

Ministry Guide



2025-2026

You will see our many ministries & groups in this guide that we have at MOTV along with a description of each ministry.

Sign-up one of two ways:

- 1) Paper form
- 2) Use your Ministry Platform account & sign up using the Event Finder on our website (you'll need to create a new account if you don't have one).

This year, we are adding a space on the form to check if you don't want to make any changes to your current ministry choices (for you & for your whole family).

Attributes: We want to know your gifts and talents! Can you sew? Do you have plumbing skills? Do you have a sign business? We want to know it all. It would be ideal for us to create a list of parishioners we can contact in case we need to repair something, etc... we want to support our parishioners who have a business but we would also love for help getting things done around our church buildings that parishioners can help us with.

Let us know your hobbies too: crocheting, board games, etc. This helps us to connect people within our parish family!

There is a space on both the paper form & online form that gives you space to share these things with us.

Once you have completed your form, you will receive a confirmation email within a couple of weeks with a list of your current ministries/groups.

Financial Giving

Tithing: Our financial support of the parish is one tangible way in which we acknowledge and express our gratitude for God's many gifts in our life. You can find more information on how to give below. We ask that you take this time to discern your financial responsibility to MOTV.

Two Options:

- **Envelopes** - Utilize the offering envelopes that are mailed to your home bi-monthly. Take note of the special envelopes for things like Holy Days, Building Fund, and more.
- **Online Giving** (through Vanco) - Sign up through our website and schedule your donations for the year or donate if you forgot to bring your envelope.

Liturgical Ministries

- **Sacristan** - Everyone who is involved in the Mass (except music ministers) check in with the Sacristan when they arrive. The Sacristan makes sure all ministry positions are filled before Mass begins. They also prepare the host/wine for communion before Mass & put the money in the safe after each Mass.
- **Greeter** - Our greeters hold a vital role in our Mass by welcoming people with excitement and joy as they come for Mass. They hand out worship aids & assist guests as needed.
- **Eucharistic Minister** - EMs help prepare for & distribute Communion as well as clean-up after Mass. EMs must be 16+ & must be Confirmed.
- **Lector** - 1-2 people are assigned/Mass where the first person reads the First Reading & Prayers of the Faithful & the second person reads the Second Reading & announcements. If you are the only Lector, you will read both readings, the Prayers, & announcements.
- **Usher** - Ushers help seat people when the church is getting full, count Mass attendance, collect the gifts, & assist the assembly as needed.
- **Altar Server** - Our Servers assist the presider during Mass by holding the book during prayers, helping set the altar for Communion, etc. To be a Server, you must be 3rd grade or older (adults too!) & must have celebrated First Eucharist.
- **Senior Residence Ministry** - These ministers visit residents at Cherrywood in Big Lake & Shepherd of Grace in Becker to distribute the Eucharist on Sunday mornings. You are scheduled every 6-8 weeks for this ministry.
- **Livestream Mass** - We livestream our Mass once/weekend. Father typically sets up the camera; these ministers simply operate the camera to record the livestream during Mass.

Liturgical Support Ministries

- **Money Counters** - As a money counter, you can sign up to help when it works for you. Typically the collection is counted on Sunday or Monday mornings.
- **Launder Communion Linens** - These ministers take turns laundering, ironing, & folding Communion linens.
- **Arts & Environment Team** - This team needs some muscle & the ability to climb ladders! The A&E committee brings their prepared plans & the team helps set up the liturgical spaces (e.g. get bins out of storage, hang banners, etc.).
- **Homebound Ministry** - These ministers bring the Eucharist to those who are homebound as needed.
- **Liturgy of the Word for Children** - Our staff plans the message & activity for each session. You can choose to help by reading the readings for the day, sharing the message, &/or being a present adult to help kiddos (ages 3-3rd grade) as needed during 10am Mass. We have Children's Liturgy three times/month, but you can sign up to lead or help as you are able.

Music Ministries

- **Adult Choir** - This choir is for anyone ages 16+ who loves to sing! They rehearse on Thursdays during the school year from 7-8:30pm.
- **Youth Ensemble** - This ensemble is for youth in grades 6-12. They rehearse on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:15pm & sing at Mass monthly October-April.
- **Children's Choir** - This choir is for youth in grades 1-5. They rehearse on Thursdays from 5-6pm & sing at Mass monthly October-April.
- **Cantor** - A cantor sings in small groups & leads music at Mass. They rehearse on Thursdays from 6-7pm as scheduled.
- **Accompanist** - This is a professional, compensated position for people with intermediate piano level+ required.
- **Instrumentalist** - This ministry gives instrumentalists (intermediate level+ required) the opportunity to play at Mass.

