

# Our Parish Ministries *at a glance*

## Our Parish Liturgical Ministries



### **Ushers & Greeters**

Ushers/greeters extend hospitality by greeting people as they arrive for Mass, collecting the offering and distributing weekly bulletins at the end of the Sat/Sun Masses. **If you are interested in becoming an usher, contact Bill Keuper at 513-485-7474 or keuperbill@gmail.com.**

### **Offertory Procession**

If you or your family are interested in participating in this ministry, let one of the ushers know when you arrive for Mass. They'll explain what you need to do. **This is a great ministry to do as a family by introducing your children or grandchildren to the importance of participating in the Liturgy in a tangible way.**

### **Sacristan**

Sacristans work quietly behind the scenes making sure the water, wine and bread are ready and in place for the start of each Mass. In addition, they keep the Sacristy and altar area clean and in order, keep the holy water fonts clean and full and launder and iron the altar cloths. Being a sacristan requires that you are capable of performing light housekeeping tasks (like dusting, vacuuming, etc), are reliable and able to come to the church during regular work week office hours. **If you are interested in learning more, contact the parish office at 513-521-7387.**

### **Lectors**

Lectors assume the responsibility of clearly proclaiming the Word of God in the scripture readings at Mass. Training is required and will be provided. **Contact the parish office, 513-521-7387 for questions or to be scheduled for training.**

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Eucharistic ministers may assist with distribution of Holy Communion during Mass and/or take Holy Communion to parishioners who are sick, homebound or in nursing homes. Training is required and will be provided. **Contact the parish office, 513-521-7387 for questions or to be scheduled for training.**

### **Altar Servers**

Altar servers are boys and girls who are called to serve at Mass beginning in the 5th grade or at age 10. Older children and adults of any age are also welcome to assist with this important ministry. Adults may want to consider joining this ministry with their children or grandchildren. There is a great need for servers at all Masses. Training is required and will be provided. **Contact the parish office, 513-521-7387 for questions or to be scheduled for training.**

### **Cross Bearers**

Cross bearers carry the crucifix and lead the processional of the altar servers, lector and priest to the altar as well as during the recessional at the conclusion of Mass. **Contact the parish office, 513-521-7387 if you are interested in participating in this ministry.**

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## Our Parish Music Ministries



### **Cantors/Song Leaders**

The cantor/song leader helps to lead the congregation in song during the Sunday and special liturgies. A strong singing voice is required as the cantor/song leader may sing as a soloist or as part of a small group. **If interested, speak to George Becker directly or contact him through the parish office, 513-521-7387.**

### **Contemporary Music Group**

The Contemporary Music Group at St. Margaret Mary leads the congregation in song on the second Sunday of the month during the 10 a.m. Mass. Anyone who is interested in being a part of the Contemporary Music Group as a singer or musician can **contact Pam Windisch, 513-521-7537 for more information.**

### **Funeral Choir**

Losing a loved one is a time when the presence and support of a worshipping community is valued. St. Margaret Mary parish is blessed to have a funeral choir that ministers to bereaved families by leading the singing at Masses of Christian Burial. This is especially appreciated when the family and circle of friends of the deceased is small. Since every choir member cannot attend every funeral, there can never be too many members! Consider lending your voice to this important ministry. **Contact George Becker, 513-742-2173 for details.**

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## **Adult Faith Formation at St. MM**



### **R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

R.C.I.A. is a process developed for prospective adult converts to the Catholic faith. Team members assist the Faith Formation Director with the administration of the program. Those who are interested in learning about the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church are encouraged as they proceed on this Journey of Faith. **Contact the Faith Formation Director through the parish office, 513-521-7387 about becoming a team member or a candidate for entering the Catholic Church.**

### **Catholics Come Home**

Catholics Come Home is a program designed for those who are interested in coming back into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you are interested in learning more, or discussing the program, **contact the Faith Formation Director through the parish office, 513-521-7387.**

### **Tuesday Morning Scripture Study**

The study group meets in the Scripture Study Room (Rm. 20) of the Parish Activity Center on Tuesday Mornings at 10 a.m. to read and reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings and to pray for topics brought to our attention, including parishioners who ask for prayers. All are welcome. **Contact the Faith Formation Director through the parish office, 513-521-7387.**

### **Dynamic Catholic Book Club**

Dynamic Catholic Book Club meets in the Parish Activity Center (Rm. 20) on the third Tuesday of the month to discuss the current book being read by the group. **Contact the Faith Formation Director through the parish office, 513-521-7387.**

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## Youth Faith Formation



### **Children's Liturgy of the Word (C.L.O.W.)**

C.L.O.W. takes place during the school year at the Sunday 10 a.m. Mass and is designed especially for children ages 4 to 10. Children are called forward and dismissed to hear the readings at their level of understanding, returning to their parents after the Intercessions. Helpers, including Jr. High and High School parishioners, are needed and welcomed to assist with the program. Adults, age 18 and over must be SafeParish certified (Archdiocese child protection program). **Contact the parish office, 513-521-7387 if you have questions about the program, including if you are interested in helping or becoming part of the leadership.**

