

MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

ST. JOSEPH SHRINE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Min. of Holy Communion |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bereavement Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bldg. & Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bsp's Council on Alcohol.. | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bujuni Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Health Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cafe | <input type="checkbox"/> Peace & Justice Comm. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholics Returning Home | <input type="checkbox"/> RCIA Team member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> RCIA sponsor |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clerical/Computer help | <input type="checkbox"/> Right to Life |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Education Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Sacristan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelization Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> SAMs (Senior Adult Ministry) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Pantry | <input type="checkbox"/> Stations of the Cross |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Shop | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Joe's Adventurer's |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interfaith Shelter | <input type="checkbox"/> Threads of Love |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knights of Columbus | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Advocacy/
Catholics in the Public Square | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship Commission |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry |

I have this talent/skills to share: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____



We, the loving family of the historical St. Joseph Shrine, comprised of many communities, extend a friendly welcome to all to join us in sharing our faith in God's word through prayer, the sacraments, and the ministry of formation and service.

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Finance Council – Prepares the annual budget and periodically reviews its implementation. Parish office, 467-2183.

Parish Council – The Parish Council is the coordinating group within the parish gathering together the thoughts and ideas of the people of St. Joseph Shrine, translating these thoughts and ideas into parish goals and objectives and monitoring progress toward completion of these goals and objectives by the parish community. Terms are two years.

Building & Maintenance Committee – coordinates and visions for the maintenance and upkeep of the entire parish building and grounds.

Cemetery Committee—Meets once a year to plan the budget. The committee supervises the ground maintenance and makes sure the grounds are presentable at all times. New volunteers are welcome to serve on the Cemetery Committee. Cemetery lots are available to members of the parish. Parish office, 467-2183.

Gift Shop – located adjacent to the rectory on the church grounds. Contact person is Donna Bomay, 517-376-4048.

Stations of the Cross Committee – is working to preserve and restore our historical stations. Adopt-a-Station is available. Contact Richard Smith, 517-448-7260.

Staff Directory

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Debra Falk (517) 431-2733 debfa@comcast.net

Parish Secretary

Mary McClure (517)467-2183

Rosary Garden Committee – The goal is to landscape the inside of our stepping stone path and make it beautiful. Your help is needed for the physical work during the summer, or in donating money or mulch. The Rosary Garden is in the shape of a shamrock and winds around the St. Patrick statue at the Family Center. Contact Joe Herr 592-5884 or Diane Dover 467-2106.

Clerical/Computer Help – Contact the parish secretary, Mary McClure 467-2183, or Diane Dover 467-2106.

Social Ministry Commission – coordinates the groups of the parish that are service-oriented. This enables the groups to report to and receive information from the parish as a whole. Deacon Gene Hausmann, 592-8602.

Peace & Justice Committee – Concerns itself with education and action on peace and justice issues. Sue Wilson, 467-6689.

Bujuni Committee – Helps to coordinate education, activities, fundraising and travel to our sister parish in Uganda. Elsie Drouin, 467-7095 or Clara Oser, 467-2675.

Right to Life – Education and action on life issues, both in the parish and community. Kate Hayes, 467-7991.

Bishops Council on Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency – Materials regarding these addictions are available to view in the privacy of your home. Robert Kerr, 989-429-4877.

Criminal & Juvenile Justice Ministry – Volunteers interested in visiting prisoners and the fatherless can be involved in prisons or juvenile facilities, especially Gus Harrison Regional Facility or Holy Cross Children’s Services (Boysville). Deacon Gene Hausmann, 592-8602.

Legislative Advocacy/Catholics in the Public Square

– Educates the parish on legislative issues and suggests action plans. Jim Bonner, 592-2605, Joan Weaver, 467-6389.

Food Pantry – The Christian Community Interfaith Food Pantry (CCIS), located in the Brooklyn Products building, is supported by nine area churches, one of which is St. Joseph Shrine. We provide volunteers to assist the pantry director every nine weeks, on Tuesday and Thursday from 10am until 2 pm. Volunteers help unload donations as they are brought in, stock shelves, sort items, help fill food baskets at holiday time, etc. We also collect items for the pantry at the church and Family Center, and those items must be transported to the pantry. Pam Johnson, 592-5497 or W 592-3718.

Bereavement/Grief Ministry – Volunteers needed to

send cards and other materials and make phone calls. Trudi Garth, 467-4843.

