



STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Lectors have the important role of proclaiming God's Word during the Celebration of the Eucharist and other special liturgies. Middle school age youth through adults may serve in this ministry. Lectors prepare for their important role by prayer, practice and study of God's Word. Every year in November, lectors receive a special workbook that helps them with their ministry for the coming liturgical year. Workshops during the year address the spiritual and practical considerations of effectively proclaiming the Word of God. *"The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them."* Isaiah 50:4

EMHC Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion assists with the distribution of Holy Communion during the celebration of Mass and brings Holy Communion to the ill and homebound. Any parishioner who has received all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) may serve in this ministry. Workshops are held on an annual basis to update ministers on their understanding of the Eucharist and the practical procedures for being an Extraordinary Minister. Extraordinary Ministers are mandated by the pastor with the permission of the bishop.

Sacristans & Altar Servers

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Sacristans help by setting up the Church for the celebration of Mass on Saturdays and weekdays. They are responsible for the upkeep of the Sacred Vessels and the linens used for Mass. There are no meetings and no dues. We have need of generous hearts and hands.

To be an altar server is a special honor and a great privilege in the Catholic Church. Altar servers today can trace their roots, or genealogy, to the order of Acolyte, a ministry that once was reserved only for those who were going to be ordained priests. One can look upon being an altar server as a special and unique ministry by which one can help to spread the word and the love of Christ through your actions and words. It is not difficult to be an altar server, but there are some things that you must know and remember.

The primary role of the altar server is to assist the priest in the celebration of the liturgy during Mass. This is done through specific actions and by setting an example to the congregation by active participation in the liturgy by their actions, singing of hymns, responses of the people, looking alert and sitting or standing at the appropriate times.

Anyone who has received First Communion may serve in this ministry. There is no age limit for servers; teenagers, young adults, and older adults are welcome and encouraged to participate in this ministry.

"Do this in memory of me."

~Luke 22:19

Music Ministry

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Saint Augustine said, "He Who Sings Prays Twice!" So why not consider giving of your time and talent to the **Music Ministry** of The Catholic Church of the Holy Spirit? We are an informal group who enjoy making a joyful noise unto the Lord, and praying in song!

Presently, rehearsals are one hour prior to each Mass as well as on Tuesday evenings at 6:00. The musical offering for each Mass is one that is both, traditional and contemporary.

The Music Ministry extends a personal invitation to anyone who would like to share their time and talents in serving God through the gift of music. If you enjoy playing an instrument that does not require much instruction, or if you sing and would like to be in the choir and/or if you would like to cantor remember **"God has a place for you in the Mass!"**

"God dwells within each human person, in the place where music takes its source. Indeed, God, the giver of song, is present whenever his people sing his praises."

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship, I

Greeters

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Greeters are a very important ministry as they are the first people that any newcomer or visitor encounters when they arrive at the Church. The most important qualification for a greeter is the ability to say hello with a smile! Anyone may serve as a greeter and families are encouraged to serve in this ministry together.

Greeters have the following functions:

1. Welcome people to the church
 2. Assist people who arrive late with finding a seat
 3. Assist with the collection
 4. Be available in case of any emergency
 5. Distribute the bulletins as people leave Mass
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Parish Fellowship Committee

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Our Parish Fellowship Committee is a social committee which hosts several family oriented events throughout the year including: Pancake Breakfasts, Ocktoberfest, Spaghetti Dinners, St. Patrick's Day Party, Fish Fries during Lent, Turkey bingo and our annual Christmas Party – just to name a few!

Please come and join us, there is always something for everyone to help with whatever your expertise might be such as cooking, cleaning, decorating, collecting money, photography, etc. If interested, please contact Susie

Welcome Committee

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This committee welcomes new parishioners with a phone call and possibly a visit. They assist with hosting the welcome reception for new parishioners. The committee will also be available to answer questions about the various ministries and activities of our parish. If you would like to volunteer to help with this ministry, please give Kathleen a call.

Faith Formation

PRE-K through Fifth Grade

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Our Faith Formation Program encourages life-long faith formation and ongoing conversion! Learning sessions are held on Sunday mornings from 9AM to 10:20AM. They begin in September when school begins and continue through May.

Faith Formation today means reaching beyond the classroom and connecting with the center of parish life—the liturgy. Faith formation is about forming disciples—disciples who are formed in a worshipping community on fire with the faith. So full of the spirit in fact, that the people, young and old can't wait to share their faith with one another and all who are touched by their lives. The primary event in the faith lives of Catholics is the liturgy. But how do you connect that liturgical experience to the faith journeys of all the people in the parish? Children, inquirers, catechumens candidates and life long learners

The Celebrating the Lectionary series uses the Sunday readings as the springboard for weekly faith formation sessions that include Scripture sharing, discussion, and engaging, age-appropriate activities. Each session breaks open the readings, helps people connect the Scripture to their lives, and suggests opportunities for people to put their faith into action. This is faith formation that encourages people to live the call to service and celebration! We are excited to have you join us. To enroll, just complete the registration form and return it to the parish office along with the registration fee. For additional information, contact Mrs. Kathleen Hoffman.

