



2023 MINISTRY CATALOG

We are the Hands of Christ

Parish Organizations

The Pastor relies on three groups for assistance with pastoral leadership and planning: Parish Council, the Finance Committee, and the School Advisory Committee (SAC). The Parish Council serves as an advisory body to the Pastor. Parishioners are selected in the spring and serve a three-year term. The Finance Committee is required by Canon Law and is appointed by the Pastor. This committee has the responsibility to manage, maintain, and preserve the resources and finances of the parish. The SAC serves as an advisory body to the Pastor and School Principal on matters regarding school policies.

Parish Council

Meetings are ordinarily the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Parishioners are welcome to attend meetings.

Chairperson: Enid Heskins; enidheskins@gmail.com

Vice Chairperson: Florina Fernandez; leeflo4300@gmail.com

Finance Committee

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM.

Chairperson: Gary Sommer; gary@sommermail.com

School Advisory Committee (SAC)

Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 PM. (August -May)

Chairperson: Mallory Krish, Chairperson (2020); malloryclifford@me.com

ADMINISTRATION MINISTRY

Audit Committee

This committee consists of a minimum of three people who will conduct an internal audit of the parish financial records and internal controls each year after the end of the fiscal year. All findings and recommendations are reported back to the Finance Committee.

Chairperson: Justin Vetter; 599-9168; jvetter@lunsfordcapital.com

Property Management Committee

This committee has the responsibility to advise the Finance Committee regarding the managing and preserving of the parish buildings, mechanical equipment, and overall upkeep of the parish facilities and grounds. This committee reviews parish bid proposals. Meets on the 2nd Thursday at 6:00 PM every other month.

Chairperson:

Technology Committee

This committee has the responsibility to develop a technology roadmap for the parish, unifying technology purchases, and sharing infrastructure when possible. They have the challenge to advise and guide the Finance Committee on the management of all technology for the parish. Meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Chairperson: Chris Huber; christophermhuber@gmail.com

Legacy Committee

This committee supports active stewardship by creating lasting connections and offering additional giving opportunities to parishioners, school alumni, and the community at large. Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM.

Chairperson: Linda Carter; 551-6969; lindaqiescarter@gmail.com

Boosters

The Boosters ministry works throughout the year to raise funds to offset costs such as uniforms, facility maintenance, etc. Fundraisers include the summer Festival Homecoming, concessions, CSAA leagues, fish fries, and others. Booster events build parish community, and the funds raised support our youth athletics to build character through sports. Meetings are open to all parish members and are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Adult Space/Cafeteria.

Chairperson: Matt Carter; matticus03@gmail.com

Field Management

A part of the Boosters, this crew provides year-round maintenance for the Lourdes fields used by our youth and adult sports.

Contact: Mark Zurlage; 558-8321; kyhose@yahoo.com

Sports for Adults

Boosters offer adult athletic opportunities to all adult parishioners.

Volleyball Doug & Kim Prater; 376-4635; kanddprater@att.net

Kickball Brad & Morgan Wissing; 836-4623;

morgan.wissing@gmail.com

Basketball John Barber; 859-481-3182; barberjf@live.com

Fish Fries (during Lent – PTO & Boosters)

Held on the Fridays during the Lenten season. Volunteer opportunities include food prep, food service, food sales, carry-out, drive-through, children's activities, etc. Watch the bulletin and social media for sign-ups.

Contact: PTO: Maria Hawkins; 417-1582; mariabhawkins@gmail.com

Contact: Boosters: Matt Carter; matticus03@gmail.com

Festival Homecoming (June)

A summer festival with social activities, food, games, and family fun.

Chairperson: Matt Carter; matticus03@gmail.com

Octoberfest (Fall)

This newer fall festival features social activities, food, and family fun.

Chairperson: Matt Carter; matticus03@gmail.com

Gardening/Landscaping

Nature-loving people with green thumbs to be involved in the grounds beautification. Includes pruning, trimming, cutting, planting, watering, weeding, and raking areas on the parish grounds.

