

STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

Each fall we invite our parishioners to renew their stewardship commitment to the parish. Parishioners are asked to prayerfully reflect on the gifts they have been given and their ability to joyfully reflect their gratitude by giving of their gifts of time, talent and treasure to the parish.

Our gift of time - is prayer and being with others. We need you to worship with us each weekend. We also invite you to spend time with our Lord in the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration or at our monthly parish Adoration and Benediction.

Our gift of talent - is active participation in our parish ministries. We need you to be a part of our community here, to help accomplish our parish mission and help bring about the Kingdom of Jesus. Our ministries are described below.

Our gift of treasure - is giving financially to our Church. Your financial support allows us to provide ministries to our parishioners and our community, keep our facilities running smoothly and to support our parish school. We ask our parishioners to give to the church “off the top,” not what is left over. Jesus gave to us from His abundance, not what was left over.

The Corporate Board of each parish consists of Bishop Martin Amos, Msgr. John Hyland, Father Rudolph Juárez and two lay directors. The corporation is formed under civil law and is responsible for the legal and diocesan requirements of the parish corporation. Our lay directors are Roger Reilly and Fred Schieber.

Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body of parishioners who meet monthly to do pastoral planning to promote the overall care and ministry of the parish. We assess the needs, both spiritual and temporal, of the parish and develop and implement programs aimed at meeting these needs. Elections are held each spring. Pastoral council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the conference room. All parishioners are welcome to attend. If you would like to present anything to the council, please contact Ted Pacha, President of the council, for placement on the agenda.

Present members are:

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| Ted Pacha | Bill Clarahan | Chad Goedken |
| Kelly Wulf | Jesus “Chucho” Loria | Christine Ney |
| John Hanson | Petra Morales | Gary Pacha |

Parish Finance Council is a consultative body providing advice and recommendations to the Pastor concerning the stewardship of the parish’s fiscal resources. Finance council meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7am in the conference room. This includes long range financial planning to support the mission of the parish. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Present members are:

Jo Dickens

John Gavin

Doug Young

Ted Pacha

Roger Reilly

Fred Schieber

The Regina Inter-Parish Education Center is governed by the Regina Board of Education. Each parish has three elected representatives on this board in addition to the pastor. Our members are Matt Pacha, Colleen Rapp and Ted Welter.

COMMISSIONS AND MINISTRIES

Our parish ministries are organized within Commissions. The Commissions provide the planning and organization of the ministries. Some ministries are shared between Commissions. We urge parishioners to help with a ministry and possibly serve on a Commission.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMISSION

The Buildings and Grounds Commission ensures a comfortable and inviting atmosphere for all parish activities. Our many duties include general maintenance, general construction, painting, landscaping, electrical, heating, cooling, plumbing, and trucking.

This commission meets on an “as needed basis” and is co-chaired by TJ Brandt (337-7490) and Ted Pacha (338-9632).

CHURCH LIFE COMMISSION

The Church Life Commission is responsible for all of the parish special events and funeral luncheons. This commission meets monthly on the last Monday of the month at 7pm in the Parlor. Commission chair is Cheryl Schropp (337-2856).

Ministries include:

Funeral Luncheons - The noon meal is provided for funeral guests. Parishioners donate desserts. Ronald and Sally Whittaker (338-6213) and Delores Loney (337-4336) are ministry leaders.

God’s Helping Hands is a group of concerned parishioners who help to meet the spiritual and social needs of parishioners by bringing Eucharist to the homebound, sending cards at a time of celebration or need, providing transportation to Mass, visiting hospital patients, leading Word and Communion services in Care Centers, and leading the rosary at Care Centers and at funeral homes. Jean Seaton (351-4988), ministry leader.

Needle Workers do many handicrafts in addition to making quilts. We sponsor the fall bazaar and do many extras for the parish, such as making the banners in church. No sewing skills are required. We meet every Tuesday after the morning Mass at 9:00 am. All are welcome to join the group at any time. Cleanne Schieber (337-4057), ministry leader.

Parish Hospitality This ministry works to establish and maintain a hospitable environment within the parish. Volunteers plan and host various

parish events for fellowship, evangelization and faith formation. This includes the St. Patrick's Day Celebration and the Senior Epiphany Party. Cheryl Schropp, (337-2856), ministry leader.

Diversity Committee aims to celebrate and bring together the different cultures of our parishioners. Beth Daly (338-4399), ministry leader.

