

Opportunities for Stewardship of Talent

St. Michael's Parish
Chapman, KS

STEWARDSHIP

A Way of Life

Mission Statement

The St. Michael's Parish exists to continue the mission of Jesus through our baptism. He has become the center of our life and our community. As a parish family, we live to express our love of God and neighbor through worship and ministry.

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Dear Members of St. Michael's Parish Family:

Welcome to St. Michael's Parish. We are excited about you becoming part of our church family and growing in faith.

One important focus of our parish has been an exploration of what it means to live as a steward. At its core, stewardship involves a recognition that all we are and all we have comes from God's goodness toward us. We respond to Him in gratefulness and offer ourselves back in thanksgiving. The practice of stewardship touches every area of our life, but can be considered in three broad categories: time, talent and treasure.

Please find enclosed commitment forms for you to pledge the time, talent and treasure you would like to share. Your commitment of treasure will be kept confidential and private. This booklet describes the parish ministries to help you in the process of completing the talent form.

After you complete the pledge forms, keep one copy of the time and treasure forms and return the rest of them to Marita.

I hope we can provide opportunities for you to grow in stewardship both as an individual and as part of the church body.

In Christ,

Fr. John Wolesky
Pastor/Priest Supervisor

Marita Campbell
Parish Life Coordinator

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday & Holyday Mass

Extraordinary Minister of Communion

Assist the priest in the distribution of Holy Communion and Precious Blood

Extraordinary Minister of Communion to Shut-ins

Bring Holy Communion to homebound (which includes nursing home)

Commentator

Read comments concerning parish and the scripture readings for the day

Lector

Proclaim the Word of God during Mass

Server (Grades 4-12)

Assist the priest during Mass

Greeter (hospitality)

Greet all who enter the church making them feel comfortable and welcome to our parish

Collection

Collect monetary gifts to parish

Gift Bearer

Present gifts of bread, wine, water and collection during Mass

Musicians—organist/pianist, cantor, groups/choirs, instrumentalists

Assist and empower the community in the sung prayer during Mass

Funerals

Liturgical Ministers for funerals

Available to help with liturgical ministry at funeral Mass

Other Church Related Ministries

Sacristan

Clean and store Mass vessels and lapel microphone, turn off lights, etc. after Mass.

Rosary Leader

Lead rosary before Mass

Care of altar linens

Wash corporals, purificators and towels and iron corporals and purificators.

Care of votive lights

Care of candle holders, replace candles and empty used matches.

Help train and direct Mass servers (with Fr. John and Marita)

Help with yearly training for new servers and refresher for current servers

Be available before Mass to help servers and give direction.

Straighten up after Mass

Arrange song books, remove trash left in pews and book holders.

Prayer Network

Praying for requested intentions of others.

Eucharistic Adoration (One Saturday a month for one hour as your schedule allows.)

Art and Environment

Plan for liturgical seasons and decorate the church to enhance the community's prayer. Must be available during the day.

Catechesis/Education

FYI: Catechists and subs require background check and on-line training (approximately 90 minutes).

Catechist

Assist parents in the religious formation of their children by providing faith formation classes for students in Pre-K-12th grade on Sundays for one hour after Mass.

Substitute catechist

Take class when regular catechist is unable to be present.

Help with activities, parties, etc.

Help with Christmas pageant, Live Nativity, Parish Family Learning Experiences, etc.

Adult Formation

Discuss a variety of subjects/topics related to Catholicism on Sundays while Religious Education is in session.

Workshops, Classes and Retreats offered for adults

Attend local and/or diocesan workshops, classes and/or retreats for personal spiritual growth.

Vacation Bible School (June 3-7, 2019, 9:00-11:15 a.m. at St. Michael's)

Adults to lead or help with VBS.

Youth helpers (Grades 6th-10th)

Youth to attend (3 yrs. old-5th grade)

Evangelization

Visit elderly/shut-ins

Visit parishioners who are homebound and residents in the nursing home.

Lead and/or assist in services at nursing home

Conduct service provided by Parish Life Coordinator. Assist in the service by reading scripture, leading the singing, and helping the residents on the 4th Sundays of June, August and December at 11:00 a.m.

Welcome new families

Welcome new St. Michael's families by visiting them in their home or after Mass.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Help provide catechesis for adults interested in becoming a Catholic or be a sponsor/mentor for someone on this faith journey.

