

St. Charles Parish: Time and Talent Signup

Please make a check-mark in the box next to a ministry if you would like to be contacted with more information. Place the sheet in the collection basket or return to parish office.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

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Parish Outreach

[] **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

The Society is comprised of lay people dedicated to helping the poor. Vincentians help advocate for people and distribute funds to help with food, rent, utility bills, furniture, clothing, and medication needs. Meetings: First Monday of month at 1 p.m.

[] **Welcoming New Parishioners**

This committee contacts new parishioners, making contact by phone, followed by a personal visit to people's homes. The goal is to provide a warm welcome and encourage activity in the parish.

[] **Just Neighbors**

Two weeks each year, a group from St. Charles provides dinner and activities for children at a temporary shelter for homeless families.

[] **Hospital Visitation**

Members visit the sick of our parish who are in the hospital, and provide prayer and support.

[] **Catholic Relief Services**

The parish chapter works through education, legislative advocacy, and community giving to address those who are poor and marginalized around the world. The group organizes the annual Rice Bowl, and responds to action items derived from current global events and crises, or needs that are directed by the USCCB.

Parish Organizations

[] **Parish Council**

A committee which meets monthly to evaluate the life of the parish and advise the pastor

[] **Pro Life Committee**

The committee works through education, reconciliation, legislative action, and communication. to foster a deeper respect for human life in our culture.

[] **Knights of Columbus**

An organization of Catholic men which meets for social and spiritual sharing while helping with a variety of parish activities (Cardinal Fest, Youth retreats, Coffee and Doughnuts, aluminum can collection, and various other service projects)

[] **Rosary Sodality**

This women's group helps with funeral dinners and other works of charity and parish projects. 1-3 meetings per year.

[] **Youth Ministry adult leaders**

Small groups of high school teens meet weekly for faith sharing, prayer, discussion and social interaction led by adult volunteers.

[] **Church Decoration & Design Team**

Volunteers assist in decorating and sprucing up the church for liturgical seasons and events. We need workers with design & artistic skills, sewing skills, and workers who can help with heavy lifting and ladder climbing.

[] **Women's Softball - Adult**

The Women's Softball League is open to all Catholic women over the age of 18. Games are played weekday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at St. Charles.

[] **The Legion of Mary**

Promotes Eucharistic Adoration and door to door evangelization. Meetings are Thursday evenings at the parish.

[] **Vocation Committee**

The committee helps to encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life. A number of activities promote the consideration of religious vocations from our parish.

[] **Athletic Association**

Volunteers coach our school teams, raise funds, and help in organizing our school athletic program. Background check required.

[] **Fine Arts Boosters**

Volunteers promote art, drama, and music at St. Charles School by raising funds for enrichment programs, sponsoring a Craft Fair in November, and assisting with school concerts and musicals. Meetings are held roughly 5 times per year.

[] **Coffee and Doughnuts**

Volunteers help in providing Coffee and Doughnuts after Sunday morning Masses several weekends each year.

[] **Men's Softball - Adult**

Eight St. Charles teams join in fellowship while playing in a local Catholic league from May through August. Games: Mon-Thurs at 5:45 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the St. Charles diamond.

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Faith Sharing Groups

[] Kingdom Builders

A women's group which meets monthly for scripture reflection and faith sharing.

[] Mom's Group

A group of mothers with young children who gather during the day to share their faith while the children play. Meets in the church nursery.

[] Divorced and Separated Support Group

A group which meets on Wednesday evenings twice a month in the Community Room

Opportunities for Children and Teens

[] Girl Scouts

Girls from kindergarten through grade 12 take part in a scouting program, aimed at building character. Activities include service projects, badge work, field trips, camping, and cookie sales. Adult leaders are needed to assist.

[] Boy Scouts

Beginning with Tiger Cubs in grade 1; Cubs in grades 2-5; and Boy Scouts in grades 5-12, boys learn a wide variety of skills, including outdoor skills and character building. Adult leaders are needed to assist.

[] Vacation Bible School

A four-day Vacation Bible School is held in June for children ages 4 through grade 3. Adults and older children help with lessons, art projects, games, and movies. Adult leaders are needed to assist.

[] YDisciple - Youth Ministry for Teens

Small groups of high school boys and small groups of high school girls meet weekly for faith sharing, prayer, discussion and social interaction. Larger gatherings are organized for retreats, service projects and outings.

**Adult leaders are required to complete a background check.*

*For other opportunities for children and teens, see also: Ushers, Family Offertory Bearers, Altar Servers, children's choir, and other music groups. Teens may serve as extraordinary ministers after they are Confirmed.

Liturgical Ministries

[] Family Offertory Bearers

Families are scheduled to bring the offertory gifts forward to the priest at weekend Masses.

[] Baby-sitting during 9AM Mass

Volunteers are needed to help watch children in the church nursery during the 9AM Mass. Background check required.

[] Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Ministers help with the distribution of Holy Communion at weekend Masses. Annual renewal of commitment is required, which may include participation in "day of reflection".

**Must be in good standing with the church.*

[] Holy Communion Ministers to the Homebound

Some extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion take Holy Communion to the nursing homes or to the homebound parishioners. Must be installed as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. **Must be in good standing with the church.*

[] Lectors

Parishioners proclaim the Word of God during the weekend Masses. Anyone who has a good speaking voice, who feels comfortable reading in public, and who values the Word of God in his/her life may also be a possible candidate as a lector.

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[] Ushers

Ushers are responsible for greeting people before Mass, taking the collection, passing out bulletins after Mass, and various other duties. Men, women, or children with a parent are encouraged to help.

[] Adult Choir (9AM Mass)

The Adult Choir sings at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass and at other special liturgies throughout the year. Weekly practice: Sept-May, Thurs 7:15.-8:45 p.m., in the Community Room.

[] Resurrection Choir

A choir helps grieving families by singing for funerals. We need men and women who are available during daytime hours.

[] Guitar Group (11AM Mass)

A group of teens and adults lead contemporary music at 11:00 Sunday Mass with singing and instruments. Practice: Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Church.

[] Music Group (Sunday 5PM Mass)

A group of young adults (teens and older) lead music at the 5 p.m. Sunday Mass with singing and instruments. Practices are held before Sunday Mass from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

[] Handbell Choir

Musicians who are able to read music can join the handbell choir, which plays at various Mass times. Weekly rehearsals in the fall and spring, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

[] Children's Choir

Children from grades 1-6 sing at Sunday Mass once a month and Christmas Eve at 6:30 p.m. Weekly rehearsals from Sept. to April, Wednesdays, 3:10-4:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

[] Altar Servers

Teens from 6th grade through high school assist at the altar.