

St. Mary's

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- **Altar Society**

The Altar Society is parish women and men whose purpose is to supply the needs of the church sanctuary. They meet the third Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in the hall. To join or volunteer to help with our monthly spaghetti dinner, cook for parish functions, please contact the Altar Society Chairperson.

- **Bereavement Ministry**

Bereavement ministers meet with families who have just lost a loved one. They provide support through their prayers and by assisting families in the process of planning the funeral.

- **Cursillo**

Cursillo is both a movement and a method of Christian living. The purpose of the movement is to create small groups living out what is fundamental for being a Christian by committing themselves to the Cursillo method concentrating their

lives on growing in Holiness, Formation, and Evangelization. They meet weekly in small groups and monthly with the larger community at the Northeast Arkansas Ultreya.

- **D.R.E. – Director of Religious Education**

A parish director of Religious Education is the administrator of a total parish religious education and formation program. The D.R.E. articulates a vision, goals, and action plan for a total religious education program within a parish promoting learning for all age levels.

- **Eucharistic Adoration**

Come spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic Adoration begins on Wednesday's at 7:00 am and closes at 12:00 midnight. Everyone is encouraged to visit the Blessed Sacrament anytime during these hours. If possible, we would like parishioners to commit to a specific adoration time or to be on a substitute list.

- **Finance Committee (sub-committee of Parish Council)**

The mission of the Finance Committee is to assist, counsel and advise the Pastor in the overall fiscal operations of the parish; to plan and monitor the annual budget & to deliver the annual financial report to the parish. The committee also counts & records weekly contributions & provide for the distribution of the treasure envelopes.

- **Food Drive**

One weekend a month before Saturday & Sunday Mass, can goods are collected to give to those in need.

- **Grounds Keeping**

Volunteers to help maintain grounds and landscaping ensuring that what we proclaim & celebrate inside the church is reflected on the outside.

- **Habitat for Humanity**

The local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity helps to build homes for those in need in our community. Please consider volunteering a day or more this year to help the less fortunate people of our community.

- **Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Men's Fraternal Organization chartered in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney. K of C is dedicated to serve the Church & the Parish Community. A few of the many activities the Knights are involved with include: the monthly spaghetti dinners, Loose Caboose festival, church & cemetery maintenance, Pro-Life activities & supporting community organizations such as Life House Ministries.

- **Liturgical Ministries**

The Ministry includes Altar Servers, Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister at Mass and Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick, Lectors, Offertory Gift Bearers & Ushers. Liturgical Ministers are needed who will help us worship with reverence and care. Those who minister each Sunday do so for the sake of the community. Proclaiming the Word, ministering the Eucharist, greeting and taking our offerings, and assisting the presider with the rites of the liturgy. If you are interested in volunteering or if you would like to serve coffee & donuts after Sunday Mass, contact our Chairperson.

- **Liturgy of the Hours**

Liturgy of the Hours is the daily public prayer of the Church for praising God and sanctifying the day. It consists of an Office of Readings, morning & evening prayer, day & nighttime prayer. If interested in instructions, please contact the Chairperson.

- **Marriage Advocate**

A Marriage Advocate assists former spouses in the processing of marriage declaration of invalidity cases. The Marriage Advocate explains the process to the former couple, takes their testimony, and advocates their position concerning the validity of their marriage. The Advocate also conducts in-depth interviews of the petitioners and respondents when necessary.

- **Marriage Encounter**

Marriage Encounter is a weekend program designed to help married couples improve their marriage. No matter how short or long your marriage is, you are welcome. The Marriage Encounter organization operates on a mission of renewal in the Catholic church and seeks to change the world by assisting couples to develop fully intimate and responsible marriages. The focus is on communication between husband and wife.