### **Parish Religion Education Program (P.R.E.P.)**

The P.R.E.P. program is for the religious education and faith formation of parish children grades 1–8 who attend public school. P.R.E.P. is currently offered on Sunday mornings. If necessary, a plan can be created for individuals and their parent/guardian through home school supervision during the school year. **Contact the parish office, 513-521-7387 for information.**



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## Our Parish Prayer Ministries



### Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain at St. Margaret Mary is there for anyone who wants or needs prayers. Our purpose is to provide strength and healing through prayer, but also to let others know they are not alone. You can be a part of this ministry through e-mail or a phone chain. **If you would like to pray for those in need, please contact Linda Lech at 513-729-5420.**

### Rosary Group

The purpose of this group is to offer prayer and praise to Our Lady by praying the Rosary, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary and by singing hymns. The Rosary Group gathers every first Friday at 3 p.m. in the Church. It is open to all—everyone is invited to join us in prayer and song. **For more information, contact Linda Lech 513-729-5420.**

### Vocation Cup

Parishioners at St. Margaret Mary are encouraged to pray for vocations by signing up for the Vocation Cup for a period of one week. The Vocation Cup is a visible reminder in the home to pray and offer sacrifices for vocations, asking Our Lord to send laborers for His Church.

Sign ups may also be repeated during the year. The sign-up book is located in the Vocation Corner in the rear of Church in the Holy Family Room. **For more information, contact Linda Lech 513-729-5420.**

### Cursillo

The Cursillo is an official world-wide movement of the Catholic Church, and it is supported by the Holy See. The purpose of the Cursillo is to help each person come to a better understanding of how much God loves them. As people discover the deep love of Jesus, they develop a natural desire to follow Him.

The Cursillo utilizes a method for pursuing a continuous and progressive conversion to Christ, and it consists of leading a balanced life of piety, study and action. The Cursillo encourages people to share their faith with friends in small prayer groups, recognizing the challenges of living as a disciple of Jesus and the dangers of trying to do it alone. By encouraging and supporting one another in small friendship groups, each person is better able to live the Gospel in his or her everyday life.

Many people from St. Margaret Mary are involved with Cursillo and living the method the Cursillo promotes. **For more information, contact the parish office 513-521-7387.**

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## **Ministries of, by and for the Men of the Parish**



### **Men's Saturday Morning Prayer Group**

On Saturday mornings from 8–9:30 a.m., a men's prayer group meets in Rm. 20 or 21 of the PAC to encourage and support one another in their individual efforts to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Together they share their faith, pray together and reflect upon the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**For more information, contact the parish office 513-521-7387.**

### **Men's Interfaith Community Prayer Breakfasts**

The Men's Interfaith Community Prayer Breakfasts take place on Saturday mornings several times during the year. All men of the parish are invited to attend this ecumenical gathering of men from all churches in the community. Enjoy a morning of prayer, faith sharing and fellowship. The location of the breakfast rotates among the participating churches. Watch the bulletin and calendar for the next scheduled date for this event.

**For more information, contact Rick Schoettmer, 513-542-0985.**

### **PGA (Parish Golf Association), for men and women**

Active from mid-April through mid-October on Friday evenings. Adults 21 and older.

**For more details, contact Bill Johansing, 513-262-8947.**

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## Our Parish Marriage Ministry



The mission of the Marriage Ministry is to assist the priest with preparing our engaged couples for marriage, with the intention of encouraging fruitful and lasting marriages. The engaged couple will meet with a married couple from the parish who has been trained to administer an inventory for marriage preparation called the FOCCUS. After this is complete, the engaged couple and married couple meet again for discussion on the topics from the FOCCUS.

St. Margaret Mary's Marriage Ministry also sponsors an annual recognition of all couples in the parish who are celebrating milestone anniversaries of 25, 50, 55, 60 and 65 years. The couples are given special recognition at a Sunday Mass, followed by a reception for the couples and their guests in Madonna Hall.

**If you have questions or an interest to get involved with this ministry, please contact Linda Lech, 513-729-5420.**

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## Our Parish Bereavement Ministry



The mission of the Bereavement Ministry is to provide comfort and solace to those who have lost a loved one. Bereavement members assist grieving families with the preparation of their loved one's funeral liturgy, helping them select the readings and hymns for the Funeral Mass which are taken from a handbook from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Bereavement members are also present for the families on the day of the Funeral Mass.

The Bereavement Ministry also helps to coordinate the Mass of Remembrance of the Deceased of St. Margaret Mary, held each year on the Sunday closest to the Feast of All Souls, when families of those who died during the past year are invited to come forward and light a candle in honor of their loved one as their names are read from the pulpit.

Members of the Bereavement Ministry feel it is an honor and a blessing to be there for our parish families in their time of grief. It is with a compassionate heart that they perform one of the works of Mercy.

