

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

2024-2025

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

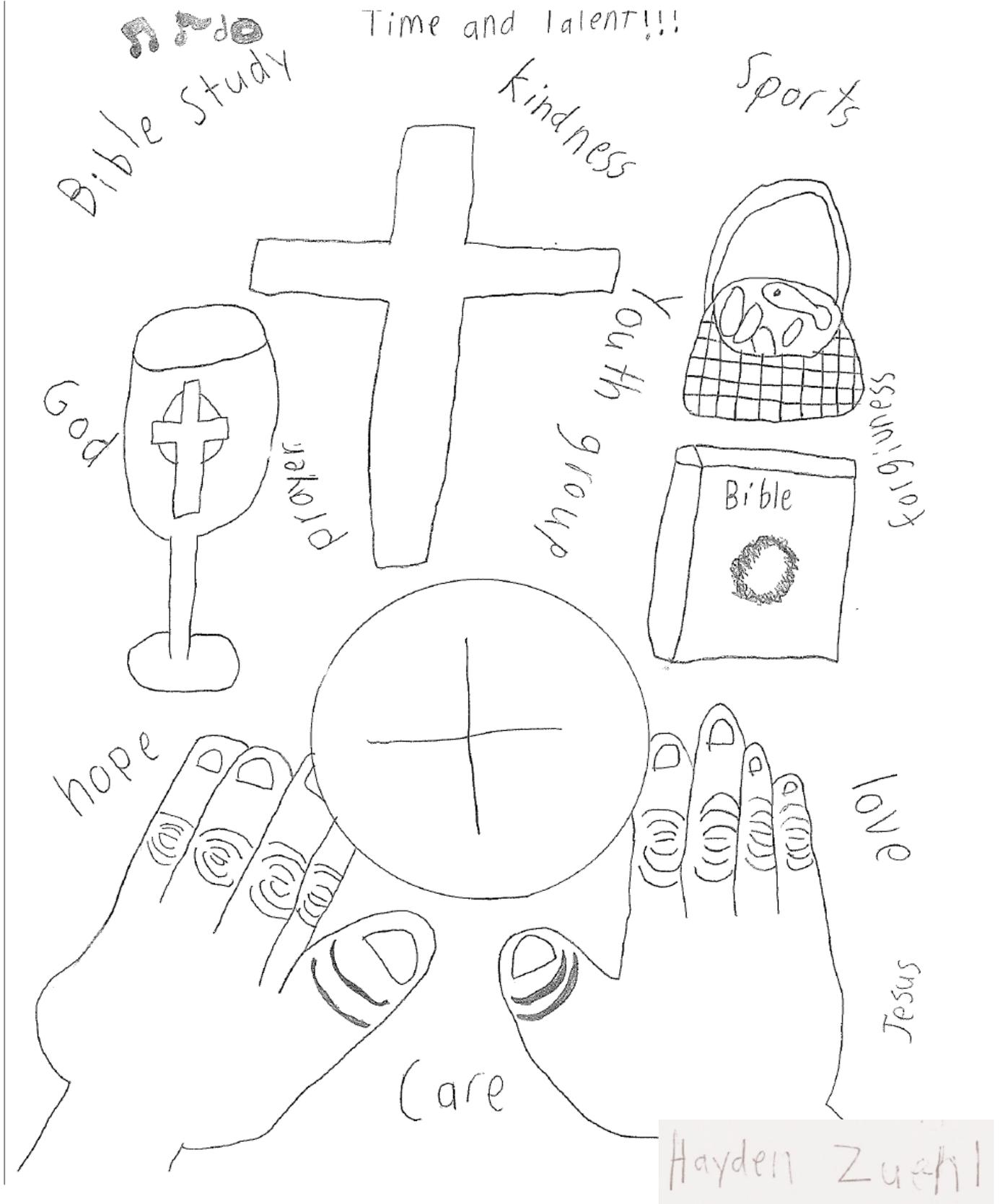


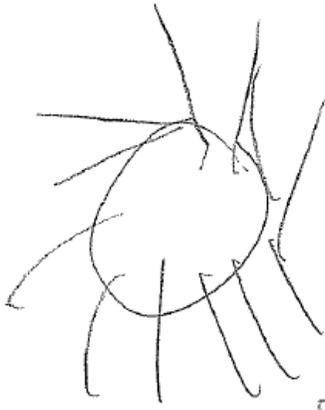
*OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT*

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we are called to love, forgive, & be merciful.

The beautiful art work on the cover and inside this booklet was provided by those from our parish who shared their gift of Stewardship offering their Time and Talent in creating a cover for our 2024-25 Time & Talent Booklet.

A very special thank you to each artist!!





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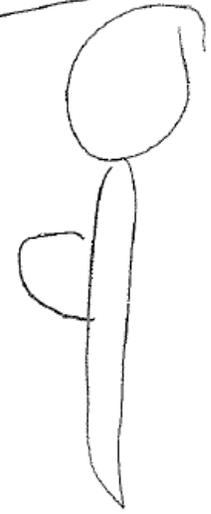
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John 8:12



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*and the Life*

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*John 11:25*

**PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REVIEW THIS TIME & TALENT BOOKLET.  
A COMMITMENT FORM IS ENCLOSED FOR EACH MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD,  
AGE 9 YEARS/4TH GRADE AND OLDER. AFTER PRAYERFULLY REVIEWING THE BOOKLET,  
PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR ENCLOSED COMMITMENT FORM  
AND RETURN IT TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024.**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*Nourished by the Sacraments, Sacred Scripture and Holy Traditions,  
we are called to love, forgive, and be merciful.*

### **STEWARDSHIP**

As we understand from Christ's teaching, stewardship is a central part of discipleship. For Catholics, discipleship means living one's life patterned on the life and teachings of Christ as revealed in Scripture and as taught by the Church. As disciples, then, Catholics are called by the Lord to be good stewards.

Stewardship is how we live our discipleship. As a disciple of Jesus, we can choose to use our time and our talents to help build His Church here on Earth. As stewards of these gifts, we are ultimately accountable to God for the way we choose to use them.

### **A Prayer for Disciples**

**Generous and loving God,  
you call us to be disciples of your Son Jesus  
and good stewards of all your many gifts.**

**Open our minds and hearts to a greater  
awareness and deeper appreciation  
of your countless Blessings.**

**Transform us through the power of your Spirit  
to nurture a Stewardship way of life  
marked by faith-filled prayer,  
service to our neighbor  
and generous sharing.**

**Teach us to be faithful servants of your gifts.  
With Mary's help may we return ten-fold  
the gifts entrusted to us.**

**We pray through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen**

# PRAYER MINISTRY



Family Ministry



Child/Youth Ministry

Devotional prayer is one of the most important aspects of Christian life. Cultivating a relationship with the Lord by means of the rich spiritual inheritance of Mother Church is a crucial means by which the faithful minister to their brothers and sisters in building up the Body of Christ.