Parish Health Ministry – a volunteer group of paraprofessional, professional, licensed and unlicensed, retired and working health workers. Volunteers are wanted to write quarterly newsletter articles and bulletin notices about health and wellness topics; to help with monthly blood pressure screenings, the annual blood drive, and other special programs. Share with us a certain expertise that you have. Dan Harton, 467-7802 or Diane Dover, 467-2106.

Interfaith Shelter – volunteers go to the Interfaith Shelter in Jackson twice a month to serve a meal, lunch or dinner. Diane Dover, 467-2106.

Worship Commission – The Worship Commission concerns itself with all the liturgical and para-liturgical occasions within the parish. It is concerned with promoting and effecting an all-embracing liturgical program that will meet the needs of the entire faith community.

Lector – proclaims the Word of God. Great care and preparation are necessary if the readings are to have an impact on the congregation. A lector must be good at public reading and appreciate the sacredness of the Word of God.

Minister of Hospitality – commonly referred to as ushers, but also includes greeters. Ushers are responsible for the environment, the collection, and facilitating seating in crowded churches. Greeters welcome worshippers at the doors of the church, distribute worship aids, offer assistance or direction, and so on.

Minister of Holy Communion – Those who take on this particular ministry of Holy Communion are helping the whole community. They are brothers and sisters in the Body and Blood they are sharing. A good minister not only speaks their own faith in saying “The Body of Christ” but also calls forth the faith of the person with which they share communion. Some Eucharistic ministers take Communion to the sick.

Altar Servers – The name clearly points out what they do – serve God and God’s people by helping the priest and the people praise God as well as they can. By helping the priest and people by carrying special objects and carrying out special actions at Mass, they are really serving God. Men, women, teens and children grade three and up are welcome.

Music Ministry – How many of you have caught yourself whistling, humming or singing a tune at one time or another? The power of music to move our soul is so great that we can not exist without this life force. The Music Ministry serves the congregation in their joy and sorrow, to touch the heart, to bring God’s message through musical expression. Choir members, cantor, instrumentalists and musicians are needed for all liturgies. Music ministers are also needed for Children’s Liturgy of the Word on Sunday. Debbie Falk, 517-431-2733.

Children’s Liturgy—Take the children from the 11 am (or 10 am summer) Mass for a children’s Liturgy of the Word where they hear and discuss the readings on their own level. Can be a leader or a helper. Training provided. You do not need to attend a separate Mass. Diane Dover, 467-2106.

Art & Environment – plays a significant part in determining what should be used during the liturgical seasons of the year and how to best present them to enhance our liturgy. A **sacristan** is part of this committee. He or she cares for the condition of the whole room where Liturgy is celebrated, as well as for the vestments, vessels, candles, and bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist. Beth Padley, 467-4160.

our nation may continue to be transformed by the saving power of Jesus Christ. Carol Josifovski, 592-8819.

Welcoming Committee—Contacts newly register people and families of the parish, welcomes them, provides them with information, assesses needs, plans some welcoming activities. Diane Dover, 467-2106.

St. Joe’s Adventurers—A group of people both single and married who go on outings together. They also get together to play cards on Thursday nights. Elsie Drouin, 467-7095.

Threads of Love is a new ministry at St. Joseph Shrine. Parishioners will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the family center to sew, knit, crochet or cross-stitch hand-made items. These items blessed by Fr. Carl will be given as gifts to those experiencing illness, troubling times or to commemorate happy occasions. Any interested in joining or contributing materials can contact Mary Ouellette at 517-431-2287.

Catholics Returning Home - These 6 week sessions are for nonpracticing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. Sue Wilson, 517-467-6689.

fundraisers. They meet the third Monday of the month. They also have a yearly book exchange, a craft night, and a perennial exchange. The contact persons are Clara Oser, 467-2675, Lynn Marsh, 467-7295, or Evelyn Friday, 467-2624.

Funeral Dinners – The Altar Society provides funeral dinners for parishioners, servicing 25-30 families a year. Volunteers are needed as workers and for desserts. The balance of the meal (ham [*fish on Fridays of Lent], scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole and tossed salad) is prepared and served at the Family Center.

NCCW (National Council of Catholic Women) – The Altar Society is affiliated with the NCCW, a national organization which meets quarterly in our region. The NCCW has several international projects including Water for Life, Penny Pot which sends 1 pound of books for each \$1.00 to the 3rd world upon request, and the Madonna Plan which provides layettes and other needs for mothers in the third world. The quarterly meetings are held in area parishes.

