



Parish Handbook

Mission Statement:

***We are a community united in faith in Jesus Christ
and grounded in the traditions of the
Catholic Church.***

***We embrace the continuation of Christ's
mission on earth by proclaiming the Gospel
and celebrating the sacraments.***

St. Jude the Apostle



St. Jude Thaddeus was born into a Jewish family in Paneas in the Galilee portion of ancient Palestine, the same region where Jesus grew up. St. Matthew described him as one of the “brethren” of Jesus, which indicated he was of the same bloodline as Jesus. Jude’s mother, Mary, was a cousin of Jesus’ mother Mary, and his father, Cleophas, was the brother of St. Joseph.

His first name “Jude” means giver of joy, while “Thaddeus” means generous and kind. He was married with at least one child and reference was made to his grandchildren.

Jude was called to be one of the 12 Apostles and preached the Good News of Jesus

throughout Galilee, Samaria, and Judea. He then went to Mesopotamia (present day Iraq) and became the leader of the Church of the East that St. Thomas established. He was credited as helping with the early creation of the Armenian Church, and other Christian communities beyond the borders of the Roman Empire. His inspirational support to the early believers and their struggles led him to become the patron saint of desperate cases.

St. Jude is traditionally depicted carrying the image of Jesus in his hand or close to his chest. This idea came from a story in which the King of Edessa asked Jesus to cure him of leprosy and sent an artist to bring him a drawing of Jesus. Impressed with the King’s great faith, Jesus pressed His face into a cloth and gave it to St. Jude to take to the King. Upon seeing Jesus’ image, the King was cured and he was converted to Christianity.

St. Jude has proven to be a true friend and beacon of hope to those who call on him. Take time to call on him, pray to him and ask him to help, no matter how desperate the need. Let St. Jude, our Patron Saint, be your friend.

Parish Office

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Monday through Thursday 8:00 am—4:30 pm

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Liturgy Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 pm — St. Vincent Church

Sunday 7:30 am — Sacred Heart Church

Sunday 9:30 am — St. Vincent Church

Sunday 11:00 am — Sacred Heart Church

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 7:30 am — St. Vincent Church

Wednesday and Friday 7:30 am — Sacred Heart Church

OUR HISTORY

In 2007, three Oshkosh Catholic parishes merged to form a new parish – St. Jude the Apostle. It was not an easy transition as loyalties to the three individual churches ran deep. But people joined together, made new friends, remained faith-filled, and forged ahead. The result is an active, thriving and growing Catholic community.

A common thread runs throughout the history of St. Vincent, St. John, Sacred Heart, and St. Jude Parishes. Time after time, the people of our parishes sacrificed to build and maintain our churches, buildings and properties. Many projects and the purchases of organs, stained-glass windows, bells, landscaping, and other special items were made possible by the hard work and generous donations of named and anonymous parishioners.

Following is a brief overview of the history of each parish.

St. Jude the Apostle Parish

2007: St. Jude Parish was formed on July 14 with the merger of three south-side Oshkosh parishes – **St. Vincent de Paul, St. John the Evangelist, and Sacred Heart**. Members humbly accepted the opportunity to be challenged by the rich traditions of the three parishes formed throughout the previous 100+ years. The St. Vincent and Sacred Heart churches became the worship sites for weekend and weekday masses.

2008: The first annual St. Jude parish picnic was a successful event as the previous picnic committees from Sacred Heart and St. Vincent combined efforts.

2010: St. John church and school were sold. The church was deconsecrated, which is necessary when a church that has been consecrated by a bishop is sold to the public. Deconsecration removed the religious blessing from the building.

2013: Leannah Hall, the gym at Sacred Heart school, was remodeled into a gathering space with attached kitchen facilities.

2014-2015: Bastian Hall and the Heritage Room, both in the lower level of St. Vincent church, were remodeled. A meditation garden was added at the Sacred Heart site.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish

1868: St. Vincent de Paul Parish was founded and served a large area with a diversity of languages. At one time, sermons were preached in English, French, and German.

1874: The first St. Vincent school was built.

1887: St. Vincent's consecrated ground for a new Catholic cemetery.

1888: A steeple was added to the church, along with two bronze bells and a four-faced steeple clock.

1896: Hard feelings among parishioners caused a split. The Irish population purchased property three blocks away and built a new church – St. John the Evangelist.