Holy Redeemer Parish has many different opportunities for personal and communal devotional prayer. On the parish website, you will find a list of different ways and styles of prayer, and times that others gather to pray using these different means to pray. It is not an exhaustive list of prayer opportunities, and there may come to be more in the future. If you would like to begin a “prayer group,” word of mouth is the best way to begin recruiting others to pray with you.

The Emmaus Chapel is open for prayer from 6 am to midnight. The Stations of the Cross garden in the southeast corner of the church parking lot, and the statue of the Holy Redeemer near the church entrance are excellent places for prayer, weather permitting.

## HOLY HOUR

Join us and be refreshed and nourished by the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus in a time of Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**GIFT OF TIME:** Thursdays, at 6:30pm.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Desire to spend time with Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.



## DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Join in beseeching the Mercy of God in Christ Jesus on ourselves, our families and communities, and the whole world.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Following morning Mass on Fridays and 3pm daily in the chapel.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** All people of prayer, especially those with a special devotion to Divine Mercy.

## ROSARY

Individuals/Families may join the Knights of Columbus honoring Mary by praying the Rosary prior to Mass.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Arriving 30 minutes prior to Mass (We will gather in the Chapel)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** All people of prayer, especially those with a special devotion to Mary.



## PARISH PRAYER CHAIN

Members provide spiritual and emotional support through prayer for those who are in a time of need.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Daily prayer time.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Person of prayer willing to pray for particular needs for our faith community and be able to maintain confidentiality.

## PRAYER GATHERING

People come together with so much to pray for, so much to be grateful for—an opportunity to unite our voices and hearts in prayer.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Second Monday of the month at 7:00PM in the Emmaus Chapel; summer months outdoors by the Blessed Virgin Mary Garden.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** People of prayer (or desire to be).



## ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN

On Saturday mornings at 8:30AM, we gather in the chapel or, if weather permits, on the mound in the circular drive.

**GIFT OF TIME:** As your schedule permits.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** People of prayer (or desire to be).



# COUNCILS & COMMITTEE

## FINANCE COUNCIL

The Finance Council consults with and advises the Pastor and Business Manager on financial matters, the administration, use of the parish property, and the administration of parish operations. They help prepare and approve the general parish budget (including capital expense budgets) as well as help prepare annual reports.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Members serve a three-year term, and they may serve two successive terms.

The council meets monthly and on an as-needed basis given the necessity of certain projects.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Actively involved in the life of the community with some financial or legal background.

**TRAINING:** Initial training will occur at an appointed time.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council is a visioning body. Through prayer and consensus the Council shares its wisdom and insight with the Pastor in visioning and planning for the parish. It is not a decision-making body. The Council strives to identify the needs of the parish, studies and reflects upon those needs, makes recommendations as to how those needs can be met and evaluates the resulting efforts made by staff and volunteers to address the identified needs.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Members serve a three-year term, and they may serve two successive terms.

The council meets monthly and on an as-needed basis given the necessity of certain projects.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Actively involved in the life of the community.

**TRAINING:** Initial training will occur at an appointed time.

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

This is a leadership group devoted to discovering and communicating insights into Christian discipleship and its application of a Stewardship Way of Life.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Meetings scheduled with discernment by members.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Individuals willing to embrace a stewardship way of life and share with others.

**TRAINING:** Training will be ongoing.

# ADULT EDUCATION & FORMATION

## CROSSROADS

This is an avenue of Adult Faith Formation in collaboration with our neighboring parishes: Holy Name of Jesus, St. Pius X, and St. Sebastian. This alliance allows us to offer a variety of opportunities in an array of times.

**YOUR PARTICIPATION DOES NOT REQUIRE A MINISTRY LEADER TO CONTACT YOU; SIMPLY WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR EVENTS. NO FOLLOW-UP WILL OCCUR.**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Desire to learn.

## RCIA TEAM MEMBERS

Individuals willing to share their faith with others who are seeking information about the Catholic Faith. Different positions and levels of commitment are available.

## RCIA PARISH SPONSORS

Individuals willing to share their faith, journeying one on one with an individual seeking to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Minimal one year commitment. The commitment will consist of meeting with the individual based on their schedule and your schedule and occasional retreat and liturgical celebrations.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Fully initiated individuals who are comfortable sharing their faith experience.

**TRAINING:** Initial training will occur at an appointed time.

## I NTER-GENERATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities for the entire parish (0 to 150 plus years old-single, married, divorced, widowed, children, no children) to come together for community building, fun, formation, fellowship and outreach.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**—Members would assist staff with planning events, doing preparation work and organizing workers.

**GIFT OF TIME:** A few planning meetings prior to event with opportunity to work on items from home.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Both creative and hands-on people are wanted.

**COOKS**—Members who are willing to prepare food on-site and/or from the comfort of your own kitchen.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Food preparation time.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Willingness to use your culinary gifts.

**SHOPPERS**—Members who are willing to shop to meet needs of a given event (with parish funds).

**GIFT OF TIME:** Time will vary.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Willingness to procure needs for event.

**SET-UP/CLEAN-UP**—Members who are willing to set-up prior to an event and/or clean-up following an event.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Time will vary.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Willingness to roll-up your sleeves.

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

**FOOD SERVERS**—Members who are willing to assist cooks in actually serving food at an event.

**GIFT OF TIME:** One hour per event.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Ability to follow food serving guidelines, be helpful, and be friendly.

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.



# PEER MINISTRY

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

This is an opportunity to join with others to study and reflect on Sacred Scripture while offering support to one another as Christians living in our world. (Childcare is available on Tuesday mornings if there are reasonable requests).

**GIFT OF TIME:** Tuesday mornings or evenings during the school year.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Desire to learn and share.

## HEALING HEARTS—*FUN AND FROLIC*—WIDOWED/DIVORCED GROUP

This group offers social opportunities, activities and fellowship with those who are on a similar journey.

**GIFT OF TIME:** General meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 3pm and participation in activities of your choice.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Participants are any adults whose spouse is no longer present.

**TRAINING:** Your enthusiasm to make new friends and just do something fun.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

The Men's Ministry provides men of our community a non-judgmental and confidential environment to gather with other men to foster friendships -- both socially and spiritually. Current offerings include *That Man Is You*, *Exodus 90*, and *Breakfast/Speaker Series*. Plans are now underway to create additional social and spiritual opportunities.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Join a small group that interests you and meets your timeframe and schedule.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Men of all ages with a desire to foster meaningful friendships with other men, through prayer, scripture, or simply to meet socially with other like-minded men.

