

# *Ministries & Activities*

## *Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception*

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Dear Parishioners,

This small booklet presents the stewardship time and talent opportunities that are presently available in the Cathedral Parish. Please take time to read about the various opportunities available to you, and consider how you wish to demonstrate your love of Christ through supporting your parish.

To become involved, simply call the contact person whose name and phone number is listed beneath each description.

May God bless each of you!

Sincerely in Christ,

Msgr. Robert Schulte  
Pastor/Rector

### **PARISH STAFF**

Pastor ..... Msgr. Robert Schulte (Ext. 303)

Associate Pastor ..... Father Dale Bauman (Ext. 305)

Associate Pastor ..... Father Celso Gomes (Ext. 309)

Pastoral Associate ..... Sister Marilyn Ellert, OSF (Ext. 306)

Liturgy and Music.....Michael Dulac (260) 424-1485

Parish Nurse/  
Homebound Ministry ..... Nancy O'Brien (Ext. 314)

Parish Office ..... Janice Buck (Ext. 302)  
..... Patty Sosenheimer Ext. 301)

Director of Building & Grounds..... David Raatz

**Cathedral Office ..... 424-1485**

Use this number for the Priests, Pastoral Associate & Parish Office Staff.

# Prayer



## **CATHEDRAL FUNERAL WAKE SERVICE PRAYER GROUP**

This group attends the wake services of parishioners. They participate in the Rosary and/or Vigil Service for the deceased, representing the parish community in offering prayerful support to the family of the deceased.

Contact: Sr. Marilyn Ellert, OSF (260) 424-1485 (Ext. 306)

## **CATHEDRAL PRAYER CHAIN**

No parish is complete without those who offer prayers daily for parishioners with special needs and/or concerns. For those too busy to participate in other parish ministries, or find themselves homebound, this group is ideal.

Contact: Dan & Glenda Federspiel (260) 489-5408

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

This ministry requires a weekly commitment to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for one hour each Friday afternoon or evening. Can you spend one hour with Him? Those unable to commit to every week or a full hour are encouraged to participate as their schedule permits on Fridays.

Contact: Nancy O'Brien (260) 489-3900

## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

This ministry knits and/or crochets prayer shawls for those who are in special need of prayers and comfort during serious illness. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month from 1 – 3 p.m. in the Cathedral Library. Lessons are given for those wishing to learn how to knit or crochet.

Contact: Sr. Marilyn Ellert, OSF (260) 424-1485 (Ext. 306)

## Leadership

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

These parishioners, with a wide range of interests, talents, backgrounds, and expectations, advise the Pastor and Priests of the parish. Meetings provide the opportunity to share ideas and dreams for the parish. The Council identifies the spiritual and physical priorities of the parish and addresses the various areas of parish life – liturgical, spiritual, education, social, and recreational needs, and parish administration. Meetings are held 6 times a year, every other month.

Contact: Michael Bendall (260) 625-3326

### **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

This committee coordinates the parish time, talent, and treasure stewardship program and encourages parishioners to offer their gifts generously.

Contact: Tim Biggins (260) 456-7617

## Finance

### **FINANCE COUNCIL**

The Finance Council provides advice and guidance to the Pastor, concerning budget and spending concerns for our parish administration.

Contact: Msgr. Robert Schulte (260) 424-1485 (Ext. 303)

### **COLLECTION COUNTERS**

This group of volunteers meets on Sunday morning once every 5 weeks to count the collection and prepare the bank deposit. Ability to work with number and accuracy are needed.

Contact: Msgr. Robert Schulte (260) 424-1485 (Ext. 303)

### **ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL**

This diocesan-wide appeal supports the local Church's various financial needs and ministries, including the support of our retired priests and religious. Helpers are needed to assist with the annual Fall event, including assistance with follow-up phone calls and mailings.

Contact: Msgr. Robert Schulte (260) 424-1485 (Ext. 303)

## Education

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHISTS**

This ministry involves serving as a catechist or aide in the instruction of our young parishioners in the Catholic Faith. The Cathedral Parish offers Religious Education classes each Sunday morning during the school year for Pre-School (5 yr. olds) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. These sessions include preparation for reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

Contact: Sr. Marilyn Ellert, OSF (260) 424-1485 (Ext. 306)

### **RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)**

This ministry introduces and accompanies those wishing to enter the Catholic Church on the faith journey that leads to the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) at the Easter Vigil. A parish mentor is appointed for each candidate/catechumen.

Contact: Sr. Marilyn Ellert, OSF (260) 424-1485 (Ext. 306)

### **LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

The Cathedral Lending Library provides resources for children and adult parishioners. Members of the Library Committee oversee the development, enhancement and routine functioning of this parish resource. Persons both trained and untrained in Library skills are welcome to serve.

Contact: Pauline Flynn (260) 424-1485

## Youth Ministry

### **YOUTH MINISTRY – ANGELS' INC.**

Young people, 8<sup>th</sup> grade through high school, are encouraged to become active members of the Youth Ministry Program that meets every Sunday after the 11:30 Mass, for lunch, shared faith activities, community service opportunities and recreation.

Adult team leaders are needed to assist with this program.

Contact: Joanna Emilian (260) 437-3617

[jmfemilian@gmail.com](mailto:jmfemilian@gmail.com)



## Service

### **FUNERAL DINNER VOLUNTEERS**

A vital part of any parish is its members helping to serve their fellow parishioners in need. Responsibilities include set up, arrangement for and/or preparation of the food and beverages in the Cathedral Center. Also needed are volunteers to prepare dishes that will be brought to the Cathedral Center on the morning of the funeral. Coordinators will help identify specific needs.

