

Stewardship of Service  
A Way of Life  
St. Joseph Parish Ministry Guide



*Here I am, Lord*

## *Stewardship as a Way of Life*

*is awareness that our resources of  
time, talent, and treasure are  
gifts from God.*

*How we make use of our time,  
talent, and treasure  
is our gift back  
to God.*

*Please review these opportunities  
to grow in faith and service,  
and prayerfully consider  
where the Lord  
may be calling  
you.*

*We never know why God has called  
us to do something. When we feel His call,  
it is our duty as faithful servants to  
respond with a loving and  
resounding  
yes!*

## Liturgy and Worship

### **Altar Server**

Altar servers assist at the 7:00 a.m. daily Mass, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Mass, and all weekend Masses, as well as funerals and weddings. Male and female adults and youth in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up are invited to serve.

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### **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**

This devoted team of parishioners assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. Some also bring the Eucharist to our sick and homebound.

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### **Proclaimer of the Word**

This ministry is responsible for the First and Second readings at all weekend Masses. As proclaimer, one needs to be confident in speaking before a large group and willing to prepare for readings. By proclaiming God speaks through you.

Tony Dosmann 261-4479 [tonymarcia@gmail.com](mailto:tonymarcia@gmail.com)

## Music and Worship

### **Adult Choir**

The St. Joseph Adult choir is open to anyone high-school age and older. Repertoire includes a wide range of styles and periods from chant and polyphony through the classical repertoire and contemporary American composers. This Choir sings at the 9:15 a.m. liturgy on Sundays from Labor Day through Corpus Christi. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Additionally, the Adult choir holds several social events throughout the year, and will occasionally travel to other churches to perform. Tentative singers with little experience should have no fear of joining; the director loves to teach!

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### **Cantor**

This ministry is open to anyone high-school age and older who wants to serve as a leader in congregational song. This is an important ministry helping to facilitate the active participation of the faithful. Cantors must be able to read music, take direction, and serve confidently in their leadership role. Cantors attend a quarterly training session. If you have any experience in cantoring, or are interested in beginning, do not hesitate to join!

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### **Children's Choir**

The Children's Choir is open to all children 3rd - 8th grade. The season begins in late October and ends with Easter. Parental help needed. Possibility of doing some pieces with handbells, if interest is expressed. A two-fold purpose exists to train the children musically and liturgically/spiritually (and to have fun!).

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### **Instrumentalist**

Our parish is always looking for talented musicians for weekend liturgies. High-school and college age young adults who want to share their amazing talent with the church are especially welcome. All instruments welcome: brass, woodwinds and strings. If time is a restriction, consider volunteering your talents at Christmas and Easter when instruments are especially needed.

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### **Polyphony Choir**

The St. Joseph polyphony choir will sing on an occasional basis for major Feasts and Solemnities. Rehearsals scheduled as needed. Some experience and sight-reading ability very useful, but attention to detail and desire for excellence are even better. Most important of all are a positive attitude, a love of beautiful music, and a desire to praise God through harmony.  
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### **Schola Gregoriana**

The St. Joseph Schola is open to anyone high-school age and older. Repertoire includes chants from the Graduale Romanum (The official "hymn book" of the Church), as well as hymns, and some polyphony. This group sings on an occasional basis for the 11:15 a.m. Sunday Mass. Rehearsal is Thursdays from 7:00- 8:30 p.m. in the choir loft. This group is great for anyone who has had exposure to chant, but especially for those who want to learn!  
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## Adult Formation

### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

RCIA is the process established for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation; Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion.  
Troy Gill 255 -2601 [gilldad@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gilldad@sbcglobal.net)

### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Sponsor**

Provide spiritual and personal support to an adult who is seeking Baptism or becoming a Catholic Christian. Open to adult parishioners willing to share their spiritual and personal formation experience. Attendance at all RCIA sessions and applicable Rites required.  
Troy Gill 255 -2601 [gilldad@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gilldad@sbcglobal.net)

### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

#### **Team Member**

Provide assistance to the RCIA Director in hospitality as needed during sessions or events. Organize and serve at new member reception after Easter Vigil.  
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## Youth Formation

### **Antioch Mishawaka**

Antioch is a community youth ministry that invites youth from St. Bavo, St. Monica, and St. Joseph parishes to deepen their faith formation. Antioch offers retreats and regular meetings that invite you into a relationship with the Lord.  
Antonio and Jenny Marchi [antiochmishawaka@gmail.com](mailto:antiochmishawaka@gmail.com)

### **Mishawaka Catholic School**

Mishawaka Catholic School is one school with three campuses: St. Bavo, (PreK-2nd), St. Joseph (3rd-5th), and St. Monica (6th-8th). Parochial education builds disciples of Jesus Christ through faith formation, academic excellence, and service to others in accordance with the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church.  
Tammy Christianson 255-5554 [tchristianson@mcmish.org](mailto:tchristianson@mcmish.org)

### **Religious Education**

The Religious Education program introduces the basics of Catholic Faith to public school students 1st through 8th grade. The education includes the preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion, and Confirmation.

Greg Wulle 233-6679 [gwulle1@gmail.com](mailto:gwulle1@gmail.com)

### **Religious Education Team Member**

Provide assistance to the Religious Education Director in hospitality and preparation of First Communion. Assist with practice sessions, retreat, event programs and materials, provide and serve meals after practice.

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### **New Ministry!**

#### **Totus Tuus Support Team**

Totus Tuus (Totally Yours!), named after St. John Paul II's motto, and under his heavenly patronage, is a program that assists our young people grades 1 - 12 to grow in their faith for one week during the summer. A trained group of college students is brought in to facilitate. A team of parishioners sees to their housing and food for the week in addition to supporting the work throughout the week.

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## **Family and Parish Life**

### **Altar and Rosary Society**

Ladies of the Church provide Father with Vestments and Altar cloths; Altar servers with cassocks and surplices. The society participates in Day of Reflection, Parish and community projects, visitation and funerals of members, and an annual fundraiser.

Peg Morter 255 -7289

### **BOO!zaar**

Sponsored by the St. Joseph Parish Choir, the BOO!aar is held on the last Saturday in October. Considered one of the most popular holiday bazaars in the area, it hosts local artisans and vendors, and includes raffles, trick or treating, lunch, food donations for our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, plus Altar and Rosary Society bake sale and raffle. Parishioners interested in volunteering or joining our planning team please contact:

Nancy Brubaker 286-1906 [stjoebazaar@aol.com](mailto:stjoebazaar@aol.com)

### **Cemetery Committee**

The Cemetery Committee oversees the care and upkeep of St. Joseph Parish Cemetery.

Joe Steif [jsteif@hep.hubbell.com](mailto:jsteif@hep.hubbell.com)

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### **Cleaning God's House**

This ministry cleans the church every other Friday, 9:00-10:00 a.m. A deep clean is done before Christmas and Easter.

Peg Morter 255-7289

Kathy Cruickshank 257-1393

### **Collection Counters**

Small groups of parishioners rotate counting the parish collection every Sunday after 9:15 Mass.

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### **Finance Council**

Advise the pastor and business manager on financial matters pertaining to the parish, including review of the annual parish budget, and the financial status of the parish. Open to adult parishioners with professional, financial expertise. Appointed by pastor.

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### **Funeral Luncheon**

Ministry providing lunch for the families of deceased members of St. Joseph Parish.

Janet Eggleston 259-3541

Peg Morter 255-7289

### **Garden Club of St. Joseph Parish**

The extensive landscaped areas of our historic St. Joseph Campus presents an opportunity for getting hands in the dirt, head in the sun, and connecting heart with God and nature. Join us in the garden to sow new friendships and cultivate old. Open to anyone who enjoys the many aspects of gardening.