**TRAINING:** Desire to form friendships with a small group of men.

## *BLESSED IS SHE*—WOMEN'S MINISTRY.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Join at your own pace and time frame that meets your schedule.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Women of all ages with a desire to foster meaningful friendships with other women, through prayer, scripture, and sharing of our Catholic Faith. Small group opportunities as well as occasional large group opportunities.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Join at your own pace and time frame that meets your schedule.

## PARISH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

People come together to knit or crochet prayer shawls for those in our community who need special encouragement...praying for the individuals who will receive their creations.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Third Wednesday of each month at 10am.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** The ability to knit or crochet (or to learn) and be a person of prayer.

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## **GOLDEN REDEEMERS**

Men and women, over the age of 60, are invited to join for fellowship and fun at any or all monthly activities: first Thursday of the month is morning Mass followed by breakfast at a local restaurant; second Thursday at 1:00PM is a potluck meal and meeting in Shepherds Hall (bring a dish to pass); third Thursday is Game Day from 1:00-4:00PM to play cards or you can bring a favorite game to share.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Your participation.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Parishioners 60 years of age and older.

## **MOMS SUPPORTING MOMS**

Mothers who want to meet other moms to develop relationships with each other to help in the rewarding, yet challenging job of raising children.

**GIFT OF TIME:** 1½ hrs. per month with additional events if interested

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Being a Mom

## **BLOOD DRIVES**

Interested individuals assist with set-up, clean-up, canteen help, or baking hospitality.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Depending on task and a willingness to help.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Depends on the task.

**TRAINING:** On the job.

## **BETWEEN THE LEAVES BOOK CLUB**

All adult parishioners who enjoy reading a variety of books may join. Each month a new book is chosen and participants are asked to read it and come ready to discuss the book. They meet once a month, year round, at a specified time and location.

**GROUP LEADER**—The group leader will help keep group discussions on track and help with book selections.

**PARTICIPANT**—Individuals who want to meet with others to discuss selected monthly books.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Responsible for reading the chosen book of the month, and approximately two hours for discussion.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Any adult parishioner who enjoys reading and discussions.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

This is a membership organization of Catholic men age 18 and older, that fosters lasting friendships with each other while reaching out to the Church, community and helping the less fortunate.

**GIFT OF TIME:** General membership meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM in classrooms 10-12. Some activities that the Knights sponsor are: Lenten Fish Fry, Tootsie Roll Drive (benefits local mentally challenged children and organizations), Cans for Knights Can Drives. The men and their families can choose participation in any of the activities that interest them, using their time and talents.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Fully initiated practicing Catholic men who are 18 years of age or older. Elections are held for the board of officers positions. The families of the Knights may participate in a number of social and charitable activities.

**TRAINING:** Those involved in youth events are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## PARISH FESTIVAL

Annual Parish Festival is held the first Sunday afternoon after Labor Day which fosters hospitality among our parishioners with food, fellowship and fun!

**CHAIR COMMITTEE**—Member would help with planning, organizing workers and work at our Parish Festival.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Five or six planning and recap meetings from April to September; two hours or more the day of the picnic.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Organized, ability to delegate and research, and work at the picnic.

**TRAINING:** On the job—Community Life Coordinator is available for questions or concerns.

**VOLUNTEERS** - Adults and Jr./Sr. High youth to help with set-up, take down and afternoon events.



**GIFT OF TIME:** 1-2+ hours prior to and/or at the picnic.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Willingness to help.

## SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

Coffee and Donuts Hospitality is offered following the 8:30AM and 11:00AM Masses in Shepherds Hall., fostering fellowship and community among parishioners.

**SERVERS**—Teams of adults and/or families able to work with others in preparing and serving coffee, donuts, and juice to fellow parishioners.

**GIFT OF TIME:** 1-2 hours inclusive—before and after Mass, on a rotating schedule from September to May.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Willingness to Set-up and serve with a pleasant smile and cleaning up with a helpful attitude. Meeting and greeting parishioners is vital.

**TRAINING:** On the job or before initial commitment.



**DONUT PICK-UP**—Pick-up donuts and deliver to Holy Redeemer on Sunday mornings by 8AM.

**GIFT OF TIME:** 45 minutes - 1 hour on rotating schedule - pick-up donuts and deliver to Holy Redeemer on Sunday mornings.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Have transportation and willing to be at the donut shop between 7:30-7:45AM on Sunday mornings as scheduled.

**TRAINING:** Directions given prior to initial commitment.

**FRUIT PICK-UP**—Pick-up fruit and deliver to Holy Redeemer on Fridays between 8:00am—3:00pm

**GIFT OF TIME:** 30 min.—1 hr. on a rotating schedule

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Have transportation and willing to shop between 8:00am—3:00pm on Fridays as scheduled.

**TRAINING:** Directions given prior to initial commitment.

## SATURDAY HOSPITALITY SERVERS

Saturday Hospitality is offered once a month following the 4:30pm Mass in Shepherds Hall. Fostering fellowship and community among parishioners

**GIFT OF TIME:** 1-2 hours inclusive—before and after Mass, on a rotating schedule from September to May.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Willingness to Set-up and serve with a pleasant smile and cleaning up with a helpful attitude. Meeting and greeting parishioners is vital.

**TRAINING:** On the job or before initial commitment.

## WELCOME MINISTRY

Adults and/or families become committee volunteers willing to meet with newly registered parishioners. New parishioners are contacted by committee volunteer and welcomed by sending a postcard, making a few phone calls, offering a tour of our facility and making themselves available to answer any questions the new family may have.



**GIFT OF TIME:** Varies depending on the number of new parishioners we have throughout the year.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Pleasant personality, outgoing, and comfortable talking with others. Able to engage with new parishioners making them feel welcome, comfortable, and excited to be part of our parish life.

**TRAINING:** Meeting with the Coordinator of Community Life to review the process and exchange ideas.

# F AITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

## CATECHIST

Teams of 2-3 catechists provide religious instruction and formation for children in grades 1 through 5. The aim of the catechetical program is to provide sound instruction of Catholic teaching in an environment that will foster community and spiritual growth.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Catechists serve the children from September through May. Sessions will be held weekly on Tuesdays or Sundays and are 75 minutes in length. One can expect to spend at least one hour per week in preparation for class along with occasional curriculum meetings.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Catechists must be at least 18 years of age, fully initiated members of Holy Redeemer Parish, and celebrating Eucharist weekly.

**TRAINING:** Times for classroom training will vary, depending on when someone signs up to be a catechist. Ongoing formation and certification is essential; therefore, additional training and formation sessions are scheduled throughout the year. Diocesan and national training opportunities are also available. Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session (Virtus) and complete standard paperwork.

