



Sacred Heart Dearborn
Mt. Kelly Cemetery

Parish Life and Ministry Opportunities 2026

There are many ways for you to be involved in the life of Sacred Heart Parish and School and Mt. Kelly Cemetery and to grow in your life of faith and discipleship. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to share their time and talent with their parish community, building up the Body of Christ at Sacred Heart and through the wider Church.

Education and Faith Formation	
Youth Ministry Volunteers assist in a variety of roles associated with various grade levels (4-5 grade; 6-8 grade; high school), including leading meetings, participation in events , Christian service projects, fundraising, and retreats and chaperones for away/off-campus events. Commitment: Varies based on the availability, interests and level of involvement you choose. Contact: Julie Wieleba-Milkie at 313-565-1020; email: REdirector@shparish.org	Fall through Spring Faith Formation Fall through spring religious education (preschool-grade 8, September through May, Wednesday evenings) offers volunteers various roles: catechist; substitute catechist; classroom aide. Commitment: Wednesdays, 6:15—7:30 p.m., September through the first week of May. Contact: Julie Wieleba-Milkie at 313-565-1020; email: REdirector@shparish.org
Vacation Bible School Adults and teens (grade 7 and up) volunteer in various roles during the third week of June working with children, kindergarten through grade 6, sharing our faith with them in a fun and relaxed environment. The location rotates each year among parishes in our Family of Parishes. The Family of Parishes church location rotates each year: 2027 is at Divine Child. Commitment: Third week of June. Contact: Julie Wieleba-Milkie at 313-565-1020; email: REdirector@shparish.org	Sacramental Preparation Volunteers assist with various aspects of sacramental (reconciliation, eucharist and confirmation) preparation. Sessions are usually held on Sundays for about 2 hours. Commitment: Monthly. Contact: Julie Wieleba-Milkie at 313-565-1020; email: REdirector@shparish.org
Baptism Formation Volunteers assist with leading the adult baptismal sacramental preparation sessions for parents and godparents. Sessions are typically about two hours on the first Tuesday of the month (except for July). Training and materials are provided. Commitment: As available for monthly sessions. Contact: Julie Wieleba-Milkie at 313-565-1020; email: REdirector@shparish.org	Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) Volunteers assist in the process of welcoming new members (adults, teens, youth and children) into the Catholic church through the sacraments of initiation. The various roles to be filled require various amounts of time, including team members, sponsors, catechists, hospitality . Sessions are for adults, teens, youth and children. Days vary for each group. Commitment: Varies. Contact: Julie Wieleba-Milkie at 313-565-1020; email: rcia@shparish.org .
Adult Faith Formation Seasonal group sessions on selected themes and Bible study thematic sessions are being planned. Contact: Julie Wieleba-Milke at 313-565-1020; email redirector@shparish.org	Homeschool Family Faith Formation Volunteer catechists share the faith with our Homeschool Family Faith Formation participants grades 1-8. Commitment: 3 times a year in-person sessions during Fall through Spring.. Contact: Julie Wieleba-Milkie at 313-565-1020; email: REdirector@shparish.org
	Marriage Preparation Ministry Married Couples meet with engaged couples to assist in their preparation. Commitment: Varies. Contact: Julie Wieleba-Milkie at 313-565-1020; email redirector@shparish.org
Safe Environment Policies of the Archdiocese of Detroit for All Parish and School Volunteers 1. All volunteers must have a criminal history background check. For most volunteers, this should be done annually in August. No one may volunteer at a parish or school in the Archdiocese of Detroit until the annual check has been completed. 2. Continuing volunteers must participate in Protecting God’s Children every three years. 3. New volunteers must participate in Protecting God’s Children via a LIVE ZOOM session or an IN-PERSON session. To register, visit www.virtus.org and click on FIRST-TIME REGISTRANT, then VIEW A LIST OF SESSIONS, then select 4. DETROIT, MI (Archdiocese), then choose a class for NEW REGISTRANTS ONLY. 5. Call the parish office with questions or for assistance.	