1905: St. Vincent's joined the newly formed Green Bay diocese after originally belonging to the Milwaukee diocese.

1914: Parishioners helped dig the excavation for a new church and rectory. The bells and clock from the old church were installed with the steeple tower rising 135 feet. The gilded cross on the top added another 10 feet. It is a noted landmark for travelers and Lake Winnebago boaters to this day. The larger bell tolls on the hour and on joyous occasions. The smaller bell tolls once at quarter past, twice at half past and three times at quarter to the hour. It is used at funerals and on somber occasions.

1925: A new convent was added and presented to the School Sisters of Notre Dame who had been living in the school building for 50 years.

1930: A new three-story school and gymnasium was completed.

1940's: Stained glass windows were installed. The rose window in the choir loft is said to be a replica of one in the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, France.

1956: The mechanism of the tower clock was motorized, eliminating the need for manual winding. For over 65 years, it was wound every 24 hours by vigilant priests, janitors, and volunteers.

1970's: The Parish Council was formed along with various committees as a result of the Second Vatican Council.

1982: The inside of St. Vincent church was completely renovated.

1988: The church tower was lit for the first time and continues to be lit every night until midnight.

1992: St. Vincent's joined other Oshkosh Catholic schools to form the consolidated Oshkosh Area Catholic Education System (OACES), later called Unified Catholic Schools, and now named Lourdes Academy.

Mid 1990's: A new electronic organ was purchased to replace St. Vincent's 100-year-old organ, and a fund was created to install an elevator, providing access for those unable to use the stairs.

1996: Due to priest shortages, St. Vincent's and St. John's became linked parishes and shared a pastor.

2007: St. Vincent's joined with St. John's and Sacred Heart to form the new St. Jude Parish.

St. John the Evangelist Parish

1890's: Dissension and division was building between the German-speaking and English-speaking members of St. Vincent parish, primarily because of language issues. The English-speaking members, the majority of whom were Irish, began to pursue a plan to break away and build their own church.

1893: A new parish – St. John the Evangelist – was established.

1894: A church rectory was built.

1897: The new St. John church building was dedicated. The main stained glass window represents the parish's patron saint.

1905: St. John's joined the newly formed Green Bay diocese after originally belonging to the Milwaukee diocese.

1909: St. John school was constructed and was staffed by the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

1916: The tower was removed from the top of the church due to its weight and having been hit by lightning.

1969: St. John school was closed.

1987-1988: The inside of St. John church underwent a major renovation and all of the stained-glass windows were re-glazed. A new door was added to accommodate a wheel-chair ramp at the rear of the church.

1990: Three houses located behind the church were purchased to make way for a much-needed parking lot.

1991-1998: A Carillon Bell system and a new electronic organ were purchased.

1996: 103 years after St. John's split from St. Vincent's, and because of priest shortages, the two parishes became linked and shared a pastor.

2007: St. John's joined with St. Vincent's and Sacred Heart to form the new St. Jude Parish.

Parish	Year Established
St. Vincent	1868
St. John	1893
Sacred Heart	1906
St Jude	2007

Sacred Heart Parish

Early 1900's: St. Vincent Parish was becoming crowded and it was a long walk to church for those living west of Ohio Street. Planning began for a new church to be located in the 6th Ward.

1906: Sacred Heart church and school were built on the corner of 5th and Knapp Streets, with parishioners digging the basement by hand. The school was placed on the first floor and the church proper on the second.

1907: The first nuns arrived to serve in the school. They were Franciscan Sisters of Holy Family Convent near Manitowoc.

1907: Farmland south of Knapp Street was purchased for a church cemetery.

1913: Six classrooms were added to the school.

1924: A parsonage was built and made ready for occupancy by the pastor and assistant pastor.

1920's and 30's: Various church social groups were the mainstay of parish activity. As an example, free outdoor movies were shown on Sunday evenings during the Depression. Most were Westerns enjoyed by families sitting on the grass on the corner of 6th and Knapp Streets where the present church is located today.

1938: Work began on a new church building on the corner of 6th and Knapp Streets during the later years of the Depression. The bell tower rose 100 feet.

1940: The final fixtures and furnishings were installed in the new church. The marble altars and statues were sculpted by highly respected Italian artists. Oil paintings were by a Czechoslovakian artist and the Stations of the Cross were painted on copper plates.