Evangelization—Volunteers will work to help promote the Bishop's goals of evangelization:
To deepen the sense of Scripture and sacraments that Catholics will pray more fully, and, with a greater understanding of Christ's call, live as disciples at home, at work and in today's many cultural settings;
To invite all people in the US, whatever their social or cultural background, to hear the message of salvation in Jesus Christ so they may come join us in the fullness of the Catholic faith; To foster Gospel values in our society. Promoting the dignity of the human person, the importance of the family, and the common good of our society, so that

Education Commission – The Education Commission is a working commission of the Parish Council responsible for the education and formation of all members of the parish, from “womb to tomb.” Robert Marcero, 592-2725.

Religious Formation - VISION STATEMENT -

We will establish a partnership with all parents to promote in children and teens a desire to understand and practice the Catholic faith. Volunteers include catechists for grades kindergarten through high school, catechist aides, office assistants, and for special programs and activities such as sacrament retreats and preparation, family activity days, service projects, providing meals and snacks, and so on. Diane Dover, 467-2106.

Youth Ministry – incorporates the seven components of *A Vision of Youth Ministry* – Word, Worship, Creating Community, Guidance & Healing, Justice & Service, Enablement, and Advocacy. These goals make concrete two overall goals for Catholic Youth Ministry – To develop the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person; To challenge and encourage young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the faith community. Principally, our program is geared to senior high (9th – 12th grades) though activities are sponsored for the junior high Irish Hills Saints (6th – 8th grades).
A vital part of the Youth Ministry team is to have adult and teen leaders along with chaperones and drivers for events, as providers of meals or snacks, to assist with worship services or service projects, and so on. Will Blattman, CYM for 9-12th grades 467-2106. Liz Harton, Leader of Junior High Youth Ministry 467-7802.

Adult Education Committee – meets quarterly. Helps coordinate education and formation opportunities for adults of all ages. Diane Dover, 467-2106.

Café (Catholic Adult Formation & Education)– meets on Sunday mornings during the religious education year at the same time as the morning classes. Marcia Kortas, 467-2961. Other adult events are planned throughout the year by the Adult Education Committee.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) – is a process whereby adults who are not Catholic are received into the Church as full members. Parishioners may participate in the process by being sponsors and/or members of the RCIA team. Contact Anne Williams, 467-2106.

Senior Adult Ministry (SAM's) - Exists to enrich the body, mind and souls of senior parishioners through activities designed to enrich each senior's personal relationship with God and to deepen and restore their belonging to the faith community. Carol & Joe Josifovski, 592-8819.

Baptismal Preparation Team – Prepares parents/godparents for the baptism and sets up for the sacrament. May also send ongoing parenting information.

Marriage Preparation Team – Couples who help engaged couples in the marriage preparation process.

Befrienders—people who are trained as listeners companions in varied situations. Anne Williams, 467-2106.

Stewardship Committee—In the Catholic context, a steward is someone who recognizes that all things come from God. God freely gives us the use of certain things—including our time on this earth and the talents & skills we possess. God challenges us to manage these resources in a way fitting with our beliefs as Christians. “As Christian stewards, we receive God’s gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.” (Bishops 1992 Pastoral Letter *Stewardship—A Disciple’s Response*) Volunteers will help bring about this vision. This committee helps the parishioners to respond in faith and love to God’s gifts. Deacon Gene Hausmann, 592-8602.

Knights of Columbus – The Knights of Columbus is an organization of Catholic men with councils throughout the United States as well as abroad. The Knights are known for their church loyalty, support of the family, charitable contributions, community service, and much more. The council at St. Joseph Shrine is 6223. The Knights have a monthly breakfast and a yearly raffle, which are the biggest fund-raisers. Part of the proceeds help to sponsor vocations as well as offer college scholarships. They help to build wheelchair ramps and participate in many other service projects. They sponsor coffee and donuts after Sunday Mass, a dance in the summer as well as a Boxing Club. They meet the second Wednesday of the month. The Grand Knight is Rae Leggett, 517-403-6944.

St. Joseph Shrine Altar Society – The Altar Society is a group of women parishioners who provide the needs of the altar such as hosts, wine, linens, vestments, and so on. The members are active in many service-related activities. Two rummage sales, held in the summer, are their biggest