

# VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES AT ST. MARY OF THE LAKE

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Get involved by contacting Mary Beth Jambor at 651-429-7771 or [mbjambor@stmarys-wbl.org](mailto:mbjambor@stmarys-wbl.org)  
It takes more than 100 volunteers liturgical ministers to celebrate the weekend Masses. We can't make it happen without your help.

**Greeter:** Be that kind face and warm greeter to visitors and parishioners alike. Welcome everyone at the door before Masses to create an atmosphere of hospitality.

**Usher:** Help congregants find seats, answer questions and pass baskets at the collection of the gifts.

**Lector:** Proclaim the Word with reverence and love.

**Gift Bearers:** Bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar. Families are encouraged to do this together.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Reverently distribute the Body and Blood of Christ to the assembly.

**Mass Coordinator:** Pave the way for a joyous celebration of the Mass by ensuring all ministry positions are filled and all elements of the Mass are prepared. (Being a Eucharistic Minister is a pre-requisite for serving as Mass Coordinator.)

**Altar Servers:** Assist Father during the Mass. Students grades 4-and above.

**Sacristan (roadie):** Make sure all details are in place for Mass to be celebrated. Ages 14-above.

**Projection System Operator:** Share our liturgy on the big screen so that all can fully participate in the Mass. Grade 8-adult.

**Video Broadcast System Operator:** Broadcast the Mass to other areas of the building and stream it to our parish YouTube site so that homebound parishioners can remain engaged in the parish.

**Church Laundry:** Provide clean linens for sacramental ministries. Pick up and launder at home.

**Brass Cleaner:** Put a shine on our doors! Polish brass handles regularly.

**Church Decorating Team:** Adorn the church and decorate throughout the liturgical year, about eight time a year.

**Funeral Liturgy Ministers:** Coordinate Funeral Masses and serve as liturgical ministers as needed.

**Sacraments, Worship and Music Committee:** This committee works to strengthen and support the total prayer life of the parish.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MINISTRIES

Get involved by contacting Mary Beth Jambor at 651-429-7771 or [mbjambor@stmarys-wbl.org](mailto:mbjambor@stmarys-wbl.org)

**RCIA Sponsor:** Journey with and mentor adults to be baptized into the Catholic faith or Catholics who have not yet received First Communion or Confirmation through the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA). Meet Sundays at 10:00 AM.

## MUSIC MINISTRIES

Get involved by contacting Jaclyn Schwartz at 651-429-7771 or [music@stmarys-wbl.org](mailto:music@stmarys-wbl.org)  
Music ministry at St. Mary of the Lake strives to cultivate and offer our gifts and talents to God in a way that encourages the spirit of collaboration and community amongst musicians and assembly as we grow in our faith.

**Flex Ensembles:** Flex ensembles vary in size and members (both singers and instrumentalists) from week to week. The ensemble scheduled for a given Sunday will rehearse the Thursday evening prior. These ensembles are directed by Jaclyn Schwartz.

**St. Mary's Chorale:** This choir will rehearse on Thursday evenings, 3X per month and sing one Sunday per month at both the 9 AM and 11 AM Masses. This ensemble is directed by Kathryn Lien. No previous experience is required.

**Teens and Young Adults:** Teens and young adults are welcome to sing with both flex ensembles and the choir. They are also scheduled to sing as their own ensemble approx. once/month as schedules allows. Contact Jaclyn for more information.

**Children's Choir:** Children in grades 3-6 will have various opportunities throughout the year to sing for occasional Masses, including "Pop-Up Choirs" with teens and adults, Christmas, and Easter. Contact Jaclyn for more information.

**Festival Choir:** The festival choir is an expansion of the SMOL choir for Christmas and Easter. The choir will sing at the 9am Mass for both liturgies and is directed by Kathryn Lien.

**"Pop Up Choir":** This choir is designed for those who want to sing in a large ensemble as a "one-off" or on an occasional basis. This choir aims at combining different generations of singers, and families are highly encouraged to participate together. We rehearse once before a given Mass and are scheduled on an ad hoc basis.

## FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES

Get involved by contacting Karlene Feidt at 651-429-7771 or [kfeidt@stmarys-wbl.org](mailto:kfeidt@stmarys-wbl.org)

### Summer Academy:

**SA Catechists:** Play a crucial role in shaping the future of young Catholics - for students grades Pre-K-8. Share your faith story with parish youth and help them discover their own faith story and how it applies to their lives. Full week catechists receive a \$400 stipend. Previous experience working with children in a full-day learning environment is required.

**SA Catechist Assistants:** Provide classroom support that helps catechists guide and develop the faith of our young parishioners.

**SA Hallway Helper:** Create a secure and safe environment for our children, catechists and catechist assistants. Full week volunteers receive a discount on tuition.

**Sunday Catechists:** Teach a half-hour lesson once a month to children, multiple ages. Share your faith and help them discover their relationship with Jesus. No previous experience is necessary.

