

St. Michael Catholic Community

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Mass Schedule: Saturday, 4:30 pm.,
Sunday, 8:00 am., 9:45 a .m., & 11:30 am.
Weekdays 9:30 am. except Thursday 7:00 pm.

Baptisms: Second Saturday of each month.
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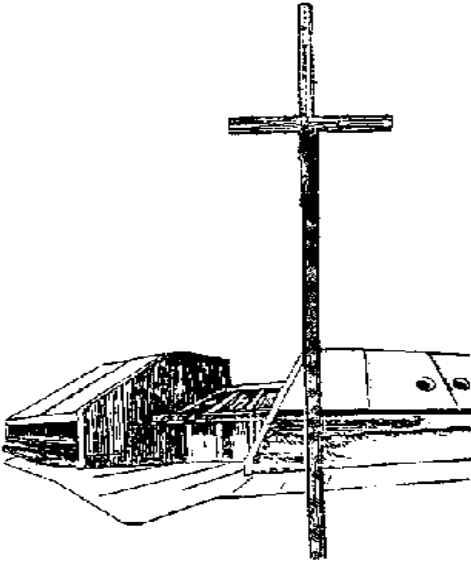
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Festival of Ministries
September, 2010

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WORSHIP MINISTRIES 2010

Ministry: Worship Commission Member

Description: The Worship Commission is responsible for coordinating and evaluating all liturgical and paraliturgical celebrations in the community. Its involvement centers on educating the parish community regarding liturgical rites leading to a deeper involvement in worship. If you have an interest in affecting our liturgies and liturgical celebrations, this may be an area for you.

Time Commitment: 4 – 6 evening meetings from September through May; held on the second Tuesday of the month from 7 – 9:00pm. An additional 5 – 10 hours throughout the year as needed on seasonal liturgical or special events.

Special Training: Knowledge of the Mass and basic liturgical functions is needed. Other training/enrichment will occur at meetings.

When to join: The first meeting of each liturgical year is in September. In order to maintain continuity throughout the year, membership begins at that time.

Ministry: Eucharistic Ministry (Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist)

Description: Eucharistic Ministers serve a genuine liturgical function. Their job is not to simply help the priest distribute communion; they serve the community by sharing with them the mystery that makes us one body, the body and blood of Christ. We are glad to welcome new Eucharistic Ministers at any time.

Time Commitment: This ministry is performed while you are at Mass. Each week that you are available to serve, come to Mass 15 minutes early and sign-up at the Usher’s stand. When sufficient ministers are available, we ask that you serve no more than twice per month.

Special Training/Skills Needed: Eucharistic Ministers are trained by experienced ministers at Mass. A booklet describing the ministry is also provided; it will require 2 – 4 hours of your time to read and reflect on the materials contained. No special skills are needed.

When to join: At any time.

Ministry: Lector/Commentator

Description: Lectors are ordinary people who perform an extraordinary ministry of proclaiming the Word of God. Lectoring is a very visible service offered to the community. This particular service assists the community at prayer by helping them to hear the word of God a little more clearly. Lectors are not readers of the Word, they are proclaimers of the Word. Being a lector requires a desire to delve deeper into scripture, a period of preparation in advance of each reading, and the willingness to arrive at Mass 20 minutes before it begins.

Time Commitment: This ministry is performed while you are at Mass. This ministry is scheduled; you will be assigned lector responsibilities according to the preferences you provide. Depending on your Mass selection, you may serve from 1 – 3 times per month. This ministry requires 1 – 2 hours preparation in advance of your scheduled assignment.

Special Training/Skills Needed: Lectors are trained by the Liturgy Coordinator and mentored by experienced Lectors at Mass. 1 hour of training is provided prior to serving; a booklet describing the ministry is also provided; it will require 2 – 4 hours of your time to read and reflect on the materials contained. Public speaking skills are a prerequisite.

When to join: Lectors are scheduled four months at a time – January – April, May – August, September – December. It is best to sign-up in March, July or November but new Lectors are always welcome and accommodations can be made.

Ministry: Bread Baker

Description: Bread Bakers follow a specific recipe to prepare and bake the bread that is used at weekend Masses.

Time Commitment: Approximately 1 hour is needed to prepare and bake the recipe.

Special Training/Skills Needed: Bread bakers are trained by a Master Bread Baker. A recipe is provided and the process is demonstrated.

When to join: Bread bakers are scheduled two months at a time. Feel free to join at any time.



ADULT FORMATION MINISTRIES, continued

Ministry: Ministers of Care

Description: Ministers of Care bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound members of our parish community. A minister of care should be a person with a willingness to listen and share faith.

Time Commitment: The schedule is usually arranged by the minister and his/her care receiver.

