded together into a community of faith, a parish family, a caring people. We commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, and our talent, our material gifts as an outward sign of the Treasure we hold, in JESUS, Amen.

