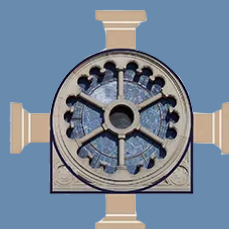




MINISTRY GUIDE

GUÍA MINISTERIAL



Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

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Living Stones Prayer

“Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.”

1 Peter 2:5

God our Father, you built the edifice of your Church upon the cornerstone of Jesus Christ, but also chose to have us incorporated into it as living stones to make manifest to the world our Faith in you in both word and deed. Help me to make your Church what it should be: it will be friendly, if I am friendly. It will be kind, if I am kind. It will be prayerful, if I am prayerful. It will be holy, if I am holy. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

Lord God, give me the grace to be present in the Church, so that the Church can be present to others. Give me the grace of fortitude and perseverance, so that my Church can be strong for others. Help me to be generous to my Church, so that my Church can be generous to others. Help me to invite others into the Church, so that the Church will be an inviting place to be.

God our Father, give us the grace of being a Catholic community of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy by filling us with the grace of these virtues. Send us your Holy Spirit in order to form us as the Church, you desire us to be. We pray all of this through the intercession of Mary, the Immaculate Mother of God, St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse, and St. John the Evangelist, our heavenly patron. Through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

“As Christian stewards, we receive God’s gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them in loving justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.” -Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response



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“Serve one another
through love...bear one
another’s burdens, and
so you will fulfill the
law of Christ.”

Gal. 5:13, 6:2



MINISTRIES



Adoration (Eucharistic)

This is an opportunity to spend time with Jesus in prayer for peace, comfort, and enrichment of your faith journey. Quiet children are welcome to attend with parents or older siblings. *Active stewards should pray in the Day Chapel when they are scheduled to do so or find a substitute when they cannot be present.*

Art & Environment

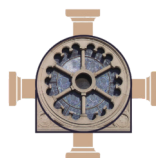
Stewards enrich the church worship space, fostering connections to the liturgy and sacramental focus of the seasons. *Active stewards are responsible for physically setting up and removing seasonal art and furnishings.*

Bible Study

This is an opportunity to encounter God through His word, intellectually and spiritually through charity and fellowship with each other.

- **Monday Evenings:** Series are 2-3x a year (fall/winter/spring), with 6-20 weekly sessions starting at 6:30pm, for 90 minutes. Tuesday
- **Afternoons:** Sessions are 2x a year (fall/spring), with 6-12 weekly sessions starting at 1:15pm, for 90 minutes.

Active stewards help facilitate discussions with opportunities to share personal relevant testimonies.



Catholic Marriage Enrichment

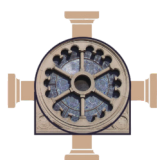
Focus on strengthening Catholic marriages by providing gatherings at least three times a year for faith and fun. Introduce programs like Dynamic Marriage to strengthen marriages. *Active stewards participate in planning events and have received the Sacrament of Marriage.*

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour volunteers assist in providing hospitality and fellowship after Mass, primarily on Sunday mornings. Tasks may involve making coffee, preparing trays with breads, pastries and fruit, and clean up as scheduled. Volunteers must be 18 years or older to work in the kitchen. *Active stewards are present for at least 6 coffee hours a year to assist or lead a group of volunteers.*

Docents

Docents welcome visitors to the Cathedral and provide tours focusing on the historical architecture, artwork, and symbolism. Tours are scheduled for Sundays from 3-4:30 pm, or can be scheduled in small groups as needed for schools, religious groups, or the public. *Active stewards dedicate 10-12 hours annually to provide the guided tours.*



ENDOW

ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) aims to educate women about their God-given dignity through small group studies focused on faith and friendship. Each group is limited to 12 members. *Active stewards are responsible for leading 8 classes and creating a class schedule. Materials and training are provided for those who are dedicated to serving in this role.*

Familias Unidas in Christ

Inspired by the testimony of St. John, beloved disciple and faithful witness of Christ, and our patron saints, The Ulma Family, faithful witnesses of family life and love of neighbor, we commit ourselves to living and proclaiming the Gospel with love and truth. We form a family of faith where each person is welcomed, accompanied, and strengthened on their journey toward God. Our mission is to build homes founded on prayer, communion, and service, being a light in the world and a reflection of God the Father's love by bringing people together through events and special celebrations.

Food Bank

The Food Bank provides food and other essential items to those in need from 1-3pm, Monday - Wednesday. Active stewards are expected to serve the people in need when scheduled or find a substitute to serve in their absence. A substitute list is available. We are also in need of drivers with a pickup truck or large SUV to pick up food during weekday morning hours and the ability to lift heavy boxes.

