



Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Stewardship Renewal

July 2021 - June 2022

Name: _____ Env # _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

K-8 Faith Formation _____ Catholic Schools _____

Received: _____ Recorded: _____

We invite you to be a part of the active mission and ministry of our parish.

- Please **print** the name of each family member on the lines provided.
- Review the list and write the ministry number of each chosen ministry in a *separate box* next to the member's name.
- The ministries preceded by an asterisk * are in need of additional volunteers. Please consider them first if you are searching for a new ministry.
- If you wish to be involved in Liturgical Ministries, please indicate at which weekend Mass time(s) you wish to minister.

Prayer *

- 701 Perpetual Adoration
- 702 Traveling Chalice Ministry
- 703 Prayer Chain
- 704 Family Rosary 3rd Sunday
- 705 Traveling Icon Ministry
- 707 *Commit to One Hour of Prayer for Parish Community Needs*

Heartland Parish Ministries

- 706 Men of Myra
- 604 * 31-Prayer Club-Vocations
- 605 Marked Men for Christ
- 606 Women's Walk w/Christ

Parish

- 502 Help with Bulletin Inserts
- 503 Occasional Office Help
- 504 Funeral Dinner Ministry
- 506 Funeral Dinner Baking
- 507 Baking for Parish Social Events
- 508 Parish Socials
- 509 Help at Holy Family Elementary
- 510 Help at TMP - Marian
- 511 Meals on Wheels
- 513 ALIVE Evangelization Events

Liturgical Ministries

- 401 Greeters Mass time: _____
- 419 Coffee & Donuts Volunteers
Mass 8:00am ___ 10:00am ___
- 402 Usher Mass time: _____
- 403 Lector Mass time: _____
- 405 Altar Server Mass time: _____
- 406 Adult Weekday Server
- 407 Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Mass time: _____
- 409 Homebound Eucharist Minister
- 410 * *Play Organ/Piano/Other Instrument* _____
- 411 Cantor/Song Leader
Mass time: _____
- 412 Seasonal Choir
- 414 Children's Choir
- 415 Gift Bearer Mass time _____
- 416 Money Counter
- 417 Art & Environment
- 418 Liturgical Sewing

Maintenance

- 801 Church Cleaning
- 802 Buildings & Grounds
- 803 * *Snow Removal*
Shoveling or Equipment _____

Organizations

- 301 Daughters of Isabella Circle #254
- 302 Knights of Columbus #6984

Faith Formation

- 201 Wee Words of Wisdom Catechist
- 202 Formation Support
- 203 * *Catechist*
- 204 Catechist Aide
- 205 * *Hall Monitor*
- 206 JR. CYO Grades 6-8
- 207 JR. CYO Sponsor
- 208 CYO / ROC Grades 9-12
- 209 CYO Sponsor
- 210 Childcare Volunteers
- 211 RCIA Team Member
- 212 RCIA Sponsor
- 215 Vacation Bible School
- 216 Totus Tuus
- 217 Other _____

Commissions / Committees

- 101 Evangelization / Stewardship
- 102 Family Life
- 103 Hispanic Community
- 106 *Vocatio* of the Heartland
- 107 Respect Life
- 108 Parish Pastoral Council

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Name of family member

wishes to **become** active in:

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Why I volunteer to serve...

"The greatest blessing in teaching our youth of IHM is to witness their growth and love of God, Jesus and Mary. There is nothing better than to see their eyes light up when they experience an enlightening moment and growth in their faith and love of Jesus. In these days, there are so many outside social arrows attempting to influence & to pull away from the Catholic Faith. While I am not worthy to bring knowledge of our faith to the children, I rely on the Holy Spirit to allow God's words to guide them closer to Him."

Annette Hammeke
Catechist

"I find it spiritually rewarding to share our Catholic Faith with the children of IHM. Being around young people eager to learn more about the Holy Trinity, and wanting to strengthen their relationship with God, helps keep me feeling young at heart, and more engaged in my own faith life. I truly experience and feel the Lord's blessings upon me each Wednesday night at class."

