

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT AT CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION LANSING, MICHIGAN

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is an essential truth of the Christian faith. We, the Catholic community of the Church of the Resurrection, are called to bring the Risen Christ to the wider community. To do this, we intend to enliven our own faith through celebrations together, especially the Mass, and on-going education of adults, children and families; the responsible use of our gifts; and our following of the example of Christ in our relationship with all people. By the enthusiastic living of our faith in the Risen Jesus, we hope to glorify God and call others to Christ.

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Dear Parishioners,

For generations, parishioners of the Church of the Resurrection have been committed to following Jesus through the giving of their time and talent in stewardship. As situations change in our community and in our personal lives, the need for involvement in the lay apostolate changes, as well. As faithful members of the Church, however, each parishioner is expected and encouraged to offer their time, talent and treasure to the building up of the Kingdom of God. This booklet is provided as a guide to what opportunities are available for stewardship in the parish, and to help parishioners discern how Christ is calling them to follow him.

In this booklet, you will find a description of each of the groups and organizations that are active in our parish, as well as their need for new members or involvement. Contact names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses are included. While there are opportunities throughout the year for these groups to recruit new people, it is suggested that each parishioner take the initiative of becoming involved in a ministry that best uses their talents, skills and interests for the benefit of the Church and others. As each person reads through this booklet, they are encouraged to pray for the Lord to open their heart to his call of discipleship.

Yours in Christ,



Fr. William J. Koenigsknecht  
Pastor

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“As sharers in the role of Christ the Priest, the Prophet, and the King, the laity have an active part to play in the life and activity of the Church. Their activity is so necessary within church communities that without it the apostolate of the pastors is generally unable to achieve its full effectiveness.”

– *Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity #10*  
*Documents of Vatican II*

**ADORATION GROUP**

**Contact:** Piper Fountain      372-2933      1piperpiping@gmail.com

**Mission:** To visit Jesus and adore Him.

**Description:** Everyone is invited and encouraged to come visit Jesus; to spend some time -- a few minutes or a few hours -- in church any Friday from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. Continuous grace and blessings, answered prayer, and comfort for all participants, as well as those who are the object of the adorers' prayers. Adorers enjoy a closer relationship with God and strength to live the Christian life. Our whole parish benefits from the prayer, as well as the individual adorer, and God is honored. In addition, countless others benefit, as this is offered to everyone, parishioner or not. Many have joined in to spend time contemplating Jesus, ever present in the Eucharist. He is physically there 100%, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, and waiting for His people to come to Him. Quote from the Cure of Ars: "God has created my heart only for Himself. He asks me to give it to Him, that He may make it happy." No prayer is ever wasted, so the effects in the spiritual realm, transforming lives here and now, are huge. Only God knows the vast blessings and effects our prayers achieve. Adorers may come and go as they please, but we need a core of folks to commit to one hour on Fridays. If you feel called to this, call Piper to sign up for any of the hours from 9 am – 9 pm. Everyone is welcome!

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Contact:** Shirley Cain      719-3402      resreact@yahoo.com

**Mission:** To assist the parish priest and rectory in training, communication, and recognition of the altar servers.

**Description:** The altar servers under this program are youth from the parish who assist the priest on the altar during Mass. We are looking for adults for a minimum of a one-year commitment of about 5-10 hours per year to work on mailings, phoning, and bulletin inserts, as

well as to attend some of the meetings with servers. This ministry requires creativity and the ability to work well with young people.

### **ALTAR SOCIETY**

**Contact:** Sue Nehf 485-2424 (no e-mail)

**Mission:** To help in the personal sanctification of the members through participation in the spiritual and material works of the Society. It assists the priests and the parish with care of the altar and related church needs; to provide funeral luncheons for families with funerals at Resurrection; to provide cards to homebound parishioners; and to help the parish in a variety of other areas.

**Description:** All woman of Resurrection parish are members of the Altar Society. Membership includes circle and non-circle members, as we achieve our goal of service to the entire parish and caring for the altar. The Society has two main functions: 1) it assists the pastor in maintaining the altar for divine worship and in providing, according to its resources, for the necessities of the sanctuary; 2) it cooperates in the development of the spiritual and temporal welfare of the parish. Relative to the care of the altar, the Society purchases the altar breads, wine, candles and the Easter candle. We maintain the servers' robes and provide for the care of the altar linens and parish vestments. We have social and fundraiser events, such as a fall luncheon, rummage sale, and a spring "Time Out for Women." Much of the cooking needed for parish events is provided by the members of the Society. There is also an annual baby shower held by members of the Society, which benefits two local pro-life pregnancy service agencies. From 1955 to the present, our ladies have understood the importance of serving the parish. Any woman who wants to take a more active role in any of these areas should contact Sue Nehf.

Some of the services provided by the Society include:

#### **CARDS TO SHUT-INS**

**Contact:** Bridget Kelly 339-8209 bkelly@waverlyk12.net

**Mission:** To keep homebound parishioners connected to the rest of the parish and to help them see that they are still thought of and cared about.

**Description:** The coordinator of this ministry connects with the parish office and the Senior Parishioner Commission to see that all senior shut-ins are connected to one of our volunteers so they continue to feel part of Resurrection's parish family. The volunteers try to correspond with their people every 4 - 6 weeks. Some of our volunteers not only send cards but also visit their shut-ins. Every summer, volunteers are contacted to see if they want to continue with this ministry and to thank them for their service. Also, our many volunteers are recognized every fall with a Mass and note in the bulletin. We also send cards to widows and widowers for several months after the loss of their spouse. This is a ministry under the Altar Society's St. Anne circle.

