

WHAT ARE YOU DOING - FOR GOD'S SAKE?

The following are descriptions of the various ministries which advance our efforts to fulfill our Vision. Beginning the weekend of March 26/27, parishioners are invited to make a one year commitment to work with any of these ministry teams.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

On Pentecost Sunday four of our registered and Confirmed members will be chosen by lot to serve on the Pastoral Council. The Council works with our pastor and the various ministry teams to guide our parish according to our Vision Statement. Specifically, council members seek to grow through their own continuing education. Secondly, we send members as liaisons to each of the ministry teams. Thirdly, we create opportunities for all our parishioners and ministry teams to participate in discerning the needs of the parish and in the setting of goals and projects to fulfill these needs. Volunteers for this ministry make a three-year commitment.

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

The Stewardship Council is composed of parishioners committed to the Biblical concept of stewardship. They recognize that our time, our gifts, our talents and our treasure ultimately comes from God, and they thank the Lord by returning to God, some of what they have received. More importantly, the Stewardship Team is committed to helping all of our parishioners to become good stewards. Members who volunteer for this ministry council are asked to make a three-year commitment.

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COMMUNITY LIFE TEAM

In a sense, this ministry team might be called the ministry of fun and frolic! This team is committed to enhancing the social and communal life of the parish through an assortment of gatherings throughout the year, including: the September Picnic, as well as fun events for families and adults. Those who join this ministry are asked to make a one-year commitment.

ADULT FORMATION TEAM

This team is composed of men and women who are interested in sharing their faith. No experience is necessary! The aim of the team is to continue to build an inviting, welcoming atmosphere in our community for all adults and to reach out to those who have no religious affiliation of their own and to the inactive or alienated Catholics in our area. We would especially welcome those who have a talent for journalism, marketing or public relations, who could assist us with creative ways to spread the "Good News". This ministry team meets about eight times during the school year. Volunteers for this ministry make a one -year commitment to it.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION TEAM

The Formation Ministry Team looks for ways to develop communication between the parish, youth and our families. We are committed to embracing our children as our younger brothers and sisters in Christ. Our mission is to support a strong Religious Education program and a Youth Group that will excite our youth into learning and sharing our faith fully. This ministry team meets once a month, usually on the third Monday. We encourage you to make this one-year commitment to invest in the faith formation of our youth!

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PARISH WELLNESS TEAM

This is a ministry team of health care professionals and other caring, service oriented people whose concern is the care and well being of our parishioners. They coordinate services to those need (food, transportation, light housework, etc). They also share their knowledge with the community in a variety of informational and service programs geared to our better health. Those who join this ministry make a one -year commitment to this ministry.

CHARITY & JUSTICE TEAM

The Charity & Justice Ministry Team plans and coordinates our parish's effort to reach out to those in need by providing assistance. Some of their many tasks are to bring food to the needy, work with the homeless shelter, collect gifts at holiday time and collect clothes for needy infants. They also are charged with the task of working to help the needy help themselves. This Ministry Team has about 10 meetings a year (on the second Tuesday of the month). Members who volunteer for this ministry make a commitment for one year.

WORSHIP TEAM

The Worship Ministry Team plans and coordinates the Liturgical celebrations of our parish. Bringing together our Liturgical ministries, pastoral musicians and members of the Art & Environment team, they work to plan and coordinate prayerful celebrations of the Liturgy. They also strive to enrich our people's understanding of the Mass. This Ministry Team has about 10 meetings a year (on the first Wednesday of the month) and does additional work in between the meetings. Members who volunteer for this ministry are asked to make a commitment for one year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - CATECHISTS & AIDES

Our Vision commits us to *embrace our children as our younger brothers and sisters in Christ. We envision a strong religious education program that will excite our youth into learning and sharing with us fully.* St. Mary Magdalen has a dynamic program dedicated to this vision. Many parishioners volunteer to assist in our program but many more catechists and aides are needed. Volunteers are asked to make a one-year commitment.

TECHNOLOGY TEAM

Our Technology Team reviews the technology (hardware and software) used in our parish offices. They recommend and install appropriate updates as needed. This team also oversees the updates to our parish website. Volunteers are asked to make a one-year commitment to this ministry.

ACTIVITIES TEAM

The Activities Team is responsible for: Setting the policies that govern the gym, planning and organizing the activities for teens, men & women and supervising activities as they occur. This team works with the Community Life Team to coordinate the events and the parish calendar. Volunteers make a one-year commitment.

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