1939: The first Mass in the new church was held and on the day of dedication, 145 people were confirmed.

1960's: After Vatican II the church design was modernized with the removal of Communion rails and the addition of a separate altar so the priest could face the congregation. During this period, women were first allowed to be lectors.

1970's: A new gymnasium, Leannah Hall, was built between the school and church.

1994: Sacred Heart joined other Oshkosh Catholic schools to form the consolidated Oshkosh Area Catholic Education System (OACES), later called Unified Catholic Schools, and now named Lourdes Academy.

2003: The interior of the church was again renovated with many of the old marble parts brought back into use in different ways.

2007: Sacred Heart joined with St. Vincent's and St. John's to form the new St. Jude the Apostle Parish.

SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

The sacraments are physical signs which impart divine grace to transform lives with the power of the Holy Spirit. They are means of encounter with Christ himself. It is Christ who welcomes new Christians into the family of God through Baptism, and Christ who fortifies his faithful through the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. In the Eucharist Christ nourishes his flock with his own Body and Blood, and he heals and strengthens them with the sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. Through Holy Matrimony and Holy Orders, sacraments of vocation, Christ calls individuals to provide witness to covenantal service for the needs of his church on earth. All seven sacraments come from the ministry of Christ and continue his work of healing, strengthening and forgiving sins.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Most weekends, during the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday and 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, we celebrate our children as they are brought into our faith community. Baptism preparation classes are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Please call the parish office to register for a pre-baptismal meeting and Baptism dates.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

We are called to reconcile our hearts and relationships. Individual confessions are held every Saturday at 3:30 pm before the 4:30 pm Mass at St. Vincent church and every First Friday of the month after the 7:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart church. Please call the office for a personal appointment if needed.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Christian marriage is a challenge to grow closer to Christ as a couple. Thank you for taking your faith seriously. Couples planning marriage should contact the parish office at least six months prior to their wedding date.

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

Please notify the parish office if family members are seriously ill, confined, or hospitalized. Anointing of the Sick will be administered upon request. Care Ministers are available to visit the homebound or those in nursing homes to bring Communion to them as well as the love and comfort of Christ into their lives.

IN CASE OF DEATH — FUNERAL SERVICES

In case of a death, Fr. Louis is available to offer family members consolation, support, and funeral services. Please contact the parish office, or the answering service if urgent.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a formational process that helps people encounter Jesus and explore the Catholic faith through prayer, study, and discussion. The process culminates at the Easter Vigil, with the baptism and/or confirmation of candidates. Please call the parish office if you wish to become Catholic or learn more about your faith.

PARISH LEADERSHIP

Parish Council

Exercises leadership in the parish by clarifying parish vision, facilitating and implementing the parish mission statement, and determining parish priorities. The council consists of nine members who are selected for a three-year term. Selection is by ballot during a weekend liturgy in May. In addition, two trustees are elected in alternate years to serve a functional and legal role. Trustees attend either the Parish Council or Finance Committee meetings.

Time Commitment: Monthly meetings, September through June.

Contact: Fr. Louis Golamari at 235-7412

Finance Council

Oversees the financial accounting and planning for the parish community. Members review the annual budget and plan for the financial future of the parish. The council consists of one lay trustee, the pastor, and additional members (with specific skills) invited by the pastor.

Time Commitment: Monthly meetings, September through June.

Contact: Fr. Louis Golamari at 235-7412



Worship Committee

Assists and advises the Liturgist and the pastor in planning and conducting the liturgical and prayer life of the parish community. Each liturgical ministry has a liaison who attends the Worship Committee meetings. Additional at-large members are selected by the Director of Worship and pastor. Vibrant liturgies provide prayerful and inspiring celebrations that praise God and revitalize personal and communal faith.

Time Commitment: Seasonal meetings.

Contact: Fr. Louis Golamari at 235-7412

Human Concerns Committee

Provides vision and encouragement for parishioners to be good doers of the Word through works of charity (direct service) and justice (advocacy for social change), based on Catholic Social Teaching.

Caring for God's Creation Committee

Works closely with the Human Concerns Committee, focusing primarily on ecological and environmental issues that affect parish life, through education and advocacy.

Time Commitment: Monthly meetings and related activities/programs as planned.