Special Skills/Training: Compassionate person who will provide communion, faith sharing and listening.

When to join: May join anytime.

Ministry: Daughters of Magdala, A Women’s Spirituality Group

Description: We use contemporary literature to aid in the development of spiritual insights. Our group dynamics include discussion, reflection, prayer and ritual. The first book this year (to be read for Sept. 14 session) is *The People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks.

Time Commitment: Eight sessions, 7-9pm, held on the second Tuesday of each month September through May (excluding December). All sessions are held at the Father Lawrence Jackson Activity Center.

When to join: Register by phone or email to Marie Van de Putte-Manuszak, facilitator at (586) 286-3101 or mvdp8@comcast.net.

Ministry: Wake Service Ministers

Description: Wake Service Ministers are ordinary people who are comfortable ministering to those who are grieving and are willing to lead bereaved families in a scripture or rosary service at the funeral home. Scripture services are preprinted.

Time Commitment: 1 hour in the evening, as needed, generally at one or two days notice.

Special Skills/Training: Comfort with leading prayer service. Training and materials are provided.

When to join: May join anytime.

Ministry: Bible Study

Description: An evening and/or morning of Bible Study is offered to nurture your faith. Participants are encouraged to jump between sessions to accommodate a busy schedule. The sessions are usually held in Room #3 of the Parish Social Hall and include coffee. If you would like to review the material before class, handouts are available in the Parish Office.

Time Commitment: Both group sessions are approximately 1 1/2 hours in length.

No special training is required.

When to join: Sessions run from September through May, join at any time.

Ministry: Recycling

Description: Action on behalf of the environment is mandated by Catholic Social Teaching as a moral issue and important service to God’s creation and to our children. You can help by depositing newspapers, magazines, office paper, junk mail, and catalogs into our green and yellow Paper Retriever bins located in the back of our parking lot. Money earned through these efforts go to our outreach Ladder Fund.

Time Commitment: You can deposit your items anytime.

Ministry: St. Vincent de Paul Society

Description: Grow spiritually though a person-to-person service to the poor and needy.

Time Commitment: The time you have to give is up to you.

When to join: May join at any time.

Ministry: Knights of Columbus

Description: A great way to make a personal contribution to the Church and community through charity and fraternity. This ministry consists of a very active group of Catholic gentlemen who work tirelessly in outreach to the community.

Time Commitment: Monthly meeting and activities.

When to join: May join at any time.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES, continued

Ministry: Sharing Expertise

Description: Are you an expert or have you had experience in any of these fields? Could you act as a consultant in these fields?

- ◆ Finance
- ◆ Computer skills
- ◆ Graphic Arts
- ◆ Roofing
- ◆ Human Resources
- ◆ Audio/Visual
- ◆ Mechanics (car)
- ◆ Electrical Systems
- ◆ Outside Maintenance
- ◆ Physical Plant Maintenance
- or any other area of interest

Time Commitment: Necessary time will vary with the project. Time could be a few short informative meetings or acting as Project Manager on a large undertaking.

Special Training/Skills Needed: Some previous experience in a specific field and/or broad management experience that could be applied. There will be other experienced members available to assist and decide on courses of action.

When to join: Please let us know your area of interest or please respond when a need is mentioned.

ADULT FORMATION MINISTRIES 2010

Ministry: RCIA

Description: The RCIA, an acronym for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process by which individuals are initiated as members of the Catholic Church. More than simply passing on teachings of the Church, candidates are formed into Catholicism through weekly sessions of scripture, prayer, and faith sharing. A team of people from the parish typically work with prospective candidates by teaching (catechists), praying for them (prayer sponsors--usually involves daily prayer for the candidate and an occasional note letting them know of your good thoughts and wishes), acting as support sponsors (fully initiated Catholics who attend weekly sessions with the candidate and shares faith with him/her), and hospitality (coordinating, setting up, and cleaning up after the Easter Vigil reception). We are in particular need of sponsors.

Time Commitment: Minimum of 2 hours per week for sponsors from October through April.

Special training is required and provided for catechists and support sponsors.

When to join: August—December.

Ministry: Parish Nurse/Health Ministry

Description: This ministry is open to nurses, other health care personnel, or people interested in health care education and ministry. We serve as health educators, referral agents, and facilitators of body, mind and soul health in the parish community through presentations, articles and distribution of educational materials.

Time Commitment: The Parish Nurse/Health Ministry group meets monthly for one hour.

Special Skills/Training: No special skills needed, just an interest in health care

When to join: May join anytime.