#### **FUNERAL LUNCHEONS**

**Contact:** Delores Graham 372-6193 (no e-mail)

**Mission:** Provide funeral meals for families holding funeral services at Resurrection church, creating an atmosphere of friendship for grieving families.

**Description:** Volunteers must have a willingness to serve others by providing a meal for the families after a death and funeral. Provides a place for families to come together in a social setting for fellowship and companionship. Volunteers help prepare and serve the meal. Supplies are underwritten by the Altar Society. We usually average one to two funeral luncheons per month. Volunteers need not be involved in every meal.

### **SACRISTANS**

**Contact:** Carol Doll 702-9395 (no e-mail)

**Mission:** Care of the altar, sanctuary, candles, and linen care.

**Description:** A team of volunteers spend about one hour every Thursday morning after daily Mass to vacuum, dust, wash the gold vessels and holy water fonts, and put out clean altar cloths. This is a program under the Altar Society, and funds from the Society pay for the candles and any cleaning supplies needed. We have three schedules to accommodate those who are not available to work during certain seasons. These schedules cover January to June, June to October, and October to January. Four volunteers usually work together at a time. New volunteers are always welcome.

### **BAPTISM PREP TEAM**

**Contact:** Dick Schaefer 484-2998 dkschaefer@sbcglobal.net

**Mission:** Facilitate an evening presentation on the Sacrament of Baptism for parents (and godparents) who are preparing to have their child baptized at Resurrection.

**Description:** Baptism classes are presented every other month, with each member of the team usually serving three times each year. Facilitators must have a strong faith life, an ability to present the Catholic understanding of Baptism, and a desire to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. Duties include presenting course material on the Sacrament of Baptism – the theology, history, practice, and responsibility of parents and godparents to guide their children in the way of faith. Practical tasks include coordinating the class times, preparing materials for the participants, setting up rectory meeting room, teaching the course material, and leading discussion and prayer times. For all the parties involved, it is an opportunity to deepen your faith and grow in a fuller appreciation of the Sacrament of Baptism. Any individual who is new to this ministry will be given the needed course material and will be fully trained. There is no official follow up to the course; however, the Christ Renews His Parish weekend is recommended to all of the participants as a way of deepening their faith.

### **BE NOT AFRAID HOLY HOUR**

**Contact:** Judy Edwards 336-1924 gorretti76@aol.com

**Mission:** To provide education and encouragement to help strengthen members of the parish to stand up against abortion and other offenses against the law of love Jesus revealed to us.

**Description:** Be Not Afraid Holy Hours were designed under the inspiration of Blessed Mother Teresa, by the Apostolate for Family Consecration. Its purpose is the evangelizing of families and stopping abortion. The Holy Hour is a video series that focuses on a topic of teaching. It also includes praying a rosary. We start at 5:30 pm in the church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **BRIDGE GROUP**

**Contact:** Maxine Murdoch 484-9867 or 281-3292 maxinemurdoch@yahoo.com

**Mission:** This is a social group that gets together two afternoons a month to provide Christian fellowship and to keep the game of bridge going.

**Description:** We meet in the parish hall and rotate hosts each week. We currently have about 20 people playing and have had two to five tables each session. Everyone pays \$1.00 to play, and we give all but \$2.00 in prizes. The \$2.00 pays for expenses.

### **CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH**

**Contact:** Jim and Sue Anne Garvie 482-3426 [garvies3@comcast.net](mailto:garvies3@comcast.net)

**Mission:** To help members of the parish become renewed in the Holy Spirit so that the parish, itself, can be continuously renewed and more on fire to carry out the mission of the Church.

**Description:** Since 2007, men and women of the parish have formed teams to grow closer to Jesus and to help Him renew our parish in His love and unity. Each team meets for six months of faith formation, based on Scripture and sharing of life experiences. They then put on a retreat, also based on the Gospel and on personal sharing. The men's and woman's formation meetings and retreats are held separately. Following the retreats, those who attended the retreat form new teams, and the cycle continues, with the aim being that all members of the parish eventually be renewed in the Lord. Once team membership ends (with the giving of a retreat), the team members prayerfully discern how they can become instruments for Jesus to continue renewing the parish. Men's retreats and women's retreats are held in the parish hall every six months, so that there is continuous formation and renewal going on in the parish. A Continuation Committee, made up of the leaders of past retreats, helps to sustain the renewal effort, provide guidance, and encourage social and spiritual events that help bolster renewal.

### **CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Contact:** Jean Dalton 487-0385 [jeandalton@att.net](mailto:jeandalton@att.net)

**Mission:** To coordinate and oversee all activities and programs in the parish that offer service to those in need, focusing on doing corporal works of mercy.

**Description:** Under this Commission are such programs as the parish involvement in Habitat for Humanity, volunteer service to St. Vincent Catholic Charities, including its refugee services, the Council on Alcohol and Drugs, Respect Life Committee, St. Vincent De Paul Society, the Prayer Shawl and Lap Blanket Ministry, and aspects of the Altar Society and other groups. The Angelus Memorial Project, to provide a place for burial for miscarried, stillborn or aborted babies is also under this Commission. A representative from each service group reports to the head of this Commission on a regular basis and these representatives meet periodically for coordination and communication purposes.

