



## ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Blessed Heritage. Bold Future.



## Encounter and Serve the Lord at St. Michael Catholic Church

A growing parish and school in a growing community means so many opportunities to serve. We need volunteers for daily liturgies and annual events, as mentors for our youth, as catechists and rosary leaders, and more. Whatever your gifts, whatever your availability, we need YOU.

**Questions about service opportunities in our parish?** Contact Cindy Voitalla at 612-470-4398 or [cvoitalla@stmccatholicchurch.org](mailto:cvoitalla@stmccatholicchurch.org).

## **ALTAR & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

*Who: Adults*

*What: Service (Help)*

Committee members plan and evaluate liturgies, according to the liturgical calendar, working to foster a beautiful worship space, in accord with Catholic worship guidelines. They coordinate and care for the flowers and seasonal decorations inside and outside of the church. They also review the effectiveness and needs of the liturgical ministers. Those with a gift for decorating and/or have a green thumb for plants and flowers and that wish to deepen their knowledge of the liturgy enjoy this ministry.

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debbie.barthel@gmail.com*

*Karen Kessler: 763-295-5760 or  
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## **ALTAR SERVER**

*Who: Youth*

*What: Service (Help)*

The altar servers assist the priest presiding at Mass. There are different duties for each server, such as thurifer, crossbearer, and candlebearers. It is crucial that all altar servers are mature and reverent during Mass. Altar servers need to have been baptized, received the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist, and be in the sixth grade or older. We welcome both boys and girls that are dedicated and devoted to this ministry.

*Steve Long: 612-328-1544 or  
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cwaitalla@stmccatholicchurch.org*

## **ALTAR & SANCTUARY CLEANER**

*Who: All*

*What: Service (Help)*

Parishioners clean and dust statues, vigil lights, altar area, and baptismal font on a rotating basis, approximately once a month.

*Marion Robeck: 763-267-7769.*

## **AWAKENING RETREAT**

*Who: Adults*

*What: Encounter (Pray)*

Led twice a year by Father Brian Park, the Awakening Retreat and Tuesday evening followup sessions lead adults into deeper life in the Holy Spirit and provide practical ways to grow in faith, prayer, and discipleship.

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bswift@stmccatholicchurch.org*

## **BAPTISM ASSISTANT**

*Who: Adults*

*What: Service (Help)*

For baptisms outside of Mass, a baptismal assistant is scheduled to assist the priest, deacon and families in attendance. This includes welcoming families and giving instruction, as well as preparing the needed supplies. The assistant makes announcements to the group as needed. After the baptism, the assistant ensures everything is put away, takes the baptism towels home to wash, and then returns them to the parish office. Commitment is approximately once every other month.

*Anne Engel: 763-703-0430 or  
annemhengel@gmail.com*

## **BAPTISM BIBS**

*Who: All*

*What: Service (Help)*

This is a great ministry for those that love to work with fabric and to volunteer from their home. Volunteers are needed to serge around the edges of each baptism bib given to the children baptized in our parish. These volunteers will need a serger. Volunteers that have a computerized embroidery machine are needed to embroider a cross onto each bib. Due to allergies, volunteers must keep materials in a smoke-free environment.

*Janene Kellar: 612-616-1168 or  
jenkellar@outlook.com*

## **BIBLE STUDIES**

*Who: Adults and Teens*

*What: Encounter (Study)*

We offer adult Bible studies one to two times a week each season, including summer. *Note: Due to the Archdiocesan Synod small-groups process, we will not have a Fall Bible Study in 2021.* Youth Ministry also offers Encounter: Scripture Experiences for Teen, a Bible study for 6th- and 7th-graders, free of charge, on Monday evenings, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the Youth Room.

*Adult Bible Studies:*

*Bob Swift: 763-497-2745 ext. 215, or  
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*Teen Bible Studies:*

*John O'Sullivan: 612-741-7799 or  
josullivan@stmcaholicchurch.org*

## **BULLETIN STUFFER/OFFICE HELP**

*Who: All*

*What: Service (Help)*

Office helpers are called in for special projects. Typical jobs include helping to prepare bulk mailings and stuffing the Sunday bulletin with inserts. We also look to parishioners to help with various organizational, clerical and graphic design projects.