Revive / Youth Group

- **Adult Worship Team** - This team practices roughly weekly throughout the year to prepare music for Revive. They also play at three Revive sessions throughout the month. The schedule is somewhat flexible based upon availability & breaks needed!
- **Youth Worship Team** - You do NOT need to have musical experience to join our worship team! We can teach you to play any of the instruments or you can join us on vocals. We meet during the summer for rehearsals & play for MS/HS Revive nights during the school year. You will sign-up to play at Revive when you are able based on your schedule. For youth in grades 6-12.
- **Youth Creative Team** - This team of youth in grades 6-12 help create the whole environment for Revive! They come up with topic ideas that are presented to the Faith Formation Director, create welcome packets, journals for each grade, & more! They meet throughout the summer to plan & as needed throughout the school year.
- **Youth Tech Team** - This team is crucial on Revive nights as they will help with lights, play videos, etc (all those techy things that are needed!). Instructions will be provided. For youth in grades 6-12.
- **Small Group Leader** - Our Revive small group leaders are given different tools to help them engage the youth in their small group including discussion questions, ice breakers, age-appropriate activities, etc as needed.
- **Small Group Assistant** - The assistant in each small group will be given the same training materials as the leader & his/her role is to assist the leader in any way necessary with discussion, activities, etc.
- **Small Group Substitute** - People get sick and have emergencies, so we need a list of people who can be there to fill in as needed! You will be given all the materials that the small group leader/assistant would have so you feel equipped to lead.
- **Revive Snack** - We provide snacks on MS/HS Revive nights because food is key! These ministers help set up, replenish, & clean-up snack. You can volunteer for this ministry as you are able.
- **Revive Meal** - We provide a meal for our elementary Revive days each month after 10am Mass. These ministers help prep, serve, & clean-up this meal.
- **Revive Childcare** - We provide childcare for those under 5 whose families are in a Revive elementary session on Sunday once/month.
- **Revive Greeter** - Welcoming everyone at the door & making them feel like we are so excited to have them be with us is a huge element of Revive. These ministers greet people (by name when possible), direct them on where to go, show them any materials to grab, etc.
- **Youth Fellowship Snack** - On the evenings we don't have Revive, we have fellowship for our MS/HS youth. Again, food is important so we need someone to set-up, serve, & clean-up snack during these Wednesdays. We provide the snack (although you're welcome to get creative if you so desire!).
- **Kids for Christ Helper** - Kids for Christ (KFC) is a youth group for our 3rd-5th graders that meets once/month on a Wednesday after school. We pick the youth up from school & walk them over to the youth house where there are activities, prayer, & food.

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Leadership Ministries

- **Arts & Environment** - This committee plans the look for liturgical environments for each season & they meet quarterly.
- **Buildings & Grounds** - This committee meets monthly to discuss the current needs for our parish properties & oversees projects. The members split up projects that need to be done or connect with parishioners & local businesses to get projects completed in a timely manner.
- **Cemetery Board** - This board manages, maintains, & improves both cemeteries as needed & meets quarterly.
- **Faith Formation** - This committee meets every other month throughout the school year to discuss all faith formation activities & support the Director of Faith Formation in planning & implementing them.
- **Liturgy** - This committee meets monthly & assists in planning liturgical seasons & celebrations.
- **Youth Advisory Board** - This board meets monthly & discusses all youth group activities & supports the Director of Youth Ministry & Young Adults in implementing activities.

Additional Groups & Ministries

- **Adoration** - Spend some time on Mondays in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (Becker). We have someone dedicated to each hour from 5am-11pm. You can either sign-up for a particular hour that you can cover each Monday, as someone who can substitute for someone's hour occasionally, or simply stop by.
- **Baptism Ministry** - As a minister, you connect with the family the week of the Baptism & are present the day of the Baptism, making sure they have everything they need.
- **Bereavement Ministry** - As a minister, you will occasionally be connected with someone in our parish family who has lost a loved one to connect with them. We ask that you connect with them in some way at least three times over the first year (for example, sending a text at holiday times, mail a birthday card, connect on the death anniversary, invite them to our monthly grief social, etc.) We ask that you join us at our monthly grief social as you can (typically second Sunday of each month from 8:30-9:45am). Training resources are provided.
- **Book Club** - The group reads one book/month & meets on the third Thursday of every month at 10am to discuss the book typically at Dueling Brews in Becker.
- **Funeral Ministry** - There are different ways you can get involved with our funeral ministry.
 - **Callers** - Our funeral leads will connect with you after a funeral has been scheduled to call & schedule workers for the funeral as well as the food we supply.
 - **Workers** - Our funeral workers help set-up the food, plates, etc, help serve the meal, & help clean-up after.
 - **Provide Food** - The family pays for the main course, but we provide side dishes & desserts. Being on this list, our funeral lead or caller will get in touch & ask you to provide those side dishes or desserts as needed.
 - **Hospitality Minister** - This minister supports the family the day of the funeral in the case a funeral home is not involved. It can involve setting up photos, flowers, etc, greeting, ushering, or being a Eucharistic Minister as needed during Mass, etc.

Additional Groups & Ministries continued...

- **Marriage Sponsor Couple** - Couples can mentor engaged couples during their marriage preparation process after receiving Diocesan training.
- **Men's Group** - A group that meets on the third & fourth Sunday of each month at 8:30am at the weekend Mass location (youth house). They discuss and unpack the Gospel reading of the weekend Mass. Come as you can!
- **Outreach Projects** - We have many Outreach projects throughout the year. Things you could help with would be: deliver items to schools, charities, etc as needed, color cards for the elderly, help make ornaments, sort items, etc.
- **Prayer Team** - Receive a text with a special intention that needs prayer (typically these prayers come in from our parish family and are communicated via Father).
- **Stations of the Cross Helper** - Every Friday during Lent, we have Stations available for our parish at 7pm. We have resource booklets available for you to use or you can get creative in the way you present Stations! You can choose to lead or assist.
- **Women's Bible Study** - This group meets every Monday evening in Becker at the youth house to discuss a selected devotion.
- **Women's Group** - This group meets on Saturday mornings at 9am in rotating locations (youth house). They rotate through different devotionals throughout the year. Come as you can!
- **Yard Care** - If you like outdoor work, this is the ministry for you! We need help with the upkeep of both Becker & Big Lake yards (churches, youth house in BL, rectory in BE, and cemeteries). Mowing, trimming, weeding, etc. You can get on the schedule to help as you are able.
- **Young Adults Group** - We will have in-person AND virtual groups for young adults ages 18-26! They explore Scripture, share life experiences, & build friendships rooted in faith. They meet once/month.

We are deeply grateful to all our parishioners who share their time, gifts, and talents in ministry. Your dedication strengthens our community & brings our faith to life in so many meaningful ways. Thank you for being a vital part of our parish family!

See Christ in Others. Be Christ for Others.