

Ministry Opportunities

'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest' (Mt 9:35-38)

Use these symbols to help you navigate the ministries that are appropriate for various ages:

C=Children; T=Teens; A=Adults; F=Families

Stewardship

Responding in gratitude to God

Technology and Communications Committee - A - The Technology and Communications Committee provides recording, livestreaming, and presentation services for weekend masses, especially during liturgies, such as baptisms and Easter Vigil.

Garden Club - A,F - The parish grounds have won awards for the beauty and care of the flower beds around the building. Join this team of volunteers to periodically plant, water and tend to the flower and landscape beds.

Finance Council - A - The Finance Council is a service group that plans, recommends, and implements actions on parish financial support and the effective management and use of parish resources.

Liturgy

Our source and summit of Christian life

Mass Coordinator - A - This ministry oversees many of the details involved in preparing for the celebration of our weekend masses. The Mass Coordinator works with other ministers to ensure that the Mass runs smoothly. Those interested in this ministry will be trained and mentored by other Mass Coordinators. Mass Coordinators serve on a rotating schedule and may indicate a Mass preference.

Communion Ministers - T,A - Fully initiated members of the community are invited to share the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass.

Communion Ministers to the Homebound - A - Fully initiated members of the community are trained to bring Eucharist to parishioners that are homebound or in extended care facilities. Scheduling varies depending on need.

Lectors - T,A - Fully initiated members of the community are invited to proclaim the Word of God at Mass and at other liturgies. Lectors serve on a rotating schedule and may indicate a Mass preference.

Usher - T,A - The ushers assist in seating people, providing aid during Mass and distributing bulletins after Mass. Assignments are according to Mass preference.

Usher in Training - C,T - Our younger parishioners (Elementary - Middle School) assist in distributing the church bulletins after mass.

Funeral Mass Servers - A - Acolytes are needed to assist the priest during the funeral liturgy. Responsibilities may include preparing the church for the Liturgy, as well as Communion minister and Lector if no one in the family is available. Adults who are free during the day are asked to consider this ministry.

Wake Ministry - A - Teams of parish members share in the wake (vigil) prayer ministry for those being buried from St. Blase. Areas of ministry include Presider, Lector, and Cantor. There is an important training program as well as mentoring for new wake ministers. Those interested need to be available on short notice.

Wake Ministry Presider - We are in special need for parishioners to lead the wake service. The ritual prayers are provided.

Wake Ministry Lector - Lectors proclaim the reading, the psalm and lead the intercessions.

Wake Ministry Cantor - Cantors lead the opening and closing songs as well as the psalm.

Altar Servers - C,T,F - Youth/families are invited to share in the parish liturgical ministries as altar servers. The young people learn firsthand about the celebration of the liturgy.

Greeters - C,T,A,F - Parishioners of all ages are invited to share in this ministry, which provides special service to the parish by welcoming visitors and providing assistance to those with special needs. Greeters are scheduled on a rotating basis according to Mass preference.

Sacristan - T,A - Fully initiated members share in the service of the Lord's Table by preparing the church for liturgy. The Sacristan duties consist of setting up the bread and wine, as well as the plates, cups and presider's chalice in preparation for the distribution of Communion during the Mass. They are scheduled on a rotating basis according to their Mass preference.

Art and Environment Committee - A - The Art and Environment Committee, working with the Liturgy Planning Committee, prepares the worship space for the various liturgical seasons. Meetings are scheduled according to need. People with enthusiasm and some visual skills are encouraged and welcomed.

Altar Care - A - Altar Care ministers are responsible for lightly cleaning the church. Responsibilities include dusting the sanctuary, the vesting room, vestibule areas, chapel, changing linens, and cleaning the candles.

Linen Care - A - Linen Care ministers are responsible for washing and ironing linens used at mass. Additional help is needed at Christmas and Easter.

Wedding Liturgy Assistant - A - These Coordinators assist bride, groom and wedding party during wedding rehearsal at church. In addition, these ministers are responsible for preparing the Church and assisting at the wedding liturgy. Evening availability is needed.