*Deanna Larson: 763-497-2745 or  
dlarson@stmcaholicchurch.org*

## **CANA FAMILY INSTITUTE**

*Who: Women*

*What: Encounter (Fellowship, Study)*

Canafamily Institute is a national non-profit organization headquartered in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Canafamily Institute works with Catholic parishes, schools, and diocesan leaders to design and implement integrated marriage and family life ministry that engages and transforms the family for Christ and His Church. In our parish, mom's meet in small groups twice a month from September through April. As we learn more about who we are as Catholic woman, wives and mothers, we grow in relationship with God and in meaningful friendships with each other. The valuable skills that we gain can be used to improve our role as a wife and mother. These skills give us the confidence to allow God to use us as a light in our community.

*Pam Kulas: 763-291-8210 or  
pamelakulas@yahoo.com*

## **CATHOLIC WATCHMEN**

*Who: Men*

*What: Encounter (Fellowship, Pray)*

The Catholic Watchmen was created to help Catholic men grow in their faith and become better spiritual protectors and leaders of their families. It includes monthly meetings with great speakers and fellowship. All men are invited to join us for our monthly gatherings, or to volunteer for the committee that oversees the program for the parish.

*Pete Ruhland: 763-257-7862 or  
pkruhland@hotmail.com*

## **CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

*Who: Children*

*What: Encounter (Study)*

A hands-on, Montessori-style program, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) introduces children ages 3-1/2 to 12 to the Mass, scripture, and salvation history in a profound way.

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azachman@stmccatholicchurch.org*

## **CEMETERY GROUNDS**

*Who: Adults*

*What: Service (Help)*

Volunteers willing to be committed to trimming, maintaining and cleaning up around markers and cemetery grounds according to the cemetery guidelines. During the mowing season, we begin at 7 AM on scheduled Saturdays.

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kjbarthel15@gmail.com*

*Kathy Jo Barthel: 763-286-6561*

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Who: Children*

*What: Encounter (Study)*

*Who: Adults and Teens*

*What: Service (Help)*

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) offered most weeks at 9:00 AM Sunday Masses (October to May) for children 3 years old through first grade. Prior to the first reading, the children proceed with the Children's Liturgy of the Word leader and helpers to the lower level of the church where they hear an age-appropriate lesson surrounding the Sunday Gospel reading. Volunteer opportunities include being a CLW leader or a helper with the children during the session.

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## **CHURCH CLEANER**

*Who: All*

*What: Service (Help)*

Various times and opportunities to help keep your church looking good! Volunteers meet at 5:00 AM on Monday mornings to clean the church. This includes sweeping, vacuuming, dusting pews, mopping, cleaning bathrooms, straightening up, shining up the glass/windows, etc. Volunteers may be scheduled on a rotating basis. Also, volunteers come in to help with deep cleaning or periodic projects, usually during business hours, as it fits your schedule. Some projects include wiping the blinds, dusting the stair rail, cleaning chairs and much more!

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elmartin1977@hotmail.com*

*Alvin Zachman: 763-497-2732*

## **CORE TEAM**

*Who: Youth*

*What: Encounter (Fellowship, Prayer)*

*Who: Adults and Teens*

*What: Service (Mentor, Pray)*

Core Team consists of teens in 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade and adults from our parish. They meet once a month for fellowship and prayer, as well as participate in a D-group to grow in their own faith. Core Team helps plan and conducts all of the 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade ministry programs including Friday Night Live, Summer Stretch, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Nights, Open Youth Room, Extreme Faith Camp, Retreats, and any other ministry opportunities which come up during the year. They also assist in all the 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade programs which include Open Youth Room, Revive, retreats, and any summer ministry events planned (CYSC-EF, Summer Mission Trip, or World Youth Day). We especially encourage adults to consider working with our youth as stewards of our parish and our future

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*Gabby Swift: 612-418-9596 or  
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*John O'Sullivan: 612-741-7799 or  
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*Zach Zaldivar: 763-439-9438 or  
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## **DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS**

*Who: Youth*

*What: Encounter (Fellowship, Pray)*

*Who: Adults*

*What: Service (Mentor, Pray)*

This is a small-group ministry for students in 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade focusing on accountability and discipleship. Meetings are held twice per month. The small groups are called Discipleship Groups (or "D-Groups"), where groups will become good friends, and even a second family as they journey through middle school and high school! Get ready for an awesome adventure! You may sign up for a Discipleship group on the Youth Ministry Website. Please let us know if you are interested in leading a D-Group.