## CATECHIST AIDE

Catechist aides would assist the adult catechists in the religious instruction and formation for children in grades 1 through 5.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Catechist aides should plan to spend 75 minutes weekly on Tuesday or Sunday helping the Catechists to keep the children actively engaged.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Catechists must be at least 18 years of age, fully initiated members of Holy Redeemer Parish, and celebrating Eucharist weekly.

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session (Virtus) or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## FAITH FORMATION YOUTH VOLUNTEER

Youth volunteers would assist the adult catechists in the religious instruction and formation for children in grades 1 through 5, and/or in Nursery or Sunday School.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Youth Volunteers should plan to spend 75 minutes weekly on Tuesday or Sunday (or as available) helping the Catechists to keep the children actively engaged.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A desire to share your faith and a love for children.

**TRAINING:** Youth under 18 years of age must fill-out the appropriate paperwork.

## OFFICE HELP

Office helpers assist with various projects, including inventory and assuring all classrooms are fully supplied.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Office helpers have a flexible schedule. One hour per week is suggested.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Flexibility and a willingness to help. Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session (Virtus) or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## CHILDCARE PROVIDER

Teams of two workers provide childcare for toddlers and preschoolers of catechists who teach in our weekly religious education program or other Faith Formation Programs—VBS, Parent’s Night Out, Etc.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Workers are scheduled on a rotational calendar from September through April, based on the number of volunteers.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Childcare providers must be 18 years of age.

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or (Virtus) an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a week-long adventure each summer, which brings the Bible alive for youth age 4 years through those entering 5th grade. Lively interaction, games, snacks, crafts, songs, decorating, and drama make this a memorable experience for all. VBS is usually scheduled for five evenings from 6-8pm in mid June to late July. Many volunteers, age 6th grade and up are needed prior to the event for set-up, during the week to facilitate, and afterwards to clean-up in order to make VBS a success.

**GIFT OF TIME:** The VBS leadership team begins preparation for this week-long event many months in advance. Additional volunteers are needed in the weeks before, during, and after.



**QUALIFICATIONS:** Individuals must have a willingness to share God’s word through scripture with children.

**TRAINING:** All volunteers will be assigned where their time and talent can best serve the event with no additional training required. Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session (Virtus) or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CATECHIST

A Sunday School Catechist helps children learn and grow in their faith. Catechists use creative means to make Gospel Readings, Bible Stories and Prayer come to life for the children. Using songs, puppets, figurines, story boards, and crafts, Catechists create an engaging learning atmosphere with provided curriculum and materials

**GIFT OF TIME:** Sunday school will be held during the Sunday Masses both at 8:30AM and 11:00AM, during the faith formation year.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Catechists must be at least 18 years of age, fully initiated members of Holy Redeemer Parish, and celebrating Eucharist weekly.

**TRAINING:** Ongoing formation and certification is essential; therefore, additional training and formation sessions are scheduled throughout the year. Diocesan and national training opportunities are also available to interested individuals. Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session (Virtus) or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CATECHIST AIDE

A Sunday School Catechist Aide would assist the Catechists

**GIFT OF TIME:** Sunday school will be held during the Sunday Masses both at 8:30AM and 11:00AM, 1 ½ hr. per Mass during the Faith Formation Year.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Catechists must be at least 18 years of age, fully initiated members of Holy Redeemer Parish, and celebrating Eucharist weekly

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session (Virtus) and complete standard paperwork.

# NURSERY

The purpose of our nursery is to provide a safe, loving, fun, and comfortable environment during Sunday morning Mass times and Adult Faith Formation sessions. To accomplish this, childcare providers will walk, rock, read to, and play with children to insure that they are content.

## NURSERY AIDE

Nursery aides would assist the nursery staff by interacting with the children in the nursery.



**GIFT OF TIME:** Nursery aides are needed during the 8:30AM and 11:00AM Masses as well as during the Sunday Morning Faith Formation time (in between Masses) from the 2nd Sunday of September through the 3rd Sunday of May (with holiday breaks).

There is also the opportunity to provide childcare during Adult Faith Formation sessions on an occasional basis.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A love for children!

**TRAINING:** 18 years or older and required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session (Virtus) and complete standard paperwork

# YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Relying on our entire Church Community, the ministry to our young people strives to inspire authentic and intentional discipleship that uniquely expresses each person's call to holiness, and encourages them to share the light of Christ with others. "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." - Matthew 5:14-16

## MIDDLE SCHOOL CORE TEAM

Middle School Core Team members help 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders learn how to live an authentic and intentional life in and with the Church. These lessons are applied toward the Sacrament of Confirmation for 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Regular meetings are Sundays from 5pm—6:30pm. Team members work with the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry to plan and gain approval for activities and materials for each meeting.

**QUALIFICATION:** Active participation in their fully initiated Roman Catholic faith, comfortable in interacting with young people, and a desire to accompany young people as they discover more about Jesus through prayer, service, personal encounter, community, and discussion.

**TRAINING:** The Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will provide a small handful of training sessions throughout the year that will include checking in with how small groups are going, an opportunity for members to be spiritually fed, and community building between the team. All team members will have the opportunity to be certified through Echoing the Gospel. Diocesan and National training opportunities are available for those interested. Anyone 18 years or older is required to participate in a "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Session (Virtus) or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## HIGH SCHOOL CORE TEAM

High School Core Team members are witnesses to the Gospel by living their daily relationship with Christ with authenticity, intentionality, and openness to the Holy Spirit. Team members form mentorship, particularly by leading a small group. They assist the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry to implement the teen developed ministry plan and events.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Regular meetings are Sundays from 6:45pm—8:30pm. Members lead small groups and work with the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry to plan and gain approval for activities and materials for each meeting

**QUALIFICATION:** Active participation in their fully initiated Roman Catholic faith, comfortable in interacting with young people, and a desire to accompany young people as they discover more about Jesus through prayer, service, personal encounter, community, and discussion.

**TRAINING:** The Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will provide a small handful of training sessions throughout the year that will include checking in with how small groups are going, an opportunity for members to be spiritually fed, and community building between the team. All team members will have the opportunity to be certified through Echoing the Gospel. Diocesan and National training opportunities are available for those interested. Anyone 18 years or older is required to participate in a "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.



## **TEEN LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Teen Leadership Team members work closely with the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, along with the High School Core Team, to implement the peer and self-developed ministry plan.

**GIFT OF TIME:** The Teen Leadership Team works constantly with the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries to plan and carry out programs, events, and volunteer opportunities. This can include helping with our Middle School Youth Group in a variety of capacities, along with other opportunities for service and leadership as they come along.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Active participation in their fully initiated Roman Catholic faith, comfortable in interacting with peers, and a desire to learn more about Jesus through prayer, service, personal encounter, community, and discussion.