Giving Tree

With the help of the parish community, we provide gifts to families in need during the Advent season. Volunteers assist in setting up trees in November and ensuring that gifts are received and sorted before distribution to families. *Active stewards are available from 1-5 hours starting in November. Physical demands may require the ability to lift 25 to 50 pounds.*

Health Ministry

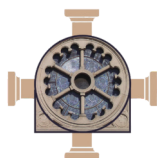
The Faith Community Nurses and Health Ministry of St. John's promotes whole-person health and wellness by integrating spiritual care with compassionate, evidence- based nursing practices through education, support, and advocacy. *Active stewards include nurses, and anyone interested in becoming a health minister or faith community nurse.*

Hispanic Ministry

This ministry promotes cultural awareness, organizes and coordinates various activities, including participation in the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration, and serves the greater St. John's Hispanic community. *Active stewards support and actively participate in ministry events, serving approximately 2 hours / week or at least 4x / year.*

Immaculata Montessori School

Catholic Montessori education is offered for children aged 2 ½ through 6. Its focus is on nurturing each child's spiritual, physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development in a way that respects their dignity and fosters a lifelong love of learning. *Active stewards support the school by volunteering to assist as needed and caring for the school.*



King's Men

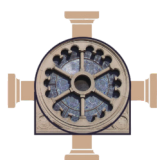
The King's Men meet Saturday mornings at 6:30am in the parish hall. This fellowship offers Christian men opportunities to grow in virtue and accountability using the Biblical maxim that "man sharpens man as iron sharpens iron" (Proverbs 27:17). We focus on understanding and growing in our sacred duty as leader, protector, and provider in our families and parishes. We conclude our meetings by leading the Rosary before the morning Mass.

Knights of Columbus

The St. John's Cathedral council of this Catholic family, fraternal, and service organization is open to all Catholic men of the parish. The Knights of Columbus are involved in special Church, community and family activities. *Active stewards stay current with annual dues and are encouraged to volunteer at least 24 hours / year in the following categories: church, pro-life, community, family, council, and youth.*

Legion of Mary / El Ministerio Legión de María

The Legion of Mary Ministry is dedicated to serving our Blessed Mother. Volunteers assist with home prayer visits, always remembering that those they serve are in the image of Christ. The ministry also collaborates with other ministries to perform charity work. *Active stewards attend the Legion's weekly devotional meeting every Thursday at 7:00pm (English) or Friday at 6:00pm (Spanish).*



Marriage Mentoring

A crucial component of the Cathedral's Marriage Preparation program involves married couples from the parish who are firmly rooted in the Catholic understanding of marriage and family life. Active stewards are couples who guide engaged couples through 4-6 sessions, each lasting 1.5 hours, using a survey or inventory assessment tool. These sessions cover the practical aspects of marriage and family life.

Men's Adventure

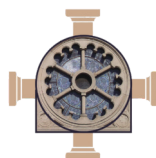
To promote fellowship and cultivate new friendships among the Hispanic and English-speaking men in the parish. *Active stewards are encouraged to participate in at least 4 events per year.*

Military Recognition

Acknowledge and support in prayer the military service members, whether active or reserve, who are family or friends of St. John's parishioners or other parishes within the diocese. *Active stewards should have an appreciation for those serving in the military and be willing to spend time updating the board as needed.*

Millions of Monicas

Like St. Monica, we pray for our children to return to the practice of their Catholic faith, and for our children to always stay close to their faith. We are a group of mothers, young and old, who believe in the mother's power of prayer.

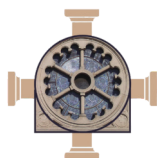


Music (English)

Music ministers engage the congregation in full, active, and conscious participation in the liturgy—prayers, acclamations, and songs—to enhance but never dominate or interrupt the flow of the liturgy. Active stewards must be at least 16 years of age, Confirmed, and able to attend at least 3 rehearsals and weekend liturgies per month, and be willing to participate in extra liturgies and activities when able. Cantor, Psalmist, or Music Leader must be a practicing Catholic, have musical talent, be able to match pitch and carry a tune. An Instrumentalist must have reasonable proficiency. *Stewards give a minimum of 4 hours / week (includes rehearsal, pre-Mass warm-up and weekend liturgy.)*

Music (Coro San Juan, Spanish)

Los ministros de música involucran a la congregación en una participación plena, activa y consciente en la liturgia (oraciones, aclamaciones y cantos) para mejorar pero nunca dominar o interrumpir el flujo de la liturgia. Los delegados activos deben tener al menos 16 años de edad y poder asistir al menos a dos ensayos por semana: una hora para la celebración eucarística y una hora para la santa Misa, y estar dispuestos a participar en liturgias y actividades adicionales cuando sea posible. El cantor, salmista o líder musical debe ser católico practicante, tener talento musical y poder igualar el tono y cantar una melodía. Un instrumentista debe tener una competencia razonable.



