



Ministry and Group Descriptions

~We appreciate and thank all those that volunteer their time and talents to help make St. Joseph's parish a strong, faith-filled community centered on Jesus.

~If you are interested in becoming a part of or participating in any of the ministries/groups described below, please reach out to the contact under each heading for more information or visit www.stjosephspringfield.org: Under "Get Involved" - "Parish Life" and fill out the online form.

***Safe Environment Training is required, and we will assist you in getting the training.**

Parish Life

Contact: Sharon VanTassell, Parish Secretary
(402)253-2949 or Email: secretary68059@gmail.com

Ladies Guild - The Ladies' Guild exists to build community among women of the parish through spiritual, social, and charitable activities. All women of the parish are welcome and they meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm.

Women's Ministry - The Women's Ministry is a ministry created to provide a place where women of the parish can learn from and support each other through acts of service, faith, and community.

Knights of Columbus Council 10894 - The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's family, fraternal, and service organization. They meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm.

Welcome Team - A group of parishioners that welcome new members to our parish and invite them to a monthly Donut Sunday or other fellowship activities.

***Fish Fry Volunteers** - Volunteers are needed to assist the Knights of Columbus Council 10894 members in working at the fish fries during Lent.

***Sarpy County Fair Food Booth Volunteers** - Volunteers are needed to work at the Knights of Columbus food booth during the Sarpy County Fair which is the 1st week in August. Volunteer sign-ups will be available starting in May. This is a fun opportunity to get involved and get to know fellow parishioners.

Outreach

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Outreach Ministry - This group of parishioners function to provide assistance with basic needs (bills, shelter, food, clothes) and resources to those seeking it both inside the parish boundaries and to the greater community.

Stephen Center Meals - Groups of parishioners sign up to cook and serve a meal every first Friday of the Month.

Works of Mercy Ministry - This ministry aims to provide opportunities for parishioners to participate in various service-related programs throughout the local community and archdiocese.

Ministry of Care

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EMHC to Homebound - Volunteers who are Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) provide the Eucharist to parishioners who are homebound, in assisted living, or the hospital.

Funeral Lunch Volunteers - Parishioners available during daytime hours on short notice work a three-hour shift preparing, serving or cleaning-up afterwards to serve grieving families. Individuals are also needed to prepare desserts or other dishes to serve at funeral lunches. Members of the Ladies Guild organize this effort but all are welcome to help out.

Adult Religious Formation

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Faith Study Facilitator - Morning and evening studies on the Bible or other faith topics are available to lead. Using text and/or video resources, the facilitator fosters conversations and serves as a resource for discussions and questions.

Live Lent Together Leader/Co-Leader - During Lent, leaders invite a group of 6-8 people to meet weekly and discuss Scripture. Using the WRAP method, leaders will foster conversations and serve as a resource for discussion and questions.

Women's Book Club - Throughout the year, this group of women choose a book to read and then meet weekly for fellowship and faith-filled discussion about the book selection. This is not an on-going book club. When a book study has been chosen, information will be in the weekly bulletin.

Men's Group - A group of men that meet every week for faith-filled discussion, prayer, and fellowship.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) - A parish-based process by which unbaptized persons and members of Christian Churches may be baptized or received into the Church at Easter. The process starts in the Fall.

RCIA for Catholics - A group that meets for the presentation of the topics of RCIA to those who are already Catholic, but who would like to re-study the Catholic Faith.

Prayer and Spiritual Growth

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Prayer Chain - This group of parishioners pray daily for the needs and petitions of parishioners, families and friends.

Eucharistic Adoration - Members of our parish commit to one hour of adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament. Eucharist Adoration is from 8am - 9pm on the first Wednesday of every Month.

Monthly Rosary Group - Parishioners sign up to say a daily rosary for the Pope's intentions for the month. Sign-ups can be found on the website under "Get-Involved then "Parish Life".

Religious Formation for Children **(Kindergarten - 8th Grade)**

Contact: Sherry Huntwork, Director of Religious Education
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www.stjosephsprinfield.org and select Education - Youth

***Catechist** - Teaches children the faith of the Catholic Church through word and example. Classes begin in September and end in May. Training and all teaching materials are provided.