**TRAINING:** Members should be making a genuine effort to participate in High School Youth Group for their personal faith formation, and are highly encouraged to attend at least one summer conference during their high school years. The Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will provide special training for special events if/when needed. Anyone 18 years or older is required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## **RETREAT TEAM**

Retreat Team members help to create a space for middle and high school teens to encounter Christ during day-long or overnight retreats.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Members work closely with the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry to plan, implement, and facilitate retreats.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A desire for facilitating an intimate space for teens to deepen their personal relationship with Jesus. An open heart to prayer experiences, retreat activities, meditation, and reflection on Jesus, the Scriptures, and the Tradition of the Church.

**TRAINING:** The Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will provide training through meetings prior to retreats. Anyone 18 years or older is required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## **YOUNG ADULT CORE TEAM**

Young Adult Core Team members assist the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry in planning, creating, and carrying out programs and activities for the young adults (ages 18-39) in the parish.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Members work closely with the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry to create and maintain a community of young adults in the parish that strives to continuously grow in their faith alongside their peers.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A desire to build community within the parish and Catholic Church focused on helping each other grow closer to God.

**TRAINING:** The Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will provide training as needed. If the Young Adult Core team ever works with the youth they are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paper work.

## **FOOD PREPARATION TEAM**

Food Preparation Team members work with the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for events that require at least one meal to be prepared.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Members work closely with the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry to plan, shop, and prepare meals for retreats.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A desire for providing tasty meals for our youth.

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## VOLUNTEER TEAM

Volunteers who desire to be involved in the ministry, but work with a very limited schedule. Some options can actually be done from your home (birthday card ministry and exam care packages). This group works closely with the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

**GIFT OF TIME:** This ministry has many options for time commitment.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A desire to assist, rather than lead, an intimate space for teens to come to know Jesus in a deeper way. An open heart to prayer experiences, outreach activities, meditation, and reflection on God, Scriptures, and Traditions of the Church.

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older who desires to work with students in any capacity are required to participate in a "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

This ministry serves by encouraging the faithful to engage in worship in the liturgy so the whole community may be able to actively participate in songs which are rightly theirs.. The human voice - not the organ or piano - is the principle instrument of the church. Vocalists and instrumentalists drawn from the community who possess musical skills and a commitment to scheduled rehearsals and liturgies are encouraged to utilize and share their talent.

### ADULT CHOIR

The choir enriches celebrations by adding musical elements beyond the capabilities of the congregation alone. It is a commitment from September to Pentecost for one weekend Mass three times a month, plus other scheduled Feast Day liturgies. We utilize a variety of genres, traditional hymns and chant using both melody in unison and S.A.T.B. octavo arrangements.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Rehearsals are on Thursday evening from 7:00-8:30PM (with additional rehearsals for Christmas and Easter)

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Singers should have the ability to blend with other voices. Having the ability to read music is helpful but not required. Anyone without previous choir experience may discern if this ministry is a good match by meeting with the choir director.

**TRAINING:** This is accomplished in weekly rehearsals and some outside workshops.

### HAND BELL ENSEMBLE

This ensemble is open to anyone 14 years of age and older and be able to obtain transportation. Obtaining an understanding of hand bell ringing is easier than it appears and can be accomplished in just a few rehearsals. To fully utilize our 4 ½ octave set, eleven to fourteen ringers are desired.



**GIFT OF TIME:** Rehearsals are to be determined. The ensemble plays at a liturgy throughout the year. Extra rehearsals may be scheduled to prepare for Christmas and Easter.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Although having the ability to read music is useful, it is not required. However, you must be able to hold three to five pounds and stand for ten to fifteen minute periods.

**TRAINING:** This is accomplished in weekly rehearsals and some outside workshops.



## RESURRECTION CHOIR

This choir is made up of individuals who are available during the day to provide emotional and spiritual support by singing at funerals. Members are notified of funerals and preview music at home, as well as meet 45 minutes before the funeral Mass to rehearse. This is a beautiful and spiritual work of mercy of burying the dead and comforting those who mourn.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Individuals give approximately two hours during the day as needed for a funeral.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Ability to review music prior to the funeral and rehearse 45 minutes prior to Mass.

**TRAINING:** No formal training required.

## CANTORS

This minister is a leader of liturgical song and a proclaimer of the Word. Cantors are needed at all Masses and are on a rotating schedule based on the availability of the participants. (Weddings and funerals are other services that need cantors as well.)



**GIFT OF TIME:** Rehearsals are 30 minutes prior to the Mass. Additional time may be scheduled based on availability of the cantor and director.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** You must be a fully initiated Catholic and an experienced singer with a strong voice who is able to read or follow music. Individuals interested must also realize the primary focus of the cantor is to proclaim the Word and encourage the community to actively participate to enhance the Liturgy. Those interested are eligible to join after meeting with the Director of Music.

**TRAINING:** This is accomplished in rehearsals as needed. No previous experience is required for week end liturgies. Those interested in leading worship for weddings and funerals must meet with the director of music to determine eligibility.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

This choir is open to all children in grades 1 through 6 to sing at Masses scheduled periodically throughout the year. Our objective is to make music a direct extension of Children's Faith Formation. We find children possess the energy and spirit we require to inspire. **PLEASE SIGN-UP WHEN REGISTERING FOR FAITH FORMATION CLASSES.**



**GIFT OF TIME:** Rehearsals are from 12:15-1pm in coordination with Faith Formation. Those who cannot participate all year still have the option of participating at Christmas if they are able to attend rehearsals prior.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Children who love to sing, have fun and want to actively participate and impact liturgy. The ability to read words is helpful but not required.

**TRAINING:** No previous experience is required.

## YOUTH CHOIR

This choir is open to grades 7 through 12 as an extension of Youth Faith Formation. This is an opportunity for youth leadership and early Cantor development through special courses with our adult mentors. Those interested in being a Cantor must be fully initiated members of the Church.



**GIFT OF TIME:** Rehearsals are Thursdays from 7:30-8:30pm and one weekend Mass per month or other liturgies as scheduled.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Youth who love to sing and grow in their faith.

**TRAINING:** This is accomplished at rehearsals.

## **INSTRUMENTALISTS (ENSEMBLE OR SOLOISTS) GRADE 7 OR OLDER**

This is a opportunity to collaborate with other ensembles. Youth instrumentalists are encouraged to utilize their talent to enhance worship.



**GIFT OF TIME:** Seasonal Thursday night rehearsals for ensemble. Contact Music Director directly to play outside of the ensemble.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Instrumentalists must be semi-proficient, reliable and able to transport themselves to rehearsals and Masses.