Contact: Micki Evans (260) 622-7542

### **PARISH OFFICE ASSISTANCE**

Volunteers for this ministry are called upon to assist the secretaries in the office weekdays 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. with answering phones before holydays and during holiday seasons, preparation of large mailings, insertion of information into the parish bulletins, etc.

Contact: Janice Buck (260) 424-1485 (Ext. 302)

### **PARISH NURSING: CONNECTING FAITH AND HEALTH**

This ministry focuses on the multiple healthcare needs of our parish family. Acting as a health educator and health counselor, the parish nurse provides and supports programs through health screenings, illness prevention and referral to community resources and medical health care services. Volunteer nurses, both active and retired, are always welcome to assist in monthly blood pressure screening and assistance in health screenings and illness prevention programs. The parish nurse will identify special nursing needs as they occur.

Contact: Nancy O'Brien R.N.M.S. (260) 424-1485 (Ext. 314)  
(Se habla Espanol)

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

This international organization of adults meets one Wednesday afternoon each month. They sponsor the food collection, and special collections throughout the year to help those in need. Contact Richard Schafer (260) 482-2108

### **PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE (SOCIETY OF ST. GIANNA)**

The Society of St. Gianna, the parish's pro-life organization, was formed in 2006. The focus of the group is pro-life education and involvement in the community. It regularly presents speakers on a variety of pro-life issues and promotes the Mother's Day carnation event. The organization received its inspiration from recently canonized Gianna Berretta Molla, a devout Italian wife, mother and physician, who died in 1962 in order to save the life of her unborn child.

Contact: Janeann Perkins (260) 493-4685

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND**

Persons who serve in this ministry are trained to take the Holy Eucharist to those parishioners who are homebound and not able to come to Church due to disability and/or illness. In this ministry, one is called to be a sign and a bridge, bearing Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, and uniting the homebound persons with the parish community.

Contact: Nancy O'Brien (260) 424-1485 (Ext. 314)

### **TRANSPORTATION**

This ministry provides transportation to those with disabilities in need of transportation to the Cathedral for Sunday Mass, missions, and other Cathedral Parish events.

Contact: Parish Office (260) 424-1485

# Worship

## **CHOIR**

Singing in the choir is an excellent way to serve the Cathedral and share the gift of music with the parish. The choir is open to anyone of high school age and older, and the only requirements are a pleasant voice, the ability to carry a tune, and the desire to grow musically and spiritually through the ministry of music. Cathedral choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7 – 9 p.m., and sings at the Sunday morning 11:30 a.m. liturgy from September through the Feast of the Body and Blood of Our Lord (usually early June). In addition, the choir performs both a Christmas Concert in December and a Patriotic Concert just prior to the Fourth of July. The ability to read music is not a requirement for choir membership.

Contact: Michael Dulac (260) 424-1485

[mike@mdulac-music.com](mailto:mike@mdulac-music.com)

## **LITURGY COMMITTEE**

Members of the Liturgy Committee help to organize the various liturgical ministries within the Cathedral parish. In addition, they ensure that Cathedral liturgies are consistent with Diocesan policies as well as the requirements outlined in the various liturgical documents of the Church.

Contact: Michael Dulac (260) 424-1485

[mike@mdulac-music.com](mailto:mike@mdulac-music.com)

## **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Christ is most especially present in the Holy Eucharist. Training is required and provided. Please call the pastor if you have served as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in another parish and wish to serve here.

Contact: Lois Devine (260) 471-5336

## **EUCCHARISTIC GIFT BEARERS**

This involves participation in Mass by carrying to the priest the gifts of the bread and wine that will be transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ.

Contact: Judy Klopfenstein (260-432-6811)

## **SACRISTANS**

These volunteers will take responsibility to arrive 15 -20 minutes before a specifically assigned Mass each week to prepare the hosts, wine and other articles needed for Mass.

Contact: Msgr. Bob Schulte (260) 424-1485 (Ext. 303)

## **GREETERS**

Hospitality is very important at the Cathedral! There are special liturgies for the parish and for the Bishop when greeters are needed to welcome those attending these services.

Contact: Marcia Indrecc (260) 422-5233

## **LECTORS**

God is not only present in the Holy Eucharist, but also present in His Word. The sacred ministry of Lector is a key role in the Mass, since the Lector is proclaiming the Word of God to the congregation. A Lector should be respected within the community, of good reputation, and one who can effectively proclaim the Word of God to the congregation. Training is required and provided.

Contact: Jim Metzler (260) 489-3301

## **MASS SERVERS**

This ministry promotes "serving" during the Mass. A young person wishing to serve at the altar must be in the fifth grade or older. There is no upper age limit for servers; some of our servers are mature adults who serve for weekday Masses, weekends, funerals and other special occasions.

Contact: Janice Buck (260) 424-1485 (Ext. 302)

## **USHERS**

Ushers welcome, direct and help those attending Sunday Masses and special liturgies. They also collect the offering of stewardship of treasure, assure order during the congregation's' reception of the Holy Eucharist, and provide assistance whenever required during Masses.

Contact: Dennis Jackson (260) 489-9477

## **SACRISTY SERVICE**

Volunteers launder and press the altar linens used each week in the Masses. (Done at home on your own schedule)

Contact: Msgr. Bob Schulte (260) 424-1485 (Ext. 303)