Noah's Nursery assists families at the 10am Mass. Ministry leaders are Heather Feller, (331-0480) and Julie Jensen, (358-1808).

Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization. The KC's were founded by Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut. Our purpose today is to support those who most need our help: vocations, widows, orphans, special needs, and the most helpless of all, the unborn. Catholic men doing charitable works define the essence of what it is to be a Knight. To say "Yes" to being a Knight and helping do God's work. Council meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the St. Anne's room. Executive board meets at the first Saturday of the month at 9am in the St. Anne's room. Parish Adoration is hosted by the Knights on the third Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Day Chapel. Ed Panther serves as Grand Knight (341-5937).

Catholic Daughters of America is a National organization of Catholic women who strive to embrace the principles of faith through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all. The purpose of the organization is to participate as religious, charitable and educational Apostolate of the Church. Catholic Daughters of the Americas engages in creative and spiritual programs which provide its members with the opportunity to develop their God-given talents in meaningful ways that positively influence the welfare of the Church and all people throughout the world. Catholic Daughters of the Americas meets at 6:30pm in the St. Wenceslaus Church hall, the second Tuesday of the month, ten months each year. Any practicing Catholic woman over eighteen years of age is welcome to join Court Craigie #94. Contact parish representative Delores Loney at deloresloney@gmail.com or (337-4336).

FAMILY LIFE COMMISSION

Family Life Commission supports and enriches the lives of all parishioners, newcomers, and their families at all stages of their lives in their relationships with one another, whether they be youth, single, married, widowed, divorced, grandparents raising grandchildren, empty nesters, etc.; and in doing so, to continue to build the St. Patrick church family with the end purpose being to serve God. This commission meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the St. Anne's room. Commission chair is Jan Miller (356-6264).

Ministries include:

Wedding Anniversary Celebration is for all couples in the parish who are celebrating a milestone anniversary (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50+ years). A special blessing and reception in honor of the couples is celebrated in the summer. Ministry leader is Judy LaBrecque, (338-8967).

Engaged Sponsor Couples are married couples who mentor engaged couples as they prepare for the sacrament of marriage. Ministry leaders are Scott and Jan Miller, (354-6264).

Parish Wedding Assistant aids and provides parish support to the couple getting married and their families on the day of the wedding. Ministry leader is Cheryl Schropp, (337-2856).

Mothers of Young Children is a group that meets to share and support each other in their Catholic faith and raising of their children in the Catholic faith. Ministry leader is Michelle Moore, (354-3052) or michelle@vividcommunications.net.

Monday Night Crafters meet on the first and third Mondays at 7pm in the parlor to work on individual projects or group projects. Ministry leader is Linda Wieskamp, (351-6317).

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

Faith formation is the process of discovering, examining and appreciating God's gift of faith. The process is sequential, overlapping, ongoing, and life-long. The goal is to promote discipleship of the individual parishioner and the parish as a whole, by being a welcoming community that provides space and opportunities for people; young and old, of any culture, to come together to discover, examine, and appreciate the great gift of faith that God has given us. Commission meetings are held bi-monthly on the fourth Wednesday of even months at 7pm in the St. Anne's room. Commission Co-Chairs are Pam Gantz (430-6697) and Patrick Ruxton (351-1918).

Ministries include:

Sacramental Preparation

We invite parishioners to assist with sacramental preparation in any way you are able. Training is provided.

Baptism: Our faith journey begins with our baptism. In this ministry we welcome parents and their growing family into our community and assist them in expanding their understanding of the baptismal commitment and liturgy. Kim Nauman and Kris Mennen are ministry leaders.

First Reconciliation/First Communion: The next milestone in our faith journey is the reception of two sacraments: First Reconciliation and First Communion. We guide the second graders and their families as the children prepare to receive Jesus for the first time. Cheryl Schropp (337-2856) and Angela Icardi (400-4620) are ministry leaders.

Confirmation: The Confirmation Team members serve as faith witnesses to the high school students preparing to be confirmed. We facilitate small group gatherings, work with students in their service projects and participate in team meetings. Shelly Conlon (337-2856) is the ministry leader.

Marriage: Making a life-long commitment takes time, prayer, and conversation with our pastor and with an engaged sponsor couple. This ministry provides mentoring for young couples preparing to make this life commitment. Scott and Jan Miller are the ministry leaders (354-6264).