**TRAINING:** This is accomplished at rehearsals.

## **ADULT LEADERS FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND YOUTH CHOIR**

In order for the Children's Choir and Youth Choir to continue, at least one adult besides the music director must be present to facilitate rehearsals, share wisdom and provide a secure environment for our youth.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Assistants should be available for scheduled Children's Choir and/or Youth Choir Rehearsals and Masses.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** **NO MUSICAL KNOWLEDGE NEEDED!!**

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

# **LITURGY & WORSHIP**

## **ART AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

This group plans, coordinates, designs, and oversees ideas and projects for the liturgical year. The use of the following gifts enhance worship: artist, seamstress, flower arranger, carpenter, designer, quilter, decorator, photographer, graphic artist, and those willing to do physical work.

**GIFT OF TIME:** The Art and Environment Committee will meet quarterly and on an "as needed" basis.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Willingness to participate in hands-on work.

**TRAINING:** Occasional enrichment opportunities.

## **FACILITATOR**

This person ensures that the worship experience runs smoothly through the coordination and continuity of the various ministries involved with weekend liturgies.

**GIFT OF TIME:** As a facilitator you are placed on a schedule at the liturgy that you request.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Facilitators are fully initiated adults with liturgical knowledge as well as some knowledge of facilities.

**TRAINING:** Initial training will occur at an appointed time with occasional enrichment sessions.

## **USHER**

Ushers are responsible for the specific needs of the faith community before, during and after each liturgy. Ushers welcome people as they gather, assist with seating, pass the collection baskets, follow collection procedure, and facilitate the movement of the Communion procession.



**GIFT OF TIME:** As an usher one would be placed on a rotating schedule at the liturgy requested.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Great opportunity for individuals and/or families.

**TRAINING:** Initial training will occur at an appointed time with occasional enrichment sessions.

## ALTAR SERVER

Servers assist at the weekend liturgies and special Holy Day liturgies.



**GIFT OF TIME:** Servers are placed on a rotating schedule at the liturgy requested.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Open to all who are in the 4th grade and older.

**TRAINING:** Initial training will occur at an appointed time with occasional enrichment sessions.

## LECTOR

This person proclaims God's Word at weekend liturgies and on special Holy Day liturgies.



**GIFT OF TIME:** Lectors are placed on a rotating schedule at the liturgy requested. Initial training will occur at an appointed time with occasional enrichment sessions. In addition, lectors take time on their own preparing to proclaim the Word each time they are scheduled.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Open to all who are fully initiated and are in the 8th grade and older.

**TRAINING:** Initial training will occur at an appointed time with occasional enrichment sessions.

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

These ministers assist in distribution of Holy Communion with reverence and dignity at parish liturgies.



**GIFT OF TIME:** As a Eucharistic Minister one would be placed on a rotating schedule at the liturgy time requested.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Open to all who are fully initiated and are 16 years of age or older.

**TRAINING:** Initial training will occur at an appointed time with occasional enrichment sessions.

## NURSING HOME EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

These individuals are committed to bringing the Word, Eucharist, and the love of the Lord to the residents of nursing homes in Jenison and Hudsonville.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Sundays on a rotating schedule.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Prayerful adults who enjoy serving residents in a nursing home environment.

**TRAINING:** Eucharistic Minister training plus specific training for the nursing home ministry.

## SACRISTAN

A sacristan ensures that each week the worship space and all the resources that are used for liturgies are prepared for the weekend.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Once a week – can be set up on a rotating schedule.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Ability to work independently.

**TRAINING:** Initial training session at onset.

## FUNERAL ALTAR SERVER

Adults as needed to serve at funeral liturgies.

**GIFT OF TIME:** As a server one would be placed on a rotating basis, and be available two hours on the day of a funeral.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Flexible availability.

**TRAINING:** Initial training will occur at an appointed time.

## ALTAR LAUNDRY

Individuals to wash and iron altar linens used at weekly liturgies.

**GIFT OF TIME:** On a rotating basis.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Reliable and a desire to serve our community.

**TRAINING:** Your previous experience.

## “NAME TAG SUNDAY” GREETER

Greet and invite parishioners to create a name tag as they gather for weekend Masses.



**GIFT OF TIME:** Prior to the Mass you worship at the first weekend of the month from August through June.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Welcoming presence, reliable, and a desire to serve our community.

**TRAINING:** Your previous experience.

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## ASTORAL CARE

### BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Ministers offer comfort and support to the bereaved or terminally ill persons/families in our parish by journeying with them through the grief process. They also help plan and implement support sessions a couple of times a year, including our Mass of Remembrance celebration.

**GIFT OF TIME:** One year follow-up per assignment with flexible time commitment.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Compassionate adults comfortable with death and dying that can be open to all people and who possess good listening skills are needed.

**TRAINING:** Initial training will occur at an appointed time with on-going enrichment sessions a couple times a year.

### FRIENDS WHO CARE MINISTRY (Ministry to the Homebound)

Adults who visit parishioners who are homebound.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Weekly or every other week to spend time visiting with the assigned person.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Caring adults or families with good listening skills and compassionate hearts.

**TRAINING:** Initial training will occur at an appointed time with on-going enrichment sessions a couple of times a year.

### FUNERAL LUNCHEON COORDINATOR(S)

This person/these people facilitates all aspects of overseeing and coordinating the funeral luncheon and purchasing of supplies.

**GIFT OF TIME:** A few hours of prep work prior to a funeral luncheon.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Reliable organized person/people with flexibility on short notice.

**TRAINING:** One time meeting with staff person.

### FUNERAL LUNCHEON SERVING TEAM

This group sets-up, serves, and/or cleans up for funeral luncheons.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Three to four hours: set-up, serving the luncheon, and clean-up.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Men and women with flexibility on short notice. **(Could team with other mothers with co-op on-site childcare.)**

**TRAINING:** Hands-on training from veterans.

### FUNERAL LUNCHEON FOOD COORDINATOR(S)

This person organizes and implements funeral luncheon food donors for each funeral luncheon.

**GIFT OF TIME:** A few hours prior to each funeral luncheon.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Reliable organized person with flexibility on short notice.

**TRAINING:** One time meeting with staff person.

## **FUNERAL LUNCHEON FOOD PREPARATION**

Individuals provide prepared dishes upon request to be served at funeral luncheon.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Prepared in your home as needed.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Flexibility on short notice.

**TRAINING:** You already have it.

## **MEALS FROM THE HEART COORDINATOR**

This person organizes, maintains, and implements fellow parishioners committed to providing meals for families that are recovering from an illness/surgery, suffering a loss of a loved one or other family hardship. Also, Birth of a child

**GIFT OF TIME:** Flexibility on short notice...sporadic time commitment.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Good organization skills and people skills.