WORSHIP MINISTRIES 2010, continued

Ministry: Greeter

Description: Greeters are ministers of hospitality and, for many worshippers, the first contact with the community of St. Michael. This ministry of welcome sets the tone for potential new parishioners as well as regular parishioners and is vitally important to our mission. They arrive 20 – 30 minutes early to Mass and welcome people as they come in the church doors. As they greet, they also distribute the worship aids or music leaflets that are used during Mass. Following Mass, greeters return to the music racks and receive returned worship aids and pass out weekly bulletins.

Time Commitment: This ministry is performed 20 – 30 minutes before Mass. This ministry is scheduled; you will be assigned greeter responsibilities according to the preferences you provide. You will be scheduled to serve two to four times per six-month schedule.

Special Training/Skills Needed: No special training required – just a smiling face and a welcoming spirit!

When to join: Greeters are scheduled every 6 months; October through March and April through September. It is best to sign-up in September or March but new greeters are always welcome and accommodations can be made.

WELCOME

Ministry: Usher

Description: The primary ministry of ushers is to create a spirit of warmth and welcome; to help create an atmosphere of celebration and peacefulness throughout the Mass. Ushers generally assist with the flow of the liturgy, insuring any special details are handled before Mass, assisting in finding seating for people once the liturgy has begun, taking up the collection, assisting those who are bringing up the gifts, assisting in any emergencies that may occur during Mass and sorting the collection following Mass.

Time Commitment: This ministry is performed while you are at Mass. Ushers are asked to arrive 20 – 30 minutes before Mass begins.

Special Training/Skills Needed: New ushers are trained by the Head Usher assigned for each Mass. You need a willingness to assist others and a welcoming spirit.

When to join: At any time.

Ministry: Video Specialist

Description: A Video Specialist manages the video equipment that is used for various presentations during liturgies or meetings. This ministry requires technical savvy and patience with non-technically savvy presenters. We would like to expand the use of the equipment we have as well as expand the number of people willing to work in this ministry.

Time Commitment: Varies; during Advent and Lent is the greatest need currently; 1 hour each week split between before and after Masses.

Special Training/Skills needed: Basic knowledge of computers and video equipment.

When to join: At any time.

Ministry: Decorating/Environment

Description: Decorators bring their talents to the environment in which we worship. This ministry involves designing and decorating the worship space for major liturgical seasons--Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter – as well as other events such as Memorial Month, Pentecost and Ordinary Time. These seasons require many people working together to bring the season alive artistically.

Time Commitment: This ministry is seasonal. Major decorating events occur the weekends prior to Christmas and Good Friday. Planning occurs mainly October through April.

Special Training/Skills Needed: An eye for design or a love of decorating, gardening or just climbing a ladder.

When to join: At any time.

WORSHIP MINISTRIES, continued

Ministry: Children's Food Offertory

Description: There are three parts to this ministry: Program Coordinator, Food Collector, Food Deliverer: One *program coordinator* at each weekend Mass—4:30pm Saturday and 8:00, 9:45 and 11:30am Masses on Sunday. This person is responsible for a team of people who take turns removing the food from the sanctuary after their scheduled Mass. *Food Collectors* are people willing to stay after Mass for a short time to take the food collected during their assigned Mass to the holding area in the rear of the church building. *Food Deliverers* are people willing to pick up all the food after the 11:30am Mass each weekend and deliver it to St. Paul of Tarsus or St. Matthias on Monday morning. With enough people, this is done on a rotating basis, once a month.

Time Commitment: For the program coordinator and the food collectors, this ministry is performed while you are at Mass. For food deliverers, approximately 1 hour once per month or less. This ministry is scheduled; you will be scheduled according to the preferences you provide.

Special Training/Skills Needed: None.

When to join: Children's Food Offertory is scheduled every four months. It is best to sign up in August, December or March but new people are always welcome.

Ministry: Launderer

Description: This ministry keeps our church linens clean and crisp. Launderers pick up the used purificators, altar cloths and towels on Sunday and wash them with their regular load of towels. They are then ironed and returned to church by Wednesday of that same week.

Time Commitment: 1 – 2 hours once every other month.

Special Training/Skills Needed: Ironing skills.

When to join: Launderers are scheduled approximately once every other month. A schedule is published every six months. It is best to sign-up in September or March but new launderers are always welcome and accommodations can be made.

Ministry: Special Event Hospitality

Description: This ministry includes people who plan and execute event hospitality (food and beverages, decorations) as well as those who assist in the execution, including set-up and clean-up. There are several events throughout the year such as Christmas Hanging of the Greens, Anniversary Mass, Easter Vigil and others. Planners determine what and how much to serve, what supplies are necessary and how many people are needed to execute the event. They also acquire the food and supplies. Helpers perform set-up, clean-up and other duties as required.