### **CHURCH CLEANING GROUPS**

**Contact:** Doug Watters 896-5730 (no e-mail)

**Mission:** Keep our church clean for worship.

**Description:** Teams of volunteers clean the bathrooms, vestibules, and pews each Monday morning. This usually takes about 1-2 hours after the 8:15 Mass. There are currently five teams that take turns doing this work. Obviously, the more hands working, the smaller the job seems. We need more volunteers to help with this very important job.

### **COFFEE AND DONUTS**

**Contact:** Dick Schaefer 484-2998 [dkschaefer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dkschaefer@sbcglobal.net)

**Mission:** Provide a time for fellowship and refreshments after 9:30 am Sunday Mass for parishioners and guests to socialize in the parish hall.

**Description:** Most of the Sundays during the school year, we provide fruit, tea, milk, juice, coffee and donuts after the 9:30 am Mass in the parish hall for all interested parishioners. This is a time for socializing and relationship-building in a spirit of Christian fellowship. We currently have three teams acting as hosts on a rotational basis and we would certainly welcome others who would like to serve in this ministry. It is the coordinator's responsibility to replenish the basic supplies and order the donuts. Each host purchases the other perishable

items, sets up the hall, serves the coffee and cold drinks, and cleans up after the event. We collect donations to cover the cost of this event.

### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**Contact:** *Contact person needed*

**Mission:** To oversee and coordinate efforts throughout the parish to share information and to foster unity among its members.

**Description:** Under this Commission are such things as the parish newsletter, bulletin preparation, transmission of information to the Catholic and secular media regarding activities of the parish, and development and maintenance of internet connections with the members. This Commission works very closely with the pastor.

### **COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND DRUGS**

**Contact:** John Abel 487-5752 linjohn3@yahoo.com

**Mission:** To Serve God's people as a spiritual and physical resource to inform, educate, and support the healing of individuals and families affected by addictions to alcohol and other drugs.

**Description:** This is a council of the Diocese of Lansing. It provides community referrals and encourages reconciliation with God, while adapting to the changing needs within the Diocese. The Council's job is to find help for people of the various parishes who have alcohol or drug problems. Many times this involves "intervention." The Council deals with persons directly and/or with family members.

### **CUB SCOUT PACK 227 (inactive)**

**Contact:** Shirley Cain 719-3402 resreact@yahoo.com

**Mission:** The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young men to make ethical choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout oath and law. As the Catholic Church of the Resurrection, we extend those principles to that of their faith and a deep responsibility to God's laws.

**Description:** Young men in the 1st through 5th grade are eligible to join. We teach the boys to think outside themselves and we hope to teach them the skills that will help them to be productive and loving parts of their families, parish, and communities as youth and adults. We annually participate with a float in the Silver Bells in the City parade, chili dinner, Blue and Gold Banquet, Pinewood Derby, and closing picnic. We have also served as Salvation Army bell ringers at the Lansing Mall. We fundraise by selling popcorn every year and by holding our chili dinner. There is no Cub Scout den active in 2011, but if a parent wants to organize a group, it would be welcome.

### **EASTER DINNER**

**Contact:** Judy Edwards 336-1924 gorretti76@aol.com

**Mission:** To provide a free holiday meal and fellowship for those who would not have a nice dinner at Easter or who would be alone.

**Description:** Good food and laughter mark this event each Easter weekend. Donations are sought from many sources to provide a holiday meal and goodies for people from the parish and the wider community. Individuals and families volunteer their time, talents, and treasure to help secure provisions, cook, serve, share fellowship, and clean up after the meal.

### **EDUCATION COMMISSION**

**Contact:** Brian Jacobs 485-3632 bjjacobs6@hotmail.com  
**Mission:** To be an advisory board to all educational groups in the parish, including R.C.I.A., REACT teens, Resurrection School and Religious Education.

**Description:** To be a member of this Commission one must be a registered active parishioner for a minimum of three years. We meet once a month for 10 months, and hear reports from each of the above-mentioned groups, plus Lansing Catholic High School. We develop and revise policies, help with public relations, and promotion of the school, religious education, and youth group. Anyone interested in serving on this Commission should make that desire known to the Pastor.

#### **EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION**

**Contact:** Debi Hill 374-4777 rockytubby@aol.com  
**Mission:** Our mission is to bring Catholics home, back to the Church, to seek the conversion of non-Catholics, to unite parishioners as one family, especially by welcoming newcomers and those who are returning to the practice of their faith.

**Description:** We provide opportunities during the year to promote our mission with various activities such as: Welcome Home Sunday, weekly article in the parish bulletin, social gatherings, promote adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and by greeting and looking for new parishioners. The coffee and donuts provided after the Sunday 9:30 am Mass also is under the umbrella of this Commission.

#### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Contact:** James Wohlsheid 371-4130 woodie559@aol.com  
**Mission:** To assist the priest, who is Christ's representative, with distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ.

**Description:** To assist the priest with the distribution of the Eucharist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays and holydays. We also have ministers of the Eucharist who visit shut-ins and those who are in the hospital. Must be a practicing Roman Catholic adult in good standing with the Church. We are always in need of more volunteers who would usually be scheduled about twice a month. They are usually assigned to the services they prefer. Obviously, the more ministers we have, the less often each one would be called to serve.

#### **FINANCE COUNCIL**

**Contact:** Chuck Lott 372-5311 lott.charles@sbcglobal.net  
**Mission:** The Finance Council serves as an advisory group for the pastor in administering parish finances.