**TRAINING:** One time meeting with staff member.

## **MEALS FROM THE HEART FOOD PREPARATION**

Committed individuals/families provide meals for families recovering from an illness/surgery, suffering a loss of a loved one, or other family hardship. Also, the birth of a child

**GIFT OF TIME:** Called on a rotation basis.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Ability to prepare and deliver a meal.

**TRAINING:** You already have it.

## **HEALTH MINISTRY**

Parishioners who provide the parish with information and opportunities on how to maintain over-all health and management when health issues do arise.

### **HEALTH MINISTRY TEAM**

This group plans and implements opportunities that promote learning about the psychological, physical and emotional well-beings of individuals. The goal is to provide parishioners with educational programs that promote wellness and the management of illness and disease.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Occasional planning of meetings and occasional time on projects as needed.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Nurses and non-medical volunteers willing to help achieve the above.

**TRAINING:** Life experience.

### **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENERS**

People who can offer parishioners the opportunity to have their blood pressure screened.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Once a month after weekend Masses. Offered on the third weekend of the month. You choose when you wish to be scheduled.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Nurses and non-medical volunteers willing to help achieve the above.

**TRAINING:** Life experience.

### **FIRST RESPONDERS**

Assist if a medical emergency should arise at Mass.

**GIFT OF TIME:** At weekend Masses. You choose when you wish to be scheduled. Simply sit in an assigned pew and be available should the need arise.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Those who are qualified to offer assistance in emergency situations

**TRAINING:** First Aid Certified.

# REDEEMERS OUTREACH

## REDEEMERS OUTREACH COMMISSION

Acknowledging the presence and the power of God, and grounded in a desire to serve in the Spirit of the Gospel, we work in ways which motivate people of different backgrounds to work together, become a voice for the voiceless, promote greater justice in community affairs, and help people share what they have with others.

**GIFT OF TIME:** They meet Wednesday evenings several times throughout the year. Each individual can decide the extent of participation.

## LIFE ISSUES COMMITTEE

This committee finds ways to embrace and share the Catholic Church's teaching on the Sanctity of Life from the moment of conception until natural death. **THIS COMMITTEE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.**

**GIFT OF TIME:** Whatever you are comfortable giving.

**TRAINING:** A work in progress—we will learn together.

**EARLY LIFE ISSUES COMMITTEE**—this sub-committee supporting young parents after the birth of their child. Some of the activities that this committee supports are: a bi-annual crib drive, 40 Days for Life, and assisting at the Help Pregnancy Center.

**GIFT OF TIME:** The bi-annual crib drive for Help Pregnancy Aide Center and 40 Days for Life campaigns are seasonal and your time commitment may be whatever you have to give.

## FOOD PANTRY

This ministry provides groceries to families of our parish and the local community who are struggling to meet the daily need of feeding their families.

**COORDINATORS**—Individuals who oversee the pantry operations and prepare the schedules for packers and drivers.

**PACKERS**—Individuals who follow a prepared list, packing the groceries from the pantry shelves (usually on Tuesdays or Wednesdays).

**DRIVERS**—Drivers pickup already packed groceries and deliver them to local churches where LOVE clients meet for their weekly budget meeting (usually on Thursdays).

**SHOPPERS**—Individuals who purchase the perishable items requested by our clients for the week with a Meijer gift card (provided by the parish) or on our Family Fare parish charge.

**GIFT OF TIME:** One to two hours per month.

**TRAINING:** Minimum. Must sign confidentiality agreement with Love INC.

## OPERATION BOUNTY (November)

While reaching out to families who are economically challenged, this ministry provides a food basket that contains the Thanksgiving Meal for these families. *As a volunteer family* (adults and children), you will gather with other volunteers on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. You will be assigned one of the families for which you will assemble a decorative food basket from an assortment of items provided by the parish at large. Once assembled, you and your family will then deliver the items to the family residence. Prior to the assembly and distribution date, volunteers (adults and children) are needed to help organize the donations.



**YOUR PARTICIPATION DOES NOT REQUIRE A MINISTRY LEADER TO CONTACT YOU, SIMPLY WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR EVENTS. NO FOLLOW-UP WILL OCCUR.**

## **GIVING TREE** (December)

By reaching out to families who are economically challenged, this ministry provides a food basket that contains the Christmas Meal for these families. *As a volunteer family* (adults and children), you will gather with other volunteers on the Saturday before Christmas. You will be assigned one of the families for which you will assemble a decorative food basket from an assortment of items provided by the parish at large. There will also be Christmas gifts tagged for each member of the family. Once assembled, you and your family will then deliver the items to the family residence. Prior to the assembly and distribution date, volunteers (adults and children) are needed to help organize the donations.



**YOUR PARTICIPATION DOES NOT REQUIRE A MINISTRY LEADER TO CONTACT YOU; SIMPLY WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR EVENTS. NO FOLLOW-UP WILL OCCUR.**

## **OPERATION EASTER JOY** (March-April)

Reaching out to families who are economically challenged, this ministry provides a food basket that contains the Easter Meal for these families. As a volunteer family (adults and children), you will gather with other volunteers on the Saturday before Palm Sunday. You will be assigned one of the families for which you will assemble a decorative food basket from an assortment of items provided by the parish at large. Individual Easter baskets for the children of these families are also prepared. Once assembled, you and your family will then deliver the items to the family residence. Prior to the assembly and distribution date, volunteers (adults and children) are needed to help organize the donations.



**YOUR PARTICIPATION DOES NOT REQUIRE A MINISTRY LEADER TO CONTACT YOU; SIMPLY WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR EVENTS. NO FOLLOW-UP WILL OCCUR.**

## **GATEWAY MISSION OUTREACH** (up to five times per year)

Gateway Mission is a homeless shelter for men, women, and children. We have an opportunity to be Jesus' hands and feet by sharing a meal with them.

We prepare the meal on Saturday in Holy Redeemer Parish's kitchen and then serve the meal on Sunday at the Mission. Families are welcome to help out on one day or both days. Children must be a least 14 years old and accompanied by a parent.

**GIFT OF TIME:** One to two hours on Saturday for food preparation and/or three hours on Sunday for serving.

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

**YOUR PARTICIPATION DOES NOT REQUIRE A MINISTRY LEADER TO CONTACT YOU, SIMPLY WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR EVENTS. NO FOLLOW-UP WILL OCCUR.**

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** (Monthly on the 3rd Saturday of each month)

Habitat for Humanity has transformed the lives of millions of people around the world by helping families achieve their dream of affordable home ownership. Habitat's vision is a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live, working in partnership with families to build strength, stability and self-reliance. Members of the Holy Redeemer team work with Habitat for Humanity of Ottawa County on various building projects. Our current schedule is the third Saturday of each month; mornings, afternoons, or all day. Volunteers can meet at church and carpool or meet at the job site. No building experience is required, and is open to MEN and WOMEN 18 years and older.