Tom Drees
Catechist / Lector / Sacristan

"I have come to understand the Catholic religion better since I have been teaching Faith Formation. Teaching requires me to search the facts of Catholicism in order to teach the truth to the students".

Coleen Werth
Catechist

"I like volunteering as I meet others that I see in church, but the volunteering allows me to meet them directly. Making connections with others that have the same interest in faith includes continually growing my faith."

Arlene Stramel
Money Count Team

"Growing up, I attended a very small parish. It was easy for members to feel like part of a family. Years ago, when I joined IHM, the parish was so large that it did not have that same feeling of being a family. Over the years, my husband and I have become volunteers in both our parish and schools. We have found that the more involved we become, the more these large organizations become like families. Our volunteer time has led us to so many wonderful relationships. It has allowed us to surround ourselves and our children with people who have strong faith lives which in turn has strengthened ours."

Tami Koenigsman
Finance Council

"Serving is a small way of saying 'Thank You' for the wonderful gift of the Catholic faith."

Glenn Braun
Lector / EMOE / Sacristan

"Serving in a church ministry helps me feel more connected to my church and its parishioners. I also have found I gain another perspective of how our church is run and the reasons things are done a certain way. All in all, I benefit personally by being involved in church ministry."

Galen J. Romme
Finance Council

"While my parents were in their later years and in a nursing home, I was present several times when a parishioner from their church in Great Bend would bring the Eucharist to them. This was special and made an impact on me. For the last 15 years or so, I have taken the Eucharist to the homebound on a weekly basis, and to Catholic residents at Good Samaritan Society of Hays monthly.

The rewards from this stewardship opportunity have been overwhelming as it relates to the relationships which have been developed during this time. What an experience it has been to bring Christ to those physically not able to make it Mass, while at the same time having the opportunity to visit with them, hear their stories and get to know them personally. As a Eucharistic Minister at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish, I received the training necessary to provide this service. At no time, however, have I felt the least bit worthy of doing so. Distributing the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus brings with it a tremendous sense of awe. Each time I go to the tabernacle to pick up the Eucharist in the silence of the church, I am exposed to Christ's presence. Emotionally, this experience is difficult for me to describe, other than the fact I continually look forward to doing it again.

Distributing holy communion, whether at Mass, or to the homebound, has increased my awareness to the many struggles we all are facing in our lives and to the true strength provided in receiving the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. I thank our priests at Immaculate Heart of Mary and Sister Loretta Flax for providing me this opportunity. I am incredibly grateful to be a part of this ministry and can say with all sincerity it has changed my life."

Curtis Hammeke
Homebound Ministry and
Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist

"Being a lay Eucharistic Minister to our home bound community is definitely a humbling and joyful experience. After ten years or more, this ministry compels me to continue doing it because of the residents, themselves. They long to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. Being able to bring the Eucharist to them as a lay person is tremendously rewarding. It makes my heart feel good!"

Stephanie Schumacher
Homebound Ministry / Lector /
Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist

and what it has done for ME!

"I began serving as a reader at daily Masses when I was in high school and have grown into a Sunday lector. The familiar stories and psalms bring order to my day, and I find great consolation in these words of hope. My ministry at church has grown my faith and deepened my spiritual life. I believe I am here to convey a message of hope for God's people!

It was a Catholic school principal who challenged me to move out of my comfort zone. I had noted the absence of music on certain feast days and holy days at the early Mass of the day. With the approval of Fr. Kevin Weber, I began to use my music as a gift of prayer at those early morning Masses. Fr. Barry challenged me to try just one Sunday a month to see whether the music ministry could be something I could grow. I am so happy that he did! I delight in playing 2 Sunday Masses a month and continue to play on those early daily Masses."

Teresa Schrant
Lector/Music/4th gr. HFE