Parish Council

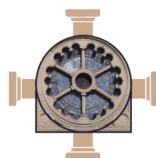
Pastoral Council & Finance Council Members serve to be a consultative body to advise, support and assist the Pastor to form and communicate policy and direction for the parish. Members are recommended by parishioners and approved by the Pastor. Members must be at least 18 years of age, Confirmed, and an active member of the parish. *Active stewards are required to regularly attend 1-2 hour meetings / month and participate in council-sponsored events.*

Prayer Chain

Stewards pray for the needs and intentions of others. Lists of prayer intentions are distributed through email. *Active stewards are faithful to prayer for the needs and intentions of others.*

Respect Life

Respect Life is committed to providing information and education to help preserve and raise awareness about life issues. We adhere to the belief that all human life is sacred and guided by the Holy Spirit. We collaborate with other ministries to offer prayer and giving opportunities. All ages are welcome. *Active stewards attend monthly meetings and participate in education and information events.*



Sacristan

Sacristans are responsible for meticulously preparing all the sacred vessels and vestments for each mass and ensuring that all necessary items are available. They must be present one hour before and after each weekend mass and 20 minutes before and after each weekday mass. After the mass, the sacred vessels should be cleaned and returned to their proper place. Must be a confirmed Catholic and have a strong attention to detail.

Safety & Security

This team is dedicated to providing a safe and secure worship environment and is called to assist when a need arises. This may include CPR, First Aid, emergency evacuations, and other emergency responses as needed. *Active stewards must complete a background check and demonstrate weapon proficiency. Training is provided to qualified candidates.*

Salt & Light Radio / Sal y Luz Radio

Volunteers collaborate with the Catholic Radio station in both English and Spanish to enhance communication beyond the parish boundaries and promote parish events. Assist in promoting and supporting the radio station during pledge drives by identifying individuals to represent the St. John's community. *Active stewards should be an active listener to EWTN and Salt & Light / Sal y Luz Radio.*



Singles Fellowship

This is an opportunity for Catholic singles to meet one another for fellowship and to connect with the older and younger generations to provide wisdom and decrease loneliness. *Active stewards help with planning and executing events, talks, or discussions. May require some lifting with setting up/tearing down events.*

St. Joseph's School

St. Joseph Parish School is the largest ministry of St. John's Parish. It provides Catholic education in the context of an exemplary academic experience for families seeking to strengthen the teaching and modeling provided at home. This ministry needs volunteers to assist in the lunchroom or with fundraising activities. *Active stewards are required to have Safe Environment Training because of their work with children.*

St. Vincent de Paul

A ministry with a mission to assist members of our local parish community who are struggling with rent, utilities, and other essential needs. Volunteers respond to calls from the helpline and visit the clients in pairs. The ministry also assists with the annual Thanksgiving Basket drive. *Active stewards attend 2x monthly meetings and participate in providing service as needed. Time commitment can vary depending on requests but averages about 2-4 hours / month.*



Veterans Administration Outreach

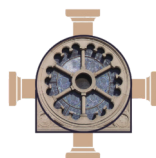
VACM provides Eucharist, prayer, and spiritual connection to the Catholic community for Catholics at the Boise VA Hospital and the Idaho State Veterans Home. We work closely with the ecumenical VA Chaplaincy to provide the Eucharist to patients and families. *Active stewards visit VA facilities on Wednesdays and Sundays, committing about 3-4 hours per week on a rotating basis.*

Vocations Ministry

The Vocations Ministry is dedicated to fostering and encouraging vocations to the priesthood and religious life, particularly here at St. John's. This ministry supports our Cathedral priests by acknowledging anniversaries, birthdays, and other appreciation events. *Active stewards meet on the third Saturday of each month.*

Welcome Ministry

The Welcome Ministry provides ongoing orientation gatherings to all those who are new to the parish. We meet and greet new parishioners and provide them with information and direction, as they are seeking to become involved and active in the parish. *Active stewards pick up new member packets, make contact on a regular basis, and attend regularly scheduled monthly meetings.*





LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Liturgical Ministers play a crucial role in enhancing all liturgical services in the parish. They encompass altar servers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, greeters, lectors, musicians, and ushers. While their specific responsibilities vary, the need to serve as scheduled is common to all. *Active stewards are aware of when they are scheduled to serve. The number of times per month is based on the number of stewards available for each role. They must arrive at least 20 minutes before the beginning of Mass.*

Altar Servers

Assist the priest at Mass and other liturgical celebrations. They must be at least 8 years old and have received their First Communion.

Los Monaguillos

Ayudan al sacerdote en la Misa y otras celebraciones litúrgicas. Deben tener al menos 8 años de edad y haber recibido su Primera Comunión.