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A): RCIA is the process of preparation for non-Catholics who wish to become Catholic. The goal of RCIA is to welcome those seeking to join the Catholic Church, and to support them through prayer, instruction and personal reflection, faith sharing and breaking open the word of God, as they journey toward the Sacraments of Initiation. We welcome all interested to serve as a RCIA Team Member or Sponsor. Pam Gantz is the ministry leader (430-6697).

Religious Education

Regina Inter-Parish Catholic Education Center serves as our Catholic school. Preschool through high school is provided for all area parishes. Catholic education provides a solid foundation for our faith as well as offering a quality academic program. The school is funded with tuition, parish subsidy and fund raising. For more information or to register, contact the school offices: Preschool - Mary Pechous, Director at 337-6189; Elementary Principal - Celeste Vincent at 337-5739; and Junior-Senior High School Principal - David Krummel at 338-5436.

Religious Education classes for students at area public schools are held at Regina Inter-parish Catholic Education Center on Wednesday evenings. For more information, to serve as a Catechist or to register, contact Sister Mary Fran Michalec at 351-7638.

Youth Ministry

Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered at the 10:00am Sunday Mass. This program is for children 4 years of age through first grade. Using Catholic materials, the adult leaders follow the Liturgy of the Word with readings and prayer in a child friendly atmosphere. Ministry leaders are Annie Gavin (anniekgavin@gmail.com) and Amanda Gavin (amandamgavin@gmail.com).

Elementary Children's Liturgy of the Word is held once per month at the 10:00am Sunday Mass. Ministry Leader is Lisa Henkhaus (351-1898).

Elementary and Junior High Youth Group Youth in grades 3rd through 5th and 6th through 8th are invited to join our Elementary and Junior High Youth Groups. Elementary Youth Group meets the 2nd Sunday of the month from 4-6pm in the lower level. Jr. High Youth Group meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 7-8:30 in lower level. The groups meet for faith filled games, activities and service projects.

ICCY Youth in grades 9th through 12th are invited to ICCY (Iowa City Catholic Youth) Nights held every Wednesday from 7:30-9:00pm throughout the school year. We strive to have youth involved in programs such as Christian Leadership Institute, Diocesan Youth Ministry Committee, National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), Catholics in Action, TEC Retreats and much more. Shelly Conlon, Ministry leader (337-2856).

Additional information on youth activities can be found on the parish website or by contacting Shelly Conlon, Youth Ministry Coordinator, at the parish office.

Adult Ministry

Advent Reflections are an opportunity to share your faith in a small group setting during the weeks preparing for the Christmas celebration. Announcements are made prior to the first Sunday of Advent in the bulletin, the website and from the pulpit.

Lenten Study Series is a six to ten week small faith sharing group with times and locations throughout the city with a common theme for the season and the year. Announcements are made prior to Lent in the bulletin, the website and from the pulpit.

Scripture Study Series is a small group format focused on Jeff Cavins' "The Great Adventure: A Journey Through the Bible" study set. These citywide groups meet at various times and locations to be determined and announced in the bulletin, on the website and from the pulpit.

Adult Catechesis focuses on the catechism of the Catholic Church and meets various times throughout the year. Announcements about upcoming classes will be made in the bulletin, on the website and from the pulpit.

Friends of the Sacred Heart of Jesus meets every first Friday of the month at 6:00pm to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through frequent reception of Holy Communion, spiritual reflection and apostolic activities. Ministry leader is Piedad Rangel, (338-7813).

LITURGY COMMISSION

The Liturgy Commission promotes and enhances the liturgical life of our parish. It provides programs of liturgical education, planning and evaluation. The Commission plans, prepares, implements, evaluates and educates on all aspects of the liturgy so that the diverse community can more fully and actively worship in accordance with our diocesan policies and directives. We seek to enrich our parish's experience of our faith, through spiritual and physical enhancements to the church environment, focusing on church décor during special liturgical celebrations throughout the year.

Liturgy Commission meets at 6:00pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (August-May) to provide on-going support of the ministries involved in liturgy, including training and scheduling. The Commission also provides feedback, coordinates activities, programs and all special liturgies all while enhancing the liturgical life of the parish. Commission Chair is Tom Brandt, (631-0092) or tom@bravophoto.com.