**Description:** Members are appointed by the pastor for a three-year term and must be members of the parish at least for three years before being eligible. Members must be practicing Catholics and willing and able to share the responsibilities of administering the temporal goods of the parish. The parish business manager serves as an ex-officio member. The Council reviews the financial reports provided by the business manager, and its members serve as primary consultants in any financial matter requiring the Bishop's approval.

#### **GARDENING GROUP**

**Contact:** Cindi Currie 485-5886 curriecindi@aol.com  
**Mission:** Glorify God by beautifying the parish grounds.

**Description:** Our purpose is to keep our parish grounds neat and attractive. Volunteers

"adopt" a flowerbed and assume responsibility for planting flowers, weeding, and watering throughout the growing season. Special activity days are organized for raking leaves, mulch distribution, and overall cleanup of the area. We will publish in the bulletin when those events will take place and welcome all parishioners to help. No special skills are required, just a willingness to get dirty and to work hard. We also need people to help with pruning and trimming during the growing season. If you would like to volunteer, donate plants, materials, or cash for mulch contact Cindi.

### **GIRL SCOUT TROOP 30289**

**Contact:** ML Konett 974-2200 kinettml@comcast.net

**Mission:** To help train girls to be confident, giving and intellectual contributors to the community, the parish, and the world.

**Description:** Interested girls of any age can contact Mrs. Konett for troop information. Troop 30289 is a Cadets troop whose mission is dedicated to completing the Catholic Girl Scout Awards and requirements. We are always interested in having volunteer assistance.

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

**Contact:** Mitch Kogut 372-2648 (no e-mail)

**Mission:** Our parish, along with other parishes, participates and assists with the building of homes for low income families who are willing to provide sweat equity and make minimal payments to help pay for their homes. Our parish volunteers usually help with one home each year.

**Description:** We provide volunteers for prayer support for the building project, as well as organizing physical labor and advocacy for the home project involving our parish. Some of our specific duties include: providing lunch or snack during a specific weekend, daily prayer for the success and safety of the build, scheduling volunteer laborers for the build site, and ensuring workers are reminded of their commitment for specific days. New volunteers are welcome. Orientation is provided by Habitat for Humanity/Lansing.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

#### **MSGR. JOHN A. GABRIELS COUNCIL 11099**

**Contact:** John Gordon 372-1595 gordon.j@comcast.net

**Mission:** In the beginning, the mission of the Knights was to provide aid to widows and orphans. This has expanded to providing aid, support, and service to its members, their families, the Church, the parish, the local community, and those entities identified by the Supreme and State Councils.

**Description:** The council meets the second Monday evening every month in the Teen Center. Typical projects we are involved in include: the "Tootsie Roll Drive," a fundraiser for the mentally impaired; golf outing fundraiser; bicycle raffle at the annual parish ox roast; parish cookout; youth free throw contest; Sunday parish coffee and donuts; collection counters; prepare and serve an annual Altar Society brunch. Members and their families can devote as much or as little time to these and other Council activities as they wish. But remember, the saying, "You only get out as much as you put in." This also applies to the Knights of Columbus.

### **LITTLE SHAMROCKS PRESCHOOL AND DAYCARE**

**Contact:** Jennifer McCaffrey, Director 487-0439 resurrectionsschool@comcast.net

**Mission:** To provide a safe, stimulating environment for before and after school care for school aged children, and to provide all-day care for children 3-5.

**Description:** The Little Shamrocks Preschool and Day Care programs are designed to fit the needs of each individual child. Our program offers opportunities for children to develop socially, cognitively, physically, and emotionally in a loving and safe environment. Our after school program includes supervision, creative play, large and small motor skill development, and daily homework time. Time is set aside for reading, in accordance with state regulations. For the preschool, each week is assigned a theme. Developmental and cognitive learning activities are planned based on the weekly theme. Activities include a letter and number of the week for the children to work on, as well as a literature based activity. A monthly field trip that ties into the themes is scheduled. Opportunities frequently arise for parents and others to volunteer time or materials for any of our care programs. Please contact the school to learn about these opportunities.

### **LIVING ROSARY**

**Contact:** Diane Woods 482-0447 dianetheresew@aol.com

**Mission:** To ask the Blessed Mother to intercede for us, for our daily needs.

**Description:** The Living Rosary began in 1826 by the Venerable Pauline Marie Jaricot in honor of St. Philomena, child virgin martyr and miracle worker, who is protectress of the Living Rosary. The Living Rosary is for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In 1835, Pope Gregory XVI granted approval of The Living Rosary Association. The rosary is divided among 15 members, each one upholding the other, as "the fervent inspire the lukewarm, the strong uphold the weak and the spiritually rich enrich the poor." It is a prayer deeply cherished by Blessed Pope John Paul II and used by him and his loved ones during the Nazi occupation in Poland, and given his blessing. It is a simple devotion, parish oriented, which requires only a few moments of prayer a day and produces great spiritual results. Meditate on one mystery daily, which you are assigned and recite one decade of the rosary for specific intentions. In our own parish, we have over 150 people who recite their assigned mystery each day, making up 10 rosaries daily. Through the intercession of Our Lady of The Rosary, our purpose is to preserve faith in the souls of the faithful and obtain the conversion of sinners and the exaltation of Holy Mother the Church.

### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION GROUP**

**Contact:** Richard and Stephanie Imgrund 485-1920 rimgrund@comcast.net

**Mission:** Trained married couples from Resurrection Parish assist engaged couples planning to marry at Resurrection. The program includes a component of the required diocesan Marriage Preparation for Catholics.