Worship	
Ushers: Ministry of Welcome Ushers serve parishioners and visitors with their friendly presence at worship celebrations by providing guidance and assistance. Commitment: Schedules vary by Mass preference. Contact: Steve Assenmacher at 313-283-2704; email: dreamcruisin@yahoo.com	Music Ministry There are many opportunities to share your musical gifts with our parish family. Music is an important part of our worship experience. Consider getting involved in the following ways. • Sacred Heart Parish Choir • Contemporary Ensemble • Sacred Heart Hand Bell Choir • Youth Choir (grades 2–8) • Cantors • Instrumentalists Commitment: Varies. Contact: Joe Marino at 313-278-5555, extension 106; email: musicdirector@shparish.org
Bereavement Ministry Volunteers lead prayer services (a scripture service or rosary) at the funeral home and/or committal prayers at the cemetery on the day of burial. Commitment: Varies. Contact: Julie Wieleba-Milkie at 313-565-1020; email: REdirector@shparish.org	
Wedding Rehearsal Consultant Volunteers, in teams of two, lead the wedding party through the rehearsal and are present for the wedding liturgy to set-up, assist during the liturgy, and clean up. Commitment: Varies. Contact: Cindy Core at 313-218-0140; email: ccore84@gmail.com	Altar Servers Servers assist the community at weekend and holy day Masses by serving at the altar. Open to boys and girls in fourth grade or above; formation is required. Commitment: Generally, once or twice each month. Contact: Jonathan Henry at 734-394-6963; email: henrydjonathan@gmail.com
Lectors: Weekends and Holy Days Lectors proclaim the Word of God at weekend and holy day Masses and on other special occasions. Mass preferences are honored; formation is required. Commitment: Frequency TBD. Contact: Paula Nedzinskas at 313-530-1609; email: pcvlith@yahoo.com	Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound Volunteers visit homebound members of the parish, praying with them and offering the Eucharist. Formation required. Commitment: Varies. Contact: Julie Wieleba-Milkie at 313-565-1020; email: Redirector@shparish.org
Lectors: Weekdays Lectors proclaim the Word of God at weekday Masses. Formation is required; scheduling is flexible. Commitment: Frequency TBD. Contact: Julie Wieleba-Milkie at 313-565-1020; email: Redirector@shparish.org	Altar Care Volunteers care for sanctuary and church by dusting and cleaning, caring for sacristy laundry and vestments, tending holy water vessels and related tasks. Commitment: Fridays approximately once a month following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Contact: Fran Helner at 313-562-6585; email: franhelner@gmail.com
Eucharistic Ministers Volunteers distribute the Eucharist at weekend Masses and special events (such as Confirmation, First Communion, etc.). Formation is required. Commitment: When needed at the Mass you attend Contact: Julie Wieleba-Milkie at 313-565-1020; email: REdirector@shparish.org	Liturgy of the Word for Children Volunteers lead children in age-appropriate worship during the Liturgy of the Word at a Sunday Mass. This is not religious formation but rather the Liturgy of the Word during mass adapted for children. Catechists and aides are both needed. Commitment: Once a month at the 10:00 a.m., Mass. Contact: Julie Wieleba-Milkie at 313-565-1020; email: REdirector@shparish.org
Church Environment Each liturgical season brings changes of color and church decor. Volunteers are needed to make these changes in church at the beginning and end of each liturgical season. Commitment: Varies according to the time of the year. Christmas and Easter seasons are the most demanding. Contact: Fran Helner at 313-562-6585; email: franhelner@gmail.com	
Christian Service	
St. Vincent de Paul Society Vincentians strive to be open to the needs of individuals and families who request help with food, rent, utilities and other needs inspired by the gospel’s call to serve those in need. Teams take turns meeting with Neighbors-in-Need to assess how we can best help. Vincentians also assist with clothing drives, collection of food for our local SVDP Food Pantry and other fundraisers to aid us in providing help to those in our parish area. Vincentian friendship and spiritual growth is encouraged. Commitment: Monthly meetings, team meetings with Neighbors-in-Need on a rotating basis and other projects as they arise. Individuals and couples of any age are welcome. Contact: Jack Szpytman at 313-561-7566; email shdc.svdp@gmail.com	Tabernacle Society Women of the parish gather for spiritual renewal, works of charity, building friendships and fundraising for particular projects to beautify the church. Commitment: Scheduled meetings, special events and activities. Contact: Elaine Miles at 313-300-5773; email: elainemiles2@aol.com OR Contact: Fran Helner at 313-562-6585; email: franhelner@gmail.com Note: Safe environment requirements apply only to members who volunteer for Tabernacle Society events.
	Christian Outreach Opportunities for Christian outreach arise through the year and are promoted in the parish bulletin and through announcements at weekend Masses. Contact: Karlee Bywalec, Christian Outreach Coordinator at 313-278-5555, extension 210; email: christianoutreach@shparish.org

Sacred Heart Catholic School

Legacy Raffle
Volunteers distribute tickets at weekend Masses, track sales, and promote the raffle in various ways. **Commitment:** Flexible, September through March. **Contact:** School Office at 313-561-9192



Recess/Lunch Help
Volunteers monitor students at recess/lunch, providing a safe environment for everyone. **Commitment:** One or more days a week, 11:40 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. **Contact:** School Office 313-561-9192

Marketing Committee
Committee members offer their passion and marketing expertise to promote Sacred Heart Catholic School and Parish. **Commitment:** 1st Wednesday of the month, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., during the school year. **Contact:** School Office at 313-561-9192

Parish Life

Eucharistic Adoration
An opportunity for private prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, Mondays (excluding July) from 9:30 a.m., until closing prayers at noon. **Commitment:** An hour or half hour time slot of your choice every Monday for a year. **Contact:** Marcia Michalik at 313-401-4460 for sign-in; email: john.michalik@sbcglobal.net **Note: Safe environment requirements do not apply to those who participate in Eucharistic Adoration.**