Chairperson: Dan Carter; 893-0464; dan@lourdeslandscaping.com

Money Counters

This ministry handles the counting of all weekend contributions. Teams of about 4 trustworthy parishioners count on Sunday mornings. Teams are assigned on a rotating basis, and each team would work one month each quarter.

Contact: Josh Blandford; 966-7223; joshb@ourlourdes.org

Weekend Security

Persons to unlock and lock the parish buildings on weekends and holidays. Time commitment is usually one weekend every eight weeks.

Contact:

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee is instrumental in the planning of community prayer and the celebration of the sacraments and weekend liturgies. Membership is made up of the Ministry Leaders in areas of worship. The Worship Committee meets the last Monday of every month at 7:00 PM.

Chairperson: Peggy Helm, 718-1770; pahelm2016@gmail.com

Altar Servers

Reverent, conscientious adults, teens, and pre-teens who prepare for and assist at Liturgies. Duties include presentation of the Missal for the priest, preparation of the altar, assistance in receiving the Eucharistic gifts, and preparing the sanctuary environment for the next gathering. Time requirement: advanced training plus arrival at church 15 minutes before an assigned service.

Contacts: Brad Wissing, BJWiss@yahoo.com

Art and Environment

This committee is responsible for decorating the church. Duties include the planning and coordinating of decorations (i.e., banners, candles, vestments, plants, flowers, etc.) for the current cycle of the liturgical year. Time required: varies based on the season.

Contact: Jane Sibler; 897-7533; janesibler@twc.com

Choral Groups, Musicians, Cantors

Contact: Debbie Beavin, debbieb@ourlourdes.org, 966-7218

Adult Choir

Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM. This is a wonderful stewardship opportunity for those experienced in choral singing and those interested in learning. There is a spirit of camaraderie in the choir with all members united through music, the ministry, and service to the parish and to God. If you love to sing...join the choir!

Hand Bell Choir

The Handbell Choir provides a beautiful enhancement to the liturgy using handbells. The Hand Bell Choir rings during Mass once each month between November and May and for special occasions. No prior music experience is required.

Cantors

Cantors serve to increase participation of the assembly in the singing and prayer of the liturgy. Cantors proclaim the psalms and gospel acclamation and encourage the assembly to participate more fully in the liturgical celebration. The ability to easily learn music, teach music to the assembly, and guide participation during mass are required. Rehearsal support and guidance are available as needed. Cantors are required to be at church 45 minutes before their scheduled mass.

Instrumentalists

Individuals who play instruments have a unique opportunity to share their talents through Music Ministry at weekend liturgies and special celebrations. Instrumentalists can join the musician ranks as an additional instrumental voice or as an added member of Our Lady of Lourdes' Contemporary Ensemble.

Resurrection Choir

This is a special choir that ministers only at funerals and memorial masses. This is a nice opportunity for retired persons, stay-at-home parent, and those with flexible daytime schedules to share their choral ministry as a voice of family and friends. The choir is notified as quickly as possible when a funeral is scheduled. Participation is based on your availability. All are Welcome!

Youth Choir

Lourdes' **Youth Choir** is composed of girls and boys in grades 4 to 8 who enjoy singing and desire to use their God-given voices to praise God and enhance our school and parish's liturgical celebrations. Rehearsals are on Friday afternoons from 1 pm to 2 pm in the church during the school year. The Youth Choir sings during each school Mass and during the monthly Youth Mass, celebrated at 11:30 am the third Sunday of each month. Auditions are not necessary. The only requirement is a desire to praise the Lord through song!

Church Garment Laundering

This ministry is responsible for laundering priest vestments and server albs as needed.
Contact:

Church Linens

This ministry is responsible for laundering altar cloths and purificators on a rotating basis, usually once a month.

Contact: Mary Ann LaFollette-893-9655 or Nancy Sparrow 594-4211

Cross Bearer

Cross Bearers carry the cross when processing and recessing during Mass and liturgical celebrations. Time requirement: advanced training plus arrival at church 15 minutes prior to an assigned service.