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## **DIVORCED/SEPARATED GROUP**

*Who: Adults*

*What: Encounter (Heal)*

This ministry is designed for all separated and divorced individuals seeking support during this difficult time. The meetings are 6:30 to 8:30 PM on the first and third Thursday evenings in the choir room. No registration is required, and you may join at any time.

*Linda Rattray: 763-497-8853*

*Carl Bruns: cwbruns5@gmail.com  
or 763-478-1668*

## **ELIZABETH MINISTRIES**

*Who: Women*

*What: Encounter (Heal, Pray); Serve (Pray)*

This ministry is based on the relationship between the Blessed Virgin Mary and her cousin Elizabeth. Those who participate are matched with women in the parish who have an experience of childbearing similar to their own. Ministers connect with mothers who are pregnant or in the adoption process and families that have experienced loss offering personal visits, gifts, and prayers on behalf of the parish. There is also a prayer chain as a part of this ministry.

*Anita Lang: 763-607-8737*

*Anna Mrdutt: 612-816-4256 or  
elizabethministries@stmcaatholicchurch.org*

## **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Who: Adults*

*What: Service (Help)*

EMHCs assist in distributing the Body and Blood of our Lord at Mass and, as such, recognize the profound significance that the Eucharist holds in the life of the Church. A spirit of reverent service to Christ, present in the Eucharist, is at the very heart of this ministry. By serving as an EMHC, you will be witnessing Christ's own loving service to the members of the parish. To serve, you must be an adult, a member of the parish for a minimum of 6 months and have received the sacrament of Confirmation.

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## **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER of HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) to the HOMEBOUND**

*Who: Adults*

*What: Service (Help)*

These adult parishioners have been commissioned and trained to bring Communion to parishioners in our local community, who are unable to attend Mass but wish to receive the Holy Eucharist. Our ministers go out on Friday mornings and need to attend the Friday morning Mass. Ministers must have completed a background and driving record check, as well as attend a Virtus training session and sign the code of conduct. Parishioners may receive communion at home during a short-term recovery (such as from surgery, during radiation/chemotherapy, after childbirth etc.) or on a long-term basis. Extraordinary Ministers visit the homebound once a week.

*LeAnne Martin: 763-497-4130 or  
elmartin1977@hotmail.com*

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

*Who: Adults*

*What: Encounter (Pray)*

Eucharistic Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of Jesus Christ truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus Christ, in the consecrated host, is displayed in a special holder called a monstrance and members of the faithful come to pray and worship Jesus continually throughout the day and night. Our Adoration chapel, located to the left as you enter the first set of doors to the church, is open 24/7 except during weekday Mass and during Sunday Mass times, 8:00 AM to noon. We always welcome new adorers!

Parishioners may sign up for a regular commitment of one hour a week at any day or hour they choose, or as a substitute. Because Christ may never be left alone exposed in the monstrance, we try to have at least two adorers at each hour (prayer partners) in case one adorer is unable to be present. Parishioners may also visit the chapel without being scheduled during the daytime hours before 10:00 PM. Please print your name in the log book on the counter when you arrive and sign out when you leave.

*Steve House: 612-968-8504 or  
stevedhouse@gmail.com*

## **FACILITIES SET-UP**

*Who: Adults*

*What: Service (Help)*

Parishioners help set up tables and chairs for church sponsored functions, such as funerals, LIFT, retreats, town hall meetings etc. Dates and times vary depending upon needs. You will be part of a list of parishioners to be called as needed.

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ronhackenmueller1@gmail.com  
or 612-518-9071*

## **FALL FESTIVAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

*Who: Adults*

*What: Service (Help)*

The annual Fall Festival is the main community event of the year. The Fall Festival Planning Committee coordinates this event which happens in September. Families are assigned to a group when they register with the parish. Their group number determines what area they are assigned to help with at the Festival. Groups rotate responsibilities every year. All parishioners are encouraged to contribute to the success of the Fall Festival in some way. Help is needed on the planning committee in many areas.

