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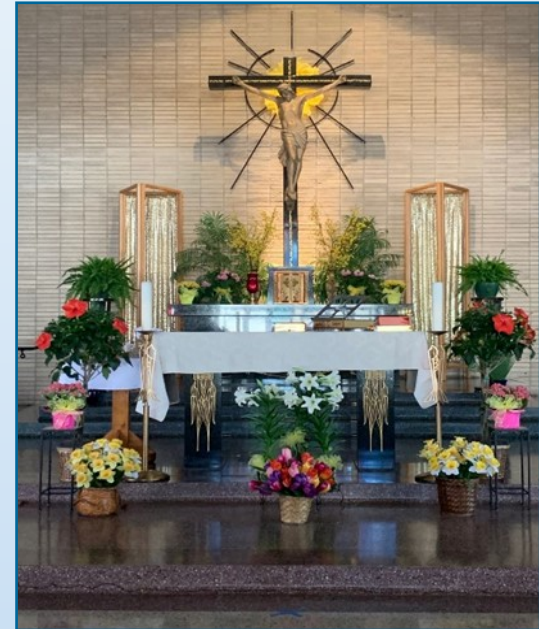
# ST. MARY PARISH GUIDE

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St. Mary's Church is committed to being an extension of the universal Catholic Church by daily living of the teachings of Jesus Christ for the spiritual growth of all in our parish and community.

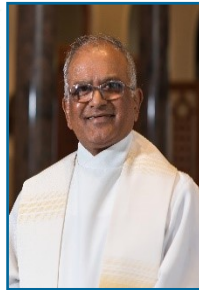
## “Do something beautiful for God”

St. Teresa of Calcutta

We, as a community, are called to *EVANGELIZE*, to carry out and continue the work of Jesus Christ on earth. The *VISION* for our parish is for each member to emulate Christ’s example of service to others by being involved in a parish ministry/ service.

“As for his gifts, to some he gave to be apostles, to others prophets or even evangelists, or pastors and teachers. So he prepared those who belong to him for the ministry, in order to build up the Body of Christ”. Ephesians 4: 11-12

This passage explains the Catholic tradition and culture of making the parish family vibrant and creating an environment to motivate us to grow in our faith. Evangelization happens when we bring our energy and excitement to share our talents, time and treasure for the growth of the community. The more our community takes ownership of our parish through service the more strongly the community will grow in faith.



We honor the God of heaven and earth when we serve others. In service, we are spending time in prayer.

This guide describes the various opportunities in our parish for worship, volunteerism and faith formation. Our parish *GOAL* is that every family would be represented in a ministry/service. All ministry is important, no matter how modest or simple it is. As you consider a ministry/service of your choice, don’t hesitate to try something new. Your commitment can be tailored to your schedule and be continued for as long as you like. It is always a joy to be in the company of like-minded people. “Do something beautiful for God”.

—Fr. Louis Maram Reddy

## Outreach/Mission/Service

### Respect Life Ministry



Help the parish, families and our community at large to foster an ethic of life which respects the dignity and value of all humans, from natural conception to natural death.

- Coordinate all aspects of Pro-Life activities as a member of the Respect Life Committee
- Participate in Pro-Life activities
- Flexible schedule

#### Contact:

Patti Baacke  
715-302-4815

#### Volunteers Needed:

Committee Members    Participants in Events  
Financial Support

## Devotions

### Eucharistic Adoration



Weekly adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

- Friday mornings after the 8:45AM Mass until 10:30AM
- Individual confessions

Contact the parish office for more information

715-453-2878

### Stations of the Cross



Remembering the journey of Jesus to Calvary.

- Prayed during Lent
- Multiple opportunities per week

Contact the parish office for more information

715-453-2878

# Outreach/Mission/Service

## Funeral Luncheon



Host a meal following a funeral service.

- On the request of the family
- Low-cost meal
- 2-4 hours of help needed on day of meal

**Contact:**

Jeanie Crass  
715-453-8017

**Volunteers Needed:**

Donations of Meal Items      Set-Up & Clean-Up  
Person to Make Phone Calls      Servers

## Scrip Fundraiser



The sale of gift cards as a school fundraiser.