Time Commitment: For event planners: The amount of time needed depends on the function. Approximately 1 – 3 hours would be required for planning and acquiring supplies. Additional time is then necessary for set-up and clean-up, as well as the function itself. For event helpers: Set-up and clean-up generally takes 1 hour total.

Special Training/Skills Needed: Planners: If you've ever planned for a big family event, you're qualified! Helpers – no special skills needed.

When to join: At any time.

Ministry: Weekend Sacristan

Description: Weekend Sacristans wash the bowls and cups from the previous Mass and prepare the bread and wine for the next Mass. They also prepare the bowls and cups for use during the Mass. We are especially in need of Weekend Sacristans for clean-up following 11:30am Mass.

Time Commitment: This ministry is performed prior to or immediately following Mass. This ministry is scheduled; you will be assigned a regular Mass according to the preferences you provide. Depending on your Mass selection, you may serve from 1 – 3 times per month.

Special Training/Skills Needed: No special skills are needed.

When to join: At any time.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES 2010

Ministry: General Stewardship Activities

Commission Member *CSA Worker* *Offertory Counter* *Ministry of Prayer*

Description:

Commission Members oversee the fiscal, budgetary and physical maintenance of our parish and buildings. Members also emphasize our parish's stewardship goals: sharing of time, talent and treasure to benefit St. Michael Catholic Community and our outreach programs. CSA Workers assist with mailings, passing out pledge cards one weekend per year, auditing returns, etc. in May and June. Offertory counters work as parts of rotating teams on Monday mornings—opening envelopes and recording all receipts.

Time Commitment: Commission members meet monthly for a few hours and may also serve on sub committees. CSA workers may help after one Mass or for a number of hours for a few days during the campaign. Offertory Counters usually work about two or more hours on Monday mornings. This work is done at the bank.

Special Training/Skills Needed: Commission Members--a deep concern for the overall growth and fiscal responsibility of the parish is vitally important. Previous accounting or budgeting experience is helpful, but overall business experience in any field is useful. CSA Workers: we are happy to train mailing help—for auditing, some bookkeeping skills are needed. Offertory counters are trained on the job—requires accuracy.

When to join: During sign-up time.

Ministry: Long-Range Planning Sub-Committee

Finance *Electrical* *Plumbing* *Sound Systems* *Roofing* *HVA* *Lighting*
Physical Plant Maintenance

Description: Individuals willing to investigate, plan and implement various important projects and/or systems pertaining to our physical plant. Groups would prioritize parish needs and budgetary considerations.

Time Commitment: Would vary according to depth of investigation necessary and time lines of specific projects.

Special Training/Skills Needed: Previous experience in a specialized field and/or management skills that could be applied.

When to join: During sign-up time or as a project of interest comes up.

Ministry: Help Occasionally with...

Carpentry *Landscaping* *Painting* *Peace Garden* *Office Mailings*

Time Commitment: Necessary time will vary with the project. Peace Garden workers are asked to assist several mornings per year. Carpentry and Painting needs will vary greatly. Office mailings occur a number of times per year and people may assist for thirty minutes or three hours as available.

Special Training/Skills Needed: Previous experience can be helpful or simply a willingness to work with others and learn.

When to join: Please sign up and you will be called when needed or respond to an article in the Messenger requesting help.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE MINISTRIES, continued

Ministry: Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers

Description: These wonderful people serve in our parish chapter of the Macomb County organization that drives elderly/handicapped to the doctor, helps homebound people with shopping or a chore, or makes a friendly phone call. We also need backup liaisons who can step in when our regular liaisons are on vacation. This involves checking the hotline for calls and matching volunteers with an elderly person who needs their services. This can all be done at home at the most convenient time for you.

Time Commitment: Varies, depending on where the doctor is or what the chore is, on an as-needed basis. You will be called ahead of time to see if you are available. Backup liaisons take over for a limited time for vacations or weekends.

Special Training: Ability to interact with elderly or handicapped people on a friendly basis and at no charge. A background check is required by the Macomb County IVC, who will provide the paperwork and whatever training is needed. Drivers must have a current driver's license and will be insured by IVC. Backup liaisons should have good phone skills.

Ministry: Parish Memorial Reception

Description: This team hosts a special reception that takes place in our Social Hall after the annual Memorial Mass for those who have buried a loved one from our church that year.

Time Commitment: The reception will take place on Friday, November 5, 2010, right after the 7pm Memorial Mass. People are needed to provide a finger-food for the event, and to help set up and clean up for about an hour or so. *No special training is needed, and the best time to sign up is now!*



Ministry: Senior Birthday Party

Description: This group puts on a birthday party for the seniors who reside in Sanctuary at Clinton Villa (formerly Madonna Villa) in Fraser. Residents attend, including those whose birthday is being celebrated that month. You can sign up to buy a gift or prize, or to bake a dessert item for the party.