Eucharistic Ministers

Must be Confirmed Catholics. Assist the priest in the distribution of the Eucharist to the faithful at Mass and care for the sacred vessels as directed.

Ministros Eucarísticos

Deben ser católicos confirmados. Ayudar al sacerdote en la distribución de la Eucaristía a los fieles en la Misa y cuidado de los vasos sagrados según se le indique.

Greeters

Stewards of hospitality who meet, greet and welcome all who attend services. Greeters work in tandem with ushers.

Lectors

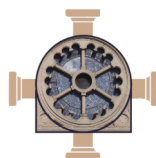
Prepare for and proclaim the Word of God at Parish Liturgies.

Musicians

Assist the priest in the celebration of the Mass, at weddings, funerals and other liturgies.

Ushers

Stewards of hospitality to all who attend liturgical celebrations and assist with emergencies. Work in tandem with greeters.





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Children's Ministry (3 Years - 5th Grade)

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

One week in July. Active stewards attend VBS training meeting and are present for the time they committed to during VBS week, approximately 9am-12am Monday thru Friday. Must be in 5th grade or older.

Religious Education Faith Formation (3rd-5th grade)

Active stewards assist/conduct weekly faith formation classes from 11:15-12:30pm on Sundays and attend an annual planning meeting. Leaders should be Catechist Certified, confirmed and a practicing Catholic. Certification training provided.

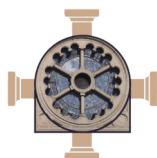
Youth Ministry (6th - 12th Grade)

Junior High Core Team

6th-8th Grade. Youth meet on Sunday afternoons. Stewards help with class preparation and teaching of the basic Catholic beliefs, as well as the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Must be willing to help facilitate small group discussion. Requirements are 2-3 hours per week during the class year. All stewards must have a background check and be safe environment trained.

High School Core Team

8th-12th Grade. Youth meet on Sunday afternoons. Stewards help with class preparation and teaching of the basic Catholic beliefs, as well as the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Must be willing to help facilitate small group discussion. Requirements are 2-3 hours per week during the class year. All stewards must have a background check and be safe environment trained.



Adult Education

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) Formation classes meet on Sunday mornings for adults wanting to participate fully in the Catholic faith (Baptism or Confirmation). Active stewards are sponsors, facilitators, or instructors and must be at least 16 years of age or older, must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation and be actively practicing their Catholic Faith and a Catholic in good standing.

Sacramental Preparation

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Meets 1x / week, September-April. Active stewards assist/conduct weekly faith formation classes on Sundays and attend an annual planning meeting. Leaders should be Catechist Certified, confirmed, and a practicing Catholic. Certification training provided.

Confirmation

For higher schoolers, 9th Grade and older who are in the process of preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Active stewards assist/conduct weekly faith formation classes. Leaders should be catechist-certified, confirmed, and practicing Catholic. Certification training provided.

Order of Christian Initiation for Children (OCIC)

For children, from 7 years - High School preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation). Active stewards must attend a workshop for safe environment training. Catechist certification is preferred.



St. John's is an active, vibrant parish and is always seeking volunteers who are willing to assist in many ways. If you want to do something and it is not mentioned in this ministry guide, please let us know.

Other Ways to Serve

Facility Care

- Dusting cobwebs in the church
- Easy (and not so easy) repairs
- Polishing wood doors
- Washing tables in halls & classrooms

Parish Grounds

- Mowing the lawn
- Raking leaves
- Shoveling snow

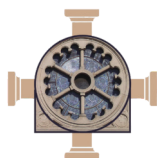
Faith Formation Assistance

- Event & retreat planning
- Donating snacks
- Making decorations
- Parent volunteering
- Preparing food
- Sharpening pencils
- Teaching & facilitating
- Teacher's Aide
- Leading a team
- Transportation

Parish Events

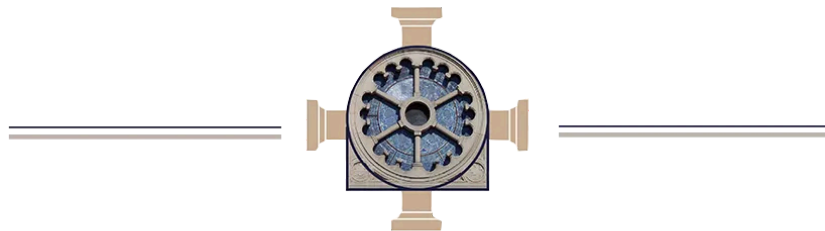
Mardi Gras, Parish Picnic, St. John's Feast Day

- Planning & organizing
- Decorating
- Making posters and announcements
- Setting up and tearing down chairs



St. John's Parish:
Everyone contributes. Let us
know the gifts God has
provided you and how you
can share them.

For more information
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