**Special Needs Assistant:** Give children, requiring additional classroom support, a helping hand in building their faith.

**Service Site Drivers/Chaperones:** Make sure our students arrive safely at their community service commitments. Driver and background check are required to transport youth offsite (must be 21+).

**Liturgy of the Word with Children:** Share the weekly scripture and your faith perspectives with grades 1-5 at the 9:00 and 11:00 AM Mass. Adult leaders and middle/high school youth helpers are needed on a rotating six-week schedule.

**Nursery Staff:** Follow a simple plan of singing a little, reading a little, playing a little – to immerse children in the Lord’s love while parents worship. Available for children ages 1-5 during the 9:00 and 11:00 AM Sunday Masses. Adults and older youth volunteers are needed.

**Childcare:** Be in a volunteer pool of child caregivers, ready to care for the “littles” when called upon. Parish events, sacramental prep sessions and care during Mass are common needs. Weekends and some weeknights are needed with advance notice. Adults and high school teens are needed.

**Faith Formation Committee:** Support the Faith Formation staff by creating meaningful and enjoyable programs that support the faith formation of children and middle school youth. Help ensure a sense of belonging, drawing awareness to the life-long journey in faith, while fostering an environment of Christian values. Meets monthly.

**For High School Youth and Young Adult Ministries, please skip down to pg. 6.**

## **JUSTICE, PEACE AND OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

Get involved by contacting Nathan Schuster at 651-429-7771 or [nschuster@stmarys-wbl.org](mailto:nschuster@stmarys-wbl.org)

**The Justice, Peace and Outreach Commission** integrates Catholic Social Teaching into parish life through these five efforts: refugees, housing, respect life, care for creation, legislation. Parishioners are invited to both join the commission (which meets monthly) as well as participate in the following efforts:

**Refugee Efforts:** Meet with the refugee working group and volunteer at local organizations such as: Lutheran Social Services or Alight.

**Housing Efforts:** Meet with the housing working group and volunteer at local organizations such as: Habitat for Humanity, Hope for the Journey Home, Listening House, or Solid Ground.

**Habitat for Humanity Ministers:** Construct and repair new homes for low-income families in our community. Builds are usually scheduled for one week (3-4 days) during the summer months. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old with adult supervision.

**Hope for the Journey Home Ministers:** Provide hospitality to families experiencing homelessness and staying in this shelter located at Guardian Angels in Oakdale. Volunteers provide meals, play games, and engage with families during dinner or overnight shifts. Families are welcome to participate! E3 Safe Environment Training is required for this.

**Respect Life Efforts:** Meet with the respect life group and volunteer at local organizations such as: Prenatal Partners for Life, Pro-Life Action Ministries, Women's Life Care Center, Philomena House.

**Care for Creation Efforts:** Meet with the Care for Creation working group and serve in the local community.

**Legislative Efforts:** Work with other faith-based organizations and the Minnesota Catholic Conference to advance Catholic Social Teaching in local, state, and federal legislation. This typically involves letter writing opportunities and a visit to the State Capitol during February or March.

**Loaves and Fishes Ministers:** Cook and serve dinner to guests at the Dorothy Day Center in St. Paul. Occurs the third Wednesday of each month. Check the bulletin for announcements.

**Rummage Sale:** Volunteer at the Rummage Sale, help setup goods and clothing in Kohler Hall & the Gym, help bake goodies for the Bake Sale.

**The Haiti Committee:** Meet with this committee to help provide oversight and guidance for St. Mary's Haiti Mission, operated in partnership with Twin Cities-based Reiser Relief.

## MISSION MINISTRIES

**PASTORAL AND SENIOR MINISTRIES:** Get involved by contacting Kathleen Finn at 651-429-7771 or [kfinn@stmarys-wbl.org](mailto:kfinn@stmarys-wbl.org)

**Communion Ministers to the Homebound:** Bring Communion weekly to those unable to participate in the Mass. As requested, visit and pray with those receiving the Blessed Sacrament.

**Apartment and Care Center Ministers:** Bring Communion and offer services for residents of local senior apartments and care centers. As requested, visit and pray with those receiving the Blessed Sacrament.

**Ministers of Consolation:** Provide 12-18 months of personal follow-up to families experiencing a death.

**Companions in Grief Ministers:** Support the facilitation of this grief and support series, listen to and pray with those experiencing the loss of a loved one. This four-week series is offered eight times a year from 4:30-6:00 PM Thursdays.

**Funeral Luncheon Ministers:** Provide hospitality to and welcome the guests of the family by coordinating the funeral luncheon.

**Prayer Shawl Ministers:** Provide comfort to those in need by knitting and crocheting prayer shawls.

**Women's Bridge Club:** Play bridge and enjoy companionship with women from St. Mary's and other local churches. Occurs the fourth Tuesday of the month (September through May, excluding December) at 10:30 AM.