**If you are interested in learning more about this special ministry and how you can participate, please contact Linda Lech at 513-729-5420.**



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## **Society of St. Vincent De Paul at St. Margaret Mary**



### **Are you ready to change lives...yours and others?**

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul work to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to our neighbors in need. Vincentians are parish-based volunteers, young and old, men and women from all walks of life, all blessed with an awareness that our blessings should be shared with our brothers and sisters in need. Wherever there is a need, Vincentians go two-by-two to do what they can to ease the physical and emotional suffering of their neighbors. Sometimes we can only listen and offer comfort, but often we provide material assistance.

You decide how much time you can give. Even just a few hours of your time are very precious to those in need.

Vincentians are not professionally trained social workers. We serve as Jesus did with unconditional love. We pray with our neighbors, we listen, we care.

The neighbors we serve need your talents, your know-how, your concern, your love. We all have gifts to contribute and together we can make a real difference in our neighbors' lives.

We help get problems solved. We respond to emergency needs for food, clothing, furniture, rent, utilities, and medication.

We promote dignity and respect. Neighbors in need are met on an equal basis, at their level, never looked down upon, and always as our brothers and sisters in Christ.

It is easy to join! The only qualification is a desire to join with others to grow in faith and help those in need for the love of God.

### **We need you now!**

Volunteers are needed who can help with any of these tasks:

- Gathering information by phone
- Visiting neighbors in their homes
- Helping in the parish food pantry
- Organizing donation drives
- Communicating with the parish
- Entering and maintaining client data
- Maintaining resource/referral list

**Contact Danny Amshoff, president, at 513-741-9007 for information about how you can get involved.**

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## St. Margaret Mary Fundraisers



### Casino Night

Casino Night is an event for those 21 and over. Patrons enjoy games of chance and cards, (Poker, Black Jack and Texas Holdem' etc.). Food and drink are included with admission. Casino Night takes place on the Saturday before Ash Wednesday. Parishioners are encouraged to volunteer for this major fundraiser. **Contact Jenni Petrey, 513-521-7387 for more information.**

### Kroger Community Rewards

This is the easiest way to help our parish earn money! When you shop at Kroger or an affiliate store, the parish automatically receives a percentage back in rewards. You must register your KrogerPlus card online and then it is as simple as presenting your KrogerPlus card at checkout like you already do.

Log in to your online Kroger account, go to Account Settings, scroll down to Community Rewards. Our NPO# is 80236. **Or contact Jenni Petrey in the parish office, 513-521-7387 and she will help you register.**

### Sizzlin' Summer Split-the-Pot

This split the pot raffle is drawn during the summer parish parking lot picnic which takes place in August. Volunteers are always needed to help with all aspects of the picnic as well as supporting the split-the-pot sales and baskets raffle. It's an opportunity for the parish to come together for fun and fellowship. **Contact the parish office, 513-521-7387 for information.**



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## Our Parish Leadership Ministries

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

The task of serving the parish community is the work of the entire parish under the leadership of the pastor. Together with his parish staff and the members of the Parish Pastoral Council, Commissions and Committees the pastor works in a spirit of unity to provide the ministries and programs that serve both the mission of the parish, the missions of the archdiocesan church, the universal church and now the parish family. In its most effective form, the Parish Pastoral Council is the vehicle by which the pastor and his pastoral staff consider and test their own ideas and proposals with a group that represents the entire parish community. It is the official listening post for the local parish community—the pastor listening to his people and the people listening to their pastor.

### **Finance Commission**

The Finance Commission's responsibility is to be aware of the financial condition of the parish and to keep the pastor, the Parish Pastoral Council and the parish advised. This includes reviewing and preparing annual budgets, providing an annual report to the parish, accounting of weekly collections and conducting annual stewardship appeals. The Commission is comprised of the pastor, business manager and 2-4 parishioners who are recommended and appointed by the pastor.

### **Worship Commission**

Worship Commission oversees the liturgical needs of the parish under the direction of the pastor with the goal of improving and maintaining the quality of parish liturgical celebrations. Areas of special interest include feast days, holy days, Lent, Advent, Rites of the Sacraments, and special celebrations. Worship Commission provides the recruitment, training and commissioning of parishioners for the liturgical ministries of Servers, Lectors and Extraordinary Distributors of Communion.

### **Communications Commission**

The Communications Commission oversees the communication, marketing and public relations needs of the parish. A main objective for the Commission is to provide and facilitate accurate and timely communication to, from and between parishioners, the community and the pastor. Communications Commission provides a Recording Secretary for all Parish Pastoral Council meetings and publishes the minutes of the monthly meetings in the bulletin.

### **Building & Grounds**

Building and Grounds is responsible for overseeing and maintaining the parish grounds and facilities. Projects are initiated on an as-needed basis or at the request of the pastor or Parish Pastoral Council. The Commission periodically organizes parishioners to assist with larger projects when possible.

### **Vocation Committee**

The Vocation Committee promotes vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life through awareness and committed prayer. Parishioners are given the opportunity to pray for vocations in two principal ways, by hosting the traveling Vocation Cup and by choosing a day of the month on which to pray or sacrifice for vocations.

If you are interested in learning more about any of the leadership roles in the parish or would like to know how to get involved, please **contact the parish office, 513-521-7387** and you will be put in touch with the appropriate contact person.