**Description:** Married couples facilitate discussion between engaged couples that cover results of their Focus Inventory (a diocesan approved discernment tool for engaged couples). Couples generally meet with the engaged couple a few times (not more than 6 times). Although it varies from year to year, each married couple usually works with one or two engaged couple per year. Currently, there are three married couples who are trained to work in this ministry. Couples commit to this ministry for three years.

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

**Contact:** Elizabeth Galer 517-281-4211 ejgaler@hotmail.com

**Mission:** To create a musical backdrop and environment that support the celebration of the Mass. To provide trained musicians whose efforts encourage congregational participation in worship.

**Description:** There are two main ways that parishioners can serve in the music ministry: in the adult choir, and on the praise and worship team. The choir, in addition to leading the

congregation in worship, also prepares meditative anthems for Communion. These are to be sung separate from the congregation for the purpose of aiding in meditative prayer. Our adult choir sings at the 11:00 am Sunday Mass during the school year, and rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm, and on Sundays at 10 am. Singing with the choir is a wonderful way to serve the parish, build relationships with fellow parishioners, and even delve more deeply into the beauty and rich tradition of the Mass. The praise and worship group leads the music twice a month. This group's aim is to encourage and reflect the joy of the Holy Spirit and enliven the worship at Mass and is comprised mostly of young adults. Furthermore, at the present, it is also the main arena at our parish for post high-school life and service together. People who serve in the music ministry may also participate in parish-wide events, which could include concerts, Ox Roast, Christmas Appreciation Dinner, etc.

### **NEWSLETTER**

**Contact:** Sue Anne Garvie 482-3426 garvies3@comcast.net

**Mission:** To communicate and evangelize regarding parish activities, reaching all parishioners, both active and homebound.

**Description:** To communicate parish activities and priorities to and for parish members. We could use people to help with labeling and stuffing the newsletter and envelopes. Issued three times a year, we rely on parish members and group leaders to fill our pages with pertinent information.

### **OX ROAST FESTIVAL**

**Contact:** Vic Torok 482-2982 vtorok@comcast.net

**Mission:** While this event is the largest fundraiser for Resurrection, its primary purpose is to bring our parish family and friends together for a weekend of fun and camaraderie, while fostering a spirit of Catholic Christian fellowship.

**Description:** The Ox Roast Festival is held annually on the weekend following Labor Day. Meetings are a minimum of once in May and June, and a minimum of twice in July and August. There are many different and equally important areas/functions within the festival. There is a General Chairperson, who oversees coordination of all facets of the Ox Roast, and a chairperson for advertising, raffles, kitchen, casino, carnival games, to name a few. Chairpersons must be registered members of the parish. There are no other qualifications to be a volunteer. We welcome and encourage any and all volunteers to sign up for as many hours and in as many areas as possible and have a great time!

### **PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**Contact:** Sheila Evans 517 444-1429 sheilajamaica@yahoo.com

**Mission:** The Pastoral Council is called to be the authentic voice of the laity in the running of the parish. Its members are commissioned to examine parish life in the light of the Gospel and the Tradition of the Church.

**Description:** Membership is made up primarily of the heads of the various parish Commissions, plus four at-large members recommended by parishioners and appointed by the Pastor for up to two two-year terms. Anyone 18 or older who is an active member of the parish may serve as an at-large member. Youth 16 to 18 may serve as a youth member. The Council has two youth-member positions. Anyone interested in serving should make their desire known to the Pastor or one of the members. The Pastoral Council meets once a month, with the exception of July. It defines and sets forth, in conjunction with the Pastor, the mission of and vision for the parish. The Council provides overall coordination and oversight for all parish activities and groups, so that this vision and mission are carried out in all aspects of the parish.

### **PRAISE AND WORSHIP ENSEMBLE**

**Contact:** Tim Parker 242-0305 tim.parker@aquinas.edu

**Mission:** This ministry serves the parish at liturgies and other parish events throughout the year with uplifting contemporary praise and worship music.

**Description:** This group meets weekly for practice and provides music for Masses on the first and third Sundays of the month. Members welcome all high school and young adult persons who have an interest in singing and/or playing an instrument and desire to use their gifts to give praise to God. Contact any member after the 9:30 am Mass on the first Sunday of the month or the 6:00 pm Mass on the third Sunday of the month.

### **PRAYER CHAIN**

**Contact:** Judy Edwards 336-1924 gorretti76@aol.com

**Mission:** To provide prayer for those requesting it in our parish and surrounding community.

**Description:** Participants commit to pray for those who request it. Our prayers consist of a rosary, Mass, or any other prayer of the participant's choice.

### **PRAYER SHAWL & LAP BLANKET MINISTRY**

**Contact:** Sue Anne Garvie 482-3426 garvies3@comcast.net

**Mission:** To bring people together in Christian fellowship to grow in our spirituality while we make shawls and lap blankets for those who are ill or who might otherwise benefit from having one.

**Description:** Anyone who knits, crochets, sews or wants to learn how is welcome to join in this ministry. We try to reach out to those in need and provide a shawl or blanket, created in prayer. Through this work, we hope to provide a sense of warmth and love, reflecting the idea that Jesus wraps those who are hurting in his all-encompassing love.

### **QUILTERS**

**Contact:** Crystal Goodman 484-5136 cmgoodman@aol.com

**Mission:** Promote the continuance of the art of quilting.

**Description:** Members meet once a week in the rectory basement from 9:00 am to 11:00 am to work together on a quilt. We also will work on other persons' quilts. Any proceeds we make we contribute to the church. We also have donated quilts in the past to the Ox Roast Festival. We welcome new adult members and are willing to teach this old art to them.