Contact: Emily Brown; emilyb@ourlourdes.org

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Outreach: Church, Homebound, Hospital, Nursing Home, Assisted Living)

These ministers distribute the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass and take the Eucharist to those in nursing homes and assisted living facilities as well as to those who are homebound and hospitalized at Baptist Health Louisville. Ministers are required to attend formation classes provided by Our Lady of Lourdes. Time requirement: advanced training plus arrival at church 15 minutes before an assigned service.

Contacts: Nancy Sparrow – Ministry Leader, all forms of outreach; 594-4211; nancyjsparrow@gmail.com

Funeral Ministry

Funeral Planning

Debbie Beavin; 966-7218; debbieb@ourlourdes.org

Bereavement Ministry

This ministry encompasses a year of support to bereaved family members that includes letters, cards, phone calls and resources.

Chairperson: Dana Eckert; 896-0241; danae@ourlourdes.org

Bereavement Meal Teams

Dana Eckert; 966-7219; danae@ourlourdes.org

God's Housekeepers

This ministry engages individuals who are willing to help with some cleaning in the sanctuary and cry room of the church; vacuuming and spot-cleaning pew cushions, dusting; and cleaning brass items within the church. This ministry is a shared responsibility among a team of volunteers, often on a rotating schedule. This could be the perfect ministry for a school parent or a retired individual since the work could be completed during the day.

Contact: Katie Downey; 558-3491; kbddjd@hotmail.com

Hospitality Ministers

Those who participate in this ministry are responsible for warmly greeting people as they arrive to worship and attending to the needs of the assembly throughout the celebration. Duties include greeting people, caring for individual needs, seating people, collecting offerings, distributing parish bulletins, and straightening the pews after mass. Time requirement: advanced training plus arrival at church 15 minutes before an assigned service.

Contact: Bruce Carter; 502-724-5266; bruce.carter87@gmail.com

Lectors

This ministry engages adults and youth who proclaim the word of God! Training and rehearsal support are provided to ensure preparation to cover all aspects of this service, including processional guidance and timing to approach the ambo. Coaching specific to

vocal and enunciation skills, required to proclaim with clarity and reverence, is also provided. Time requirement: advanced training plus arrival at church 15 minutes before an assigned service.

Contact: Linda Carter; 551-6969; lindagiescarter@gmail.com

Sacristan (Mass Coordinator)

Serving in this ministry requires a calm determination and attention to detail. Along with preparing the bread and wine, vessels, and elements needed for mass, the sacristan also ensures that all liturgical ministers who have been scheduled for mass are in attendance, including the lectors, greeters, servers, cross-bearers, and candle bearers. The sacristan finds replacements from the assembly to cover for any missing ministers and identifies gift bearers. Time requirement: advanced training plus arrival at church 45 minutes before an assigned service.

Contact: Peggy Helm; 718-1770; pahelm2016@gmail.com

Super Greeters

These ministers extended a warm and cheerful greeting to each individual as they arrive at church to attend a service. Warm hospitality is the first act of ministry at worship! It requires outgoing, friendly persons to help people feel welcome as we gather for Eucharist and other liturgical celebrations. Duties include greeting people and handing out programs as necessary. Time requirement: advanced training plus arrival at church 15 minutes prior to an assigned service.

Contact: Walt McKeever; 819-6012; valter52@twc.com

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

Adult Faith Formation Team

Anyone interested in ongoing formation and education for adults. The committee usually meets four times each year and helps to plan and develop adult faith formation offerings. The Parish Mission is also part of this committee's responsibility.

Contact: Doug Wolz; 966-7215; dougw@ourlourdes.org

Faith Club

This Archdiocesan faith group is designed to foster the social and catechetical needs of adults with mild mental disabilities. The Our Lady of Lourdes Club meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, September through June.

