

St Joseph's Parish – Morningside Ministries

How May
I Serve You?

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Lord Jesus, on the night of the last supper you gave us the example of loving service and instructed us to serve others. I dedicate myself to you and to the service of others in my parish community. I give you my hands to do your work. I give you my feet to go your way. I give you my tongue to speak your word. I give you my mind that you may think in me. I give you my spirit that you may pray in me. Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me. I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that it is you, Lord Jesus, who live and work and pray in me. Amen

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Secretarial Skills: Are you computer literate and have your own computer at home, your skills might be required from time to time.

Parish Office Reception: Volunteer your time to assist the receptionist when the need arises. Reception duties include answering the phone, the doorbell, welcoming visitors and assisting with office administration.

Collection Counting: You would be required for no more than three hours once a week to count the collection and make a record of all income. This task is done by a team of no less than three volunteers at a time for security reasons. Some computer knowledge is required.



COMMUNICATIONS:

Website / Face Book Team: Responsible for updating, design and maintenance of Parish Website / Face Book. It is an active website and is a wonderful means of communication.

Photography / Publicity: This is an ideal opportunity for those with a bit of creativity to show their skill in taking photos of various events taking place in the Parish, and also to promote forthcoming events.

Media Group: We would like to revive this group which could interact with the media and make the public hear of the values of the Catholic Faith.

Newsletter: We have just started again our Newsletter and it is a very good means of communication within the parish. If you can help with advertising, writing short articles about parish events, interview parishioners or help with the lay out, please come forward: we need you.

MAINTENANCE

Computer Software / Hardware: We need assistance with repairs, up-grading, etc. If you are able to help let us know.

Building / Maintenance: Plumbers, Carpenters, Electricians, Decorators, Builders can use their skill in our constant building maintenance. You will be called upon only when the need arises.

Vehicle Maintenance: Repairs and service of Parish vehicles. Sometimes the need arises that a needy parishioner requires assistance.

Church Garden: Our parish has possibly the best parish garden. This is overseen by our two gardeners who do a sterling job. Maybe you can assist with removing rubbish, purchasing compost, repair the lawn-mower etc. Not a lot to do here.

Sewing: Ladies with sewing machines can use their talents. We need the sewing of Church linen, vestments, table cloths, embroidery and alterations.



LITURGICAL



Altar Servers: This ministry is open to boys and girls in junior and senior school and University students. So here is an opportunity to get involved and be trained to assist Father during Mass.

Sacristans / M.C.: We need a committed group of both men and ladies to open and lock up the church, set up and clear the altar put away the sacred vessels for daily Mass / Baptisms / Weddings / Funerals etc. All training and instructions will be given. The Master of ceremony oversees that all Ministries of the Eucharist and Readers are present and if not must find a replacement. Also all announcements from the Lector.

Readers: The word of God must be proclaimed and be heard. Readers are trained in voice projection, use of microphone etc. Readers are needed at all Masses.



Ushers / Ministers of Hospitality: This is a much needed area in the Parish. Duties include welcoming parishioners before Mass, handing out bulletins, helping parishioners find a place, taking up the collection, help to lock up the church after Mass and check that the church is clean and tidy for the following Mass. We need a committed team at every weekend Mass.

Band Choir: A great area for young people to get involved. At the moment we have a small group leading. This group needs to meet to practice and lead the singing on Sunday evening at the Life Teen Mass.



Choir / Singers: We need more singers. If you enjoy singing, have a *good singing voice*, join the Choir / Band.

Musicians: If you are talented to play a musical instrument we need you.



Floral and Art Décor: Our parish is always beautifully decorated with flowers giving glory and praise to God. This is a creative way to use your talents to arrange flowers / decor. If you are able and willing to assist the ladies who arrange, or have a garden with lots of

flowers, please contact the parish office. We also need artistic talent using creativity in setting up special scenes for Lent, Advent, Feast Days etc. Men are also needed to assist with setting up of scenes.

Lay Ministers of the Eucharist: This is a ministry of being invited and chosen by the Parish Priest for the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and Communion to the sick.

Overhead Projector Team: The hymns for Mass are displayed on the overhead projector. We need a team of operators for each Mass. A little computer knowledge is required.