- **Mission Trip**
St. Mary's of Paragould will usually host one trip a year to help others in need. Parishioners are encouraged to volunteer to help raise money & also attend the mission trip. The new Mission Trip will be announced at Mass & in the Church bulletin during the upcoming year.
- **Music Ministry**
Praising God through music! The music ministry is designed to assist, and lead the congregation in the celebration of the Liturgy. This requires the time and talent of many people including a cantor, organist, instrumentalists, and a choir. New members are always welcome and needed. We encourage everyone with musical talent to join our choir.
- **Oblates of St. Benedict with Holy Angels Convent**
An Oblate is a lay or clerical, single or married, man or woman associate, admitted to a particular monastery. The Oblate seeks to live a life in harmony with the spirit of Saint Benedict as revealed in the Rule of Saint Benedict and its contemporary expression.
- **P.R.E. – Parish Religious Education**
P.R.E. includes Elementary, Junior High & High School. Any student, who is not attending a Catholic School, K-12, will study their faith and prepare for reception of the Sacraments in our Parish Religious Education Classes. Classes meet on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm after mass. We are in need of adults interested in helping to teach, assist or be a substitute teacher in PRE.
- **Parish Council**
The Parish or Pastoral Council is a consultative body to the pastor and is primarily concerned with all aspects of parish life and the mission of the Church. Members of the council are elected by the parish or appointed by the pastor.
- **Parish Office**
The Parish Secretary duties include keeping track of all Church records, preparing & printing the Church bulletin, filing papers, etc... If you are interested in volunteering time to help us, please call Parish Office Chairperson.
- **Prayer Network**
The Prayer Network is a means to connect with others in prayer for our own needs, the needs of our families and loved ones, and the needs of the community and the world. Please contact our Chairperson & join the Prayer Network as the world is in need of your prayers.
- **Prison Ministry**
This ministry works to bring Christ's love to those in local jails or in state prisons.
- **Protect God's Children**
Program designed by Catholic laity & approved by the church to teach parishioners warning signs of child molesters. Any adults wishing to work with youth must go through this program.
- **R.C.I.A. – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**
RCIA is a class for Catholic and Non-Catholic adults desiring to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Classes meet on Thursday nights from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm from September through May.
- **Respect Life**
The purpose of Respect Life Committee is to protect all human life, from conception to natural death. Our committee helps to achieve this goal through NFP (Natural Family Planning) educational material & pamphlets, letter campaigns to legislators, providing guidance & support for women in crisis pregnancies, & encouraging parish prayer to end legalized abortions.
- **Sacred Heart Home Enthronement Team**
Acknowledgement of the Sovereignty of Jesus Christ over the Christian family, expressed by the installation or a picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in a place of honor in the home, accompanied by an act of consecration. If you have not had your home blessed with the Enthronement, please contact our Chairperson.
- **Scripture Study**
Each Scripture Study course takes you chapter-by-chapter through a book of the Bible. Students are asked penetrating questions about the text of Scripture itself, offered intriguing points for discussion, given probing questions to help the

reader apply the Scripture to their lives, and given keys to connecting the riches of Scripture to the teaching found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the writings of the Holy Father. You'll learn firsthand how our Catholic faith is rooted and nourished by the Holy Bible.

- **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is an international organization of Roman Catholic lay men and women of all ages, whose primary mission is to help the poor and less fortunate. Members of the Society live out their faith in action by visiting people in their homes to provide support, friendship and material assistance.

- **St. Mary's School and Preschool**

St. Mary's strives to provide a high quality education, within its Catholic based setting, to students in Pre-K (3, 4 & 5 year old) to 6th grade. After care is also available for all students.

- **St. Mary's School Board**

The School Board is a consultative board to provide assistance to the Principal & Pastor. The board is comprised of parents with children in St. Mary's School with one member that is non-Catholic & another member elected from the parish without a child in the school.

- **St. Mary's Youth Ministry – SMYM**

The SMYM is committed to the reality that young people are an important an integral part of our parish community. The youth program seeks to foster maturing in faith of the youth of our parish in the diocesan community. Through a variety of programs, events and outreach, we seek to draw young people into responsible participation in the life, work and mission of the parish community. If you are a youth that would like to be added to our list of "Social Events Worker" to help set-up, assist and clean up for parish events OR if you are an adult who would be interested in participating, assisting or being a chaperone, please contact the SMYM Chairperson.

- **Stewardship Ministry**

Stewardship is a way of life that leads us to discern what gifts of the Spirit we have received, and then to respond in gratitude by using those gifts to build up the kingdom of God. Our mission is to develop & foster a Christian Community atmosphere whereby the spiritual and social needs of parishioners can be realized through a total stewardship of time, talent and treasure resulting in a sense of belonging, involvement and commitment for each parishioner. Please consider thanking God for all his blessings by returning to Him a portion of the time, talent & treasure that he has given to us.

- **Transportation**

If you are in need of a ride to attend our Sunday Mass, please contact the Transportation Chairperson.

- **Vocation Committee**

The vocations committee is responsible for making parishioners aware of the need for men & women to answer God's call in their lives. This committee also serves as a liaison between the parish and those who have chosen to pursue their call to the priesthood or religious life.

- **Web-Site Operator**

The Web-Site Operator updates important information regarding our parish & school at www.stmarysparagould.org. Church bulletins, Mass schedules, calendar of upcoming events & more may be found on this web-site.

- **Welcoming Committee**

This group of parishioners will extend a warm welcome by inviting the new parishioner('s) to participate in upcoming parish activities & events, present them with reference information about the parish and encourage them to become involved in the various organizations and ministries found at St. Mary's.

- **Why Catholic?**

The "Why Catholic?" Program offers a concrete approach to evangelization and adult faith formation employing up-to-date methods of adult learning and formation. Designed around a small group model of faith sharing, the program helps people explore Catholic teachings based on the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The faith-sharing materials offer 48 sessions on beliefs, sacraments, morality and prayer.

- **Young Hearts**

The Young Hearts is a social organization which spends time visiting, playing bingo, and an occasional potluck. They meet the first Monday of the month at 1:00 pm in the parish hall.