Time Commitment: The party is given every February, around Valentine's Day. You will be called ahead of time. *No special training is needed, and the best time to sign up is now!*

Ministry: Soup Kitchen

Description: This team provides a meal for 80 to 100 low-income people at the Salvation Army in Mt. Clemens. Your help is needed to donate a store-bought baked item, or to help cook and serve a meal on site.

Time Commitment: The fifth Friday of the month, which translates to four Fridays a year. You will be called ahead of time and be asked to provide a bakery item. If you sign up to cook and serve a meal on site, this will take place from 9:30am until 1:30pm.

No special training is needed, and the best time to sign up is now!



Ministry: Walk for Warmth

Description: This is an annual event that raises funds and promotes awareness of the emergency needs of low-income people. All funds raised stay in our county and are used by the Macomb County Community Services Agency to repair or replace malfunctioning furnaces and prevent shut-offs. The Walk route is up to three miles (or whatever you can do) around a local church. This is a fun event for the whole family, with prizes for walkers raising over \$500. Continental breakfast and lunch is provided.

Time Commitment: The Walk takes place on a Saturday in February. Watch the church paper for more info, and the facilitator will call you when the date is firmed up. *No special training is required, and the best time to sign up is now! This would be a perfect opportunity for those Confirmation students in need of a service project to complete! Should you have any questions, please contact the Christian Service Office or the project facilitator.*



MUSIC MINISTRIES 2010

Ministry: 9:45 Classical Choir

Description: Have fun singing!

Time Commitment: Rehearse every Wednesday 7-9pm and sing every Sunday at 9:45am Mass during the school year.

Special Training: No previous singing experience necessary.

When to Join: Now!



Ministry: Handbell Choir

Description: Have fun ringing bells with 9 other ringers and play at various Masses.

Time Commitment: Rehearse every Wednesday: Youth 4:30-5pm, Beginner youth 5:15-6pm, Adults 6-7pm.

Special Training: No previous ringing experience necessary.

When to Join: September.

Ministry: Resurrection Choir

Description: Receive a phone call or an e-mail and, if you are available, sing at a funeral. No rehearsals but a Christmas luncheon and end-of-the-year breakfast. An important ministry, many times those grieving cannot sing or pray. Our singing consoles and strengthens.

Time Commitment: Whatever you can do, one funeral or as many as your schedule permits.

When to Join: Now!



Ministry: Cantor

Description: A strong voice, good musicality, music reading a plus but not a must. 7th grade through adult. Pick up a cd and music folder on Tuesday, sing at your scheduled weekend liturgy.

Time Commitment: Preparation time on your own learning songs with the cd. Sing about once a month.

Special Training: Periodic cantor workshops with voice teachers, about two a year.

When to Join: September or January as there is a printed schedule.

Ministry: Instrumentalist

Description: Improve your sight-reading skills by playing at a Mass of your choice.

Time Commitment: Limited rehearsals, usually on Wednesdays 6pm or 7-8pm.

When to Join: Now!

Ministry: Children's Christmas Choir/Band

Description: Sing/play on Christmas Eve at the 4pm Children's Christmas Eve Mass.

Time Commitment: Come to 3 rehearsals in December. Saturdays at 3:00pm for singers, 3:30pm for band.

Special Training: None for singers. Instrumentalists should have at least one semester on their instrument.

When to Join: Watch the Messenger for an announcement in November. Sign up then.



YOUTH MINISTRIES 2010 (grades 8-12)

Ministry: Become a member of the youth group

Description: Join us as we gather for faith formation and fun! We generally meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 7-9pm for faith formation and lively discussions on topics of importance for today's youth. Our "fun nights" are the 4th Friday of the month from 7-9pm. We play games, watch movies, eat food, and have a great time being together. On the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month we gather from 6:30-8:00pm for a short Scripture study of Sunday's readings and then have time to either get our homework completed or hang out with friends.

Time commitment: Ideally, we would like to see you involved in all activities; however, you can attend as many as you desire.

Ministry: Poinsettia Sale

Description: Every year the youth group sells Poinsettias for 2 weekends in December. The funds raised assist members who desire to go on our annual Cedar Point trip. We always need help with setting up the poinsettias when they are delivered as well as assistance selling the flowers after each weekend liturgy.

Time commitment:

Approximately 2 hours on a Saturday morning and after each liturgy.



Ministry: Souper Bowl of Caring

Description: The youth group participates, along with churches all over the country, in the *Souper Bowl of Caring*. On the weekend of the Super Bowl football game we ask members of the community to donate at least \$1.00 which will, in turn, be given to charity. Members of the youth group stand in the gathering area after each liturgy collecting all donations. The charity we have chosen to assist is our St. Vincent de Paul Conference.