**YOUR PARTICIPATION DOES NOT REQUIRE A MINISTRY LEADER TO CONTACT YOU; SIMPLY WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR EVENTS. NO FOLLOW-UP WILL OCCUR.**

## **HIKING IN THE CITY** (Monthly on the 3rd Sunday of each month)

Spreading the “*Good News*” through action, individuals walk the streets of the Grand Rapids Heartside area carrying backpacks filled with drinks, snacks, and sundry items needed by the homeless. Our current schedule is the third Sunday of the month for two hours in the afternoon. Volunteers meet at church and carpool downtown. As Church, the volunteers will interact as they listen to many cares, concerns, and life stories.



**YOUR PARTICIPATION DOES NOT REQUIRE A MINISTRY LEADER TO CONTACT YOU; SIMPLY WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR EVENTS. NO FOLLOW-UP WILL OCCUR.**

## **PICNIC IN THE PARK** (June-August)

This ministry gives us the opportunity to show our care and concern to those living on the street. In a picnic setting, volunteers will socialize and serve a warm meal to the homeless in downtown Grand Rapids. The event will typically take place every week, the schedule will be determined. Volunteers are needed every Wednesday evening for food prep in the parish kitchen, Thursday afternoons for final prep and packing up, and Thursday evening for serving and cleanup. Volunteers are also needed for shopping prior to the cooking, transporting, and clean-up upon return.



**YOUR PARTICIPATION DOES NOT REQUIRE A MINISTRY LEADER TO CONTACT YOU. NO FOLLOW-UP WILL OCCUR. ANYONE IS WELCOME TO COME TO THE PARK AND SERVE—SIMPLY WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR THE EVENT. SIGN-UP IS NEEDED AND TEAMS ARE SET-UP FOR THE SHOPPING, COOKING, CLEAN-UP, TRANSPORTATION AND PREPARATION. VOLUNTEERS CAN HELP MULTIPLE DATES. WE WILL BE USING SIGN-UP GENIUS.**

## **HAND2HAND MINISTRY** (September-June)



This ministry is a resource for children facing hunger over the weekend by providing healthy food so they have a greater opportunity to succeed academically, emotionally, and physically. This is done simply by placing a sack with food in the child’s locker (or in a designated bin) for him/her to take home each Friday. In collaboration with Hand2Hand Ministries, Holy Redeemer has partnered with Jenison Jr. High and San Juan Diego Academy. Packing is done once a month by four to six volunteers who sign-up on Sign-Up Genius. Additionally, volunteers sign up to deliver to either Jenison Jr. High or San Juan Diego Academy on Friday mornings. Bags are delivered while students are in class .

**GIFT OF TIME:** One hour

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork. In addition, complete Jenison Public School’s requirements of signing in when you arrive at school.

## **MIGRANT OUTREACH** (July & August)

This heartwarming and fun ministry works with children and young adults at Ottawa County migrant camps. It combines religious formation/sacrament preparation (under the guidance of the Diocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry) with games and crafts. Volunteers work in teams. We would love to have teens under 18 years old join in the fun, but you must bring your parent or guardian with you. Materials, lesson plans, snacks and carpool rides are provided.



**GIFT OF TIME:** Two to three hours per week for six weeks.

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

**YOUR PARTICIPATION DOES NOT REQUIRE A MINISTRY LEADER TO CONTACT YOU, SIMPLY WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR EVENTS. NO FOLLOW-UP WILL OCCUR.**

## PARISH TWINNING

This ministry will foster the continued growth of our twinning relationship with our sister parish villages in Mexico. There is the opportunity to visit the villages to understand the culture of the indigenous people. This ministry is expected to promote, educate, and broaden the view of our parish community and its understanding of the universal church.

**YOUR PARTICIPATION DOES NOT REQUIRE A MINISTRY LEADER TO CONTACT YOU; SIMPLY WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR EVENTS.**

**GIFT OF TIME:** Various avenues of participation.

## MISCELLANEOUS OPPORTUNITIES

### COLLECTION COUNTERS

This group secures collections, accurately accounts for funds received at each weekend liturgy and safely deposits funds.

**GIFT OF TIME:** One morning for approximately 2½ hours on a rotating basis.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Adult with accurate counting skills.

**TRAINING:** Hands-on training from team.

### HOSPITALITY

Individuals provide sweet and/or savory for hospitality at special parish events and workshops.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Your discretion.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Enjoyment of preparing food.

**TRAINING:** You already have it.

### OFFICE ASSISTANCE

Individuals assist on special projects involving parish mailings, bulletin stuffing, data entry, and general office assistance.

**GIFT OF TIME:** Would vary depending on the project.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Willingness to use the skills you have to offer.

**TRAINING:** You already have it.

### CHILDCARE PROVIDER

Teams of two workers provide childcare for toddlers and preschoolers for parish events, such as Bible Study, Adult Formation opportunities, Music Ministry Members, and for children of Funeral Luncheon Servers.

**GIFT OF TIME:** As needed depending on event.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Childcare providers must be 18 years of age.

**TRAINING:** Anyone 18 years or older are required to participate in a “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session or an on-line Awareness Session and complete standard paperwork.

### GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION

Individuals pull weeds, top flowers, and facilitate various projects from time to time to help maintain our beautiful landscaping.



**GIFT OF TIME:** Primarily spring and fall when your schedule allows.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Enjoyment of gardening and/or working outdoors.

**TRAINING:** Your previous experience and the desire to enjoy God’s beautiful creation.

## **BUILDING FACILITIES TEAM**

Members of this team are on-call to help with light maintenance duties throughout the campus including minor carpentry, mechanical, painting and other maintenance duties as well as assist with staging for special events. Monitors long term maintenance projects.

**GIFT OF TIME:** If you are available when a needs arise—your timetable—total flexibility

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Familiarity with hand tools and power tools is helpful.

**TRAINING:** Your previous experience.

## **PARISH EVENTS PHOTOGRAPHER (AMATURE OR PROFESSIONAL)**

Do you love taking pictures?? This could be the ministry for you!! We are always looking for parishioners to take photos at our parish events. Maybe this is something that you already do... if so we would love for you to share your photos with us!

**GIFT OF TIME:** Whenever you are available

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Ability to use a cell phone or camera

**TRAINING:** Your previous experience.

## **ARCHIVIST**

This would be an individual or group of individuals who are willing to collect, organize, preserve, and maintain control over items that show the history of our parish.

**GIFT OF TIME:** On-going as you are aware of events that are taking place in our parish.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Organized and a love for this type of task.

**TRAINING:** Your previous experience.





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