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## **FAMILY OF FAITH (FAITH FORMATION)**

*Who: All*

*What: Encounter (Study)*

*Who: Adults and Teens*

*What: Service (Mentor, Help)*

Family of Faith is a parish-wide family faith formation program focused on strengthening our relationship with God and neighbor, building the parish community, and helping parents become the primary evangelizers of their children. Family of Faith provides catechetical programming for parents and children, kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Families attend Family of Faith together once a month (October through April). This is followed-up with additional activities, materials, and resources to be used in the home for continuing catechesis. Volunteer opportunities include teachers and assistants, nursery volunteers, materials preparation, and more. Children who are validly baptized can prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist beginning in their second-grade year (or 7 years of age). The formation process includes attending five Sacrament Preparation Classes and participation in the Family of Faith formation program (formerly LIFT).

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or [azachman@stmccatholicchurch.org](mailto:azachman@stmccatholicchurch.org)*

## **FUNERAL LUNCHEONS**

*Who: Adults*

*What: Service (Welcome)*

The ministries of funeral luncheons are to provide a meal as a way to offer support, love and fellowship to the family and friends that have lost a loved one. Luncheons are typically held immediately following a funeral Mass. There are several opportunities for parishioners to participate.

### **Salads and Bars**

Volunteers contribute to a funeral by making or purchasing bars/cookies on a rotating basis as requested.

### **Caller**

The caller contributes to the funeral by calling those that have volunteered to donate bars and informs them of an upcoming funeral luncheon.

### **Coordinator**

The coordinator is the primary contact for staff, volunteers and the family of the deceased and will ensure that the funeral luncheon is coordinated effectively and consistently with our tradition. The coordinator needs to be present on the day of funeral, but serves on a rotating basis so they are not committed to every funeral.

### **Server**

Server contribute to the funeral by helping prepare, serve, and clean up on the day of the funeral. Servers may help all day or just the part of the day that fits their schedule.

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[cwoitalla@stmccatholicchurch.org](mailto:cwoitalla@stmccatholicchurch.org)*



## **GARDEN OF HOPE (ST. FIACRE'S ACRE)**

*Who: All*

*What: Service (Help)*

The parish community garden raises fresh produce to support the needy. Proceeds from the garden go to parishioners in need and to the Hanover Area Food Shelf. Lastly, some will go to support our parish ministries. This is a great opportunity for parents and grandparents to teach their children how to garden and for confirmation students to receive their service hours. There is also the option to rent a parcel for your family's personal use.

*Chuck Blesener: 763-497-4696 or  
ceblesener@hotmail.com*

## **GOD'S PLAN FOR A JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE (MARRIAGE PREP)**

*Who: Engaged Couples*

*What: Encounter (Study)*

*Who: Adults*

*What: Service (Mentor)*

This one-day retreat is for engaged couples preparing for marriage. The retreat reflects on themes from St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body and their application to marriage. Parishioners are needed throughout the day to help prepare and serve food and share a short 10- to 15-minute testimony on how living God's Plan for Marriage has helped their marriage. Retreats are held on Saturdays, approximately four times a year.

*Jeremy Rohr: 763-458-1942 or  
rohr\_jeremy@yahoo.com*

## **HOSPITALITY**

*Who: Adults*

*What: Service (Welcome)*

Coffee, juice, and rolls are served after the Sunday morning Masses. This is to provide time for fellowship among parishioners. Help is needed in coordination of workers, serving and clean-up. This is a great opportunity for youth to get service hours for school.

*Heidi Arndt: 612-749-2008 or  
sharndt2@gmail.com*

## **KNOTTY QUILTERS**

*Who: All*

*What: Encounter (Fellowship); Service (Help)*

The Knotty Quilters meet in the choir room downstairs in the church beginning in January through the start of Holy Week. They welcome everyone at any skill level to help with cutting, sewing, and tying quilts, which are used to support the Appalachian Christmas project, the Fall Festival, and the Council of Catholic Women Spring Salad Luncheon. They also give quilts to Caring and Sharing Hands and baby quilts to Options for Women - Cornerstone.

*Janet Carlquist, 763-497-2614  
or [kraftykwilter@gmail.com](mailto:kraftykwilter@gmail.com)*

## **LINEN CARE**

*Who: Adults*

*What: Service (Help)*

Linen care is relatively simple but is an extremely important service to the parish. Weekly linen care includes the purifying and washing of linens used at Mass. After laundering the linens, they need to be ironed and folded. Volunteers must live in a smoke-free home. Training and instruction provided. Schedule is on a rotating basis.