Time commitment: 20 minutes after each liturgy.

Ministry: Chili and Soup Taste Fest

Description: For this extravaganza, the youth group gathers on a Friday to make our delicious chili. We always use a secret recipe and only the finest and freshest ingredients. It takes a team to cook 4 gallons of chili! On the day of the Taste Fest, members of the group serve up samples of their chili and assist the various restaurants and organizations with their entries. All proceeds from this event are donated to charity.

Time commitment: We take 2 hours on a Friday night to create our chili. Assistance is also needed for 2-4 hours on the Sunday of the Taste Fest.

Ministry: Bucks and Bundles Weekend

Description: Every Fall and Spring, the St. Vincent de Paul Society holds its collection of gently used clothing. The society is always looking for young people to assist them on the trucks before and after each liturgy on Bucks and Bundles weekends. The service isn't difficult...accept donations of clothing and put them on the truck. You can assist at one Mass or even all four if you so desire it!

Time commitment: One half hour before and after each Liturgy.



Ministry: Adopt-A-Road Cleanup

Description: The youth group adopted a portion of Hayes Road, from 18 Mile to Utica Road. At least once a year, we hope to gather a large group of teens who will help the environment by cleaning up the litter left behind by other folks.

Time commitment: This effort requires about 2-3 hours of time and is an excellent service project for those desiring Confirmation and those who have service requirements for school.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE MINISTRIES 2010

Ministry: Christian Service Commission Member

Description: Christian Service consists of a group of dedicated, compassionate and fun-loving people who, with the guidance of Catholic social teaching, help parishioners respond to the Lord's command to "love one another." We do this by means of some nineteen projects that provide direct service or accomplish works of justice. Direct service encompasses works of charity, which provide food, shelter and other assistance for those in need. Works of justice are actions for change, striking at the root cause of poverty and hunger through education and community action.

Time Commitment: The Christian Service Commission meets once a month, September through June, generally on the third Thursday at 6:30pm. We'd love to have you with us!

Special Training: No special training is needed, only a desire to work with a team to help needy people and bring about God's reign of justice. Mentors will provide step-by-step guidance to anyone who wants to facilitate a project.

When to join: Our first meeting is the third Thursday in September, but you are welcome to join us at any time.

Ministry: Chili and Soup Taste Fest

Description: This is a fun event in which attendees taste and vote on chili and soup provided by local restaurants and our own church groups. All proceeds go to charity.

Time Commitment: This year the Fest will be held from 1 to 4 pm on Sunday, February 20, 2011. Set-up is Saturday the 19th, from noon until 3pm. You are needed to serve soup or chili in a two-hour shift on Sunday, or to help decorate the booths on Saturday. No special training is needed, and the best time to sign up is now!



Ministry: Craft Group

Description: This friendly group hand-crafts afghans, sweater sets, scarves and other items for low-income elderly, veterans, babies, and other needy people.

Time Commitment: Craft-time is every Thursday (except June-August and December-January) from 1pm to 3pm.

Special Training: The ability to knit, crochet, quilt, or do some other hand-work.

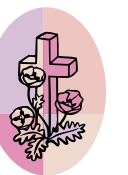
Ministry: Funeral Brunch

Description: Provide a dessert, set-up, or clean-up for a catered funeral brunch.

Time Commitment: Usually late morning on a weekday. The facilitator will call you when a brunch has been scheduled and will explain what is needed. You can respond according to your availability.

Special Training: A willingness to give up an hour or two of your time on relatively short notice.

When to sign up: Right now would be great!



Ministry: Habitat for Humanity

Description: Help the Macomb Habitat for Humanity build a house for a low-income family. Habitat is a non-profit Christian housing ministry seeking to eliminate sub-standard housing and homelessness. It makes decent shelter a matter of conscience and action.

Time Commitment: Church groups work at nearby sites on various schedules, usually on weekends during the warmer months. The amount of hours you put in during the day is up to you. If you sign up for this ministry, the facilitator will let you know well in advance when a team is needed.

Special Training: Any and all skill levels in carpentry, painting, landscaping, etc. are welcome. Expert construction leaders and professional subcontractors provide guidance on site.

FLT—RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRIES, continued

Ministry: Religious Education Commission

Description: A member of the St. Michael Catholic Community who wants to take part in the ongoing advising and evaluation relating to faith formation, for all ages in the parish.

Time Commitment: We meet approximately 4 times per year, dates TBA; check the monthly calendar posted in the Messenger. There are some sub-committee meetings, various times.

