

St. Augustine's Parish Ministries & Groups **Call to Serve** SIGN-UP FORM

Every Christian, no matter who they are or what they do, are called to serve others and make disciples. We are all called to be a part of the Church and play an important role as we bring our gifts and talents to be shared with our faith community.

Within a community there are a variety of gifts and talents. Every gift is needed to carry out the mission of Jesus. Each gift comes from God. Every one of us is called to follow Jesus. Each of us responds to the call by sharing our gifts for the sake of building up the Church.

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Liturgical Ministries

Participating in a Liturgical Ministry is an opportunity to fulfill Christ's baptismal call to serve others. Whether your participation is behind the scenes in the preparation and support ministries or service in a more public way at Mass, you will support and inspire others at Mass.

With all these ministries, we will provide training and support.

Altar Servers: Boys and girls Grade 3 and up, who receive their first communion, are invited to serve on Sundays and at special Masses. They assist the celebrant at Masses.
Apostolate to the Sick: This group arranges for in-home or in-hospital visits to allow the sick to receive Holy Communion. This groups may also spend some extra time visiting with the sick or home bound.
Arts & Environment: This group of volunteers assist with decorating the church for the liturgical seasons of Advent/Christmas, Easter/Pentecost and others special occasions. There is a group that works on flowers on a weekly basis, and both groups work together to coordinate the décor.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Also sometimes called Eucharistic Ministers. Lay people aged 21 years and older who are trained to assist the ordinary ministers of communion (the deacon, priest, or bishop) in the distribution of the Eucharist at Mass on Sundays and other occasions.
Greeters: Adult, youth, children, or families. Come to Mass early to greet the worshipping community as they enter the church. Greeters may also be trained and serve as ushers.
Lectors: Proclaim Sacred Scripture during the Liturgy of the Word at Sunday Masses and special occasions. It includes also reading Prayers of the Faithful (Intentions) during Masses and being commentators (reading announcements at the beginning).
Liturgy of the Word for Children (LWC): Children ages 3-8 years gather for their Liturgy of the Word at an age-appropriate level. This takes place during Sunday morning 9 a.m. Mass (hopefully extending soon to 11 a.m.) Catechists lead the Liturgy of the Word: read the gospel of the day, lead prayers, and facilitate activities. We always look for those who will lead these liturgies or come and assist a leader. Not that difficult, and very rewarding.
Music: Participants join a choir, or act as a cantor for Sunday and Anticipatory Sunday, and other special Masses, to lead the congregation in song.
Technical Support: Help with various ways we use our technology during Liturgical celebrations and beyond (streaming, slides, assist with wiring).
Ushers: Provide assistance to parishioners and visitors during weekend Masses. Some of the duties are helping in preparing for Mass, helping individuals find a seat if they need assistance, take up the collection, ensuring order at Communion, distributing bulletins.

Community Life

This group helps to promote and create a welcoming and active social environment in the life of the parish. It plans and implements various social events, celebrations, and activities at St. Augustine's. Member of the group assist in planning and organizing these social events.

With all these ministries, we will offer training and support. Activities include:

Community Gatherings: Hospitality after Sunday Masses where refreshments are provided so that parishioners can meet and get to know each other. Dinners where parishioners can enjoy a meal together and socialize. Hospitality after special Masses such as the Easter Vigil.
Senior's Outreach: Social gatherings, information sessions, retreats and more. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, hosting, food prep and clean up.
Funeral Receptions: When a parishioner's family request assistance with a reception the Community Life team sets up a simple reception immediately following the funeral Mass. The team helps to set up, host and clean up following the reception in the Parish Hall and kitchen.
Name Tag Sundays: Parishioners are encouraged to wear name tags in an effort to become a more welcoming and inclusive community of worshippers. Volunteers are needed to man the name tag tables 15-20 minutes before each of the four Masses on designated weekends.