*Shelley Vergin: 763-497-2269 or  
smvergin@hotmail.com*

## **LIVING STATIONS**

*Who: All*

*What: Encounter (Pray)*

Parishioners portray the Way of the Cross, helping the faithful to participate in the passion of Jesus. The live action of the actors helps the faithful visualize what happened in a way different way from the traditional Stations of the Cross. Volunteer opportunities include cast, lighting crew, costumes (possibly some sewing), and advertising. Practice takes place a few weeks prior to Palm Sunday. The stations are portrayed on Palm Sunday and Good Friday.

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zchmnmr@yahoo.com*

## **MASS COORDINATOR**

*Who: Adults*

*What: Service (Help)*

The Mass Coordinator is responsible for opening the church prior to Mass. They oversee and have an understanding of all of the other liturgical ministries. They ensure that all volunteers scheduled to serve have arrived and communicate any pertinent information to them. They handle any issues that may come up prior to Mass. After Mass, they make sure everything is in order and the church is closed properly. You must be 18 years or older, a member of the parish for at least one year, and a current or recent member of another liturgical ministry.

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## **MENTOR COUPLE (MARRIAGE PREP)**

*Who: Adults*

*What: Service (Mentor)*

Mentor couples minister to engaged couples preparing for marriage, meeting several times over a couple of weeks to discuss the results of their Fully Engaged pre-marital inventory, which addresses topics related to marriage such as children, in-laws, sexuality, spirituality, and finances. Mentor couples provide guidance and need to have an understanding of where a couple is at with their faith, while gently giving a better understanding of the Church's teachings. Commitment is to meet with one to three couples per calendar year. Training provided.

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[cwoitalla@stmccatholicchurch.org](mailto:cwoitalla@stmccatholicchurch.org)*

## **MISSION TRIPS**

*Who: All*

*What: Encounter (Fellowship, Pray);  
Service (Help, Pray)*

Beginning in 2023, we will be scheduling annual pilgrimages and mission trips, providing opportunities to encounter Jesus in the Holy Land and sacred sites at home and abroad, as well as by serving our brothers and sisters in need. Our first annual mission trip to Mustard Seed Communities in Jamaica is tentatively slated for January 2023.

*Bob Swift: bswift@stmccatholicchurch.org or  
763-497-2745 ext. 215*

## **MOMs GROUP**

*Who: Mothers*

*What: Encounter (Fellowship, Pray)*

The Miracle of Motherhood (MOMs) Group is a ministry which offers friendship and support as we live out our vocation as Catholic mothers. We meet once a month on a Friday, 9:30-11:00 AM, for food, coffee, prayer, speakers, and small group discussion. Childcare is provided. Additionally, we have a monthly evening Rosary Social for moms to have a night out. Rosary Social locations and dates announced via MOM's Group emails. Expecting moms who attend two or more meetings a year receive a meal train when their baby arrives. We need help providing childcare, coordinating meal trains, cleaning up, welcoming new moms, and more.

*Courtney Kelly: 612-801-5299 or  
courtneykelly2012@gmail.com*

*Jeannine Barthel at j.barthel@hotmail.com*

## **MUSIC**

*Who: All*

*What: Service (Help)*

### **Adult Choir**

We welcome you to join the Adult Choir! No auditions are required for this group, but a pleasant voice and a strong desire to serve the Lord are appreciated. Rehearsals take place September through June on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the choir room on the lower level. The choir sings two to three times a month at the 9:00 AM Mass. We enjoy our time together and encourage you to try us out a rehearsal before making a commitment to our group. We need all voice types, especially tenors and basses.

### **Children's Choir, Grades 4-8**

We welcome any children, grades 4-8, who have a willingness to sing and strong desire to serve the Lord to be part of Children's Choir. Rehearsals take place September through May on Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 AM in the choir apse of the Sanctuary. We usually sing once a month at the 9:00 AM Mass.

*Joseph Krueger: 763-497-2745, ext. 243, or  
jkrueger@stmccatholicchurch.org*

## **NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**

*Who: Adults*

*What: Encounter (Study)*

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a modern, scientific, and natural means of postponing, avoiding, or achieving pregnancy. It requires no drugs, devices, or surgical procedures. There are many different methods of NFP. One method, called the Billings Ovulation Method, is taught at St. Michael. If you use Natural Family Planning and would like to volunteer as a witness couple and share the benefits of using NFP to those learning this method, please let us know. Classes are evenings at the church.