### **R.C.I.A. (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)**

**Contact:** John Lindemann 484-2335 justjohn@arg.net

**Mission:** To implement the R.C.I.A. process at the Church of the Resurrection and to provide opportunities for continuing religious, spiritual, scriptural, and theological education of adults.

**Description:** Those who would like to be a part of this ministry should be fully initiated Catholics and living the Catholic faith on communal, liturgical, and ministerial levels. The R.C.I.A. provides hospitality, faith sharing, sponsorship, teaching, evangelization, and prayer, both liturgical and personal, for adults and older children who are interested in being baptized, confirmed, joining the Church, or learning more about the Catholic faith.

### **REACT (RESURRECTION AREA CATHOLIC TEENS)**

**Contact:** Shirley Cain 719-3402 resreact@yahoo.com

**Mission:** To provide religious education and a place in our parish family for our 9th through 12th grade Resurrection teens to grow spiritually and serve God and their parish families. To provide a place they can learn and be updated about their Catholic faith. And to provide a place where they can actively take part in some of the decisions and events of the parish.

**Description:** REACT provides parish teens' religious education through instruction, retreats, and spiritual, social and service programs. Connecting them with their Catholic peers locally, nationally, and worldwide. We plan on how we will be represented at World Youth Day. We enjoy our outreach to the senior parishioners through the Golden Shamrocks program. We have done several service projects to help the St. Vincent De Paul program and food bank of our parish. We have set up an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast each month. We are looking for volunteers, 21 years and up for our ministry team, and 18 years and up for our young adult ministry team.

### **READERS**

**Contact:** Fred Christopherson 484-3697 peacefulking@msn.com

**Mission:** Readers proclaim the word of God by reading Scripture at weekend Masses.

**Description:** Meeting once a year for training or enrichment, readers review, practice, and study the readings during the week. They are to arrive 15 minutes early for the Mass at which they are scheduled, process in with the priest, proclaim the first and/or second readings, read the intercessions and announcements (usually divided between two readers), process out. Having a speaking voice that is reasonably clear and loud is desired. Readers must be Catholics in good standing and be of high school age or above.

### **RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

**Contact:** Nancy Poff 482-2605 nipoff@gmail.com

**Mission:** To provide religious education classes for students in first through eighth grades who do not attend Resurrection School. To provide sacramental preparation for all Resurrection children and teens. To provide a summer Bible school for all students, preschool through teens.

**Description:** It is our purpose to assist parents in the spiritual development of their children within the framework of Catholic teachings and moral values. We are committed to providing a strong spiritual environment that encourages all children to become productive Catholic citizens. We see our tasks as follows: to introduce children to the Real Presence of the Risen Christ in the Eucharist, in Scripture, and in our community; to foster an awareness of the many ways God reveals Himself to us through Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, our liturgies, and the sacraments, as well as through one another as we live out our lives as Christians; to proclaim the mysteries of our faith; to teach about and help to foster worship and prayer; to share community and build unity; and to motivate to participate in Christian service. In accomplishing these tasks, we provide an environment where we may: discover and grow in our personal relationship with our Triune God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; experience conversation and transformation; be incorporated into our parish community – its history, values, beliefs, and practices -- so that our tradition may be preserved, enlarged, and transmitted to future generations; and become active in changing society for the better. Anyone interested in being part of this effort should contact Nancy Poff.

### **RESPECT FOR LIFE COMMITTEE**

**Contact:** Jim Harken 203-9702 jeharken@yahoo.com

**Mission:** To work for an end to abortion and euthanasia. To help and advise parents with unplanned pregnancies. To work with Right to Life of Michigan and the Diocesan Life Issues office.

**Description:** Respect for Life Committee meets informally, when a meeting is deemed necessary. Members should have a desire to work with others in the parish's and the diocesan campaign for life, especially through Right to Life endeavors. This may include petitions, political candidate support, etc. Time commitment depends on ongoing projects. Members should have a willingness to work hard to achieve our goal and ability to meet and work with the public to inform, convince, and educate in the battle for LIFE. Specific projects members could volunteer for are: (1) join Right to Life of Lansing; (2) volunteer at shared pregnancies and Project RACHEL; (3) provide end of life counseling to the elderly, particularly by explaining and signing the Catholic advanced directive form; (4) join 40 days for life; (5) share the fact that St Joseph Catholic Cemetery will bury miscarried babies for free (memorializing the baby's name is not included); (6) distribute, sign, and mail petitions to remove tax payer funds for abortions; (7) join Resurrection's committee to provide a beautiful burial site at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery for babies who have miscarried, at little or no cost to the parents; (8) forming prayer groups to help stop euthanasia, which is believed to be quietly carried out in some nursing homes and hospitals.

### **RESURRECTION SCHOOL**

**Contact:** Jack VonAchen, Principal 482-1634 resurrection.school@comcast.net

**Mission:** The Resurrection School Family seeks to meet the spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, and social needs of its students to develop lifelong learners. By integrating Catholic Christian values through knowledge and opportunities, Resurrection School strives to provide a nurturing environment that promotes opportunities for student growth and inspires students to make positive contributions to society.

**Description:** Resurrection School has been serving the educational needs of the Parish by providing a well rounded Catholic education since 1926. Parents and others are encouraged to offer their time and talent to assist the school in our effort to further develop key values, such as tolerance, empathy, diversity and inclusion as well as academic classroom assistance.