Special Training/Skills Needed: You should have some knowledge of faith formation and a desire to work on faith formation opportunities in the parish.

When to join: Spring/Summer or anytime, contact the FLT office.

Ministry: Sunday Fun for Kids - Bible Sharing - Adult Leaders/Planners

Description: An opportunity to share scripture with elementary age children in a fun and active manner.

Time Commitment: Approximately 4 Sundays per year, 3 hours each Sunday. There is planning and preparation time involved also.

Special Training/Skills Needed: You should enjoy having fun with elementary children while sharing scripture stories through activities, crafts, music, games and drama.

When to join: Contact the FLT office anytime.



Ministry: Liturgy of the Word Catechist

Description: The responsibility of the Liturgy of the Word catechist is to meet with a group of about 20 children of elementary age to share the Liturgy of the Word, particularly the Gospel, during Mass using specifically prepared materials.

Time Commitment: Approximately 20 minutes each Sunday of Lent during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9:45am or 11:30am Mass; also, approximately ½ hour per week of preparation. There is one short meeting for organization and planning.

Special Training/Skills Needed: You should be able to share scripture with elementary age children by following specific curriculum materials. *A background check permission form must be completed.*

When to join: Any time before Ash Wednesday.

Ministry: Event Hospitality/Kitchen Helper

Description: The responsibility of a kitchen helper is to be available for set-up and clean-up for FLT activities.

Time Commitment: Approximately two hours per activity. You may be called 4-5 days per year and you help as your personal schedule allows.

Special Training/Skills Needed: A desire to help.

When to join: Spring/Summer/Fall.

Ministry: Office Helper

Description: The responsibility of the office helper is to be available to assist with cutting, folding, collating, packing catechist supplies, and other tasks which require extra hands.

Time Commitment: We usually call one or more days ahead for one or two hours of morning (or afternoon) work.

Special Training/Skills Needed: You need an ability to follow directions and carefully pay attention to details.

When to join: Spring/Summer, early Fall.

YOUTH MINISTRIES, continued

Ministry: MCREST

Description: St. Michael hosts guests from *MCREST (Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team)* every December. In order to prepare for the guests, teens are needed to set up the beds and put all the bedding on them. Additionally, many teens serve the guests with their families during MCREST week. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve those who are not as fortunate as we are.

Time commitment: 2-3 hours to prepare for guests. Time varies in terms of serving the guests.

Ministry: Chocolate Making/Easter Candy Sale

Description: Every Thursday during Lent, our teens meet to make the scrumptious chocolate that will be sold for Easter. We laugh and have fun while pouring chocolate into the molds; we even have time to taste-test the finished product.

Time commitment: 2 hours of pouring chocolate each Thursday of Lent. Selling the chocolate after each Liturgy on Palm Sunday weekend usually takes one half hour per Liturgy.



Cedar Point Trip

Description: Who can't resist the thrills and chills of Cedar Point? Each June, those in grades 8-12 are invited to trek with us to Sandusky, Ohio for this St. Michael tradition. Join us as we travel by luxury coach to *The Roller Coaster Capital of the World*.

Time commitment: The motor coach leaves St. Michael at 7:30am and returns approximately 11:30pm.

New Year's Eve-Eve

Description: On December 30, the youth of St. Michael and neighboring parishes gather for the annual New Year's Eve-Eve dance. This alternative to the traditional New Year's Eve party offers music from a professional D.J., a wide variety of food, and party favors. The party is open to youth from grades 8-12.

Time commitment: The fun lasts for 4 hours!



Adult volunteers for Youth group

Adults who volunteer to work with the youth of the parish are required to have a criminal background check.

Ministry: Chaperones

Description: Chaperones are always needed for the New Year's Eve-Eve Dance and for any out-of-parish activities.

Time commitment: The time commitment is minimal and the time spent with the youth is rewarding. Generally our activities are 4 hours in length.

Ministry: Social Activities Planner

Description: A social activities planner would assist the youth minister in planning and implementing fun and entertaining events for the youth of the parish. These events, for example, could be a bowling night, movie night, or events surrounding the various holidays. The sky is the limit for this type of volunteer.

Time commitment: Meet twice a year (Fall/Winter) to plan events for the youth.

Ministry: Drivers

Description: Occasionally, the youth group needs transportation to an event. Drivers would accompany the youth to the destination and then return them to St. Michael once the event is completed. A valid driver's license and proof of insurance is required.

Time commitment: Varies with the activity.



Ministry: Assistants

Description: Adults are needed to work with the youth for our annual Christmas Poinsettia Sale and Easter candy project. This entails assisting the teens with setting up and selling the Poinsettias one weekend in December and/or supervising the chocolate making process and helping to sell the candy on Palm Sunday weekend.