Contact: Autumn Geraghty; 618-1028; autumn.geraghty@jefferson.kyschools.us

Marriage Preparation Sponsor Couples

Sponsor couples are needed to meet with a small number of engaged couples in their home for four sessions as part of this parish-based marriage preparation program. This is a wonderful opportunity for both spiritual and marital growth.

Contact: Debbie Beavin; 896-0241; debbieb@ourlourdes.org TBD

RCIA Adult Team (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Facilitate small group discussions that help participants to deepen their knowledge and awareness of God in their lives by presenting material on different topics. Team meetings are approximately every six weeks. Time requires: RCIA meets weekly but team members rotate responsibilities with two months on and four months off between rotations.

Contact: Doug Wolz; 966-7215; dougw@ourlourdes.org

MOMS – Ministry of Mothers Sharing

Seeks a group coordinator for each of the following:

Fall – outreach project

Spring – Fun & social

Summer – fire department spray picnic

Chairperson: Lori Speicher; 554-6128; lorivspeicher@gmail.com

RCIA Children's Team

This opportunity is for school-aged children can participate in the process of full initiation into the Catholic community. Usually offered on Sunday mornings, twice a month, beginning in September and continues through May. Catechists and aids needed.

Contact: Doug Wolz; 966-7215; dougw@ourlourdes.org

RCIA Sponsor

A supportive person who is willing to share his/her faith and time with inquirers interested in joining the Catholic Church. Time required: meet with the group on Wednesdays each week and presence at the Rite of Acceptance, Rite of Election, some Sundays, and Easter Vigil.

Contact: Doug Wolz; 966-7215; dougw@ourlourdes.org

Small Group Facilitators

Each fall and during Lent the option is available to participate in a small group. Facilitators are needed to provide leadership for each group. Materials are often, but not only, chosen by the group. Training is provided as needed.

Contact: Doug Wolz; 966-7215; dougw@ourlourdes.org

Sewing

Individuals are needed to sew Baptismal bibs and to hand or machine embroidery the bibs. Materials and instructions are provided. Special projects may be offered as well.

Chairperson: Jennifer Stratman; Jennifer Stratman; 996-5342; jennifers@ourlourdes.org

Children's Faith Formation Team

Anyone interested in ongoing formation and education for children in our parish. The committee meets and helps to plan and improve our faith formation offerings for children.

Contact: Jennifer Stratman; 996-5342; jennifers@ourlourdes.org

Baptism Preparation Leaders

Individuals or couples work to prepare families for the sacrament of Baptism. Training provided. Time required: one or two baptisms per year, which includes preparation session, rehearsal, and actual baptism.

Contact: Jennifer Stratman; 996-5342; jennifers@ourlourdes.org

Religious Education (Catechists, Assistants, Sacrament Preparation Teachers)

Men and women (generally age 16 or older) who are energetic and interested in passing our Catholic faith on to the next generation. RE is offered on Sundays, 10:00–11:15 AM, September to April. A small stipend is given. Catechist duties include: weekly class preparation and 1 hour, 15 minutes teaching. Curriculum is provided. Also opportunities for helping RE Director coordinate speakers, outreach projects, social activities, and social justice awareness.

Contact: Jennifer Stratman; 996-5342; jennifers@ourlourdes.org

Vacation Bible School

Men and women (generally 13 years and older) willing to share faith through crafts, music, games, scripture, and prayer for children ages 4 years old through rising 5th grade. Usually held the 3rd week of June, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM. Curriculum provided. Coordinators and assistants also needed in various capacities. Part-time help also welcome. We will match your talents with our needs. Preparation begins in January.

Contact: Jennifer Stratman; 996-5342; jennifers@ourlourdes.org

Youth Ministry

Adults over age 21 are needed to journey with, and well as pray with and for, the junior high and high school age youth of our parish. All adults (18+) who work with youth must have completed the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Training and have a current background check on file with the Parish Office.

Adult Mentor/Chaperone

Help organize and chaperone youth activities and gatherings throughout the year.

Confirmation Team

Teams of two adults lead groups of six to eight youth who are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. Materials and preparation are provided.