*We are the
Hands of Christ*

PASTORAL GROUPS

C.W.L.: This group of ladies is invaluable in the parish. They invite all Catholic Women to unite in the service of God and the Church. They are involved in various Catholic welfare projects and are ever ready to be called upon by the parish priest for assistance.



S.V.D.P.: The St Vincent De Paul Society cares for the less privileged in the parish and the community. They collect clothing and food and distribute them to the needy.

Care Group and Outreach: Offer care to parishioners. This is a group of volunteers offering to prepare meals for the sick of the parish, taking someone to the doctor, visiting and praying with the housebound. Various outreach projects are done.





Feeding the Destitute: Every Thursday we have a street outreach to the destitute. We prepare approximately 100 meals. We need cooks to prepare

the meals, helpers to dish out and serve and clear up.



Men's Ministry: All men in the parish are invited to attend. Meetings can be held fortnightly, sharing their faith, social events, discussing relevant issues etc.



Repository: Our shop sells religious articles and books and is open before and after all weekend Masses. Duties are on weekends only.

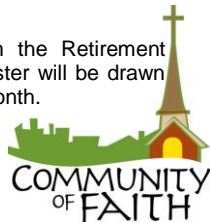
Social and Fund Raising: This group organizes the social activities of the parish and plans events for parishioners to meet and get to know each other and also to raise funds.

Social Catering: This is for people who enjoy working with food. We hold several functions during the year: From Cheese and Wine for New Parishioners to finger suppers and sometimes even a full meal for special occasions.

Social Awareness Group: Due to the many changes in South Africa, the Church has to address many social issues to ensure that the values of the Gospel are adhered to and that the community is informed. This group will be involved in numerous social issues.

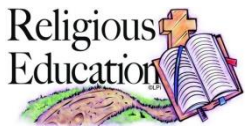
Driver to / from Mass:

We need drivers to assist Parishioners from the Retirement Homes with transport to and from Mass. A roster will be drawn up and you will be called upon maybe once a month.



FORMATION / RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Good Shepherd Programme: This is a very good (Montessori based) catechetical programme for our pre-school children. It is a "hands on" way of learning which is based on the liturgical year. The children meet on a Tuesday from 5.15 to 6.15pm. Catechists are needed and training will be given.



Junior Catechism: Children from grade one to seven also meet on a Tuesday between 5.15 and 6.15pm. Catechists and helpers are always welcomed. Training and material are provided.

Junior RCIC: This is for (older) children to help prepare them for the sacraments.

Junior Youth: This is a social gathering and our youth who meet once a month have great fun.



Life Teen: For all those in high school. This is a dynamic youth ministry program for teens. It is in the Life Teen Program that the Catechism of our teens takes place. Core team members are needed to lead this program.



Young Adult Ministry: (18-35yrs) There is a need to revitalize this ministry in our Parish, so come forward and get involved to share your faith and be rooted and grounded in Christ.

RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults): This programme is for Catholics who want to deepen their faith, Catholics who have not yet been confirmed and those who want to learn about the Catholic Faith with a view to becoming Catholics. Teachers are needed. Formation and training will be given.



Pre-Marriage Formation: To help prepare couples for the sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Courses are held a few times in the year. Couples present the course and co-ordinate discussions.



Marriage Formation: Is for couples already married who want to grow in their relationship. A team is needed to assist with organizing the course

Small Christian Community Groups:

Home groups meet fortnightly to share and grow in the Word of God. Join a group or form your own.



OTHER ABILITIES

Professional Abilities: Whether you are a Doctor, Lawyer, Psychologist etc. you could perhaps be of help to your fellow Parishioner who may not otherwise be able to receive the necessary advice, help, counselling. Please understand that if you dedicate yourself in this area, you will not be taken advantage of and referrals will only come through the Parish.

Other: This is only a brief summary of just some of the areas and activities within which you could become involved. It is not a complete list and if there is any area in which you would like to become involved, please let us know.

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LIVING A STEWARDSHIP Life

It is all about your heart... Everything we have is a Gift from God that we Are to Use to Help Other.