Nancy Brubaker 286-1906 [stjoegarden@gmail.com](mailto:stjoegarden@gmail.com)

### **Lenten Soup Supper**

Wednesdays of Lent after 5:30 p.m. Mass. After Mass, a simple soup supper is served in the school cafeteria. Parishioners and parish organizations join to provide crockpots of soup to share with all who attend.

Kathy Maes 258-9843

### **Parish Council**

Discuss pastoral issues and advise the pastor on important decisions facing the parish.

Appointed by pastor.

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### **Prayer Blankets and Prayer Shawls**

These prayerfully made items are blessed and offered as a source of comfort to anyone during difficult times. All are available in the main vestibule.

*Prayer blankets* are assembled by ladies of the parish. Hearts and crosses are ironed on to fleece blankets that envelop a prayer for healing.

Cindy Blair 256-0727

*Prayer shawls* are knitted or crocheted by ladies of the parish.

Kathy Harrell 289-7047

### **Prayer Line**

We stand firmly on God's promises that when we call Him, He will answer (Isaiah 65:24). In spiritual unity our prayer team is available to intercede on your behalf and take your request before God.

Jodi Baugher 255-3885

Kathy Hostetler 259-3495

Geri Trippel 233-4918

## **New stewardship opportunity for the technically inclined!**

### **Publication and/or Multimedia Committee**

The parish is in need of a small committee who would be available to create and maintain electronic files of publications (such as this), mailers, special event programs, etc. for our various ministries. Text would be provided for a committee to format, edit, and proof read prior to printing and/or placing on the website.

The parish also needs a webmaster to maintain and update the parish website

<https://stjoemish.com/>

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### **Stewardship Committee**

Responsible for planning and implementing "Stewardship as a Way of Life". This ministry supports and encourages parishioners to actively and intentionally participate in the stewardship of prayer, service, and giving. Appointed by pastor.

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### **Usher**

Ushers greet and seat Mass attendees, as well as take up collection and offertory at each Sunday liturgy. Men and women are invited to participate in this ministry of hospitality.

Mike Furfaro 255-5320 [furf4624@sbcglobal.net](mailto:furf4624@sbcglobal.net)

### **Welcome Committee**

We work to create a welcoming and strong parish community through new parishioner outreach, greeting before Mass, and hospitality gatherings.

Lyndsey Callan 386-4273 [angelynds@aol.com](mailto:angelynds@aol.com)

## **Parish Ministry**

### **ReKindle the Fire**

This ministry is a men's group that meets monthly to stay active in the Catholic faith. The diocese hosts an annual Rekindle the Fire conference.

Greg Ketchum 297-8744 [gregketch@comcast.net](mailto:gregketch@comcast.net)

### **St. Joseph Society for Men**

A men's fellowship/social group with focus on our stewardship role in parish activities and projects. Open to all men of the parish.

Gary Shingledecker 340-0986

Rich Brubaker 633-4513

### **Women's Ministry**

The Women's Ministry is dedicated to its members building a strong image as Christian women.

We meet monthly to discuss topics related to deepening our relationship with Christ, and supporting each other through community and service.

Ashley Van Avermaete 309-2407

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### **Young at Heart**

This ministry gathers together members age 55 and older. We gather once a month, 8 months out of the year, to celebrate Mass and share a meal.

Jim and Marge Bickett 259-7230 [jmbickett@comcast.net](mailto:jmbickett@comcast.net)

## Community Outreach

### **Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus focus is on charitable giving. St. Joseph Parish belongs to the #1878 Council. Any male 18 years or older is welcome to join the Catholic fraternal group. Chairman of the Round Table for St. Joseph Knights is Gary Shingledecker.

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[grandnight1878@gmail.com](mailto:grandnight1878@gmail.com)

### **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a Catholic lay organization which is guided by its mission that provides spiritual growth to its members by this offering person-to-person service to the less fortunate of the community. St. Joseph Parish houses a food pantry of parishioner donated goods that is distributed to those in need through this ministry.

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