- Sundays after all Masses
- Inventory count on Mondays 9AM-10AM
- Flexible schedule

**Contact:**

Laura Reiter  
715-453-2878

**Volunteers Needed:**

After Mass Sales      Inventory Counter

## St. Joseph the Worker Committee



Cleaning, grounds-keeping and general maintenance of the Church.

- Meets every Tuesday from 8:30AM-11AM
- Flexible schedule

**Contact:**

Julia Pankow  
715-453-2878

**Volunteers Needed:**

Cleaners, Mowers, General Maintenance Workers

## Thrift Cellar



Serve the needs of the community by offering used clothing and household items at a low cost.

- Open Tuesdays 4PM-7PM and Wednesdays & Fridays 9AM-3PM
- 3-4 hour shifts at the store
- Work at home cutting rags
- Flexible schedule

**Contact:**

Nancy Hoff  
715-453-4473

**Volunteers Needed:**

Workers in the Cellar      Drivers to Goodwill  
Donations of Items to Sell      Rag Cutters

# Hospitality/Social

## Farmers Breakfast



Sunday breakfast for the community held 4-6 times per year.

- Donations of breakfast items
- Approximately 4 hours of help needed on the Sunday of the breakfast

**Contact:**

Julia Pankow  
715-453-2878

**Volunteers Needed:**

Donations of Breakfast Items  
Set-Up, Serving, Clean-Up

## Annual "Mass on the Grass"



Summer Sunday outdoor Mass in the park, featuring special music and a picnic lunch.

- Approximately 1-2 hours of help needed with set-up and clean-up

**Contact:**

Jan Huseby  
715-453-2878

**Volunteers Needed:**

Liturgical Ministries      Set-Up  
Coordinating Picnic Lunch      Clean-Up

## Parish Festival



Two-day event held the last weekend in July featuring raffles, activities for all ages, and various food options.

- Approximately 2-4 hour shifts
- Opportunity to serve on the planning committee

**Contact:**

Connie Beilke  
715-453-2878

**Volunteers Needed:**

Plan & Coordinate      Making Pies/Salads  
Working at the Festival      Raffle Donations

## Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event



Annual Mass and dinner held each May to show appreciation for all volunteers who help in any way at the Church and/or School.

**Contact the parish office for details**

715-453-2878

# Worship/Liturgical Ministries

## Reader/Lector



Proclaim scripture readings and Prayer of the Faithful at Mass.

- Training provided in compliance with diocesan guidelines
- Study guide provided
- Flexible schedule

### Contact:

Jan Huseby  
715-453-2878

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



Assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass.

- Must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic in good standing
- Training provided in compliance with diocesan guidelines
- Must be commissioned and certified by our Bishop
- Flexible schedule

### Contact:

Jan Huseby  
715-453-2878

## Altar Server



Boys and girls (grade 4th through high school) and adults assist the priest with various tasks during the liturgy.

- Training provided
- Flexible schedule

### Contact:

Jan Huseby  
715-453-2878

## Sacristan



Assist the presider before and after Mass with any tasks requested.

- Training provided
- Flexible schedule

### Contact:

Jan Huseby  
715-453-2878

# Outreach/Mission/Service

## Open Arms Community Meal



Free meal offered to the public.

- Weekly on Tuesdays from 5PM-6PM
- Approximately 3 hours per week of help needed each Tuesday

### Contact:

Jeff Walker  
907-306-3303

Heidi Merwin

### Volunteers Needed:

Preparing	Set-Up
Serving	Clean-Up



## Parish Nurse

Provide the parish and the community with holistic health care.

- Monthly blood pressure checks after each Mass on the 3rd Sunday of the month
- Monthly blood pressure checks at Nokomis Town Hall the 1st Monday of the month at 11AM
- Monthly blood pressure checks at Tomahawk Senior Center the 1st Thursday of the month at 11AM
- Weekly Low Impact, Strengthening & Balancing Exercise class on Mondays at 4PM in the Corpus Christi Center
- Annual Flu Clinic in October
- Emergency infant needs
- Provide guidance with a medical need or concern via visits or phone conversations

### Contact:

Ann Jelinek  
715-453-2878

### Volunteers Needed:

Nurses

## Money Counters



Counting of the weekend collection in 4 person teams.