Prayer Team - A,F - A group of people who pray for the special needs of the parish and community.

Music Ministry

Remnant Music Ministry - T,A - Contemporary music ministry open to adults and teens. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. This ministry sings at one liturgy almost every week.

Voices in Praise - T,A - Traditional choral music ministry open to adults and teens. Rehearsals are every Thursday evening from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. The VIP Choir sings 2-3 liturgies per month September through June, and one liturgy per month during the summer.

Kindred Youth Music Ministry - C,T - This part of our music program is specifically for our youth, grade 1 - age 18. We need both instrumentalists and vocalists. So, if you sing or play (any) instrument join us! We are happy to help, teach and support new choir members and musicians! Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM.

Faith Formation

A life-long journey

****Note: All Ministries with children require a Protecting God's Children Workshop and criminal background check.****

Catechist - T,A - Catechists facilitate and/or lead faith formation sessions using age-appropriate material provided. Catechists should be comfortable in large and small group settings and have a good sense of humor, a willingness to share their faith, and an openness to further their own personal faith growth. There are several different areas of need, each with different responsibilities and commitments. Catechists are needed for all areas of the Faith Formation program, grades 7 & 8 especially.

Catechist Aide - T,A - Catechist aides assist catechists in faith formation session activities for children. Aides are needed for all areas of the Faith Formation program.

Hall Monitor - A - These adults patrol lobby, bathrooms and other areas, while children are in catechetical sessions.

Youth Ministry Team - A - The Youth Ministry Team works with Youth Group Grades 5-8 and Grades 9-12 in their faith journey to adulthood.

Vacation Bible School - T,A - Volunteers would help with our Vacation Bible School, a fun week in the summer for kids (Pre-K - Grade 5) to learn more about their faith through games, activities, and song. There are many different areas to volunteer for!

Adult Faith Formation Committee - A - The committee plans and carries out programs to challenge adults to continue their learning and growth in faith. Meetings are scheduled as needed.

Christian Service

Love one another as I have loved you

Cereal Collection - A,F - St. Blase sponsors a cereal collection on the second Tuesday of each month. Ministers are needed to pack and deliver the donated cereal to the Macomb County Food Pantry. Daytime availability is a must.

MCREST - A,F - (Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team). St. Blase participates in this homeless shelter for one week during the summer months by providing support to those in the program.

Plastic with a Purpose - T,A,F - Our Plastic with a Purpose crochet group crochets plastic bags together to create sleeping mats for the homeless. This group meets the 1st Monday of the month at 1:30pm, but you may also crochet from home.

Yarning to Keep Warm - T,A,F - Knitters and crocheters, we have a ministry especially for you. Work your magic and create hats and scarves for our sisters and brothers in need. We'll supply you with the yarn and then distribute them to shelters and warming centers.

Parish Life
The Kingdom is now!

Bagels and Donuts - A,F - Teams of parishioners help setup, serve and cleanup at Bagel and Donut socials after Sunday liturgies.

RCIA Hospitality - A,F - This ministry would greet, set up refreshments, and make our RCIA candidates feel welcome at St. Blase on Monday evenings at 7 PM, the nights that they meet for class.

Set-Up - A - Occasional assistance is needed to set up and/or tear down chairs and tables for various parish activities. Scheduling would be on an as-needed basis.

Circles of Women - A - A - Circles of Women are faith-sharing and support groups for Women. Each circle sets their own times for meeting.

Fellowship Committee - A - The Fellowship Committee plans and organizes parish social events such as Card & Game Nights, Adult Faith Formation refreshments, and other events and outings.

Lenten Fish Fry - A,F - Assist in preparation, sales and cleanup at the annual parish fish fry during Ash Wednesday, Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.

If you are interested in participating in any of these ministries or would like more information, please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Office, or contact the Parish Office at (586) 268-2244 or office@stblase.org

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