*Nora Dehmer: 320-248-5892  
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## **NEW MEMBER CONNECTIONS**

*Who: All*

*What: Service (Welcome)*

Parishioners/families are invited after mass during the year to meet Father Park, fellowship and a light breakfast is provided.

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## **OFFERING COUNTER**

*Who: Adults*

*What: Service (Help)*

Parishioner envelope contributions and plate offerings are counted and deposited. All information is kept strictly confidential. Time commitment is one time per month.

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## **PARISH MISSION**

*Who: All*

*What: Encounter (Pray, Study)*

Our parish provides numerous offerings for people of all ages to study the faith, including our Annual Parish Missions. Our next parish mission is March 23-24, with Dr. Edward Sri. Open to the public; stay tuned for details!

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## **PILGRIMAGES**

*Who: All*

*What: Encounter (Fellowship, Pray, Study)*

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## **PRAYER LINE**

*Who: All*

*What: Encounter (Pray)*

*Who: Adults*

*What: Service (Pray)*

Parishioners on the prayer line are asked to pray for someone as requests come in through a short phone call. You then call the next person on the list and give them the prayer request. All requests are confidential.

*Theresa Bistodeau: 763-497-2861  
Rita Bruner: 763-497-2547*

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

*Who: Adults*

*What: Encounter (Pray)*

The prayer ministry team is composed of members of the parish gifted in praying for the release of the Holy Spirit, intercessory prayer, words of knowledge, and praying for spiritual, emotional, and physical healing. It is available to parishioners on the second Sunday of each month after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses, as well as the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month after the 6:30 PM Mass. Private personal prayer is also available by calling the numbers below.

*Mary Vandal: 763-228-8288 or  
mbvandal@aol.com*

*Karen Polaschek: 763-458-5259*

## **READER**

*Who: Adults and Teens*

*What: Service (Help)*

The proclamation of Sacred Scripture is a very important ministry, which needs to be done with competence and skill in order that the Holy Spirit may be fostered in the hearts of those present. We have two readers at each Sunday Mass. One of the readers welcomes the congregation to the celebration. Each reader proclaims one reading. One reads the Prayers of the Faithful if there is no deacon at Mass. At the end of Mass, one will make any necessary announcements. Readers prepare with study, prayer, and practice. You must be in 9<sup>th</sup> grade or older.

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## **REBORN MINISTRY**

*Who: Men*

*What: Encounter (Heal)*

Reborn Ministry helps men overcome pornography addiction and its effects through confidential support and fraternal accountability.

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## **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

*Who: Adults*

*What: Encounter (Pray, Study)*

*Who: Adults*

*What: Service (Mentor, Pray)*

This program is led by our pastor along with the St. Michael RCIA Team. In RCIA participants learn about the teachings of the Catholic Church and receive spiritual support while discerning their call to join the Catholic Church. RCIA is also a pathway for baptized Catholics to prepare and receive the other two Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and the Eucharist). Weekly RCIA sessions are held on Thursday evenings, from October until shortly after Easter. Parishioners are needed as sponsors and prayer partners. Serving with RCIA will help you grow in your faith as you help others grow in their faith!

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## **ROSARY LEADER**

*Who: Adults and Teens*

*What: Service (Pray)*

The Rosary is arguably the most recognizable Catholic devotion and is one of the most powerful weapons in our arsenal for spiritual warfare, and one of the greatest aids in the pursuit of a fruitful spiritual life.

### **Rosary Leader at Church**

Parishioners lead the rosary in our church, which is said before the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, and before the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, as well as on Tuesday evening prior to Mass and after all other weekday Masses. Commitment is one time per month as fits your schedule.

### **Rosary Leader at the Legacy**

This ministry is wonderful for a person who enjoys being with the elderly and is comfortable with leading the rosary with a small group. Each Monday at 6:15 PM a volunteer leads the scriptural rosary in the chapel with residents of the assisted living facility; the Legacy of St. Michael. Friday at 9:15 AM the Rosary is led in Memory Care. This rewarding ministry commitment is once per month and takes approximately 30-40 minutes.