Christian Service/Family Life

Young Married Couples Group

Join other young married couples for spiritual and social time.

Sponsor Couples for Marriage

Couples work with engaged couples as they prepare for marriage.

Parish nurse

Take blood pressures and answer questions as able concerning health issues one Sunday a month after Mass.

Assist with social events of parish

Help with set up, clean up and hosting summer coffee & rolls, Community Christmas Concert reception, etc.

Maintenance/Improvement

Cemetery clean up

Help with yearly clean up of cemetery usually the 1st Saturday of May.

General carpentry, electrical, plumbing

Help out with small projects or give advice on problems.

Landscaping

Help with landscaping of church property—care of bushes, plant and care for flowers, etc.

Parish Leadership

Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council meet monthly. The other commissions and committees meet as needed usually 2-3 times a year.

Bazaar Subcommittee

To organize and plan the Annual Parish Bazaar on the 1st Sunday of October.

Cemetery Commission

To maintain and improve the cemetery property—grounds, tombstones, etc.—in a way that honors those buried there.

Education Commission

To support the Director of Religious Education in providing suitable catechists, materials and resources for K-12th Religious Education program and the Adult Formation Group.

Family Life/Respect Life Commission

To support families in their efforts toward health and holiness, to promote the growth of people, especially by strengthening family life within the parish community in the various types (single, divorced, widowed, etc.), and to promote respect for life from conception to death.

Liturgy Commission

To plan, facilitate and evaluate worship including the art and environment and provide opportunities for spiritual renewal and training for liturgical ministers.

Maintenance/Improvement Commission

To be a visionary in maintaining and/or improving—repair or replace—the properties (inside and out) of the parish—church, house, center, garage, grounds, etc.

Stewardship Committee

To plan, evaluate, and carry out ways of promoting stewardship especially the preparation for the time, talent and treasure commitment weekend.

Finance Council

To oversee, recommend and guide the finances of the church.

Parish Pastoral Council

To assess the needs of the parish, to represent the concerns of the people and to offer its recommendations, encouragement and support to the Parish Life Coordinator. To identify the spiritual-growth needs of all parish members, and to assess the effectiveness of all present parish programs and organizations in deepening the spiritual life of the parish.

Support Ministries

Count Sunday Collection

To count the collection for Sunday Mass, prepare the deposit slip and take the deposit to the bank after Mass. (Takes approximately 30 minutes.)

Photographer

To photograph events of parish to submit to Diocesan paper, the local paper, for parish bulletin board and/or for historical purpose.

Correspondent

To submit to Diocesan paper, the local paper, and/or for historical purposes stories on pertinent events at parish.

Parish Mailings

To fold materials and put in envelopes and prepare for mailing by sealing and stamping envelopes.

Website Support

To maintain and update parish website

Tech support—computer, internet, Wi-Fi, etc.

To maintain and support parish technical needs.

Parish Organizations

Ladies of St. Michael's (all women of parish are members)

To unite all women of the parish in religious, educational and social activities and to assist in the spiritual and material undertakings of the parish. This includes blood drives, Labor Day bake sale, meal for families with newborn, funeral lunches and fundraising meals.

Daughters of Isabella (merged with Abilene)

A charitable organization dedicated to unity, friendship and charity.

Knights of Columbus

A Catholic men's organization dedicated to charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism and family life. This includes becoming a member, attending meetings, helping with fundraisers, organize events and as officer.

CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)

To provide opportunities for any high school youth to gather for social and spiritual activities.

Bazaar

To help with games, meal (serving, in kitchen, taking tickets), Country Store/ Bake Sale, Live Auction, set-up and/or clean-up, selling tickets for quilt raffle & meal.

A PRAYER FOR GENEROSITY

Dear Lord:

Teach me to be generous
as you have been generous to me.

Teach me that all I have are gifts from you.
And gifts, Lord are meant to be shared.

Please show me the joys of generosity.
Help me to understand that others
perhaps unknown to me
depend on me for help.

Remind me that my world
and my parish need “Good Stewards”
to heal the wounds of our times.

Make me a gift to others in your name.

Amen.

(Prayer courtesy of the Sacred Heart Messenger)

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Commissions, Councils & Organization Contact Persons

Organizations

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