Contact: Marilyn Griffin at 920-233-5382 or mgsks1961@gmail.com

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

The following ministries are overseen by the pastor, Liturgist, and the Worship Committee. Training for all ministries is provided. Because St. Jude the Apostle Parish offers four Masses at two different sites each weekend, it is helpful if you are able to minister at as many of the different Mass times as possible.

Time Commitment: Once a month or more, depending on the ministry.

Contact: Fr. Louis Golamari at 235-7412



Lectors

Proclaim the Word of God in the Scripture readings to all the faithful gathered at the liturgy. Lectors literally become the “voice of God” as they proclaim His Word. Anyone with a strong voice and good reading skills may be a lector. A workbook is provided so that you may rehearse your readings before your scheduled Mass.

Communion Ministers

Assist the priest in distributing the Body and Blood of Christ to the congregation, and purifying and washing vessels after Mass. Communion Ministers must be at least 18 years old and confirmed.

Altar Servers

Assist the priest during the Mass and other liturgical ceremonies. This ministry is open to both male and female members, grade four to adult. This is a wonderful ministry for siblings, or for a parent and child.

Funeral Mass Servers

Assist the priest, preparing for and during funeral services. Being a Eucharistic minister often goes hand-in-hand with this ministry. A nice opportunity for retirees.



Cantors and Musicians

Help lead the congregation in song and prayer. Cantors read the opening commentary, announce the songs, and invite the congregation to participate. The ability to sing “solo” to lead the Psalm Response and the Gospel verse is required. Musicians accompany the cantor, usually playing, but not limited to, the keyboard.

Adult Choir

Sings at Mass twice a month alternating between the Sacred Heart and St. Vincent sites, and for special services such as during Holy Week and at Christmas. Open to anyone in high school and older.

Time commitment: Rehearsal Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm at the Sacred Heart site, plus singing at Mass twice a month.

Youth Choir

Sings at the monthly Religious Education Teaching Masses and at the Christmas Eve Children’s Liturgy. The youth choir is open to singers and instrumentalists in 2nd grade and above.

Time commitment: Rehearsals Wednesdays at 5:15 pm when Religious Ed is in session. Additional rehearsals called when needed.

Welcome

Hospitality

Greeters

Welcome people as they enter the church and offer them each a Worship Aid. This important act of hospitality shows that we are a warm and inviting community. This is a great ministry for couples or families.

Time commitment: Once a month or as needed.

Ushers

Share in the ministry of hospitality by creating an atmosphere of welcome and comfort before and during weekend liturgies. Ushers help people find seating, collect our financial offerings, direct the community to receive Eucharist, record Mass attendance, and assist those with any need. Men and women are welcome to participate in this ministry.

Time commitment: Once a month or as needed.

Funeral Bereavement Team

Provides support to families and guests before, during, and after funerals.

Time commitment: As needed.



Environment

Art & Environment Committee

A sub-committee of the Worship Committee

Creates an attractive and suitable exterior and interior church environment that enhances the atmosphere and experience of worship and welcome. Careful and creative choice of art and decorations highlights the uninterrupted cycle of seasons, both ecological and liturgical.

Time commitment: Year-round, with extra help needed for Christmas and Easter seasons.

Sacristans

Assist with liturgy preparation, care and maintenance of liturgical vessels, checking in liturgical ministers, and other responsibilities. This is a great ministry for couples or families.

Altar Linen & Vessel Ministers

Assist with the laundry and repair of altar linens, servers' and priests' albs, restocking and maintenance of candles, holders, and other items used in liturgical services.

Time Commitment: Twice a month or as washing and repairs dictate.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Lourdes Academy

Catholic schools play an important role in our faith development. Our children receive a quality education as well as a solid basis for their Catholic faith from Pre-K through high school. Lourdes Academy offers a community for our children to develop as people of faith. We support our Catholic schools through prayer, finances, and service.

Contact: School office at 426-3626

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Pre-K to reception of the Eucharist

Every Sunday, September-May, during the 9:30 am Family Mass at the St. Vincent Church site, our 3-7 year olds can join us for a special Gospel reading designed just for them. The Children's Liturgy of the Word includes a brief opening prayer, a child-friendly presentation based on that Sunday's scriptures, and activities designed to reinforce the Gospel message. The children rejoin their parents for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This is a FREE program for our St. Jude families.

Contact: Courtney Foster at 235-7412

Special Ed Religion Program

St. Jude is committed to meeting the educational needs of the entire parish community. SERV, a Special Education Religion Program, is a joint effort of all the Catholic churches in our area to provide religious instruction and/or sacramental preparation for anyone with special needs.