**Prayer Network Ministers:** Support the intentions and special needs of parishioners through prayer.

**Rosary Makers:** Spread the joy of the rosary through making and repairing rosaries that are shared with those in the St. Mary's community and beyond. Meets monthly.

**Hospitality Ministries:** Get involved by contacting Nathan Schuster at 651-429-7771 or [nschuster@stmarys-wbl.org](mailto:nschuster@stmarys-wbl.org)

**Fall Festival Volunteers:** Meet with this group to prepare for the event, help coordinate the raffle, the setup, and the event itself.

**Welcome Desk Volunteers:** Provide a welcoming presence and information for people stopping by the Desk before and after weekend Masses. Training is available.

**Weekend Hospitality:** Join a committee which provides drinks and snacks after each Mass the first weekend of each month. A parish budget provides the funding for food and drinks.

**Welcome Committee:** Join this committee which meets monthly to determine new ways of engaging new and current parishioners.

**Adult Discipleship Ministries:** Get involved by contacting Nathan Schuster at 651-429-7771 or [nschuster@stmarys-wbl.org](mailto:nschuster@stmarys-wbl.org)

**Small Group Leader/Co-Leader:** Co-lead or lead a small group. Grow in faith alongside others. Help coordinate logistics like group meeting time and location. Training is available for leaders.

**Marriage Enrichment Leader:** Accompany other married couples at St. Mary's. Assist with the development and implementation of Marriage in Christ seminars and other couples' small groups throughout the year. Training is available.

**Event & Retreat Volunteers:** Assist with the set up and tear down for community nights, retreats, and other parish-wide events.

**High School Youth & Young Adult Ministries:** Get involved by contacting Michelle Boris at 651-429-7771 or [mboris@stmarys-wbl.org](mailto:mboris@stmarys-wbl.org)

**Prayer Partners:** All parishioners are welcomed to join in youth and young adult ministry through prayer. Dedicate a holy hour, pray a rosary, offer a mass, or just say a brief prayer of intercession for the young and young adults of the parish and those ministering to them. No need to sign up, but you can let us know if you plan to join in this partnership of prayer.

**For High School:** FUSED Youth Ministry exists to connect, excite, and educate, teens in the Catholic faith through a variety of opportunities. All volunteers working with minors must be Safe Environment certified (training provided).

**FUSED Advisory Panel Member:** High school youth and adult leaders on this panel shape the direction for youth ministry at the parish. Form the mission, vision, and purpose statements for youth ministry, and create, assess, and adapt short- and long-term youth ministry goals.

**Youth Group Core Team:** Help run FUSED Wednesday Community Nights twice a month. In addition to serving as a role model and serving in a relational ministry, you will help lead service opportunities, games, prayer experiences, and talks on different elements of our Catholic faith for teens.

**Discipleship Group Leader:** Serve as a role model in the Christian life. Co-lead a small group of four to eight teens in a small group format. Facilitate discussions, practice listening, and mentor teenagers in living out the faith in daily life.

**Event/Mission Trip Chaperone (21+):** Become Safe Environment Certified to join FUSED youth on various on-off events throughout the year like service projects or fun outings, youth masses, or on longer trips like the summer mission trip. Chaperones can also become certified to serve as drivers.

**For Young Adults:** St. Mary's Catholic Young Adults strive to connect young people (ages 18-39) to God on a deeper level, connect them to each other, and connect them to the larger community.

**Event Core Team:** Help execute monthly social, sacramental, or service events. Bring your talents to areas like advertising/marketing, hospitality, emcee/hosting, set-up, clean-up and any other duties required to ensure the events run smoothly from inception to end.

**Catholic Young Adults Advisory Panel:** Young adults on this panel are leaders shaping the direction for young adult ministry at the parish. Form the mission, vision, and purpose statements and create, assess, and adapt short- and long-term young adult ministry goals. Commit to helping run programming and events hosted by the CYA group.

**Small Group Leader:** Facilitate a small group for a community of peers. Grow in faith alongside others in a similar life situation. Help select studies, lead discussions, and coordinate logistics such as meeting location and dates.

## ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES

Get involved by contacting Dcn. Gary Schneider at 651-429-7771 or [gschneider@stmarys-wbl.org](mailto:gschneider@stmarys-wbl.org)

**Parish Leadership Council:** Advises the Pastor in ministerial areas. Assures that the mission and vision of parish is being achieved through the appropriate allocation of resources.

**Finance Council:** Advises the Pastor in financial matters, including budgets, borrowing, capital campaigns and investments.

**Media & Marketing Committee:** Advises and creates the communication of the parish's mission and key messages through all appropriate media.

**Grounds Assistant:** Help maintain our beautiful parish grounds by planting, weeding, trimming, etc.

**Cemetery Committee:** Advises the Pastor on matters relating to the cemetery. Helps ensure our cemetery remains a beautiful resting place by determining cemetery guidelines, making improvements to cemetery grounds, maintaining a perpetual care fund and sharing news of the cemetery with parishioners.