Time commitment: Varies with the activity.

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Ministry: Catechist (grades 1-8)

Description: The responsibility of the catechist is to share faith with children on a regularly scheduled basis—21 times a year. There is a textbook, a Catechist's manual, and clearly written lesson plans; the catechist must follow the curriculum as defined by these materials. A catechist must also support the students' faith life by being a visible witness to what is being taught, including attending Sunday Liturgy regularly. Witnessing that little spark of understanding or small change of attitude in a child is very rewarding. Also, knowing that you have played a part in the passing on of our Catholic faith to the next generation is, for many, a strong motivation for being a catechist. Tuition is free for catechists' families.

Time Commitment: 1 hour and 15 minutes per week of classes for 21 weeks; approximately 1 hour per week preparation; 5 Grade Level Planning (GLP) meetings, usually after the 11:30am Mass.

Special Training/Skills Needed: Protecting God's Children Workshop plus a minimum of 2 hours per year of catechist formation or enrichment offered locally, as required by the Archdiocese of Detroit. A desire and ability to share our Catholic faith with children by following FLT curriculum and guidelines is required. All catechists must complete a background check permission form.

When to join: Spring/Summer. Sometimes we are still recruiting in September.

Ministry: Sunday School Catechist

Description: You will share scripture stories with 4 and 5 year olds through storytelling, crafts, music and activities. Tuition is free for Sunday School catechists' families.

Time Commitment: During the 9:45am Mass, approximately 20 times per year. You will also meet periodically with the Sunday School coordinator to go over lesson plans.

Special Skills/Training needed: An ability to have fun with pre-schoolers as you follow prepared plans given to you by the Sunday School coordinator. *You must attend a Protecting God's Children workshop as required by the Archdiocese of Detroit. A background check permission form must also be completed.*

When to join: Spring/Summer. Sometimes we are still recruiting in September.

Ministry: Building Supervisor

Description: The responsibility of the Building Supervisor is to supervise building use, check in catechists, check rooms after classes, and assist with any sick children or discipline problems. Tuition is free for Building Supervisors' families.

Time Commitment: You must be there every week classes are scheduled, approximately 20 minutes before classes start and be able to stay after classes until all children are picked up and all rooms have been checked.

Special Training/Skills Needed: You must be dependable, observant and like children. *A background check permission form must be completed.*

When to join: Spring/Summer. Sometimes we are still recruiting in September.

FLT—RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRIES, continued

Ministry: Catechist Aide

Description: Assist the Catechist in whatever manner is worked out with the individual catechist. This often involves taking attendance, helping with projects, checking homework during class, assisting with discipline.

Time Commitment: Approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes per week for 21 weeks during FLT classes.

Special Training/Skills Needed: *Protecting God's Children Workshop as required by the Archdiocese of Detroit, plus a background check permission form must be completed.*

When to join: Spring/Summer.

Ministry: Babysitter

Description: The responsibility of a babysitter is to be available to watch Catechist's children at Graebner School or at St. Michael Activity Center, weekly according to the FLT class schedules, OR to babysit during various meetings at St. Michael—day or evening.

Time Commitment: Activity Center or Graebner Elementary School Babysitter—1 ¼ hours per week for 21 weeks during class time. St. Michael Meeting Babysitter— approximately 1 ½ hours during the meeting.

Special Training/Skills needed: A love of young children. *A background check permission form must be completed.*

When to join: Spring/Summer. Sometimes we are still recruiting in September.



Ministry: Family Activity Planner

Description: A family activity planner should enjoy planning and facilitating one or two faith based activities per school year for families with elementary age children.

Time Commitment: We are looking for adults who have the time and energy to meet at least once or twice prior to the activity and to attend the activity itself.

Special Training/Skills Needed: We need a group of people who enjoy planning activities for elementary children, and enjoy being with these children during activities. *A background check permission form must be completed.*

When to join: Spring/Summer, but it's never too late.

Ministry: Middle School Activity Planner

Description: The responsibility of the Middle School Activity Planner is to be available to help plan and facilitate at least three social activities for FLT students in grades 6-8.

Time Commitment: We are looking for adults who have the time and energy to meet for about 2 hours at least once or twice prior to the activity and to attend the activity itself.

Special Training/Skills Needed: We need a group of people who enjoy planning middle school activities and enjoy being with middle school students. *A background check permission form must be completed.*

When to join: Spring/Summer, but it's never too late.

Ministry: Family Service Planner

Description: Do you have ideas about how families can reach out and help others in their community and the greater world? This is for you.

Time Commitment: One or two meetings per year.

Special Training/Skills Needed: A desire to help others and help others help others.

When to join: Any time, contact the FLT office.