Ministries include but not limited to:

Liturgical Ministries

Altar server Colleen Rapp, 354-4022
Usher Pam Gantz, 626-5857

Lector Tom Brandt, 631-0092
 Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Cheryl Schropp, 337-2856
 Linen Caretakers Cheryl Schropp, 337-2856
 Arts & Environment Cheryl Schropp, 337-2856
 Sacristan Gerry Murray, 354-0887
 Music Trevor Loes, 337-2856
 Musicians are asked to contact the music director for information on
 choirs, cantors and instrumentalists.

Chapel of Perpetual Adoration Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is located between the Day Chapel & Nave 24 hours a day. Everyone has the opportunity to place our hopes, joys, troubles, fears and dreams before the Lord. You are encouraged to sign up for one-hour period of prayer or visit as you can. Ministry leader is Janet Strand, (338-1863).

Prayer Line is a faithful group of people who pray daily for special needs and is available to all parishioners. To submit a prayer request or to be a prayer person, please contact the office, (337-2856).

EVANGELIZATION & STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

The Evangelization & Stewardship commission provides the coordination of the annual stewardship renewal in the fall, welcomes new families to the parish at monthly registration, publishes the parish newsletter and coordinates efforts within the community to reach out to inactive Catholics. Commission meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the St. Anne's room. Commission chair is Michelle Yetley, (330-0795) or michelleyetley@gmail.com.

Ministries include:

Annual Stewardship Renewal & Ministry Fair Help coordinate the matching of volunteers with specific commissions and ministries, coordinate the ministry fair that showcases each commission/ministry, speak as a witness sharing their faith journey and their commitment to stewardship at all the Masses on a given weekend. Ministry Leader, Michelle Yetley (330-0795).

Parish Newsletter Committee Compile, format, edit articles and information for quarterly newsletter and/or aid in the mailing and distribution. Ministry Leader, Jo Young (338-3059).

Welcome Committee hosts parish registration on the first Sunday of the month after each Mass with coffee and donuts.

Evangelization Committee researches and implements outreach programming in coordination with citywide efforts to strengthen faith of both active and inactive Catholics, especially during Lent and Advent. Ministry leader, Michelle Yetley (330-0795).

Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) is a weekend of prayer, reflection, listening and sharing in order to help us deepen our faith and our commitment to God and to our parish. Our parish member on the CEW board is Julie Jensen, (358-1808).

SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION

The Social Action Commission works to realize the Gospel call for life, human dignity and care for God's creation through Direct Social Services and Social Change. Planning meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. Commission co-chairs are Patty Wohlgemuth (248-1657) and Eileen Scudder (354-0420).

Ministries include:

Blood Drives are hosted various times per year at the parish. Advance notice is posted in the bulletin, on the website and in the narthex. Please consider donating. Ministry leader is Judy Swift, (530-9436).

Pantry Sunday Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable food items and paper goods on the last Sunday of the month. Donations are distributed among local food banks and charities in our community. Ministry leaders are Michael & Renetta Burlage, (321-1240).

Back to School Supplies Donations of various school supplies are collected in the weeks preceding the start of school. Volunteers distribute to our sister school or locations determined in need by the local school district. Ministry leader is Eileen Scudder (354-0420).

Sister School Thanksgiving Baskets Food items are collected in the month of November to complete a Thanksgiving meal for families in need at our sister school. Volunteers assemble and deliver baskets the day before Thanksgiving. Ministry leader is Eileen Scudder (354-0420).

CROP Walk This springtime 5K walk/run raises funds and awareness for the needs of clean water, farm equipment and animals as well as agriculture education in impoverished countries. A percentage of the funds raised stays in Johnson County to support the Crisis Center. Ministry leader is Patty Wohlgemuth (248-1657).

Free Lunch Commission members coordinate the Free Lunch program on the third Wednesday of the month every other month. Volunteers are needed to provide food items as well as prepare, serve and clean up. Ministry leader is Patty Wohlgemuth (248-1657).

Project Holiday In conjunction with the Crisis Center of Iowa City, Angel trees are provided to area organizations with ornaments indicating the age of a child in need. Donations are accepted during the Thanksgiving and Advent season and volunteers take the gifts to the designated distribution location. Ministry leader is Eileen Scudder (354-0420).

Cool Congregations Is a religious response to the effects of global warming. This ministry focuses on educating parishioners on sustainability in our parishes and in our homes, evaluating our own carbon "footprint" and becoming good stewards of the earth. Ministry leader is Patty Wohlgemuth (248-1657).