***Co-catechist** - Assists the catechist with classroom management and activities.

***Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Catechist)** - Teaches religious education through a Montessori approach using hands-on materials. Currently our Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 3rd grade classrooms use CGS.

***Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Assistant)** - Assists with classroom management and activities. Some training will be provided.

***Office Helper** - Assists the DRE in the office on Wednesday evenings during RE classes.

***Traffic Cone Helper** - Walk out and monitor the pick-up of students at the end of Wednesday night RE classes.

Youth Formation **(Youth Group)**

Contact: Kelly Johnson, Youth Group Leader
Email: tkjohnson2223@gmail.com

***Service Trip Chaperones/Group Leader** - Chaperones will help transport youth to the service sites and work alongside and supervise youth volunteers. The primary role of the chaperone is to provide a safe and healthy environment for the youth participants.

***Steubenville Group Chaperone/Group Leader** - Chaperones need to be spiritually mature and someone whose words and actions reflect the values of the Catholic Church at all times. The primary role of the chaperone is to provide a safe and healthy environment for the youth participants during the 3 day, out-of-state conference.

Liturgy and Music

Liturgy Contact: Sharon VanTassell, Parish Secretary
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Music Contact: Candance Connery
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Lector/Reader - Individuals who have been mandated by the Archdiocese of Omaha or their former dioceses are invited to be a reader during mass. For new readers, please contact the parish office for formal training information.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) - Individuals who have been mandated by the Archdiocese of Omaha or their former dioceses are invited to become an EMHC at the parish. For new EMHCs, please contact the parish office for formal training information.

Greeters/Ushers - Individuals warmly welcome churchgoers, help to seat people, and assist in other liturgical needs during and after the Masses.

Altar Server - Boys and girls 4th grade and older may serve as ministers at the Liturgy. They will assist the priest and deacon at the altar and carry the cross. Training is provided for interested candidates.

Our Ladies of the Altar Linens - This group of volunteers washes and presses our precious linens (altar cloth, purificators, and corporals) each week.

Sewing - This group serves the parish by primarily making baptismal garments and baptismal blankets for those that are receiving the sacrament of Baptism.

Adult Choir - Men and women of the parish that would like to sing at weekend masses. Practice is 45 minutes before scheduled mass time.

Children Choir - Boys and girls 3rd grade and older may sing at weekend mass. Practice is on Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm.

Men's Choir - Men of the parish that would like to sing at weekend masses or funerals. Practice is 45 minutes before the scheduled mass time

Facilities

Contact: Sharon VanTassell, Parish secretary
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Flower Garden Care - Volunteers are responsible for watering the plants 4 or 5 times during the summer and fall months. They also weed and prune when necessary throughout the year.

Snow Removal - Volunteers work with other team members to ensure snow is removed prior to events and Masses.

Church Cleaners - This group of volunteers is responsible for cleaning the church on a weekly basis. There is not a set schedule as to when the church is cleaned, but individuals have certain cleaning tasks they perform each week when they can. Cleaning takes about 1-2 hours.

Mowing Team - Crews mow the grounds over the months of April-October. Typically you would be asked to mow every 4-6 weeks. Mowing takes about 2-3 hours. All mowing equipment is provided. New mowing volunteers will be trained on how to use all equipment.

Leadership Committees

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Parish Council - This is a board of parishioners that advise the pastor on issues pertaining to the parish and keeping its mission. It consists of up to nine members. Elections for new members are in August of each year. Parish Council meets once a month on a Sunday after 9am Mass.

Finance Committee - This committee advises the pastor on the parish's finances. It consists of seven members. Finance committee meets once a month on the 3rd Tuesday in the evening.

Communications/Growth/Fellowship Team - The Growth/Fellowship Team focuses on coordinating and promoting fellowship opportunities throughout the year. The Communications Team helps develop and maintain a clear path for all forms of communications from the parish to its parishioners through social media, email, and website.