Core Team

This is a team of 3 to 4 adults to assist in carrying out the vision of Youth Ministry; this is a 2-year commitment.

Junior High

Comprehensive social, spiritual, and outreach programming according to the *Renewing the Vision* USCCB document for 7th & 8th grade youth offered throughout the year.

Mission Trip

Youth Ministry coordinates these trips with Catholic Heart Work camp and Hand in Hand Ministries to spend a week working on the most needed projects around the community. Parents and adults are always needed to join us as participating chaperones. Adults who attend must have completed the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Training, have a current background check, and must be willing to model faith for our youth.

Retreats

This is a special way to get away from our daily routine, have an opportunity to celebrate our faith, and learn new ways to pray. Retreats are held in the fall and spring.

Senior High

Comprehensive social, spiritual, and outreach programming according to the *Renewing the Vision* USCCB document for all high school age youth offered year round.

Scout Leaders

Adults needed to serve as leaders, assistant leaders, and merit badge counselors.

Cub Scouts *Collin Linebach; 793-1132; cdline2@gmail.com*

Boy Scouts *Andy Puffer; 459-2500; apuffer@live.com*

Girl Scouts *Ann Russo; 895-7956; annkrusso@att.net*

PARISH SCHOOL MINISTRY

School Advisory Committee (SAC)

Meetings are on the 1st Monday of the month (August–May) at 6:30 PM.

Chairperson: Jessica Gernert; gernertj@gmail.com

Parish School Ministry

Parishioners needed to assist in the school library, art class, computer class, cafeteria, and other areas.

Contact: Morgan Wissing; 895-5122; morganw@ourlourdes.org

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

Provides support and service to our Parish School and operates as a committee of the school. They sponsor events and activities to build community. School parents are automatic members of the PTO and are encouraged to get involved.

Chairperson: Maria Hawkins; 417-1592; mariabhawkins@gmail.com

Athletic Committee

This ministry is led by the Athletic Director, along with a group of officers who are elected annually. Membership is open to all men and women of the parish who wish to organize, promote, and support the various parish sports programs.

Athletic Director: Tyler Whitchurch; tylerw@ourlourdes.org

Athletic Coach

The primary goal is to teach basic skills and positively reinforce the self-image of each team member.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee is dedicated to strengthening and nurturing our responsibility to serve and assist all of God's people. Meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00 PM.

Chairperson: Tony Taylor; 930-2450; outreach@ourlourdes.org

Threads of Love

This sewing ministry combines talent, passion, and resources to support the neonatal intensive care unit of the children's hospital, St. Joseph of Arimathea Ministry, and other hospitals in the surrounding area. Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM in the parish center.

Contact: Mary Jane Miller; 899-3406; maryjanemiller@twc.com

Contact: Sally Farris; 425-3380; sallykfarris@hotmail.com

Hand in Hand Panera Pick-up

Individuals volunteer one day a month to take the left over baked goods from the Panera in The Springs and deliver to Wayside Christian Mission. Subs are also needed.

Contact: Jan Bloemer; 897-1412; bloemerl@bellsouth.net

Knights of Columbus, Ave Maria Council 15931

Established in April of 2014, this council is part of the national organization of 1.8 million Catholic men 18 years of age or older. Business meetings are on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM; social meetings are on the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 PM.

Contact: Membership Chair Kevin Nagel; 494-2976; jknagel12@gmail.com

Outreach Assistance Fund “Call Takers”

Individuals work with families that need financial assistance from the parish for rent or utilities; the families must be working through one of the area ministerial associations.

Contact: Tony Taylor; outreach@ourlourdes.org

Red Cross Blood Drives

Coordinates with the Red Cross to operate blood drives at OLOL once every two months, and organizes donors.

Contact: Nancy Sparrow; 594-4211; nancyjsparrow@gmail.com

Soup Kitchen

Individuals serve meals at St. Vincent de Paul soup kitchen, 5:00–5:30 PM (1st & 3rd Saturday, 2nd Sunday, 3rd Monday, and 4th Thursday) and 12:00–12:30 PM (3rd Sunday).