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## **SACRISTAN**

*Who: Adults*

*What: Service (Help)*

A sacristan's role is to prepare the items needed at the altar for Mass. This includes preparing the credence table, which holds the sacred vessels, and the side table, where the extraordinary ministers sanitize their hands prior to distributing communion. They also prepare the gifts table. They light the altar candles and prepare the charcoal, if incense will be used. As communion is distributed, the Sacristan stands at the credence table so that they may assist any extraordinary minister if additional hosts are needed. After Mass, they ensure that all of the vessels are purified prior to washing and that everything is properly put away. To serve as a Sacristan, you must have been a member of the parish for a minimum of one year and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Prerequisite: Current or recent member of another liturgical ministry.

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## **ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

*Who: Children and Youth*

*What: Encounter (Fellowship, Pray, Study)*

*Who: Adults*

*What: Service (Mentor, Help)*

St. Michael Catholic School serves more than 460 students in preschool through Grade 8. Our kindergarten program is all day, every day, and Grades 5-8 operate as a middle school in which students switch classrooms for each subject. Middle level students have the option to participate in band and choir, along with a choice of other electives during a "Minds in Motion" class period. Sacramental instruction and preparation are a part of our religion curricula with second grade students receiving their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, and eighth graders preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. Weekly participation in Mass, daily prayer, regular service opportunities, and Catholic traditions are purposefully woven throughout the curriculum in all grades and subject areas. Volunteer opportunities include assisting staff, monitoring recess and lunchroom activities, reading in classrooms, being a cribbage partner to 7-8th graders, mentoring students, and much more. We welcome the involvement of our parish members. Together, we strive to assist one another in Living for Christ and Learning for Life.

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## **SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

*Who: Adults*

*What: Service (Help)*

SAC members serve a three-year term and are either appointed by the pastor or discerned for membership. Members advise on the educational programs, operations, and policies. The SAC works with the Home and School Association (a parent/teacher group) as well as other subcommittees including budget, public relations, facilities, and policy. SAC meets in August, October, November, January, February, April and June. Special meetings may be held when requested by the pastor, the principal, the chair, or a majority of the members.

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## **SHARING AND CARING HANDS**

*Who: All*

*What: Service (Help)*

Parishioners are invited on the second Thursday morning of each month to help prepare a meal and take it to Sharing and Caring Hands in Minneapolis. Various volunteer opportunities include donating food, helping prepare the meal, loading the food in vehicles at our church, and helping serve the meal at Sharing and Caring Hands in Minneapolis. Monetary donation support is another option to give to this ministry. Typically, Mary Jo Copeland greets and prays with the volunteers before each meal.

*Jodi Gendron: 612-701-8504 or  
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## **USHER**

*Who: Adults and Teens*

*What: Service (Help)*

Ushers are ministers of hospitality. They welcome people as they gather for Mass. Ushers are to be easily visible if someone needs assistance or directions to a particular area in the church. They may help seat people or assist the physically disabled or elderly. Ushers inquire if anyone needs to have communion brought to them in their pew. They assist in handing out worship aids for Mass. Ushers take up the collection and help direct the congregation at communion time. They distribute bulletins and other materials as needed. Ushers are observant and stay alert so they can readily assist someone that becomes ill or has a medical emergency. After Mass, ushers ensure that everything is in order in church and in the gathering space. Ushers must be able to take initiative and be comfortable approaching and directing parishioners as necessary. To serve as an usher in our parish, you must be in 9<sup>th</sup> grade or older.

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## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

*Who: Children*

*What: Encounter (Study)*

*Who: Adults and Teens*

*What: Service (Mentor, Help)*

Vacation Bible School is a popular summer event that occurs over four days during the summer for children 4 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The children participate in various activities that include music, crafts, lessons, snacks, games, and skits about God and the Catholic faith. There are many volunteer opportunities that include catechists, catechist aides, food helpers, craft helpers, and activity helpers.

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## **WELCOME RETREAT (FORMERLY CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH, OR CRHP)**

*Who: Adults*

*What: Encounter (Fellowship)*

Formerly known as Christ Renews His Parish, or CRHP, Welcome provides separate men's and women's weekend retreat held annually in our parish. These retreats are a time for personal reflection, faith-sharing, scripture contemplation, reconciliation, and Mass. The retreats are a great opportunity for renewal and a chance to meet other parishioners.

