

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. Henry Baxa
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

Commentator

Read comments concerning parish and the scripture readings for the day

Lector

Proclaim the Word of God during Mass

Greeter

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

Usher

Guide and assist people in locating seating.

Server (Grades 4-12)

Assist the priest during Mass

Gift Bearer

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

Collection

Collect monetary gifts to parish

Musicians—organist/pianist, cantor, choir, instrumentalist

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.

Rosary Leader

Lead rosary before Mass

Care of altar linens

Wash and iron corporals, purificators and towels

Care of albs

Wash and dry priest and server albs (two-three times a year)

Care of other cloths

Wash and iron altar drapes and table coverings (seasonal)

Care of votive lights

Care of candle holders, replace candles and empty used matches

Train and direct Mass servers

Yearly offer training for new servers and refresher for current servers

Be available before Mass for additional direction

Straighten up after Mass

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

Prayer Network

Praying for requested intentions of others

Prayer Network Caller

Calls parishioners who do not have e-mail

Collect for Christmas/Easter Flower Memorials

Record donors and names on memorials and collect funds

Liturgical Ministry Scheduling

Schedule the liturgical ministers

Art and Environment

Plan for liturgical seasons and decorate the church to enhance the community's prayer

Catechesis/Education

Catechist

Assist parents in the religious formation of their children by providing faith formation classes for students in K-12th grade on Sundays from 10-11 a.m.

Substitute catechist

Take class when regular catechist is unable to be present.

Help with special activities

Help with Christmas pageant, Live Nativity, etc.

Help with parties for youth

Help plan, prepare and host parties

Parish Family Learning Experiences

Help plan, prepare and conduct events (1-2 times per year)

Adult Formation

Discuss a variety of subjects/topics related to Catholicism on Sundays from 10-11 a.m. (while K-12 Religious Ed is in session)

Workshops, Classes and Retreats offered for adults

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

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 10:15 a.m.

Contact new residents of Chapman area

Contact new residents of Chapman area to ask church affiliation, invite to attend Mass. If Catholic, get names and address for a follow up call from Parish Life Coordinator

Welcome new families

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

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

Assist with social events of parish

Help with set up, clean up and hosting summer coffee & rolls, softball Sunday, parish picnic, Lenten Communal Penance lunch, etc.

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 on 1st Sunday after Mass

Maintenance/Improvement

Cemetery clean up

Help with yearly clean up of cemetery on 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.

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 Discussion 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

Money Counters

To count the collection for Sunday Mass, prepare the deposit slip and take the deposit to the bank.

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.

Bulletin

To staple attachments to bulletin on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning

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

Daughters of Isabella (merged with Abilene)

A charitable organization dedicated to the principles of its motto: unity, friendship and charity.

Knights of Columbus

A Catholic men's organization dedicated to charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism and family life

CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)

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

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)

St. Michael's Parish Commissions, Councils & Organization Contact Persons

Organizations

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