Parish Bakers
Volunteers provide baked goods (sweet or savory items) for parish or school functions. **Commitment:** Varies. **Contact:** Parish Office at 313-278-5555; email: parishsecretary@shparish.org **Note: Safe environment requirements do not apply to those who only drop off baked goods for an event.**

Office Assistance
Volunteers provide assistance with office tasks, such as mailing, filing, data entry, copying and collating, etc. Some tasks may be completed at home. **Commitment:** Varies. **Contact:** Parish Office at 313-278-5555; email: parishsecretary@shparish.org

Hospitality Volunteer
Volunteers assist with hospitality, in the parish hall—setting up, serving, cleaning up—at various events such as First Reconciliation or First Eucharist, Confirmation, or other parish events, such as the Easter Vigil. **Commitment:** Varies. **Contact:** Julie Wieleba-Milkie at 313-565-1020; email: REdirector@shparish.org

Grounds/Flower Beds
Volunteers maintain predetermined areas of the parish grounds, weeding and cleaning-up as needed throughout the growing season. **Commitment:** Varies. **Contact:** Thad Kolaroff at 313-278-5555; email: buildingsandgrounds@shparish.org

Thursday Evening Men’s Bible Study and Fellowship
All men are invited to pray and discuss the up-coming Sunday readings. **Commitment:** 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, 7:30-9:00 p.m., in the parish library. **Contact:** John Michalik at 313-643-1260; e-mail: john.michalik@sbcglobal.net **Note: Safe environment requirements do not apply to those who participate.**

Fellowship of Catholic Men’s Breakfast
Men meet for prayer, a brief teaching, and breakfast to support each other in living out their Catholic faith. **Commitment:** Wednesdays (come when one can), 6:30-7:30 a.m., at Leon’s Family Dining, 23830 Michigan Ave. **Contact:** John Michalik at 313-643-1260; email: john.michalik@sbcglobal.net **Note: Safe environment requirements do not apply to those who participate.**

Mt. Kelly Cemetery
Volunteers assist in the care of cemetery grounds: during the growing season, weeding, deadheading of flowers, removing invasive plants, trimming of bushes; October - December, raking of leaves. The Cemetery provides all equipment and supplies and makes disposal. **Commitment:** Varies. **Contact:** Elena Lovelace at 313-268-7957; email: lane10020@gmail.com

Sacred Heart High School Alumni Association
The Association promotes Catholic education as well as friendship among alumni and graduates. **Commitment:** Annual dues, \$5. **Contact:** Mary Beth Oravec at 313-274-2829; email: mbetho49@gmail.com

Oktoberfest, September 26, 2026
Volunteers support this one day School, Parish, and community event in a variety of areas including food, entertainment, games, set up and clean up, planning, publicity, environment, and so on. A separate sign-up is held prior to the event. **Contact:** School Office at 313-561-9192

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<i>Please complete this form and return it to the parish office no later than August 30, 2025. Remember...</i> <i>Every parish volunteer, in every ministry, must make a new commitment each year.</i> <i>Use one form per family, not per person. Complete the family LAST name/phone number/address information for your household; then complete the MEMBER name/cell phone/email section for each individual.</i> <i>Write the name of the family member on one of the lines next to the ministry or activity in which that person wishes to participate.</i> <i>All ministries except those specifically noted require compliance with current safe environment policies. Some ministries require some formation or training.</i> <i>The deadline for responding is August 30, in order to be included in any required training or formation programs. You will be contacted after that with the next steps for you and your family members.</i> Family LAST Name _____ Family Phone _____ Address _____				
Family Member FIRST Name _____ Family Member Cell Phone _____ Family Member Email _____ Family Member FIRST Name _____ Family Member Cell Phone _____				
WORSHIP	Music Ministry	Member Name	Member Name	Member Name
	Wedding Rehearsal Consultant	_____	_____	_____
	Liturgy of the Word for Children	_____	_____	_____
	Altar Care	_____	_____	_____
	Altar Servers	_____	_____	_____
	Eucharistic Ministers	_____	_____	_____
	Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound	_____	_____	_____
	Lectors: Weekends and Holy Days	_____	_____	_____
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	Ushers: Ministry of Welcome	_____	_____	_____
	Bereavement Ministry	_____	_____	_____
Church Environment	_____	_____	_____	
SERVICE	St. Vincent de Paul Society	_____	_____	_____
	Tabernacle Society	_____	_____	_____
	Christian Outreach	_____	_____	_____
EDUCATION	Adult Faith Formation	_____	_____	_____
	Marriage Preparation Ministry	_____	_____	_____
	Vacation Bible School	_____	_____	_____
	Youth Ministry	_____	_____	_____
	Fall through Spring Faith Formation	_____	_____	_____
	Homeschool Family Faith Formation	_____	_____	_____
	Order of Christian Initiation of Adults	_____	_____	_____
	Sacramental Preparation	_____	_____	_____
	Baptism Formation	_____	_____	_____
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