

--Light a Candle Prayer Chain

-Purpose/Mission to pray for others in the parish community and beyond....Mainly for urgent requests but can be utilized for long term prayer also

-Responsibility to pray

-Skills/qualifications to have compassion and a sense of confidentiality (or if you can think of a better word for this;)

-Time Required....however long it would take a person to call another person on the chain

- Contact--Tammy Gladding via phone or email....260-639-6008 or 260-348-8121 or

tam922000@yahoo.com

--the church office at 260-639-3748

--Sandy Beard at 260-639-6394

--Natural Family Planning with The Couple to Couple League

-Purpose/Mission to spread the word of the wonder that is the human body and procreation

-Responsibility would vary depending on the amount one would like to put forth to help Steve and Tammy Gladding

-we could use help with promoting our classes or even if a couple would like to take the (free)classes to become a Teaching Couple

-Skills/qualifications would depend --it helps if you like people and enjoy sharing what you have learned about NFP and Theology of the Body

-Time required would depend on the amount of involvement....up to 3 hours -one Sunday a month for 3 months.

-Contact--Tammy and Steve Gladding via email at tam922000@yahoo.com or the home phone 260-639-6008

--Special Minister of Holy Communion

This special ministry assists our pastor in providing the beautiful body and blood of Jesus to our parish and it's visitors. Training is provided and you may choose the Masses you wish to minister for. The schedule is made in 3-month increments and you have the opportunity to request not to be scheduled if you have something planned. And fellow ministers are generally able to trade or substitute for you when unexpected occasions arise. Please give some thought to participating in this wonderful ministry.

--Adoration Ministry

This important ministry involves only a little over an hour to complete. It is offered every Friday morning after the morning Mass until 10 am. You can come, weekly, every other week or monthly as suits your schedule. It simply involves spending some quiet time with the Lord in front of the Blessed Sacrament. In this challenging world we live in, prayer is much needed and Jesus promised, "ask and you shall receive". Please consider spending some quality time with God.

--Pastoral Council

A small diverse group designed to be the eyes and ears of the church community and assist Fr. In the needs of our Parish.

Skill Set- looking for spiritual guidance and leadership to design and implement programs to further the growth of our parish.

Time required- 2nd Monday of each Month meeting to meet with Father and discuss the needs of the Church.

Contact- Fr William Kummer

Kentucky Mission

Two to three times per year a truck is loaded with donated furniture and other household goods. Loading takes place on a Friday evening. The truck is then driven to a parish in Kentucky that St. Joseph HC parish has "adopted". Help is needed with loading of truck and actual donations.

Contact Mike Blankman at 639-7201 or mjblank@frontier.com for more information.

Rosary for Life

Every First Friday of the month parishioners gather in church at 5PM to pray the Rosary. We pray the rosary for a respect for life in all stages. This brief service is held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Hessen Cassel. If you are unable to attend, please join us in prayer from wherever you are at the time.

Contact Mike Blankman at 639-7201 or mjblank@frontier.com for more information.

Scrip

The scrip program sells gift cards and certificates at face value that have been obtained from merchants at a discount. The money earned from the sale benefits the parish and school families. Volunteers sell scrip on Wednesday and Friday mornings in the parish office building, and after all weekend Masses. Training is provided and more volunteers would be appreciated.

Call/text Erica Lomont at 260-760-7393 or email to scrip@stjoehc.org for more info.

Lectors

Lectors are adult parishioners who help at Mass by proclaiming the First or Second Reading. Training is provided by Father Kummer. Once trained, lectors can choose the Mass time they prefer to attend and are then scheduled in a regular rotation with other lectors for that Mass time.

Contact Fr. Bill Kummer at 639-3748 for more information.

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Purpose

- meet to review the beliefs of the Catholic Church and provides fellowship and teachings for any Catholic, but especially non-Catholics interested in the Church
- Prepare individuals for Baptism, Confirmation, and their First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil

Time

- Members meet once a week in the evening from September to April/May
- Members who can only meet once a month are still welcome!

Responsibilities

- watching *Symbolon* videos for teaching instruction
- faith share to personalize
- ask and answer questions.

Contact Elise Bohl at 433-9016 or Enavidad24@aol.com for more information.

Sign up to participate in various ways:

(include name and preferred contact info)

RCIA teaching/sharing team member

Participate to Learn

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process that reviews the beliefs of the Catholic Church and provides fellowship and teachings for any Catholic, but especially individuals interested in becoming Catholic. Members meet once a week in the evening from September to April/May watching *Symbolon* videos for teaching instruction, faith share to personalize, ask and answer questions.

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Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a one week, summer ministry to educate and enrich children's faith with lively activities. Volunteers arrive early before each session for instruction on leading a station of snacks and discussion, crafts, physical games, or acting out skits. Be ready to supervise elementary students and guide them with enthusiasm! Volunteers are also accepted in meeting to plan, organize, gather supplies, and set up activities.

Contact Elise Bohl at 433-9016 or Enavidad24@aol.com for more information.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

The mission of this ministry is to bring the Holy Eucharist to parishioners who are homebound and unable to attend weekly Mass. Volunteers are needed, on an as-needed basis, to visit disabled or temporarily ill parishioners. Visits are flexible with the minister's availability on any given weekend. It is not necessary to be a commissioned Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, scheduled for weekend Masses. Father Bill only needs to give the Homebound Minister personal instruction on the procedures to properly visit the homebound with the Blessed Sacrament.

It is an honor to be able to bring the Body of Christ to our homebound parishioners who are unable to join us at Mass. If you have any questions, please call Donna Gleason at 260-760-7887.

Knights of Columbus

As Catholic men, we are called to do more. The Knights of Columbus can help you answer that call. Your membership connects you with opportunities to make an impact in your community and gives you access to resources to help you grow deeper in faith and stay informed about the issues Catholics care about. You'll also have exclusive access to insurance and financial planning products to help you protect your family.

--Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See.

--Council meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Hall, and last approximately an hour. The Knights support many faith, family, community, and life programs throughout the year and provide many opportunities for members, and their families, to get involved.

--Contact Grand Knight, Andy Litchfield, at council12379@indianakofc.org or 260-450-6730 for more information.

Fall Festival

The Fall Festival takes place the 4th Saturday of September each year and is an opportunity for fun and fellowship for the St. Joseph Hessen Cassel parish and surrounding community. This is the largest fundraising event for the Church. Many parishioners are needed to chair various activities during the event: Fall Festival Chair, Silent/Live Auction, Raffle, Kid's Games, Beer Tent, Chicken Dinner, Softball Tournament, Volleyball Tournament, Entertainment, and Concessions. In addition to the chair persons, volunteers are always needed during the Festival to help make all of the activities run smoothly. Sign-up sheets for the different activities will be in the gathering space of church a few weeks prior to the Festival.

Contact Fall Festival Chair, Andy Litchfield, at 260-450-6730 for more information.

CANTORS

-Seeking **cantors** for Saturday Mass at 5PM and Sunday Mass at 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30AM. Must be able to hold a strong consistent pitch and be feel comfortable singing solo, in front of people, leading the congregation.

CHOIR

-Seeking people to form a **choir**. Need male and female voices (soprano, alto, tenor, bass.) Should be able to produce a consistent pitch, or be willing to learn/practice. Must be able to make time for personal practice and to convene once every couple weeks to rehearse with the rest of the group. Ability to read sheet music is a plus, but not required. All ages are welcome, but especially younger people (grade school through post-college, roughly speaking.)

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