### **RESURRECTION SCHOOL COMMISSION**

**Contact:** Janice Harvey 482-4126 harveyj1@michigan.gov

**Mission:** To ensure the future of Resurrection School through marketing and fundraising efforts, communication with the parish and school families, support of the evangelization of families, and the development of a stable financial framework to support the long-term growth and development of Resurrection School.

**Description:** Our Commission meets on the second Monday of the month. Commission members meet to strategize on improving the marketing of the school, plan and support fundraisers, and to develop goals on ensuring the future of Resurrection School. There are subcommittees that include fundraising, marketing, spiritual growth, and facilities. Volunteers are welcome. We participate in the Phantom Ball (April), Shamrock Golf outing (August), and the Live and Silent Auction (November). The Spiritual Growth Subcommittee also hosts all-night vigils. Anyone with a general support of Resurrection School is welcome. We are also looking for good marketing skills, grant writing skills, and communication skills. Volunteers for one-time projects are also welcome.

### **RESURRECTION SCHOOL COUNCIL (RSC)**

**Contact:** Janice Harvey 482-4126 harveyj1@michigan.gov  
**Mission:** To effect a closer relationship between the parents and teachers through communication so parents and teachers are working together to secure for every child the highest advantage in physical, mental, moral, and spiritual education. The RSC pledges itself to encourage and promote every venture that will help in the development of intelligent, cultured, articulate, healthy, social-minded, spiritually vigorous Catholics. It is our aim and policy to carry on the activities of our Council without interfering in any way with the governance of the school.

**Description:** Our Council meets the second Tuesday of the month to plan RSC-sponsored events and coordinate fundraising efforts. Non-council members are asked to volunteer at RSC activities. We host a fall fundraiser; Back-to-School picnic; Secret Santa (December), allowing children to purchase inexpensive gifts; Christmas program reception; Catholic Schools Week activities, the Spring School carnival, and a June Farewell Balloon Sendoff. Members serve a 2-year term. One-time project volunteers are welcome. Any and all skills are helpful.

### **ROSARY CIRCLE**

**Contact:** Crystal Goodman 484-5136 cmgoodman2@aol.com  
**Mission:** To bring retired ladies of the parish together for fun and Christian fellowship over the euchre table.

**Description:** This is strictly a social circle of retired ladies. We are always looking for new members who like to play euchre.

### **ROSARIES FOR PEACE**

**Contact:** Parish Office 482-4749 resurrection1531@sbcglobal.net  
**Mission:** To provide an opportunity for parishioners to participate in a community prayer for world peace. It focuses on the rosary as the primary devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Queen of Peace.

**Description:** Through this devotion, the faithful honor Our Blessed Mother as Queen of Peace and seek her intercession in bringing about peace in our families, community, and the world. The rosary has always been her request at her appearances around the world.

### **SAINT VINCENT CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

**Contact:** Jean Dalton 487-0385 jeandalton@att.net  
**Mission:** To assist St. Vincent Catholic Charities with its work of caring for children in need, refugees, and others.

**Description:** Volunteers sort donations, do administrative tasks, and provide other back-up services so that St. Vincent Catholic Charities, the major charitable arm of the Lansing Diocese, can focus on its work of relieving human suffering, especially for children and for refugees who resettle in the Lansing area. The number of hours donated is determined by the volunteer, but opportunities are available daily.

### **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

**Contact:** Jack Perrone 882-5068 jacper1@juno.com  
For assistance call: 371-4380  
**Mission:** To aid the poor in our area of service. As a member of the Greater Lansing Food Bank, we provide food once a month to those assigned to us. We also help with utilities and rent, after other agencies have been contacted. We also work with the St. Vincent Store in providing clothing, furniture, appliances and other needs.

**Description:** We are part of an international organization of Catholic lay persons. It was founded by Frederick Ozanam, and operates under the patronage of St. Vincent DePaul. We meet every Wednesday from 1 pm to 3 pm and take calls Mondays and Fridays from 1 to 2 pm, providing food and vouchers to those in need. We have a Thanksgiving and Christmas program every year to provide a holiday meal to about 125 families. At Christmas we also provide gifts for children who might not otherwise receive gifts. Our parish family donates these gifts for us to distribute. We also provide the papers, booklets, and CDs for the parish. We charge a small fee for these, which helps.

We could not do what we do if it were not for our parishioners, who donate to our monthly envelopes, and bring food at the Offertory each week. Our school children also put on food drives for us and help us as we need them to pack our holiday food baskets. We also have other parish organizations that donate food and money.

Persons who have a desire to help the poor and can give of their time and talents to assist us should drop in and see what we are about. All are welcome to be part of our organization. Jesus said he came to serve, not to be served. This is what our organization is all about. Frederick Ozanam and his small group that began this mission said, "We see the face of Jesus in those we serve."

### **SCRIP FUNDRAISING**

**Contact:** Dick Roy 484-2194 randjroy@sbcglobal.net

**Mission:** To provide funds for various parish activities, especially for Catholic school tuition assistance.

**Description:** Scrip is a program through which gift cards for various retail stores and restaurants are purchased, and when they are redeemed at the store, return anywhere from 3% to 19% of the purchase price, depending on the retail participant. These funds are credited to the parent's account for school tuition (Resurrection School, Resurrection Day Care, Resurrection religious education, Lansing Catholic High School, or St. Thomas Aquinas School), for Christ Renews His Parish or our youth group. Scrip is sold at church on Sundays after the 9:30 am and 11:00 am Masses and on Thursdays from 3 pm to 6 pm in the basement of the school (Day Care area). Purchasing Scrip cards is a painless way to help support Catholic education and other work of the parish.