Faith Formation for Children

The mission of St. Augustine's Faith Formation program is to bring the "Good News" of God's love to all children and to call young people to commit their lives to Christ. Adult members of these ministries must attend the Archdiocesan Safe-Environment Training and have a background check completed.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS): CGS is based on the Montessori method and relays the teachings of our faith to children ages 3-5 through an intuitive, hands-on approach that is highly effective and wonderful to behold.
Liturgy of the Word with Children (LWC): LWC is a Liturgical Ministry. Please see description above
Parish Religious Education Preparation (PREP): Catechists share Word of God and the Catholic faith with the children and youth of the parish and evangelize through various faith experiences. The parish is always in need of catechists and catechist helpers.

Adult Faith Formation (AFF)

Grow in your Catholic faith. St. Augustine's AFF is a resource to help you enrich different areas of your life. This Ministry provides one of many pathways for you to discover, grow, live out your faith, and become leaders who witness God's calling for you.

Participation may be by co-facilitating a faith formation small group, helping accompany others to and from a study program, helping with coffee and snacks, or helping with room set up and breakdown. Prayerfully consider God's call to serve.

AFF Programs: We offer Faith Studies, Bible Study Timeline, ALPHA, The Search, and many other Faith Formation programs.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): The program invites adults to Baptism in the Catholic Church, and all baptized Christians seeking Confirmation and full communion as Catholics.

RCIA Catechists: The opportunity to teach is open to any Catholic who has been confirmed, is actively practising his or her faith. Training is required and provided.

RCIA Sponsors: Sponsors are assigned to RCIA candidates and catechumens to support them on their journey toward full reception into the Catholic Church. This is a wonderful opportunity for active Catholics to share their faith and in friendship with someone entering into the Church.

Social Justice Ministry

St. Augustine Parish has a long history of working for social justice. A commitment that originates from our faith and gospel values. This group focuses on the rights of individuals, families and all creation. It analyzes social situations or social structures and works for long-term social change, addressing the underlying social causes of individual problems. Social Justice works for just laws and fair social structures. Consider taking part and make a difference in the lives of others.

Our program includes Food Collection, Share Lent activities, Advent Giving Tree and Refugee Sponsorship – Settlement Team.

Parish Committees & Groups

Our parish groups are at the heart of our church life and community. One of the best ways to get connected and grow spiritually at St. Augustine's is to join a parish group. Through these groups, you can form significant relationships in gatherings that are centered on following Jesus and growing the life of the church and parish.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS:

The Parish Pastoral Council: The PPC looks after all matters of general operation in the parish, provides pastoral insight to the pastor and animates the pastoral life of the parish in conjunction with the parish priest.

The Finance Committee: Provides financial advice and assistance to the pastor, parish pastoral council and the parish at large.

Building & Property Committee: Under the direction of the pastor, the Committee oversees the maintenance and repair of the Parish buildings and property. It ensures that the church building and its surroundings remain in good repair so that they are a safe environment for the parish staff, parishioners and those that visit the parish. Committee members are appointed by the pastor.

Faith and Foundation Committee: Coordinates fundraising, communications and building initiatives for the new school; it also works to integrate these activities with the Parish's broader goals.

Parish Gardeners: Volunteers are welcome to help maintain our parish gardens throughout the property. Our team waters, plants, weeds, and beautifies our various gardens.

PARISH GROUPS:

Catholic Women's League: The CWL is a national organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through services to the people of God. CWL members contribute to the life and vitality of the church, family, and community, both at home and abroad.

Knights of Columbus: is a fraternal service organization serving our Catholic Church, community and fellow man. Knights are catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life. The Knights support the parish priest and community in any way possible.

Lectio Divinia: This Women's group meet bi-monthly to reflect on the gospel reading for the following Sunday.

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolate formed under the leadership of our Blessed Mother Mary, to develop holiness in its members through prayer and good works.

Marriage Ministry: Our ministry hopes to equip couples on their marriage journey, within the context of the Church's teachings to love, serve and respect each other. Mentor couples help prepare engaged couples for a long and fruitful marriage.

Men's Prayer Group: An on-going prayer group for men. This group meets virtually Tuesday & Friday mornings at 6:00am. The prayer group meets in person about three or four times a year.

Young Adults Ministry: For men and women aged 19 to 39. This group helps members get to know one another, socialize, and enjoy group activities and events. Members also learn and grow in the faith through talks, discussions, and liturgy.

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