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## **WOMEN'S TIME OF REFLECTION**

*Who: Women*

*What: Encounter (Fellowship, Pray)*

This ministry presents a morning or evening of prayer, reflection, and hospitality specifically geared for women. These mini-retreats allow women to get away to spend time with each other and our Lord. The format consists of a guest speaker, refreshments, discussion about the topic, and possibly Adoration and Confession. Women are needed to help promote ideas and overall coordination of the event, serve as emcee for the evening, prepare refreshments, and for facilities set-up and clean-up.

*Patty Washatka: 612-220-6671 or  
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## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

*Who: Youth*

*What: Encounter (Fellowship, Pray, Study)*

*Who: Adults and Teens*

*What: Service (Mentor, Pray)*

Our robust Youth Ministry programs “hook” kids on Jesus and the sacraments in middle school, then engage them in evangelizing the next generation. We reach more than 700 students each year, beginning as young as fourth-grade and including roughly 60 teen discipleship groups, sparking a renewal of the Catholic faith in our community.

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# CHURCH AFFILIATED GROUPS

## CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL PARISH VOLUNTEER TEAM

Catholic United Financial (CUF) Parish Volunteer Team #31 serves and represents the catholic community of St. Michael. This fraternal organization holds events and fundraisers with the proceeds benefiting our parish and the catholic school. Some events include Fatima Rosary Rally, Gather for Good, and National Day of Prayer. Our team either donates or volunteers at these events that unite the community and church together. To participate or volunteer on the team, you don't need to be a member of CUF.

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## COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

CCW provides many charitable services throughout the year such as reciting the rosary at members' wakes, hosting a spring salad luncheon and an annual bake sale, making and distributing quilts for the homeless, donating to the those locally in need, sponsoring educational opportunities, and various others events. Each year they support the Appalachian Christmas project by gathering donations, such as clothing, school, baby, kitchen and bath supplies, as well as many toys and send to Kentucky. CCW meetings are generally held after the evening Mass on the third Tuesday of the month from September through May. CCW offers a monthly prayer for our members, families, spouses and children.

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

This is a men's Catholic fraternal organization. Our council # 4174 serves the St. Michael and St. Albert parishes through our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. We provide volunteer and financial support for numerous family, pro-life, youth and community activities. Meetings are the first Thursday of the month at St Albert Parish Hall. All practicing Catholic men are welcome and encouraged to join.

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## RESPECT LIFE

Members inform the parishioners of pro-life issues, work with the Archdiocesan Respect Life Office. We work to promote respect for human life from conception to natural death, to bring about a conversion of heart and mind to be open to God's special gift of life. Our outreach opportunities include: Mothers and Father's Day Events, pro-life newsletter, County Fair Booth Staffing, Parish Festival Booth, Respect Life Breakfast and Dinner, Life Chain, Day of the Unborn, 40days for life, and working with Options for Women Cornerstone Center.

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## **ST. MICHAEL COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND INC.**

A 501(c)(3) organization, established in 1991, accepting tax deductible donations and investing monies to create a perpetual fund to support our Catholic school. Currently, we are looking for interested persons who are interested in maximizing our contribution to our Catholic School. Quarterly meetings are open to all those interested and at the St. Michael Catholic Church.

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## **SERRA CLUB**

Serra Clubs work with their Bishops, Dioceses and Religious Vocation Directors to encourage and support vocations to the Priesthood and to the Religious Life. Serra activities include attending meetings with speakers focusing on topics of importance for Catholics and on vocations. In addition to participating in many group activities, Serra members do noteworthy work on their own time, affirming seminarians, priests and religious. Serrans are dedicated Catholics who pray for the increase and perseverance of vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life. Serrans also encourage others to pray for vocations during various parish or diocesan activities. Example of these events include attending an extra Mass each month for vocations, or praying for vocations on a daily basis.

*Marian Meyer – 763-497-2371*

## **SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVdP), a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. Organized locally, we witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. We collaborate with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction in those served because, in them, we see the face of Christ. We have three levels of membership: *Active*: participate regularly in the prayer life, meetings, and charitable activities through personal contact with the poor; *Associate*: sincerely and publicly accept the Society's Rule but may or may not belong to the Catholic Church, may or may not attend Conference meetings on a regular basis and are often involved in special Conference supportive activities, such as volunteering at the SSVdP Store and helping coordinate the annual Friends of the Poor Walk or the Christmas Family program; and *Contributing*: who regularly or in a substantial way provide in-kind or financial support but who do not engage directly in the Society's work. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Please call or email to find out more or become involved.

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