Middle & High School

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In November of 2007, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis published the document “Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework for Young People of High School Age”. This document outlines the catechetical material and subject matter that Catholic youth should know.

The catechesis curriculum used for the middle and high school, which is newly released, follows the Bishops document and is centered around the four pillars of the Church; Creed, Sacraments and Liturgy, Prayer and Morality. The middle school curriculum is called “Catholic Connections” produced by Saint Mary’s Press and the high school curriculum is called “Catholic Essentials” and published by Ave Maria Press.

RCIA/RCIC

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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process for those interested in the Catholic faith or discerning an interest in the Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Msgr. Flaherty.

RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children) is a similar process for our young students 7 to 14 years of age. For more information, please contact Msgr. Flaherty.

Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation & First Communion

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Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation

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Children's Liturgy of the Word & Nursery

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Catechesis for the first reception of the Sacrament of Penance is to precede the catechesis for the reception of First Communion and is kept distinct by a clear and unhurried separate preparation. This is done so that the specific identity of each sacrament is apparent, and so that before receiving First Communion the child will be familiar with the Rite of Penance and will be at ease with the reception of the sacrament. The Sacrament of Penance is to be celebrated prior to the reception of First Eucharist.

Parents of Children who have reached the second grade are invited to enroll their children for sacramental preparation for Penance and Eucharist. Parents not only have the right but also the responsibility to be intimately involved in preparing their children for the sacraments. That preparation should be both supportive and instructional. The supportive role includes a home environment which nourishes a love of God and an appreciation for the sacraments. The instructional role is to assist in teaching and reinforcing of catechetical content. Thus, parents will attend with their children as they prepare for the reception of each sacrament.

Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation is a process that involves both youth and their parents and is distinct from ongoing faith formation and youth ministry. Its purpose is to prepare families for the celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the Rite of Confirmation and for fuller participation in the Body of Christ. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1212) teaches us that, "The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life."

This process serves as immediate preparation for Confirmation. It breaks open the "Word" and the "symbol" of the rite through a study of the scripture, symbols, gestures, music, and ritual text that is associated with the sacrament.

"Receive the Holy Spirit."

~John 20:22

Children's Liturgy of the Word is an engaging, interactive worship experience for children from 4 years old through first grade. Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place during the 10:30 AM Mass. Prayer Leaders and children are called forward from the pews where they sit with their families to receive a blessing from the celebrant. They proceed to the Seton Building where they hear the same readings as the adults using the Lectionary for Children so the readings are easier to understand. There is a discussion about the readings. They say the Creed and have their own Prayers of the Faithful. They return to the church at the Presentation of the Gifts.

Our Nursery is located in the Seton Building and is staffed during the 10:30 AM Mass on all Sundays, unless otherwise noted in the Parish Bulletin. The nursery opens at 10:15AM and closes at 11:45AM. Children who can sit on their own up to 4 years old are welcome. You may contact Mrs. Hoffman if you have any questions. Please provide diaper bag with diapers, formula, etc. for your child each time you use the nursery. We are always in need of volunteers to help with this program.

Pastoral Council & Finance Council

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Praise & Worship Prayer Group

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The Pastoral Council, mandated by the bishop, meets on a regular basis to offer advice and counsel to the pastor on matters pertaining to parish life. Most of the council is elected by the parish at large and the remaining is appointed by the pastor.

The Parish Finance Council is appointed by the pastor according to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and diocesan regulations. The council assists the pastor with his duties regarding the temporal affairs of the parish.

Youth Ministry at The Church of the Holy Spirit, identified as FYSH (Fiery Youth Seeking Holiness), provides for the spiritual, emotional, social, and faith development of the youth of the parish. FYSH has separate groups and gathering times for middle school and high school youth. Both groups meet regularly in the FYSH House to pray, to learn and experience our faith, to socialize, and to serve the parish and the broader community. Not only do the youth have the opportunity to participate in many various parish functions, road trips, and other fun activities throughout the year, but they also take part in diocesan events where they meet and grow in faith with youth from outside the parish. Involvement in FYSH is a great way for the young people of the Holy Spirit community to cultivate lasting friendships, to journey together on the path of faith, and to deepen their relationships with Christ. Check the Sunday bulletin and the parish website for information about gathering times, special events and activities.

“Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith & purity.”

~1 Timothy 4:12

Are there people around who share my values? What does it mean to be a person of faith today? Where/how can I give of some of my time and talent? If you've asked any of these questions, come check us out. We seek to plan events and activities that fall in these categories: Service, Spiritual, Serious, Social. Our purpose is to put people, singles or married, in contact with each other, offer some alternatives and supplements which may not be experienced in our culture, and further our faith through understanding.

Holy Spirit Church's Praise & Worship Prayer Group meets in the Seton Bldg. on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. We invite everyone to join us for joyful, inspiring and prayerful gatherings. We gather to praise and worship God in song, pray intercessory prayers, pray healing prayers, hear and reflect on God's Word and hear edifying testimonies.