Contact: Marie Pierce; 893-9022; mariedeibelpierce@gmail.com

Advent Giving

Prepare agency and individual requests for items, deliver gifts, and ensure that all needs are filled. Time required: four meetings over a three month period prior to Christmas.

Chairperson: Christine Kesler; kesler3613@gmail.com

Lenten Giving

Prepare agency requests for items; deliver gifts; and ensure that all requests are filled. Time required: two meetings in February.

Chairperson: Katie Furlong; 895-4755; cmfurlong@aol.com

St. Baldrick’s (spring – sponsored by Outreach & Boosters)

This event is held once a year, usually in the spring and is supported by Boosters. All proceeds raised benefit the St. Baldrick’s organization which funds research to cure children’s cancers. Volunteers are needed for the committee that puts on the event where participants shave their heads or cut their hair for pledges/donations.

Chairperson: Tricia Fike; 409-1437; tricia.fike@rscs.com

Mother’s Day Baby Shower (May – sponsored by Outreach)

Annual collection of diapers and other baby items for Catholic Charities.

Chairperson: Marty Murphy; 552-1925; mmurphy3601@yahoo.com

Yard Sale (June – sponsored by Outreach)

Parishioners are encouraged to support this event through the donations of material goods, personal time, or monetary gifting. All proceeds from the sale benefit outside charities. Time required: 4–8 hours during the week prior to the sale and 2–6 hours on the event day.

Chairperson: Kathy Paper; kathympr@aol.com

Rosebud Native American Mission Collection (June – sponsored by Outreach)

Annual collection in June or July for gently used clothing, furniture, and housewares. Items are boxed and loaded onto semi-trailers for delivery to the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Time required: 4–8 hours during the collection week.

Chairperson: Emily Fritz; 649-5384; efritz@lwcky.com

Nativity Academy Backpack Collection (July – sponsored by Outreach)

School supply collection for Nativity Academy at St. Boniface. Nativity is a Catholic preparatory middle school serving inner-city children of academic promise.

Chairperson: Jessica Gernert; gernertj@gmail.com

Thanksgiving Day Collection

Families and individuals bring requested items to Thanksgiving Day mass, which are donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

Chairperson: Walt McKeever; 458-1919; valter52@twc.com

Turkey Collection for Little Sisters of the Poor

Turkeys are collected in the parish parking lot during the weekend prior to Thanksgiving.

Chairperson: Marie Pierce; 893-9022; mariedeibelpierce@gmail.com

Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids

Unused eyeglasses and sunglasses are collected for the Lions Club. Collected hearing aids are reconditioned for use by individuals in need. Volunteer time needed is about one hour per month.

Chairperson: Marty Murphy; mmurphy3601@yahoo.com

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Health & Wellness Committee

The Health and Wellness Committee answers the Baptismal call to serve the Body of Christ by providing a holistic approach to the care of the mind, body, and spirit through prayer, education, and promotion of wellness throughout all stages of life to all the parishioners and the community. Subcommittees include Seniors, Nutrition, Pediatrics, Safety and Mental Health. Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM in the parish center.

Chairpersons: Frances Price; franceslprice01@gmail.com

Abigail Jacobs; abby_jo_07@hotmail.com

Blood Pressure Screening

Licensed health care professionals to provide screenings after masses on Hospitality Sundays. Other individuals to assist with organization and recruiting individuals to be screened. Time required: usually twice a year and possible attendance at a short workshop.

Chairperson: Kathy Monroe; 897-0571; kkeal@bellsouth.net

Homebound Ministry

Compassionate persons regularly visit homebound parishioners. Time required is flexible, as visitation varies.

Contact: Dana Eckert; 896-0241; danae@ourlourdes.org

Prayer Blankets

A sewing ministry that creates simple lap blankets to touch the lives of persons with chronic or serious illness.

Chairperson: Dana Eckert; 896-0241; danae@ourlourdes.org