- Mondays 9AM-11AM
- Team is scheduled for a month at a time
- Flexible schedule

### Contact:

Laura Reiter  
715-453-2878

### Volunteers Needed:

People with Good Math Skills  
Confidentiality Required



# Outreach/Mission/Service

## Ministry to the Homebound



Visit and bring Holy Communion to the hospitalized, homebound and nursing home parishioners.

- On request of the parishioner
- Help needed for 1-3 hours per visit
- Flexible schedule

**Contact:**

Marianna Merkatoris  
715-453-2878

## Ministry to the Homeless



Caring for those at Our Sisters' House, a temporary housing facility for the community homeless.

**Volunteers Needed:**

Donations of Supplies, Food and Toiletries  
Provide a Meal                      House Sitters  
Financial Support

**Contact:**

Ann Jelinek              Our Sisters' House  
715-453-2878              715-224-3520

## Prayer Shawl Ministry



Create beautiful shawls with love, care and prayer for those celebrating a joyful life event or are experiencing a loss or illness.

- Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month from 1PM-3PM.
- Flexible schedule

**Contact:**

Ann Jelinek  
715-453-2878

**Volunteers Needed:**

People Who Love to Knit or Crochet  
People to Deliver Shawls, Visit, & Share a Prayer

# Worship/Liturgical Ministries

## Usher



Greet and assist parishioners and guests upon arrival for Mass.

- Assist with the offertory
- Distribute bulletins
- Respond to medical emergencies
- Assist with evacuation if necessary
- Flexible schedule
- Training provided

**Contact:**

Jan Huseby  
715-453-2878

## Rosary Leader



Lead the rosary prior to Mass.

- Prayer begins a half hour before each Mass
- Choose a weekday or a weekend Mass
- Flexible schedule

**Contact:**

Jean Eggett  
715-453-5217

## Cantor



Lead congregational song, sing responsorial psalm, and communicate weekly announcements.

- Weekend Masses, holydays, and special liturgies (i.e. Holy Week)
- Qualifications include a pleasant singing voice and a comfort of speaking in front of people
- Training provided
- Flexible schedule

**Contact:**

Jan Huseby  
715-453-2878

## Instrumentalist



Support and lead assembly song with organ, piano, flute, percussion, etc. during weekend Masses.

- New instrumentalists are welcome
- Proficiency and accompaniment skill is required
- Training provided
- Flexible schedule

**Contact:**

Jan Huseby  
715-453-2878

# Worship/Liturgical Ministries

## Parish Choir



Enhance and support congregational singing with harmony.

- Weekend and holyday Masses
- Singers of all abilities are welcome
- Rehearsals are scheduled

**Contact:**

Jan Huseby  
715-453-2878

## Summer Choir



Special weekend choir during the summer months of June, July, and August.

- Sunday Early Mass
- Brief practice half hour before Mass
- No choir experience necessary
- Current parishioners, as well as summer visitors, welcome

**Contact:**

Jan Huseby  
715-453-2878

## Resurrection Choir



Provide ministry to bereaved families with music leadership at funerals.

- Brief rehearsal before each funeral liturgy
- Participation based on your availability

**Contact:**

Jan Huseby  
715-453-2878

## Youth Choir



Choir open to youth 1st grade and older.

- Sing one Sunday a month
- Sing in the Advent Concert
- Rehearsals are scheduled

**Contact:**

Jan Huseby  
715-453-2878

# Outreach/Mission/Service

## Annual Advent Concert



A Celebration of Advent in scripture, story and song.

- Weekly choir rehearsals beginning in September
- Concert is performed for the public on a Sunday in Advent
- Reception following concert

**Contact:**

Jan Huseby  
715-453-2878

**Volunteers Needed:**

Singers                      Instrumentalists  
Reception Servers        Set-Up & Clean-Up

## Community Thanksgiving Dinner



Free Thanksgiving Meal offered to the public.

- Served 11AM-1PM on Thanksgiving Day
- Take-out, delivery, and dine-in options
- 2-8 hours of help needed the day before Thanksgiving and the day of Thanksgiving

**Contact:**

Julia Pankow  
715-453-2878

**Volunteers Needed:**

Donations of Meal Items                      Set-Up  
Drivers for Home Delivery                      Food Preparation  
Servers    Clean-Up

## Parish Council



A team ministry with the pastor to listen to the parish and to adopt ways and means for the evangelization of culture, the growth and development of the parish, and the building up of the kingdom of God.

- Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6PM
- Four year terms
- Elections every two years

**Contact:**

Tracy Benaszkeski  
715-453-2878

**Volunteers Needed:**

Active Parishioners  
(Please call the office to submit your name for consideration)

# Christian Formation

## Confirmation Preparation for Adults



Formation for Catholics who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Reconciliation but have not been Confirmed.

- Six sessions of 2 1/2 hours each
- Mass and a meal are included
- Class scheduled as needed

**Contact:**

Marianna Merkatoris  
715-453-2878

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



A process designed to enable a person to become a full participating member of the Catholic Church.

- Weekly meetings begin in December and run through Easter
- Reception of Sacraments at the Easter Vigil

**Contacts:**

Kathy Ramassini  
715-453-3822

Deacon Dave Bablick  
715-224-3472

## Advent Series



Opportunity for prayer, learning, and faith sharing designed to enrich your preparation for Christmas.

- Wednesdays after the 8:45AM Mass and Sundays after the Early Mass
- One hour sessions

**Contact:**

Marianna Merkatoris  
715-453-2878

## Lenten Series



Opportunity for prayer, learning, and faith sharing designed to enrich your preparation for Easter.

- Wednesdays after the 8:45AM Mass and Sundays after the Early Mass
- One hour sessions

**Contact:**

Marianna Merkatoris  
715-453-2878

# Worship/Liturgical Ministries

## Family Mass



Once a month Mass dedicated to the Family.

- Children from the school and religious education programs take roles in the liturgy.
- Liturgy of the Word for PK-2nd grade
- Youth Choir sings as Mass
- Fellowship following Mass

**Contact:**

Jan Huseby  
715-453-2878

**Volunteers Needed:**

Liturgy of the Word Leader	Greeters
Donations of Food	Food Servers

Marianna Merkatoris  
715-453-2878

## Art & Environment



Decorate the church for the liturgical seasons, following guidelines in the church documents and coordinated by the Director of Liturgy.

- Volunteers needed for Lent/Easter and Advent/Christmas
- Approximately 4-8 hours of time per season

**Contact:**

Jan Huseby  
715-453-2878

# Christian Formation

## Youth Religious Education Classes



Faith Formation for youth in grades Kindergarten through 8th.

- Weekly sessions on Wednesdays
- Classes run September-April
- After school until 5PM
- Busing from the public school provided

### Contact:

Marianna Merkatoris  
715-453-2878

### Volunteers Needed:

Teachers and Aides      Snack Helper  
Donations of Snacks      Clean-Up

## Youth Confirmation Preparation



The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated every two years for the youth of the parish.

- Two-year program beginning in 9th grade
- Classes run September-April
- One Sunday a month
- Mass & meal included

### Contact:

Marianna Merkatoris  
715-453-2878

### Volunteers Needed:

Donations of Food      Meal Preparation  
Serving Food      Set-Up/Clean-Up

## High School Youth Group



A gathering of youth in 9th-12th grades to celebrate Mass and have fellowship.

- One Sunday a month
- Mass & meal included
- Various activities

### Contact:

Marianna Merkatoris  
715-453-2878

### Volunteers Needed:

Donations of Food      Meal Preparation  
Serving Food      Set-Up/Clean-Up  
Financial Donations for Activities

# Christian Formation

## Totus Tuus



Catholic Vacation Bible School for K-12th grade.

- One week during the summer months
- Led by a specially-trained team of young adults
- Day sessions for youth; Evening sessions for teens

### Contact:

Marianna Merkatoris  
715-453-2878

### Volunteers Needed:

Donations of Snacks & Meals      Host Families  
Financial Support of Program

## Adult Formation



Opportunities to learn more about faith, spirituality, and the sacraments.

- Weekly sessions after the Wednesday 8:45AM Mass
- Sunday sessions as scheduled

### Contact:

Marianna Merkatoris  
715-453-2878

## Baptism Preparation



Parent session to learn about the symbols, words and significance of the Sacrament of Baptism.

- One 45 minute class
- Class scheduled as needed

### Contact:

Marianna Merkatoris  
715-453-2878