### **SENIOR PARISHIONER COMMISSION**

**Contact:** Lou Ann Dowsett 372-3007 dljkpm@aol.com

**Mission:** To provide parish contact, including providing Holy Communion to those who are homebound. Christian fellowship and faith support for all senior parishioners is also part of our mission.

**Description:** This Commission provides contact and spiritual support to those who are homebound or in nursing homes through: visiting and providing Communion, the Prayer Shawl and Lap Blanket Ministry, the Card/Letter Writing Ministry, and providing assistance with errands and doctor's appointments, when possible. The Commission also sponsors senior dinners, and works with Resurrection School students in their outreach to seniors.

### **SHAMROCK CLUB**

**Contact:** Bryan Clark 853-5136 bclark@mysummitbank.com

**Mission:** To promote and support Resurrection School and CCD athletic programs that are part of the Catholic Youth League.

**Description:** We are comprised of parents of the children who participate in the parish athletic programs. We also secure funds for the programs and provide direction in the conduct of athletics for both participants and parents. We serve students, parents, and coaches of grades five through eight who participate in the athletic programs at Resurrection.

### **SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**Contact:** Judy Edwards 336-1924 gorretti76@aol.com

**Mission:** To oversee and support programs, projects, and efforts that aim to foster spiritual development among the laity of the parish. Initiating and coordinating these efforts are part of our mission.

**Description:** This commission provides opportunities to assist with the spiritual development of the members of our parish. This may include organizing retreats, missions, prayer, Bible studies, etc. If you have an interest in this area, please contact Judy Edwards.

### **STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION**

**Contact:** Jason Mendiola 515-0548 j.mendiola@ngrc.net

**Mission:** To help find systematic ways of infusing the theology and practice of stewardship into the life of the parish. This Commission identifies opportunities for members of the parish to share their time, talent, and treasure, and establishes an ongoing process to recruit, recognize, and thank volunteers in all parish ministries.

**Description:** As contributing members of the faith community and the human family of Resurrection, we are ALL are called to stewardship. This is the sharing of our God-given gifts of time, treasure, and talent to support the churches' mission - to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. Members of the Stewardship Commission must have a deep relationship with Jesus, be grateful for that relationship, and act on that gratitude. And as members of the Commission we support other ministries that contribute to the positive welfare of all those in need. The Commission sets up ongoing programs to provide parishioners with the opportunity to recognize, appreciate, and practice stewardship. The Pastor is a permanent member and lay members all serve three year terms.

### **USHERS CLUB**

**Contact:** Tim Malatinsky 331-2635 t.malatinsky@comcast.net

**Mission:** To offer welcome and order during the weekend Masses, organizing the Offertory gifts, and serving in other capacities as needed.

**Description:** Parishioners in good standing, 18 years and up, make up our Ushers Club. We are always looking for men and women to join us. They must be willing to serve. Officers serve a two-year term. As one of the oldest organizations in the church, we greet people when they enter and aid in seating, prepare gift bearers for each Mass, take up the collection, assist in an orderly Communion procession, pass out bulletins after Mass, and, in some cases, make sure the church is locked and lights are out. We are available for any emergencies that may arise, and answer any questions people may have concerning the church and its facilities. We assist the priest whenever he has a special need. We have available in the ushers' room a wheelchair, first aid kit, and diabetic sweets for insulin shock. Our dues collection each year pays for Masses for our deceased members, cleaning and repairing ushers' jackets, helps with our annual dinner, and pays for mailing and printing costs to members. New members can serve at whatever Mass fits their normal weekend worship. Make your interest known to any usher and we will contact you. Being an usher is a good way to follow the command of Jesus to "serve, and not be served."

### **WELCOME HOME**

**Contact:** Debi Hill 374-4777 rockytubby@aol.com

**Mission:** To help facilitate the return of those Catholics who no longer attend church.

**Description:** This ministry is handled by the parish Evangelization Commission. Volunteers prepare information packets and provide an informal avenue for those who are no longer practicing their faith, but may be interested in returning to active status within the Church. There is an annual Welcome Home Luncheon that this group puts on, in conjunction with the diocesan efforts along the same lines. This group also uses other opportunities in the parish calendar to make a concerted effort to include newcomers to the parish and those who are returning "home."

### **WORSHIP COMMISSION**

**Contact:** James Wohlscheid 371-4130 woodie559@aol.com

**Mission:** To oversee and coordinate all aspects of the parish's worship, relative to the laity's involvement.

**Description:** This Commission oversees and supports all groups or activities in the parish that deal with our worship experience. This includes such things as the sacristans, altar servers, Eucharistic Ministers, readers, and music. These groups all report regularly to the chair of this Commission to help ensure coordination and compatibility of effort. This Commission is made up primarily of the heads of each of the groups under its oversight.

### **YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT COMMISSION**

**Contact:** Shirley Cain 719-3402 resreact@yahoo.com

**Mission:** To ensure that youth and young adults, high school age and beyond, are fully integrated into the parish, where their gifts and talents can be instruments of a vibrant worship, service, and fellowship community.

**Description:** This Commission handles oversight and coordination of activities, programs, and services for youth and young adults in the parish. It works hand-in-hand with the Education Commission and the REACT program to ensure that both married and single young people are active, valued, and enriched by their involvement in the parish.