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Coming Soon: Small Groups

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The Worship Ministries are focused mainly on the Saturday-Sunday Masses, holy days and holidays. Training is provided in all applicable ministries. Most of these opportunities require a commitment to arrive at scheduled times at least 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass.

These ministries are a great way to be actively involved in the liturgy and serve as a family at Masses.

Altar Servers have a special role in helping the priest and parish community celebrate Mass with reverence and joy. Open to children and teens who have received their First Holy Communion, this ministry is a wonderful way for young people to grow in faith, learn about the Mass and actively serve their parish family.

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Environment & Art helps create a prayerful and beautiful atmosphere in our church by designing and arranging seasonal decorations, especially during Christmas and Easter. This ministry uses creativity and care to enhance our worship and draws hearts closer to God during the liturgy and throughout the year. No experience necessary!

Contact: Helen Jaworski or Jim Landowski

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Eucharistic Adoration invites parishioners to spend time in prayer before the Lord—whether in quiet reflection, reading scripture or simply resting in His presence. Adorers commit to one hour (or more) with Jesus, ensuring He is never left alone in the chapel. It is a beautiful opportunity to deepen your relationship with Christ, bringing Him your joys and burdens, experiencing the peace that flows from time spent in His presence.

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Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist assist the priest in sharing the Body and Blood of Christ with the congregation at Mass. This sacred ministry is open to practicing Catholics who are active members of the parish who have been confirmed. It is a deeply rewarding way to grow in faith while serving God's people with reverence and love for the Eucharist.

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Hospitality

Greeters share the joy of Christ by welcoming parishioners and visitors as they arrive for Mass, helping to create a warm and inviting atmosphere of hospitality. Families are encouraged to serve in this ministry together!

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Parish Welcome & Information Table volunteers greet visitors and parishioners in the church's main entrance (Narthex), offering assistance, answering questions, sharing important information and registering new parishioners. This ministry is a friendly and meaningful way to help newcomers feel at home and support the parish community.

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Ushers serve the parish community during Mass by assisting with seating, supporting those in need, taking up the collection and being ready to help in emergencies. This ministry offers a meaningful way to serve others and ensure that all feel cared for during worship. Families are encouraged to serve together.

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Lectors proclaim the Word of God during Mass, helping the parish community hear and reflect on Sacred Scripture. Open to youth and adults who have been Confirmed, this ministry invites participants to grow in faith by prayerfully preparing and sharing God's Word, while also developing the gift of speaking with clarity and faith.

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Livestream Ministry helps share the Mass with those who cannot attend in person by assisting with the live broadcast during weekday, weekend and holy day Masses. This ministry is a meaningful way to serve God and the parish community. It brings the joy of the Eucharist to the homebound, sick or shut-in. No technical experience is required, just an interest to help. A simple training is provided to make everyone feel comfortable.

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Music Ministry invites parishioners of all ages to share their musical gifts in praise to God. Vocalists and instrumentalists can serve. This ministry is a wonderful way for families, youth and adults to grow in faith, participate in worship and bring joy to the parish through music.

Participate in our Music Ministry in any of these capacities:

Cantors: Lead the assembly during Masses. Rehearsals vary.

Chorale: Sing at the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass.
Rehearsals are Thursdays at 6:45 p.m.

Funeral Choir: Sing during funeral Masses. No rehearsals.

Handbell Choir: Plays twice per month at the Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

Instrumentalists: Always needed. Play at a variety of Masses.

Schola Cantorum: Choral chamber group singing a variety of sacred music. Chosen by audition. Sing at the Sunday 12:00 p.m. Mass. Rehearsals are Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

Youth Chorale: Sing at the Saturday 5:30 p.m. Masses.
Rehearsals are at 4:00 p.m. on the days the choir sings at Mass.
(3rd through 8th grade students welcome!)

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Nursery provides a safe and nurturing environment for children infants to 4 years old during the 10 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Teens can volunteer to earn service hours and adults 18 and older who are Virtus Safe Environment-certified help care for the little ones. This ministry is a meaningful way to serve families, support the parish community and share God's love with our youngest members.

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