Contact: Tom Mentele at 426-5682

Religious Education

Elementary and Middle School Program

We believe that the home is the most influential force in the life of a child. Religious education is the HELP-MATE of the home. Our parish, in partnership with its families, serves to educate and share God's love with the youth in our community. We offer numerous opportunities to participate in community service projects, prayer, and worship. Your child will not just learn ABOUT their faith in a classroom setting, but learn to LIVE the faith in their daily lives.

Volunteers needed: Children's Liturgy of the Word, Catechists, classroom aides, and event planners.

Contact: Courtney Foster at 235-7412

Youth Ministry/Religious Ed

High School Program

Our high school ministry moves beyond a traditional understanding of religious education. We implement an all-inclusive youth ministry program that addresses the many different needs of teenagers, including pastoral care, evangelization, catechesis, prayer and worship, community life, justice and service, and advocacy. The vision of this program is to increase the offerings and expectations for high school students beyond the sacrament of Confirmation and traditional classes. Our youth ministry programming includes large and small group gatherings and non-gathered activities.

Volunteers needed: Catechists, classroom aides, Youth Minister, Confirmation preparation, office duties, and event planners. No matter your background, age, or faith level, training is provided.

Contact: Courtney Foster, 235-7412

ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Adult Faith Formation

St. Jude the Apostle Parish offers many opportunities to help adults know Jesus better and grow deeper in understanding their Catholic faith. Bible study, book discussions, bus trips, and movie nights are among the programs offered. Watch the bulletin for details.

Contact: Michael Wilms at 235-7412

Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

At St. Jude, the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) offers the opportunity to learn more about our faith and full sacramental communion with the Catholic Church. The program helps adults interested in becoming Catholic to decide whether they want to be received into the Catholic Church, and prepares them to be received when they are ready. For individuals who were baptized Catholic but never received the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation, this program offers them an opportunity to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church.

Contact: Michael Wilms at 235-7412

Become an OCIA Sponsor: The OCIA process relies on committed Catholics who build one-on-one relationships with adults preparing to enter the Church. Sponsors help those going through OCIA to grow spiritually and prepare for initiation.

Contact: Michael Wilms at 235-7412

Marriage Preparation

FOCCUS stands for Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding, and Study. FOCCUS Ministry consists of couples who help “facilitate” the process of preparing our engaged couples for the sacrament of marriage. Training is provided for FOCCUS couples.

Contact: Fr. Louis Golamari at 235-7412

Baptism Preparation

These classes help prepare parents of infant candidates for the sacrament of Baptism and help them understand the commitment they, as parents, are undertaking. There are also classes available to prepare school-age children, who have not yet been baptized, for the reception of this sacrament.

Contact: Dcn. Brad Gallenberg at 235-7412

First Reconciliation and First Communion Preparation

Traditionally, the reception of these sacraments for children occurs in the 2nd grade, with preparation beginning in 1st grade. At St. Jude, along with catechesis, these programs include family-based learning activities as well.

Contact: Courtney Foster at 235-7412

Confirmation Preparation

The sacrament of Confirmation in our diocese traditionally occurs in the junior year of High School. Preparation for this sacrament is begun in the sophomore year and is integrated throughout the student’s participation in the High School Youth Ministry/Religious Education program.

Contact: Courtney Foster at 235-7412

PRAYER AND PASTORAL OUTREACH



Prayer Chain

Read and/or listen to prayer intentions and devote a portion of your prayer life to the needs of others. Add your phone number to the Prayer Chain and insure that these prayer intentions are offered to God.

Contact: Jim & Paulette Rasmussen, 688-3237

Marian Prayer Night

On Thursdays at 1:00 pm in Sacred Heart church, we gather to pray for peace in our families, our community, and our world, as inspired by our Blessed Mother and the Holy Spirit on September 17, 1991. Prayer includes Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Consecrations to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, quiet time, and three rosaries. Join us for all or part of the evening.

Contact: Nancy Jungwirth at 231-9026

Holy Hour

Join us on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm for Holy Hour with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, confessions, and quiet prayer in Sacred Heart church.

Perpetual Adoration

We are truly blessed to have a chapel is perpetual – open 24/7, year-round. Come pray at any time or choose to be scheduled for a regular hour each week.