Periodically, we sponsor "Life in the Spirit" events: seminars, days of renewal, spiritual growth talks, Pentecost Novena to the Holy Spirit, Masses with special prayers for Healing and "Holy Spirit Night" events.

Our members participate in the Pensacola Citywide Catholic Charismatic Renewal events, the Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocesan Charismatic Renewal Annual Meeting and other events, the All Florida Catholic Charismatic Commission Conferences and the annual Southern Regional Catholic Charismatic Conference in New Orleans.

Scripture Study

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Our Scripture Study meets weekly on Tuesdays in the Seton Building and discusses various topics or books from the Scriptures. All are invited to come and join in this time of spiritual growth. Meeting time is usually 9:00 A.M., but be sure to check your bulletin weekly for any changes.

Great Adventure Bible Study

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Come and join us in a study of the Timeline of the Bible. The study will begin on August 26th at 7:00PM, but participants may join at anytime. The fee for materials is \$36.00 per participant. Please contact Msgr. Jim for additional information.

MOMS

Ministry of Mothers Sharing & Women's Bible Study

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MOMS bring the companionship of other women into your busy life as a mother! Enjoy this opportunity to develop your self-esteem and enhance your relationship skills in the company of other mothers. MOMS help you develop a greater awareness of your own spirituality as a mother, and to appreciate the ministry of your motherhood. MOMS are a great way to meet other moms in our parish and become a part of the church community. Don't miss this opportunity to do something special for yourself and your family!

Women's Scripture Study is a division of MOMS and is established as a circle of the HSCCW. This is a topical bible study program for women. Each session runs approximately 6 – 8 weeks. Please check the bulletin and website often for upcoming sessions.

HSCCW

Holy Spirit Council of Catholic Women

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On behalf of the *Holy Spirit Council of Catholic Women (HSCCW)* I would like to welcome you to our Parish family. HSCCW is an organization dedicated to furthering the work of our Lord Jesus Christ in our geographical area.

HSCCW is an affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women and embraces the same mission statement: *The Council of Catholic Women acts through its membership to support, empower, and educate all Catholic Women in spirituality, leadership, and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.*

We are women who our Pastor can depend on to get the job done, we support our Parish and our community; we are women who make our primary purpose spiritual growth and bring a Christian attitude to our Parish and our community; we are women who are united in purpose, direction and action.

Every woman in the Holy Spirit Parish is invited to become a member and share your talents, time and prayers.

Banker Ministry

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The Banker Ministry meets on Mondays at to count the weekly collection. This consists of counting the cash, working the envelopes, and balancing the collection. If you are interested in participating in this very important ministry, please contact Pattie.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

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We have elderly and ill parishioners who need our love and attention. If you would be willing to visit one of these parishioners on a regular basis, we would be delighted to have you as part of the team. This ministry requires attendance at the Sex Abuse Prevention Workshop and fingerprinting before you can begin.

The Bereavement Ministry Group assists the Pastor in caring for the family of a deceased parishioner before, during and after the funeral. Members are needed to help with food, telephoning, food setup and cleanup. Follow up visits to the family after the funeral is also important. The Bereavement Ministry also sponsors the Annual All Soul's Day Memorial Service and the Holiday Tree of Remembrance. In addition, this ministry hosts speakers from Covenant Hospice. Please contact Pattie if you wish to serve in this important ministry.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Holy Spirit is an organization inspired by gospel values. We share the same call to witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and social justice. We offer tangible support to the needy in our own parish and local community. Through our Help Line (492-6550) and personal referrals, we learn of those who need assistance (money, food, and clothing). We work with other agencies who render specialized assistance, e.g. emergency housing. Our funds come from a tithing from your donations to Holy Spirit as well as private donations directly to St. Vincent de Paul.

If you're seeking a way to "spend your love," we need you in St. Vincent de Paul. Call our Help Line to let us know you are stepping up to serve the poor and needy or come to our monthly meeting which is held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM in the SVdP House. Please join us too for our program, "Serving In Hope" which is held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month also at 6:30PM in the SVdP House.

BSA Troop 692, sponsored by Holy Spirit Catholic Church, meets every Monday night at 7:00 PM in the Family Life Center.

For information, you may contact Ted Dennis (Scoutmaster) or Jackie (Committee Chair), or Ralph Viray (Parish Liason)

Cub Scout Pack 626 has been chartered by the Boy Scouts of America since 1992 and is part of the Gulf Coast Council/Perdido Bay District. The pack meets in the Family Life Center and Seton Building on Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM. We have our monthly awards and recognition on the last Tuesday of the month. The pack is always open to new members.

Membership requirements are as follows:

At least 6 years old or in 1st grade: Tiger Cub

At least 7 years old or in 2nd grade: Wolf Cub

At least 8 years old or in 3rd grade: Bear Cub

9 – 10 years old or in at least 4th grade: Webelos Cub.

For more information or to join, please contact Harry.