Contact: Cindy Hable at 203-4348, mchablewlj@hotmail.com or Kathie Reed at kathiereed_3@yahoo.com

Communion to the Homebound

As a parish community, we are called to care for each other. Each Sunday, specially trained Eucharistic ministers bring Communion to the homebound, ensuring that no one who is separated from us physically is separated spiritually.

Contact: Bertie Albright at 235-7412

Care Ministers

Actively bring the love of God to anyone in need of a one-on-one listening presence and opportunity to pray within the comfort of their own residence. Training provided.

Time commitment: Monthly meetings. Individual visits as mutually agreed upon.

Contact: Bertie Albright at 235-7412

Legion of Mary

Active members aim to bring Christ to others through a balance of prayer and apostolic work, such as visiting and bringing Communion to the sick and/or homebound and leading the rosary at a nursing home or with inmates at the prison.

Time Commitment: Weekly meetings for prayer and rosary, and two hours each week of apostolic work.

Contact: Don Bruex at 740-3177, dbruex@att.net



SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRY

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Help in a variety of capacities to serve those in need in our community.

Time commitment: Monthly meetings, home visits, and/or volunteering at our St. Vincent de Paul store as a clerk or organizing donations.

Contact: 235-9368

Fr. Carr's Place 2B

Help provide salads, casseroles, and desserts to Fr. Carr's dining room. Cash donations also accepted. Other voluntary opportunities are available as well.

Time commitment: Food preparation and delivery once a month.

Contact: 231-2378

SOCIAL EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Young-at-Heart Club

Social group for seniors 50+, to gather each month, September through May, for a pot-luck lunch and entertainment, which includes speakers, musical entertainers, and more. The planning committee always welcomes new members as well.

Time commitment: 1-2 planning meetings a year, plus the monthly pot-luck lunches.

Contact: Courtney Foster at 235-7412

Fall Festival

Parishioners gather one Sunday each Fall in Leannah Hall and the Parish Patio for food, games, costumes, and family fun!

Time commitment: 3-5 hours for decorating or working at the festival selling food or running children's games.

Contact: Parish Office at 235-7412

Coffee & Donuts

Assist during this time of fellowship and faith building. Help set-up and serve coffee and donuts once a month after 7:30 and 9:30 Sunday Masses.

Time Commitment: 2 hours per session.

Contact: Kathy Dodge at 232-1555

Oshkosh Farmers Market

Help provide and/or sell fresh baked goods at the St. Jude Parish Food Booth., 2nd Saturdays, June-September, 8am-noon.

Time Commitment: Food drop-off at office by noon the preceding Friday.

Contact: Courtney Foster at 235-7412

EAA Food Booth

Meet people from all over the world while working with a fun, humorous group at our EAA food booth! Choose from a variety of jobs including grilling, taking orders, refilling condiments, washing dishes, or cashiering. The planning committee is also always looking for new members!

Time Commitment: One planning committee meeting in May. Choose one or more of the three daily shifts during EAA.

Contact: Parish Office at 235-7412

EAA Housing

Show our hospitality to EAA attendees who call the St. Jude Parish Center home during the week of the EAA convention. Clean and prepare rooms and beds for guests prior to their arrival and upon departure, grocery shop as needed, or donate breakfast items.

Contact: Jan Fendt at 235-7412

Baking & Hospitality

If you love to bake then this is your ministry! Nothing says WELCOME like a plate of home baked cookies or a great pie! There are many meetings and events where this ministry is needed.

Time Commitment: A few hours a year.

Contact: Jan Fendt at 235-7412

Office Assistants

Volunteer in the parish office in a variety of ways: answer phones, greet visitors, stuff bulletins, assemble mailings, and more.

Time Commitment: Will accommodate your schedule.

Contact: Deacon Brad Gallenberg at 235-7412

Building & Grounds

Join the Building and Grounds team to help ensure that our places of worship and faith formation are well maintained.

Contact: Parish Office at 235-7412

Cemetery Committee

The parish cemetery is a symbol of our care and support for the deceased members of our parish and their families. The Cemetery Committee is responsible for developing, maintaining, and beautifying the Sacred Heart, Calvary Catholic, and Riverside Catholic cemeteries. The committee handles upkeep and various projects including fall and spring cleanups.

Time commitment: Meetings at least twice a year.

Contact: Jan Fendt at 235-7412

